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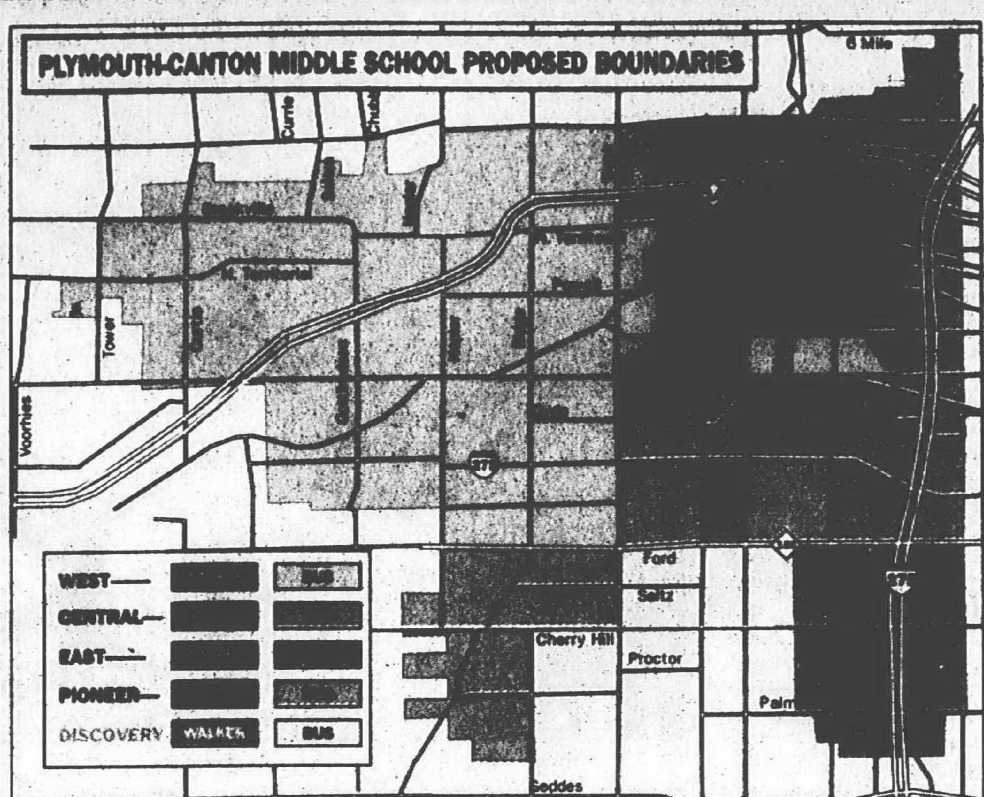
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New middle school shifts boundaries for 800 students

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Approximately 800 Plymouth-Canton middle school students will change buildings next year when Discovery Middle School opens in August.

That's the recommendation of the Housing and Facility Committee after spending the past several years developing new school boundaries as the district loses the lease on Lowell Middle School and opens Discovery. It's the first boundary change in the school district in 20 years.

The boundary changes were made, in part, as a result of 598 responses to a community-wide survey conducted by the committee. One of the mandates, by a majority of those surveyed, said "keeping neighborhoods and elementary school populations together are more important than having a child remain in their current middle school."

The committee tried to "feed" elementary school populations to as few middle schools as possible in the boundary recommendations. For example, Allen Elementary currently sends its students to three middle schools. Under the new plan, all of Allen's fifth graders will begin

Boundary Information

■ Maps of the proposed boundary changes are on display at each of the district's school buildings.

■ Information is on the district web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

■ Community information meetings will be held at Pioneer Middle School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 and from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

sixth grade at Central Middle School.

The Housing Committee not only had to consider the number of fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade students in the district, but it also projected the number of students living in new subdivisions throughout Canton and Plymouth townships when Discovery opens next school year.

"It was very difficult to come up with the new boundaries, but trying to affect as few students as possible was our main priority throughout the process," said Marcy Staley, housing committee member. "We believe this is what's best for the children today and the children of

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Vos lines up mayoral votes



Yet to be elected to the Plymouth City Commission, John Vos is lobbying for votes to become the next mayor. Commissioner Colleen Pobur would become mayor pro tem under the plan.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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With the city commission election only weeks away, it appears the race isn't only for a seat on the commission, but also for who will become Plymouth's next mayor.

There have already been some discussions among three current city commissioners, including one who is running for re-election, as to who they will support for the city's top post.

Last Friday, commissioners Dave McDonald, Colleen Pobur and John Vos met to discuss the mayor's position, a seat coveted by all three, whether it be in public or private discussions.

"Of course, I still have to be re-elected before I could become mayor, so that's my primary concern right now," said Vos, who has openly admitted he'd like to be Plymouth's next mayor. "However, you still have to line up your support to get the necessary four votes, if not more, to become mayor."

The seven-member commission will vote on a new mayor and a mayor pro tem one week after the Nov. 2 general and special elections.

According to Vos, he walked away from last Friday's meeting with McDonald's and Pobur's support for mayor. In exchange, Vos

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Court officials seek public input

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The 35th District Court is reaching out to the five communities it serves as part of an effort to promote a better understanding of the criminal justice system and the court's mission.

Court staff — including Judges John McDonald and Ron Lowe — will hold a series of public forums next week in Plymouth, Northville Township and Canton Township to explain court procedures and get feedback from local residents.

The staff will also distribute a comprehensive survey throughout the five communities in coming weeks that asks questions about experiences and perceptions of the court.

"Of the three branches of government, the judicial branch is least understood by the public," Lowe said. "These meetings will give our constituents the opportunity to learn more about how the court operates as well as providing

Community forum

Community forums for the 35th District Court are scheduled for:

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Canton Township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

us with suggestions to better serve the represented communities.

"With the new courthouse under construction, we thought this would be a good time to hear from the public," he added.

McDonald said he hoped the forums "will increase the amount of trust the public has in the criminal justice system."

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Plymouth Observer captures four state awards

The Plymouth Observer has won four awards, including three first place honors, in the annual Michigan Press Association contest for editorial excellence.

The Plymouth Observer won first place awards for best sports section under editor C.J. Risak; best editorial page under editor Valerie Olander and best enterprise feature by staff writer Tony Bruscato. Photographer Paul

Hurschmann was awarded third place honors for best picture story for the Plymouth Observer.

In honoring the Plymouth Observer, the judges' comments for best sports section read: "A class act. Layout outstanding, photos excellent well-positioned. Reader cannot help but be drawn into these pages."

In its award for best editorial page, MPA judges stated: "Strong editorial

writing on tough issues."

Bruscato's story on "School bus safety," which took first place in the enterprise feature category was "very well researched. Many good examples with good action," judges said.

The Observer Newspapers have won 16 awards in all. The Westland Observer was awarded first place in general excellence for circulation class, papers with 5,001 to 10,000 circulation.

In honoring the Westland paper, the judges' citation paid tribute to the Observer Newspapers in general. The citation reads: "Very close call for first place in division with half a dozen entries which distinguished themselves from the rest of the pack. Issues Westland submitted had slightly better news and photo content than other Observer entries, but entire chain can

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Repeck: She's willing to invest time, experience

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Sally Repeck says she's experienced, knows the issues and is committed to the City of Plymouth, qualifications which she believes are necessary to be elected city commissioner Nov. 2.

"I'm willing to invest the time and energy it takes," said Repeck. "I enjoy public service, have learned a lot from it, and with that experience can contribute to the betterment of the city."

Repeck, past president of the Downtown Development Authority, continues to be interested in downtown and Old Village issues.

"We would have all liked to see the Mayflower stay, but having been in it, and working on a committee for a year



Sally Repeck

Vorva: He'd become watchdog for residents

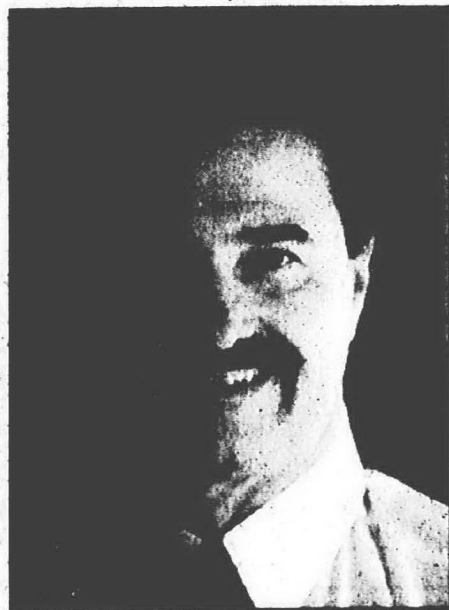
BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva said he "ran for city commission a decade ago because I was mad. I saw things being done wrong."

And, Vorva said he's running this year for one of four, four-year terms on the commission for basically the same reason.

"I'm running because my city commission hasn't been watching the city administration," said Vorva. "The city administration has wasted money, blown resources and not developed personnel. It's cost me, as a taxpayer, money."

"I've got to get involved, otherwise things will get worse," he said. "It



Jerry Vorva

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Groth appointed township deputy clerk

By Ben Best
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Sandra Groth is the newly-named deputy township clerk for Plymouth Township.

Groth, who was hired July 19, replaces Mary Nalepka who retired in July. Groth was recognized in previous positions for her excellent customer service and people skills.

As deputy clerk, she will be paid \$2,900 in addition to her annual \$30,500 salary. A deputy clerk holds all the duties of the township clerk without voting rights on the board, said township clerk Marilyn Massengill.

"She can legally sign her name on everything except plats," Massengill said. "I chose her because she has worked in here and is quite familiar with the office."

Groth said that both her job and new appointment is in a field that she loves.

"I have been in here during election season," Groth said.

For five years she was a part-time, seasonal employee responsible for the oversight of all absentee voting functions in Plymouth Township. That included administration of four office personnel, she said.

She has served as an election inspector and precinct

chairperson. She cites extensive knowledge of election laws and excellent citizen/customer relations.

Massengill was impressed with Groth's knowledge of the qualified voter file, known as QVF. Groth has been updating voter information, weeding out the voters that have moved or are deceased. The street index is completed with the addition of new streets, she said. Much of the initial work is completed, Groth said.

From February 1999 to June 1999 she was the election records clerk for the City of Livonia. She worked extensively on QVF for administering elections. She maintained two separate computer election systems with all voter information. Groth supervised two full-time and one part-time election worker.

"I trained 300 inspectors in May and assigned over 200 inspectors for the June 14 school election," Groth said. As an office manager, Groth supervised clerical support staff members for Library

Design Associates Inc. in Plymouth from 1983-1993. She performed oversight for all general office duties and implemented a computerized accounting system. She coordinated delivery and installation crews and was recognized for her creative use of her skills to enhance customer sales.

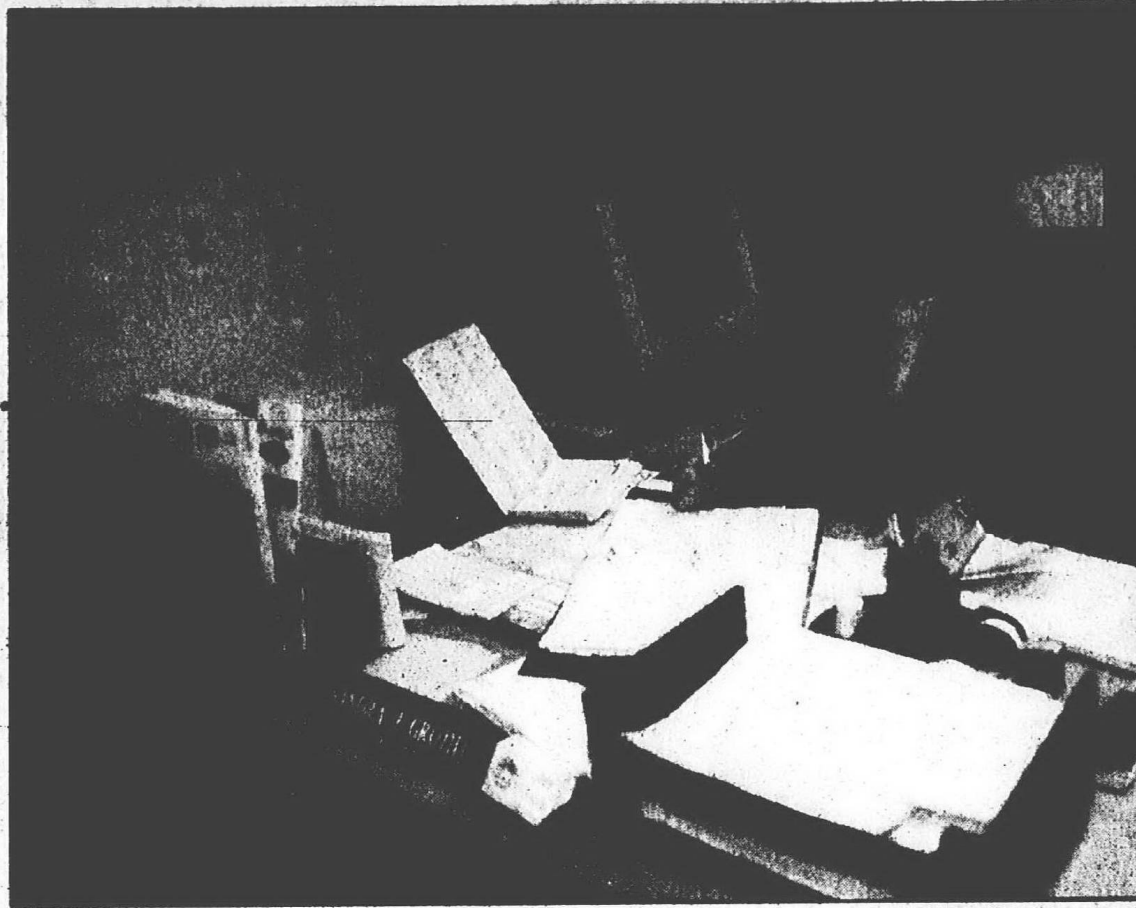
From 1976 to 1981, she was an executive secretary for Plymouth Township. She worked for former Plymouth Township fire chief James Gignac until he resigned in 1978.

"I assumed responsibility for all administrative departmental operations for one year after his resignation," Groth said.

She was responsible for all general office duties as well as labor contract interpretation and benefits administration, she said. "I devised special projects and reports for the township board and prepared and administered an annual budget of \$850,000."

Since 1991, Groth has been attending Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia and is working toward an associates degree in Liberal Arts.

Groth is married to Larry, fire chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. The couple have two sons, Larry Jr. and Timothy, and a daughter, Stephanie.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD

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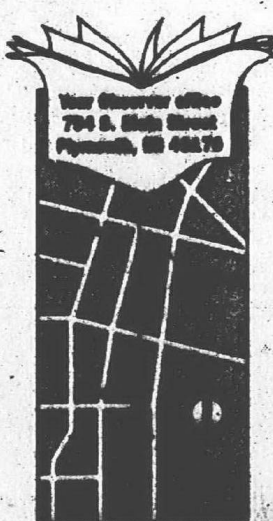
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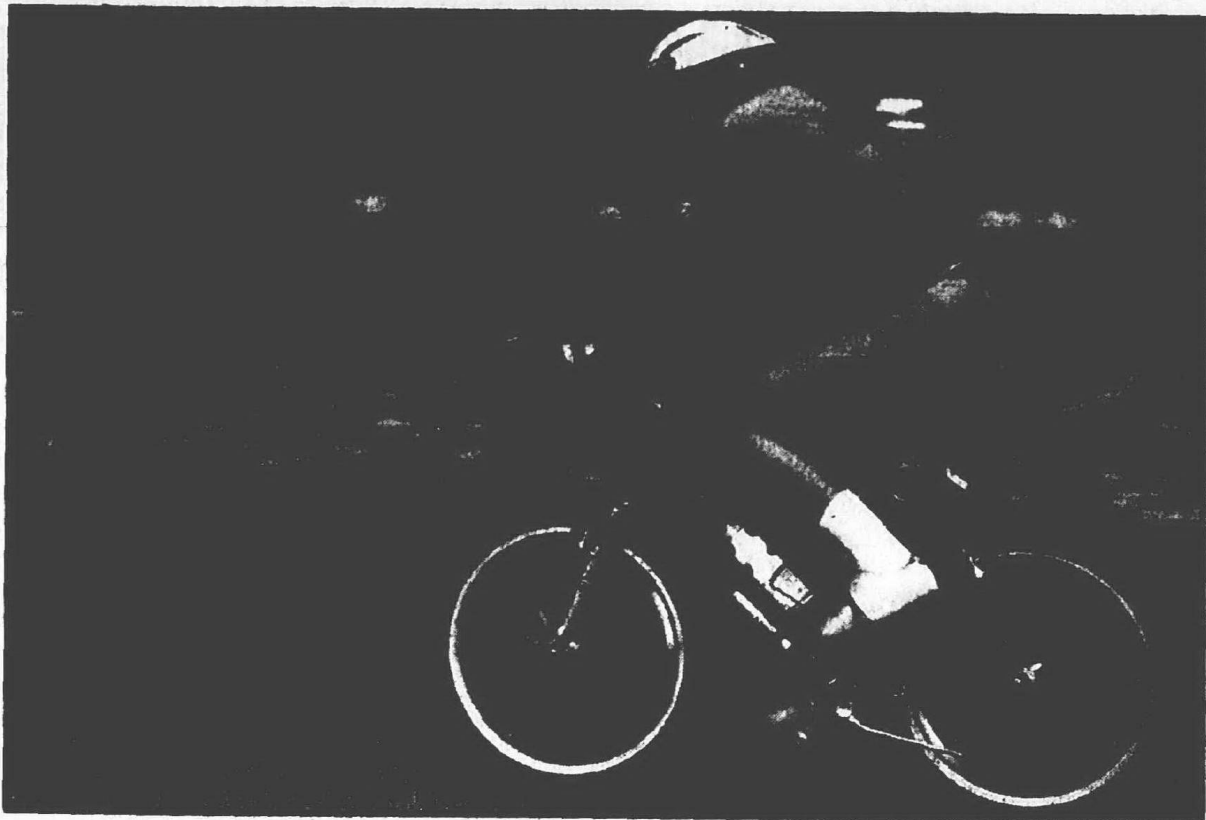


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Greenway proposed

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Plymouth Township resident Alan Van Kerckhove hopes to work with the Plymouth Township Planning Commission to develop a greenway concept.

"There could be directional and informational signs along the route," said Van Kerckhove, who works as a water systems maintenance engineer for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. "The signs would not be the typical bike symbol sign. They could be color-coded, listing certain focal points and directions to them with a possible background symbol for the greenway."

Intermediate directional signs between focal points would just be a color-coded symbol with arrow, he said.

"Information signs would give our community a sense of place," Van Kerckhove said.

Light green or yellow-green could indicate side paths to parks and schools. Blue might indicate side paths to business and civic centers, he said.

Van Kerckhove also made other suggestions. They are:

■ A 1.1 mile of 7-foot to 8-foot wide paved pathway between the western subdivisions and Plymouth Township Park

■ Sidewalk and crosswalk additions and improvements with barrier-free curbs, especially on Ann Arbor Trail on the west side of Sheldon and the railroad tracks and the M-14 area.

■ Shoulder pavement widening about 5-feet in total, each on Wilcox and Hines Drive to Shadywood Lane as well as Riverside and Hines Drive to Ann Arbor Trail

■ Improvement of the main artery crossings, some traffic lights, crosswalk signs, and crosswalk painting

■ Strategically-located bike racks around the perimeter of downtown Plymouth.

Biker attempts to connect recreational land

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Alan Van Kerckhove, who hosts a weekly drop-in bike tour around the Plymouth area, wants to develop a greenway concept.

"The greenway can be considered a linear park for the recreation benefit of our citizens," said Van Kerckhove, a Plymouth Township resident. "It's a way of drawing the community together. It's more than pathways. It's a way to connect the place."

Van Kerckhove, along with The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society, has been meeting at 6 p.m. Mondays in the Comerica Bank parking lot located on Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon. With daylight waning, the tours usually end about 7:15 p.m. The last tour is scheduled for Oct. 25.

Society members ride 20-30 miles. Van Kerckhove is encouraging a shorter, slower route for beginners, families, and "softies."

"We'd love to see a greenway," said

Bill Johnson, a Livonia resident and a Society leader. "We're avid cyclists. We go further and faster than a normal family would. A greenway is more for family biking."

Van Kerckhove says a greenway could connect the older subdivisions with the newer, winding neighborhoods.

"Property values have been enhanced along pathways," he said. "The greenway can be used for civic events."

By definition, a greenway is a linear open space established along either a natural corridor such as a river front, stream valley or ridgeline, or over land along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreational use, a canal, a scenic road or other routes. Any natural or landscaped-for-pedestrian-or-bicycle passage can be a greenway. It can be a parkway or greenbelt.

The connecting links of greenways are mainly residential streets and sidewalks rather than pathways along main arterial highways, he said. A

greenway could connect focal points like Tonquish Creek, downtown Plymouth, Old Village, Plymouth Township Park and Plymouth-Canton High School.

The Plymouth-area greenway concept provides a user-friendly, pedestrian or bicycle pathway linking parks, community centers, cultural features, historic sites, natural areas and geological features to each other.

Van Kerckhove also wants to promote recreational exercise and provide a barrier-free path for the disabled.

Shirley Barney, community development director, said Van Kerckhove has presented township officials with information which is currently being reviewed.

During public comments at the Sept. 28 Plymouth Township board meeting Van Kerckhove mentioned the "sub-standard sidewalk" on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail between the Plymouth area and Livonia boundaries.

He questioned when the sidewalk

improvement program would begin on Ann Arbor Trail. Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said there's been a first reading on the sidewalk ordinance. There's legislation on sidewalks pending in Lansing which could substantially change the amount of liability for the township, so the second reading of the ordinance has been postponed, she said.

Joy, Beck and Sheldon Road isn't "bike-friendly," he said. "All they have to do is connect the sidewalk on Sheldon," Van Kerckhove said later.

At the Sept. 14 regular Plymouth Township board meeting, Kevin Lambert, a 17-year Plymouth Township resident, expressed his concern for the safety of children who ride their bikes along the sides of township roads. He asked that consideration be given to connecting the various segments of sidewalks to increase safety.

Also at the Sept. 14 meeting, Treasurer Ron Edwards noted that the board, in last year's budget, approved

\$150,000 to have sidewalks constructed. The township needs to spend that money by connecting some sidewalks and/or building new ones and spending the dollars as budgeted, Edwards said. If not, he will recommend reducing the millage rate. "We are not a bank," he said.

The township should only be collecting the taxes needed to pay for the current year services, Edwards said. By collecting more and holding on to it, the township is subsidizing future taxpayers, he said.

Trustee Charles Curmi asked township engineer Mike Bailey about the status of the sidewalk on Ann Arbor Trail and working toward finding the optimum path based on the cost of rights-of-way and the willingness of homeowners. Bailey said the township is working on the north and south side of Ann Arbor Trail. He expected to get a mailer together to the residents on the north side of the project.

Lottery winner celebrates 41st wedding anniversary in style

A Plymouth man is planning to celebrate his 41st wedding anniversary in style, thanks to the \$100,000 top prize he recently won in the Michigan Lottery's Cash 5 game.

The 60-year old winner, who requested anonymity, matched all five numbers in the Sept. 29 drawing: 3, 7, 17, 22 and 38. The winning Cash 5 ticket was purchased at Bill's Market, 584

Starkweather, Plymouth.

"I didn't believe that I had really won until I called the store to make sure I actually had the winning numbers," the winner said. "Now my wife and I can take a nice vacation to celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary in November."

When not watching football and golf, or playing cards, the winner said he likes to play

Michigan Lottery games. He has been a regular Lottery player for the past 27 years, and he truly enjoys the wide variety of games the Lottery offers.

The lucky man, a cleaner at Ford Motor Co., said he plans to use part of his winnings to pay for his granddaughter's wedding, in addition to the anniversary celebration he has planned.

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inal justice system."

Kerry Erdman, court administrator, said the forums are a first attempt to directly involve the public in the court operations.

"We're moving to a new facility. There are going to be lots of changes and we want people to understand they have a stake" in court operations, Erdman said.

The court used a suggestion box and other avenues in its previous location at the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, he said. But there hasn't been a lot of time or space to work with in the temporary courthouse on the northwest corner of Plymouth and Haggerty, the court's home since the previous building was destroyed in a July 1987 fire.

The new courthouse - under construction on the footprint of the former building - is expected

to be completed by next spring.

Traditional court outreach programs, such as those on Law Day each May, are aimed at students, Erdman said. Court staffers felt a need to solicit comments from other segments of the community as well.

The 35th District Court program is being modeled after a similar forum in Novi.

Lowe said the staff scrapped the original idea of a single program at one location in favor of the three local forums to better serve the geographically diverse communities. "We wanted to make it as convenient as possible for people to attend," he said.

The court serves the cities of Plymouth and Northville; and Plymouth, Northville and Canton Townships.

The agenda wasn't completed

last week but Lowe said the bulk of each evening is likely to be an informal question-and-answer session. There will be a moderator, he said.

The survey will be available at the forums, at the courthouse and hopefully throughout other avenues in the community, Lowe said. It includes multiple choice questions, questions that ask for comment and some optional, personal questions.

The questionnaire is confidential and may be returned by mail or dropped off after the forum or at the courthouse, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

For more information call the court, (734) 459-4740.

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tomorrow as the community continues to grow."

The 800 students who will be moved to new middle schools next year is 25 percent of the district's student population. That doesn't include nearly half of Lowell's 775 students who will transfer with the staff to Discovery next year.

Combining the boundary changes and the current number of fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade students, Central will continue to be the largest middle school with a projected 814 students. Discovery, the first middle school in Canton, is projected to have 781 students. Next in line are East, 761; West, 721; and Pioneer, 652.

The committee did not change the district policy that middle school students living within 1-1/2 miles of school will walk, depending on such factors as crossing major streets, contiguous sidewalks, and traffic lights. The committee also didn't change any of the walking areas for the four existing middle schools.

Crossing a major street is one reason students who live west of Canton Center (across the street from Discovery) will not attend the new school. School officials

The Housing Committee presented the changes to the school board at Tuesday's meeting.

say there are no plans to build an overpass for students.

"Building walkways are expensive and take years to get approval and constructed," said Judy Evola, director of community relations.

The Housing Committee presented the changes to the school board at Tuesday's meeting.

"Our downfall has been that all the middle schools are concentrated together, and not at the population centers of the dis-

trict," said Sue Davis, school board president. "Nothing is ideal, but I'm glad to see that elementary kids will be moving with their friends to middle school."

Two public forums on the boundary changes will be held at Pioneer Middle School. Information also will be on the district's Web site and at all school buildings. The school board is expected to vote on the changes in November.

Mayor from page A1

has agreed to support and campaign for McDonald in his bid for the 20th House seat being vacated by Gerry Law (R-Plymouth) as a result of term limitations. Vos is also pushing to have Pobur become mayor pro-tem.

"Dave has agreed not to contest my goal, if re-elected, to run for mayor," said Vos. "He also has no objection to Colleen becoming mayor pro-tem. I believe I have support from many of the other candidates that are running, if they win."

McDonald, who privately has coveted the mayor's office before his expected run for the state Legislature, isn't tipping his hand, at least publicly.

"My spin on the meeting is that a lot of things were discussed, including an hypothesis of who might be elected next month," said McDonald.

"I have asked no one to support me for mayor. It would be inappropriate, at this time, to do

so," said McDonald. "I know Vos is working hard, encouraging people to vote him mayor," he added. "I think it's inappropriate, but from his standpoint it might not be."

The public McDonald hasn't shut the door on becoming mayor of Plymouth.

"I would be humbled by the nomination from folks who think I could provide the leadership and move Plymouth forward," he said.

And the rumors that he plans to run for the state Legislature while trying to perform the duties of mayor?

"I can do both," said McDonald. "Remember, being mayor is a part-time ceremonial post. I have some decisions to make, but I shouldn't be excluded because I might be a candidate for the state Legislature."

While McDonald hasn't publicly thrown his hat into the state lawmaker ring, he does have an exploratory committee to raise funds for a contest he privately believes he will win.

Pobur has reportedly decided not to seek the mayor's position at this time because she is busy with her Wayne County job as director of concessions for Metro Airport. However, privately she would like to serve as mayor pro-tem.

"It's much too early to talk about this," she said. "John has to first be re-elected."

"The mayor should be someone who has been on the commission," added Pobur. "But, it would be respectful to wait and see who is elected."

Commission hopeful Jerry Vorva said, if elected, he'd push to amend the city charter and make the mayor's post an elected position.

"It would cut down on the politics," he said. "That way, if someone really wants to be mayor he can run for that spot."

Vos said he agrees, and would support a change in the way the mayor is selected to keep politics from gaining the upper hand.

Eight candidates are vying for four, four-year terms on the city commission in the Nov. 2 election. A special election is on the same ballot in which two candidates are running to fill the unexpired two-year term left vacant when former mayor Don Dismuke left the commission last spring.

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SMART plans major upgrade of bus fleet over 5 years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Dan Dirks believes the SMART linehaul buses log some of the longest passenger commutes in the country.

With an average of nine miles per passenger, the buses are also logging 55,000 miles a year over Detroit's suburban sprawl, which means the larger buses used on SMART's main routes on primary roads are ready for "retirement" at a younger age, said Dirks, general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

"Our buses are getting close to the end of their useful life," Dirks said.

SMART expects a new contract in place by January to purchase up to 280 buses over the next five years, but that number is contingent on federal and state funding availability. Each bus will cost approximately \$265,000.

Dirks expects SMART to purchase between 200 and 300 buses. "The problem is it takes up to two years to get them,"



Dan Dirks: SMART general manager.

Dirks said.

The new buses aren't the only issues Dirks must deal with. Dirks also has discussed with Detroit officials how SMART can coordinate routes with the Detroit Department of Transportation and lobbied state law-

makers against state funding cuts.

For Dirks and SMART, the new buses represent part of the promises of the 1995 tax campaign: redesigning fixed routes, eliminating a deficit and developing partnerships with communities for more local service.

Dirks highlighted some of SMART's accomplishments:

■ Ridership on SMART buses has increased for 40 consecutive months up to about 225,000 riders a week. Ten new routes covering 250 miles provide public transportation where previously none existed. Dirks said ridership grew 5 to 10 percent on one linehaul route that was extended to a Technicolor firm at Newburgh and Palmer.

New routes were added to Telegraph Road and seven other roads.

■ Partnering with local communities through increased community transit, using a fleet of smaller buses for transportation within a community or to adjacent communities.

■ A budget deficit of \$20 million SMART says was created by

cuts in federal funding is expected to be eliminated this fiscal year.

With the new buses, Dirks hopes to better assist the disabled. Many SMART buses currently use hydraulic lifts, which work better on a flat surface, but are difficult to use when the bus is more than 6 inches or less than 2 inches from the curb. If the wheelchair lift is broken, the disabled cannot be picked up.

"It's a complicated piece of machinery that doesn't work that well," Dirks said.

The new "low floor" buses use a floor that is aligned to the curb, so passengers boarding the bus don't have to step up. Passengers in wheelchairs board the bus on a motorized ramp instead of a hydraulic lift.

"If the electronic ramp doesn't work, the driver can manually operate the ramp," Dirks said.

"Once those get on the road, the disabled will never be denied service."

With the new buses, SMART will be standardizing the bus fleet. Currently five different vehicle manufacturers provide buses. "That means there is five separate sets of parts," Dirks said. "What we're looking at is one manufacturer." Dirks expects to save in training costs for maintenance workers.

"We really are a suburban carrier and our fleet needs to reflect that," Dirks said.

While the major routes have shown growth, the community-based partnerships are growing the fastest, Dirks said. "We have people from the local community making decisions on local transportation," Dirks said.

Each community can determine what services to control that will benefit their residents

the most. That program has grown to more than 60 community-based programs.

In Livonia, a pilot program recently was started for "remote scheduling" to coordinate schedules from one community to another in using the connector buses. Someone can call Livonia to check SMART's computer system in Troy to schedule a ride in Warren for a relative who needs the transportation.

Communities can come up with innovative ways to use SMART, Dirks said. Harrison Township used the buses this summer to transport people between restaurants and Metro Beach.

"That's why we like these community-based programs," Dirks said. "In a million years, I never would have thought of that."

Dirks emphasizes coordination of Detroit, suburban bus lines

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Dan Dirks is confident the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and Detroit Department of Transportation can provide better service to its customers by coordinating routes.

As for any merger of the two bus systems, Dirks, SMART general manager, isn't predicting what a consulting firm will find when its report is released soon.

"Three things have to happen," Dirks said. "The quality of ser-

vice has to improve; the quantity of service has to improve and if it costs more money, how can you convince the public it's the way to go?"

But Dirks is encouraged with the coordination between SMART and DDOT. Dirks outlined the following strategies:

■ Both systems will begin to use a joint software package for linehaul scheduling, allowing for improved connections at locations where two or more routes intersect.

■ Improve radio systems and install Automatic Vehicle Loca-

tors. Dispatchers soon will be able to talk with drivers from both systems through a radio interface.

