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Board reverts to an 'east' site

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has reversed itself and has decided to build the new high school on the "east site" closer to Canton and Salem high schools.

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By a 5-2 vote, school board members decided Monday to place Plymouth-Canton's new high school at the so-called east site.

The vote reverses the board's Aug. 24 decision that would've located the school at Joy and Beck roads. Trustee Mark Slavens voiced the strongest opposition to the move.

"We have a lot of voter trust loss," he said. "I'm afraid we may be adding to that tonight. I think representations were made to the voters that it would be at Beck and Joy."

Steve Guile said the east site, which is just west of Plymouth Salem's baseball and softball fields, is more economical and a better long-term investment.

"It's always been my contention that this money could be better used at a closer site," the trustee commented. "It will provide the flexibility that we're going to need in the future to provide the highest quality of education for this district."

Packed chambers

More than 100 people packed the board's chambers Monday. Parents spoke mainly in favor of the west site.

Tammy Guido said the shear size of Centennial Educational Park allows children to fall through the cracks. She told board members just one other district nationally had a similar campus-style arrangement.

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"It's a concept that looks good on paper," said Guido, "but it doesn't work well. If it's such a wonderful system, why hasn't it been duplicated by anyone else in our country?"

Marion Krutty said bigger schools with more class alternatives don't necessarily produce better students.

"I think the job of public education is to make the best scenario for the greatest number of children," she added. "If

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Byers unseats Vos in city election

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Curious: *Cameron Brass, 4, tries to get a look at what her mom, Beverly, is up to while mom casts her vote in the city commission election Tuesday.*

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Voters in Plymouth made it perfectly clear Tuesday. They demanded change on the city commission, and that's exactly what they got when the ballots were counted.

Five new faces were elected to the commission, including an upset victory by newcomer David Byers over long-time commissioner and incumbent John Vos in a special election. Byers beat Vos in all four precincts and the absentee ballots to win the two-year unexpired term left vacant by former Mayor Don Dismuke.

The top three vote getters in the regular city commission race were Bill Graham, Michelle Potter and Dan Dwyer. All will receive four-year terms on the commission.

Finishing fourth in the balloting was Sean FitzGerald, who will get a two-year seat.

The five will join incumbents Dave McDonald and Colleen Pobur on the seven-member commission.

"I have a lot of respect for John Vos, but it's a time for healing and pulling people together," said Byers. "I don't come to the community as a professional politician. I care about my neighborhood and your neighborhood and I want to make a difference. I'm glad people have confidence in me."

Byers credits his door-to-door campaign, fliers and "my experience, integrity and judgment" for his victory.

Vos, in a statement released through his law office, said, "I congratulate Mr. Byers on his victory."

Vos had been lining up votes before the election to become Plymouth's next mayor. However, Tuesday night Byers said it's time to make the mayoral selection a public affair.

"It has to be done in open meetings, identify candidates who are interested and get comments from citizens," added Byers. "Being mayor is not about tenure, it's about leadership. We need to find out who is the best leader for mayor."

Graham said he was surprised that he finished first among all the candidates.

"I never anticipated finishing first," admitted Graham. "I figured I would finish three or four, so it was a total surprise. Certainly, I'm most happy and I'm looking forward to working with my fellow commissioners."

Potter, who was highly visible by attending commission meetings and

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PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL ELECTION • TWO YEAR TERM • VOTED FOR ONE

	PRECINT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINT 3	PRECINT 4	ABSENTEES	TOTALS
• **Dave Byers**	**184**	**86**	**218**	**142**	**279**	**879**
• John F. Vos	63	23	104	87	275	552

PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR ELECTION • VOTED FOR FOUR

	PRECINT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINT 3	PRECINT 4	ABSENTEES	TOTALS
• **Bill Graham**	**144**	**64**	**196**	**178**	**465**	**967**
• **Michelle Potter**	**140**	**82**	**196**	**180**	**283**	**930**
• **Dan Dwyer**	**132**	**68**	**209**	**136**	**311**	**856**
• **Sean FitzGerald**	**123**	**70**	**161**	**133**	**261**	**748**
• Jerry W. Vorva	84	49	149	72	312	666
• Sally Repeck	69	35	101	70	256	531
• Kevin Decker	62	29	82	52	110	335
• Penny Rowland	34	17	33	26	84	194

UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS

One choice drops out

Superintendent search continues

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■ One of the six finalists has dropped out of the interview process after taking a job in Traverse City.

Even before interviews began, the field of candidates seeking the post of Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent has been narrowed by one.

James Harris from the Buffalo (N.Y.) Schools notified district officials he's decided to take his name out of the running after accepting the superintendent's job in Traverse City.

That leaves five remaining finalists, all of whom are being interviewed this week by the Board of Education and 25 members of the Superintendent's Search Committee, made up of staff and community representatives.

Tuesday night the group met with Larry Thomas, educational consultant to, and former superintendent of, the Wayne-Westland school district.

"I have a passion for excellence and urgency," Thomas told the group. "I have extremely high expectations of myself and my staff. I'm known as a motivator."

Thomas made it clear to the board and committee that "students are our customers, and we need to do everything to make them happy. All our energies need to be focused on the classroom, on teaching and learning."

Kathleen Booher, superintendent of Berkley Schools, said her strengths include "my creativity and flexibility, and pursuing a challenge that helps me grow."

Booher said Plymouth-Canton was on her short list of districts where she wants to work.

"Plymouth-Canton is interesting to me," she said. "I want the opportunity to grow and stretch myself."

On Wednesday night, the candidates included William Weber, assistant superintendent of the South Redford school district, and Thomas Gay, superintendent of the Redford Union school district.

"I look at this job as an opportunity to give back to the community that has given to my family," said Weber, whose immediate family includes two Plymouth Salem graduates and four grandchildren currently attending the

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Search is on: *Plymouth Canton Community Board of Education members Steve Guile, Roland Thomas and board President Sue Davis listen to superintendent candidate Larry Thomas during the first of the interviews Tuesday evening in the search for a new district superintendent.*

Township weighs life support training

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With most of the Plymouth community firefighters seated behind him in the Plymouth Township board room, Fire Chief Larry Groth presented his case Tuesday for paramedic training for firefighters.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said she will sit down with city of Plymouth officials to indicate the board's interest in discussing advanced life support (ALS) training. The township board was meeting in study session.

The fire department serves both municipalities.

Keen McCarthy couldn't predict if the city would be interested in sharing the cost.

"This board is not prohibited from proceeding with whatever we want to do if we are not asking the city to pick up the costs," Keen McCarthy said. "I would hope that we could negotiate with the city and they would see the benefit."

The issue will come back to the township board in December.

Trustee Ron Griffith wondered about the liability of providing a service that the city might not want to pay for.

Keen McCarthy supports the highest level of training for firefighters but doesn't support the township getting into the transport business.

"The elevation in certification would, in essence, bring the emergency room doctor into the homes of the citizens, the businesses and the field locations,"

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IN THE PAPER TODAY

OPINION

Today's columns: *Our columnists take on three topics today: the MEAP transfer plans, how and why we cover breaking news referring to last Friday's chemical spill that closed the Jeffries, and memories of a small high school.*/**A17**

COMMUNITY LIFE

Celebration: *The Felician Sisters of the Livonia province are preparing to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the religious order's continuous serve to the people of North America.*/**B1**

AT HOME

Arranging inspiration: *Creativity by area decorators will brighten a variety of housing styles on a Northville home tour.*/**D8**

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Theater: *Trinity House Theatre in Livonia opens its season Nov. 5 with Jack Neary's "To Forgive, Divine."*/**E1**

Popular music: *"Park: A Rock Band," whose members include Chuck Bartels, formerly of Garden City, is set to tour, release an album, and star in a film.*/**E1**

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district schools. "There are many challenges in this district, and I can be a big part in moving it forward."

Board president Sue Davis [illegible] two years, why he's changed jobs so often and if he planned to stay in Plymouth-Canton if selected.

"I wanted to build my pyramid to be as strong as possible in all facets of education," said Gay. "Plymouth-Canton has a lot of needs, and I believe the strengths I bring to the table can address these particular needs. I am prepared to say to the community this is a long-term commitment for me."

The [illegible] scheduled for Thursday night is Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent of the Columbus (Ohio) Public Schools.

District officials are expected to study rating sheets by committee members over the weekend before announcing as many as three finalists at Tuesday's school board meeting.

According to Judy Evola, district director of communications, the finalists will tour the school district and the community while undergoing a second interview.

The school board could hire a new superintendent from the finalists, or reject all the candidates and start the process over

Native West offers $500 prize for 10th anniversary

Native West in downtown Plymouth is celebrating its 10th anniversary and one lucky customer will win a $500 shopping spree.

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The shopping spree entries are available at Native West and can be submitted now through Nov. 30.

No purchase necessary and one entry per person. The store is at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The telephone number is 455-8838.

City Hall 'open door' hours changing

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Beginning this week, Plymouth City Hall is being closed to public traffic at 4:30 p.m.

The public was previously able to enter the building 24 hours a day to talk with police dispatchers. However, as a result of the agreement which combines Plymouth and Plymouth Township dispatch units at the township facilities, City Hall will be closed after regular business hours.

The building will be left open when there are meetings scheduled in the building, such as city commission and planning commission meetings.

There is a telephone in the Church Street lobby entrance of City Hall which directly connects the user to the police and fire dispatch by simply picking up the receiver. Residents who need police and fire service can use the lobby telephone 24 hours a day.

Payments, ballots and other information for city officials can be put in a 24-hour drop box in the library parking area, which is located next to the library book drop.

Read Plymouth sports every Sunday and Thursday

High school site *from page A1*

I can come from a small town with a class of 48 and go to Michigan State and be at the very top of my class, then we don't have necessarily to keep every elective that's out there."

[illegible] Lamar had a different take. She thinks PCEP does work well.

"I think the park concept is a wonderful concept," Lamar said. "I think a lot of the decisions about the west were made on fear. If you give teenagers a little freedom and a lot of guidance they'll do very well. We have nothing to fear."

Trustee Elizabeth Givens agreed.

"Random selection that means our children are placed in classrooms with people that, if they lived in other districts, they might never be in classes with," she said. "That integration is one of the things that makes this community tick."

August vote

Voters approved a $79.9 million bond in March of 1997 to build a new elementary and high school. A legal challenge on the validity of the vote from Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva tied the matter up for nearly two years.

With the lawsuit finally resolved, the board of education voted in August to place the high school at Joy and Beck roads. In September, three of the four trustees who voted for the west site opened the door for a re-vote after lobbying by high school teachers and others.

The trio outlined seven educational mandates, which, if met, could bring the issue back to the table. The mandates, which were part of the resolution passed by the board Monday, include:

- Significant restriction in the movement of students between high school buildings.
- A complete comprehensive outside evaluation of the secondary curriculum, support services and programs, supported by the district budget.
- Investigate models of leadership that will enhance the ability of the three schools to function as one yet remain distinctive.
- Implement an ongoing process for students to be more closely connected with a single adult who would serve as their staff mentor for at least one year.
- Continue to implement and enforce a strong code of conduct.
- The changes as described will become an accountable element of administrative position objectives for meeting timelines of implementation.
- Develop a specific and completed budget, and future projections need accompanying support data.

The district's central administration signed off on the mandates and a special meeting was called Monday for the re-vote.

School board President Sue Davis, Vice President Givens, Roland Thomas, Darwin Watts and Guile voted to put the high school on the east site. Slavens and Judy Mardigian voted against.

Promised smaller schools

Mardigian said she had invested a great deal of time and energy in passing the millage and wasn't about to change her mind on which site was appropriate.

"I know that it's about Beck and Joy," Mardigian said of the millage. "I also know that it was about promising smaller schools. In my view, the west school was the school that really wasn't given a chance."

Despite her stance, she said she would back her fellow board members and the district.

"I think this seven-point plan is a good one and I will support it," said Mardigian. "I think this plan can result in smaller, more personalized learning environments and I believe we can make our schools what our public wants."

Added costs

Monday's vote didn't specify an exact location for the high school.

The building must be within a 10-minute walking distance from Salem and Canton, School Business and Operations Director John Birchler said. That calculation will determine an exact location.

The district will incur added costs to develop the site.

Relocating Salem's athletic fields will cost approximately $250,000, said Birchler. An additional $150,000 will be spent on the building's foundation and footings because of looser soil conditions, he added.

Thomas believes the expenditures are a small price to pay.

"It's a one-time cost to make sure we have the flexibility to operate those schools independently as three individual schools," he commented, "or collectively as one integrated school system out there."

Guile agreed and said it would be more cost effective than the west site over the years.

"For us in the district to spend $500,000 more per year on operational costs (at the west site), I don't think is a good investment in our schools now and in the future."

The district will need a host of county and state approvals before work can begin. While the school will be located in Canton, state law doesn't require the district to go through a normal planning process with the township.

Ground should be broken next spring with actual work on the building starting in the summer, said Birchler.

"The plan is to have it ready for the 2002-03 school year," he added.

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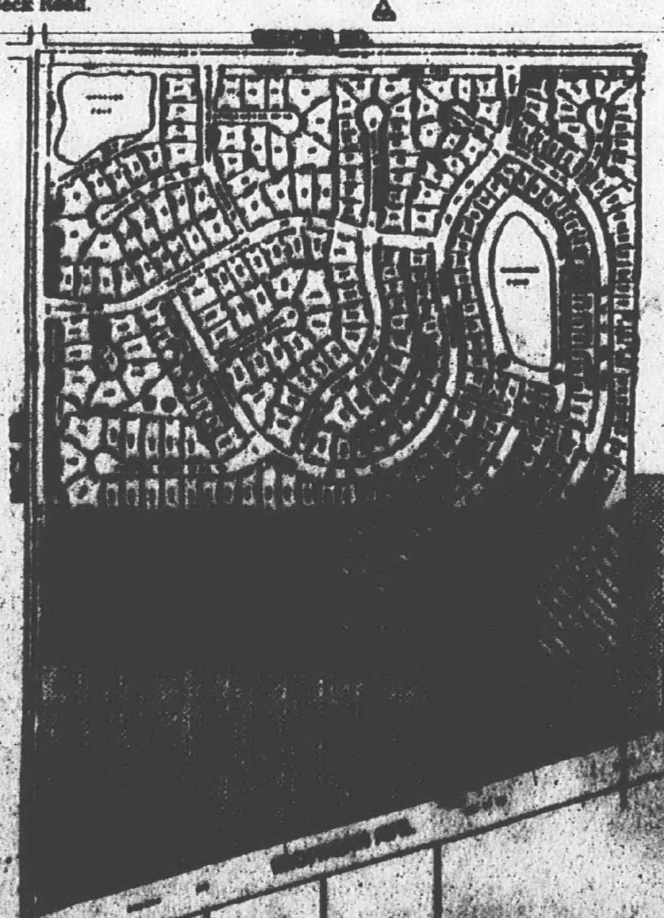
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

GOFF/JOHNSON FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 130 99 0005 000. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

CANTON TOWNSHIP INTIATED FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (4 UNITS/ACRE) FOR THE SOUTH 660 FEET OF MEADOW VILLAGE SUBDIVISION #2, AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 129 99 0009 000, 131 99 0001 000, 131 99 0002 000, 131 99 0003 000, 131 99 0004 000, 131 99 0005 000, 131 99 0006 000, 131 99 0007 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0011 000, 131 99 0012 000, 131 99 0013 000, 131 99 0014 000, AND 131 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.



This hearing is rescheduled from September [illegible], 1999.

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The following Agenda will be discussed:
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern,
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Kristin Felty, 39718 Deepwood St. Canton, Mi. 48188 (734-397-7234), requesting a variance of Fence Ordinance #103 Section 8 D, Fence installation in front yard area.

Parcel #093-02-0288-000 A (Building)
(Approval of October 14, 1999 minutes)

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Spotlight On Your Pet
Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.
DOGS & THUNDER

Approximately 19 percent of all dogs suffer from thunder phobia, an anxiety disorder that can be very serious. The sounds, flashes, and change in barometric pressure are the three elements of thunderstorms that cause dogs to panic. The reasons for thunder phobia are still unclear. Some experts claim that the dog experienced a scare during a previous thunderstorm, such as a tree falling on a roof or car, and continues to link the fear to storms. The phobia could also be genetic. Most dogs do not outgrow their thunder phobia, but get more anxious about storms as they age. Desensitization training, which involves acclimating the dog to the taped sounds of thunder, is one option for treating thunder phobia.

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P.S. The drugs clomipramine and amitriptyline are also used to treat thunder phobia.

PCEP Marching Band wins 6th state title

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band rocked the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday and brought a sizable portion of the day's 15,000-20,000 spectators to their feet at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championships.

For the sixth year in a row, the PCEP marchers captured the number-one spot among the state's 40 top bands with the highest overall score. They also seized the Flight I first place trophy and all three captions for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect in Flight I with a score of 94.15 out of a possible 100 points.

"I was very happy with their performance," said a pleased David McGrath, PCEP band director. "If they keep working as hard as they have been, we'll be in good shape for nationals in two weeks."

Greg Rinehart, assistant band director, said he felt "very good" about the band's performance. "I can tell you that, as staff, we are all excited and thinking that everyone's hard work is paying off better than ever before. It is a more mature band than ever, more educated. I think they know how to get more out of themselves than ever before."

The band's nine-minute show, "Thought crime: Music for an Orwellian Era," a dramatization of the loss of individuality in society, is exceptionally fast-paced in music and marching.

"It is a tough show," said Assistant Music Director Rob Myers. "The minute you slack

off in this show, you're in a lot of trouble so these kids are working awfully hard."

"Some of the music goes at 180 beats per minute, so it is extremely fast," said drum major Elliott Tackitt. "I think it was an exceptional performance on everybody's part. We worked really hard in the last couple months and it has all come together. I'm really proud of everybody."

Fellow band members agree.

"I felt we did great," said Kevin Cooper, junior saxophonist. "It was one of our best performances."

Said Jessica McLellan, senior clarinetist: "I feel very good about our performance and it was great getting a standing ovation."

The PCEP performers completed the in-state season by gleaning every Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for best marching, music and general effect at all their Michigan competitions. Due to inclement weather Oct. 23 in Muskegon, the Plymouth-Canton staff decided on a standstill, which classified the band's performance as exhibition-only with no score.

At the Bands of America Regional Championships in Toledo this fall, the PCEP band placed second among 30 bands from six states, missing first by less than two-tenths of a point.

At the state contest on Saturday, top spots in other flights went to Mona Shores, Flight II champions with a score of 91.2; Farmington Harrison captured the Flight III championship title with a score of 81.2; and, with a score of 84.1, Durand took the Flight IV championship.

Other area schools included Westland's John Glenn with a 73.05 for seventh place in Flight I.

Tenth place in Flight I with a score of 67.95 went to West Bloomfield. Novi took third place with a score of 85.9 in Flight II and Dearborn/Annapolis captured third place in Flight IV with a score of 75.2.

Only the top 10-scoring bands in each flight can participate in the championship contest. There are more than 80 bands in the MCBA, said McGrath, who is also MCBA president.

The next two weeks leading up to the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis will mean some pretty intense practice sessions.

"We'll have a couple extended rehearsals next week, as we normally do this time of the season," said McGrath. He is pleased that there are two weeks to work on cleaning and polishing the show before national championships.

"Last year we only had one week to make adjustments and once you hear and see it in a dome, you make adjustments

DIANE HANSON

All in step: *The PCEP Marching Band (above, and above left) displays the form that keeps them at the top.*

that you never had to encounter before."