■ Join with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for a joint bus stop identification project, using global positioning equipment to "geo code" bus stops into the computer mapping system.

■ Join with SEMCOG and the Detroit Employment and Training program to bid and receive

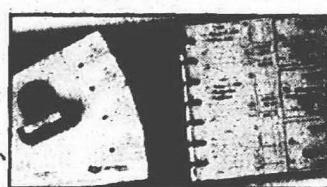
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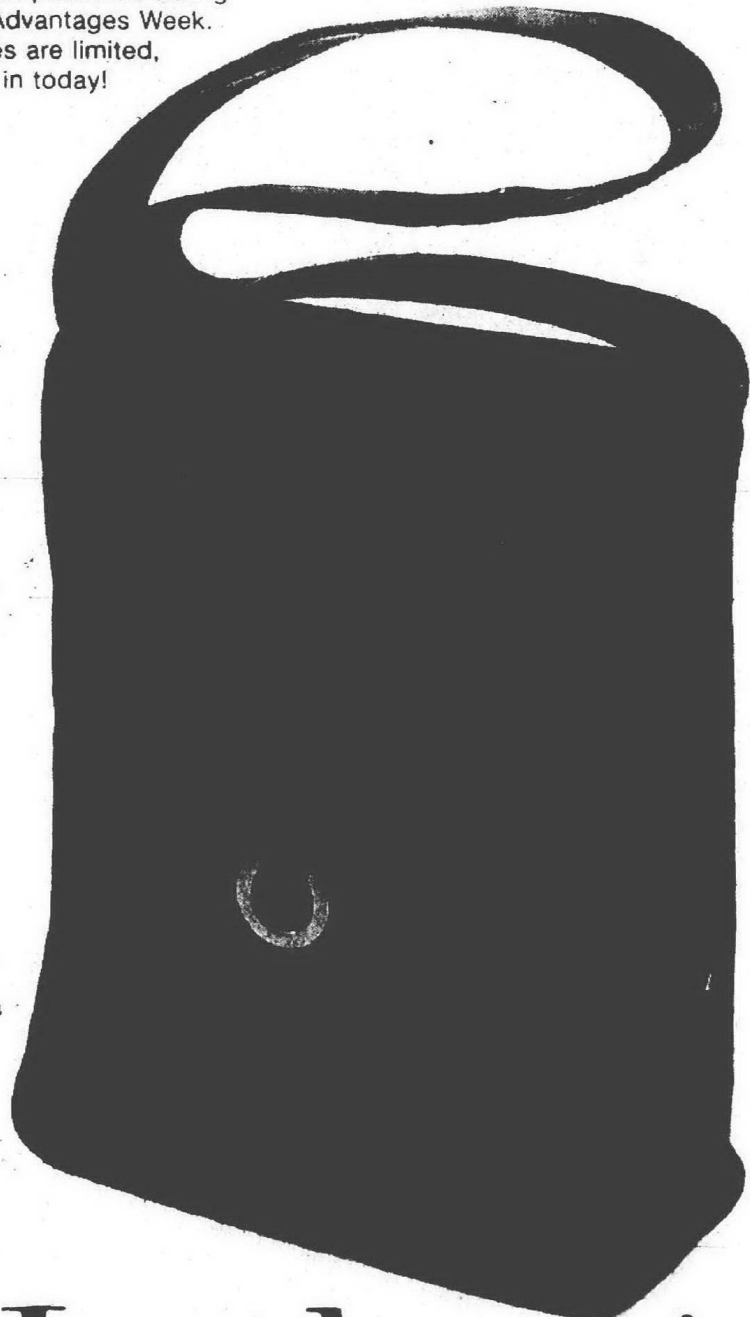
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nication, Nov. 16; Foreign Government Sales, Nov. 23, and Trade Agreements, Nov. 30. All classes are offered in afternoon sessions between 1 and 4 p.m. and evening sessions between 6 and 9 p.m.

The program includes country-specific seminars for China on Nov. 13, India on Nov. 20, Canada/Mexico on Dec. 4 and Brazil on Dec. 11. All sessions last from 9 a.m. until noon. Persons

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Commissioner sponsors coffees for constituents

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan, who represents Canton Township-Romulus, Wayne and Belleville, invites constituents to join him for coffee and conversation regarding Wayne County government.

The sessions are:

■ 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Bob Evans on Ford Road just

west of I-275 in Canton.

■ 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Romulus House Restaurant on the northwest corner of Wayne Road and Wick in Romu-

lus.

■ 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Wayne Restaurant in the Metro Place Mall in downtown Wayne.

■ 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the Red Apple Restaurant on Main Street in Belleville.

For additional information, please contact Commissioner John Sullivan at (313) 224-0944.

Meeting tonight on injection well

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A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Romulus High School on an injection well in Romulus that would house liquid hazardous wastes.

Environmental Disposal Systems has applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, near I-94 and Inkster Road.

The Hazardous Waste Site Review Board, a 10-member panel of state and local appointees, will meet to organize and hear about the proposed project. A public hearing is expected to be scheduled in November.

The board was established to

evaluate proposals for new hazardous waste management facilities. EDS' application was referred to the board for evaluation.

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan (D-Wayne), who serves as an alternate on the board for board member and County Commissioner Ed Boike (D-Taylor), expects members of the public will show up tonight to express their opposition. The meeting is not considered a public hearing but is open to the public.

The board has until April 2000 to recommend whether the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality should issue or deny a construction permit for the facility.

The board will meet in the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus.

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funding from the Federal Transit Administration for "Access to Jobs" funding.

Both started a reciprocal fare agreement that allows for joint tickets, system passes and transfers, and scheduled information forums for minority businesses to work with the two systems.

Other improvements include

joint telephone information for both systems, regional route maps, training and coordinated Web sites.

Dirks believed the biggest key to coordinating the two systems thus far was the gathering of the Big Four — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Exec-

utive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Commission Chairman John Hertel — earlier this year to discuss the two systems.

"When it got elevated to the Big Four level, that was encouraging," Dirks said.

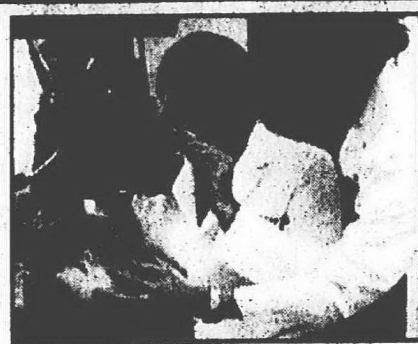
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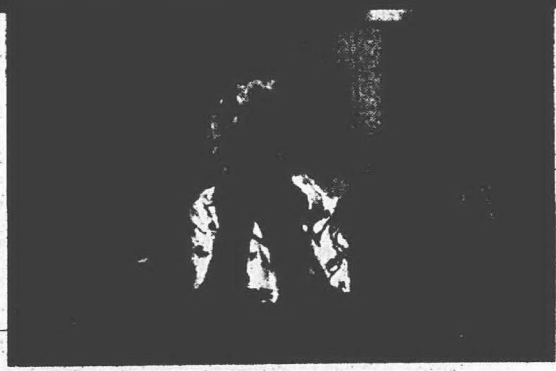
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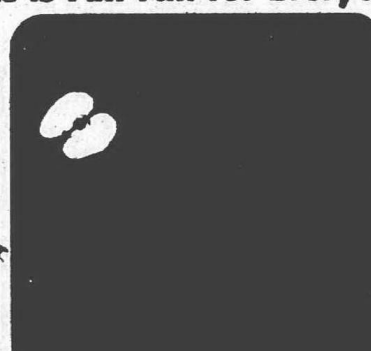
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House grants tax exemption on Holocaust settlements

An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 Michigan residents are expected to receive payment soon as a result of an international lawsuit over assets lost by victims of the Holocaust during World War II.

And those settlements will be tax free, according to a bill approved by the state House last week. Representatives voted

103-0 Wednesday, Oct. 6, to approve House Bill 4796, sponsored by Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. All local lawmakers voted for the legislation.

"Nothing can erase the horror of the Holocaust as one of the darkest periods in human history," Shulman said, but the passage of his bill shows "a realization that the pain and suffering these peo-

ple have endured is tax enough." Senate passage is expected to be swift, as is a signature from the governor.

"A tax already has been paid on these items," Gov. John Engler said, "and survivors of Nazi persecution have more than earned the right to enjoy the full benefits of their return."

Similar legislation is expected

to win approval at the federal level.

At issue in the lawsuit are assets — bank deposits, artwork, insurance proceeds — left by Jewish families with companies in Switzerland between 1920 and 1945. Some 130 Swiss companies have been identified as possessing an estimated \$1.25 billion in

assets from victims of the Holocaust. Six Swiss banks have found 50,000 unclaimed bank accounts left behind by victims of Nazi persecution.

The international suit seeks to recover those assets for survivors or the heirs of those who died. A proposed settlement is now

under review by a Swiss commission, which is expected to issue its report in November, after which payments could begin.

Some survivors or heirs are expected to receive as much as \$200,000, producing a significant tax liability unless exempted from taxation by these proposals.

Engler makes board appointments

Several area residents have been appointed to state boards and commissions recently by Gov. John Engler, including:

■ Robert Hall, of Livonia, is an attorney for the law firm of Rock and Borgelt, P.C. He is reappointed to represent attorneys.

■ Michael David Warren, Jr. of Beverly Hills was named to the State Board of Education. Warren is appointed to replace Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe, who resigned. He will complete Durant's term on the board, which expires Jan. 1, 2003.

Warren has been an associate in the corporate department of the law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit since 1997. From 1995 to 1997, he served as the administrative assistant for school code reform for the State Board of Education, during which time he chaired a Department of Education task force that developed an annual

education report for taxpayers and also chaired the Governor's Red Tape Task Force regarding charter schools. Warren was a candidate for the State Senate in 1994 and is a member of the Federalist Society of Michigan.

■ Claudia R. Gabay, of Southfield, was appointed to the Electrical Administrative Board, which makes recommendations for electrical code rules, grants annual licenses and certificates to qualified applicants. His term expires Aug. 10, 2002. Gabay is the principal lighting consultant/facilitator of projects for Detroit Edison. She was appointed to replace Ronald Spees, of Jackson, and to represent energy producing utilities.

■ Ronald A. Swartz, of Clarkston, to the Advisory Council on Deafness, which advises the Family Independence Agency's Division on Deafness on matters pertaining to hearing-impaired

persons. His term expires Jan. 18, 2002. Swartz is a senior project engineer at General Motors Truck Group. He is reappointed to represent the deaf community.

Fourteen individuals were also reappointed to the state's Site Review Board, which reviews and decides on final approval for each hazardous waste management facility construction permit referred to it by the Department of Environmental Quality. Terms expire Dec. 13, 2001. The following local residents were among those named:

■ Dr. Eugene Perrin, of Huntington Woods, is an adjunct professor of anthropology, pediatrics and pathology at Wayne State University. He is reappointed to represent toxicologists.

■ Thomas Vogel, of East Lansing, is a professor in the Department of Science at Michigan State University. He is reappointed to represent geologists.

Metro Airport breaks passenger records

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has broken all-time passenger records in 68 of the past 73 consecutive months.

August figures show:

■ Total passengers through August 1999: 22,894,154

■ Total passengers through August 1998: 21,929,985

Increase: 4.4 percent

■ Total international passengers through August 1999: 2,359,453

Total international passengers through August 1998: 2,119,695

Increase: 11.3 percent

■ Total passengers handled month of August 1999: 3,126,621

Total passengers handled month of August 1998: 2,841,265

Increase: 10 percent

■ Aircraft landings and takeoffs through August 1999: 372,661

Aircraft landings and takeoffs through August 1998: 366,504

Increase: 1.7 percent

■ Aircraft landings and takeoffs month of August 1999: 49,934

Aircraft landings and takeoffs month of August 1998: 45,984

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Prosecutor, police honored for closing Melody theater

BY KEN ABRAHAM
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Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair's office received more than 1,000 pieces of mail from people who appreciated the efforts of O'Hair's and other law enforcement agencies to shut down and demolish the Melody Theater in Inkster.

"We had more communications in that case than I have in any

other situation in the last 16 years I've been in this office," O'Hair said.

While some of those letters and cards were an organized effort from an Americans for Decency organization, most were from the Inkster area and surrounding Wayne County communities.

For his efforts, O'Hair was among several law enforcement officials who were honored with

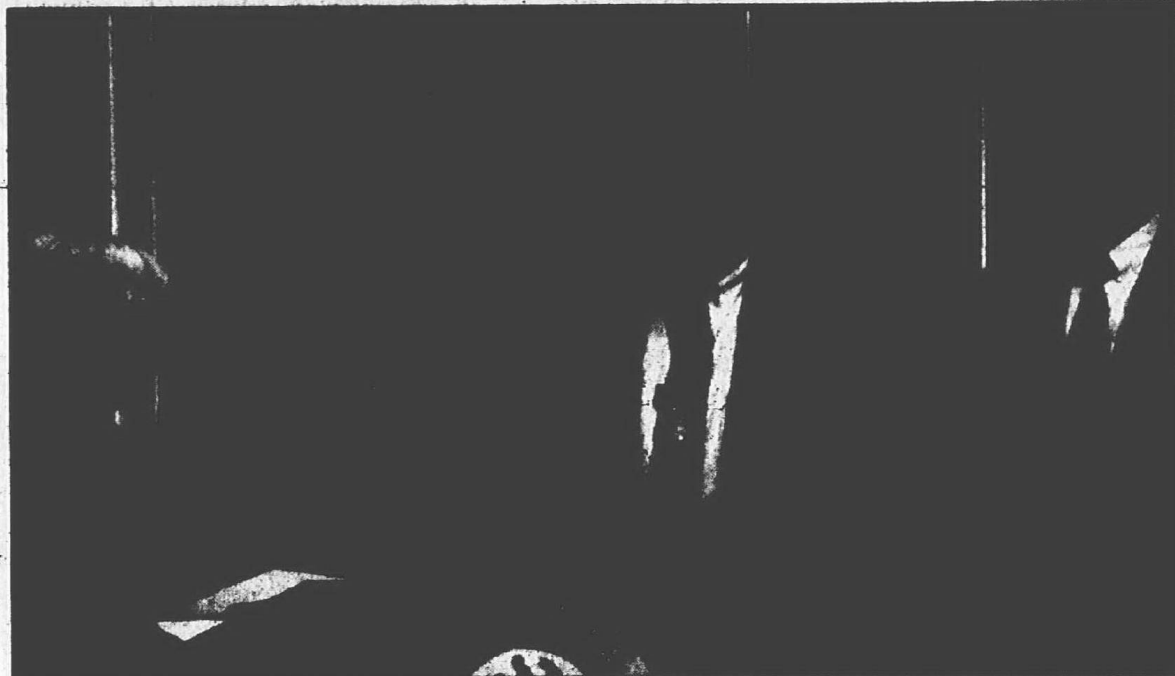
resolutions Oct. 7 from Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard (D-Westland).

Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and Westland police officers who participated in the investigation were also honored as members of the Metro Street Enforcement Team. Also honored were Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy and accountant Grant Alberts for their assistance.

The Metro Street Enforcement Team investigated the theater after it was described on a Web site as a location for males to find sex, according to prosecutors. During visits to the theater, plainclothes officers reported witnessing sexual acts inside the theater on Michigan Avenue between Middlebelt and Inkster.

"(The theater) caused great anguish, not just for the City of Inkster, but the surrounding communities as well," said Beard. Beard's district includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland.

The four police departments are expected to receive \$225,000 each — their shares of the forfeiture stemming from a plea agreement reached with the theater owner, who pleaded no contest to a charge of conspiracy to admit persons to a place where lewd conduct occurred. O'Hair's office will receive \$100,000.



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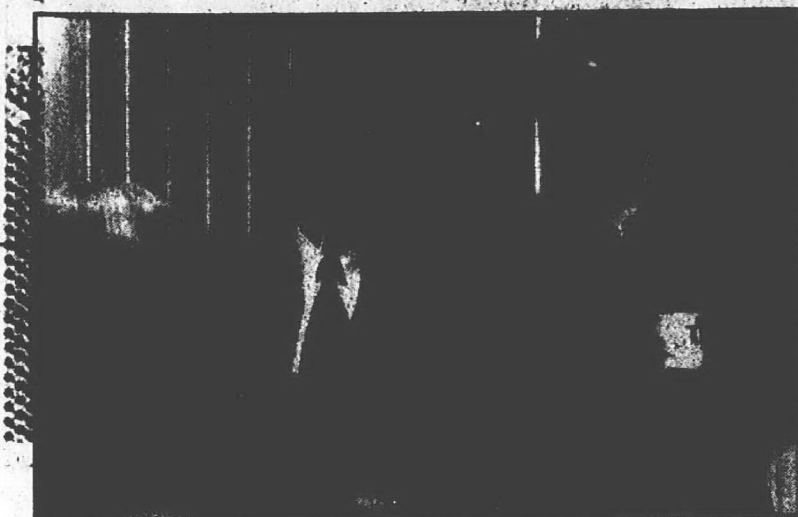
Recognition: Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard gives awards to Westland police Lt. Gary Fikorski (from left) Sgt. James Ridener and Officer Steve Borsch.

Honorees included Garden City Police Chief David Harvey and Officer Kevin Nowak; Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell and Officer Kevin Smith; Wayne Police Chief Michael Sumeracki and Officer Terri Webb; Westland Police Chief Emery Price, Lt. Gary Fikorski,

Sgt. James Ridener and Officer Steve Borsch and Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, Deputy Chief Raymond Walsh and prosecuting attorneys Larry Roberts, Maria Petito and Kenneth Frazier.

Beard also recognized two certified public accountants who

assisted in the court case on racketeering: Alberts, a citizen who volunteered his time to wade through boxes of confiscated documents, and Dunleavy, who testified about the theater's business records.



Good work: Kay Beard awards Garden City police Officer Kevin Nowak (left) and Chief David Harvey for their work in helping close down the notorious Melody Theater.

I-275 ramp to 6 Mile may reopen Saturday

State road officials expect the new northbound I-275 exit ramp to Six Mile Road may reopen Saturday, but they caution that with rain in the forecast through the end of the week, that opening may be delayed.

The Six Mile entrance ramp to northbound I-275 may open by next Wednesday, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Although I-275 now has removed traffic barriers and

opened northbound lanes for traffic, the Michigan State Police reminds motorists to be aware that the freeway remains a construction zone with speed limits of 50 mph. That speed limit will be strictly enforced, according to Sgt. David Robertson.

Enhanced patrols will continue during high traffic periods. Patrols will be concentrating on aggressive drivers, speeders and occupants violating the safety belt laws, Robertson said.

Madonna tapes TV programs

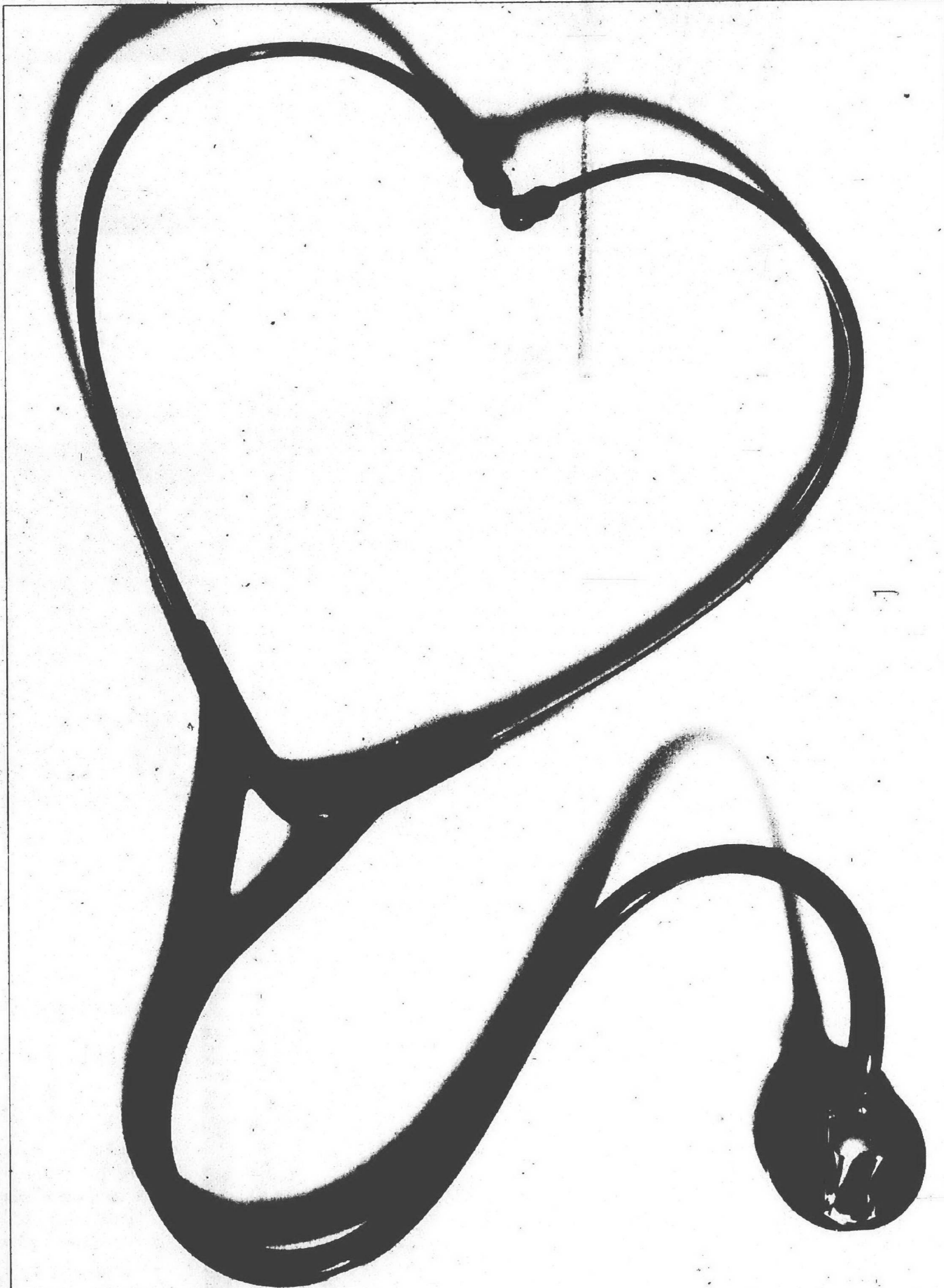
Madonna Magazine is a weekly television show that is produced by Madonna University staff and students. The show is taped every other Wednesday and the public is welcome to attend, free of charge.

Two shows will be taped Nov. 3 at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. The first episode highlights Michale Monroe the illustrator of the book *M is for Mitten - Michigan Alphabet* and other Sleeping Bear Press publications.

The second taping will focus

on gambling addiction. Pat Sweeting, who will become part of the Madonna University social work faculty beginning in the winter 2000 term, will discuss what gambling addiction is, how to identify it, and the steps that need to be taken to conquer the problem.

For more information about these shows or to reserve a seat for the taping, call Sue Boyd at (734) 432-5578. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.



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Life-saving helicopters

S'craft police recruits learn to bring them in for safe landing

BY RENE SMOGLUND
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On a grayish fall afternoon last week, 46 police recruits assembled in the parking lot of Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City as the wind kicked dust into their eyes and plastered their clothing against their bodies.

It was no tornado drill; instead, the future police officers, who take classes at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at the Radcliff Center, were helping guide a medical evacuation helicopter to a safe landing.

Officials say such training is not available at any other police academy in the state.

Hovering above them was a

Midwest Medflight helicopter from St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Several orange cones marking off the landing space blew across the parking lot as the helicopter landed, signaling just one of the dangers involved with such rescue missions.

"It is very dangerous, especially at night," said Sgt. Doug Lowe of the Dearborn Police Department, an assistant coordinator at the academy.

Police are often the first to arrive at an accident scene. They must assess the accident's severity, contact air rescue and map out a landing zone for the helicopter. They alert the helicopter pilot to overhanging wires, trees, and ditches.

Waiting for firefighters and emergency medical technicians

can use up valuable time. "A police officer has to use his ingenuity," said Lowe.

Medflight pilot Dennis Small said most landings occur on highways in more rural areas and involve motorcycles and cars involved in "T-bone" collisions at intersections. Medical helicopters also are used in boating accidents and train collisions.

On congested city freeways, it is better to "scoop and run to the nearest local hospital," said Small. Almost every hospital has a helicopter pad or a nearby field for quick transfers.

Dangers

Once landed, helicopters must be approached with care, warned Small. "The rear propeller turns at an ungodly rpm, faster than the speed of sound."

The propeller, which spins vertically, sets about six feet off the ground, even lower if the helicopter lands on rough ground. It could slice through someone's head or torso like a buzz saw.

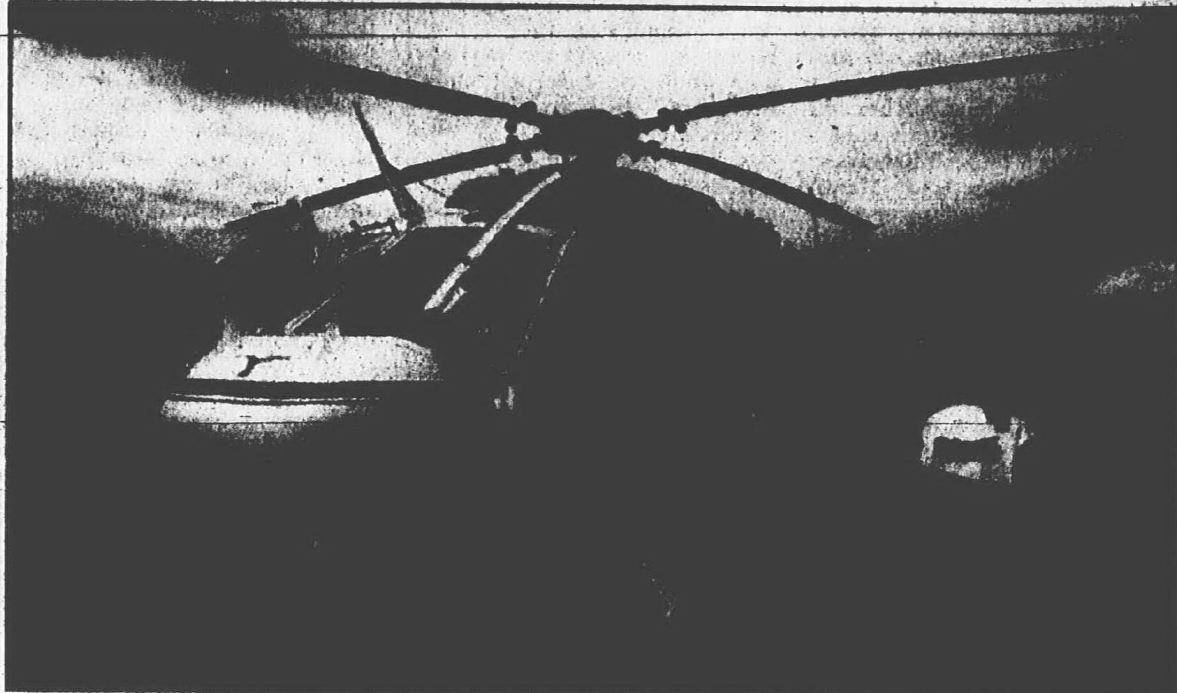
Medflight nurse and paramedic Pat Leutheuser said such accidents have happened. "Anybody who's ever walked into it hasn't survived."

The main rotary blades also present a potential hazard, said Leutheuser. They're flexible and may bow down as the blades cease spinning after landing. In addition, "rotor wash" can be dangerous to unprotected eyes.

The lesson: Always approach the helicopter bent over with head bowed.

In addition to learning about impeding power wires and trees and how to use police car spotlights as landing guides, the recruits were drilled about their most important function: crowd control. A medical helicopter needs an area of 100 feet by 100 feet to land, and the curious are often all too curious.

During the Medflight exercise, a young boy on a bike began to



Powerful spin: The propeller and the major rotary blade on a rescue helicopter are potentially very dangerous. Extreme caution is always required.

edge up to the helicopter zone. An officer quickly broke rank, flailed her arms and directed the boy to a safer area.

Invaluable training

The Medflight helicopter, which is used 15 percent of the time for on-scene rescues and 85 percent for hospital transfers, carries both a nurse-paramedic and a paramedic. It is a flying mini ICU and emergency room and can transport two victims.

It flies at 140 mph at a range of 250 miles. It is not affected by traffic lights, traffic conditions, road construction, or icy roads. However, its efficiency is enhanced or impeded by rescue efforts on the ground.

Leutheuser spoke about the "golden hour," the most critical component of trauma. "We work



Cockpit view: Midwest Medflight technician Matt Gonzalez sits behind the controls of the rescue helicopter.

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Learning to guide: Two Schoolcraft police students prepare to lead a helicopter to a safe landing.



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Seniors organize Celebration Day

State Rep. Laura Toy and Sen. Thaddeus McCotter have named local senior citizens to an advisory council to help organize the fifth annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day.

The celebration will take place at Burton Manor in Livonia at 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. More than 50 exhibitor booths will be set up with free samples and information on health and senior issues. A game room will provide entertainment and prizes. A free lunch also is included.

All the tickets have been sold for the event.

The lawmakers named 18 local residents to the advisory panel: Florence and Paul Putz; Joe and Betty Echols; Alex and Margaret Chesick; Eleanor Miller; Mary Carter; Ruth Kade; Clara Karr; Dorothy Tilney; Mary Ann Naboychik; Rene Nassar; Bernie Szeliga; Dorothy Watters; Joe and Mary Lou Gies; and John Pedit.

Toy said the panel plays an important role in the outcome of the celebration.

"I look forward to working with the advisory panel and this

'This group has a tremendous wealth of knowledge on senior-related issues and concerns.'

Laura Toy
State representative

worthwhile event," said Toy (R-Livonia). "This group has a tremendous wealth of knowledge on senior-related issues and concerns."

Paul Putz has been on the Commission on Aging for 10 years and is the president of Go-Getters. His wife, Florence, volunteers at the nursing home once a month and is a navigator for the Michigan Seniors Schulte Assembly. They also are active in their church.

Ruth Kade has volunteered at the Civic Park Senior Center since 1979. The Livonia resident is the past president of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in

Detroit and the Lutheran church's Mission Society. She currently is the first vice president of the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary and vice president of the Rainbow Senior Club.

Dorothy Watters is on the board of Livonia Town Hall and is active in the Board of Livonia Goodfellows and Pi Omicron, a businesswoman's organization. She also is the past president of Livonia Town Club, a women's social group.

Mary Carter, a 24-year Livonia resident, is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wonderland Unit Senior Citizens Club and Clements Circle Civic Association. She also is involved with Friends of the Livonia Library and the local Wheelchair Olympics.

Clara Karr has been a member of the Commission on Aging for the past 10 years and its secretary for nine. A 51-year Livonia resident, she worked for the city for 32 years. She is president of the Livonia senior women's golf league and has been president of Harmony Unit Senior Citizens Club for the past nine years. She is also chairwoman of the Her-

itage Newsletter.

Joe Gies is a 39-year resident of Redford Township. He is the president of the St. Hillary Man's Club and St. Vincent DePaul Society. Gies also helps distribute food for the needy.

His wife, Mary Lou, also is on the advisory council.

Retired from the Michigan Department of Mental Health, Dorothy Tilney is now a member of the Northville Township Senior Citizen Council, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. She has been politically active for 15 years, working for U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell and state Sen. Robert Geake. She currently is the district coordinator for state Rep. Gerald H. Law (R-Plymouth).

Joe Echols recently was appointed to the board of the Livonia Commission on Aging. He already serves as the president of St. Aidan's Elderado Senior Club and vice president of St. Aidan's Men's Club. He also has volunteered for the Livonia Senior Picnic for four years and the Livonia Toys for Tots for four years.

His wife, Betty, also is on the advisory council.

Mary Ann Naboychik recently retired from a position with the city of Livonia. She has worked with senior programs for 24 years and served as a center director at both of Livonia's senior centers. She is also the treasurer of Senior Citizen Achievement Needs.

John Pedit served in the military for 23 years. After retiring, he published a children's coloring book for police and fire safety. He also has spent seven years in the Medicaid/Medicare Assistance Program, counseling seniors who have questions or problems with their insurance.

Margaret Chesick has served on the Commission on Aging in Livonia for 10 years. She's also been a member of the Golden Years Senior Citizens for 20 years, the Church Altar Society for 24 years and the March of Dimes for 25 years. She has been an inspector for city and state elections for the past 20 years.

Her husband, Alex, also is on the advisory council.

Eleanor Miller is a retired Ford Motor Co. employee. Before she retired, she also volunteered for the Parent Teacher Association, Girl Scouts and was an advisor for Junior Achievement. Currently, she volunteers at the Civic Park senior center, answering phones, making lunch and bus reservations and helping out in the kitchen. She has been a member of the Aldersgate Methodist Church for 50 years.

Rene Nassar is a registered nurse who retired from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She currently volunteers with the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, conducts hearing tests on newborns at the hospital, holds church office at St. Aidan's and is on the scholarship board at Henry Ford Hospital's School of Nursing.