He pointed out there were some timing problems in the first half of the show until the kids got used to the echo environment of the dome. "Then they sort of settled in and played great the whole show," said McGrath.

"We're going to have to do some things like rehearse with cotton in their ears just to get them used to that muffled sound that they'll hear."

And it is certain that some 400 band parents will be right there supporting their performers.

"The parents work really hard all through the year behind the scenes to raise the money and to make sure everything is in place so that when the season starts, we know we can put the show on the road," said Sharon Shemon, whose son Zack is a sophomore saxophone player.

"It makes me feel incredibly proud to see how hard they are willing to work at something they want to be good at," she said. "And then it makes me feel incredibly proud when I'm watching them perform and to see their hard work pay off."

■ The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 11-13.

Skate with Whalers event will aid United Way drive

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League will help the Plymouth Community United Way drive with a "meet the players" day on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The skate with the Whalers event will be held at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road. Fans will skate in large groups; each group skates for about 30 minutes.

Cost is $5 for individuals, $15 for families (limit six). Skate rental will be $3. The Whalers will be signing autographs and remind everyone to bring their cameras.

The Plymouth Community United Way Campaign is at 25 percent of its goal of $1 million.

Donations can be sent to: Plymouth Community United Way, 960 West Ann Arbor Trail. P.O. Box 6356, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The following agencies are supported by United Way donations:

Plymouth Community Council on Aging, Angela Hospice, Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Also, First Step, Plymouth Dental Fund, Growth Works, Plymouth Community Family YMCA, Plymouth Family Service/ Helpsource, Plymouth Opportunity House, Plymouth Salvation Army, Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth, Visiting Nurse Association.

■ The United Way drive is at about 25 percent of its goal of $1 million.

Also, grants to Community Hospice and Home Care and Our Lady of Providence.

Also, The Arc Michigan, American Lung Association, Autism Society of Michigan, Children's Charter of the Courts, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, Citizens for Better Care, Epilepsy center of Michigan, Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, Kenny Foundation, Mental Health Association In Michigan, Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing & Speech Services, Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders, Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency, Michigan League for Human Services.

And, Michigan Legal Services, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence of Michigan, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter.

Also, Paws With A Cause, and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan.

Petix to close clothing store

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Petix Men's Fashion store at 340 S. Main Street in Plymouth will be closing its doors after the first of the year. However, Petix Formal Wear will continue to have a presence in the city.

"We're closing down our clothing operations in Plymouth and Birmingham after 55 years in the clothing business," said owner Jim Petix. "However, we will be looking for another downtown Plymouth location to keep our formal wear rentals and sales business in the area.

"The clothing business has become tough, mainly because of casual days at many corporations, and we began feeling the pinch," said Petix. "The Petix name has been associated with formal wear for 53 years, and we continue to do well in that segment."

Petix said the 2,400-square-foot Plymouth store is too big for tuxedo rental and sales, but "we're looking at several other sites in Plymouth about half that size."

Petix said the company will also open a smaller store in Birmingham for their tuxedo operations.

In addition to the two stores, Petix owns a 20,000-square-foot warehouse on Grand River in Livonia. From that distribution center, Petix also services other tuxedo companies throughout Michigan.

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City rejects dispatchers' severance deal; signup deadline today

BY SUE BUCK
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All eight city dispatchers, who last week voted to quit their jobs rather than become part of the combined Plymouth Community Communications Center, reversed their positions after the Plymouth City Commission voted against a severance package Monday.

Initially the dispatchers were afraid of losing their jobs, did not support the merger, and eventually did not want to go to the township to work.

Negotiations have gone back and forth for weeks, and the two sides had reportedly reached an agreement last week when the eight quit.

However, Monday the commission voted 5-1, with Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury casting the no vote, to reject the severance proposal.

Commission members believed they had already upheld their promise to dispatchers by guaranteeing their jobs, which is what city dispatchers wanted in the beginning.

Gerald Radovic, bargaining agent for the Police Officers Association of Michigan, informed both Plymouth City Manager David Rich and Police Chief Larry Carey of the dispatchers new intentions at 3:55 p.m. Tuesday.

City dispatchers have until 4 p.m. Nov. 4 to come in and sign up for a shift, Carey said. "Otherwise, they don't have jobs." This is an extension from the Oct. 29 sign-up date, he said.

Allison Pennington, an eight-year city dispatcher, who was among the eight city dispatchers who voted unanimously for the severance package option last Thursday, Oct. 28, was the first city dispatcher to begin work Wednesday under the merger. She said she was uncertain at first.

"I was undecided," Pennington said. "Nobody expected what the commission would do."

Part-timer Jason Jordan also indicated his desire to be part of the merger, Carey said.

Radovic stood firm in his belief that granting the severance package would have been best because that's what city dispatchers had told him they wanted. He hoped for more support among newly elected city commission members.

"There will be grievances filed and litigation," Radovic predicted. "There will be morale problems. I'll negotiate as long as necessary."

City dispatchers are paid $30,576; township dispatchers earn $28,080 and have different benefits.

The terms of the city dispatchers' contract must be followed until June 30, 2001, Radovic said.All city and township 911 calls are now answered at the center, in the Plymouth Township station on Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

Life support *from page A1*

Groth said in his written report.

Licensed for basic life support, the firefighters are emergency medical technicians and are limited to what emergency procedures they can perform. They can't intubate patients (put a tube down a patient's trachea or windpipe to assist breathing), start IVs or administer drugs.

As paramedics they could use semi-automatic defibrillators for electrical shock to restore a patient's heartbeat.

Only two of the department's firefighters are trained paramedics, obtaining their training prior to coming to the department, Groth said.

"You have four to six minutes to work with," said Dr. Mark Bacigal, director of emergency medicine at Garden City Hospital. That means that a paramedic trained in ALS procedures can immediately administer medications to an asthmatic rather than just providing oxygen.

"You have the guys who want to do it," Bacigal said. "There are communities who would dream of guys who would want to do it."

The fire department arrives before Huron Valley Ambulance, which provides transport for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Emergency medical technicians are limited to training in basic patient assessment, spinal immobilization, oxygen therapy and trauma care. Paramedics are proficient in monitoring heart rhythm, delivering precise electrical therapy, called defibrillation to patients suffering certain abnormal rhythms, preparing and administering a number of emergency medications, and providing more advanced respiratory support.

Groth cites more on-site advantages:

- Treatment that would normally occur in an emergency room can begin as soon as the paramedic arrives on the scene and intravenous fluids can be started.
- There is a higher survivability rate for cardiac emergencies.
- Advanced airway techniques can be used to ensure air passage into the lungs on certain procedures.

The current emergency medical service works this way:

The fire department maintains a maximum four-minute response time to the incident location. HVA must maintain an eight-minute response time to the location by national standards.

A priority one patient, with highest priority, is one who has an immediate life or limb-threatening situation. A priority two patient, considered urgent, is any patient whose condition could become life-threatening before arrival at a hospital. This includes any patients who require IV fluids, medications, airway control, monitoring, or spinal stabilization.

Priority three patients have a stable condition. A priority four patient is dead at the scene.

From January to September 1999, there were 53 priority one, 581 priority two, and 618 priority three calls for service. That compares with 71 priority one, 886 priority two, and 790 priority calls in 1998.

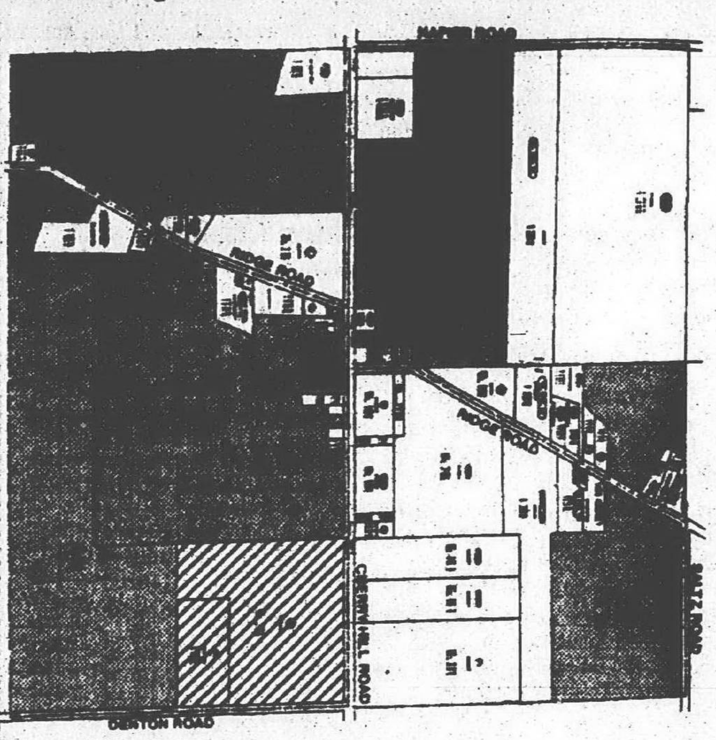
In 1997, there were 81 priority one, 953 priority two and 747 priority three calls.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 15, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PART OF PARCEL NO. 071 99 0002 001 AND ALL OF PARCEL NOS. 071 99 0005 000, 072 99 0005 003, 073 99 0001 001, 073 99 0001 002, 073 99 0002 000, 073 99 0005 002, 073 99 0009 000, 074 99 0001 000, 074 99 0002 000, 074 99 0008 709, 074 99 0010 705. Property is located north and south of Cherry Hill Road between Denton and Napier. Second Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Wednesday, November 10, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton, Public Works, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 P.M. December 3, 1999 for the following described project:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design and construction follow-up of a new vehicle maintenance facility for Canton Township along with parking, landscaping, lighting, storm drainage, and other utilities.

Requests for Proposal Documents are available to be picked up on the 2nd Floor, Public Works at the address above.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., November 18, 1999 for the following:

PURCHASE OF BULK SALT

Plans and specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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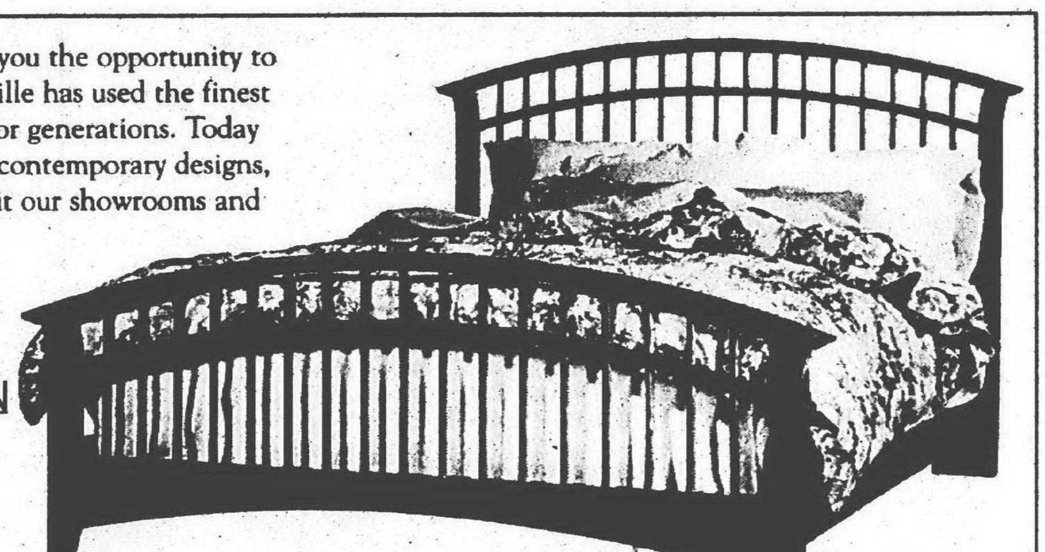

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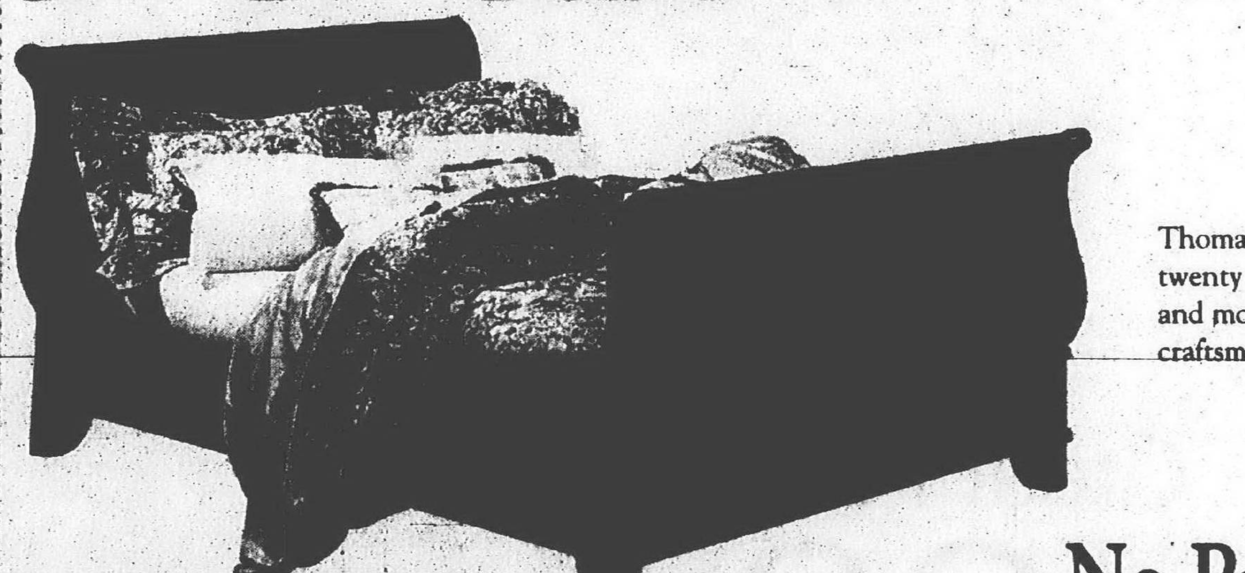

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OBITUARIES

CARROLL L. MUNSHAW

Services for Carroll L. Munshaw, 87, of Chelsea will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Munshaw was born April 1, 1912, in Grand Rapids and died Oct. 31 in Chelsea. He was a retired professor at Wayne State University and a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He worked for 46 years in public education in Michigan.

Mr. Munshaw was preceded in death by his parents, George T. and Cora Munshaw. Survivors include his wife, Ruth D. Munshaw; one daughter, Cara (Cal) M. Frappier of Lansing; one son, Randy (Barbara) F. Munshaw of Wayne; two sisters, Meriem Elwell of Holland and Frances Slocum of Holland; and one granddaughter, Arielle Frappier of Lansing.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

HANNA ELIZABETH STRASEN

Services for Hanna Elizabeth Strasen, 97, of Frankenmuth (formerly of Plymouth) were held Nov. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Charles F. Boerger officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 5, 1902, in Illinois and died Oct. 29 in Frankenmuth. She lived in Plymouth most of her life, moving to Frankenmuth 10 years ago after she retired. She was a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. She was a piano instructor, teaching until her 86th birthday. She played piano many times for the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Survivors include her three nieces, Ruith Drews Shipman of Illinois, Betty Ferber of Ohio and Christine Strasen of Switzerland; one nephew, Gary (Bobbi) Strasen of Chicago; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Homes, 75 Wesy Genesee, Frankenmuth, MI 46734.

KATHLEEN ROWLINGS

Services for Kathleen Rowlings, 64, of Canton were held Nov. 1 at Grand Lawn Cemetery with the Rev. Alberto Bondy of St. Michael Church officiating.

She was born April 30, 1935, in Detroit and died Oct. 29. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two daughters, Catherine M. (Cornell) Osier and Marilyn K. (David) Charneski; and three grandchildren.

HELENA L. WALKLEY

Services for Helena L. Walkley, 91, of Bradenton, Fla., (formerly of Farmington) were held Oct. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James Braid. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills.

She was born on June 5, 1908, in Temple, Texas, and died Oct. 25 in Bradenton, Fla. She was a former member of Farmington United Methodist Church and a secretary for National Research Corp. Her hobbies included gardening and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Harry E.; two sons, Harry M. (Carla) of Canton and Andrew (MaryAnn) of Bradenton; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

MARY ROSE DREW

Services for Mary Rose Drew, 77, of Plymouth were held Oct. 28 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Father Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 2, 1922, and died Oct. 24. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, James (Arkie) Drew; one son, Anthony (Tonya); one brother, John Cusmano; and one sister, Frances Zbercot.

SHIRLEY KONDOR

Services for Shirley Kondor, 47, of Canton will be held Nov. 5 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

She was born Jan. 27, 1952, in Detroit and died Nov. 2. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John Neumann Church.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter Robert Taylor, and one daughter. Survivors include her husband, Allen Kondor; one son, Scott of Canton; one daughter, Sonya of Canton; two sisters, Wanda Sue Charles and Peggy Louise Cadle; and one brother, Howard Donald Taylor.

Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Old Village to spotlight its businesses at fest

■ The event is set for Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Cultural Center

A Village Business Fest will showcase Old Village shops and restaurants on Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The first-ever event is co-sponsored by the Old Village Development Authority and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided by Station 885, Bushel's Cafe, Harvey's Old Village Deli and Lower Town Grill.z

For businesses wishing to participate there is a $15 fee for a six-foot table; participating businesses will also be offering door prizes.

"There are many interesting shops tucked away in all the nooks and crannies of the Old Village," said Sherrie Pryor of the Old Village Authority.

"For example Philip Hawk Saddler-Shoemaker has handmade leather shoes, Bodyworks Healing Arts Center for heavenly massage, psychic readings and classes in Reiki, and Kindermusik at Village Music are a few I would name," she said.

Pryor said there are still openings for businesses who wish to join the fest display.

VFW reinstates Friday fish fry

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 in Plymouth will once again be holding a Friday night fish fry to raise money for the veterans' group.

"We want to raise money to help with our community obligations and to keep the Post open," said Carl Adler, spokesman for VFW Post 6695. "It's no secret that our membership is dwindling because of age, and we want to do whatever we can to raise money and keep it going. The fish fry was successful in the past, and we hope it will be once again."

The all-you-can-eat dinner will cost $7 for adults and $5 for children under 12.

The VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 is located at 1426 S. Mill Street.