Bernie Szeliga also is on the advisory council.

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within the golden hour to get them (accident victims) to the operating room. That's the time it takes them to go into a shock that's irreversible."

Police recruit Eric Marcotte of Canton took the lessons to heart. "I think it's most important that firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians work together as a team. This is a hands-on approach."

Police recruit James Lekeup of Westland has seen a few accidents during his ride-alongs with the Westland police, but none have required helicopter evacuation. However, he said the training's value is in "just knowing what they expect from officers and firefighters."

Lowe knows the recruits air evacuation training will add minutes to the golden hour.

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on what could be done, we came to the realization that financially it couldn't be saved," said Repeck. "I think the plans by John Vincenti for that corner are wonderful. Downtown condos will bring a whole new vibrancy to downtown. The redevelopment of downtown is going to really complement the work we've done on the streetscape, and give downtown the vibrancy we've been working towards."

Repeck believes its important to think of downtown Plymouth and Old Village as one when discussing Plymouth's business district.

"The corridor of Main Street connecting Old Village and downtown is important, and we need to pay more attention in

drawing that connection," she said. "You can see it developing as business owners fix up their buildings, and Dunleavy's is packed."

Repeck also sees an increased cooperation between the DDA and the Old Village Development Authority.

"We've always tried to keep the lines of communication open between the two," said Repeck. "That way, we can stop thinking about the two areas as just downtown and Old Village."

"The support the city has given to bring some structure to the OVDA has been helpful, and

things are beginning to happen," she said. "Whether or not dollars need to go into development of Old Village is premature. Any way the city can encourage development non-financially should be automatically done. Financially, maybe sometime in the future we could look at a grant. But, right now the city doesn't have any money to give to any body."

According to Repeck, recreation has been such an issue of contention between the city and township that it needs to be addressed.

"We need to look at what we have, look at our citizen base and take a survey or talk to people, asking what they want,"

Repeck said. "It's the obligation of the city to support its citizens, and recreation is one of those things we need to look at."

Repeck gets excited when thinking about the possibilities of being on a new commission, believing it will be as much fun as it will be challenging.

"We have a new city manager, a new DDA director, a new police chief will soon be on board and we'll have basically a new commission," she said. "I think it's going to be fun."

"However, I also know that because we have a new city manager and a new commission, it opens the door to saying 'how are we going to hold business from now on?' she added. "The new

commission doesn't need to micro-manage, but it needs to make sure there's an oversight function."

Like many others, Repeck knows the water and sewer issues will soon be moving to the forefront.

"It will be a huge issue and definitely a financial burden," said Repeck. "We have a problem that will definitely need to be addressed by the next commission."

Repeck sees her future and the city's future following parallel paths.

"Plymouth has an exciting future, which I think will rival its past. We need to pay attention on where we want that to be and make sure it works. And, I'd like to be part of it."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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 October 28, 1999, for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Creative Technology Services, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 7444 N. Haggerty Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

That part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 1, T.26S., R. 8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road, said point being distant S. 88° 45' 59" W., 1374.30 feet along the South line of Section 1, No. 02° 16' 47" W., 531.54 feet measured (531.33 feet recorded) and N. 88° 40' 04" E., 64.59 feet and N. 02° 25' 19" W., 233.10 feet along the East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence N. 02° 25' 19" W., 306.90 feet along said East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road; thence N. 88° 40' 04" E., 472.85 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of I-275 Expressway (322.00 feet wide); thence along said right-of-way line, 555.50 feet along the arc of a curve to the left (radius 11,656.16 feet, central angle 02° 43' 50", chord length of 555.47 feet, chord bears S. 12° 13' 47" W.); thence S. 88° 40' 47" W. measured (S. 88° 40' 04" W. recorded) 167.18 feet along the North line of "Mid Point Industrial Subdivision," as recorded in Liber 101, Pages 1 and 2, Wayne County Records; thence N. 02° 25' 19" W., 233.10 feet; thence S. 88° 40' 47" W., 165.40 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.10 acres of land and being subject to all easements of records.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 5, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at Canton Softball Center, 46555 Michigan Avenue. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack

Members Absent: McLaughlin, Shefferly

Staff Present: Bawley, Cann, Carravallah, Durack, Fogarty, Gouin, Mills, Wrublewski

Item 1 - Canton Softball Center Update

Mr. Gouin conducted a tour of the center's building and grounds which were acquired by the township in December, 1998. Many improvements were made in 1999 to the playing fields, signage, lighting, parking lot and grounds. Field maintenance vehicles and equipment were displayed for the board. Following the tour of the Center discussion was held with respect to ways to meet the needs of the Center and staff for the best operation and utilization of the facility for the Canton community.

Item 2 - Parks Update

The board was updated on current status and plans for Heritage, Freedom, Independence, Flodin and Griffin Parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on October 5, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on October 12, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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The Westland Observer's community editor during the period of the contest was Beth Sundrila-Jachman. The reporter for the Westland paper is Darrell Clem. The current editor of the Westland paper is Julie Brown.

Other first-place winners were Renee Skoglund for local column writing; Bill Bresler for spot news photograph for the Farmington Observer; Tom Hawley for feature photo for the Garden City Observer and for picture story for the Westland Observer; Bryan Mitchell for sports photo for the Redford Observer.

Second-place winners were Dan O'Meara for sports writing

for the Farmington Observer; Steve Kowalski for sports column for the Redford Observer;

Third-place winners were the Livonia Observer for its lifestyle section under editor Sue Mason; Elizabeth Carnegie for sports picture for the Farmington Observer; and

Honorable mention awards were announced for Larry O'Connor for local news reporting for the Farmington Observer; Tim Smith for enterprise feature for the Farmington Observer and Ken Abramczyk for enterprise feature for the Wayne County Observers.

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Your hometown newspaper has been around a long time. So long, in fact, that we can remember there was no fountain in Kellogg park and the old Mayflower Hotel did not stand on the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Our deep roots here give us a sense of what Plymouth is all about.

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We recently sat down and compiled a partial list of our involvement in our hometown and when we were through, we wondered whether you'd be interested in learning just how committed we are to Plymouth.

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Editorial: First Place—Best Enterprise Feature: Tony Bruscati, Plymouth Reporter on "School Bus Safety"

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Business is always in the air for McMahon

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
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If you're GM or Ford Motor Co. and need to quickly deliver some parts within a 250 mile radius, McMahon Helicopters, based at Mettetal Airport, can do it faster than a Lear jet.

It's a matter of logistics, says owner Brian McMahon. Helicopters fly low and in a straight line, avoiding airport and traffic congestion. "It can take longer to get freight from an airport to a plant than it would take us to go plant to plant."

McMahon Helicopters, which has eight pilots among its 14 employees, has been delivering cargo, primarily small packages, for the Big Three for 20 years. No order is too small as long as the companies are willing to pay the stiff hourly rate - anywhere from \$750 to \$3,000.

"One time I had a box that would fit in my pocket and they said send me the fastest helicopter," McMahon delivered the box of vehicle identification tags via the sleek Bell 222, a twin-engine beauty that clips along at

175 miles per hour. The cost: \$2,000 an hour.

An extravagant way to do business? Not if you consider shutting down an assembly line can cost Ford \$50,000 a minute, says McMahon. "Helicopter service is petty cash in comparison."

In addition to the Bell 222, McMahon stables four other helicopters: the mammoth Sikorsky S58T, which weighs 12,500 pounds and costs customers \$3,000 an hour; the Long Ranger, which delivers cargo at \$1,100 an hour; and the compact Jet Ranger, which goes for a mere \$750.

The Jet Ranger is a familiar sight in the skies. Channel 7 charters the chopper, equipped with multi cameras, to cover breaking news stories and monitor traffic.

Besides boxes of car parts, the helicopters fly auto executives from plant to plant. And come NASCAR and Indy 500 racing season, the helicopters are in the air all the time, flying VIPs and race drivers in and out of the track at Brooklyn, Mich.

Henry Ford Hospital also uses



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

the helicopters to transport human organs. Often, organs from one donor go to several recipients in different locations. "Over the last 15 years, we've done thousands of flights," says McMahon. "Sometimes we send all the helicopters if they're harvesting multiple organs."

McMahon's helicopters were hired by WNBC Channel 4 in New York to search for John Kennedy's plane after it went down over Martha's Vineyard July 16. "If Kennedy could have flown the coastline," he says, shaking his head.

Father and son: Brian McMahon (left) and his son, Nick, own a business in which quick delivery is all in a day's work at McMahon Helicopters.

his wife out for their anniversary and he finds out it's \$750 an hour, he says forget it." Love has its limits.

McMahon's favorite chopper is the red and blue Sikorsky, which looks like a double-decker bus with blades. He named it "Clyde" after the two Clydesdale horses, Jack and George, he keeps on his 21-acre home property in Salem Township.

"It's Art Deco, but I call it a man's helicopter. As big as that monster is, it's fast." It also costs about \$1.5 million.

It was Clyde that recently plopped down on a traffic median in the middle of U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. The pilot was feeding gas from one tank to another

when he lost power in both engines, says McMahon in a simplified explanation.

"It just shows you how safe helicopters are. We can lose both engines and still make a safe landing."

Clyde was hauled back to Mettetal on the back of a trailer. "We had a little parade on the way back to Plymouth," said McMahon's son, Nick, 18.

The ability to land just about anywhere - in fields, on street corners or on top of buildings - makes flying helicopters very safe, McMahon stresses. If the engines lose power, momentum keep the blades spinning in auto rotation. The helicopter descends with blades still spinning.

Vorva from page A1

worked before ... and I'm willing to do it again."

Vorva pledges to cut city taxes if he's elected to the commission in the Nov. 2 election. "I can cut taxes by 10 percent and the city will improve," vows Vorva. "Services will improve because I will be doing my job as a commissioner."

"There are budgetary problems from lack of oversight," he continued. "If elected, I will ask the commission to set up oversight committees for finance, the police department and public works so we can keep an eye on what's really going on."

One way to save money, according to Vorva, is to simply cut the cost of paying department heads.

"I can cut some department heads and still get the job done. I'm not running a jobs program for people," he said. "I think we need to rework the finance department. It's a waste of money because the commission hasn't asked him (Mark Christiansen) to do his job."

Vorva, like most of this year's candidates, sees the fighting among current commissioners as a major part of the city's problems.

"Everybody's fighting over who gets to be the chief," he said. "The way you fix that is to have six people run for commissioner and a seventh person run for mayor. That will stop the bickering of who's in charge. I will work on changing the city charter."

Residents who feel taxes in Plymouth are too high aren't alone. Vorva, who is licensed to appraise property, said he plans on reassessing city land, if elected.

"The homes in the city need to be completely reassessed," said Vorva. "People are being taxed too much. We need to assess property for what it's really worth."

"I've had people who have lived in their homes for 40 years tell me they can't stay in their homes because the taxes are too high. That's not right."

Vorva likes the development downtown, but wonders why the city didn't do it much earlier.

"The city hasn't taken advantage of the current economic boom," he said. "How long will it continue? There's been too much time fighting over who's going to be mayor."

"Old Village is a jewel in the rough," he said. "But again, we haven't exploited the good economic times to help it. It's because downtown people want all the attention."

"We need to encourage building owners to take care of their property and spend money on parking, streets and sidewalks," added Vorva. "It's an up-and-coming area of the city."

Vorva said you don't have to like him, just know that he'll do the right thing if elected.

"Don't come to me with your special-interest problem ... it either touches and concerns all the people, or it doesn't," said Vorva. "If it's good public policy, it will stand alone. If it doesn't, it's special interest."

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Awareness

Gay issue isn't going away

The national news has focused on gay rights lately. In Wyoming Aaron McKinney, 22, is on trial for the brutal killing of an openly gay college student. If convicted, McKinney faces the death penalty.

Opening arguments in the trial began Monday, which also coincided with National Coming Out Day for gays and lesbians. October has been designated Gay and Lesbian History Month.

It's not an issue that is going away, although many have closed their eyes to it, especially here in the Plymouth-Canton area. Last week Plymouth-Canton Community Schools made a decision that smacks of discrimination, particularly at a time when more awareness and acceptance of homosexuality is needed.

Two teachers - Mike Chiumento, a music teacher at West Middle School, and Tom Salenblatt, a math teacher at Salem - were ordered by Superintendent Ken Walcott to take down displays of books and other literature supporting gay history after a handful of parents complained.

Whether gay history should be added to the curriculum at the middle school is one debate, but it's not the controversy here. In our view, a silent showcase of gay history that presents the issue in a positive manner is reinforcement against harassment and hate crimes. It's about acceptance and tolerance.

The Observer believes students should be made aware of alternative lifestyles as a way to learn acceptance of diversity. Some may say middle school students are too young to deal with such a complex subject. We disagree. For years youngsters on the playground have used slang terminology to describe gays. It's not an unknown subject matter for middle school students, and even children who are much younger. The negative comments about homosexuality are tolerated because it's an issue



Banned: West Middle School Teacher Mike Chiumento was ordered by Schools Superintendent Ken Walcott to take down displays of books and other literature supporting gay history after a handful of parents complained.

most parents and educators don't want to discuss. So, the negative feelings and hostility toward homosexuals continues.

For some this may be a religious issue and we can understand that belief. However, by closing our eyes to homosexuality it does not make it go away. The display at West Middle School simply acknowledged that alternative lifestyles do exist. It's a fact of life everyone is aware of whether they accept it or not.

Nix attorney general bills

Legislative bills were recently introduced that would make opinions issued by the state attorney general nonbinding on state departments and prohibit the office from siding against the state in a court case.

One bill would limit opinions on law questions on an "advisory" basis - that is, not binding - on the executive branch of government unless the opinion had been requested by a state officer on behalf of a state department or agency, and the opinion related to that department or agency, its jurisdiction or enforcement authority. Another would prohibit the attorney general from taking, prosecuting or intervening in any action against the state.

Republicans who introduced the bills said the measures only sought to clarify separation of powers for the office of attorney general. One state senator was quoted in a published report as saying the idea that one opinion "trumps everybody else in state government ... is ridiculous."

While the Republicans who introduced the bills insisted the issue is not political, it certainly appears that way. We wonder had John Smietanka or another Republican candidate won the 1998 election whether there would be such a furor surrounding the attorney general's office and opinions. (Of course, we wonder whether Smietanka would have defended consumer rights like the previous attorney general, Frank Kelley, did.)

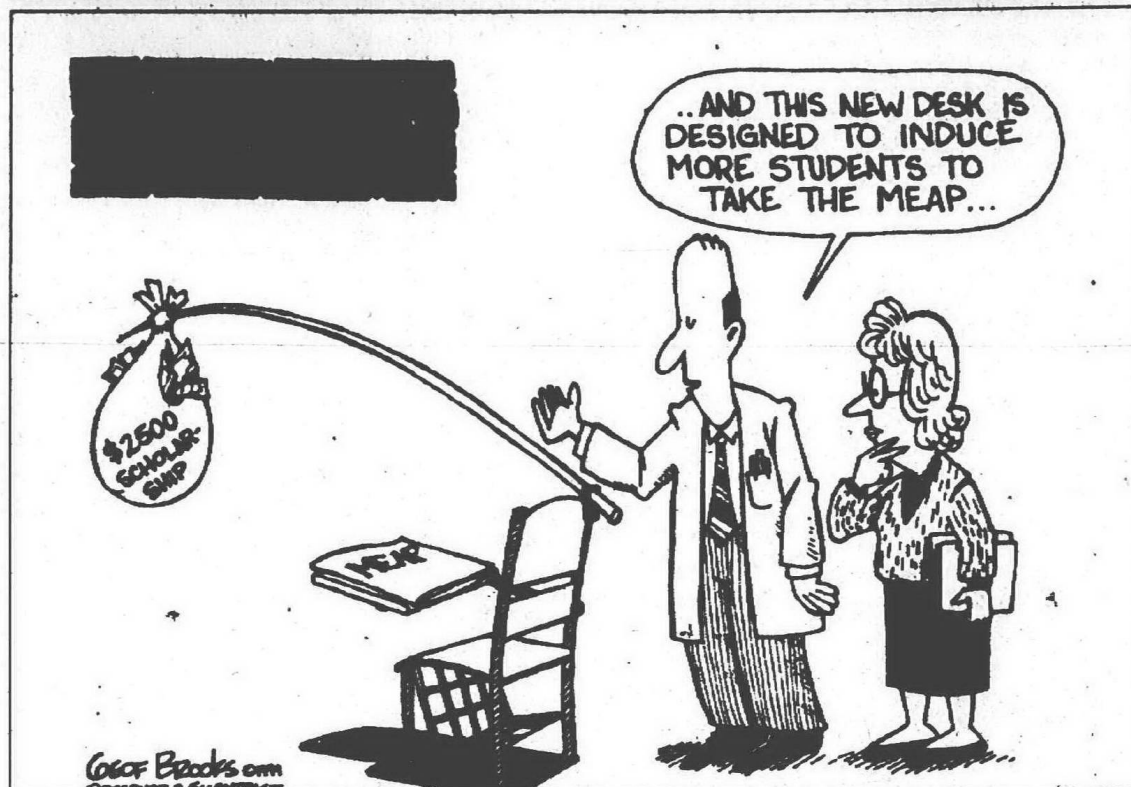
Under a 1971 Michigan Supreme Court decision, an attorney general's opinion "is not binding interpretation of law which courts must follow but does command allegiance of state agencies." By law, the attorney general is required to give his or her opinion on all questions of law when asked by either branch of the Legislature, the governor, the auditor general, the treasurer or any other state officer. At the request of the governor, secretary of state, treasurer or auditor general, the attorney general must prosecute and defend all lawsuits relating to matters connected to their departments.

Attorney general opinions often guide the conduct of state departments. Legal questions on the duties of these department officials are often raised and answered by the attorney general on what can and cannot be done.

We have a few questions for the Republicans: Who oversees state government agencies and departments when attorney general opinions are considered "advisory" only? How is the public protected from government? How are consumers protected if the attorney general is quieted and opinions rendered meaningless?

We doubt that this clarification on "separation of powers" really helps Michigan residents. We hope legislators wise up and let these bills die.

GEOFF BROOKS



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Valerie Olander, Plymouth Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Valerie at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to volander@oe.homecomm.net

Applauds LWV

On behalf of the Plymouth Republican Club, I want to applaud the League of Women Voters for stepping forward and agreeing to host the candidates forum Oct. 14. A non-partisan group should be hosting this event. In fact, Leadership Plymouth has expressed an interest in hosting candidates forums in the future. Perhaps the LWV could assist in this process and share their expertise in this area.

The LWV absence over the last several years left a void in voter education in our community. Several groups, including the Republican Club, have stepped in and hosted events like the one scheduled for this Thursday evening. Our involvement in this effort began in 1994 with local judicial election. All of the organizations that provided this service during the LWV absence should be commended for their civic mindedness.

Some people may question the motive behind the PRC hosting a candidates forum. Certainly, we are Republicans. We have and will continue to support Republican candidates and issues. That's no brainer! We also believe that educated voters will lead to informed decisions on election day. To that end, we decided to put our partisanship aside and host a candidates forum this past July. Fifty-plus people were in attendance and not one of them can say that we were not fair to all of the commission candidates. A decision was made after that forum to host another before the November election. Now with the LWV offer to host the candidate forum, the PRC has decided to cancel our program on Oct. 21.

Thanks to the Leagues involvement everyone is a winner. Citizens have an opportunity to meet the candidates (live or on MITV), the PRC can go on with the business of promoting our candidates and issues, and the City of Plymouth has time to draft a policy regarding the use of city hall by citizens and community organizations ("Political Football," Plymouth Observer editorial 10/7/99).

**Jerry Trumpka, President
Plymouth Republican Club**

Narrow minded decision

It is regrettable that the Plymouth-Canton School District has decided to send its students the message that only certain forms of

diversity are acceptable.

It is equally regrettable that this decision was apparently based on the complaints of a few anonymous individuals.

Diversity is Diversity. Period. The students deserve better than this narrow-minded lesson.

**Dr. Robert L. Merliiss
Plymouth**

Angry at display

I wish to thank the Plymouth-Canton School Board for calling for the dismantling of the showcases at West and Salem concerning Gay History Month. Perhaps only a few parents complained, but I want to let it be known that there are many, many more who are angry at the very vocal few gay activists who are pushing their agenda more and more openly in our schools. We've been accused of being bigoted, right-wing, politically incorrect, etc., but the majority of people in this country are still Christians, and the majority of Christians still hold with God's word on the sinfulness of homosexuality.

Guiding so-called "gay" students through a "coming-out" process is not a part of this school district's curriculum. Many of us feel, to the contrary, that young people are being lied to and led astray by those trying to justify their own chosen behaviors. Sadly, they're dragging many teens down whose parents may have been trying to teach them right from wrong.

I agree with Mr. Salenblatt that there is little more frightening than active ignorance, but it's ignorance of right and wrong which has made our country a terrifying place to live for many students. Schools complain that parents aren't doing their jobs. How should parents who are attempting to nurture Christian values feel when their children go to school and receive a different message?

Please don't sit quietly by and allow your children to become confused with these varied messages, perhaps to the point of making choices which will affect them the rest of their lives.

**C. Shumaker
Plymouth**

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
How do you think the Red Wings will do this season?



**George Nick
Canton**



**John Salenblatt
Canton**



**Mary Salenblatt
Canton**



**Heather Thornton
Westland**

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.

"If they stay healthy they should do it."

"I don't think they're going to do too well. They don't seem like they're into it."

"They're going to win it all. I have no question. I live and die for them."

"I think they'll do well. But it will depend on teamwork."

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

So long Plymouth: It's been a great year

The dreaded farewell column ... Beginning Monday, I leave behind "the little bickering town in the west" and head to The Detroit News where I will become a copy editor on the news desk. I pass on one word of wisdom to the yet-to-be-named editor who will succeed me at the Plymouth Observer: PeppidAC.

No. No. No. This has nothing to do with the political undercurrents in quaint, quintessential Plymouth. I'm still feeling the effects of judging the last two chili cook-offs.

Becoming the esteemed taste tester of 25-30 types of chili (of various potencies) is just one of the many opportunities afforded me during my tenure as editor. The good news is that beans are not allowed in chili cook-off competitions.

The other benefit of this job has been the chance to zing a few deserving politicians on the editorial page. Where else are you given the opportunity to call a judge silly and get away with it without being found in contempt?

My tour of duty as the Plymouth editor lasted just over one year, but a lot has happened in that time. Some of the headlines included: "Political follies top city agenda," "City sends Walters packing," "Mayor resigns," "Teen fined \$210 for sitting on sidewalk," "Mayflower checks out," "Paisano's to open in downtown Plymouth," "Paisano's to open in downtown Plymouth," "Paisano's to open in downtown Plymouth" ... I guess some things never changed.

Among the things I will miss: Box burgers, java from The Coffee Bean, barbecues in the parking lot with the Observer staff (don't tell the landlord or the fire chief) ... and sneaking off to play golf (a.k.a. networking) with elected officials.

I figure there won't be much difference between downtown Plymouth and downtown Detroit since both are undergoing major revitalization. Instead of lunching at Uncle Frank's, there will be Lafayette Coney Island to sample. Both communities are hockeytowns with Detroit being home to the Red Wings and Plymouth home to the Whalers. Both towns also have a fountain, although one is near a giant clock and



VALERIE OLANDER

■ It seems my work here is done, although being the news geek that I am it's hard to leave in the midst of a very political city election. It's even harder to leave good friends and co-workers. The powers that be don't call this the HomeTown Communication Network for naught. It is like leaving home.

the other is near a giant fist.

The commute from my home in Novi to Detroit will be similar time-wise as it has been for the five-mile commute from Novi to Plymouth considering I'm usually at a standstill for 15-20 minutes at the CSX crossing at Starkweather and again at Main. Some things I just won't miss.

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LETTERS

Voting for Repeck

Some arise above the pack by virtue of their leadership ability and character. Some attempt to elevate themselves by dragging others down. We are pleased to be numbered among those voting for Sally Repeck, a leader and a woman of character. We urge all of our friends and neighbors to do the same.

Molly and Bob Mundt
Plymouth

regarding one's sexual preferences and practices.

Jim
Gorski
Plymouth

School order commended

I commend the Plymouth-Canton school administration for their recent order which forced two teachers to take down their displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

In a day and age in which one is said to be "homophobic" and "bigoted" for stating that homosexuality is unnatural and not a practice to be commended, the Plymouth-Canton school administration should receive many thanks for having enough courage to say no to the display of material that honors such perverse behavior.

In my eyes, fear of homosexuals is not what motivates my stance against the unnatural behavior. Nor do I feel that the vast majority of those who view homosexual practice as being wrong, do so out of fear and ignorance of homosexuals. Rather homosexuality is wrong because first of all it is contrary to God's created order of one man and one woman, and secondly, by reason of this created order, it is quite obviously biologically unnatural.

And until those men and women who promote the homosexual lifestyle as being normal and natural, can convince me of the biological evidence supporting their assertion, I will continue to declare homosexual behavior as being a perversion of God's intended design of one man and one woman.

Schools should be a place of higher learning where one is educated in the traditional disciplines, grounding students in the basics while stimulating them to think for themselves and aspire to great things. It should never be turned into a place of indoctrination

Display educated youth

I have followed with a parent's interest, as well as the interest of an artist and a writer, the controversy surrounding the "diversity" displays, now dismantled, at both West Middle School and the high school in Plymouth. A statement once made by Malcolm Forbes has always been a favorite of mine to quote, and I am proud my three children have chosen his words, as well, to describe education.

"The purpose of education," said Forbes, "is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

How better to open a child's mind than to present the grand diversity of our world and its people for review and unfettered discussion?

Evolution and creationism, the graphic horrors of war described by those who have linked it and the beauties of peace described by those who seek it, "The Virgin and St. Anne" by da Vinci and "The Holy Virgin Mary" by Chris Ofili - all of this can be shared with children. There should be no fear in learning about different ideas and ideals of visions or views, but rather a celebration that these differences exist. There is no need to personally embrace an idea to acknowledge its existence, and to learn about it and from it.

Depriving our children of the opportunity to learn about the differences in the people around them and around the world, the differences in the way these same people view the world or choose to express their view of the world, deprives our children of the very thing we, in this country, have come to value most - our freedom.

What X-Files world this would be if we had no reason to explore beyond our doorstep because there were no new subjects to discuss, no new theories to test, no new discoveries to be made, no new people to meet. Or, worse still, if we were unable to explore beyond our doorstep because someone blocked our way.

Jan M. Lobenherz
Plymouth

Driving stipulations clear as mud

To: C. R. Thelen, Director
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I recently received from you a letter addressed to my son, Nathan Power. Nathan is 17 years old. He has a level 2 Michigan graduated driving license. Although Nathan disagrees with me, I think the graduated license program is a fine idea because it sets up an incentive for new drivers to drive safely for a period before they get an unrestricted license.

Nathan is a good case in point. The speeding ticket (45 mph in a 40 zone) he got in August is his third since he started driving. Both Nathan and I realized at the time that he was going to have to wait a while longer before getting an unrestricted license.

I believe your letter has to do with this violation, although I must say it's hard to tell because of the way it's written.

It starts: "Your level 2 license is now extended through 08/21/2000 and your probationary period is now scheduled to end on 06/17/2000." The extension to Aug. 21, 2000 seems reasonable; that's a year after his speeding ticket. But why does the probationary period end on June 17? Doesn't that just confuse things?

Your letter goes on to say that before Nathan can get a level 3 license, he "must drive 12 consecutive months prior to your eligibility date without any of the events shown in the shaded area posted to your record. Your current probationary level 2 will be extended until these requirements are met or until you reach the age of 18, whichever is sooner."

I take it you mean that Nathan must have a clean driving record for a year before he gets an unrestricted license. But the new term, "probationary level 2" throws me. Is this an entirely new category? Or is it just a typo meaning probationary?

The events in the shaded area (why it should be shaded is not clear to me) are also confusing. "Receive a traffic conviction/civil infraction or probate court disposition" is probably understandable by a practicing lawyer, but to a 17-year-old?

"An accident in which you are cited for a hazardous action" seems relatively clear, but "violation of your graduated licensing permit?" I thought the shaded area included things that were violations of the graduated licensing permit.

The sentence above the shaded area reads:



PHIL POWER

"The probationary period is extended each time one of the events shown in the shaded area is posted during the last 10 months of the three-year probationary period."

By how much is the probationary period extended? A year? Ten months? And what is so significant about the last 10 months of the probationary ("provisionary?") period? The last sentence of the letter was the clearest: "If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the nearest Secretary of State branch office."

Now don't get me wrong. I'm fairly cross at Nathan's driving record, and we've had some strong words about it. But Nathan understands that the consequence of his speeding is delay of his unrestricted license. He's learning to drive better and he's learning something about accepting the consequences of his own behavior. That's great.

But I'd hope that a letter from your office hammering in that valuable message could be written in simple, clear English that makes these points in a way understandable to a 17 year old.

I fear the lawyers in your office have got hold of a perfectly reasonable policy and gummed it up with incomprehensible legalisms. Don't feel badly, though. This problem affects virtually all communications citizens receive from their government.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at ppower@homecomm.net or at (734) 665-4081.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

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OBITUARIES

VIVIAN HARBISON

Services for Vivian Harbison, 90, of Dearborn Heights will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Mrs. Harbison was born Sept. 27, 1919. She died Sept. 30 at Oakwood Hospital. She was retired from the Ford Motor Co. Parts & Services Division in Livonia where she worked as a merchandiser for 30 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Moose Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burton and Kathryn Swayze, and one brother, Walter. Survivors include her husband, Leamon Harbison; two daughters, Virginia King of Plymouth and Loretta (Glenn) Brothers of Canton; three sisters, Althea (George) Hollis, Thelma Bigos and Barbara (Clifford) York; six grandchildren, Mary King (Carl Hanna), Shelli (Bob) Wilcox, Natalie (Marty) Kaszubowski, Liz King (Blaine Gerber), Chris Brothers and Aaron (Carla) Brothers; eight great-grandchildren, Luke Hanna, Brandon, Eric, Samantha Wilcox, Anya Kaszubowski, Zachary Gerber, Jordan Gerber and Nichola Musselman; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

ANITA L. BURGESS

Services for Anita L. Burgess, 69, of Plymouth were held Oct. 9 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Donald E. Frey officiating. Burial took place in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Burgess was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Orange, Calif. She died Oct. 6 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney R. and Lorraine M. Brodrick. Survivors include her husband, Edwin F.

Burgess; three sons, Thomas Maguran of St. Petersburg, Fla., Jason Maguran of Canton and Dwayne Burgess of Sterling Heights; one daughter, Nicole (Eugene) Moodt of Tecumseh; and one brother, Mark Brodrick of Mammoth Lake, Calif.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

RICHARD P. DEROCHE

Services for Richard P. DeRoche, 85, of Westland were held Oct. 10 at the St. Richard Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Pilanski.

Mr. Deroche was born Dec. 22, 1913, in Champion, Mich. He died Oct. 3 in Westland. He was a chief inspector for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his wife, Norah E. DeRoche; two sons, Paul (Anne) DeRoche of Brighton and Gary (Marie) DeRoche of Livonia; one daughter, Diana (Carl) Buttermore of Plymouth; three brothers, Edward DeRoche of Iowa, Robert (Marion) DeRoche of Florida and Jack DeRoche of California; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48076-2689.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

PEGGY A. ZAFKE

Services for Peggy A. Zafke, 68, of Detroit were held Oct. 10 at the L.J. Griffin Chapel Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

She was born Sept. 20, 1931, in Detroit. She died Oct. 7. She worked in distribution for retail.

Survivors include her four children, David, Larry, Linda (Duane) and Matthews; four grandchildren, Nicole Matthews,

Mark Matthews, Michael Zafke and Tracie Zafke; one great-grandchild, Aspen Zafke; and one brother, Dr. William Black.

HERBERT E. CONANT

Private services were held for Herbert E. Conant, 94, of Plymouth (formerly of Denton) Oct. 13 at Denton Cemetery.

He was born May 5, 1905, in Denton. He died Oct. 10 at Saline Community Hospital.

Mr. Conant was a decedent of a Michigan pioneer family. His grandfather, Samuel Y. Denton established the town of Denton. He later moved his family from the Willow Run Airport area to Plymouth. The original home is registered with the Register of Historical Houses.

Mr. Conant was a member of the Michigan Botanical Club, Salem Farmer's Club and Salem Area Historical Society. He was the Market Master for the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market from the late 1960s to 1973. He graduated in 1920 from Michigan Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) with a teaching certificate. He later attended Michigan State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in botany and also doing graduate work in botany. He was a substitute teacher for Plymouth Junior High and Plymouth High School.

Survivors include his wife, Olivia (Neubert) Conant; four children, John Conant of Plymouth, Bruce (Susan) Conant of Alaska, James Conant of Calif., and Cynthia Shake of Plymouth; and two grandchildren, Tamra Conant and Colleen Conant.

Memorials may be made to the Salem Area Historical Society for restoration of Stone School, P.O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175.

Local arrangements were made by the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

WALTER V. ZDANOWICZ

Services for Walter V. Zdanowicz, 79, of Plymouth Township were held Oct. 12 at St. Linus Catholic Church with the Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Feb. 14, 1920, in Hamtramck. He died Oct. 8 in Plymouth Township. He was a mechanic for the City of Detroit for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1983 from East Detroit. Mr. Zdanowicz was a member of St. Linus Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights. He was a veteran of the Armed Services during World War II. He enjoyed vacationing at a cottage in Port Austin, Mich., where he loved to fish.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline Zdanowicz of Plymouth Township; two daughters, Beverly (Dan) Feliks of Northville and Renee (Jim) Ochmanek of Dearborn Heights; one brother, Joe (Jean) Zdanowicz; two sisters, Phyllis Lipiec and Gene (Richard) Grieff; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Community Hospice Services or American Lung Association.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

EDWARD M. SZMANSKY

Services for Edward M. Szmansky, 53, of Plymouth took place Oct. 12 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. David Thomas officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He was born July 19, 1946 in Ypsilanti. He died Oct. 8 in Plymouth. He was a hi-lo driver at General Motors Corp. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict and was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 112 of Westland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward M. and Carrie B. Szmansky. Survivors include his wife, Judy A. Szmansky of Plymouth; one son, Michael S. Szmansky of Lake Orion; one daughter, Michelle A. Szmansky of Plymouth; two sisters, Sherry (Timothy) L. Potts of Westland and Christine (Jerry) G. Ochs of Belleville; and one brother, John (Robin) D. Szmansky of New Port Richey, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

ROSE MARY CRISTELLI

Services for Rose Mary Cristelli, 94, of Plymouth will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visiting hours start at 10 a.m. Dr. Dean Klump from the Plymouth First United Methodist Church will be officiating.

She was born Feb. 4, 1905, in Hants, England. She died Oct. 10 in Farmington Hills. She came from England to Ottawa, Canada, in 1907. Her and her husband moved to Detroit in March 1940. She became a resident of Tonquish Creek, Ply-

mouth, in 1981. While in Canada, she worked for Civil Service at the Royal Canadian Mint.

She was a member of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, Plymouth Senior Citizens, Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the Thursday afternoon Card Club at Tonquish Manor. She enjoyed golf, knitting, sewing, playing cards, crossword puzzles and bingo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew in 1977; four sisters, Helena Kill, Dorothy Kill, Bess Tilly and Georgina Clark. Survivors include her two daughters, Andrea (Donald) Graham of Southfield, Jay (Jodi) Schebel of Westland, Keith (Shannon) Graham of Northville and Megan (Steve) Berry of Chicago, Ill.; and five great-grandchildren, Justin Schebel, Ian Graham, Julia Graham, Kaylee Berry and Gracie Berry.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.



by
Elizabeth
Routson,
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KENNEL COUGH

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Map:
The Health Exploration Station is located on the lower level of the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center.



JACK GLADDEN

Courteous driving starts with parking

The other evening I dropped The Teenager off for a class at a bowling alley. It's a big alley, pretty much surrounded by parking lots. And the lots are usually jammed.

The main entrance is on the east side of the building. There's a two-lane drive that runs along that side of the building, with parking places on both sides of the drive.

The Teenager's class was scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m., and she didn't want to be late. We got to the bowling alley a couple of minutes after six. It was raining. I pulled around the building so I could get in the southbound lane, stop briefly in front of the main entrance, let her out and go on.

A van was stopped directly in front of the entrance, and two other cars were stopped behind the van. I pulled up behind the last car and stopped.

The Teenager and I both figured the drivers were dropping off their kids and as soon as they got out and the cars moved on, I'd pull forward, lether out as close to the entrance as possible and move out of the way myself, so the cars that were starting to line up behind me could do the same thing.

But the cars in front of me didn't move. They just sat there.

"You know," I said to The Teenager, "there's another class that starts at four and lets out at six. I'll bet these people are waiting to pick up their kids. But they're parked in a traffic lane."

Wait no longer

She didn't want to wait any longer, so she got out and walked the remaining distance to the entrance in the rain. I started to pull into the northbound lane, go around the cars that were stopped in front of me and get out of there.

But just as I started to pull out, a couple of other cars showed up in the northbound lanes (going north), so I had to wait for them to pass.

They went through. I started my maneuver again when a little red car shows up northbound. This one pulls just even with the van - and stops! The driver had her window rolled down, and for a minute I thought she was in conversation with the driver of the van.

I finally realized that she, too, was parked - presumably waiting to pick someone up. Now both traffic lanes are completely blocked, and I (and the people in back of me) couldn't go anywhere. Someone behind me starts leaning on the horn. Then someone else. Then I joined in. The parked cars just sat there.

By now other teenagers are starting to come out of the bowling alley, looking around and getting into cars, some of which are actually parked in parking places. Someone got into the van in front of the entrance and it drove off. The woman driving the northbound red car opens her door, steps out of the car and starts looking toward the entrance.

Where's she going?

Then the woman in the car directly in front of me gets out of her car (keys in her hand) and goes up the steps toward the entrance. Behind me horns are blaring.

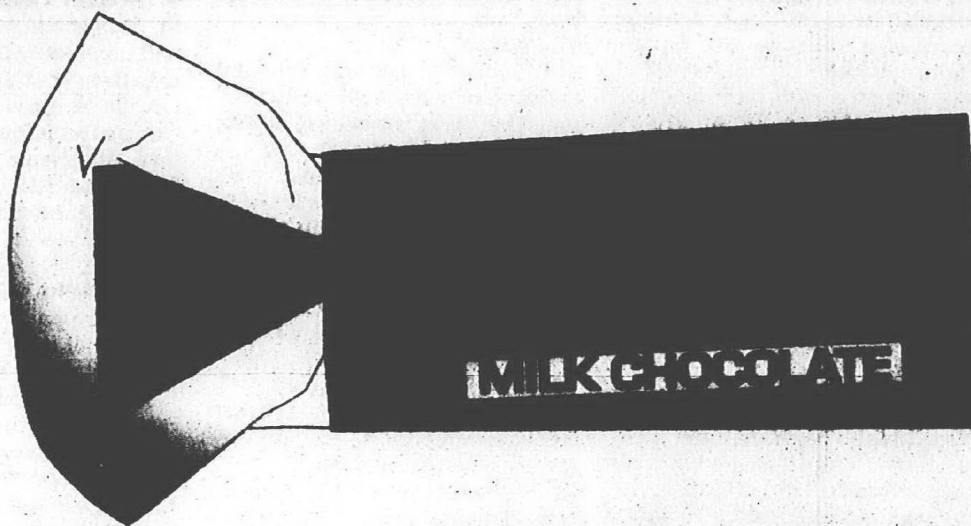
Finally, a couple of teens come out of the building, get in the northbound red car and it starts to move out of the way. About the same time the woman in front of me returns to her car (a couple of kids in tow) and starts shaking her fist at me.

She's parked in a traffic lane, keeping a row of traffic from being able to get out of the parking lot and she's ticked because we are honking at her. She's really ticked.

Well, you might sniff haughtily, what do you expect at a bowling alley?

But the bowling alley was merely the location. It has a couple of meeting rooms inside, and that was where the driver's training classes were meeting.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.



Shops cater to sweet teeth



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Joe Gerlach wishes he could say that owning his own business is a piece of cake.

But since he bought Garden City Bakery in Garden City and Ideal Cakes in Canton, Gerlach discovered that being his own boss doesn't necessarily coincide with the sense of freedom some people might associate with it. It takes all the right ingredients.

"You have to be everything when you own your own business," he said. "I have to be a mechanic, an accountant, human resources," he said.

Gerlach and his wife, Tina, ventured into their own bakery business just over a month ago, to furnish Wayne County with specialty cakes and sweet treats. He said the most difficult part of this decision is "trying to meet everyone's needs on a daily basis."

But he wakes up each morning and goes to work in the hopes that someday he'll be able to pass the business on to his children.

"It's a lot of hard work ... this is something I've been doing for most of my life," he said. "I would like to have a father and son sign someday that says 'Established in 1999.'"

For now he's relying on his own skill and experience to get it started.

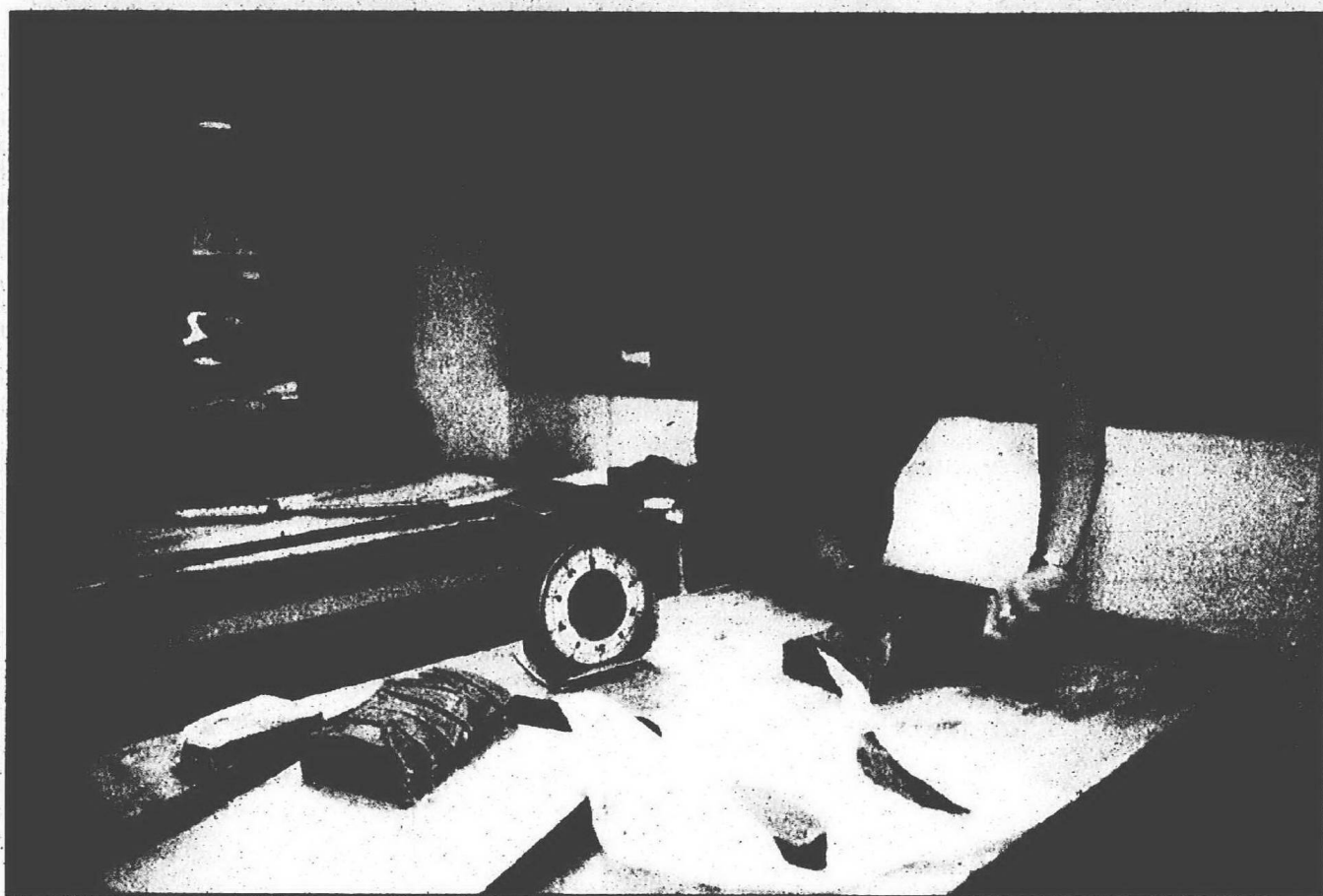
In college, he changed his major from forestry to restaurant management. That education led him to work at Hyatt Hotels and later Ford Motor Company's food service division.

Garden City Bakery and Ideal Cakes were purchased together. Tina took a leave of absence from her career as a registered nurse to support her husband in this venture.

"He made our wedding cake," she said. "He had always wanted to start his own business, so we did."

Although the tempting smell of sugar and icing permeates the air at Ideal Cakes, the baked goods are actually made by Joe at the Garden City Bakery and delivered to the shop twice daily.

Cakes are always on hand in the Canton store, and all employees are



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

By the slice: Knife in hand, Denise Picard cuts a freshly made batch of peanut butter fudge for customers at Grunwald's Fudge Shoppe. Picard runs the store, making and keeping the sweets organized and displayed in the Plymouth shop.

specially trained in cake decorating and personalizing.

Working at the store has given Tina a new appreciation for her husband's work.

"I never really got into it before," she said. "It is an art. Wedding cakes are special."

Wedding cakes should be ordered three to six months in advance, she said. The biggest rush is in the spring, but Valentine's Day can be a hectic time as well.

The rest of the store is dedicated to the customers' baking needs. To make it easier, Ideal Cakes sells its fresh vanilla and chocolate buttercream

freezings and raspberry filling at the store.

More than just cakes

Cakes aren't the only desserts available. Candy-making tools can be purchased as well. Molds for chocolates are popular around the holidays, according to Tina. This time of year the store is selling a lot of football-shaped molds and Halloween-related items.

Coming from a nursing background, Tina enjoys dealing with customers, who always seem to be in a cheerful mood.

"I'm not dealing with people who are depressed, sick or dying," she said. "Everyone walks out happy. It's a fun atmosphere."

Another place that puts a smile on the faces of its customers, Grunwald's Fudge Shoppe, has been serving sweet toothed patrons in downtown Plymouth for 17 years.

Known for being a successful family-owned business and for providing quality fudges, brittles and candy treats since the start, the shop began as Leonard and Peggy Grunwald's wholesale business in 1981.

The couple worked together making, packaging, selling and distributing the fudge. Leonard, who died in 1995, had a background in fudge-making and used it to the family's

benefit after he and his wife were both laid off from their jobs.

"This was something he knew how to do," said Peggy. "He worked for another company for several years and learned how to do it."

Using his own knowledge of making Mackinac Island-style fudge, Leonard set out to learn about how climate and setting all effect the product. His own recipe became a creamy blend of time, experience and know-how.

Just after Thanksgiving Day 1982, the Grunwalds decided to open the store in Plymouth. Their daughter, Darla Getschman, a Howell resident, said she had always had an affinity for the area.

"It was a big treat," she said. "I just loved this shop, this area."

Her mother agrees.

"We looked at places from Birmingham to Canton; it was like there wasn't even a choice," Peggy said. "This was where we wanted to be."

Opening the shop gave them constant contact with their customers and greater control over the product, which remains important today.

"Every one says our fudge just melts in your mouth," said Peggy with a smile. "It's always the same recipe. I have a candy book (that reads) 'fudge is the most exacting of

Please see SWEETS, B2

Cake walk:

Joe Gerlach dreamed of starting his own business and got his chance when he and his wife Tina recently bought the Garden City Bakery and Ideal Cakes.



Pumpkin sales fuel employment program

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Pumpkins sold outside a Redford church don't have smiles carved on them yet, but customers will know they're making a lot of people happy with their purchases.

Proceeds from the orange squash sale go to a Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, N.M. The area has a 50 percent unemployment rate.

In 1997 non-profit organizations throughout the United States raised more than \$1 million for programs, projects and salaries for Native Americans involved with this project.

This is the second year Rice Memorial United Methodist Church on Beech Daly south of Eight Mile will take part in the fall fund-raiser.

"I think it really drew the people together and gave them more of a sense that we need to be more active and doing things for others," said the Rev. Greg Rowe, pastor of Rice Memorial.

Rice Memorial also takes part in the Redford Inter-faith Relief Food Pantry, provid-

ing food to needy people in the township, as well as the annual CROP Walk, for local and world hunger relief efforts. In fact, Rowe is the Redford CROP Walk chairperson.

"It really helps us to have connections with people somewhere else in our country," Rowe said.

In 1998 members of Rice Memorial worked shifts, selling 700 pumpkins and earning \$2,389 for Pumpkin Patch Fund-raisers Inc., which grows pumpkins, Indian corn and gourds on 950 acres at the reservation. The pumpkins are shipped to non-profit organizations, primarily churches in 40 states.

About 300 Navajo Indians are employed as a result of this project. Their average yearly income is between \$2,000 and \$6,000.

"Last year we had a very positive response to the sale," Rowe said. "People were coming in realizing it was for missions and helping other people and they cheerfully bought it from the church. Some bought a few and came back and bought a few more."

Please see PUMPKINS, B2



Pumpkin time: Guilia Bernardini couldn't help but strike a pose in front of the decorations at last year's Pumpkin Festival at Rice Memorial United Methodist Church in Redford.

ENGAGEMENTS

Westfal-Harrington

Gerald and Paulette Westfal of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Michael Wayne Harrington of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design and psychology and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree in clinical behavioral psychology and graduate certificate in gerontology. She is employed at Behavioral Healthcare Group of Southfield and Heigra Programs as a therapist.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Washtenaw Community College with an associate of applied



science degree in nursing. He is employed as a registered nurse at Glacier Hills Nursing Center.

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

Platke-Ries

Steven and Mary Anne Platke of Grand Blanc announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Janelle, to Jason Stewart Ries, the son of Gary and Marilyn Ries of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Blanc High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by the Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

A December wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic



Church in Livonia.

Gajor-Larkins

Wally and Kaye Gajor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynn, to Scott Matthew Larkins, the son of Scott and Sharon Larkins of Harper Woods.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently a second-grade teacher in Clarkston.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Harper Woods High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a telecommunications consultant for BCS Networks.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.

Toppall-Salter

Arlene and Harold Salter of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Howard Alan, to Elaine Ruth Toppall, the daughter of Harold and Marcia Toppall of Silver Spring, Md.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ithaca College. She works in the public relations department at The American College of Emergency Physicians in Washington, D.C.

Her fiancé is a Central Michigan University graduate. He works for public affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C.

A November wedding in Balti-



more is being planned.

Byrne-Collins

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Byrne of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, to Michael Collins Jr., the son of Michael Collins Sr. of Georgia and Sharon Pachota of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Ladywood High School and a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

A November wedding is



planned at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

Smitt-Castle

Rob and Debbie Smitt of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Marie, to Tony Castle, the son of Robert and Brenda Donahue of Tipton, Mich.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Eastern Michigan University next year with a degree in secondary education and a major in English.

Her fiancé is employed by Federal APD and is pursuing a career in computer aided design.

A November wedding is planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.



Wilson-Tomaszek

John and Katie Wilson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Christopher John Tomaszek, the son of Leonard and Diane Tomaszek of Clinton Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed at Standard Products Company as a corporate compensation specialist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sterling Heights High School and Oakland University. He also is employed at ADP as a systems engineer.

A November wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.



Pritchard-Veldman

Clifford Pritchard of Waterford and Lisa Geluso of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Dawn Pritchard, to Cory Donald Veldman, the son of David and Jean Veldman of Plymouth, Wisc.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Parkview Baptist Academy and is a senior at Pensacola Christian College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth High School and is a senior at Pensacola Christian College.

A July wedding is planned at Parkview Baptist Church.



Baynai-Tyrpak

Stephen Baynai of Dearborn Heights announces the engagement of his daughter, Angie, to Chris Tyrpak, the son of David and Carol Tyrpak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is teaching the fourth-fifth grade in the Allen Park Public Schools.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is teaching sixth grade in the Novi Community Schools.



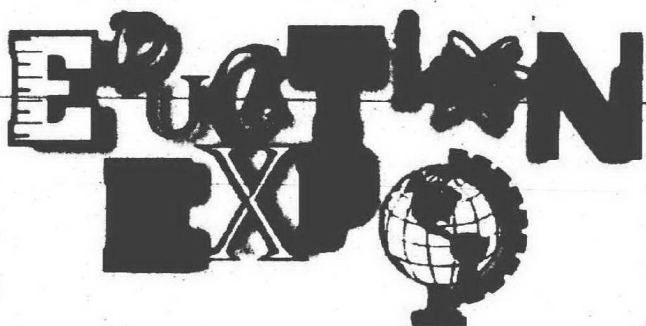
A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

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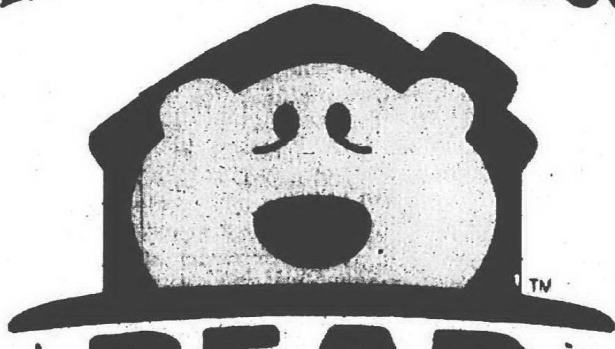
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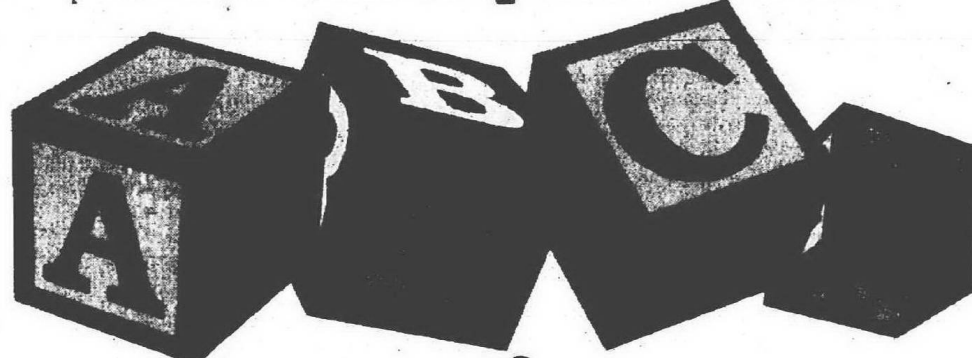
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WEEKEND

PLYMOUTH ORCHARDS
■ The Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers hayrides with story telling to families on Friday and Saturday nights in October. Award-winning story teller Debra Christian weaves tales for the fall season. Hayrides include the story telling performance, cider, and doughnuts. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$7 for children ages 4-12; and \$3 for children under 3. Hayrides run the last four weekends in October at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. For reservations, call (734) 451-1128.

DINNER SOCIAL
■ The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host its next dinner social at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the City Limits Grill (formerly the Water Club Grill), 39500 Ann Arbor Road, 1/4 mile off I-275. Adults ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities, please write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP
■ D & M will be holding a "Halloween Ceramics Workshop," Saturday, Oct. 16 at D & M Studios located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton. For more information on this workshop or classes, call the Studio at (734) 453-3710.

CHEERLEADING CLINIC
■ The Plymouth Canton High School Cheerleaders will teach cheers, side jumps, cart wheels, tumbling techniques and more. The clinic is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in Summit on the Park gymnasium, for youngsters in grades four through eight. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents. Participants will have a chance to perform what they have learned at a high school game. Lunch and a snack will be provided, and all participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

WORKSHOP
■ Keller & Stein will be having a fresh arrangement workshop using a real pumpkin Saturday, Oct. 23 at 42158 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Fee is \$10. Reservation in advance is a must. For more information, call Terri at (734) 397-0800. Class fill fast.

AROUND TOWN

COURT FORUM
■ The 35th District Court will hold three community forums for local residents to talk about the criminal justice system, review the court's performance and offer suggestions on how the court can better serve the public. The meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Plymouth City Hall; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at

Northville Township Hall; 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Canton Township administration building. The data gathered at these meetings will be published and provided back to the communities as part of an annual report, and helpful ideas will be implemented into the court's operations.

BNI MEETING
■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

■ The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

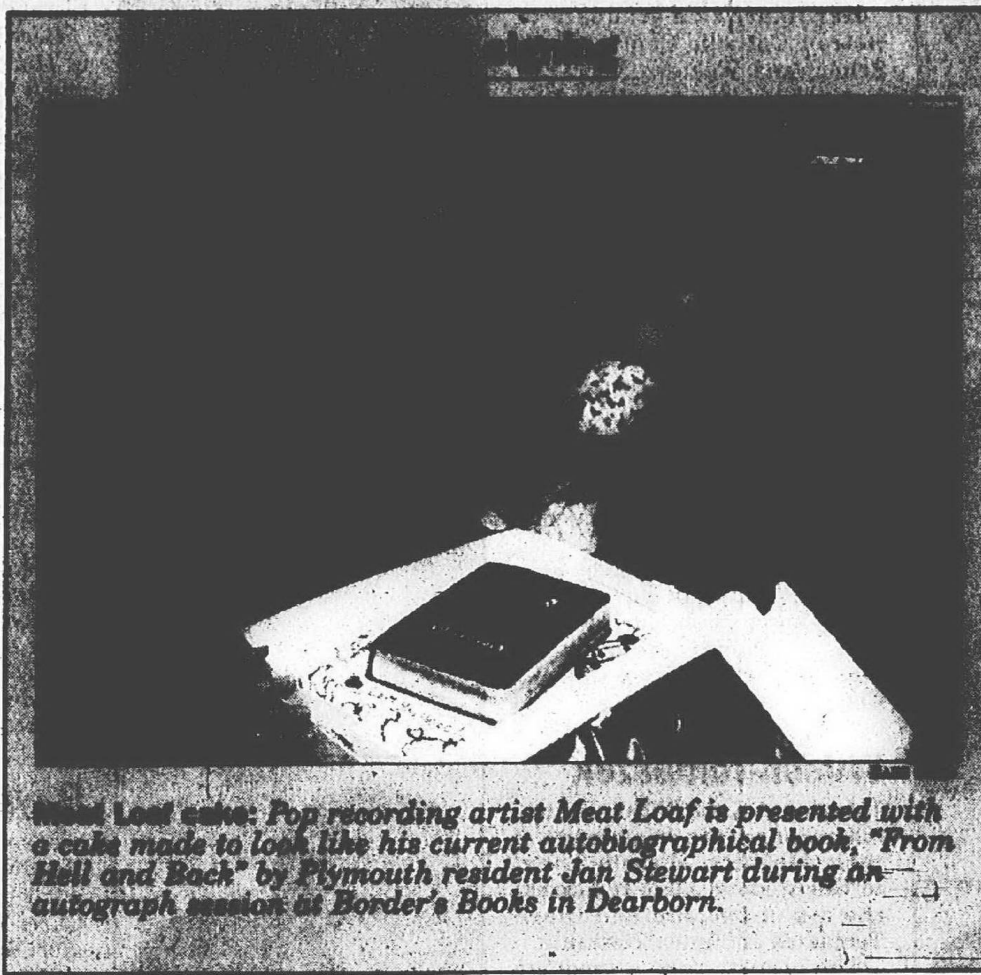
SHOW AND TELL
■ The Canton Historical Society will host a "Show and Tell" meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the museum on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Everyone is asked to bring an antique, interesting artifact or one or two items of something they collect to share. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Parking is at the rear of the building.

DAR MEETING
■ The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter DAR will meet for a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, Oct. 18, at the home of Sandy Rakoczy. The program is titled "Bringing Our Veterans Home," and collection for the Veterans Christmas and Christmas nut orders will be taken. For more information, call (734) 455-5525.

NACW
■ The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$15 for members and \$22 for non-members. The featured speaker will be Ann Musson of Gabriel's. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

SPELLING BEE
■ The Community Literacy Council Inc., will hold its annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Summit on the Park in Canton to raise awareness and money for its literacy program. To reserve space for your team or for more information about the Community Literacy Council, call Kimberly Black at (734) 416-4906.

CRAFTERS NEEDED
■ Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 30th "Festival of Fashion '99" beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret



Meat Loaf cake: Pop recording artist Meat Loaf is presented with a cake made to look like his current autobiographical book, "From Hell and Back" by Plymouth resident Jan Stewart during an autograph session at Border's Books in Dearborn.

at (734) 261-3738.
■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase," 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday, or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

OCTOBERFEST
■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 4th annual "Octoberfest" for children of all ages from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. This spectacular event will be held under tents and around the Heritage Park Picnic Pavilions. There will be continuous stage entertainment by Gordon Russ Magic Halloween show, Shawn Jacobs children's variety show, and the "Just Joshin'" show. In addition, strolling entertainment includes balloon animal makers, Cool Cat, Hamburger, Clowns, Face Painters, the Invisible Man, and Applebee's Restaurants Characters. In addition, there will be prizes, giveaways throughout the day as well as an

Art Workshop in which kids can make and take home a theme art project. Miniature train rides will be touring the park and several inflatable attractions will also be on site. New for this year will be a six Horse Carousel for the kids. Refreshments (cider and doughnuts) will be available on site, thanks to Holiday Marker. Children are encouraged to come in costume. No registration necessary. This free event is for anyone. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

FORUM
■ Meet with senators and representatives for "Michigan Summit on School Equity," moderated by WWJ Lansing Correspondent, Tim Skubick. This forum will provide for a discussion of the issues regarding public education from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at the Plymouth Salem High School Cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road, Canton (near the corner of Canton Center Road and Joy Road). Time for audience participation will be provided. For more information, call Mark Slavens at (734) 421-5210.

EVENT
■ Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsor-

ing a workshop "Women Who Give or Love Too Much," from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. This workshop addresses this difficult and common pitfall in women. It is geared toward gaining awareness in the areas of self-esteem, co-dependency, depression and family management.

MOPS MEETING
■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from

9:15-11:30 a.m. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child-care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

M.O.M. MEETING
■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join us for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Friday of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
■ The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for the fall season. Registration can be done over the phone with Visa or Mastercard by calling (734) 453-2904, or in person at the Y office at 248 S. Union, Plymouth. Some of the classes offered are Step Aerobics, Yoga, Youth and Adult Golf, Youth and Adult Karate, "Y" Preschool, T-Ball Leagues for ages 5-6, Coach Pitch League for ages 7-8, Flag Football Instructional League for ages 8-13, Outdoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Hodge Podge Sports for ages 3-5, Tykes T-Ball, ages 3-5, Bumble Bee Soccer for ages 3-5, Driver Education and other classes.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

D&M STUDIOS
■ D&M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, is offering fine art classes for preschoolers through adult. Classes include Preschool sessions, Homeschoolers, Student and Teen Drawing & Painting, Cartooning, Student and Teen Studio Art, High School Portfolio Preparation, adult Pastels, adult Oil/Acrylic/Watercolor, Basic and Advance Drawing Skills, and Adult Charcoal and Ceramics for children and adults. For more information call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

DUTCH AUCTION
■ A Dutch Auction is currently being held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as a fund-raiser for its many programs. Local artist Charles Aimone has made several artworks available to the public. Any amount over the starting bid amount will be donated to the arts council. Stop by the JWH Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth to bid on one of Aimone's original paintings. Simply register your name and bid with the office staff by noon on Monday, Nov. 1. For more information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4ART.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
■ The new Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Chorus to support its educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants, hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. For more information, call (734) 459-6829.
■ The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other

services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. You can also pick up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Peniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising money by selling the Ultimate Entertainment Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50-percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more. The books are \$40, with the proceeds going to the chorus' educational and charitable activities. For more information or to order books, call Stan (734) 459-6829, or books are available through Carlson Wagonlit Travel, 44427 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

■ Entertainment 2K books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home delivered. For more information, call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von Glahn, (734) 453-9253.

■ Entertainment 2000 savings books are available through the Divine Savior Senior Jet Setters. Save money at restaurants, movie theaters, video rentals, car care, and more. This year's book is \$40. For more information or to order, call Mike at (734) 464-1263 or Dolores at (734) 464-9369.

DISCUSSION GROUP
■ "Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts & music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies & TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing these topics, or even just some of them is invited to join the "Shooting the Breeze" group. A small donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For additional information and to register, call Dianne Neillhagen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER
■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

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Use additional sheet if necessary

MILITARY NEWS

To submit our military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

SEABOARD TRAINING
■ Marine Pvt. Douglas R. Robillard, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Robillard successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Robillard and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values: Honor, courage and commitment, and what

the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. He is the son of David R. and Laura J. Robillard of Plymouth.
■ Army Pvt. Jeffery T. Patton has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. He is the son of Barbara L. Patton of Canton, and the brother of Thomas R. Patton of Schroeder, Minnesota. He is a 1998 graduate of Brighton High School.

SCHOLARSHIP
■ Sean M. Bolling has been selected to receive an Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship for three years at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. ROTC cadets are selected for the merit-based scholarship program on basis of their academic record which includes comprehensive test results, school officials' evaluations, scholastic achievement, and accomplishments in extra-curricular, leadership and athletic activities. Bolling is the son of James H. and Melanie M. Bolling of Canton. He is a 1998 graduate of Catholic Central High School, Redford.

PROMOTED
■ Marine Sgt. Thomas A. Mitchell, a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in August 1996.
■ Navy Seaman Apprentice Jill N. Peterson was recently promoted to her present rank upon graduation from recruit training as Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. She is the daughter of John C. Peterson of Canton. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Canton.