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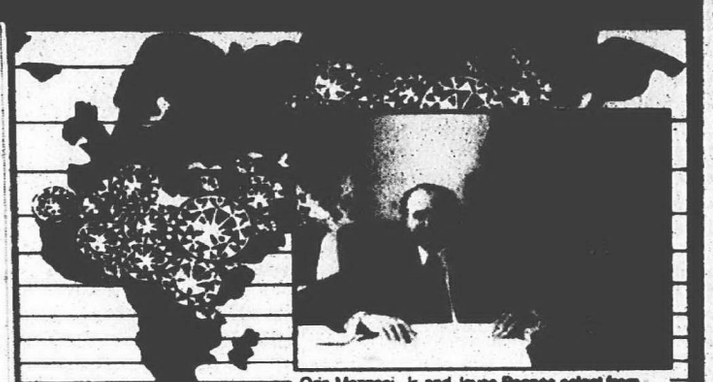

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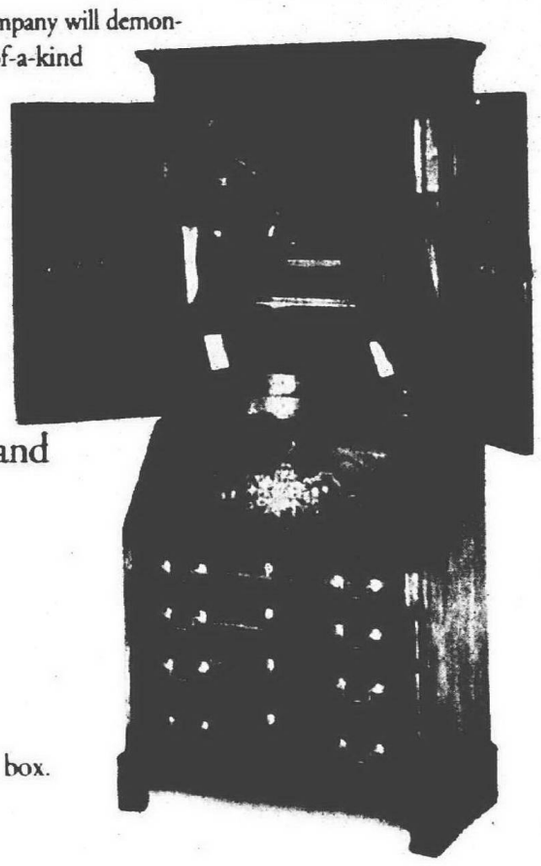

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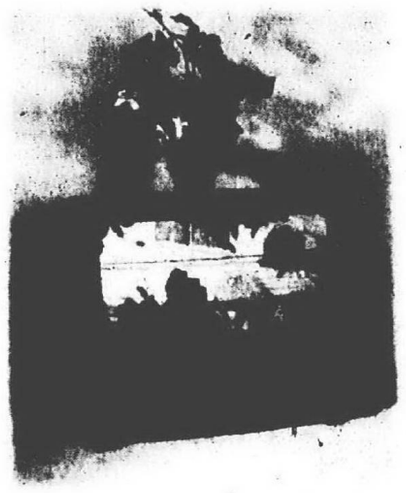

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Election *from page A1*

walking neighborhoods, jumped from a sixth-place finish in the primary to second in the general election.

"I'm overwhelmed at the response of the voters and look forward to serving the next four years," said Potter. "I think people were ready for change and fresh ideas."

Dwyer, who ended up third in the voting, said he had no idea where he would eventually finish.

"I ran a clean campaign and talked about myself, and I'm proud of that," said Dwyer. "I didn't say a bad thing about anyone else publicly, and that's what I think people were looking for in Plymouth. I think people were sick of the fighting."

Dwyer considers the budget and recreation as top issues for the new commission, and is quick to point out that he's not a candidate to become Plymouth's next mayor.

"Anyone who wants to talk to me about being mayor, I'd listen to them and pick the best person," said Dwyer. "I think the mayor needs to be a consensus builder."

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

A winner: *Michelle Potter and husband, Jim.*

FitzGerald, another newcomer to the city commission, sees voter dissatisfaction a large part of his victory.

"I think it has to do with a high level of dissatisfaction by the people of Plymouth," said FitzGerald. "The water rate increase was foremost in their minds. And, the voters are looking for a different behavior from the commission, which I will work hard to achieve."

City Manager David Rich said the old commissioners will relinquish their seats to the new commissioners at a special meeting Monday night. The new commissioners will be sworn in by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe.

Rich said he expects the new commission to vote on a mayor and mayor pro-tem at Monday's meeting.

The number of ballots cast was 7,051, which is 23.73 percent of the total number of voters in the city.

"I was expecting about 20 percent, so despite the inclement weather we had a fairly good turnout," said Linda Langmesser, Plymouth city clerk. "Overall, it was a typical turnout for a city commission election."

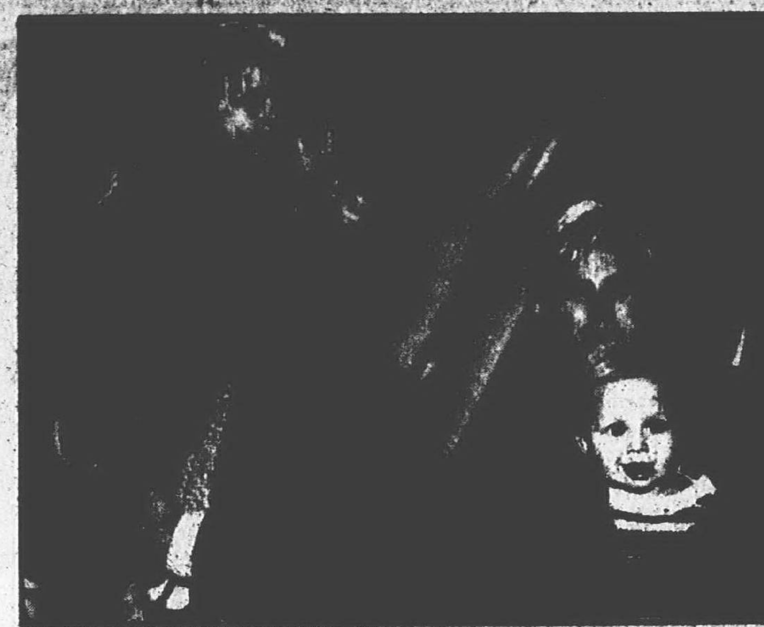
Langmesser said there was a problem with a voting machine in Precinct 3 that was jammed with a ballot. However, the computer brain was transferred to a spare voting machine by city officials.

"We completed the change without losing a single vote," said Langmesser.

It was evident at the polls that many voters cast ballots for candidates they believed would stop the infighting which plagued the current commission.

"I want someone to do the job without all the bickering," said Gloria Poirier. "They should be looking out for what's best for the city."

"I voted for people to build a consensus and give back to the community, not for personal gain," added Jim Offer. "I'm sick of the petty politics."



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Election day: *Winner Dan Dwyer, daughter, Emma, 3; wife Shon and son Dylan (above) are pleased. Precinct workers Marion Dunaitis (left) and Sandra Richards check out Dunaitis' needlepoint of the state while passing the time between voters. Patty Malcolm casts her ballot (above, right).*

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 26, 1999

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter the Chairperson to preside over the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton proceedings of October 26, 1999. All ayes present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin,
Members Absent: Shefferly, Yack
Staff Present: Abbott, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Santomauro, Salla, Zevalkink

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the Agenda as presented. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of October 12, 1999. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin. Abstain: Kirchgatter. Absent: Shefferly, Yack

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held in Memphis, Tennessee on October 16, 1999. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of the Charter Township of Canton of October 19, 1999. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to pay the bills as presented. All ayes present.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	$ 314,571.94
Fire Fund	206	49,916.94
Police Fund	207	110,116.22
Community Center Fund	208	93,217.31
Golf Course Fund	211	20,675.49
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,695.63
Cable TV Fund	230	5,675.64
Community Improvement Fund	246	47,495.95
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	844.40
Special Investigative Fund	267	30.00
Federal Grant Funds	274	711.25
State Projects Fund	289	1,747.23
Downtown Development Auth.	294	101,464.45
Retiree Benefits	296	7,658.66
Bldg Authority Construction Fund	469	3,166.40
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,201,901.80
Trust & Agency (trailer fees)	701	5,560.00
Total - All Funds		$ 1,981,356.91

Treasurer Kirchgatter declared the Public Hearing open to consider the tax abatement for Creative Technologies Services, L.C.C. open at 7:08 PM.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing at 7:25PM All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt a resolution approving application of Creative Technologies Service LLC an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property located at 7444 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan. All ayes present.

RESOLUTION

Approving Application of Creative Technologies Services, LLC

Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate For Real and Personal Property

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and

WHEREAS, Creative Technologies Services, LLC has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 26, 1999, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before October 4, 1999, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act. No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act. No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of Creative Technologies Services, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:

That part of the S.W. ¼ of Section 1, T.2S., 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 [illegible] W., 1374.30 feet along the South line of Section 1, [illegible] W., 881.84 feet measured (881.33 feet [illegible]) and [illegible] E., 64.00 feet and N. 02 degrees [illegible] W., [illegible] feet along the East right-of-way line of Haggerty [illegible] from the South ¼ corner of said Section 1; thence N. 02 degrees [illegible] W., [illegible] feet along said East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road; thence N. 88 degrees 40' 04" E., 472.85 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of I-275 Expressway ([illegible] feet wide); thence along said right-of-way line, 555.60 feet along the arc of a curve to the left (radius 11,[illegible].16 feet, central angle 02 degrees 43' 50", chord length of 555.47 feet, chord bears S. 12 degrees 13' 47" W.) thence S. 88 degrees 40' 47" W. measured (S. 88 degrees 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 degrees 25' 19" W., 233.10 feet; thence S. 88 degrees 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.

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 8 years, expiring December 30, 2007, contingent upon a written request from Masco Tech Tubular Products to the State Tax Commission, State of Michigan, and the Canton Township Board of Trustees requesting transfer of the real property portion of their Industrial Facilities Tax Certificate #95-177 to Creative Technologies Services, LLC and revocation of the personal property portion of their Industrial Facilities Tax Certificate #95-177 concurrent with the commencement of manufacturing activities of Creative Technologies Services, LLC at 7444 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution for final approval of the Plat for Kirkway Subdivision. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve appointments to the Senior Advisory Council for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2002 and the alternates to a one-year term January 1 through December 31, 2000: All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and publish for the second reading the amendments to the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30 (N), which amendments increase the water rate from $1.86 to $1.91 per thousand gallons and the sewage treatment rate from $2.40 to $2.64 per thousand gallons, combined water and sewer rate from $4.26 per thousand gallons to $4.55 per thousand gallons, and minimum sewage disposal if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle from $12.00 to $13.20 effective January 1, 2000. All ayes present.

ORDINANCE NO. 30 (N)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
AMENDMENT TO WATER SUPPLY AND
SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES"; PROVIDING FOR NEW WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(1)(A) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT RATE AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(A) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION-SECTION 20 .

Ordinance No. 30 (N) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows:

112.200. Section 20. RATES.

1. WATER
   - A. Consumption Rate - $1.91 per 1,000 gallons
   - B. Water Capital Charge
     - -Minimum Capital Charge - $1,000.00
     - -Per REU Capital Charge - $1,000.00
   - C. Water Construction Charges
     - -Minimum Water Construction Charge - $50.00
     - - Per REU Construction Charge - $50.00
   - D. Water Front Footage Charge - $15.00 per foot of property service by the water line
   - E. Water Connection - Township Taps:
     1 inch tap $ 950.00
     2 inch tap $2,500.00 (plus $12.00 per lineal foot over 15 foot)
     Over 2 inch line will be installed at a cost approved by the Township Board
   - F. Water Connection - Applicant Taps

2 inch taps	$1,350.00
3 inch taps	$1,700.00
4 inch taps	$2,500.00
6 inch taps	$3,925.00
2 inch tap for irrigation system	$ 604.00

   - G. There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a 3/4 inch by-pass meter The ¾ inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the Township and installed by the Owner. The charge for the ¾ inch by-pass meter and Township inspection shall be $175.00.

2. SEWER
   - A. Sewage Treatment Rate - $2.64 per 1,000 gallons of water used
   - B. Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle - $13.20
     Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle - $30.00
     Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to Township water system, per bi-monthly reading cycle-$20.00 per REU
   - C. Sewer Capital Charge
     - -Minimum - $3,500.00
     - Per REU Capital Charge - $3,500.00
   - D. Sewer Front Footage Charge - $20.00 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line
   - E. Connection Charge - $500.00
   - F. Inspection fee - $60.00
   - G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates:

Meter Size Inches	Rates $/Month
5/8	[illegible]
3/4	[illegible]
1	[illegible]
1-1/2	[illegible]
2	[illegible]
3	[illegible]
4	[illegible]
6	[illegible]
8	[illegible]
10	260.92
12	298.19
14	372.74
16	447.29
18	521.83
20	596.38
24	670.93
30	745.48
36	820.02
48	894.57

SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE

The balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

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

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS

Portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance becomes effective November 4, 1999 after publication of the second reading.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 12th day of October, 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.

A full and complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk's office

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the budget amendment in the General Fund to reclassify the debt service payment budget line items from the Canton Softball Center Division budget to the Transfers Division budget:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations		
Bond Principal	#101-755-991-0000	$ (200,000)
Bond Interest	101-755-995-0000	(74,378)
Bond Agent Fees	101-755-998-0000	(750)
Transfers to Bldg Authority Debt Fund	101-959-965-3690	(275,128)
Total - All Funds		$ -0-

This budget amendment decreases the Canton Softball Center Division budget from $1,292,828 to $1,654,700, increases the Transfers Division budget from $2,385,356 to $2,660,484, and does not increase or decrease the General Fund budget. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Fund for the FY 1999 transfers from the General Fund and debt service payments for the Canton Softball Center bond issue:

Increase Revenues		
Contributions from General Fund	#369-000-676-1010	$275,128
Increase Appropriations		
Debt Principal	#369-000-991-0000	$200,000
Debt Interest	369-000-996-0000	74,378
Paving Agent Fees	369-000-998-0000	750
Total		$275,128

This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Fund budget from $1,382,614 to $1,657,742.

All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the amended resolution of the May 25, 1999 Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton granting special land use for Belle Tire. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Belle Tire. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution for the tentative approval of the preliminary plan for Central Park Subdivision No. 2. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve awarding the bid for purchase of one (1) Toro Reelmaster 3100 Sidewinder Model #03201 Trim Mower from Spartan Distributors, Inc., in the amount of $17,137.00 which includes a $3,000 trade-in allowance for Fellows Creek Golf Club. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve awarding the bid for the exterior painting of the Canton Softball Center restaurant/office building to the low bidder, B & B Painting, in the amount of $7,000, and establish a contingency fund of $700 for a total of $7,700. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the creation and filling of the position of GIS Mapping Specialist with a hire date projected for January, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the award of bid for tree planting for Canton Center Road Tree Planting and Windsor Park Subdivision No. 1 Street Tree Program for an amount not to exceed $122,405.00, plus a $7,595.00 contingency for a total not to exceed $130,000.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve additional design fees for Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for the Beck Road Paving Project, Cherry Hill to Ford, in the amount of $24,000.00 and to have these funds transferred from account 403-506-803-0000 to Purchase Order 13568.All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of a vehicle exhaust ventilation system from Hasting Energy, Wayne, Michigan at a cost not to exceed $39,505.75, and to approve prepayment of this purchase. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. All ayes present.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Oct. 26, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Nov. 9, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Dems, GOP offer dueling tax holiday proposals

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Republicans and Democrats alike want to give Michigan residents a "holiday" from sales taxes.

But differing proposals have sparked a war of words in Lansing.

When House Taxation Committee Chair Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) unveiled plans for a two-week sales tax holiday on clothing during the back-to-school shopping season, Minority Leader Michael Hanley (D-Saginaw) criticized it as a drain on the state school aide fund. Proposal A, after all, shifted the tax burden away from property taxes and replaced the money with an increase in sales taxes, the hike being dedicated to the state school fund.

"If Rep. Hanley is going to put a shot across the bow, it would be nice if he were aware of what members of his own caucus – 19 of them – are up to," Cassis fired back.

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Rep. Nancy Cassis
R-Novi

She was referring to a plan by Rep. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas III (D-Detroit) to also offer a sales tax holiday, co-sponsored by 19 House Democrats. Thomas' plan is for a one-day holiday, but would apply to all taxable items.

While she anticipates her plan could cost the state budget anywhere from $16 million to $28 million in lost sales tax revenues, according to estimates provided by the House Fiscal Agency, Cassis said Thomas' plan could cost the state $100 million or more.

"It's irresponsible. It's never been done before. We have nothing to model it on," she said.

Although for only a day, Cassis said she would anticipate that residents would hold off purchases of big ticket items, such as cars and home entertainment systems, in order to get the break on sales taxes. While she said her plan is aimed at helping families with the purchase of necessities during back-to-school shopping, she said Thomas' plan would allow shoppers to get the break on luxury items as well.

House Bill 4862 would exempt clothing from sales taxes for one week before and one week after the Labor Day holiday. The exemption would be capped at $500 per individual article of clothing – amounts over that would be subject to Michigan's 6 percent sales tax. She said similar plans have been adopted in New York, New Jersey, Texas and Florida.

House Bill 4650 would allow one day off from sales taxes on all items.

The state budget is expected to produce a surplus of $380 million in the current fiscal year. Extra funds in school aid money are expected to reach $500 million next year.

The budget surplus has members on both sides of the aisle looking for breaks to return money to taxpayers.

The bills will not likely be considered until early next year.

CAPITAL CAPSULES

It's no longer science fiction – medical science can determine the likelihood that an individual will fall victim to one of about 4,000 different diseases through genetic testing.

And health insurance companies in Michigan have already begun the practice of screening customers based on genetic testing, according to state Sen. John Schwarz, R. Battle Creek.

"Don't let them kid you," he said, "they are already doing it."

But the practice will have to end under legislation, an eight bill package led by Senate Bill 815, sponsored by Schwarz and approved by the senate Wednesday, Oct. 27, in a 37-0 vote.

Schwarz believes the testing would make it impossible for some, with genes that make them susceptible to certain diseases, to get insurance.

If insurers argue testing would save money by weeding out those likely to file costly claims, Schwarz is unsympathetic.

"What is the definition of insurance – it's share risk," he said.

The bills would prohibit genetic testing for insurance, require destruction records of genetic tests, and insure the privacy of genetic tests.

All local senators voted in favor the bills.

Only Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Ann Arbor, objected. While voting for the bills, she said she felt they did not go far enough.

"It is my concern that this backdoor approach, rather than going through the complete umbrella protection offered by the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, does indeed limit the protections available for all of Michigan citizens," said.

Smith and Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onodaga, earlier proposed prohibitions to genetic testing under the civil rights acts, which the senate did not accept.

SCHOOL BUILDING NEGLECT

Many school buildings in Michigan have been neglected in the past few years, and now one lawmaker is looking for ways the state government can help improve or replace those facilities.

Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, is sponsoring legislation that would earmark 45 percent of state tax money from Detroit casinos to a state fund intended to help and support local school building bond issues.

Although all state tax money from the three new casinos is already reserved for education, Bogardus' bill would specifically set 45 percent aside for support of local bond issues. Under casino oversight laws, 8.1 percent of casinos' "net win" would be deposited in the state school aid fund for K-12 education.

It is anticipated that once in operation, each permanent casino in Detroit will deposit $25.4 million into the school aid fund each year.

Earmarked in the school aid fund, the money would then be used for matching grants for school districts which undertake capital improvement programs or install new technology. If voters accept bond issues as the ballot box, and levy 7 mills, the fund would assist in repayment of bonds, Bogardus explained.

She said state assistance would be available for major capital improvement projects at existing schools, new construction and installation of computers and technology.