ANNIVERSARIES

Smith

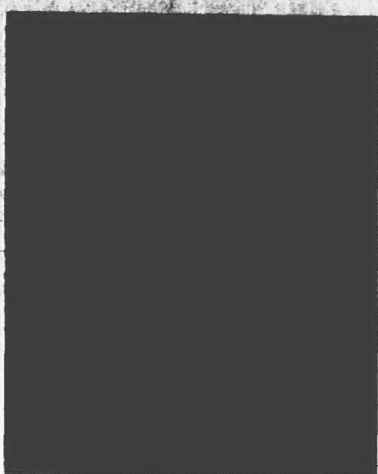
Harvey and Loretta Smith of Milford were the guests of honor at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party, held Sept. 24 at the Stitt Post of the American Legion in Dearborn Heights.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 1, 1949 at St. Francis Church in Detroit. She is the former Loretta Papow.

They have seven children - Fred, Kathy, David, Donald, Kenneth, Sharon and Ronald - and 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He retired nine years ago from a job with the Detroit Board of Education. She retired four years ago from Schoolcraft College.

Active at St. William's Parish in Milford, their interests



include bowling, card playing, dancing and singing. He plays the guitar. They also are former members of the Moose Lodge in Redford.

Brown

Jack and Marion Brown of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 2 at a dinner reception at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 1, 1949, at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Marion Kennedy.

They have four children - Sharon Snyder of Livonia, Jack or Traverse City, Rick of Manistee and Lynn McClure of Diamondale - and 10 grandchildren.

He is a retired IRS agent and she is a retired teacher, having worked in the Plymouth-Canton



Community Schools.



Wojtowicz

Louis and Ellen Wojtowicz of Livonia were the guests of honor at a surprise party at the Commerce Township home of their son Keith and his wife Donna.

Friends and family members enjoyed a pig roast and a live band. Attending were the couple's maid of honor, Patricia Burk of Northville, and best man, Ray Taraski of Mt. Clemens.

The couple exchanged vows on

July 2, 1949, at St. John Vianney Church in Highland Park. She is the former Ellen Eckler.

In addition to Keith, they are the parents of Randy who lives with wife Mary in Detroit, Kevin of Novi, Lisa who lives with husband Ron in Dearborn Heights and Glenn of Livonia. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired from Mark Chevrolet in Wayne, he enjoys camping, golfing and bowling. Her hobbies include camping, bowling, short trips and going to Las Vegas.



Mitchell

Millard (Mel) and Phyllis Mitchell of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special Mass, celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church by the Rev. John Sullivan, and at a celebration for family and close friends.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. She is the former Phyllis LaVergne.

They have two daughters, Michele Mitchell-LaMothe and Annette Frederick, and five grandchildren.

He worked for Twin Pines for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He is a golf enthusiast, an antique collector and a voracious reader.

She taught third grade at Fiegel Elementary in Canton for 21 years, retiring in 1988. She is

still active in the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association. The couple enjoy traveling.

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Top honors

YWCA picks Women of Achievement

The decisions have been made and come Friday, Nov. 5, six outstanding women will be honored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County as its 1999 Women of Achievement.

The eighth annual awards luncheon will be held at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the featured speaker, with Monica Gayle, anchor for WJBK FOX 2 News as the mistress of ceremony.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 each and are available by calling the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to support programs offered by the YWCA.

Recognized for their demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County are:

■ Marnette Perry of Northville, president of Kroger Co. of Michigan, honored in the business/industry category and nominated by Michael Layne of Marx Layne and Co.

Perry, who is Kroger's first female president, is a trustee of the YWCA of Western Wayne County and active in numerous organizations including the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council, Children's Charity, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Junior Achievement.

■ Joan Dyer-Zinner of Southgate, editor of The View, honored in the arts/communications category and nominated by Margo Dewey of In-Focus Productions Inc.

A journalist, Dyer-Zinner utilizes her skills to publicize positive achievements in the community, focusing her attention on

such things as women's and children's issues, anti-drug and anti-violence programs.

She is president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the YWCA of Western Wayne County board of directors, a member of the Tri-Community Substance Abuse Task Force and is involved in the Oct. 23 YWCA Week Without Violence rally.

■ Karen Fort Hood of Detroit, presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, Criminal Division, honored in the government/law category and nominated by Karen Woodside of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

As presiding judge, she handles administrative duties related to the court and presides over the entire domestic violence docket for the court along with hearing other criminal cases.

Nominations honor excellence, leadership

Twenty-seven women were nominated for the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 1999 Women of Achievement Awards. In addition to the six winners, also nominated were:

■ Doreitha Armstrong of Belleville, owner of Armstrong's Funland, nominated by the Detroit Chapter of Charms Inc.

■ Dentist Patricia Boyle of Detroit, nominated by Taylor City Councilwoman Mary Ann Riley.

■ Livonia City Councilman Maureen Miller Brosnan, nominated by Rich Rainville, execu-

A member of Delta Sigma Theta and past president of the Association of Black Judges in Michigan, she serves on the executive board of the Detroit NAACP and is member of the Western Wayne NAACP.

■ Dr. Jane Romatowski of Trenton, associate dean of the School of Education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, honored in the professions category and nominated by Dr. Bernard Klein, interim chancellor of the UM-D.

She has devoted thousands of hours to developing and promoting early literacy programs for children. She also is the published author/co-author of several books and has found time to promote women by encouraging them to continue their education and develop as leaders.

■ Willia M. Miller of Detroit, a

retired nurse, honored in the volunteer category and nominated by Renee Micou, president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

A board member of the American Cancer Society, Wayne Unit, and the New Center Community Mental Health, she spends her time raising the awareness of health issues with the metropolitan area. She has chaired the Eta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Health Awareness Program and been involved in the annual "Tell a Friend" mammogram promotion, Health-O-Rama screening clinics, Cancer Relay for Life and DAZ Partners in Action Health Fairs.

■ Autumn Kucka of Redford, a communications specialist in the Canton department of public safety, selected as the Young Woman honoree. She was nominated by her sister, Brenda Krupp.

A member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, she embodies the "American work ethic." She completely financed her studies at Michigan State University by working two or more jobs while carrying a full course load. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism. Presently, she handles two part-time jobs in addition to her public safety position.

A member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, she participates in many of its activities, including co-chairing Zeta Day 2000 and "Race for the Cure" to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute. She is a member of the Leukemia Society's "Team in Training" fund-raising program and helps produce press releases, fliers and other marketing material at the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

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Chuck Sonquest, Pastor

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6820 Wayne Rd.
Livonia • 427-2290

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Devotion & Classes
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36500 Ann Arbor Trail
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9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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Discovering God's Vision
For Your Life
"Clearing Up Our Blurred Vision"
Rev. Marlene Lee Carey, preaching

Contemporary Worship Service
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United Methodist Church
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between Plymouth and W. Chicago
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October 17
Scripture/Matt 22:15-22
Topic/Question of
Paying Taxes
Rev. Diana Goudie, preaching

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will sponsor eight-week divorce recovery workshop 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 15-Dec. 10 (no session Nov. 26) in the meeting room at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on Westfield, south of West Chicago and east of Inkster Road, Redford. Marie Petricia, a clinical social worker with Catholic Social Services of Wayne County will be the instructor. The cost is \$40 and includes the textbook. For more information, call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

The group also will have a financial seminar for retirement planning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. Kenneth's Church Hall, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. The speaker will be Brian Maxson, vice-president of Merrill Lynch. Refreshments will be served.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile, Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia - call Mary at (734) 722-2612 - and for a dance the first Saturday of the month at 8 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, West Chicago and Inkster Road in Redford. The \$8 charge includes

Risen Lord celebrates anniversary

Members of the Church of the Risen Lord in Westland are collectively saying, "Wow!"

The church is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its founding on Oct. 18, 1994, when a small group of people met for worship in the room of a home in Canton.

Since then membership has grown from eight to more than 60 people, and gone from worshipping at Griffith Funeral Home in Canton, Madonna University and the Disabled American Veterans Hall in Livonia to the existing church

Building at 581 Newburgh Road, Westland.

The congregation will observe the occasion with an ice cream social beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the church. An invitation is extended to the community to join in the celebration of this exciting and joyful milestone with the congregation.

The stated purpose of the church is to be a "loving and worshipping community of Christians who are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit." A part of the International

Communion of the Churches of Christ, the church

gives witness using the form established by the apostles. This form is the most faithful means of worship in Christianity, spiritual, emotional and physical.

Communion is the bond toward each other, independence and individualism. Church of the Risen Lord and the other churches of the ICCNC encourage active involvement by each member in prayer, scripture reading, singing, teaching, healing and other ministries.

The form of worship has been known as a river where the various streams or currents of charismatic, evangelical and traditional flow together to form a single river of worship.

Since moving into the building on Newburgh Road in 1996, members have made a few modifications, making room for a nursery and Sunday school class. Currently, members are in prayer about expanding the building.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A concert, featuring the voices of Cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan, will follow. The donation is \$12 per person and reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0874.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Berean Baptist Church will have its annual missions conference at 7 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Oct. 17-22, at the church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. The theme this year will be "The Old Message for a New Millennium." Each night will feature different missionary speakers, presentations and special music. Nursery care will be available. For more information, call (248) 477-6365.

A.R.K. ANGELS NIGHT

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have A.R.K. Angels Night Halloween Party 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the church 3 Town Square, Wayne. There will be games, crafts, snacks and "Trunk-R-Treat." Kids can dress in their favorite Halloween character and join in the fun.

Adults decorate the trunks of their cars (lights, accessories, pumpkins) and park in the church's south parking lot where the children will parade around and go trunk-R-treating. Adults should gather in the lot at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

MOPS GROUP

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their children, kindergarten age and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534.

refreshments, proper attire requested. For more information, call Diane at (734) 971-4553 or Bill at (734) 421-3011.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 14-15, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the church, 20605 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Baked goods and light lunches will be available.

St. Genevieve School will sponsor a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23, at the school, 28933 Jamieson, east of Middlebelt and south of Five Mile Road. Tools, clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, electronics, sports and exercise items will be for sale.

DISCIPLES OF LOVE

St. Edith's prayer group, Disciples of Love, is sponsoring a "Life in the Spirit" seminar 7:30-8:30 p.m. for five consecutive Thursdays, beginning Oct. 14, at

the church, 15089 Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call Paul and Janet Tetrault at (734) 462-0344 or Cecile Boucher at (734) 591-3247.

CARD PARTY

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will have a Halloween card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50/50 raffle, light meal and snacks. Tickets cost \$6 and are available by calling (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds will benefit the Building Fund.

COUPON BOOKS

The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C, Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books now through Oct. 15. For more information, or to place an order, call (734) 729-2368.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage

Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Oct. 15-17 and Nov. 12-14 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/www.

TLC STORYTIME

Timothy Lutheran Church will have a TLC Storytime for children and their parents 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There will be Christian stories, crafts and snacks. The books will be children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290 or visit its Web site at www.timothyilivonia.com.

OKTOBERFEST

St. Sabina Church will have an Oktoberfest 7-11 p.m. Satur-

day, Oct. 16, in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski, and hot dogs and chips will be sold. The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer and set-ups. For tickets or more information, call the parish office at (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski at (313) 277-5973.

VICTORIAN TEA

Reservations can be made through Sunday, Oct. 17, for St. Matthew's United Methodist Women's Victorian Tea 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Lynette Brown will portray 19th century women's activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. A nursery will be provided. Tickets cost \$5. For reservations call (734) 522-4723.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a brunch at noon Sunday, Oct. 17, at the synagogue, 31840

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Memorial Church of Christ hosts Celebration weekend

A father and son will team up to lead Memorial Church of Christ's Faith Celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 29-31.

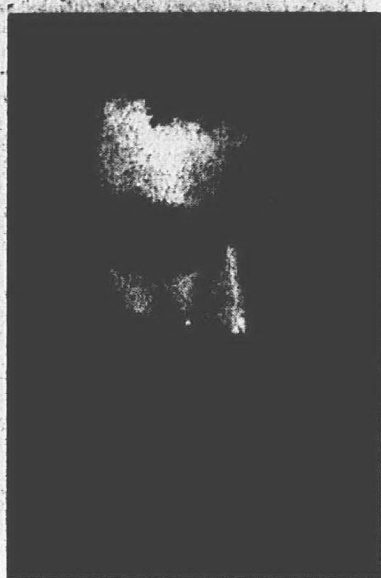
Traveling evangelist and storyteller Tommy Oaks will join his son, Thomas (J.T.) Oaks, an accomplished solo artist and composer, for the event.

The Faith Celebration will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, with a dinner theater production of "Star Queen," a musical drama based on the life of the biblical Queen Esther, presented by the Oakses. Written by J.T., the drama had its world premiere at the 1998 Lees McRae Summer Theater.

A prayer breakfast for the entire family will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, with activities closing that day with a message by the father and son at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, the celebration will conclude with preaching by Tommy and music by J.T. at the 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Tommy Oaks has spent the last 15 years traveling the country as an evangelist. He is a graduate of Johnson Bible Col-



J.T. Oaks

lege and has been preaching for 30 years.

A gifted storyteller, he was the first person in the world to graduate with a master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee University. He has made presentations to churches, civic clubs, storytelling festivals and conven-

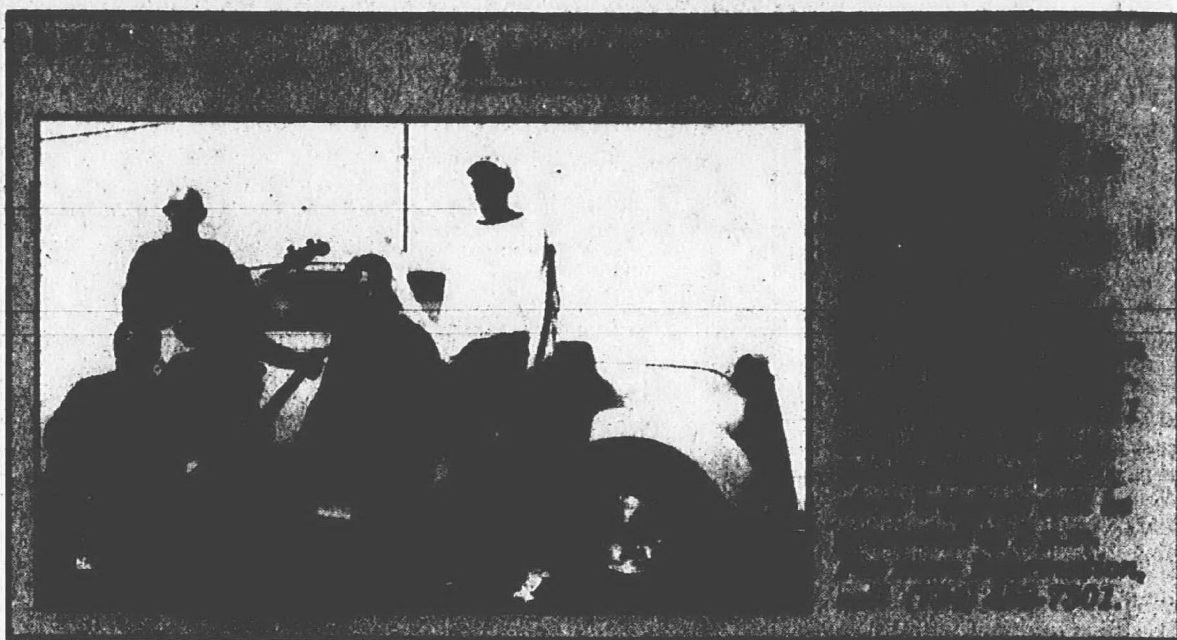
tions.

J.T. Oaks has produced several albums of original music and performs across the country as a solo artist at revivals, retreats and concerts. Currently, he is pursuing a career in musical theater and is a member of the BMI Musical Theater Workshop.

In addition to writing "Star Queen," he is involved in several original projects, including "Sunny," a modern day version of the Bible story of the prodigal son; "Love Austin," a country music showcase; and "Way Back When," a musical based on the story of Genesis.

All activities are free, with reservations strongly encouraged for the Friday and Saturday events. Child care, for children 4 and under, will be available Friday and Saturday. A nursery and Bible school program for children of all ages will be offered on Sunday morning.

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In response to strong public interest, the Christian Science Sentinel, a national weekly magazine, is making available a special reprint of "Cancer Healed," a collection of reports of individuals healed of cancer solely through prayer.

The special Christian Science Sentinel reprints can be purchased at the Christian Science Reading Room, 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

"The healings reported in this collection reflect each person's natural ability to heal through prayer," said Sharon Rea, librarian at the Reading Room. "These true accounts offer real encouragement to anyone dealing with a similar physical challenge."

The Christian Science Sentinel was founded in 1898 by Mary Baker Eddy, the author of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Each week the mag-

azine explores public issues, events and trends from a spiritual perspective, including verified accounts of healing through prayer.

The Sentinel is one of many publications available to visitors at the Reading Room. For more information about the reprint, call the Reading Room at (734) 453-1676.

Warren Berckmann, who had served as the member of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan, has been appointed to the first-ever Committee on Publication for the Internet.

For almost 90 years, the 90-plus Christian Science congregations in Michigan have sponsored on their own the Committee on Publication for Michigan to correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public concerning Christian Science and its

founder, Mary Baker Eddy.

Berckmann served in that capacity for five years and will continue his committee work on a worldwide basis. Appointed to replace him as the new Committee on Publication for Michigan by the Michigan churches is Robert Jeffrey.

He is a former member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, and for more than 20 years, has been in the public practice of healing through prayer. He plans to continue his ministry of Christian healing in addition to his committee work.

With his appointment, the committee office has moved from Grand Rapids to 300 Town Center, Suite 1345, Southfield. For more information, he can be reached at (800) 886-1212, (248) 350-0004 or by e-mail at micompub@aol.com.

Nominations from page B5

Renee Micou, president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.;

■ M. Jeannie Fields of Oak Park, Inkster Weed and Seed project director, nominated by Mary Wooten, YWCA program director;

■ Linda Hallick of Dearborn, a Salina Elementary School teacher, nominated by Ismael Ahmed, A.C.C.E.S.S. director;

■ Dr. Patricia Johnson of Wixom, technical support partner at Wayne State University, nominated by Viola Dougherty of the Detroit Chapter of Charms Inc.;

■ Jeane Lee of Orchard Lake, a Ford Motor Co. retiree, nominated by the Detroit Chapter of Charms Inc.;

■ Vera (Dolly) Lieberman of Canton, Canton Township precinct chair, nominated by Maureen Karby, volunteer coordinator for Canton Community;

■ Willia Miller, a retired Wayne County Health Department nurse, nominated by Renee Micou, president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.;

■ Nancy Remick of Plymouth, a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, nominated by Sandy Luoma, CFNP-Westland program director;

■ Sheila Sasser of Taylor, pub-

lisher and chief editor of Sassco Gram, nominated by Sandy Thompson, retail sales manager for Awrey Bakeries.

■ Joy Squire of Taylor, director of the Taylor dance program, nominated by Taylor City Councilwoman Mary Ann Riley;

■ Beth Stanton of Southgate, senior librarian and vice-president of Comerica Inc., nominated by Paulette Wilson, past president of the Exchange Club of Trenton;

■ Laura Toy of Livonia, 19th District state representative, nominated by Patricia Coughlan of the Suburban Republican Woman;

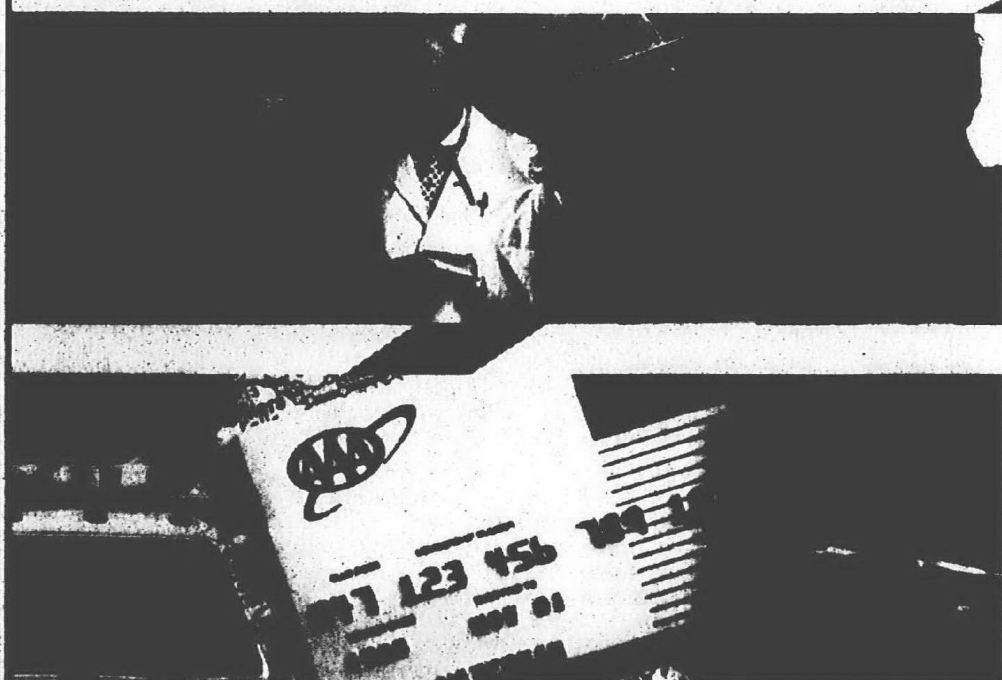
■ Margaret Watson of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Senior Services coordinator, nominated by her friends Joanne D'Arcy;

■ Dorothy West of Taylor, the Taylor city clerk, nominated by Taylor City Councilwomen Mary Ann Riley and Jacklyn Molner;

■ Cynthia Wishart of Livonia, vice-president of Aon Risk Services Inc. of Michigan, nominated by her sister Deborah Miller;

■ Sarah Young of Inkster, president of the Friends of the Inkster Public Library, nominated by Naomi James of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority's Omega Chapter.

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SPORTS SCENE

Lions are rolling

The Canton Lions varsity team remained unbeaten in the Junior Football League after defeating the Farmington Rockets 34-22 Sunday. Drew Amble paced the offense against the Rockets, scoring on runs of 44, 31 and 4 yards. Matt Sammutt added a 54-yard touchdown run and Jason Kenison contributed a 2-yard plunge for six.

David Thomas added four points with two successful conversion kicks. Bobby Pollard and Kenison led the defense by recovering fumbles.

The Lions' varsity is 5-0.

The junior varsity Lions are also 5-0 after defeating the Farmington Rockets 28-6 Sunday. Julian Smith and Dominique Fischer each scored two touchdowns, Smith on runs of 8 and 19 yards and Fischer on a 44-yard run and a 46-yard pass from Chris Drabicki. Two Nathan Rzeppa pass receptions covering 24 and 32 yards set up two of the TDs.

An interception by Ryan Kilgore and the strong play of Jonathan Wood, Joe Clark and Tommy Freeman led the defense.

The Lions' freshmen team battled back from a 13-7 deficit with five minutes left in the game to edge Farmington, 14-13 Sunday. The game-winning touchdown was scored by Chris Fischer, who intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for the TD. Chris Hasse's extra point gave the Lions the lead.

But it took Tim Longeway to preserve it. Longeway knocked a Farmington running back out of bounds at the 1-yard line with 20 seconds left. Hasse scored Canton's first touchdown on a 48-yard run. Fischer, Jon Wilson and Greg Pollard — who had an interception and recovered an on-side kick — paced the defense.

Steelers' varsity wins

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers improved to 4-1 with a 50-38 shootout win over the Garden City Chargers Sunday. Corey Walser and Michael Kerul scored two touchdowns apiece for the Steelers, and Andy Case returned an interception 31 yards for another TD. Michael Jones and Bryan Bradley added long touchdown runs.

Ryan Rundé and Ryan Harrison were key contributors defensively.

The Steeler junior varsity lost quarterback Chris Rusin to an injury in the third quarter and were unable to regroup, losing 6-0 to the Chargers. Steven Lehane and Chuck Schumacher were best on offense for the Steelers; David Kotlunchik (who had a fumble recovery) and Jeff Lake led the defense.

The freshmen Steelers fell to 3-2 with a 7-0 loss to the Garden City Chargers Sunday. Gary Waddle scored the only touchdown of the game, with Jack Anleinter getting the extra point. Devin Murphy and Troy Sutherland were defensive standouts for the Steelers; Deshon McClendon, Matthew Mouldin and Dalton Walser paced the offense.

Canton takes division

Plymouth Canton's junior varsity and freshmen football teams both earned Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division championships with victories over their Farmington Harrison counterparts last Thursday.

The Canton JV team beat Harrison 41-12 to improve to 6-0-1. The Chiefs' freshmen, led by Reggie Joyner's six touchdowns and two two-point conversions, posted a 44-29 triumph to run their record to 5-2.

OLGC advances

Our Lady of Good Counsel advanced to the Final Four in the Catholic Youth Organization's football playoffs with a 16-8 win over St. Veronica Sunday.

A 17-yard scoring pass from Brendon Buckley to Brian Kisebeth capped a 75-yard drive on Good Counsel's first possession. Nick Posa's two-point conversion kick made it 8-0.

St. Veronica tied it on a 3-yard run late in the first half, but Alex Wojcik's 6-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter — and another Posa two-point kick — gave OLGC the winning margin.

Good Counsel plays Our Lady of the Lakes at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame HS. The winner plays in the CYO championship game Oct. 23 in the Pontiac Silverdome.

On a tear

3rd-quarter surge powers Salem



Lighting them up: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh has been difficult to contain all season, and Tuesday at Farmington Harrison was no different. The senior forward led all scorers with 20 points.

BY C.J. RISAK
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Something happened. Or more accurately, a lot of somethings happened.

The first half of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball showdown between Plymouth Salem and Farmington Harrison was exactly what one would expect: even.

The second half was not.

The third quarter belonged to the Rocks, who expanded a two-point lead at halftime to a 17-point bulge eight minutes later — which was far too formidable for host-team Harrison to overcome.

The final: Salem 53, Harrison 41.

It was the second-straight league loss for the defending WLAA co-champion Hawks, who are now 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference. The Rocks are 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the WLAA.

So what did happen?

"I was thinking to myself at halftime that if we just play good, solid defense and slow it down on offense a bit, we'll be all right," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "What I said to them was, 'This is a great game. (Harrison) has to take us out to get into the (league) race.'"

"If anything, we said let's not us try and make all the plays. Let's let them try and make the plays."

It was a challenge the Hawks weren't up to. With 34.4 seconds left in the first half, Kelly Taylor sank two free throws to put Harrison ahead, 20-19. It would be the last time the Hawks would lead.

Tiffany Grubaugh knocked down a three-pointer with eight seconds left in the half — one of six the Rocks would make in the game — to give Salem a 22-20 halftime lead.

In the first half, the Rocks had converted 10-of-17 floor shots (58.8 percent), superb shooting by any standard. In the third quarter they were even sharper, making 8-of-11 shots (72 percent), including three triples.

"I thought in the first few minutes of the second half, we weren't real aggressive," said Harrison coach Pete Mantyla, referring to his team's 2-1-2 zone defense. "We know they're really skilled. We're not running our defensive rules right when someone has that much time to catch and shoot."

"I thought we were more aggressive (in the first half). In the second half, we were more passive and they made us pay for it."

Certainly the Rocks' offensive prowess — in particular their perimeter shooting — took the Hawks out of

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Chiefs run away from Falcons

There's nothing like a 41-point half to make it smiles all around.

Plymouth Canton piled 41 points on Farmington in the first half of Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game and rolled to a 63-15 victory.

Coach Bob Blohm had nothing but good things to say about the Falcons, however.

"Farmington played hard and really

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worked at it," he said. "Take their first quarter. They played physically tough and they competed hard."

"Scott (coach Lowe) is doing a really good job with them."

Anne Morrell scored 16 points for the Chiefs (7-5) as they improved to 4-2 in

the Western Division of the WLAA. Katie Schwartz added 11 and Amanda Lentz 10 for Canton, which made just 8-of-20 free throws (40 percent).

The visiting Falcons (2-10) made three of their four free throws and were led by Julie Kimmel, who had seven points. Farmington is 1-5 in the division.

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Churchill jolts Canton to win division

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Back when Livonia Churchill's soccer team was 0-5, the young men sat down with Coach Reid Friedrichs and had a little chat.

The re-dedication talk was paid in full Monday when Churchill defeated Plymouth Canton, 3-1, to win the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill played Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, but win or lose, will play for the WLAA title, 7 p.m. Wednesday at 15-1-1 Plymouth Salem.

"We got off to a tough start," Friedrichs said. "We had a team meeting after we were 0-5. We talked about what there was left to play for."

"We did there were three things that counted: your regular season record, the (WLAA) division and the (post-season) playoffs."

"We hadn't played any division games yet so there was that."

"This is tremendous. We were 2-8 two weeks ago and now we're 7-8. They just decided to keep playing. They've played hard."

"They've never stopped believing



Searching for an opening: Canton's Mike Zemanski tries to evade Churchill defenders Justin Parzuchowski and Ricky Strain.

they could be a good team."

Canton (11-4-1) scored 1:54 into the match when John Kaczmarek redirected a cross by Mike Zemanski.

The Chiefs carried the play throughout the remainder of the first half but were unable to get it by Eric Sicilia, who has been sensational in goal dur-

Rocks get the state's top ranking

On Monday, Plymouth Salem's soccer team reached the top. The challenge now is to stay there.

The Rocks were made the No. 1-ranked team in the state in the coach's poll, and with good reason: Going into Wednesday's match against Plymouth Canton, they had won 12-straight games.

Among their victims this season: Troy Athens, Canton, Troy Livonia, Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

On Tuesday, the Rocks put one more notch on their gun belt by blanking Warren DeLaSalle, 2-0, at Salem. That win pushed the Rocks' record to 16-1-1 overall; for the Pilots, it was just their second loss — they are 9-2-3 overall.

"It was really a fast-paced game," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It was one of the quickest games I've seen in quite a while."

The Rocks got two first-half goals to put DeLaSalle into a hole, then used its steadfast defense to keep the Pilots in check.

"DeLaSalle really carried the play in the second half," said McCarthy. "I think maybe we started to play a little more defensive, and at the same time they went more on the attack. They caught us on our heels a bit."

What has kept Salem nearly unbeatable this season has been their defense. McCarthy had to replace all four of his players (two of them all-stars) in the back end his team after last season.

The rebuilding process was done swiftly. The four juniors on defense — sweeper Keith Schenkel and marking backs Mike Harkins, Ben Wielechowski and Dustin Drabek — and sophomore keeper Tavia Palazzolo have been exceptional.

"Normally, you need a senior cast to get a performance like that," said McCarthy.

Palazzolo collected his 11th shutout against DeLaSalle, setting a single-season school record. The defense has 12 shutouts this season.

Harkins scored the first goal against the Pilots 15 minutes into the match, with Sean Loewe assisting. With three minutes remaining in the first half, Jeff Haar made it 2-0 with an assist from Scott Duhl.

"The guys in the back defended well, but that doesn't change the fact that they carried the play," said McCarthy. "That's something we need to address before the (state) tournament starts."

The consistency and intensity Salem has shown throughout the season indicates all McCarthy needs to do is a bit of fine-tuning.

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ing the Chargers' run.

Churchill tied the score, 1-1, at 34:58 on a throw-in by Eric Scott that Dave Campbell put by T. J. Tomasso.

The Chargers got a big break at 31:39 when a Canton player, trying to kick the ball away from in front of Tomasso, instead deflected the ball into his own net to give Churchill a 2-1 lead.

It was just one of those things because the Chief had his leg high in the air and the ball skidded off the top of his shin instead of the front part and deflected backwards, not away from the goal.

That didn't cost the Chief the game, though.

The Chargers got the final score of the game with 5:25 left in the first half. Scott shot, a defender deflected the ball and Tim Kaminski drilled the loose ball home to make it 3-1.

Sicilia made three or four critical stops of Canton shots in the final 10 minutes of the first half as the Chiefs' unbeaten streak ended at nine games (8-0-1).

In the first minute of the second half,

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Draw boosts SC playoff hopes

It's that time of the season. The time when teams are truly defined. Playoffs are approaching, which ultimately is what teams in any sport are aiming to succeed in.

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team plays an entire regular season with just one goal: Get ready for the NJCAA Tournament. Thus far, the Lady Ocelots have done well doing just that.

Last weekend at SC, the Ocelots played Genesee CC and College of Lake County in the Ocelot Classic Tournament. Saturday's match against Genesee wasn't too great a challenge: SC dominated play, out shooting Genesee 40-5 en route to a 5-1 victory.

Sunday's game against Lake County was a different matter. The two teams came into the game with 12-1-1 records, and both were ranked nationally — SC was seventh, Lake County was 12th.

So perhaps it was fitting that it ended in a 1-1 draw, after two 15-minute sudden-death overtime periods.

"That game on Sunday," said SC coach Bill Tolsted, "I enjoyed watching those teams play. Genesee — we definitely outclassed them. But the match against Lake County was well-played."

Not that the Ocelots didn't feel it was a game they could have won. "I feel, and the team feels, we

definitely could beat them," Tolsted said. "That day, however, it was well-balanced."

Lake County got the game's first goal after a scoreless first half. Michele Baldori (Plymouth Canton) knotted it at 1-1, tucking in a cross from Kristina Senluch (Plymouth Salem).