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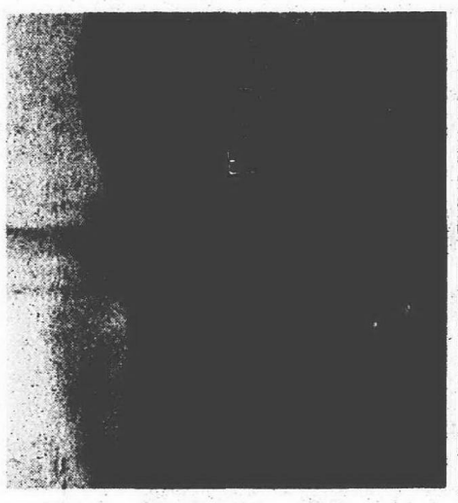

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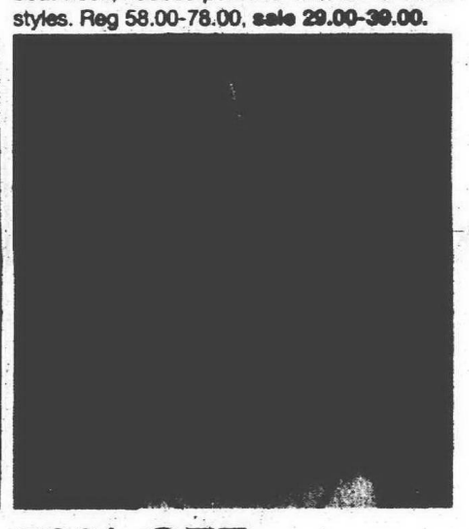

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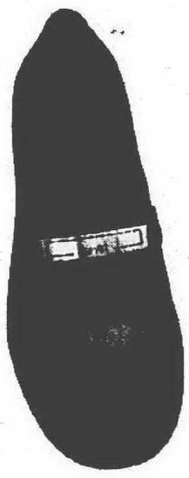

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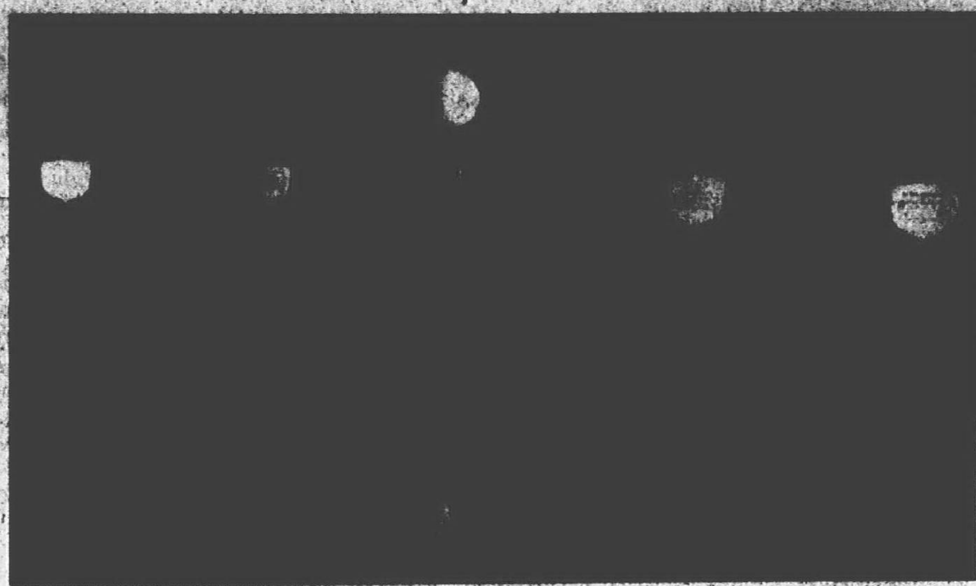


Victims: Twelve red silhouettes in the shape of women provided a somber backdrop at the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awards Luncheon.

Silhouettes tell grim story at domestic violence lunch

Twelve red silhouettes in the shape of women provided a somber backdrop at the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awards Luncheon on Oct. 20.

Presented by the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence, the luncheon honored people and organizations who have made a difference in the lives of survivors of family violence in Wayne County.

Held at the Wayne County Building in Detroit, the event also served as an acknowledgment of National Domestic Violence Month.

The life-sized silhouettes, part of a traveling "Silent Witness" exhibit, depicted family violence homicide victims ranging in ages from 12 to 23 and included written biographies of each victim.

"These silhouettes serve as reminders of the brutality these victims endured at the hands of their attackers," said Nancy Diehl, chair of the WCCAFV and one of the event organizers.

Women of all cultures, races, occupations, income levels and ages are battered, statistics show, by husbands, boyfriends, lovers and partners.

"Every week, headlines tell us how violence continues to pervade our society," said Michael Duggan, Wayne County deputy county executive and one of the speakers for the event. "We must continue to focus attention on the problem of violence in families and work toward its prevention."

Special Spirit awards were given to individuals who made significant contributions of time and energy to the prevention of family violence. The recipients were Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Halloran; Andrea Solak, chief of special operations, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Karen Porter, associate director, First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Lt. Gwen Brown, commander, Domestic Violence Task Force, Detroit Police Department and new vice chair of WCCAFV and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and AirTouch Cellular.

Awarded: *The Wayne County Council Against Family Violence (WCCAFV) gave special Spirit awards to individuals who made significant contributions of time and energy to the prevention of family violence. The recipients were (from left) Andrea Solak, chief of special operations in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Sandra Tomlin, coordinator of community affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield; Karen Porter, associate director, First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Lt. Gwendolyn Brown, commanding officer, Domestic Violence Task Force, Detroit Police Department; Circuit Judge Richard Halloran and past WCCAFV co-chair; and Chuck Spindler, of AirTouch Cellular.*

Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored the printing of Wayne County's handbook on family violence prevention. "They accepted the challenge of addressing family violence in our county," said Lynda Baker, director of the WCCAFV. "We are so grateful for this. They really came to our rescue."

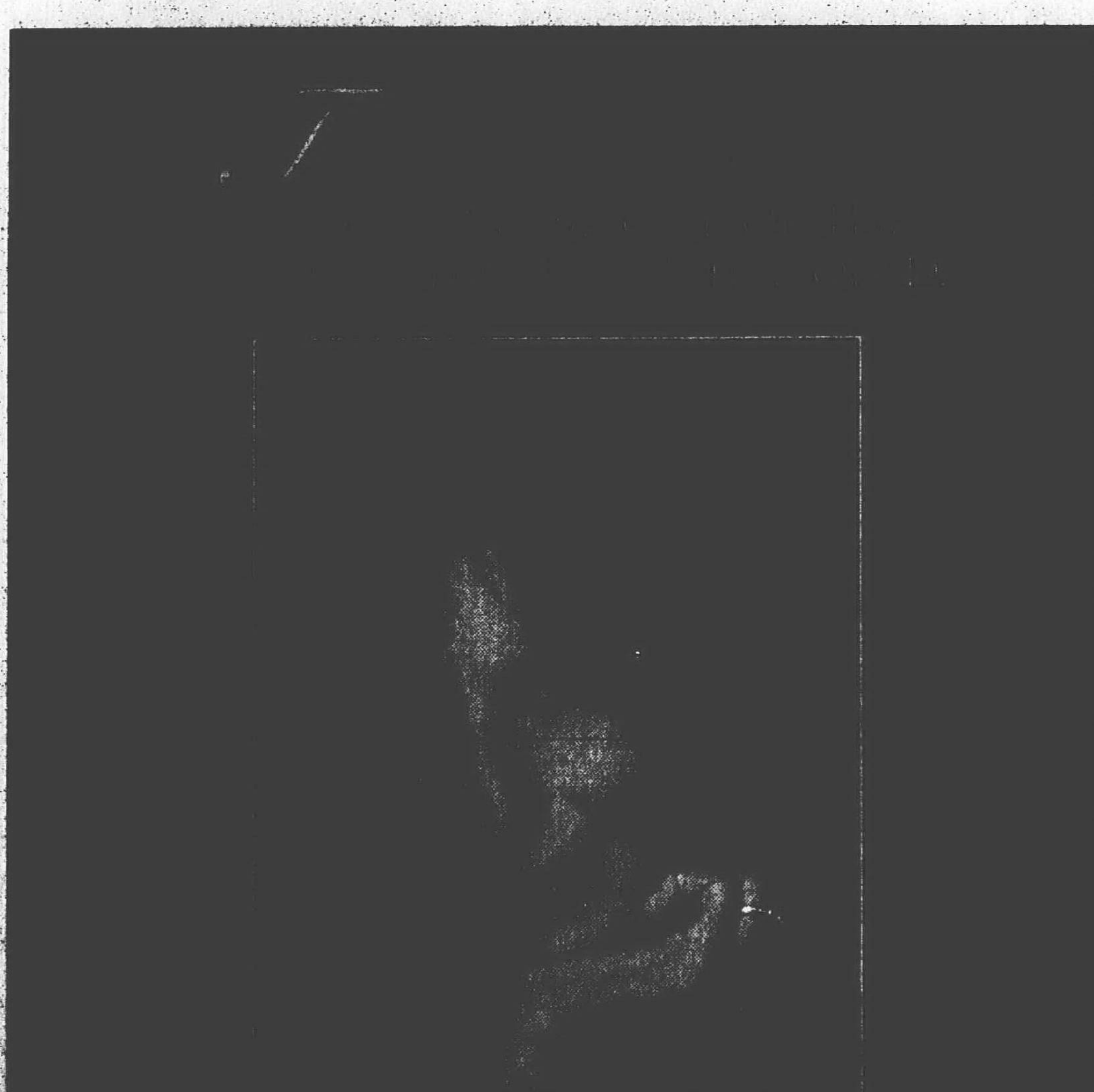
One of the victims of family violence described her ordeal with family violence and she expressed a great appreciation to corporate sponsor, AirTouch Cellular, which provided her and other victims with cellular phones programmed to call 911.

Greg Haller, AirTouch regional director of sales, accepted the award for AirTouch. "This is not something we have to do, this is the right thing to do," Haller said.

Solak said the award "reflects the real passion and commitment of the community."

Also in attendance were John O'Hair, Wayne County prosecutor; Detroit Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey; Circuit Judge Mary Waterstone and Nancy Diehl, deputy chief of the Wayne County prosecutor's office, director of the child and family abuse bureau and new chair of WCCAFV.

Anyone interested in learning more about the council or Wayne County's family violence programs or materials should call (313) 224-5454.



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County: Winter road service will improve

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■ Wayne County Public Services Director Cameron Priebe said the county 'dropped the ball' in western Wayne County last winter. He hopes new equipment, better organization and a fresh resolve will enhance service this winter. He doesn't want to repeat the aftermath of the 10-inch snow last January when western Wayne County roads were clogged with snow for weeks.

Cameron Priebe

Cameron "Kim" Priebe is convinced the county roads division will do a better job this winter at snow removal.

After a year of meetings with community leaders, purchasing radios and new equipment and working with other road officials, Priebe, the director of the Wayne County Department of Public Services, and other county officials believe they have taken enough steps to improve snow removal operations.

They don't want a repeat of the now-infamous snowstorm of Jan. 2 that dropped 10 inches of snow, followed by 40 mph winds, then freezing temperatures. Many roads in western Wayne County remained snow covered after several days.

Dropped the ball

"We just dropped the ball in that district of your (Observer) coverage area," Priebe said.

The roads division had many new supervisors on the job last year. "We got our training last year," Priebe said.

But this week work crews were placing plows on trucks and checking blades on graders at the central maintenance yard adjacent to Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport to prepare for winter's snow.

That equipment will help Wayne County maintain 462 miles of state trunklines and freeways, 719 miles of county primary roads and 721 miles of county local roads.

Many improvements

Priebe cited many improvements in the county's road division of the Department of Public Services:

■ Improved communications. New phone lines were installed at county yards for local city and township officials to contact supervisors on unlisted phone numbers.

■ New radios for trucks. Earlier this year, county commissioners approved a contract of $62,613 to purchase 155 Motorola radios to equip all vehicles in the county's buildings, roads and parks divisions with better two-way radios and assist in communications between trucks and the district yards.

■ New trucks. Wayne County has ordered 14 specialized, high-speed plows, 32 new 10-cubic yard capacity trucks and 19 new five-yard dump trucks with crew cabs. Time delays frustrate Wayne County in receiving the equipment.

"It takes a full year of time from the order until the time we get it," Priebe said.

Wayne County has a fleet of about 160 trucks of which the county would like to overhaul a little each year. "At $130,000 a truck, it's expensive, " said Robert Mahoney, roads director. Salt also deteriorates the trucks. Road officials point out a 1988 truck in the yard that is coated with rust on the rear of the vehicle. The county is painting some of the older vehicles.

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Bring on the snow: *At left, Kenny Rodgers works on getting a truck ready for winter work. Above, new trucks await installation of snow plows.*

Fine tuning

Routes also were "fine-tuned," with roads in proximity to hospitals and fire station taking a higher priority. But road officials have focused on improving communications.

"Area engineers will have phones and radios," Priebe said. They will communicate better with foreman and yard supervisors to coordinate snow removal trucks to areas and roads that may need attention, county officials said.

Salt is purchased through a traditional bid or through the state. Prices can vary. Last year Wayne County paid between $30 and $32 a ton. Oakland County just received salt at $20 per ton.

Wayne County inventories about 80,000 tons of salt. An average winter's usage ranges between 120,000 and 125,000 tons.

Trucks aren't the only equipment Wayne County uses for snow removal.

It's a beauty

Last winter the county purchased a $90,000 Oshkosh SnoGo from Houghton County, which removes heavy snow. County road crews used the machine on I-75 late last winter. "One of the biggest problems on the freeway is the snow can turn a four-lane freeway into three lanes," said John Roach, public information manager for the county's Department of Public Services.

"This equipment can go onto the shoulder and blow onto a freeway embankment, and snow can travel at least 100 feet or it can be loaded into a truck."

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Bill would prevent felons from wearing body armor

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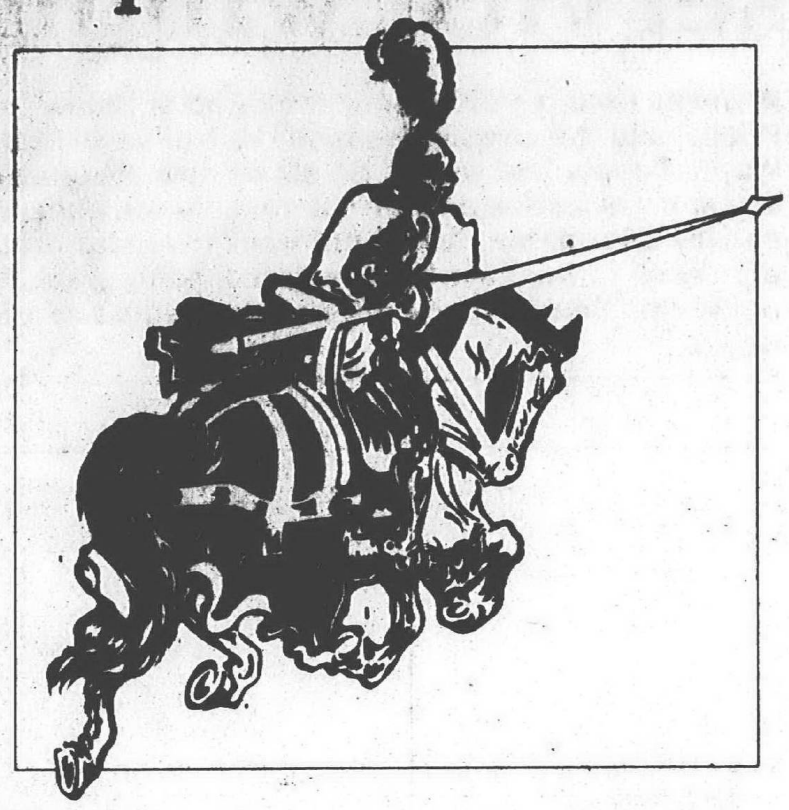

"If you are in possession of body armor, that's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at," State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) says. "If you're a felon, it's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at because you are planning to commit a crime."

As a result, Peters has introduced legislation to outlaw possession of bulletproof vests and other body armor by anyone previously convicted of a violent crime.

It's not just logic that leads Peters to such conclusions. He cites a growing number of recent incidents, locally and across the nation, in which violent offenders have turned to body armor for protection.

Oak Park police Officer Kurt Skarjune, speaking on behalf of the bill in a press conference Wednesday, Oct. 27, said he has encountered four suspects who were wearing body armor, one of whom was also carrying guns and drugs. He's chased one gun-toting robber who was later found to be wearing a vest.

Skarjune has been campaigning since 1994, when he saw vests available for sale in the catalog of a well-known national retailer, to get a national ban on mail order sales of body armor. Although he's had no luck in Congress, he said state governments have been more receptive to the idea of banning body armor for felons.

Detroit police have found gang members wearing vests during the commission of violent crimes. In June, a man who was attempting to rob a Rochester Hills bank of $12,000 was found to be wearing a bulletproof vest.

And of course, Peters noted, it was body armor that allowed robbers in North Hollywood, Calif., to engage in a gun battle with more than 100 police officers while they tried to walk away from the scene earlier this year. It took some 22 direct hits by police to bring the perpetrators down, the senator said.

There is more evidence that body armor sales are going up. Peters' staff cited U.S. News and World Report stories which stated that the sale of body armor to civilians – as opposed to the police or the military – has become a $100 million a year market.

Southfield police Sgt. David Daughenbaugh said his department has not yet faced criminals with bulletproof vests, but they have confronted criminals who have automatic weapons.

"In those cases, you are already out gunned, you don't want to have to deal with body armor, too ... You don't want to go up against a Sherman tank when all you have is a revolver," Daughenbaugh said.

"Body armor on a criminal puts police at a dangerous disadvantage," Peters said.

It is already illegal for someone to where a bulletproof vest during the commission of a violent crime, but Peters' bill would outlaw possession at any time for a felon. Just having body armor could get the convict four more years in jail or a $2,000 fine, under the proposed legislation.

But the senator said he recognizes vests may be good protection for law abiding citizens who have received death threats or otherwise have reason to believe they may be in danger. So the bill would not prohibit possession for those who do not have criminal records.

And even felons could apply to the local sheriff or police chief for permission to own body armor if their lives are in danger. The bill includes an exemption allowing sheriffs and police chiefs to grant that permission if there is a legitimate need, such as a death threat, and if the police believe the armor will be used lawfully.

Along with Peters' Senate Bill 838, Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) introduced supporting legislation in Senate Bill 839, adding possession of body armor by a felon to Michigan's criminal code.

The bills were referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for review, but Peters said he anticipates fast approval by Legislature, perhaps in as little as two weeks.

He said all the major police organizations in the state, including the Fraternal Order of Police and the Michigan Sheriffs Association, support the bill. He cited polls that show 83 percent of Americans favor outlawing possession of body armor by felons. And, he said, he anticipates no opposition to passage.

Edison takes bids on megawatts

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ – Detroit Edison opened the second round of bidding for another 225 megawatts (MW) of capacity as part of Michigan's Electric Choice program, designed to allow the state's electricity users to choose their electricity supplier.

The first phase was fully subscribed with bids awarded in residential, commercial and industrial customer groups. In the phased-in program, participants bid for capacity rights on Detroit Edison's transmission and distribution systems. Bidders can include other power producers, marketers, aggregators or customers.

"As we get into the second phase of Electric Choice, we'll continue to learn more about the dynamics of competition, who's interested in participating and whether there are things we can do to make the process smoother," said James J. Gessner, Detroit Edison manager, Electric Choice. "Detroit Edison is voluntarily implementing the Michigan Public Service Commission's order and we're excited about the possibilities that competition will bring to the state's electric industry."

The second phase, the last in 1999, will continue through Nov. 19. Each of the five phases will make 225 MW of capacity available to all customers, for a total of 1,125 MW of Detroit Edison's system capacity. Beginning Jan. 1, 2002, all Michigan customers will have the option to participate in Electric Choice.

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Secretary of State offices will be closed for several state holidays during November and December.

Branch offices will be closed for Veterans Day on Thursday, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26; Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24; and New Years on Thursday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Dec. 31.

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A Distorted View

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Students see effects of alcohol through impairment goggles

Joe Zitterman walks slowly across the stage, then wobbles while looking at his feet.

Jason Jones reaches for a set of keys on the floor. He leans over, stretches his arm out, once, twice, then three times before he can grab them.

Aaron Butcher is told to walk toward the open hand of a Wayne County sheriff, but it takes a few steps for him to line himself up.