The tie left both teams with a 12-1-2 overall record.

Against Genesee, SC got two first-half goals from Danielle Shaffer, with assists from Kelly Connell (Canton), Meghan Jannuzzi, Shannon Konarski and Nikki Vradenburg. Connell, Baldori and Emily Alford (Livonia Clarenceville) got goals in the second half.

Shannon Brooks, ranked seventh nationally in goals-against average (0.90 per game), was in goal for both matches.

SC still had six regular-season matches remaining (including yesterday's at St. Clair College in Windsor) before hosting the NJCAA District Tournament Nov. 5-7.

And, should Lake County emerge from its NJCAA Regional Tournament, there's a chance the

two teams could tangle again.

Madonna 4, Concordia 0: Kelly Delaney racked up two goals and one assist Tuesday as Madonna University (9-4-1, 8-3-1) captured its second straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph at the expense of visiting Concordia (1-10, 1-9).

Megan Thiry added one goal and two assists for the victorious Lady Crusaders. Jill Gibson tallied the other Madonna goal.

Goalkeeper Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) made seven saves to earn the shutout.

Madonna 3, Cornerstone 1: Gibson scored her 10th and 11th goals of the season Friday as Madonna downed visiting Cornerstone (9-5, 5-4) in a soggy WHAC match.

Gibson also assisted on Thiry's sixth goal of the year at the 13-minute mark of the opening half.

Madonna led 2-0 at intermission before Cornerstone's Aime Krueger narrowed the lead to one at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

Gibson then put it away in the final minute on an assist from Thiry.



Big scorer: Plymouth Canton graduate Michele Baldori (left) collected two big goals for Schoolcraft last weekend.

Demergis' goal helps put SC alone at the top of Region 12

Schoolcraft College emerged the victor Saturday in a battle of the two top-ranked men's soccer teams in Region 12 of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Goals by Johnny Demergis (Plymouth Canton) and Gary Bell gave the Ocelots a 2-0 victory at Lakeland (Ohio).

SC is now 10-4-1 overall and 6-0-1 in Region 12, while Lakeland falls to 9-3-1 and 5-1-1.

"We could have converted a few more opportunities, but it was one of our best field games of the season," Schoolcraft coach Van Dimitriou said.

Demergis, who one-time a shot on a short pass from Tony Maldonado, made it 1-0 at the 24-minute mark. It was his team-leading 12th goal of the season.

Bell then scored on a header at the 20-minute mark of the second half on a cross from Maldonado.

"We're a little too unselfish right now," Dimitriou said. "In

practice today (Monday) we worked on making that run up the field and shooting more outside and taking our chances."

Defensively, stopper Joel Wisinsky, filling in for starter Andy Meyers (red carded in Oct. 6 loss to Macomb), stood out along with midfielder Sergio Mainella (Stevenson).

Goalkeeper Doug Koontz (Plymouth Canton), who faced just three shots, notched the shutout.

Madonna 5, Cornerstone 1: Sam Piraine tallied his 23rd and school-record 24th goal of the season Saturday as host Madonna University (7-5-1, 5-4-1) posted the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over the Golden Eagles (8-5-1, 5-3-1) at Heritage Park in Canton.

The two teams split the regular season series.

Keith Barber also scored twice as the Fighting Crusaders led 4-0 in the first 28 minutes. Joe Suchara (Livonia Stevenson) assisted on both Barber goals, while Brian Murphy got Madonna started the four-goal surge at the 15-minute mark on an assist from Piraine.

Henry Aiyenero had the lone goal for Cornerstone to make it 4-1 at half.

Murphy then assisted on Piraine's final goal.

Dave Hart, who had to make just one save, was the winning goalkeeper.

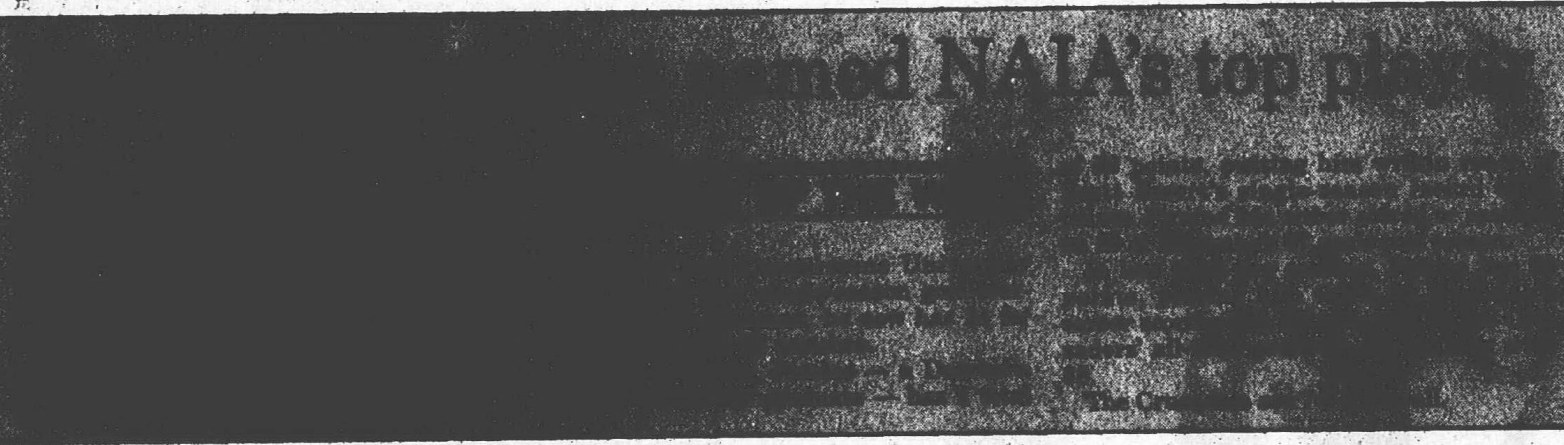
Piraine was also named WHAC Men's Player of the Week after scoring five goals and adding two assists in three games.

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League championships to be decided; Canton must get a win

BY DAN O'MEARA
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The big games this week involve Farmington and Redford Catholic Central. Both will be playing for championships on the eighth weekend of the high school football season.

Farmington plays host to Walled Lake Western for the Western Lakes Activities Association title, and it will be a historic matchup.

It's the first time since the WLAA was organized in 1982 that neither Farmington Harrison nor Westland John Glenn will be among the combatants.

It will be Western's third appearance in the championship game, having won once in 1992 and lost in 1996. Both times the Warriors faced Glenn.

Farmington, the Lakes Division co-champion with Livonia Stevenson, will play for the title a second time. It was the 1984 runner-up to Harrison.

A playoff berth is also at stake for the 5-2 Falcons, who need one more win to qualify, as do Redford Thurston, Garden City, Glenn and Redford St. Agatha.

Catholic Central can't be

thinking about another appearance in the Prep Bowl just yet. If the Shamrocks don't win this week, they won't get a chance to defend their Catholic League title.

CC will face up-and-coming University of Detroit-Jesuit in a winner-take-all showdown for the Central-West Division championship Saturday night at Ferndale High School.

The winner will play the Birmingham Brother Rice-Orchard Lake St. Mary's winner for the league title Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Silverdome.

In the grid prediction contest, both writers were 11-4 last week. Dan O'Meara leads with an overall record of 85-18; Brad Emons is 78-25.

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Taylor Truman (2-3, 2-5) at Redford Union (1-4, 1-6), 7 p.m.: The Panthers earned their first victory last week, beating Woodhaven in overtime, 32-26. RU can avoid tying Woodhaven for the Mega-White cellar with its second

straight win. Truman has dropped three in a row, including a 20-13 loss to Allen Park last week. PICKS: The Cougars end their losing streak.

Thurston (3-2, 5-2) at Romulus (5-0, 7-0), 7 p.m.: It's the battle of the Eagles. Thurston has won four straight, including a 14-7 win Saturday over Taylor Kennedy, but it hasn't faced a team like unbeaten and state-ranked Romulus. Romulus has beaten Gibraltar Carlson (21-7) and Trenton (20-7) — the teams that beat Thurston — in its last two games. PICKS: Romulus ends Thurston's win streak while extending its own.

Ypsilanti (4-1, 5-2) at Wayne (0-5, 0-7), 7 p.m.: The Braves are doing better than expected in their first year in the Mega-Red, beating Fordson, Dearborn and Belleville (29-7 last week) while losing only to Monroe in its last four games. Plymouth Canton must wonder where it would be if it played in the Mega-Red, too. Wayne hopes for an upset that would provide some upside in a down-year and deny Ypsi the magic sixth victory. PICKS: The Braves qualify for the playoffs.

Lincoln Park (3-4) at Garden City (5-2), 7 p.m.: These teams appear to be headed in opposite directions. After winning their first five, the Cougars have dropped two in a row, including a 7-0 loss Friday to Edsel Ford. Garden City needs to put Mike Sparks in the end zone and some spark back into its sea-

son. Lincoln Park lost its first four games but has won three straight over Fordson, Wayne and Dearborn — the last two by shutout. PICKS: The Rail-splitters deny the Cougars a playoff berth this week. O'Meara says. Emons remains blind loyal to hometown GC.

W.L. Western (7-0) at Farmington (5-2): The state-ranked Warriors seems like the obvious favorite, but don't count out the unranked Falcons, who got a needed boost last week by knocking off unbeaten Livonia Stevenson. In one game, Farmington went from having a good season to one filled with great potential. Both teams rely largely on their defenses and, secondly, their rushing attacks to control the ball. If the Falcons can do what they did last week and contain Western's speed and capitalize on turnovers, they could have their first WLAA championship. PICKS: It's a tough call, really, but Western has to be the favorite until Farmington proves otherwise.

Farm. Harrison (3-4) at Liv. Stevenson (6-1): Despite the records this should be an excellent game. Harrison, which is really 5-2 excluding forfeits, is fighting for its playoff life. The Hawks must win their last two games to even have a hope of getting in. It would be the 18th time in the playoffs for the Hawks if they do. Harrison defeated Stevenson three straight years (1994-96) in the WLAA crossover game, the first two of which decided the championship. The Spartans need to regroup after their loss to Farmington and build some momentum as they look toward the post-season. PICKS: Harrison stays alive in its playoff quest.

Ply. Canton (4-3) at John Glenn (5-2): The Rockets also need to get things turned around in a hurry, or their season will be shorter than expected. Glenn fell apart in the fourth quarter Friday, giving up 25 unanswered points in a 39-17 loss to Plymouth Salem. The Chiefs, who are coming off a loss to Harrison,

are in the same situation. They need to win their last two games to become an automatic playoff qualifier. PICKS: Glenn rebounds with a narrow victory.

Liv. Franklin (2-5) at Ply. Salem (3-5): The Rocks certainly have momentum on their side after their shocking, come-from-behind victory over John Glenn. After an 0-5 start, Salem showed it still has some fight left in it by winning its last two games. Gabe Coble seems to have made a difference since taking over at quarterback for Salem. The Patriots will try to pick themselves up after a 42-8 drubbing at the hands of Northville. PICKS: The Rocks make it three in a row.

Liv. Churchill (2-5) at N. Farmington (3-5): Neither team has won since the opening week of the season, if you exclude Churchill's forfeit victory over Harrison, and both hope to avoid the dubious distinction of being considered the last-place team in the WLAA. North Farmington lost another close game to Walled Lake Central, 14-6, while Churchill was on the short end of a 29-6 score with Western. PICKS: O'Meara gives the Raiders the edge. Emons goes with Churchill.

Leth. Westland (0-6, 0-7) at Leth. N'west (3-3, 4-3): The game was switched from 11 a.m. Saturday, because the Crusaders are bringing in portable lights for their homecoming game. Lutheran Westland continued to struggle Saturday, losing 35-0 to Harper Woods, but it was only the second the Warriors have been shutout. Northwest is having a superior season, considering its usual lack of success, and is coming off a 38-14 win over Cranbrook. PICKS: The Crusaders celebrate with a win.

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Clarenceville (6-0, 7-0) at Cranbrook (3-4, 3-4): The Trojans passed their big test with flying colors Friday when they

whipped undefeated Liggett in a Metro Conference showdown, and their biggest opponent now could be over confidence. Plus, the Cranes are a decent team that won't be a pushover if the Trojans aren't ready to play another good game. If they are, Clarenceville's backfield duo of Tim Shaw and Steven Meadows should be unstoppable. PICKS: The Trojans stay undefeated.

St. Alphonsus (4-2, 4-3) at St. Agatha (4-2, 5-2): Third place in the Catholic League D-Section is at stake here. After starting 4-0 in the division, the Arrows have lost two in a row to Cardinal Mooney and Holy Redeemer. The Aggies, despite being beset by injuries, rebounded from losses to those teams with two straight wins, including a 9-0 win Friday over Detroit Urban Lutheran. PICKS: The Fonz puts Agatha's playoff plans on hold. Emons goes with the Aggies.

Borgess (0-3, 2-5) at A.P. Cabrini (0-3, 0-7), 7 p.m.: The winner will avoid finishing in the Catholic League Tri-Sectional cellar. Borgess has been shut out the last two weeks; the Spartans lost 28-0 to Riverview Richard Friday, but the Monarchs have scored just 24 points all season. Cabrini was throttled by Waterford Lakes a week ago, 45-14. PICKS: Borgess avoids the basement.

Redford CC (3-0, 7-0) vs. UD-Jesuit (3-0, 6-1) at Ferndale, 7 p.m.: A CC-UD game usually ends in a rout for the Shamrocks, but this year's contest has big-game appeal. The last time U-D won a division title was 1968 when Tom Valente was the star back and the Cubs lost to Gary Danielson's Divine Child team in the Charity Bowl (championship game). The Cubs have been nothing less than surprising this year, winning their last six games after a season-opening loss to Country Day. CC edged DeLaSalle in the Boys Bowl, 17-13, while U-D beat Divine Child, 27-9. PICKS: The Shamrocks find a way to win.

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 15

Taylor Truman at RU, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 7:30 p.m.

(WLAA championship game)

W.L. Western at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 1 p.m.
Borgess at A.P. Cabrini, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. UD-Jesuit at Ferndale High School, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 14

Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Truman, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Southgate, 7 p.m.

Det. Urban at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 7 p.m.

Liggett at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Salem vs. Farmington High at Farm. Hills Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15

Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

Borgess at Marian, 7 p.m.

Agape at W. Highland, 7 p.m.

Roper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Bethesda vs. Huron Valley at Marshall M.S., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

PCA at Lenawee Christian, 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 14

Wayne at Det. Chadsey, 4 p.m.

W. Bloom. at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15

Crestwood at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Grosse Ile at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Agape at W. Highland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Troy at Churchill, 11 a.m.

Wat. Mott at N. Farmington, 12:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 16

Schoolcraft at O.L. St. Mary's noon.

Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Oct. 15

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

S'craft at Moraine Valley (Ill.), 12 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17

S'craft at Wm. Harper Coll. (Ill.), TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 14

Oakland at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16

Madonna vs. William Woods (Mo.) at Taco Bell Classic, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Oct. 15

Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Ply. Whalers vs. Barrie Colts at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Whalers end skid



After losing two in a row at home, the Plymouth Whalers made the most of their trip Sunday to

Windsor, beating the Spitfires 4-3 in an Ontario Hockey League game.

The win upped the Whalers' record to 3-4-1. Windsor fell to 2-3-1.

Randy Fitzgerald sparked the victory, collecting two goals and assisting on a third in the first two periods. Justin Williams got the Whalers' other goal; he also assisted on Fitzgerald's two scores.

Windsor rallied to narrow the deficit to 3-2 on a power-play goal by Ivan Rachunek at the 5:28 mark of the final period. But Plymouth retaliated with a fourth score, this one by Stephen Weiss at the 10:15 mark. Weiss also had two assists in the game.

His goal made Mark Ridout's goal, Windsor's third power-play

marker of the game, at the 14:58 mark inconsequential.

Rob Zepp was the winning goalie for Plymouth; he made 19 saves. Mark Leighton started in the net for Windsor and surrendered all four Whaler goals.

St. Michael's Majors 3, Plymouth 2: On Saturday at Compuware Arena, Toronto St. Michael's Majors captain Keith Delaney scored one goal and assisted on another in the second period, and goalie Dwayne Bateman turned away 40 Whaler shots to pick up the victory.

St. Michael's was 3-6 through the weekend.

Shaun Fisher scored both Whaler goals. His first gave the Whalers the lead early in the first period; his second narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 5:06 remaining in the game. Both came on the power play.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the loss; he made 10 stops.

Other St. Michael goals were

scored by Steve Farquharson and George Nistas; Mark Popovic had two assists.

Brampton 4, Plymouth 1: The Whalers troubles in scoring goals were evident Friday against the visiting Brampton Battalion.

Damian Surma accounted for Plymouth's only goal, scored on the power play with 21 seconds left in the first period. That narrowed Brampton's lead to 2-1; Scott Thompson and Raffi Torres got first-period goals for the Battalion.

The score remained 2-1 until the third period, when Brampton got a power-play goal from Brad Woods and an empty-netter from Jay McClement.

The Whalers have scored 25 goals in eight games, but nine of those came in two games.

Rob Zepp made 12 saves for Plymouth. David Chant had 39 stops for Brampton, which was first in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 5-1-1 record.

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Ambassadors fall

The Compuware Ambassadors, led by Craig Kowalski's strong goaltending, reached the final of their own Compuware Fall Classic last weekend before losing in the final to the Cleveland Barons, 3-2.

Colin Shields scored the game-winning goal for the Barons against the Ambassadors with just 4:05 left in the game. Compuware was 3-1 in the tournament, giving up just three goals prior to the final. The Ambassadors thumped Springfield 5-1 in the semifinal.

Shields' performance (four goals, seven points in five games) earned him North American Hockey League player of the week honors.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Hockey Booster

Club will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parent of all students planning to attend tryouts are encouraged to attend.

Information will be available on the pay-to-participate program. Tryouts begin Nov. 1; the opening game between Canton and Salem will be Nov. 16 at the Cultural Center.

For further information on the Boosters, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

Rec basketball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is now registering returning and new teams for its adult men's basketball league. Upper division teams will play Wednesday nights; lower division teams will play Monday nights. All games will be at Central Middle School.

For further information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation

at (734) 455-6620.

Volleyball leagues

A new adult co-ed reverse volleyball league is being formed by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department. Games will be played Friday nights at either Central Middle School or The Summit.

Also, registration is under way for returning teams for an adult co-ed volleyball league; new teams can begin registration Oct. 21. All games will be played Friday nights at Central Middle School or at The Summit.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation at (734) 455-6620.

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PCA 54, Baptist Park 23: Junior guards Kallie Gross and Laura Clark combined for 33 points Tuesday night to lead host Plymouth Christian Academy to its victory.

The Eagles held the Wildcats to two points in the first quarter while scoring 13 and cruised from there.

Gross scored 18 points while Clark added 15 and came up with six steals to help Plymouth Christian Academy improve to 4-8.

Baptist Park, 2-9 following the non-conference loss, got 13 points from sophomore guard Steph Demos.

PCA made half its 12 free throws and Baptist Park made 9-of-17.

Divine Child 60, Ladywood 40: The highly rated Falcons pressured the Blazers right out of the Detroit Catholic League game.

Livonia Ladywood trailed by nine at the half because of a 16-7 opening period but Dearborn Divine Child, the No. 1 ranked team in Class B, snuffed out its comeback hopes with a 21-11 third period.

The host Blazers sagged to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the Catholic League's Central Division, while the Falcons remained unbeaten at 12-0 overall, 7-0 in the Central.

Junior guard Maria Jilian led Divine Child with 21 points, seven coming in the third quarter. She hit five three-point shots in the process.

Center Sarah Yaksich scored 12 and guard Cris Brewis 10. Michelle Harakas led Ladywood with 14 points.

Rocks 3rd, Chiefs 9th at Ypsi Invite

There is reason for optimism, after all.

Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team has been in pursuit of Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson for what must seem like an eternity. The Rocks had hoped to have closed the gap, but an 18-37 dual-meet loss dashed those dreams.

On Saturday at the Ypsilanti Braves Invitational, those hopes were re-established, at least somewhat. Salem placed all five scoring runners in the top 30 to finish second with 88 points — six behind overall winner Stevenson.

Plymouth Canton's girls had two runners medal in placing ninth.

"I was very pleased with the way we ran on Saturday," said

Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Our goal of a conference title was dwindling after last week's debacle, but I think we now have it turned around in a positive manner."

"We are a very experienced team and I think the athletes know what it is going to take to accomplish our goal."

Kim Wood led Salem, placing eighth overall in 20:45. Next best for the Rocks was Rachel Jones in 10th (20:47), Brynne Deneen in 14th (20:59), Rachael Moraitis in 27th (21:16) and Lisa Jasnowski in 29th (21:22).

Other Salem runners were Miranda White, 36th (21:45) and Heather Whittington, 55th

(22:37).

Canton was paced by Stacie Griffin (21:09) and Sarah Rucinski (21:22), who earned medals by finishing in the top 30.

Other Chief finishers were Amy Dupuis (21:58), Mary Maloney (22:03), Terra Kubert (22:23), Erica Stoney (22:39) and Jamie Griffin (22:54).

The Rocks' junior varsity team, led by freshman Lauren Loftus' seventh-place finish (22:22), also finished second to Stevenson's JV. Canton's JV, with medalists Allison Mills (22:04), Jessica Levey (22:49) and Tonda Shimo (23:13), finished fifth.

"We are starting to run smarter and race the competition, instead of just running hard," added Gerlach. "We are looking forward to an extremely

competitive conference meet next Friday (Oct. 22) at Kensington Metropark where we believe there are five or six teams fighting for the top two spots."

Salem goes against WLAA foes North Farmington and Farmington at 4 p.m. today at Oakland CC. On Saturday, the Rocks run in the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Buhr Park in Ann Arbor.

Canton runs against Northville and Walled Lake Western at Western at 4 p.m. today. On Saturday, the Chiefs run in the Gabriel Richard Invitational, too, at Buhr Park in Ann Arbor.

Salem boys 3rd

Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team challenged but could not overtake Livonia Stevenson at Saturday's Ypsilanti

Invitational.

The Spartans, led by Matt Isner's third-place finish (18:57), finished first with 87 points. Brighton was second with 88 and Salem took third with 92.

Best for the Rocks was Manvir Gill, who was fourth overall (17:09). Donnie Warner was next for Salem, placing sixth overall (17:17), followed by Rob Showalter, 21st (17:56); Greg Kubitzki, 30th (18:13); and Kurt Sarsfield, 31st (18:16).

Other Rock runners were Mark Bolger, 55th (18:43) and Mike Carpenter, 58th (18:57).

Salem goes against Farmington and North Farmington at 4 p.m. today at Oakland CC in a WLAA double-dual meet. The Rocks are then idle until the WLAA Championship, Oct. 22 at Kensington Metropark.

Salem cagers

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the game in the third quarter. But it wasn't just Salem's shooting that destroyed Harrison.

While the Rocks were hitting, the Hawks were missing. They connected on just 2-of-10 from the floor in the third quarter and missed both of their free-throw attempts.

They also committed six turnovers to Salem's two in the period. It all spiralled against them, like pouring blood into a shark tank. Katie Kelly nailed a pair of threes in the final 1:56 of the third as the Rocks outscored Harrison 19-4 in the period.

When Grubaugh, who led all

scorers with 20 points, hit another triple to start the final quarter, Salem had its biggest lead at 44-24. The closest Harrison got after that was 12.

Kelly Jaskot added two threes and 10 points for the Rocks, and Kelly and Dawn Allen finished with eight points each. Harrison got 18 points, five rebounds and four steals from Taylor; Becky Zak added 13 points. No other Hawk scored more than five points.

For the game, Salem made 21-of-38 shots from the field (55.3 percent) to Harrison's 16-of-35 (45.7 percent). In addition, the

Rocks converted 5-of-7 free throws (71 percent) while the Hawks made just 6-of-15 (40 percent).

"We've been in a lull the last couple of weeks," said Mantyla. "Against teams like Canton (which beat Harrison 41-23) and Salem, they're just too good to play that way."

"We need to get more from our second group, to challenge our first group."

Certainly there are other challenges ahead for both teams, but for the Rocks there's no doubting a major hurdle in the WLAA campaign has been cleared.

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SC ends Mott's domination; Madonna rolls

Lauren Ruprecht and Nicole Boyd combined for 41 kills, as the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team snapped a seven-match losing streak Tuesday against visiting Flint Mott, 15-7, 10-15, 15-12, 15-3.

Schoolcraft is 14-14 overall and 7-2 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Ruprecht, a freshman from Livonia (Churchill), had 23 kills and a team-high 18 digs, while Boyd, a freshman from Livonia Franklin, added 18 kills.

Setter Danielle Wensing (Franklin) contributed 42 assists and 17 digs.

The Lady Ocelots dropped six matches

last weekend in Jefferson (Mo.) tournament.

Schoolcraft was beaten by host Jefferson (2-15, 7-15), Utah Valley State (3-15, 4-15), Illinois Central (7-15, 7-15), Barton County, Kan. (2-15, 6-15), Yavapai, Ariz. (11-15, 5-15) and Johnson County, Kan. (9-15, 5-15).

The losing streak started Oct. 5 at home against St. Clair, 6-15, 3-15, 14-18, snapping a nine-game winning streak.

Ruprecht had 14 kills in the loss.

while Boyd added 10. Jenni Laidlaw (Churchill) collected 25 assists and three ace serves.

Madonna beats Tri-State

Madonna University's made it a worthwhile trip Tuesday to Angola, Ind., scoring a 15-9, 15-17, 15-9, 15-10 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Tri-State.

Madonna, ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA poll, is 21-6 overall and 8-1 in the WHAC.

Redford Thurston's Brandy Malewski stood tall at the net, with a game-high 15 kills.

WHAC Player-of-the-Week Stephanie

Uballo contributed 14 kills.

Uballo, a senior outside hitter from Highland, averaged 4.1 kills (73 total), 2.2 blocks and 1.8 digs in four matches last week.

Setter Jen Wing registered 42 assists and 14 digs, while Nicole Burns had seven kills.

Sheila Bosela led Tri-State (13-12, 4-3) with 15 kills.

Last weekend, the Lady Crusaders captured two of three matches at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

On Friday, Madonna defeated Purdue-Calumet (Ind.) in four games, 14-

16, 15-8, 15-8, 15-9.

On Saturday, Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) edged Madonna, 9-15, 15-13, 6-15, 15-10, 15-13. Madonna then closed out the tourney by beating host UMD (15-10, 10-15, 13-15, 15-1, 15-8).

Uballo had a total of 56 kills in the three UMD Tourney matches.

Other top hitters included Malewski (44 kills), Birkenhimer (33 kills) and Livonia Ladywood's Marylu Hemme (31 kills).

Wing recorded a team-high 151 assists, while Hemme had a team-high 78 digs and eight aces (along with Uballo).

Chiefs soccer from page C1

Canton's James Steinert put a shot wide of the net and two of his teammates weren't able to redirect it.

At the 27-minute mark, the Chiefs put one over the goal and another rebound shot went wide to the right.

Sicilia had a burst appendix right at the start of tryouts," Friedrichs said. "So he missed more than a month. We put him back in for a trial against Ann Arbor Pioneer and we won, 1-0. And he had three more shutouts.

"That first goal Canton scored was a bad goal. But the thing is, you can give up a bad goal — and then play a better game. I know, as a goalie.

"But the thing is, you can't give up two bad goals."

The Chargers were losing all the midfield battles in the first

half but as the game progressed they started equalizing matters in that department. And their forwards did a good job of taking advantage of their opportunities.

"They took advantage of everything," Coach Don Smith said after Canton fell to 4-1 in the division. "We made key mistakes. They capitalized on them.

"They did a good job. They scrapped. They came to play. The bottom line is you've got to put it in the net. We didn't.

"We've had trouble scoring all season. We had some good opportunities but they kept it out of the net. They earned what they got."

The Chargers are unbeaten in four Western Division games and would win on the tie-breaker even if they lost to Walled Lake Western.

Soccer from page C1

for the Rocks to make a lengthy run in the state playoffs.

Salem 5, Franklin 0: On Monday at Livonia Franklin, Plymouth Salem put four balls into the Patriot goal in the second half to record its 10th-straight victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Brett Stinar scored two of those second-half goals. Scott Duhl and Dan Longpre had the others.

Jeff Haar got Salem's first-half goal (assisted by Duhl) and assisted on two of the second-half goals. Longpre and Chris LaMasse also picked up assists.

Tavio Palazzolo earned his 10th shutout of the season, tying the Salem school record set by

Brian Bacyinski in 1995 for most in a season.

Franklin fell to 7-9 with the loss.

CC 2, U-D Jesuit 0: Redford Catholic Central fell shy of the Catholic League playoffs but at least the Shamrocks finished the Central Division standings on a winning note.

CC beat U-D Jesuit on Tuesday, scoring a pair of second-half goals after a scoreless first half.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 7-3-5 overall, 2-2-4 in the Central Division where they finished third.

Birmingham Brother Rice, which was first, and Warren DeLaSalle, clinched the top two spots for the playoff berths.

"We've had a lot of ties, especially in the Catholic League — it's been a freaky year," CC coach Dana Orsucci said.

Senior Patrick Griffin scored an unassisted goal and assisted on the other for the Shamrocks against the Cubs.

Junior David Ruiz had the other CC goal.

Junior goalkeeper Eric Sullivan played tremendously in goal, Orsucci said, especially in the first half.

"In the first half we played not so well, we struggled, were out-shot about 12 to 2," Orsucci said.

"It was a complete reverse in the second half, we dominated, kept U-D on its heels. We won the 50-50 balls, played much, much better, tackled much harder, tying

up the loose ends.

The Shamrocks had one of their better all-around efforts on Saturday in a 0-0 tie with Brother Rice, the state's No. 1 ranked team.

The game was a rematch of an earlier meeting won by Rice, 3-1.

Orsucci said Griffin and Josh Brooks created some good opportunities to score, only to be turned away. The Shamrocks also were stopped on a break-away attempt.

Sullivan again was the goalie of record.

In a 4-1 loss to Warren DeLaSalle on Tuesday, Oct. 5, Griffin had the Shamrocks' only goal on a free kick.

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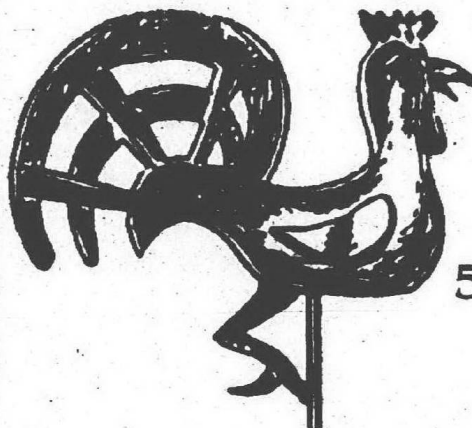
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Bellefonte and Plymouth Salem, 5 each; 7. (tie) Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Canton, 3 each; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2; 11. South Lyon, 0.

INDIVIDUAL PLANT FINALS
No. 1 singles: Emily Markler (AAP) defeated

•Lisa Sayed (AAP), 6-1, 6-0; semifinal: Sayed (tie) Erin Mazzoni (LS), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 2: Sarah Oaks (AAP) def. Laura Hutto (AAP), 6-4, 6-1.
No. 3: Maria Walesek (AAP) def. Alice Farrell (AAP), 6-1, 6-1; semifinal: Walesek def. Lindsay Pyle (PS), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Leslie Scott (AAP) def. Andrea Loh (AAP), 6-3, 6-3; semifinal: Scott def. Kelly Markiewicz (PC), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 5 doubles: Carly Kleiman-Julia Mitchell (AAP) def. Allene Okunuma-Nicole Tietz (AAP), 6-4, 6-4; semifinal: Okunuma-Tietz def. Danielle Russo-Lauren Shabb (LC), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 6: Amira Blaz-Laura Sanford (AAP) def. Kim Barnett-Jessie Tasso (LS), 6-3, 6-4; semifinal: Barnett-Tasso def. Maybell Yeum-Megan Zdrojewski (AAP), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

No. 7: Elizabeth Alonso-Emily Truand (AAP) def. Mary DelMonte-Virginia Wook (AAP), 6-1, 6-2; semifinal: DelMonte-Wook def. Carla Padriga-Audrey Kline (LS), 6-0, 6-3.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

ARCHERY

BROADHEAD PRACTICE

Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range

in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER

Archery season runs through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. An early antlerless-only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs Oct. 2-Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY

The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 4-Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 8 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

A snowmobile safety instructor certification class begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Waterford Township Library. The course is free but class size is limited. Applicants will be subject to a law enforcement background check for past criminal activity. Call (248) 681-6326 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 101

The first of a two-part clinic in which participants will learn to climb safely with expert instruction begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 102

The second of a two-part clinic on rock and ice climbing begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

A snowmobile Safety Certification Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Novi Expo Center. Class is open to persons of all ages. Children must be 12 by March 31, 2000. Cost is \$5 and registration begins Oct. 25. To register and for more information call (248) 681-7429.

FLY TYING

Hook Line & Sinkers bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING

Hook Line & Sinkers bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod

building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday

of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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1. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE 35th DISTRICT COURT?
(Check one):
☐ Very Familiar ☐ Slightly Familiar
☐ Somewhat Familiar ☐ Not At All Familiar

2. WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
☐ Plymouth ☐ Northville
☐ Plymouth Twp. ☐ Northville Twp.
☐ Canton ☐ Other

3. IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, HOW HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN A 35th DISTRICT COURT CASE? (Circle as many as apply. If your answer is (a), "No contact with Court," please go to question 14)
a. No Contact with Court f. Observed a Proceeding
b. Participated as a Witness g. Participated as a Court Employee
c. Participated as a Juror h. Participated as an Attorney
d. Participated as a Plaintiff i. Participated for other reasons
e. Participated as a Defendant

4. WHAT TYPE OF CASE(S) DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN OR OBSERVE? (check as many as apply)
☐ Felony Examination ☐ Landlord/Tenant
☐ Misdemeanor Charge ☐ Civil Actions under \$25,000
☐ Traffic Matter ☐ Juvenile Matter
☐ Small Claim

5. WHILE YOU WERE AT THE 35th DISTRICT COURT, WITH WHOM DID YOU CONDUCT BUSINESS OR FORMALLY OBSERVE? (check as many as apply)
☐ A Clerk ☐ A Judge
☐ A Prosecutor ☐ A Magistrate
☐ A Public Defender ☐ A Probation Officer
☐ A Private Attorney ☐ A Police Officer
☐ Other

6. HOW EASY WAS IT TO FIND THE COURTHOUSE?
☐ Very Easy ☐ Difficult
☐ Easy ☐ Very Difficult
☐ Neutral ☐ Does not apply

7. IF YOU WERE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT COURT FORMS, HOW EASY WERE THEY TO UNDERSTAND?
☐ Very Easy ☐ Difficult
☐ Easy ☐ Very Difficult
☐ Neutral ☐ Does not apply

8. IF YOU SPOKE WITH A COURT EMPLOYEE, WHICH DEPARTMENT? (check all that apply)
☐ Traffic ☐ Juvenile
☐ Criminal ☐ Judges Chambers
☐ Civil ☐ Court Officer
☐ Probation ☐ Other

9. DO YOU FEEL THAT PEOPLE ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT BY THE FOLLOWING? (circle for each line that applies.)
Courtroom Personnel: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know
Probation Officers: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know
Magistrates: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know
Judges: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know
Court Officers: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know

10. DO YOU THINK THE COURT FOLLOWS THE LAW IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES?
☐ Always ☐ Never
☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes

11. DO YOU FEEL THE COURT PROCEEDINGS ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW?
Traffic/Criminal: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know
Civil: Always Usually Sometimes Never Don't Know

12. DO YOU THINK THE COURT HAS ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO DO ITS JOB?
☐ Always ☐ Never
☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes

13. DO YOU THINK THE COURT'S DECISIONS ARE ENFORCED?
☐ Always ☐ Never
☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes

14. HAVE YOU EVER OBTAINED SERVICE AT THE COUNTER OF THE COURT?
☐ YES
☐ Traffic Counter ☐ Probation Counter
☐ Criminal Counter ☐ If yes, any comments on experience?
☐ Civil Counter

☐ NO, I have never obtained service at the counter of the court

15. IN GENERAL, BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW, HAVE READ, OR HAVE HEARD, IS THE 35th DISTRICT COURT DOING AN EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR OR POOR JOB?
☐ Excellent ☐ Fair

16. WOULD YOU FEEL SAFE GOING TO THE COURTHOUSE?
☐ Yes, I would feel safe ☐ No, I wouldn't feel safe
☐ If No, why?

17. IF YOU'VE EVER WRITTEN TO THE COURT, DID THE COURT RESPOND IN A TIMELY FASHION?
☐ Yes, the court did respond in a timely fashion
☐ No, the court did not respond in a timely fashion ☐ Does not apply

18. HAVE YOU EVER CONTACTED THE COURT BY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS TO BE?
☐ Yes ☐ No

19. IF YES, DID YOU FIND THE COURT'S VOICE MESSAGING SYSTEM TO BE?
☐ Very helpful ☐ Somewhat helpful
☐ Helpful ☐ Not helpful at all

20. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED FOR JURY DUTY, AT THE 35th DISTRICT COURT?
☐ Yes ☐ No

21. IF YES, HAVE YOU BEEN EMpaneled AS A JUROR?
☐ Yes ☐ No

22. IF YES, HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR EXPERIENCE?
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair

23. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE JURORS AT THE 35th DISTRICT COURT?

24. DO YOU THINK THE COURT PROVIDES ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT ITS PROCEDURES AND SERVICES?
☐ Yes, the court does provide enough information
☐ No, the court does not provide enough information
☐ If no, what would help you?

THE 35th DISTRICT COURT TRIES TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT KNOWLEDGE LEADS TO UNDERSTANDING. AND UNDERSTANDING LEADS TO APPRECIATION OF THE COURT QUESTIONS 25 THROUGH 33 ARE DESIGNED TO HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW YOU PREFER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURT.

25. WHERE DO YOU PREFER TO FIND INFORMATION?
☐ At the Courthouse ☐ At City/Township Hall
☐ On the Telephone ☐ On the Internet
☐ Newspaper ☐ Other

26. IF THE COURT PRODUCED PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR VIEWING OVER CABLE ACCESS CHANNELS, WHAT INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL? (check as many as apply)
☐ Starting a small claims case ☐ Juvenile Court
☐ Filing a landlord/tenant matter ☐ Domestic Violence
☐ Resolving a civil infraction (traffic) matter ☐ Other

27. DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other

28. IF YES, WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION OR SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON A COURT WEBSITE? (check as many as apply)
☐ Pay a Ticket ☐ Informational Brochures
☐ Request a Court Date ☐ Jury Duty Information
☐ Download Court Forms ☐ Court Schedules
☐ Other

29. HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TAKE SOMETHING BEFORE THE 35th DISTRICT COURT, BUT DID NOT?
☐ Yes, I have had something I wanted to take to court, but did not
☐ No, I haven't had something I wanted to take to court

30. WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO COURT? (check as many as apply)
☐ Circumstances of the case changed/decided not to pursue issue
☐ Court procedures too complex/confusing/runaround
☐ Court services too expensive ☐ Don't know how to go about suing/settling my case heard
☐ Attorney's bill would be too high ☐ Turned to someone else to handle
☐ Court decision would take too long ☐ Thought nothing could be done
☐ Court sanctions are ineffective ☐ Had other reasons

THE 35th DISTRICT COURT IS CONSTRUCTING A NEW COURTHOUSE QUESTIONS 31, 32 AND 33 ARE SPECIFIC TO THE NEW BUILDING.

31. PLANS FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE INCLUDE BULLET RESISTANT GLASS AT ALL CASHIER/CLERICAL WINDOWS. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

32. PLANS ALSO CALL FOR ALL VISITORS TO THE 35th DISTRICT COURT TO PASS THROUGH METAL DETECTORS UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

33. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS/ISSUES? (10 BEING VERY IMPORTANT/1 BEING NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL)
• Public Access Computer Terminals
• Information Desk
• Brochures explaining the Court's programs/procedures
• Computer terminals explaining the Court's programs/procedures
• Vending Machines
• Night Court
• Evening probation appointments

THE 35th DISTRICT COURT PIONEERED THE HANDLING OF JUVENILE CASES AT THE DISTRICT COURT LEVEL IN AN ATTEMPT TO OFFER LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL PROBLEMS. QUESTIONS 34 THROUGH 37 RELATE TO THE JUVENILE COURT AT THE

DISTRICT COURT PROGRAM

34. ARE YOU AWARE THAT JUVENILE MATTERS ARE BEING HEARD AT THE 35th DISTRICT COURT?
☐ Yes, I was aware ☐ No, I was not aware

35. DO YOU BELIEVE MISDEMEANOR JUVENILE MATTERS SHOULD BE HEARD AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURT OR SHOULD THEY BE HEARD AT THE PROBATE DIVISION OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN DETROIT?
☐ At the 35th District Court ☐ At the Third Circuit Court in Detroit

36. DO YOU THINK THE 35th DISTRICT COURT IS DOING A GOOD JOB HANDLING JUVENILE MATTERS?
☐ Yes ☐ No

37. WITH REGARDS TO THE JUVENILE COURT IN THE DISTRICT COURT PROGRAM, WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE?

38. PLEASE CHECK WHICH PROGRAMS YOU ARE AWARE OF AND IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE
☐ Visit by Judge to School ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Visit by School to Court ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Visit by Judge to Organization/Club ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Visit by Organization/Club to Court ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Law Day (May 1st - annually) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Teen Court ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Law Exploring Program w/Boy Scouts ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Mock Trials ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove

39. IT IS NOT PRACTICAL, NOR POSSIBLE TO SEND EVERYONE THAT COMMITS A NON-VIOLENT CRIME TO JAIL THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY FOR DISTRICT COURTS INCLUDING THE 35th DISTRICT COURT TO USE A VARIETY OF ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAMS. PLEASE TELL US IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS. ALSO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROGRAMS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.
☐ Work Program ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Community Service ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Victim's Impact Panel (Alcohol Related Cases) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ In Home Arrest (Tether) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Substance Abuse Screening ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Random Drug Screening ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Alcohol/Drug ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Repeat Offender (Immobilization/Impound) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Boot Camp (Juvenile) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Teen Court (Juvenile) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Intensive Counseling ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove

40. THE 35th DISTRICT COURT ALSO HAS TAKEN A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO CASES INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. TELL US IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS. ALSO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROGRAMS
☐ Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Domestic Assault Intervention Program (up to 26 wks.) ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Victim Advocacy Program ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove
☐ Domestic Violence Teacher ☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE OPTIONAL

41. WHAT IS YOUR AGE GROUP? (Optional)
☐ Juvenile ☐ 15-19 ☐ 20-24 ☐ 25-34
☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65 and up

42. ARE YOU BEST DESCRIBED AS? (Optional)
☐ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander
☐ African American ☐ Native American ☐ Multi-racial ☐ Other

43. IS YOUR GENDER? (Optional)
☐ Male ☐ Female

44. WHAT WAS THE LAST GRADE COMPLETED IN SCHOOL? (Optional)
☐ Never completed High School ☐ High School Diploma or GED
☐ 1-3 years of college ☐ 4 yr. College degree ☐ Beyond a Bachelor's Degree

45. IS YOUR TOTAL YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (Optional)
☐ Under \$15,000 per year ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
☐ \$15,000 to \$29,999 ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
☐ \$30,000 to \$49,999 ☐ Over \$100,000

46. DO YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL DISABILITY? (Optional)
☐ Yes, I have a physical disability ☐ No, I don't have a physical disability

47. HOW COULD THE COURT BETTER MEET YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS?

200-YARD MIXED RELAY

(state est: 2:08.79)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.83

Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82

Plymouth Salem 1:59.85

North Farmington 1:59.94

Plymouth Canton 2:01.78

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state est: 2:02.99)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.18

Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:57.46

Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:59.27

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.40

Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:59.85

Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:59.86

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:00.95

Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:01.10

Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:01.75

Sarah Rogers (Salem) 2:03.10

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MIXED RELAY

(state est: 2:17.49)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:10.22

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:11.71

Lindal McErlan (N. Farmington) 2:12.57

Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:14.39

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:14.51

Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99

Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82

Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05

Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:19.81

Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:19.81

50-YARD FREESTYLE

(state est: 25.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.74

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.04

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34

Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51

Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.51

Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.85

Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.95

Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.98

Amy Smith (Franklin) 25.99

Emily Howard (Mercy) 26.10

50-YARD

Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 253.55

Kristy Blazo (Churchill) 205.80

Erin Lizura (Radford Union) 202.85

Jenny Down (John Glenn) 198.85

Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 185.20

Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 191.05

Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 187.80

Danielle Darling (Mercy) 179.60

Amber Lysakowski (Canton) 176.40

Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 166.54

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state est: 1:02.29)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.04

Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.05

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.20

Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.26

Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45

Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.85

Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04

Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.04

Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:03.31

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state est: 55.89)

Amy Smith (Franklin) 51.42

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.33

Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.46

Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50

Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 55.59

Christina Mocerl (Ladywood) 55.95

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 56.10

Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 56.31

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state est: 5:26.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:03.01

Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.22

Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:17.25

Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 5:19.68

Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 5:19.97

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24

Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 5:23.98

Meghan Mocerl (Stevenson) 5:25.02

Lauren Yagiele (Mercy) 5:29.54

Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 5:30.75

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state est: 1:48.99)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.43

Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17

Plymouth Salem 1:48.06

Plymouth Canton 1:50.28

North Farmington 1:50.40

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state est: 1:02.79)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.87

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80

Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81

Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10

Lindal McErlan (N. Farmington) 1:02.24

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:02.87

Karl Foust (Salem) 1:03.18

Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38

Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state est: 1:11.29)

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:08.45

Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:09.45

Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:10.04

Lindal McErlan (N. Farmington) 1:10.42

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92

Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06

Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15

Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:14.18

Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.20

Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 1:14.72

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state est: 3:46.89)

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:38.73

Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02

North Farmington 3:55.42

Plymouth Salem 3:57.23

Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

Twisters win, advance to league final

Overcoming a 16-0 first-quarter deficit, the Wayne County Twisters stormed back Saturday to beat the Lorain County (Ohio) Steelmen, 24-22, in the semifinals of the Lake Shore Football League playoffs at Devlin Stadium (Willow Run High School).

The Twisters, thanks to a game-winning 21-yard field goal in the final quarter by Chuck Petitpas (Livonia), will face the

Central Ohio Lions for the LSFL title Saturday in London, Ohio.

After falling behind by 16 points, the Twisters scored a pair of second-quarter touchdowns.

Damon Frendo (Garden City) scored on a 4-yard plunge and Rob Elswick connected with Reggie Brandon on a 15-yard score.

The Twisters took a 21-16 lead in the third quarter on a 31-yard

bootleg by Elswick, but the Steelmen regained the lead with a TD early in the final period.

The Twisters put it away on Petitpas' field goal.

Ferguson was the top rusher with 79 yards on eight carries, while Brandon had five catches for 96 yards.

The defense was led by Bob Pensari (Canton), who had two sacks and six tackles.

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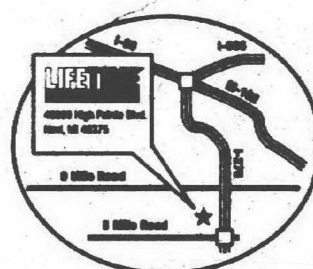
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Festival of the World in the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, features hundreds of ethnic performers, artists and vendors. The International Institute's Original World Market, Festival of the World, continues through Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 seniors/children. Call (313) 871-8600.

SATURDAY

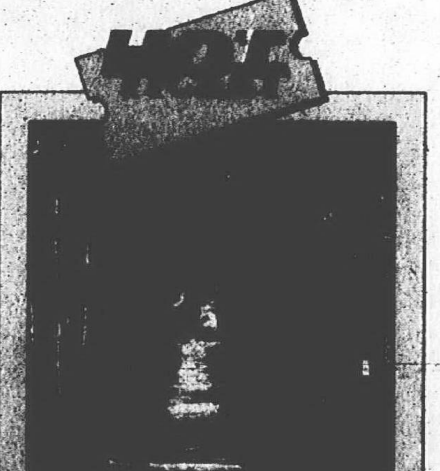


Erich Kunzel leads the Detroit Symphony Pops in a program of arrangements by Nelson Riddle, featuring performances by swing dancers and vocalist Michael Gough, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$14 to \$68. Call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Jody Ellison and Greg Trzaskoma star in the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's presentation of "The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron deRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call (248) 788-2900.



Donna Whitman of Bloomfield Hills is one 163 artists from 60 communities throughout Michigan featured in the Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale. Thursday, Oct. 14-17, at the Community House, 950 E. 12th St. in downtown Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 769-1234.



By JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

Thirteen years after she took home a Tony Award for Best Actress for "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," Lily Tomlin is back touring the universe - or at least 20 cities - with her one-woman show written by Jane Wagner, Tomlin's long-time collaborator and partner.

Tomlin and her multiple personalities - including Trudy, Chrissy, Kate, Agnus Angel and her parents, Marie and Lud, Paul the sperm donor, Tina, Brandy, Lyn, Edie and Marge - bring their cosmic insights to the Fisher Theatre stage Oct. 22-24 in Tomlin's hometown of Detroit.

"The Search" is more relevant to me now in looking back over the last dozen years or so," said Tomlin from her current home base of Los Angeles. "With all the division, polarization and hate between groups, the theme of connectivity between all of us as individuals seems more timely now than it ever has. Trudy, the bag lady and narrator throughout 'The Search' says, 'We all time share the same atoms.' One of my favorite quotes about 'The Search' appeared in a review: 'The audience was on its feet applauding its higher self.'"

Applause and accolades became official for Tomlin at a very early age. It was at Crosman Elementary School in Detroit where the then Mary Jean Tomlin won her first oratory contest.

Wonderful teacher

"Kay Pollock was a wonderful teacher," Tomlin recalls fondly. "She'd read broad dialect poems before we'd

even heard of dialect. They were poems that I'm sure would not be considered politically correct in school today. I was just crazy for this stuff. They were written phonetically. She'd read these poems and I'd just be entranced because it was like, creating this world with just her voice."

"I had no props and I wasn't in costume," says Kay Pollock Goldberg, who retired in 1976 after 33 years with the Detroit School system and now lives in Livonia with her husband, Donald. "Today you wouldn't dare do poems like that, and it's too bad because there's a lot of good literature that still should be read. I would read from James Whitcomb Riley, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and others and do Negro, Italian or, what I call, 'back woods dialects.'"

Mary Jean was showing signs at an early age, when she won the poetry

contest, that she was going to get somewhere," Goldberg says. "I have been very touched by the fact that Mary Jean has been so gracious about remembering me. So many people, when they get where they want to be, or near the top, forget everybody else and she doesn't."

Nearly 50 years later, Tomlin still treasures her prize, the slim volume of poetry with the dark red cover and Kay Pollock's hand-written inscription.

"From Kay Goldberg's Friday afternoon poetry readings, I got an inkling of what it was and I suddenly saw a form for it when I performed socially topical bits for Wayne State University's annual variety show," says Tomlin, who permanently moved from Detroit in 1965.

"As a child, I'd make the other kids in my old apartment house at Hazelwood and Byron in Detroit be in my shows," Tomlin says.

"They'd walk off the stage or wouldn't show up, and here I was completely excited and devoted to it. When I was 10, I wrote this skit for two kids who had moved into our apartment house from Georgia who both had curly red hair and freckles. I'd make up sketches and I wanted them to be Howdy Doody and Arthur Godfrey because they looked like them. I would play the other characters like Holly Lokey, the Hawaiian dancer and Princess Summerfallwinterspring."

Resourceful

A very resourceful Broadway pro-

ducer wannabe, Tomlin did everything she could to get a proper costume for her epic plays. She'd borrow clothes from her mother's closet. She'd take her mom's blankets and make drapes.

"I wanted a stage. I wanted ticket buyers. I wanted an audience."

And now she's got it all. "That's how it is when you really love something," Tomlin adds. "You do it unconsciously and voluntarily. I did it constantly."

Tomlin honed her skills at Crosman Elementary, Hutchins Intermediate School and Cass Tech, where she was the co-captain of the cheerleading team. But the turning point came at Wayne State University when she earned kudos improvising each night as the capitalist wife and mistress in the "Madwoman of Chailot" at the Bonstelle Theatre.

"The drama kids thought I was really funny and I thought, 'Well, gee, I have some natural knack for doing this.'"

With that revelation in mind, Tomlin chucked her medical school ambition for a life in the spotlights. And Mary Jean Tomlin gave way to Lily Tomlin.

"I changed my name one day at an audition in New York. I'd always loved my mother's name and, standing in line outside a club where I'd heard they were looking for English people for a review, I decided I would pretend I was English to get the job. And Lily Tomlin sounds English so, when my turn came, I said in a very British accent, 'My name is Lily Tomlin.'"

Please see LILY, E2

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Frightening fun: Keith Prusak (standing), Mario Razo and Ariana Prusak in a scene from SRO's production of "Dracula."

Scary plays, tales appeal to kids

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Don't get spooked this Halloween season. If haunted houses make your skin crawl and the sight of circling bats makes you cringe, seek a safer alternative this spooky season - and one more suitable for the kids. Try one of the following theatrical events with a Halloween theme.

The Marquis Theatre's production of "Halloween Soup," a comical melodrama set to music, has a cast of 20 children between the ages of 8 and 14. The theater is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

"Halloween Soup" tells the story of how a lawyer named Fleasom attempts

to evict the Ghou family from their mountain retreat. To save their swampy home, Granny Ghou tries to persuade the freaky lawyer to marry one of her daughters. But Fleasom is in love with another, the lovely granddaughter Ada Mae.

Carol Kuhlman, assistant producer of the show, said the production has been well-received in the past. "Halloween Soup" was last shown in 1996, but now includes new costumes and music. "These kids are so talented," she said.

Inge Zayti, producer of the show, agreed: "It is one of the best Halloween shows you can see," she said. "These kids are very polished. They can sing and act and they are very dedicated to the theater."

Children like to see other children on stage, added Zayti. Performances are 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays in October. Tickets are \$6. Group rates are available. Not appropriate for children under 3. Call (248) 349-8110 for information.

Dracula

More mature audiences can take an up-close and personal look at Dracula himself. SRO Productions presents "Dracula," a story adapted from the Bram Stoker novel by Robert Smyth and Kerry Meads. Hank Bennett directs a cast of seven for this October treat: Barbie Amann, Tamara Gries,

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Lily from page E1

She now had a new name, but not the part.
"Another producer was in the audience," said Tomlin, whose 85-year-old mother, Lillie Mae, lives in Palm Springs. "And I got cast in a mime show because I was doing Madame Lupe, the world's oldest living beauty expert, and she is an extremely physical character. In the mime show, 'World of Illusion,' I got my Equity card, and since I had signed up as Lily Tomlin, that's the name that stuck."
Of the 29-city tour, which will wrap up on Dec. 10 in Tempe, Ariz., Tomlin's Detroit stop is the

longest.
By day, she's got friends and family to see and old haunts and restaurants to visit.
"I used to live at Greenhills," Tomlin laughs. "My girlfriend Jenny and I would always go down to Hella's from Wayne State. We would get that great wheat bread and a really big slice of feta covered in olive oil. And I loved those beers with the garlic sauce on them. I still love Greek food, I go all the time here in L.A."
But the "Search" continues in Motown.

Halloween from page E1

Alan Madeleine, Mario Pano, Larry Pollicioni, Ariana and Keith Prusak.

"It's not your usual production of 'Dracula,'" said Bill Mandt, acting manager for the Southfield Adult Recreation Center. "It's a little bit more romanticized. This is more of an eerie, romantic (version). It's not your standard thing."

This is the first year SRO Productions has performed the classic story, though the Southfield-based organization tends to choose its heaviest shows during the month of October.

The show is close to the original text on which it is based, Mandt said. It switches from the

actors reading about what has happened to them - something akin to a journal - to acting the scene out.

"It's not your stereotypical windows flying open and bats flying out," said Mandt. "There are a few humorous moments, but it's fairly serious. It requires a lot of imagination from the audience."

Some scenery must be interpreted by the audience. The show does not include bloody or gory scenes, but does deal with the subject of death. Highlights of the show include the costuming and special effects provided by lights and fog. The auditorium holds about 70 people, providing an intimate setting for

the show.

"There is a universal theme," said Mandt. "It's the good of man triumphing over evil."

"Dracula" is presented 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 24 at The Burgh, a historic church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$8, \$7 for seniors and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information.

The Frankenstein Follies

Presented by The Clarkston Village Players, this musical "spooktacular" is a treat for the family. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The show will be presented 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road in Independence Township. Call for information: (248) 625-8511.

Tales From the Cranbrook Crypt

Cranbrook's Institute of Science hosts this weekend of spooky stories, trick-or-treating and a monster show 6-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23. Cranbrook is located at 1221 N. Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is \$6 or \$4 with a Target TreatSeat coupon. Reserve your spot today at (248) 645-3210.

Spooky events everyone can enjoy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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It's the spooky season for children's events so hop in the car and seek out any of these family-friendly activities:

Concert

The Farmington Community Band will present its 14th annual "Spooktacular" Halloween concert 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Costick Activity Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 or visit the Web site www.mystery.com/fcb for more information.

This year's concert, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Target store, will include a parade of children in costume. Treats will be given to every child who attends.

All 60 band members will be wearing Halloween costumes. The concert, led by conductor Paul Barber, includes spine-tingling and haunting music for the occasion.

"It has become one of our most

popular performances over the years," said Ginny McDonald. "Having this year's concert at the Costick Center will allow more room and flexibility to do additional fun things like the children's parade. This is a great concert for the entire family."

Plymouth Orchards Hayrides and Storytelling

Award-winning story-teller Debra Christian tells fall tales at this family program. A hayride, cider and doughnuts are included. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$7 for kids age 4-12, \$3 for children under 3. Hayrides are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturdays in October at the Plymouth Orchards. Call (734) 451-1128 for reservations.

Pumpkin Hollow

Take a free ride to the pumpkin patch on the weekends at Pumpkin Hollow. Buy cider, doughnuts, caramel apples, popcorn. See the farm animals at the petting farm. 3-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Live entertainment by Spyder Joe, MerGin, Scott Rogers, and Pedro

Luis Martinez. Friendly Haunting Days rides through the forest depart between 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 24. Tickets for the family rides are \$1.50 per person. Bunyea Farms is at 7300 East Joy Road, west of Curtis Road in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 332-1971 for more information.

Haunted High School

Stroll through the spooky high school halls 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road in Livonia. Suitable for kindergarten through sixth grade. Cider and doughnuts will be served. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes are optional. Tickets \$3 per child. Call (734) 522-1791 for information or to register.

Halloween Festival

Pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds and straw, plus apple cider and doughnuts, will be for sale at the Wilson Barn, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, through Oct. 31. Weather permitting, pony and hay rides and a petting farm will be included; Saturdays and Sundays in October. Crafts booths will be set up in the barn, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., which is at Middle-

belt and West Chicago in Livonia. A Haunted Barn will be open for children 12 and under, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 22-30. Admission is 50 cents. Call (734) 427-4311.


Friendly Monsters

Youngsters who aren't ready for a real haunted house can visit "Friendly Monster Night," 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Livonia Jaycees' haunted house in the parking lot of Wal-Mart at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft. Cost is \$3.

Indian Springs: "Kids Halloween Party" welcomes first-through fourth graders, and their parents, to an evening of skits, goodies, games and activities. Held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday Oct. 15 and 16, the party costs \$5 per child and \$2 per adult. Call (800) 625-7280 or locally (248) 625-7280 for more information or to register. Indian Springs is near White Lake. Pumpkin Patch

The Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, hosts a Pumpkin Patch Party, featuring trick-or-treating for developmentally disabled children 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. Call (734) 425-2246 to register.

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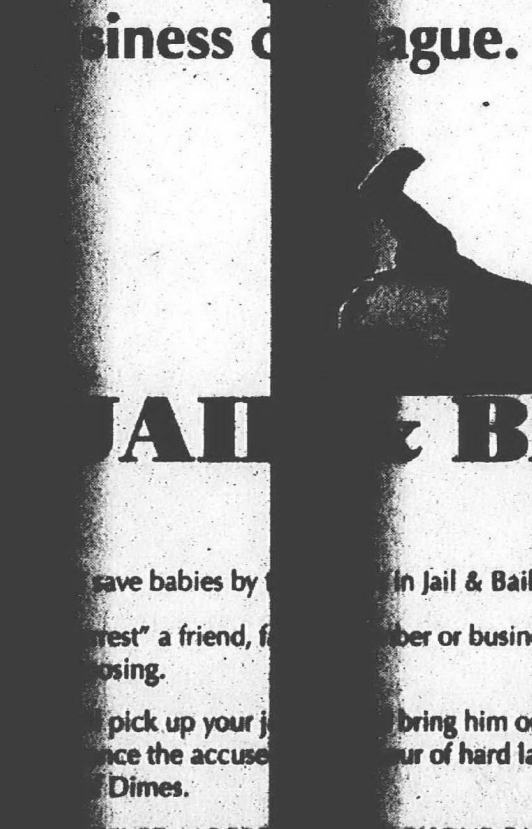
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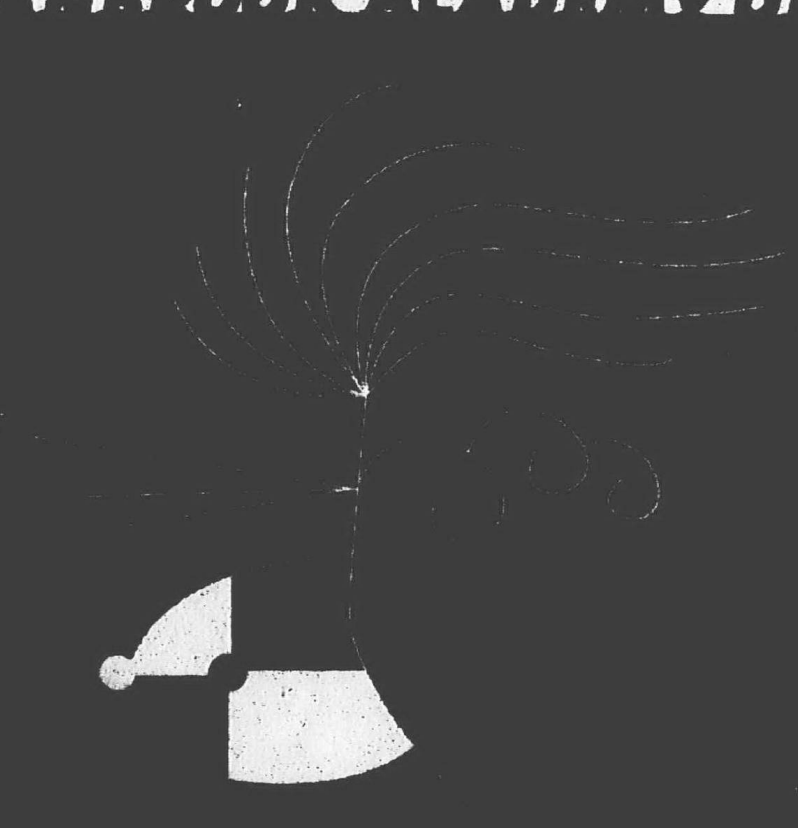
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Ben Folds Five ready to shine at Clutch Cargo

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Take note.

Two questions to avoid when speaking with Robert Sledge, bassist for the alterna-punk trio known as Ben Folds Five, are as follows: Why are you called Ben Folds Five if there are only three band members? When are you going to get a guitarist and become a "real" band?

Together since 1994, the Chapel Hill, N.C., three-piece hit stardom with their edgy gen-x anthem "The Battle of Who Could Care Less," and the sentimental "Brick." But piano-banging Ben Folds, Sledge, and drummer Darren Jessee strayed from their initial formula — known to dedicated followers as "punk rock for sissies" to elaborate on deeper level with their latest release, "The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner."

"If you can't handle really heavy punk rock, punk ideals, you probably

can handle Ben Folds Five," said Sledge, who's been playing bass guitar for 20 years. Sledge spoke about the new album, the weather, and the band's upcoming tour — which pits stops in Pontiac on Sunday Oct. 17 — during a phone interview from his North Carolina home. Here's what he had to say on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Sledge on ... The Weather

"We were spared," said Sledge of the recent bombardment by Hurricane Floyd and other tropical storms threatening the East Coast. "All we got was a lot of rain." Unfortunately other parts of the state were devastated by flooding, he said, which has spurred the band into planning a possible benefit show. He didn't have confirmed details yet, but hoped to set up a show in Raleigh to raise money for relief and reconstruction efforts. They'll have to work fast since Ben Folds Five is scheduled to go on the road for a North American tour in support of its latest album.

Sledge on ... The Motor City and "The Nuge"

Sledge had surprisingly vivid memories of the band's last performance at Clutch Cargo, in spring 1998. Fans packed the club to capacity to hear cult favorites like "Underground" and other hits from "Whatever and Ever Amen." Sledge recalled the comedic banter he and Folds engaged in during the show — which involved numerous references to Tommy Lee of Motley Crue and his then-wife Pamela Anderson Lee.

During the show, he tossed in a Ted Nugent tune for the Metro-area audience, but didn't get the energetic response he expected from "Free For All." Will the upcoming performance offer the same "madcap laughs" as last time? Fans can count on it.

Sledge on ... Reinhold Messner

Reinhold who? Reinhold Messner, the fictional character depicted on the liner notes in Ben Folds Five's latest disc, a definite departure from previous work. "We were not necessarily out to make a

record of one very rushing pop song after another," said Sledge. "A lot of people think the arrangements are the key to this record. But there are less than (there were) on the previous record ("Whatever and Ever Amen")."

The album is a body of work, strung together with a common thread of human emotions and aspirations. The first single, "Army," is the only track that bears true resemblance to the Ben Folds Five of years past. Some of Sledge's favorite tracks include "Regrets" and "Narcotopsy."