These three Garden City High School students had difficulty performing simple physical tasks Tuesday because they were impairment goggles, courtesy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. The specially designed eyeglasses distort vision, simulating the visual effect of two alcoholic drinks, so students could see first-hand how drinking affects their vision and perception.

"Youngsters have an attitude that nothing will happen to them," said Sheriff Robert Ficano. "They think they are invincible, that they can control their reflexes even if they are drinking or doing drugs.

"We try to show the reality of it."

The program is part of the sheriff's Adopt-A-School program, and the goggles made their first appearance this year at an area high school. "We want to make sure (students) understand the law, and we want to build trust," Ficano said.

Ficano reminded the students from a Street Law class – which taught them about the criminal justice system, civil rights and consumer law – that drinking by minors that leads to impaired or drunken driving can result not only in death and serious injury, but the suspension or revocation of driver licenses and jail time.

About 3,000 inmates are currently housed in the county jail, Ficano said. "Anyone know what they had in common? They broke the law. They all thought they were smarter than the system."

Once police officers arrest offenders and they are jailed, their lives change, Ficano said. "Once you get in there, we control your life," Ficano said. "We tell you when you get up, when you eat and when you have recreation. You get mail, but guess what? We get to read it."

DeWayne Hayes, a community service program coordinator with the Sheriff's Department, showed the students slides from accidents involving drunken drivers from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office and a video of Wayne County victims of drunken drivers, featuring families traumatized by the loss of loved ones and others disabled from auto accidents.

Hayes also relayed a story about his own personal experiences. When Hayes first learned to drive, he ran into a police car while transporting a few friends to a party. His father let him drive again, but he was involved in another accident, and his license was suspended.

"It was a bad feeling to lose that privilege," Hayes said. "Sometimes we lose our freedom to do things, and when we do, it bothers us.

"If you go to proms or parties, we want you to enjoy yourselves without alcohol."

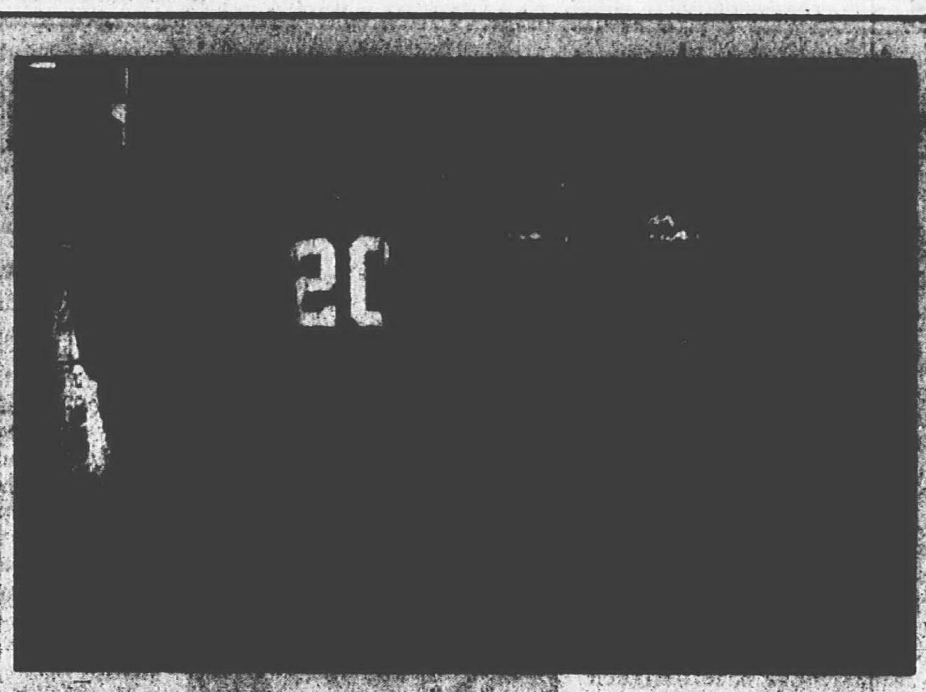
The three students who demonstrated the goggles for other students believe the program was effective.

Jason Jones, a junior, said the goggles made him feel dizzy. "I think I can do everything, but I don't feel normal," Jones said of wearing glasses.

Aaron Butcher, also a junior, thought the glasses were a good demonstration for the students to deter them from drinking and driving. "I realized that when I couldn't walk around," Butcher said.

Joe Zitterman, a freshman, said the glasses made him "impaired."

"They made me fall all over," Zitterman said.



Toe the line: *Joe Zitterman tries to walk a straight line with his impairment goggles for Officer DeWayne Hayes and Sheriff Robert Ficano.*

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Some question qualifications of new MEAP board

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[illegible] Bolin, executive director of [illegible] Department of Career Development, devised competency tests at Austin Community College in Texas.

She also devised "WorkKeys" analyses for an Austin corporation, says Jim Karshner, communications director for that department. So Bolin, he says, has "extensive experience" in preparation for her new role as a member of Michigan's Merit Award Board.

The board has been assigned to oversee Michigan Education Assessment Program testing in the future rather than the State Board of Education, as a result of orders issued recently by Gov. John Engler.

But that appears to be the closest thing to direct experience. Other appointed members of the board – state Treasurer Mark Murray, Munder Capital Management Vice President Clark Durant, General Motors Human Resources Director Kathleen Barclay, and former Detroit police chief Isaiah McKinnon – do not appear to have any background in testing. Only Art Ellis, on the board because he is the Superintendent of Public Education in Michigan, has experience with tests.

Making big changes: *Gov. John Engler has taken charge of MEAP.*

Does that matter?

Views differ

Yes, according to State Board of Education President Dorothy Beardmore. Assessment test design is a highly specialized field, best left to professionals. She notes that even when the MEAP was under the guidance of the state board, members did not review the test or test questions before they were given to students. That was considered a responsibility of educators and department of education staff who had special expertise in the field.

But Maureen McNulty Saxton, spokesperson for Murray and the Treasury Department, said Merit Board members don't need experience in test design. While the board will review the test ahead of time, members will not actually be drafting questions. That will be left to the same educators and staff members who have been doing it all along.

Like other oversight panels, expertise in the field is not required, she contended. She noted that expertise in assessment testing also is not required of State Board of Education members before they can run for election to their posts.

> **'There's a slew of questions that need to be answered.'**
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> *Maureen Saxton*
> *Treasury Department spokesperson*

State board member Kathleen Straus, though one of the most vocal critics of the transfer ordered by the governor, agreed that prior experience isn't necessary. Despite the review by the Merit Board, she expects the panel will take its cue from educators and test writers who do have expertise in the field.

Straus – who is still considering legal action over the governor's order moving MEAP testing to the Treasury Department based on what she considers a violation of the state Constitution – raised another question about the Merit Board's role in reviewing the test.

The State Board of Education, when it was responsible for oversight, did not review the tests before they were given because of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Once before the public body as a subject of discussion, the test, the questions included on it and the answers would be considered public documents under the Open Meetings Act. That would allow students to cheat by reading the test questions and answers before taking it.

"I assume the Merit Board would follow the Open Meetings Act," Straus said. If the board does indeed review the tests ahead of time, it will make the test public documents.

Other concerns

Those are just some examples of the concerns being raised in response to the governor's order in October transferring administration of MEAP testing from the Department of Education to the Department of Treasury. To provide oversight, the Michigan Merit Award Board was installed. Shortly after issuing the transfer order, Engler announced the names of three members he had appointed to sit on the Merit Award Board.

According to Saxton, the seventh member of the board has yet to be named. And, she said, there is an executive director of the Merit Award program who has yet to be appointed. Although interviews are being conducted, she said, the governor has not made a selection.

That means it is still early in the formation of the board and much has yet to be determined about how it will operate. Those newly appointed are saying little about their role or qualifications. Bolin, for instance, declined comment because the board has not yet had its first meeting. According to Karshner, how it will operate and what its role will be in the creation of the MEAP test has largely not yet been determined.

"There's a slew of questions that need to be answered," Saxton said.

But there are other issues that make it even more confusing. Beardmore, for instance, contends the Michigan Constitution gives the State Board of Education responsibility for setting policy regarding the test. And that would mean two panels would be charged with overseeing how the tests are to be conducted.

"I'm glad the state board is interested and it should be interested in assessment testing," Saxton responded. But where the distinction is between the state board's policy-setting role and the Merit Award Board's oversight role isn't clear.

Saxton went on to say that the move "will help the state board focus totally on education. The state has moved a lot of things away from the State Board of Education that have nothing to do with the quality of education. This will help the state board by refining and focusing its mission on developing curriculum and setting core standards."

John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. Engler, said the state board has not done much policy setting with regard to the MEAP in the past anyway.

Straus strongly disagrees.

"He just doesn't know," she said. "For example, Treasury is saying it is going to release old versions of the test so the public can see what the tests are like. What Truscott doesn't know is that we (the state board) made that decision months ago."

In any case, the qualifications of the Merit Board are being debated. Engler says its members are "distinguished professionals who have the necessary experience and leadership for this important duty."

Critics say the lack of apparent experience with assessment testing is a concern.

Board members

Durant, a resident of Grosse Pointe, was a member of the state board who resigned after missing numerous sessions. He was elected to the Michigan State Board of Education in 1994 and resigned in September. Durant once served as an attorney for the law firm of Timmis and Inman in Detroit.

He has practiced law for 23 years in civil, criminal and corporate matters. He is president of the Genesis Foundation, chairman of the board of the Cornerstone Schools, corporate secretary and a board member for Detroit Mortgage and Realty and a board member for William Tyndale College.

Durant ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate and the Michigan Supreme Court.

Barclay, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is vice president of human resources for General Motors and president of General Motors University. She has also worked in retail management with the Southland Corp. in Chicago and Reno, Nev., and as a human resources compensation manager for the Allen-Bradley Co. in Milwaukee.

Barclay is a member of the MIT Board of Governors, the MSU Alumni Board of Directors, the Conference Board's Global Human Resources Council, and the Detroit Women's Economic Club.

McKinnon retired as chief of police in Detroit in 1998. He is now an adjunct professor of criminal justice for the University of Detroit Mercy. McKinnon has been in law enforcement for 29 years, serving as a police inspector, lieutenant and sergeant.

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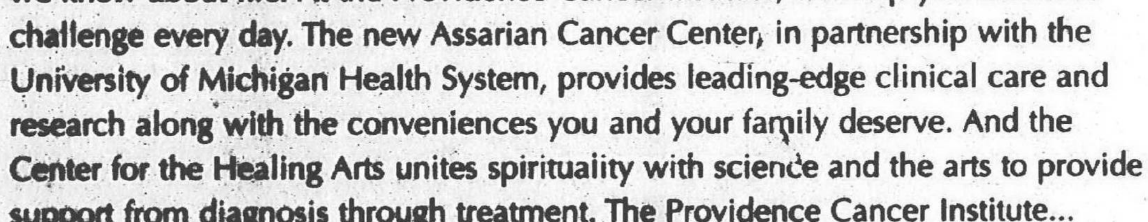

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United Way nears fund-raising goal

PRNewswire – United Way Community Services announced that $45,917,820 or 63.3 percent of this year's combined goal of $72.5 million, has been raised. The announcement was made by James P. Holden, president of DaimlerChrysler and general chair of the 1999 United Way campaign, at United Way's mid-report luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

More than 500 volunteers gathered to hear the results to-date in this year's campaign. Highlighted at the luncheon were 1999 totals from the "Big Three Automakers"; the Auto Challenge Match for new business and the Leadership Giving Challenge Match. The $72.5 million combined goal includes contributions received for New Detroit, Inc. and United Way of Oakland County.

Again this year, two challenge match commitments have been made to encourage campaign participation. They are the "Auto New Business Challenge Match" by DaimlerChrysler Corp., General Motors and Ford Motor Co., which is an incentive for companies to run United Way employee campaigns or give a corporate gift for the first time; and the "Leadership Giving Challenge Match," provided by Ford Motor Co. Fund and a select group of Ford senior executives, which encourages new and increased leadership gifts of $1,000 or more.

"Reaching a stretch goal of $72.5 million takes a tremendous effort and commitment by everyone," said Holden. "When we say United Way ... It's what we do ... Together, we mean that literally. I would like to thank the members of our campaign leadership and the thousands of dedicated volunteers who have helped us get this far in the campaign. But, we're not through yet."

Holden added, "We need to keep the momentum to raise as much money as we can to continue serving the more than 1.5 million people in southeastern Michigan whose lives have been touched thanks to your contribution to United Way."

Highlighted today were the 1999 contributions, which together total more than $31,782,465 from DaimlerChrysler, Ford and GM. The vice chair for the Auto Unit is John F. Smith Jr., chairman and CEO, General Motors Corp., and results of the automotive employee campaigns are as follows:

DaimlerChrysler Corp.: Contributions totaled $6,701,824 from DaimlerChrysler hourly and management employees in the metro Detroit area. The DaimlerChrysler Corporate Fund made a gift of $1,100,000, bringing contributions from DaimlerChrysler and its employees to $7,801,824. For the second year, DaimlerChrysler's campaign was chaired by Thomas W. Sidlik, executive vice president and general manager of Procurement and Supply, DaimlerChrysler Corp. Sidlik also announced DaimlerChrysler Southeast Michigan Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealers are adding $100,000.

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Ford Motor Co.: Contributions totaled $13,110,279 from Ford Motor Company hourly and management employees in the metro Detroit area. The Ford Fund made a gift of $2,190,000, bringing contributions from Ford and its employees to $15,300,279. This represents the largest gift ever to a single United Way in the country. Ford's campaign was chaired by Roman J. Krygier, vice president, Powertrain Operations; vice chair was Martin Zimmerman, vice president of Government Affairs.

General Motors Corp.: Contributions totaled $7,273,877 from General Motors Corp. hourly and management employees. The General Motors Foundation made a gift of $1,307,000, bringing contributions from GM and its employees to $8,580,877. GM's campaign was chaired by Roderick D. Gillum, vice president of Corporate Relations and Diversity. Chairman and CEO, Jack Smith, led a special effort to significantly increase leadership giving.

The success of the automakers campaigns would not be possible without the full participation and leadership of rank-and-file members of organized labor.

"The camaraderie that exists between United Way and the members of organized labor dates back to the very first Torch Drive in 1949," said Elizabeth Bunn, vice president, International Union, United Auto Workers and Labor Participation chair. "It was the UAW and Ford Motor Co. in the beginning that shaped the bond we now share – a partnership that has evolved to symbolize unity among givers, as well as unity between labor and management."

Other campaigns highlighted with results to-date included: Pacesetter Campaigns, $1,484,565; Major and Mid-sized Account Units, $10,471,244; and the Combined Federal Campaign, $1,149,919.

Just as community needs increase and challenges change, United Way continues to look at new ways of retaining its current supporters, and reaching out to new ones.

"In order to continue to provide needed services in an efficient and coordinated effort, we must raise more funds each year through establishing new partnerships," said Geneva J. Williams, chief operating officer, United Way Community Services. "United Way Community Services established the New Partners in Giving initiative to address the realities of the changing work environment by reaching out to the community in non-traditional ways.

"It is through this initiative, for the first time this year, WWJ Newsradio 950 and United Way have partnered to launch Internet Campaign '99 – an internet campaign that runs in conjunction with the United Way campaign. This partnership gives us the opportunity to offer and test new ways to communicate the services of United Way to small and medium sized businesses, including home-based businesses and the self-employed. The campaign also provides people a safe and easy way to make a donation to United Way, especially those business owners and individuals who do not have access to the traditional workplace campaign."

The 1999 United Way campaign runs through November 18. For more information on contributing to the campaign or to volunteer, call (313) 226-9200.

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Southeast Michigan growth rate takes an upswing

The seven-county region of Southeast Michigan, which began the 1990s with an annual population growth rate of .4 percent – less than half of Michigan's one percent annual growth rate – surpassed the state's growth rate in 1996 and is closing the decade with a growth rate of .7 percent, according to the 1999 Southeast Michigan Population and Household Estimates released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"Southeast Michigan has lagged behind the nation's annual population growth rate of one percent," said SEMCOG chief demographer Ed Limoges. "But now appears to be reaping some of the benefits of the surging economy. Instead of residents leaving the region for greener pastures, the 'pastures' in Southeast Michigan are becoming greener and greener."

To mark the end of the millennium, SEMCOG's annual report, *1999 Southeast Michigan Population and Household Estimates*, debuted at the agency's General Assembly meeting on Oct. 28. This colorful 34-by-42 inch poster includes easy-to-read data, maps and graphs plotting population trends and posting current population and household estimates. "The poster gives users an opportunity to get a clear picture of population estimates in context with other data SEMCOG produces about growth in the region," Limoges said.

In addition to annual growth rate figures, SEMCOG's data also show a higher rate of growth in households over population. While Southeast Michigan's population has increased 4 percent since the 1990 census, the number of households in the region has increased 8.3 percent.

There has been a continuing decline in household size since 1950, noted Limoges. The shrinkage reflects changes in household composition, including a declining percentage of households with children, fewer children in households with children, more single parent households, more "empty nester" households and more single adults living alone.

SEMCOG estimates continue to place Detroit's population under 1 million at 965,351, a decrease of 62,623 since the 1990 census.

"Our estimates are based on methods that are consistent with the traditional census. They do not fully address the undercounting of people in areas such as the city of Detroit.I will be happy if the 2000 Census shows us wrong and Detroit's population in 1 million of more."

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of governmental units serving 4.8 million people in the seven-county region of Southeast Michigan.

For more information about the poster, contact SEMCOG at (313)961-4266 or check their Website at www.semcog.net,

Contribution: *State Rep. Laura Toy (second from left) and state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (right) receive a check from CVS employees.*

CVS/pharmacy contributes to Senior Celebration Day

State Rep. Laura Toy and Sen. Thaddeus McCotter recently accepted a $5,000 donation from CVS/pharmacy on behalf of Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, the Livonia nonprofit group organizing Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day.

"Since CVS/pharmacy is new to this area, customers may not be aware that we are actively involved in many local community efforts," said Susan DelMonico, director of community relations. "Our corporate giving program focuses on health care and education. This event is a great opportunity for seniors to get acquainted with our colleagues."

Toy said she was pleased the pharmacy decided to get involved in Senior Celebration Day, especially since they are new to the community.

"This donation makes CVS/pharmacy the major sponsor for our event," said Toy, R-Livonia. "We are extremely thankful for what they have done for us, and delighted to include them in our celebration day. It's a good way for us to welcome them to our community.

CVS is the largest retail provider of prescriptions in the nation. The company is the number one drugstore chain in the United States, with approximately 4,100 stores in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Midwest regions of the country.

The Fifth Annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day was Friday, Oct. 15.

Madonna program director co-authors paralegal textbook

Mary Meinzinger Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna University in Livonia, has released the second edition of the textbook, *West's Paralegal Today*. Urisko co-authored the book with well-known West Legal Studies author and attorney Roger LeRoy Miller.

"The second edition has been modified to reflect the trends in technology which are impacting the legal arena," explained Uriskc, a Detroit attorney.

West's Paralegal Today is used by paralegal students and features new information on computer-assisted research and environmental law, as well as discussion of career trends in the legal assistant field.

Urisko and Judge Gene Schnelz of the Oakland County Circuit Court bench will be among the faculty teaching 14 legal assistant courses at Madonna University for the winter term.

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Madonna names 3 to its board of trustees

Three new trustees have been appointed to the Madonna University Board for three year terms. Bishop Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit; Michael Obloy, president of Special Drill & Reamer Corp. of Madison Heights; and Dr. Ernest Sorini, physician and president of Professional Emergency Care of Ann Arbor.