"I think they were very un-formed songs. They just fell out of Ben's head and out of our hands really gracefully."

Sledge on ... Touring

"Everyone likes to have their stuff, pictures and personal stuff," he said. "You have none of that on tour. None of that exists. The comfort level gets real small."

"I like to move around, get set up in a new environment. We've toured America so much, I tend to know my way around

certain cities."

Maybe he can tool around Chicago without getting lost, but don't expect Sledge to speak fluent Japanese. Despite his recent return from successful tour of the country, Sledge can only get by on the basics. "The language barrier is gigantic. It's really hard to learn Japanese."

Sledge on ... Songwriting

"Ben does 90 percent of it in the band, which I don't mind," he said. "I think my true talent is motivating the band. I've always been a real cheerleader for our music. I kinda felt useless after we succeeded. I didn't think we'd succeed. I thought 'What am I gonna do now?'"

The answer — plenty. Ben Folds Five will tour the States for the next few months and are likely to head into the recording studio in January. All band members are working on new material.

See Ben Folds Five, piano and all, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets cost \$17. Call (248) 333-2362.

'Dracula' stalks stage in SRO's production

CLARIFICATION

SRO Productions presents "Dracula," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 24. "Dracula" is showing at The Burgh, corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets are \$8, \$7 seniors/children under age 12. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

He's back! And just in time for Halloween.

"Dracula" is stalking the stage again in search of blood in SRO's spine-tingling production. The story of Count Dracula (original by Bram Stoker in 1897) has been retold many ways on stage and screen. Most take considerable artistic liberties with Stoker's tale. There are at least 12 movie versions. The 1931 film with Bela Lugosi in the title role made the Count a cultural icon. George Hamilton's somewhat silly "Love At First Bite" was a mild success in 1979. Francis Ford Coppola directed a superb

"Dracula" in 1992.

SRO's "Dracula" (adapted by Robert Smyth and Kerry Meads) is true to its origins. The play is presented as a series of journal entries from each character's diary. Director, Hank Bennett, and his technical crew do a terrific job of creating the proper mood and setting ... the dark, misty world of howling wolves, blood-sucking vampires and frightened characters attempting to figure out what has gone wrong with their world. Sound and lighting effects were carried out with hardly a glitch. Especially well conceived is the scrim and tiny overhead spotlights that illuminate faces in an eerie, ghostly manner. The story itself, of course, is a battle between good and evil as Victorian England battles to maintain social and moral values. The details are known to most everyone: Dracula changes himself into other forms (usually a wolf or bat, but sometimes the mist itself) in order to feed off the blood of other living creatures. His aversions include mirrors,

garlic and sunlight. Only a stake through the heart can kill him.

What makes SRO's "Dracula" intoxicating are imaginative acting and staging. Keith Prusak in the role of Dracula is at once charming and foreboding — a decent sort of chap who may at any moment lunge for the large vein in your neck. As others fearfully ponder howling wolves, he says, "Listen to them — children of the night. What music they make."

Tamara Gries (Lucy) and Ariana Prusak (Mina) are tantalizing as lovely young ladies who fall into the grasp of Dracula. Alan Madeleine (Dr. Jonathan Seward) gives a splendid performance as a logical man of science who cannot come to grips with the supernatural power of Dracula. Larry Pellicioni (Dr. Van Helsing) is effective as a doctor who isn't afraid to face the awful truth of Dracula. Mario Razo looked every bit the part of a solicitor (Jonathan Harker) who arranges for Dracula's trip to London from Transylvania. At times Razo appears at

bit unsure of himself, which hopefully will improve with each performance. Barbie Amann is unsteady on purpose as Renfield, Dracula's insane man in London. She gives a tour de force performance as a manic depressive character eating spiders and bugs while going through near convulsive gyrations.

Robert Weibel of Westland is a free-lance writer who specializes in community theater.

The picture caption with the war photo in the Thursday, Oct. 7, Entertainment section story about the PBS broadcast of "American Photography: A Century of Images" mistakenly said the picture was taken in during the Vietnam War.

The David Turnley picture was actually taken in 1991 in the Gulf War.

A wounded American soldier

of the Gulf war weeps after his friend was killed in the "friendly fire" he had just survived. His friend's body is on board the MASH evacuation helicopter; he had been the driver of their Bradley Fighting Vehicle when it was hit the day before the war's end.

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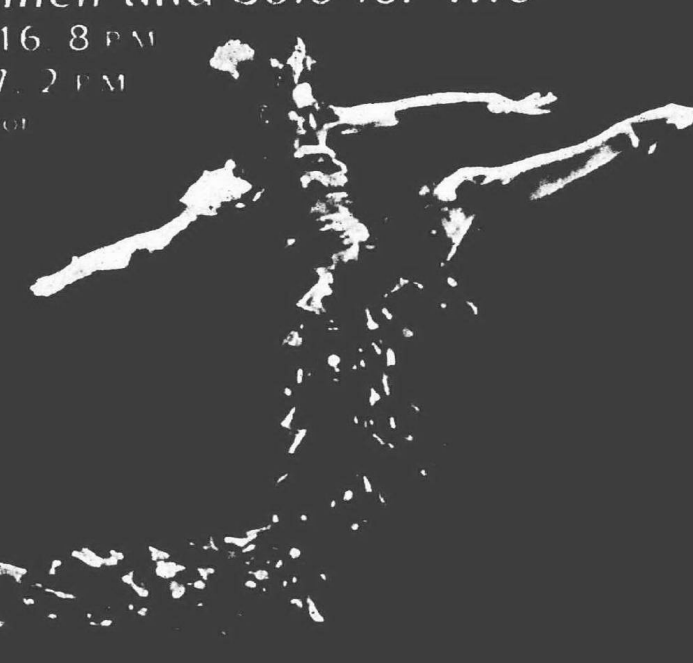
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"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasers programs at the science center which closed temporarily Sept. 7, opens Oct. 15 with new permanent exhibits "Life Lab," "The Kinetic," "Every Rock has a Story," and "Reading Objects," and a temporary exhibit "Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

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Sunday Strolls program takes a tour of the Corktown Historic District, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, \$5 DHS members, \$10 nonmembers, (313) 833-4727; Behind the Scenes takes visitors to a noon luncheon at "Myhaven," a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home, Thursday, Oct. 14, \$30, \$35 nonmembers, (313) 833-4727; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

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Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

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8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$15. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

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With Wrist Rocket, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Beat Hotel, Berkley. Free. All ages. (248) 544-2485. (punk)

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10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, Boathouse Billiards, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and over. (248) 693-4100. 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rock/blues)

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8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$16.50 in advance. (734) 668-8397

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9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth (734) 455-8450

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6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$18.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

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With Bloodhound Gang, Showoff and The Hippos, time to be announced, Tuesday, Oct. 19, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$12.50 advance, \$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

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8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 (celtic rock)

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10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

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8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

IMMUNITY

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, Cleary's Pub, 117 E. Grand River, Howell. (517) 546-4136 (reggae)

INSANE CLOWN POSSE'S HOLLOWICKED CLOWN PARTY

With Twiztid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$17. All ages. (313) 833-9700

JILL JACK

With Harbinger's Mile and Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6 cover. (248) 544-3030

JUVENILE AND CASH MONEY

MILLIONAIRES With BG, Hot Boys, Big Tymers, Lil Wayne, Eve, Lil Troy, MJB and Eight Ball, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, Cobo Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$25 on sale. Call (248) 645-6666 (hip hop)

KANSAS

accompanied by the Eastern Michigan University Orchestra, Saturday, Oct. 23, EMU Convocation Center. Tickets \$20 or \$45 for Gold Circle seating. Available at the EMU box office or Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

KEIKO MATSUI

18 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets are \$29.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

MICHAEL KELSEY

With Jo Serraper, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. \$5 cover, 21 and over. (248) 334-9292; 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Starbucks Coffee, 300 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 548-4570 (progressive/aggressive/acoustic)

KID ROCK

With Powerman 5000, DDT, and a special surprise guest, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$22.50 in advance. \$25 day of show. (248) 377-0100

KILLER FLAMINGOS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, 15-16, 29 Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

THE KINSEY REPORT

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe, Taylor. (313) 278-5380 (blues/funk)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth (734) 455-8450

SUSAN LAZAR AND PETE TOLIAS

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

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Friday, Oct. 15, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (hip-hop/indie rock)

LIL' STUBBY AND THE DISAPPOINTMENTS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, Fishbones—East, 23722 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. No cover. (810) 498-3000 (blues/r&b)

LIVE

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

LIVE LYRICS II

With Funktelligence, Prime Numbers, MC Sun, MC Paradime, MC Telepath Math and more, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$6 cover. (734) 996-8555

LOVE INC.

With Casale, 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, LaBroom Teen Nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets \$10. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (dance/pop)

THE LUDDITES

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Fishbones—East, 23722 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. No cover. (810) 498-3000

LUNA

9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 996-9700

THE LURKERS

With Gravity Well, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (surf)

MICHAEL KRIEGER

6:30 p.m. Sundays in October, Angel's Garage Cafe, 214 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 541-0888 (folk)

KEY-MANI MARLEY

9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$10 advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

RICKY MARTIN

With Jessica Simpson. The Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD

With Project Logic, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$20 reserved seats. (734) 668-8397

MEGADEATH

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$24.50 general admission. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (thrash metal)

BETTE MIDLER

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$49.50, \$80.50, \$150.50 at Ticketmaster. Call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

MP3 MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY TOUR

With the Goo Goo Dolls and Tonic, Thursday, Oct. 14, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. Tickets \$20 at the EMU box office and ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (alternative rock)

DAVID MURRAY'S FO DEUK REVUE

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

'Rosetta,' 'Limey' top films at Toronto film festival

BY MARTIN BRANTON & KIM
SPECIAL WRITERS

It was yet another superlative selection of cinema's latest at the 24th Toronto International Film Festival, and already, some of the big titles featured there are playing in the metro Detroit area.

"American Beauty," the festival's People's Choice Award winner, is on screens here now. This scathing black comedy of middle class America starring Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening with a fine supporting cast is already generating Oscar buzz.

Critics were not as kind to "Mumford," the latest from University of Michigan alum Lawrence Kasdan. The writer/director's ensemble piece about a small town and an ersatz shrink both named Mum-

ford (there's no connection at all to the Detroit high school) fell flat with just about everyone. It too is already on screens here.

Kasdan stumped for "Mumford" in person in Toronto, as did Spacey and dozens of others, including Catherine Deneuve ("Est-Ouest"), Bruce Willis and Nick Nolte ("Breakfast at Champions"), Elton John (executive producer, "Women Talking Dirty"), Susan Sarandon ("Anywhere But Here") and dozens of others.

All of the films mentioned here should eventually make it to Detroit. "The Limey" opened at the Main Art Theatre on Oct. 8, while other titles may take much longer to open. Watch listings for the Detroit Film Theatre, The Main or The Maple.

The best

Director Steven Soderbergh, who wowed us a decade ago with "sex, lies and videotape" and last year's "Out Of Sight" with George Clooney, continues his winning streak with "The Limey." Veteran actor Terence Stamp portrays a tough, British ex-con trying to avenge his daughter's death in Los Angeles, with Peter Fonda as a rich record producer who was her lover and had something to do with her demise. Stylish and entertaining, "The Limey" is a gritty, superbly acted crime drama that sports dazzling, arty camera work and editing - a stunner all the way around.

"Rosetta" was the controversial winner of the Palme d'Or, the top honor at this year's Cannes film Festival and a hot ticket in Toronto. A jagged, uncompromis-

ing look into the desolate life of a teenager who struggles to support her alcoholic mother, this film features an exquisite performance by the young actress Emilie Dequenne. The uncompromising "Rosetta" will continue to divide audiences but its strong, ultimately hopeful vision will reward those who are willing to take on this emotionally challenging film.

Canadian films made a particularly strong showing this year. Atom Egoyan's psychological thriller "Felicia's Journey" stars Bob Hoskins as a caterer with an ultra-dark secret who befriends newcomer Elaine Cassidy.

Jeremy Podeswa's "The Five Senses" follows a quintet of city dwellers who have each lost touch with one of their senses. Mary-Louise Parker walks off with the film in her role of a cake decorator who can't decide what to do with her hunky Italian boyfriend. "The Five Senses" was voted best Canadian feature by audiences at the Festival. Also leaving an indelible image was Montreal-based director Lea Pool's "Emporte-moi," a coming-of-age tale set in Montreal of the early sixties.

Documentarian Errol Morris ("The Thin Blue Line," "A Brief History of Time") is back with the truly disturbing and thought-provoking "Mr. Death: The Rise And Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr."

Fred Leuchter builds and maintains electrocution devices in U.S. prisons. Somebody's gotta make sure those electric chairs and gas chambers are in fine working order. Then we learn how Leuchter became involved in defending a notorious Holocaust denier.

With his investigation into the nature of evil, personal belief systems and the roots of fascism, Morris has crafted his finest,



Ex-con: Terrence Stamp (left) and Peter Fonda in "The Limey" struck a chord with festival viewers.

most profound work to date.

"Sweet and Lowdown" is a nice departure for Woody Allen, a low-key but thoroughly enjoyable look at the fictitious life of jazz guitarist Emmet Ray starring Sean Penn.

All the rest

Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") brought his controversial religious satire "Dogma" to town, and the results were a mixed bag. Smith writes his usual potty-mouthed dialogue that belies a surprisingly profane message.

The script is something less than first-rate, with uneven performances from Ben Affleck, Chris Rock, Linda Fiorentino, Matt Damon and Alan Rickman.

Slight but silly and good-natured is "Happy, Texas," which follows two prisoners (Steve Zahn and Jeremy Northam) who escape from jail and assume the identities of two beauty pageant producers who are gay lovers. One of few films to generate belly laughs at this festival.

"American Movie" is a docu-

mentary about low-budget filmmaker Mark Borchardt's struggles to complete a cheesy horror flick called "Coven." Borchardt may have very little money and even less talent, but what he doesn't lack is determination. Funny at first, this one turned predictable quickly.

Three dark horses

Seek these out. Just do it. "Spring Forward," which looks at the workaday lives of two municipal employees who clean parks, features excellent, heart-warming performances by Ned Beatty and Liev Schreiber.

Werner Herzog's "My Best Friend" is a hilarious, touching, sometimes shocking documentary about the late, crazed actor Klaus Kinski. Herzog directed Kinski in several films, including "Aguirre," "The Wrath of God" and "Fitzcarraldo."

The "Wind Will Carry Us" is the latest enigmatic masterpiece by Iranian Abbas Kiarostami. This film may captivate you or leave you scratching your head, but you won't soon forget it.

'Guinevere' lacks passion

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Here's the picture: There's this young woman named Harper Sloane. She's played by Sarah Polley. She's a Calista Flockhart/Gwyneth Paltrow/Cate Blanchett/Claire Danes/Cameron Diaz type. Waifish, wispy, and fairy-pretty, she looks, now and then, as if she might subvert on a strict diet of exotic butterflies.

She's sort of the odd-person-out in this family of well-to-do attorneys, all of whom have attained their law degrees at Harvard and all of whom are expecting Harper, now that the time has come, to do the very same.

Then, Harper meets this guy. His name is Connie Fitzpatrick and he's played by Stephen Rea. Connie is the photographer at her sister's wedding. He's Irish, he drinks too much, he's artsy, and he's 30 years older than Harper. First thing you know, these two are exchanging meaningful glances.

Next thing you know, they're exchanging much more than that. As time passes, he calls her things like "baby" and "my good girl" and "Guinevere." As time passes, she giggles and grins an awful lot.

Jazz in the background. San

Francisco as the backdrop. Soon, Harper yearns to leave her household and snuggle in with Connie at his bohemian loft.

"You'll have to create something to stay here," he tells her.

"You're mistaking me for someone with potential," she purrs.

Maybe yes, maybe no. Anyway, Harper moves in with Connie (surprise), starts to read Sartre, and gets to attend middle-to-highbrow discussions between Connie and his mostly male intellectual buds. Just about everybody seems to find Harper just about as cute as a cookie, which, of course, she is.

But then, guess what happens. Harper learns she's only one in a long line of Guinevere girls (surprise again). Looks like that racial, Connie, is afraid of commitment (surprise, surprise, surprise), especially if it's a commitment to anyone who's over 21 and just a tiny bit worldly-wise.

In a scene almost worth the price of admission, Jean Smart, playing Harper's glam, rich-bitch mother, practically steals this entire movie. Mrs. Sloane, it turns out, has some opinions on who her daughter has been hanging out with in the artsy love lair, knows how to articulate these opinions, and does not hesitate to express them when she

pays the two of them a memorable visit. The lovers pretty much just sit there and listen as she dishes out the razorly invective, made even sharper by the honeyed tones in which it is delivered.

After Mrs. Sloane walks out, this movie starts to hurtle downhill about as fast as a bike with no brakes in the knobby city by the bay. Not that it's gone much of anywhere in the first place, unfortunately.

Its lack of freshness, its predictability, and an ending so silly you don't know whether to laugh or cry don't really kill "Guinevere," however. Even with all that, this picture might have survived somehow, and taken on enough life to engage its audiences. After all, it is a romance and what's more filled with possibility than romance?

What delivers the fatal blow here is the picture's lack of passion. Its stars (especially Stephen Rea) seem oddly unemotional, not just within themselves, but toward each other.

In a story that centers around passion and chemistry, passion and chemistry are hard to find. "Guinevere" seems a love story with very little heart. Consequently, it seems hardly anything at all.

MUSIC

BEAM to aid local musicians

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As the frontman for the Smithereens, Pat DiNizio remembers what it was like to be in an emerging band.

Surviving 20 years in the music business as a successful artist, he also knows what struggling musicians need to get started: a place to rehearse, a way to connect to fans through the Internet, money to record and distribute a CD, and promotion.

DiNizio made a stop at Rochester's Hamlin Pub Thursday to let local musicians in on a new program designed to assist emerging talent in these areas. Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music, or BEAM, is funded by Jim Beam Bourbon and offers \$50,000 in grants, along with publicity and exposure to new talent.

"Our first record did not take long to put out," said DiNizio,

recalling Smithereens history. "The second record took three years of playing five nights a week and saving every penny. With a program like BEAM, we might've achieved what we achieved, earlier. Although it would've been nice to have some help."

DiNizio, the distinctive voice behind The Smithereens, has been known for his efforts helping other musicians strive for success. Through his Web site, www.psycholaborations.com, he's created the first interactive songwriting program. "People send me the words and I write the music," he said.

And in December, he'll start up an Internet radio station specifically made to highlight the work of unsigned and emerging talent. "Ninety-nine percent of the music that's being made is made by non-professional musicians."

Doug Schrock, manager of Hamlin Pub and a Rochester res-

ident, said he supports local music and sees a need for the type of assistance offered to BEAM winners. "I've been going to see local bands since I could," said Schrock. "I'm all for it. I hate to see someone in music give it up just for the (lack of) money or support."

The program touches on all genres of music, from modern rock, to country, jazz, blues and classical.

"BEAM has been involved with emerging artists for over a decade," said DiNizio. "We're trying to reach people in the Detroit area to go to the Web site. We'd be happy to give them some money...I could've just come out on a promotional tour, but I wanted to play as well."

DiNizio performed several sets, beginning at 9 p.m., which included Smithereens hits like "Girl Like You," "Blood and Roses," and the occasional cover.

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Len is bringing its 'sunshine' our way, finally

If you ask Sharon Costanzo about the recent success of "Steal My Sunshine," a summer smash for the Toronto-based Len, she'll tell you she had no idea it was going to be a hit.

The only female member of the Len, which blends old school hip hop with touches of electronics and rock, spoke openly while hanging out on the band's bus, just before heading out on tour.

During the Oct. 6 telephone interview, she spoke about the song, the new album and working alongside her little brother, Marc — known within the Len crew as The Burger Pimp.

"It was anybody's guess," she said of the song's success. "We had to find that song. We lost it."

"Sunshine" was a song The Burger Pimp wrote on his leg at a party. He came home, woke Sharon, and recorded it the same night. The tape was lost, and eventually found under a bed. It wasn't made to be a hit.

"We'd never performed it," she said. "The song was rolling before we were. I felt like I was doing a cover."

Despite the warm reception given to "You Can't Stop the Bum Rush," Sharon's quick to say that the band didn't exactly set out to be a success. In fact, they didn't think about much more than making music and having fun.

"We didn't set out to do anything," she said of Len, which formed in 1991. "We just got together to have a good time."

So far, that idea has worked pretty well. Sharon, Marc, DJ Moves, Drunkness Monster and D-Rock make up Len, a band simply named after a friend.

"Everyone's amazingly talented," said Sharon. "Everyone's got their own project." There's an independence within the band, she added. No one tells the other members what to do.

"Everyone's got their own energy. That makes it easy to party together. We've been friends for a decade. It's like a

family."

For siblings Sharon and Marc, it is a family. "I wouldn't do it without him," she said. "There's no good reason I would be in this business without him — I would still sing in the shower — but it wouldn't be any fun for me if he wasn't in the band."

"The only problem it does pose, if one of us in a bad mood, the other goes down too. We're super-close. We can really upset each other. We try to keep everything up...With family, the best thing is that you always know they'll be around."

Len's sound is somewhat difficult to describe, Sharon said. But she tried: "It's pretty up, kind of a party vibe. You ain't gonna sleep through a set."

While Len's been together as a band for eight years, the current line-up has only solidified over the past three. Success came almost too quickly.

Len's canceled two concert dates in the Detroit area over the past year, one as the proposed opening act for Bare Naked Ladies. But Sharon Costanzo promised, this time,

they sought out the sounds of old-school hip hop performers Biz Markie and Kurtis Blow.

"We've always had guests," said Costanzo. "We've always had people come in and do what they want to do. This time we could reach out to the people we couldn't reach out to before. We might not be able to do this again."

So the Len crew sat around thinking about who they would like to join them. A few phone calls and two weeks later Biz Markie showed up at their home studio. The result was "Man of the Year" and "Beautiful Day," two strong tracks on the album, either of which could become a single. Kurtis Blow contributed to "Cold Chillin'." Perhaps the most unlikely contributor to the album was none other than former Poison guitarist C.C. DeVille.

While in Los Angeles, the band sought a guitarist to fill an empty stretch in the song "Feelin' Alright."

"We didn't want vocals," said Costanzo. "We decided we should pay some kind of respect to 80's

hair bands."

While other candidates included Eddie VanHalen and Guns-N-Roses are slingers, Slash, C.C. DeVille was available, and a friend of the studio's receptionist.

"He shows up at the studio," said Costanzo. "He's actually a really normal guy. He didn't show up in zebra-striped lycra pants."

Not only did DeVille provide the guitar work, he traveled to Canada to appear in the video for "Feelin' Alright," Len's latest single. It was shot at the Costanzo's high school and should be taking over MTV's airwaves this week.

Listen for the tune when Len performs at Saint Andrews Hall on Oct. 15. And bring your friends. Sharon's going to. "It's going to be a great show. We're heading your way."

Check out Len, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$13 day of the show. All ages are welcome. Call (248) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com.

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such as the Beatles "Hide Your Love Away." His national tour in support of the program hits major U.S. cities including Chicago, Seattle, New Orleans, Boston and Minneapolis.

Fans that filled the small pub commented on the opportunity to see DiNizio perform in such an intimate environment. "I missed him at Pine Knob, so I wanted to

see him here," said George Bowman, a Troy resident. "I like his music. He's a good singer, 'Blood and Roses' and 'Wall of Sleep' are rock classics."

Ken Abraham, a Rochester resident, caught The Smithereens show at PlanetFest this summer, so he came down to see DiNizio play a smaller venue. "He came and asked if he could sit down

with us," he said of the musician he called "down-to-earth."

Grants were distributed in May and August and another round will be awarded in November.

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Little Tree Sushi Bar expands offerings in fun atmosphere

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Open for a year in its current, spacious Royal Oak Main Street location, Little Tree Sushi Bar was formerly squeezed into what is now Good Night Gracie's martini bar on Washington Street.

Back then, the menu was solely Japanese. Today, with expanded offerings, Little Tree headlines not only Japanese, but Thai and lesser-known (at least in this area) dishes from the Philippines. And of the tri-country cuisine, Filipino has been broadly embraced to the delightful surprise of president Lisa Rogers and general manager Del Kernohan.

Offering good service in a fun atmosphere, Little Tree is a unique addition to the growing number of eateries along Main Street.

The ambiance with straight wood-line design and plain walls is typical of a Japanese-style country home, designer/architect and builder Shepherd Spencer noted.

Seating at booths, illuminated by Asian-looking Tiffany lamps, is intimately cozy.

Food is also served at the large bar area at the front and sushi at the sushi-bar in back. There, entertainment is watching skilled sushi chefs at work. Larger groups are comfortable at one of the tables center floor with paper lantern globes bringing in ambient light.

Making you at home with his food is Filipino native Executive Chef Eddie Bautista, who learned his sushi-making skills from a master sushi chef in Seat-

Little Tree Sushi Bar

Where: 107 South Main St. (south of 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak, (248) 586-0994.

Open: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until midnight Friday-Saturday, and 4:30-11 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Pacific Rim cuisine including Japanese, Thai, and Filipino specialties, plus a broad selection of sushi which can be eaten at the 15-seat sushi bar or brought to your table. Many meatless selections.

Cost: Sushi \$1.50-3.50 for Nigiri and \$3.50-9 for rolls (6 pieces). Entrees \$9-14.

Reservations: Not accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full-service bar. All items available as carry-out.

Little Tree Uncorked

■ General Manager Del Kernohan suggests 1997 Zeno Pinot Grigio with mild Nigiri sushi.

■ A 1997 Santa Rita Merlot, Chile, is best with spicy tuna or yellowtail and scallion sushi rolls.

■ Among sakes, chilled Momokawa Silver is a treat with chicken and beef dishes or Salmon Teriyaki.

tle, Washington. He impressed both Rogers and Spencer at area Japanese restaurants such as Nipponkai, Sho-Gun and Kyoto. They are delighted to have him on board directing the Little Tree kitchen.

Chef Eddie likes cooking Japanese because he says, "the whole philosophy of Japanese cuisine is that what a chef does comes from inside his person and that definitely shows on the plate."

Filipino is the food of his heritage.

"I like to present it edible to a diner's eyes," he noted.

"For Thai foods, the challenge is spicing properly to make dish-

es flavorful, not just hot. I want diners to taste the natural blend of fresh ingredients."

Experience shows at Little Tree. Del Kernohan is a 1982 Oakland Community College culinary department grad. He honed his skills working for the C.A. Muer Corp., luxury resorts in Texas and at 220 in Birmingham where he was restaurant and kitchen manager. "But I really like working in the dining room with the guests," he said.

And what has Kernohan noticed diners like most from the eclectic menu?

Among the Nigiri sushi, it's tuna, yellowtail and Eel River "because they have great flavor, aren't too fishy and are a safe

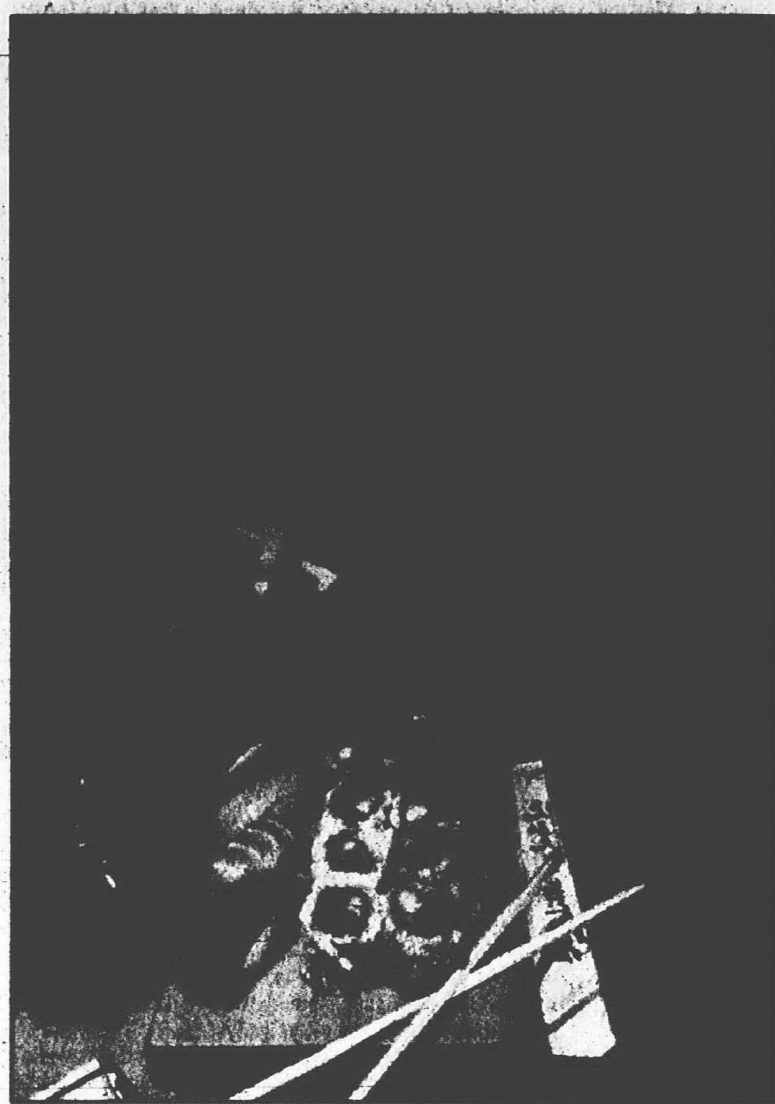
first try." Experienced sushi eaters go for Sweet Raw Shrimp, Octopus and Surf Clam. But for a kicked-up treat, order Spicy Tuna roll with chili, garlic sauce. A Chef Eddie original is Crispy Roll with salmon, mackerel, and tuna, tempura battered then quick-fried.

Filipino dishes have their base in the cooking of Spain, since Spaniards once occupied the islands. Most popular among these entrees are Chicken & Pork Adobo, where the poultry and meat are simmered together with onion and Filipino seasonings to make a delicious stew. Ginataang Seafood consists of shrimp, scallops, squid, and salmon sauteed with coconut milk, eggplant and garlic. Its attractive appearance is complemented by a delightful blend of flavors.

All Thai dishes can be spiced to preference, but most popular is the spicy Gang Gai, fresh eggplant, tender pea pods, bell peppers, baby corn, and shiitake mushrooms seasoned with red curry and coconut milk, then stir-fried with choice of chicken, beef or pork; scallops, shrimp or squid. Pad Thai is the favorite noodle dish.

Among Japanese dishes, two appetizers are a must: Wasabi Shumai and Gyoza. Roasted Duck Breast with Asian Plum Sauce and Nabeyaki Udon, a noodle dish served in a hot pot are not-to-be-missed main dishes.

To leave a voice mail message for Eleanor Heald dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



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At your service: Little Tree Sushi Bar Executive Chef Eddie Bautista presents a variety of sushi selections including six vegetable rolls (right front). Behind the rolls is tutomaki. On the left (from back to right) are sashimi selections: tuna, salmon, yellowtail and mackerel. Salmon roe is pictured back left.

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■ **Ritz Carlton Dearborn** — Oktoberfest, Beer and Wine Tasting 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 441-2100. Event offers an assortment of beers, wines and foods of Germany. Proceeds benefit C.A.T.C.H.

The Grill at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn will serve Taste! Ger-

many Oktoberfest selections at lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch through Saturday, Oct. 16. The Ritz-Carlton is at 300 Town Center Drive in Dearborn.

■ **American Harvest Restaurant** — At Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) in Livonia is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday. The restaurant, operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned Culinary Arts Department, serves a variety of gourmet selections prepared and served by students who work under the supervision of four certified master chefs. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

International dinners are offered Thursday evenings throughout the fall. Dinners are

\$26.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for information.

The Professor's Pantry offers fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads prepared by students, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

■ **Taste of the Arts** — The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking restaurants to participate in the Taste of the Arts event scheduled 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Culture Center on Joy Road near Churchill High School. There is no charge for restaurants to par-

ticipate. At least 600 guests are expected to attend, paying \$20 a person for the chance to sample the best of area restaurant food. Tickets will cost \$25 at the door if you wait until the day of the event. Participating restaurants will be able to pass out coupons and promotional materials at their tables.

The Taste festival will raise funds for the Chamber and for the Family Resource Center in Westland. A silent auction of art will also be held. A drawing will be held for prizes which include

a trip for two to Las Vegas. Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (313) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate.

■ **Fifth anniversary dinner at Emily's**, 505 N. Center, Northville (248) 349-0505, 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 20. The cost is \$125.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity. Chef/proprietor Rick Halberg's dishes incorporating both black and white truffles will be accompanied by the

wines of Labouré-Roi, French Burgundy and Bordeaux specialists.

■ **Holiday Wine & Food Tasting** to Benefit Coalition on Temporary Shelter, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Southfield Manor on Telegraph, just north of Ten Mile Road, in Southfield. Tickets \$30 per person in advance; \$35 at the door. Attendees will have an opportunity to sample wines and food while listening to jazz. Call (248) 433-3000.

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