Anderson is a member of the Society of St. Edmund and a graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont where he majored in philosophy. He attended St. Edmund Seminary and then went on to earn a degree at St. Michael's and a master's degree in theology at Xavier University.

He was ordained a priest in 1958 and appointed auxiliary bishop of Detroit in 1982. He is pastor of Church of Precious Blood. He is a member of the Madonna President's Cabinet.

Bishop Moses Anderson

Michael Obloy

Dr. Ernest Sorini

Michael Obloy is also a member of the Madonna President's Cabinet. His father, Leo, is a trustee emeritus of Madonna.

Obloy received his bachelor's degree in business management from Xavier University and a law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Obloy is the father of four children and lives in Troy.

Sorini is a physician and president of Professional Emergency Care and Emergency Resources Inc., a medical service and staffing organization serving 200,000 Michigan residents annually. He also is a partner in a national organization, Simplified Employment Services. He earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He is the father of four sons and lives in Ann Arbor.

The members of Madonna University's board offer assistance in determining priorities and policies with respect to reviewing programming, setting investment guidelines, planning and achieving resource development goals and approving operating budgets.

Telethon held to benefit ACCESS

A telethon to benefit an area community center will be broadcast Nov. 21 in Livonia, Redford and Westland.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn will hold its 18th annual telethon from noon until 1 a.m. on MediaOne cable.

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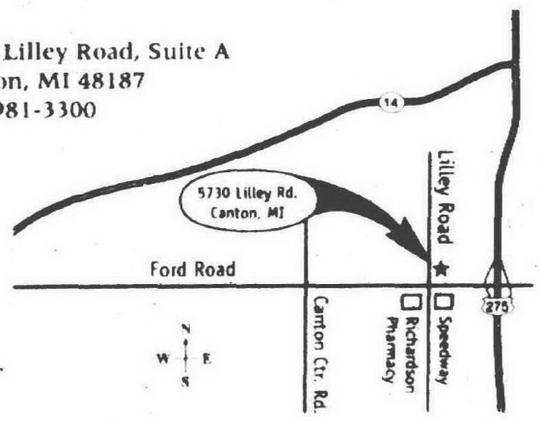

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High school site
Re-vote is a fair compromise

Much of the Plymouth-Canton school community got what it wanted Monday.

The school board reversed its 4-3 decision from last August and approved construction of a third high school on the so-called "east" site just south of Joy Road and McClumpha. The new direction will no doubt please interim Superintendent Ken Walcott, other central administrators and high school teachers who recommended a school that would fit in more easily with the existing PCEP campus.

Many parents and students in the district also prefer keeping the existing arrangement. Others sought more flexibility – and a chance to significantly change the environment Plymouth-Canton high school students have learned in for nearly 30 years.

The "east-west" debate has continued unabated and heated up this fall when the board agreed to reconsider what was a done deal – building on the west site near Beck Road.

Plymouth-Canton trustees said they would take a second look at the school location if school administrators could "sign on" to a series of mandates including:

■ Restricting student movement – particularly freshman and sophomores – between buildings;

■ Conducting an external audit of the secondary curriculum;

■ Enhancing the ability of the three schools to function as one, yet remain distinctive;

■ Implementing a strong code of student conduct.

Most administrators agreed to the mandates, although Salem and Canton principals Gerald Ostoin and Pat Patton voiced reservations.

On Monday, trustees Darwin Watts, Sue Davis, Roland Thomas, Steve Guile and Elizabeth Givens voted for the east site. Davis and Watts reversed their earlier stance.

Trustees Mark Slavens and Judy Mardigian reiterated their previous vote for the west site.

The Observer supported the board's original vote and we still believe the west site provides the best opportunity for a personalized education in an environment that is more conducive to a broader range of students. We recognize the added costs but feel the benefits outweigh them.

We believe the conditions placed on the administration by the board represent a fair compromise. But the community would be well to remember several things:

■ Even with the mandates, the east site will mean some students will be attending classes in three different buildings each day – a logistical nightmare.

■ School officials at least tacitly promised during the bond issue campaign that the school would be separate, on the west site. Granted, Superintendent Chuck Little left for another job and the board membership changed. But only about half (55 percent) of bond issues are currently passing in Michigan. Public confidence is a commodity that shouldn't be taken lightly.

■ There's not much national support for big high schools. The American Association of School Administrators, based in Arlington, Va., warns against bigger-is-better. "A recent study shows that small schools are superior to large ones on almost every measure," said Dr. Paul Houston, the group's executive director.

■ Administrators say the east site will save money because shuttle buses to the west site won't be required. Also, the east site offers scheduling flexibility. If the sole benefit coming from this change is that the schedulers' jobs are easier, then the school board has made a serious mistake.

We expect to hold everyone's feet to the fire. This board, future boards, the new superintendent – whoever he or she may be – and school administrators will have to justify the vote taken Monday night.

The Plymouth-Canton community is watching and waiting.

Organ donation is gift of life

The vital need for organ and tissue donations in this country was spotlighted this week with the passing of legendary football running back Walter Payton. The Hall of Famer they called "Sweetness" was diagnosed with a rare liver disease last winter and became a candidate for an organ transplant.

Payton used his name and celebrity status to bring the issue of organ and tissue donation to public attention — perhaps taking away from his personal woes and focusing his energies on saving others.

In the end it was cancer that robbed Payton of his opportunity to become an organ recipient, yet his enthusiasm for promoting such an important message never wavered.

In the state of Michigan alone, some 6,000 families are approached to become organ and tissue donors according to the Ann Arbor-based Gift Of Life Agency. Sadly though, 10 people die each day in the United States due to the limited availability of organs.

This state has undertaken the task of improving its national per capita organ donation ranking with an aggressive campaign launched in July 1998. In just six months from the program's inauguration the number of state residents listed on the organ donor registry increased by 140 percent. The dramatic improvement came following the Secretary of State's decision to mail out organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver's licenses and personal identification cards.

"We've made it convenient for residents to make their personal wishes known," said Secretary of State Candice S. Miller earlier this year.

Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the registry only need to sign the enrollment card and place it in the provided, stamped and addressed envelope. The card is mailed to the Secretary of State's office where the information is then forwarded to Gift of Life.

Although the registry process has been simplified, the ultimate test lies with the individual who must communicate their wishes regarding organ donation with their family. According to GOL, a signature on the back of a driver's license is not a legally binding document and therefore the final decision remains with the family.

While the driver's license program can be one indication of the person's preference the more sure option would be to talk with your family members and loved ones in advance — the value of the conversation could mean the difference between life and death.

Don't wait until the death of a loved one is imminent to make a decision about organ donation. Carry on Walter Payton's and thousands of other individuals' message about the need for organ and tissue donation — give the gift of life.

Nov. 12-14 is Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend in Michigan. Members of the clergy will be sharing the importance of organ and tissue donation throughout their religious communities via special speakers, distribution of donor registry cards and as part of their sermons. If you would like more information about the Gift of Life Agency or the Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend, call (800) 482-4881.

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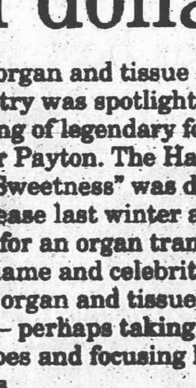

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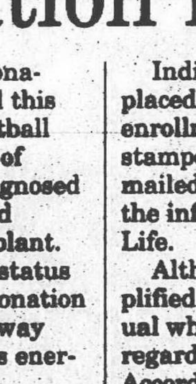

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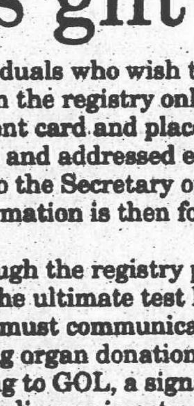

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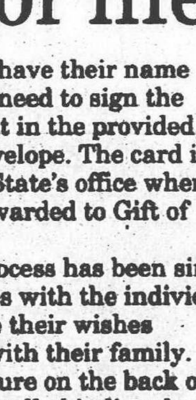

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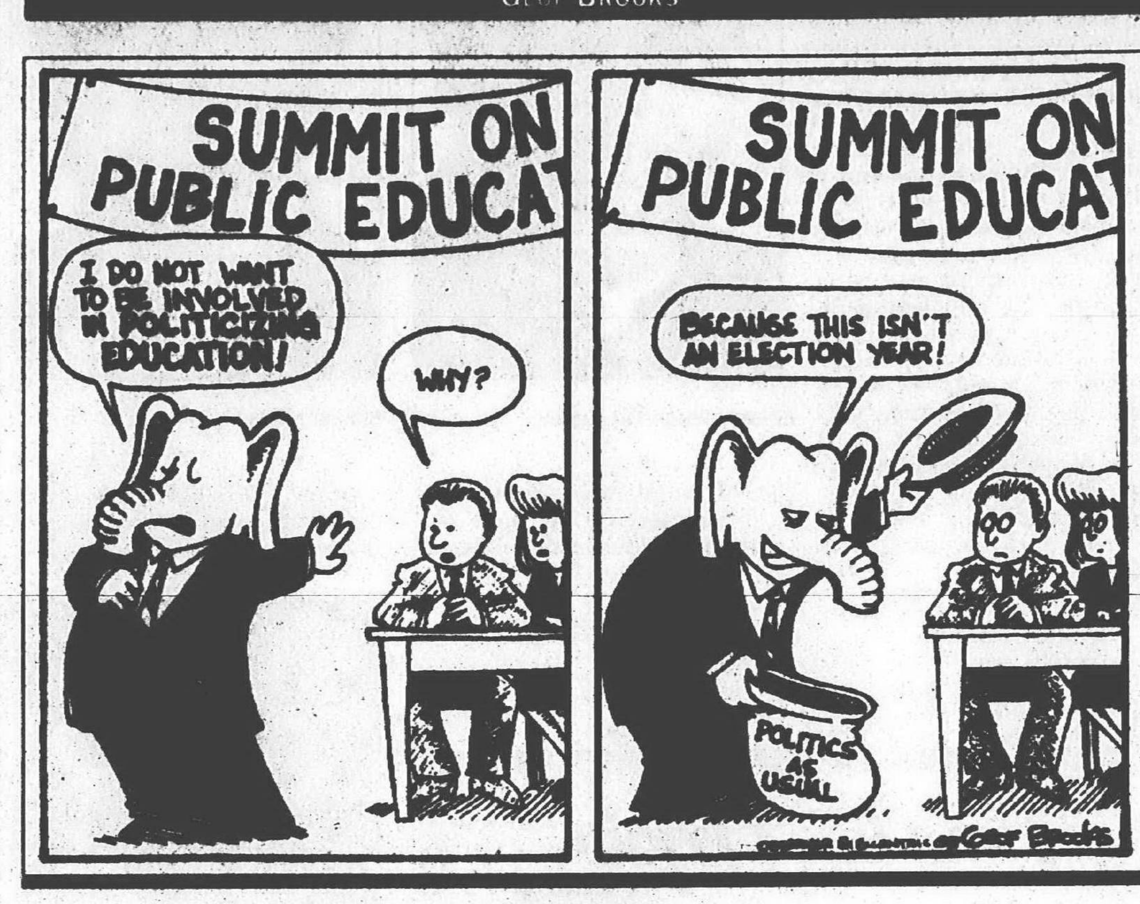

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'A' here to stay

The Summit on Public Education provided a good forum to hear the latest information. It seems as though, like it or not, Prop A is here to stay.

Before Prop A, market conditions drove the level of public education dollars spent in a district. Now, market conditions are relevant, but everyone in Michigan pays equally into the common education pot, via the 2 cent sales tax hike.

The glory days of a purely socialist public funding system, where every district receives the same money for each student, will come. But legislators are itching to make this happen sooner.

The hard balancing act is how they achieve a socialist funding system, when before Prop A each district bought different levels of service based on property values, ability and frugality. Districts rightly expect at least the service they've purchased in the past, and deserve it. I urge public education officials to avoid taking from abler districts, without letting these districts grow, and giving to needy districts.

The MEAP continues to be a political hot potato. I've heard several sides to the MEAP story. The original intent was to create a proficiency marker to give teachers feedback on how they are doing and that's all.

But recently there has been a call from public school officials to tie MEAP test scores to high school graduation and to raise its importance with the business community. The same officials bemoan the fact that the MEAP scores are so highly scrutinized and used to compare one district to another.

At the same time, there is a complaint that too much classroom and curriculum is tied up teaching to the MEAP tests in order to keep up a district's numbers. Teachers should not have to spend much time teaching to the MEAP.

Charter schools do not necessarily intensively teach to the MEAP tests. Teachers are free to teach to a core curriculum, and many low charter school scores reflect this fact. However, public school officials who lament the focus on MEAP, are quick to use MEAP scores, when convenient, to their advantage when they charter-bash, citing low numbers as an obvious indicator of the failure of charter schools.

Public education officials want their cake and to eat it, too.

Glenn A. Kremer
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Wrong involvement

With reference to the letter from the three ladies who wrote about Mrs. Repeck being her own person, I don't believe that that is the issue. I believe these ladies have thrown in what used to be called a "red herring." The issue is not whether she is her "own person," but rather, the compromise of her objectivity.

The same situation would be problematical if her husband were running and she were in the position Mr. Wendover is now in. Would anyone suggest sexism in that case?

I believe the idea of sexism may have come from the Oct. 14 candidate forum at which time Mr. Johnny-come-lately Vos arrived at the ninth hour, and railed about everyone picking on Mrs. Repeck because they were sexist. I find it interesting that we had another candidate seated on the dais who looked like a woman, dressed like a woman, had a woman's name, Michelle Potter, and intelligently spoke like a woman, but no one "picked" on her. Maybe she's chopped liver.

I cannot take issue with the three ladies' right to voice their opinion, but I do think that it is inappropriate for elected representatives to choose to involve themselves in a pre-election issue (or non-issue in this case), especially if one of those representatives does not even live in the city.

Sandra Kosky
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Spill shows why we're in the news business

Breaking news is a reporter's adrenaline rush. When an exciting story breaks, it's a reminder to many of us why we got into newspaper reporting in the first place. It's being on the scene, in the middle of the excitement, getting there first and getting the best information.

Friday was that kind of day at the Observer's Livonia office when a breaking news story set off the reporter's alarm just as the working day began and just half a mile away.

Fortunately, the chemical fire at McGean-Rohco did not cause serious injury. But for several hours there was an anticipation of disaster that seemed appropriately ghoulish for Halloween weekend.

That's the other side of the reporter's rush. It's always the big complaint about newspaper people, that they love disasters, scandals, bad news. While no one I know would ever want a disaster to occur, it is true that reporters respond with heightened energy when one does occur.

And while some readers complain, most avidly read about the disaster before moving on to other stories. And knowing about disasters helps us find ways to prevent them in the future.

As a reporter I have covered house fires, car accidents, drug raids and a couple low-rent murders. But the biggest "rush" was a story that turned from minute by minute excitement to a numbing sadness and, finally, to an impotent rage.

I was a very young reporter for the Lorain Journal in Ohio. Lorain is a steel town on the north Erie shore. It is also the home of American Shipbuilding. Early one morning the news editor heard there was a fire at the shipyard. Jim Mahony was one of those old newsmen who slept with his police scanner and knew the name of everybody in town and all their relatives. He said "Go," and a photographer and I went.

We got there just after the fire department and just before the police, which meant that we got down into the yard. A fire was engulfing the new Roger Blough, a U.S. Steel freighter that was undergoing final preparatiens for launch.

Billows of black smoke and licks of orange flame made a dramatic sight but also were warning that this mighty freighter might blow at any minute. That didn't deter the brave firefighters who ran into the smoke in search of shipworkers. The photographer, Kurt Smith, took a heartbreaking photo of a firefighter carrying out a limp body that won national awards and led to his selection as newspaper photographer of the year.

The time in the yard allowed me to talk to several workers who gave their theories about what might have caused the fire, theories disputed by company management. But soon the police arrived and escorted me to the gate where reporters from the Cleveland newspapers and television stations had finally arrived.

We set up headquarters in a bar across the street, constantly feeding information back to our city editors. One of the competing reporters was Joe Esterhas, who would soon leave Cleveland for Hollywood to become a controversial screenwriter. At this time he was just an obnoxious big city reporter.

The story shifted time and again. Finally, it was confirmed, four workers were dead. The freighter was heavily damaged but would eventually be completed.

The owner of the shipbuilding company came to town for damage control. He was the already rich but not yet famous George Steinbrenner. Many of those qualities of arrogance and abruptness that have marked his reign as owner of the New York Yankees were already on display during this crisis. I was probably judging him unfairly under the circumstances, but his manner left a lasting and disturbing impression.

Though stories like this and the McGean-Rohco fire are the exception, they are an important part of what news people do. We compete to be at a place first because it allows us to get information we might have trouble

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getting later. We compete to get to the right people in a timely manner because it prevents attempts to put a better face on a bad situation.

But as a community newspaper, we also are very careful to understand what is going on and report it accurately, fairly and, we hope, compassionately.

When news breaks, we'll be there.

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Memories of attending a small high school linger on

MARY RODRIQUE

Last month I'm met socially with a group of women who were classmates of mine at the old Rosary High School in Detroit.

We rekindled our friendships through class reunions over the years. With a little more than 100 seniors in our graduating Class of 1973, we were all acquainted with each other back then. And here some of us are now, 26 years later, still friends.

This part of my personal history is something I treasure. Each gathering is rich with humor, heartfelt sentiments and shared tales of daily travails.

It makes me feel connected.

My own two daughters will never share this legacy. My alma mater is long gone. The reality is we live in Canton Township and the local school district has somehow metamorphosed into probably the largest high school campus in the country.

My oldest daughter is now a junior at PCEP. My husband attended open house night and commented on the long walk between her classes – one at the south end of Canton, the next at the northwest corner second floor of Salem – on a revolving basis through her six-class-period day.

"Try walking it during a regular school day through halls crowded with thousands of kids," she said.

No thanks.

I understand economics and the importance of saving money by sharing facilities, expensive equipment,etc. But at whose expense? When our family moved to Canton six years ago, I had a vague understanding of the school district.

I knew Plymouth-Canton had a reputation as a good district academically, producing students with high standardized test scores. In fact, I was impressed with our children's elementary school and have no complaints about the middle school our younger daughter still attends. But I was totally unaware of the high school setup, the "college campus" setting, as it is often referred to.

Maybe when the campus was established, before Canton's population boom – maybe then placing two high schools on the same grounds was a sound idea, fiscally speaking. But with the student population currently hovering around 5,000 and the promise of a third high school to be built nearby soon, who can seriously endorse this type of plan?

Bigger isn't always better. I don't believe 13- to-17-year-olds should be expected to operate on a college campus setting. They don't have the maturity, nor should they be expected to.

I feel sad that my daughter's high school memories will include swarms of security guards trying to keep order over a sprawling campus, which only promises to get bigger and more exasperating with the addition of a third high school.

And then there are the thousands of nameless faces she will never know.

One of my high school friends lives in Plymouth and has a daughter in my child's class, the Class of 2001. My daughter looked her up in the enormous PCEP yearbook. She looked at her name, then her face and said,"Nope, never seen her before." I wonder if she'll ever be inclined to attend a class reunion.

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MEAP move is obvious power grab

Gov. John Engler last week transferred responsibility for (a) adult and vocational education to the Department of Career Development and (b) state education assessment tests (MEAP) to the Department of Treasury. Both programs previously had been run by the Department of Education.

I thought the headline in The Macomb Daily caught it just right: "Is Engler power mad or just efficient?"

As evidence for the efficiency school of thought, consider the shift of career and technical services and adult education to the Department of Career Development.

I chaired the Job Training Coordinating Commission during the 1980s. In those days, responsibility for job training and career development was inefficiently splattered all over state government. That's why I thought it was right for Engler to create the new Department of Career Development; it concentrated responsibility and accountability for career-related programs and job training into one administrative unit.

Moving staff overseeing adult education and vocational schools, including vocational courses at community colleges, to the Career Development department makes sense for the same reason. It strategically links adult and vocational education with community colleges in one coherent part of state government. Given how important high skills are for Michigan kids and businesses alike, I can only applaud Engler's move.

As evidence supporting the power-mad charge, consider what the governor has done to the MEAP program.

MEAP stands for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, covering reading, writing, science and math, with social science to be added soon. Eleventh graders who pass all tests can be awarded $2,500 Merit college scholarships, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class.

Responsibility for the MEAP test has been in the hands of the Department of Education for years. Under its leadership, the test has been one of the most powerful tools for school reform because it assesses what kids actually learn in school and provides solid evidence where individual schools need to do better.

Last year, however, in creating the Merit scholarship program and linking it to MEAP test results, the Legislature created a new Michigan Merit Award Board. This provided a convenient rationale for moving oversight of MEAP tests from the education folks to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

The relevant paragraph from the governor's press release read: "Because the law requires that the Michigan Merit Award Board review and approve the assessment tests before they may be used to determine eligibility under the scholarship program, the responsibility for the administration of MEAP is transferred to the Department of Treasury."

What's that? Transfer responsibility for the

PHIL POWER

biggest tool for school reform from educators to bean counters in Treasury?

As evidence for "power mad," consider that of the seven members of the Merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray, head of Treasury; Barbara Bolin, director of Career Development; Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors; Clark Durant, who recently resigned from the State Board of Education after missing the majority of its meetings during his last three years; Isaiah "Ike " McKinnon, former Detroit police chief; and one person yet to be named. (The seventh board member is Art Ellis, who gets his seat because he is Superintendent of Education.)

Excepting Ellis, who runs the Department of Education, none of the Merit board members has any background in K-12 administration, curriculum development or education reform. Murray, who chairs the Merit board, is widely regarded as a sane and thoughtful guy, but he doesn't know much about educational assessments.

Members of the State Board of Education, who are elected statewide (and, therefore, not under Engler's thumb), blasted the move.

"It makes no sense at all to pull responsibility for the MEAP test away from educators and give it to people who know nothing about testing," said member Sharon Gire, a former Democratic state representative. Dorothy Beardmore, a Republican member from Rochester, pointed out that "testing is very technical. It should be based on curriculum standards, which remain in the Department of Education. There is no logic at all in the MEAP move."

Forget all the hot air coming out of the governor's office about better coordination of the MEAP test with the Merit scholarship. The purpose of the MEAP test is not to determine who gets Merit scholarships; the purpose of the MEAP test is to improve education.

It's hard to see anything here other than a pure grab for power.

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Gas Customer Choice program begins 2nd enrollment period

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ — MichCon customers will get a second chance to choose an alternative natural gas supplier this week when the Gas Customer Choice program begins again. When the program was first introduced to customers in January, 70,000 enrolled and switched to a new supplier.

The Michigan Public Service Commission approved Gas Customer Choice in April 1998. The program allows up to 225,000 residential and small commercial customers to buy gas from another company by the year 2001. The way the program is designed, there are enrollment periods in each of the three years; the first ended on May 15, 1999.

The second enrollment period runs through Feb. 29, 2000. The program works on a voluntary, first come, first-served basis and up to 75,000 customers per year can switch to a new gas supplier. Therefore, as year two unfolds, up to 150,000 total customers can choose a new supplier.

"We fully expect to reach the cap for this program because it's what customers want," said Harold Gardner, vice president of marketing, sales and regulatory affairs at MichCon. "We listened to our customers and have tailored year two of this program to make it even better for customers and suppliers."

■ 'We fully expect to reach the cap for this program because it's what customers want.'

Harold Gardner
MichCon vice president for marketing

For customers who choose to remain with MichCon, a fixed rate of 29.5 cents per hundred cubic feet during the plan's duration is guaranteed. Rates will vary with suppliers. Either way, MichCon will continue to deliver the natural gas through its existing pipeline system, bill customers and respond to all emergencies.

Several changes have been made to the program effective for the second year to minimize any customer confusion. Among the changes:

The name of the program has been changed from "MichCon Select" to "Gas Customer Choice."

A single enrollment period from Nov. 1 through Feb. 29, 2000 replaces a two-phase enrollment period.

MichCon will distribute additional educational materials to customers through bill messages and bill inserts to alert customers to the opportunity to choose a new supplier.

Customer protections have been installed; including a 30-day unconditional cancellation period (for residential customers only) following the signing of a contract with a new supplier.

Suppliers must clearly identify themselves on all solicitation materials and contracts and must leave materials and contracts with the customer to review.

MichCon customer service representatives are being retrained and provided with content-neutral information about the program.

MichCon is one of the nation's largest natural gas distributors, with 1.2 million Michigan families and businesses relying on MichCon for their energy needs.

Bids for Kids

Clinic support: *Oakwood Healthcare System's Bids For Kids, held recently at the Wayne Community Center, raised more than $55,000. This was made possible in part through a contribution made by Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne and other local sponsors. Demmer donated a two-year lease on a Ford Expedition. Here, Jim Demmer (left) congratulates winners Barbara and David Ippel. Proceeds will help continue the support and future expansion of the Lincoln/Jefferson Elementary School-based Health Clinic in Westland. Basic clinic services include physicals, health screenings, immunization, treatment for minor illnesses or injuries and management of chronic illnesses.*

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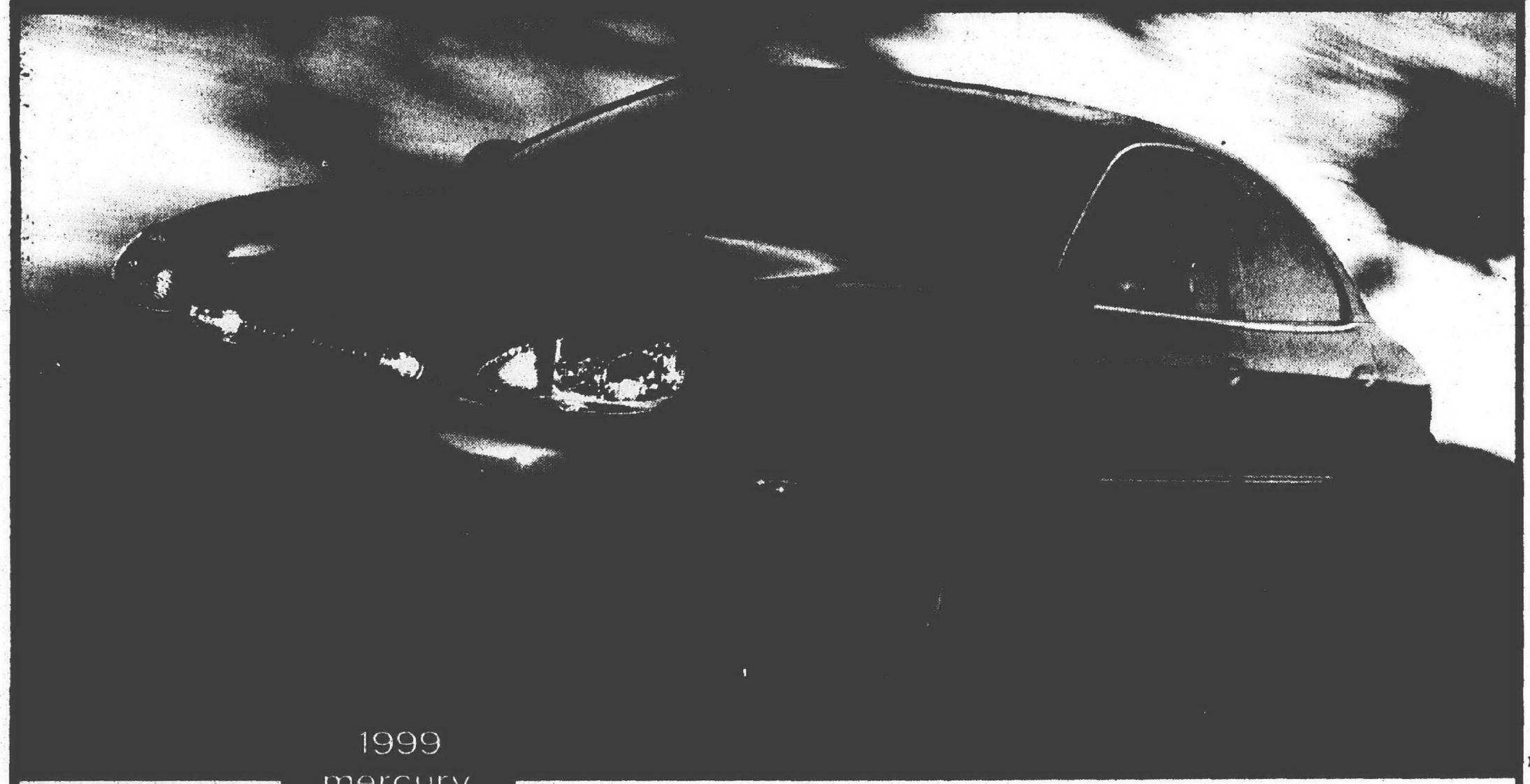

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COMMON SENSORS

JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

We helped; now you can

Sally (not her real name) came into the Family Resource Center looking a bit disheveled and pale. She plopped down in the chair, relieved that she was finally in a safe haven.

When asked what brought her in, she replied, "I'm at my wits end. Not only do I have a 15 year old who is acting up, but a new husband who dislikes her intensely. He practically breathes fire whenever she's around.

"I feel pulled in two directions and don't know what to do."

After getting a little more information about the situation, it came out that Sally's daughter hadn't healed emotionally from her biological dad's death three years earlier. And now, to add the "wicked stepfather" into the mix was more than she could bear.

Between his anger that *the kids get away with murder,* and Sally's anger at her daughter's surliness and disrespect, she sighed, "I could run away with the circus and have more happiness than I have right now."

The counselor spent the hour plotting a course that would get her the help she needed with both her marriage and her daughter. He prescribed several solutions and bundled them up into one package that included referrals for family counseling, grief and loss-support groups for mom and daughter and a parenting workshop for both Sally and the step-dad.

She walked away a different person, realizing that she had much more power and control of the situation than she originally thought.

■ 'Your daughter is still in a lot of pain, and it is splashing out and over you and your husband. If she doesn't get the help she needs and deserves, bring her here for one visit ...'

As she stood at the door ready to leave, the counselor ended with "Your daughter is still in a lot of pain, and it is splashing out over you and your husband. If she doesn't agree to get the help she needs and deserves, bring her here for one visit and we'll talk about it together."

The business of the Family Resource Center is to help families get answers. What do we help them with? You name it. We have answers.

Whether you are concerned about getting the basics – food, shelter, clothing – or less fundamental things such as substance abuse referrals, counseling, tutoring, child care, legal assistance, or parent workshops – the free-to-the-public service is there to assist you.

And to assist us in keeping the doors open, we invite you to the first Taste of the Arts event. If you like food, then you will enjoy an evening of grazing among some of your favorite restaurants. We will also be showcasing and selling student artwork through a silent auction.

When and where will you find this benefit night?

From 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 38315 Joy between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

Bring your families and show your support. This event is sponsored by International Minute Press, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Maui Travel, Hellenic Cultural Center, North Bros. Ford and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

It costs $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Tickets can be bought at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford, or by calling (734) 326-7222.

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125 years and counting

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Past and present: *Postulant Michele Marzicola (back row, left), Sister Michele Marie Bolda, Sister Toni Ann Marie Russo and Sister Angelette Marie Litchney gather with Sister Mary Ludmilla Stender who, at age 106, is the oldest sister at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia.*

Sisters celebrate milestone

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

As Toni Ann Marie Russo, 38, reflects about giving up a thriving law practice in New Jersey to become a nun, in another part of the vast Felician Sisters' complex in Livonia, Sister Mary Ludmilla Stender, 106, recently celebrated 89 years since she entered the religious life.

These women, representing the past and future of the order, are part of the 125 years of service by thousands of Felician Sisters who have committed their lives to helping people, especially the young and the old, in communities around the world.

"I had my own practice in New Jersey," Russo said. "I felt that the Lord was giving me an option. I really felt strongly that he wanted me to teach his children. Given the option, knowing he would love me no matter what, I chose to pursue it and give up my law firm."

On 300 acres bounded by Schoolcraft, Five Mile, Levan and Newburgh roads, the institutions maintained by these dedicated religious are cornerstones of the community – Angela Hospice, Ladywood High School, Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Marywood Manor and Marybrook Nursing Care Center, Montessori Center of Our Lady and Senior Clergy Village. They also operate retreat centers in Jackson and Holly.

A 125th anniversary celebration will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Felician Chapel in Livonia and will be officiated by Adam Cardinal Maida, leader of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. Eight bishops and more than 40 priests will concelebrate with hundreds of laity.

Tours of exhibits, including one highlighting the life of Felician founder Mary Angela Truszkowska, will be held in the provincial house immediately after the liturgy. A reception and dinner, planned by Felician provincial minister Sister Mary Dennis Glonek, will begin at 5 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, who leads the 2,300 sisters in the order worldwide, is the guest speaker. Reservations are required.

The Livonia province of the Felician order is made up of 230 members and grew out of a movement in Polonia, Wis., in 1874 when Father Joseph Dabrowski invited five Felician Sisters to that rural village to teach the children of Polish immigrants.

Within a few years, the small Felician community attracted other members and began ministries in Michigan, Illinois and New York.

The sisters moved their central headquarters to Detroit in 1882 and in 1936 relocated to Livonia. It is the oldest Felician Sisters province in North America.

"It is also blessed with the most diverse set of ministries concentrated in one complex," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, the provincial secretary.

Felician Sisters are visible and active throughout the Midwest teaching in 26 elementary and high schools from Alpena and Clinton Township to South Bend, Ind., and Toledo, Ohio.

In addition to serving at parish schools in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, the Felician Sisters also work as principals, teachers, nurses, pastoral ministers, administrators, directors, librarians, tutors, aides, musicians, artists, counselors and combinations of these roles. Together they minister to more than half a million people annually.

The provincial house in Livonia was built under the leadership of Sister Mary DeSales Tocka, when the province's membership was more than 700 sisters. The massive building measures 250,000 square feet and towers above a grove of trees.

Of the approximately 100 Felician Sisters who live at the complex, 60 are aged or ill.

The congregation's official name in North America is the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix, which was named after a Capuchin Franciscan, St. Felix of Cantalice, who lived during the 16th century.

Legacy continues

Nearly 400 years later, the legacy continues with people like Russo who has begun a two-year program that is required of every woman who intends to spend her life as a Felician Sister. Russo entered the order in June 1998 and recently moved to Livonia from New Jersey.

"It's a honeymoon with Jesus," Russo said. "Most friends and family thought I was out of my mind. I had a profitable law firm and was very happy in it. I could go on vacation at any time, I had a dream car, a dream house. Most people couldn't understand why I could give up all of that and become a sister.

"Right now I'm on a vacation to have Christ as my spouse and that's a dream for me."

Russo knew she wanted to enter the order while painting a picture of Jesus' mother, Mary.

While there aren't many women like Russo clambering to enter convents, the numbers have gone up

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Novice model proves a hit on the runway

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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I didn't trip even once.

Despite the fact that the shoes I was given were at least one size too big, my nerves tingled up my spine, and I've never *really* modeled before, I didn't blunder. I didn't fall.

As a first-time model in the Redford Suburban League's 26th annual Festival of Fashion show, held last month at Livonia's Burton Manor, I wasn't quite sure what I was getting myself into.

The theme, "Afternoon in Paris," gave a European air to the event, while focusing straight in on the familiar faces of metro Detroit. All I knew beforehand was that it involved shopping, new clothes, meeting a lot of new people, and would benefit children in need in Wayne and Oakland counties.

So, I signed up. I may be a community life and entertainment reporter, but how hard could it be to walk down a runway?

As I drove to the event filled with anticipation – and a little anxiety – I truly didn't know what to expect.

Noon – I arrived promptly and was guided into a changing room where the clothes I would model were clearly labeled and ready for me to try on. Parisian provided the fashions for this year's show.

I quickly fell in love with the slate gray suede pants, bulky hooded wool sweater and Timberland boots waiting for me in the changing room. Casual attire: nice fit, buttoned and ready for show. I was transformed from reporter back to college co-ed.

12:20 p.m. – By the time I hit the hair and makeup chair, I was already quite comfortably in "model-mode." With one quick look at my almost-black shoulder-length mane, the stylists decided on straight – we're talking ironed straight – hair. They might as well have read my mind.

So Amanda Evans, a stylist from The Works salon in Walled Lake heated up the iron and went to work. With gentle tugging, plenty of hair potions and serious concentration, she did what I consider to be the impossible – she slicked my hair down into straight, shiny, soft locks. Sheer delight.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Walk this way: *Strutting opposite Channel 7's Mike Huckman, Stephanie Angelyn Casola gets to know the runway at the Redford Suburban League's annual fashion show.*

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Model *from page B1*

Meanwhile, Dawn So, quality [illegible] and stylist at the salon, [illegible] makeup on my [illegible] to even out my skin tone, [illegible] began to transform me into [illegible] model-for-a-day I was ready [illegible] become, or at least resemble:

[illegible]ky gray shadow accented [illegible] eyes, a touch of shimmer [illegible]lighted my cheeks and a [illegible]ney-colored gloss paired with [illegible]ownish lip liner coated my [illegible].

Maybe I'm just ultra-girlie [illegible]en it comes to beauty prod[illegible]cts, but there's nothing more relaxing than having your hair and makeup done for you, especially when you're being doted upon and complimented by the friendly stylists. I was in heaven.

12:45 p.m. – Spruced up and ready for the runway, I was bidding time as other models rushed in and prepared. Bubbling albeit with [illegible] fashion show commentators Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe was another treat.

Cindy Jamieson, league member and organizer of models for the show, made herself available for anyone who needed her. She was running a smooth show and doing so with ease.

Barb Stoner, organizer of special events at Parisian, was particularly helpful behind the scenes. It was something of a new experience for her as well.

"It's been a job and an education," said Stoner. "The celebrities were all pleasures to work with."

Fashions were selected from a "must-have" list of new arrivals for the season that the store carries. Fashions ranged from hues of winter white to deep red and the occasional refreshing splash of color.

Around 1:15 p.m. – Models lined up in the tiny hall behind the stage. Paired male-female couples chatted in line awaiting their turn in the spotlight. Florene Mark, Miss Redford Che'Venne Burton and ABC's weather-forecaster Kim Adams were only a few of the 33 models.

Romance novelist Shelly Thacker, a Redford resident, said she was surprised that the celebrities looked just like they do on television.

"It's fun for me to get a look at all these celebrities," she said, seeming to forget she's included in that group. Thacker's done the fashion show before and returned because she considers it to be a good cause. Proceeds from the show are donated to a variety of charities to aid disabled children.

Paired with broadcast reporter Mike Huckman, who was dressed suitably in Tommy Hilfiger casual wear, we took to the stage. Teased a bit about "what a nice couple we make" by our friendly commentators, I blushed uncontrollably down the runway.

The cheers from a roomful of almost 1,000 attendees quickened my pace. I just kept hoping I wouldn't fall down. Just as we stepped offstage, it was back to the dressing room for a quick change, makeup touchup before we got back in line to model evening wear.

Around 2 p.m. – Joyce Harner was another reason things ran so smoothly backstage. A Redford Suburban League member for five years and a Waterford resident, Harner said hers is an easy job. She's ready for a quick fix for any emergency.

If anyone pops a button or rips a sleeve, Harner would be right on the case. Luckily, she didn't seem to have many emergencies to tend to at this event.

While it was my first time participating in the fashion show, most models had the routine down pat. Colleen Burear, Detroit-area radio personality, said she comes back because of the people involved.

"The Redford Suburban League is wonderful," she said. "They care a lot about the community. That's wonderful to see."

Jo-Jo Shutty MacGregor, who happens to be just about my height and an absolute delight to talk to, has been doing the fashion show since its inception. She said the people who attend the show "have the best seats in the house" to see the latest fashions.

Shutty MacGregor works for AAA of Michigan as a radio and television reporter ... when she's not strutting down the runway, that is.

[illegible] p.m. – After a second trip down the stage and a grand finale in which everyone took one last walk by the crowd, the models hurried back to change, shuffling about with cell phones and switching into reporter mode.

Back to business-as-usual, but I can see how it might be tempting to model for a living. I'm not saying my 5-foot, 1 1/2-inch figure is ready to give Cindy Crawford a run for her money, but who doesn't want to be pampered and complimented in a [illegible] atmosphere?

I can't wait until next year.

Sisters *from page B1*

slightly in recent years. The high point of enrollment was during the late 1950s and early 1960s, Kujawa explained.

"I think there's a greater appreciation of the sacred and positive religious values," she said. "Felician Sisters recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska, who was a holy woman who never intended to found a community, but was intent about serving the people in need in her country."

Sister Mary Angela cared for the most vulnerable, the children and elderly, who suffered in war torn Poland. She started the Felician order by helping five children and five elderly people. Other women came to her aid.

"These women saw a need and wanted to help," Sister Kujawa said.

The order has spread to more 20 countries on four continents.

Blessed pilgrimage

During September and October, 23 Felician Sisters from Michigan and Indiana, including Kujawa, flew to Warsaw to join more than 300 Felician sisters from around the world for a pilgrimage honoring the 100 year anniversary of their foundress' death.

"It really was an outstanding experience, because we were able to walk in the foot steps of Blessed Mary Angela and appreciate the generous heart she had," Kujawa said.

The Felician Sisters of Livonia will join members of their order around the world in a 10-day pilgrimage this month to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the order. In the United States, the observance will be held Nov. 19-28 in parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and New York as Felician Sisters retrace their earliest beginnings in North America.

"The 10 days will also honor Father Dabrowski, who not only inspired the Felician Sisters to move to Detroit to expand their ministry, but founded a seminary, SS. Cyril and Methodius in Orchard Lake," Sr. Kujawa said. "The highlight of this trip will be the sisters visiting the cemeteries where the five pioneers are buried, including the leader, Sr. Mary Monica Sybilski in Mt. Elliott Cemetery, and Sr. Mary Raphael in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, both in Detroit."

Two local masses will be held during the pilgrimage. One at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit and the other at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia. The public is welcome.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

LIVONIA STEVENSON
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club will have its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

FROST
The Frost Middle School PTSA will present its 23rd annual holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 6 at the school, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, a lunch room and bake sale. Admission will be $2; no strollers permitted.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN
Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual bazaar 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City. A turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Nov. 12 and lunch on Nov. 13. There will be arts and crafts, silent auction, cookie walk, white elephant room and bake sale.

OAKWOOD CANTON
The Oakwood Canton Health Center will have its annual holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the center, 7300 Canton Center Road, Canton. Coffee will be served and there also will be a bake sale. For more information, call (734) 454-8001.

ST EDITH
St. Edith School will have its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Table space is available – $20 for a 5-foot round table or $25 for an 8-foot-long table. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Monday, November 15, 1999, at 210 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

SUN 450C ENGINE ANALYZER

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

The City Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Address bid to:

LINDA LANGHEINEIER, CMC/AAE
PLYMOUTH CITY CLERK
201 S. MAIN
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

In a sealed envelope bearing the inscription: 450C Engine Analyzer For opening: Monday, November 15, 1999

If you have any questions, please contact: SCOTT A. BAKER, Assistant Director, Municipal Services Department, (734) 453-7737

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request by the owners of the property located at 46201 Five Mile Road, Parcel C, Metro West Industrial Park Phase V1, in Plymouth Township to establish an Industrial Development District for the following described property:

Parcel C:
Part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North ¼ corner of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East; thence along the North line of Section 21 and the centerline of Five Mile Road, North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 644.83 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds East, 703.54 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds East, 785.83 feet; thence South 85 degrees 02 minutes 27 seconds West, 467.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 08 seconds West, 821.77 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds East, 467.80 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities, described as: Commencing at the North ¼ corner of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East; thence along the North line of Section 21 and the centerline of Five Mile Road, North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 580.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said line North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds East, 703.54 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds West, 40.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds West, 545.04 feet; thence North 33 degrees 22 minutes 50 seconds West, 23.40 feet, thence North 05 degrees 18 minutes 08 seconds West, 134.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax Item No's. 78-009-99-0004-000;
78-009-99-0005-000;
78-009-99-0006-000;
78-009-99-0007-000

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road; Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number: 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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THREE TO TANGO (R)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
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SIXTH SENSE (R)
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, November 11, 1999 for the following:

DEICING PELLETS
ROAD SALT

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE
Administrative Services Director

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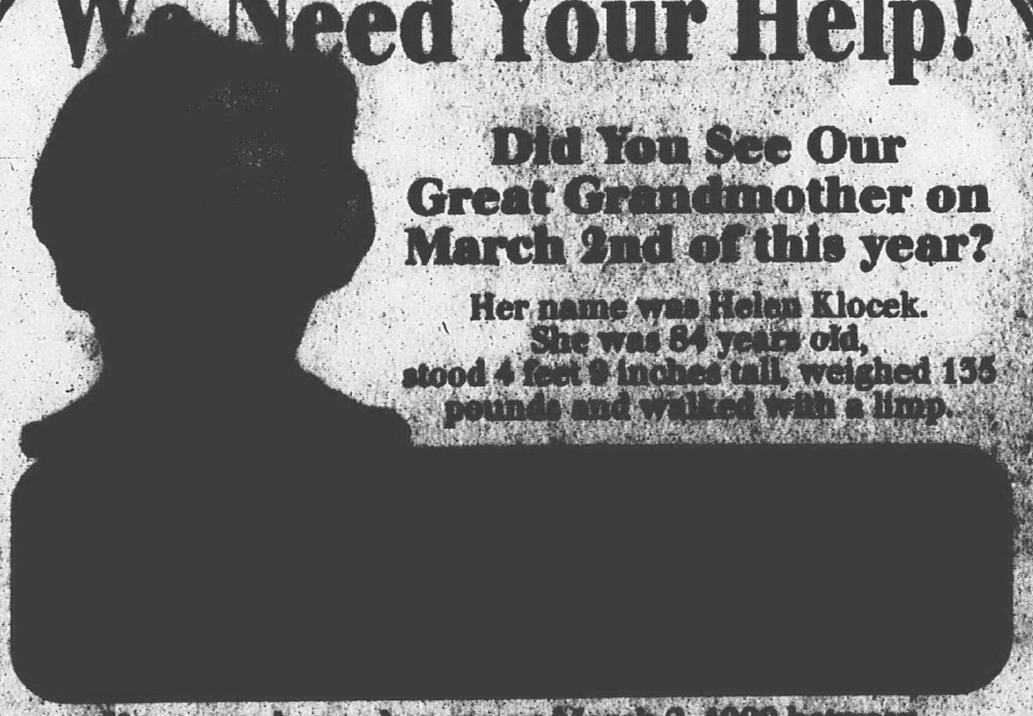

Did You See Our Great Grandmother on March 2nd of this year?

Her name was Helen Klocek. She was 84 years old, stood 4 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 135 pounds and walked with a limp.

If you saw her or her car on March 2, 1999 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., please call Detroit Homicide at

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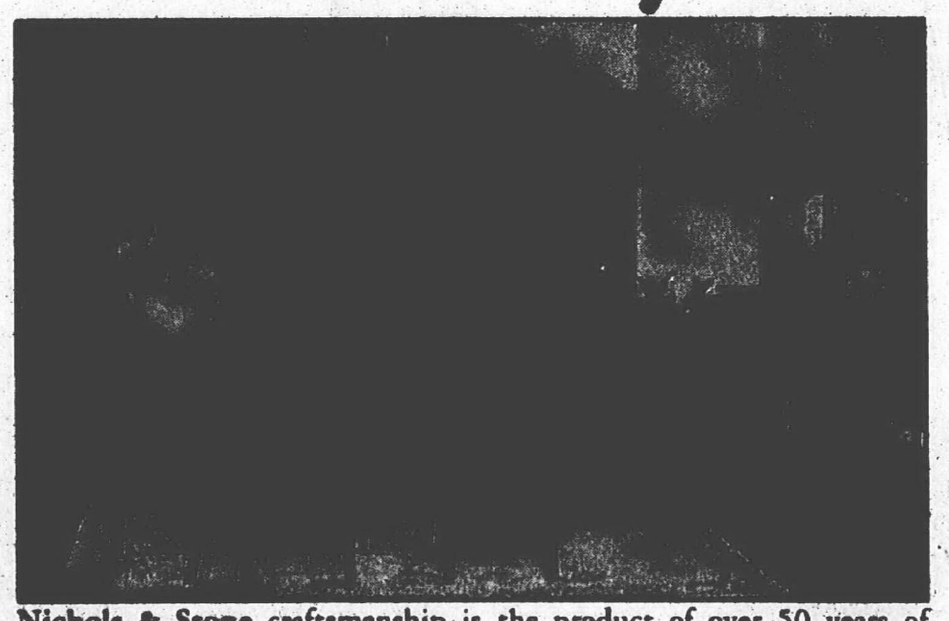

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Gosen-Easterwood

Thomas Ellis Easterwood and Jennifer Jo Gosen were married May 1 at Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Bridgeport by the Rev. Daniel Nowak.

The bride is the daughter of Theresa and Joseph Gosen. The groom is the son of Caroline and Waymon Easterwood of Plymouth.

The bride asked Kimberly Leach to serve as matron of honor with Cheryl Markwood, Julie Boden, Jennie McNamara and Dawn Barber as bridesmaids. Janice Markwood was the junior bridesmaid, and Abbey Leach was the flower girl.

Dave Coleman served as best man with Brad Markwood, Paul Leach, Chris Osburn and John

Jednick as groomsmen and Andrew Farrand as the ring bearer.

The couple received guests as a reception at the Horizons Conference Center. Following a trip to Hawaii, they are making their home in Pinckney.

Teter-Kley

Ken and Peggy Teter of Lansing announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison, to Jeff Kley, the son of Milt and Sarah Kley of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Waverly High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is the purchasing coordinator at Cummins Michigan Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He works as a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy.

A June 2000 wedding is planned in Lansing.

Criscenti-Jambor

Frank and Pat Criscenti of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Michael John Jambor, the son of John and Judy Jambor of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in labor economics. She is employed as a sales trainer by AirTouch Cellular in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School, a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of business administration degree. He is employed as a program timing

coordinator by the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

A February wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Darnall-Willert

Jessica Lynn Willert and Ted Raymond Darnall were married Aug. 27 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Detroit by the Rev. Gabriel Grzesik.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy Chesser of St. Clair Shores and Roger Willert of Appleton, Wis. The groom is the son of Jerry and Karen Darnall of Redford.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Lakeview High School. She is employed by Village Green Co. as the leasing manager at Village Green of Rochester.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Thurston High School. He is employed as a firefighter by the city of Dearborn.

The bride asked Angie Kaczynski to serve as her honor attendant, while Chris Chupa was the

best man.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Redford.

Schopper-Peck

Gerald and Lillian Schopper of Whitmore Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa May, to Thomas R. Peck, the son of Thom and Lynne Peck of Chandler, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Arizona State University College of Business with a degree in finance.

An April wedding is planned

at St. Timothy Church in Mesa, Ariz.

Starr-Wagner

Katy Wagner and Brian Donald Starr were married Oct. 7 in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of John and Bonnie Wagner of Livonia. The groom is the son of Donald and Joan Starr of Naperville, Ill.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in graphic design.

The groom is a graduate of Naperville Central High School in Illinois and Columbia College with a bachelor's degree in music.

The couple honeymooned on a camping trip in the Southwest and an autumn colors tour in the Northeast. They are making

their home in Northville.

Abdoo-Cotton

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Abdoo Sr. of Davisburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie, to Bruce Anthony Cotton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford H. Cotton of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School and a graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

A June 2000 wedding is planned at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford.

O'Daniel-Polanski

Pam and Scott Heumann of Livonia and Robert O'Daniel of Jackson announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Michelle, to Allen Michael Polanski Jr., the son of Allen and Sandy Polanski of Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and attended Arizona State University. She is employed at Wyndham Garden Hotel in Phoenix.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed at Special Touch Auto in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A May wedding in Scottsdale is being planned.

Fisher-Yesh

Richard and Dolores Yesh of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Steven, to Kathleen Ann Fisher, the daughter of Raymond and Grace Fisher of Austin, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Molloy College in Rockville Center, N.Y. She is employed as a financial analyst with Clear Commerce Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He is employed as a computer game animator by Origin Systems Inc.

A February wedding is planned in Austin.

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Livonia PTA Council
Livonia Nursery Inc.
Oakley Park Elementary Science Club
MOPS/Mothers of Preschoolers
Harrison High School Band
SSS Ravanica
African American Association/PCEP
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P·A·R·I·S·I·A·N

CALENDAR

WEEKEND

SILENT AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op will host a silent auction Friday, Nov. 5, at the Divine Savior Parish Hall, on Cherry Hill just east of I-275. This is an annual fund-raiser for PCN. There are numerous items to bid on from local business, as well as tickets, gift certificates and items from major corporations/stores. Tickets are $5 each. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION

■ The Canton Historical Society will hold a harvest dinner and auction 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Cherry Hill School. For more information, call (734) 397-1561.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

■ The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is $5, $2 for kids kids age 4-12. Vendors and collectors will sell current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. For more information, call R.R. Promotions at (734) 455-2110.

PLYMOUTH WHALERS

■ Skate with the Plymouth Whalers from 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth. Fans will skate in groups of 150, each group skates for one-half hour block. Cost is $5 individual donation, $15 per family (limit of six). Skate rental is $3. Proceeds go to benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, please send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address. The Goodfellows fund-raiser (selling the Goodfellows edition at area road intersections) will be held Saturday, Dec. 4.

AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETING

■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, 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, Nov. 12, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

STORY TIME

■ Kindermusik presents Story Time with Miss Karen, Saturday, Nov. 13 at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, Downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) [illegible].

FLU SHOTS

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation will be sponsoring flu shots to be given by Brighton Nurse Care from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Cost is $12 for persons over 18, and seniors on Medicare, free. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (734) 455-6627.

FARM AND GARDEN MEETING

■ The November meeting of the Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the home of Jill Ginder, 48439 Meadow Court in Plymouth Township. The tea committee is chaired by JoAnne Harreld and includes Margi Bake, Juanita Fenkell and Margaret Koeninger. The meeting program, "Christmas Decoration," will be presented by Bob Simmons from Keller and Stein Florists and Greenhouse. Plans will be completed for the branch's holiday Greens Mart sale, chaired by Karen Horton, which will be held Dec. 3 and 4 at 904 West Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignana at (313) 845-3752 (work) or (734) 525-0157 (home).

SKI AND SNOWBOARD

■ Plymouth Canton Community School's Community Education Department announces plans to begin registration for a Plymouth-Canton Ski and Snowboard Club. Club members will ski and snowboard on Friday and Saturday evenings except during holidays. Registration will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Canton High School cafeteria. Cost for the Ski and Snowboard Club is $95 per person. For more information, call 416-2937.

MOPS MEETING

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings from 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare 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 them 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.

DIVORCECARE SEMINAR

■ DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group for people experiencing separation and divorce, will begin its next 13-week session from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. DivorceCare is non-denominational and features biblical teaching for those recovering from divorce and separation. Child care will be provided for children through fifth grade.

Staff Photo by Paul Hildebrandt

Hard at work: Fifth graders from Jodi Ring's class carry boxes filled with canned goods and other non-perishable items to a Salvation Army van at Hulsing Elementary recently as a culmination of the school's Make A Difference Day food drive. Salvation Army Lt. Jim Spencer stands at left, and Ring is at right rear. The school's goal of 2,000 items (the number was chosen because of the approaching new millennium) was surpassed by nearly 100 extra items. Make a Difference Day honors volunteerism nationwide

The registration fee is $15. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

NACW

■ The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women (NACW) will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Marcy Uday of Prism Performance System. The topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." Cost is $18 for members, and $22 for non-members. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracy M. Huff at (248) 347-3355.

COMPUTER CAMP

■ Canton Parks and Recreation will hold a "Holiday Fun Computer Camp," from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Summit on the Park Arts I Room in Canton. The camp is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is $20 for annual pass holders, $22 for residents and $26 for non-residents. Students will have fun creating greeting cards, signs and letters while using a variety of print shop software. Class includes both on- and off-computer activities. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

PAPER SALE

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows will hold a paper sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Fire Station behind Plymouth City Hall. Volunteers are needed to help sell papers. Proceeds go to help Plymouth and Plymouth Township resident families with Christmas gifts and food for the holidays. For more information, call (734) 416-9656.

PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review will hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT and ACT test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton review to register for the strategy sessions. They may call to register by dialing (800) 2-REVIEW.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for the fall session. Registration can be done over the phone with Visa or Mastercard by calling (734) 453-2904, or in person at the "Y" office, 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 being held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as a fund-raiser for its programs. Local artist Charles Aimone has made several art works 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, 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 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. Copies are also available at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is $40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

■ Entertainment Y2K 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) 453-8253.

■ 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) 464-0369.

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 and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these topics may join the "Shooting The Breeze" group. A donation of $8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

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.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs that are open to the public. If you would like more information or to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

COUNTERPOINT

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

ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities; to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

■ Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information (313) 534-6496.

■ Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

■ William Beaumont Hospital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

■ Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. Senior citizens and retirees in the Plymouth/ Canton area are welcome.

■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. For more information, call (734) 420-8331. New Morning School is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

CANCER SOCIETY

■ American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Sue at (734) 459-9324.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843 for more information.

STAMP CLUB

■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club take place at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Web site is www. oeonline. com/~ pnj/ wsac. html

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.

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Airline Ambassadors plan holiday mission to Bolivia

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Just back from Bolivia, Linda Henning Ganzler is already planning a return trip.

Ganzler had gone to her mother's homeland with the idea of helping needy children. She came back knowing she would doing it again and again.

"This is my work," said Ganzler who was the medical supply coordinator for an Airline Ambassadors' mission to the South American country in early October. "Before I did this mission, I did missions everywhere. Now I've decided Bolivia is mine."

Noting that the group is very committed to Bolivia and with the blessing of Nancy Revard of Airline Ambassadors, Ganzler has already begun collecting things for a Christmas mission, Dec. 6-9.

The plan is to give the street children a police-supported safe house and the 25 youngsters in an orphanage a Christmas, although her donations list doesn't include toys.

Between now and Nov. 16, Ganzler and Keeley Kelemen are hoping to gather more medical supplies like a dermatone machine for treating burn patients, shunts to treat hydrocephalic children and things like crutches, neck braces and elastic bandages that people may have laying around their homes.

"We had three doctors fighting over one neck brace," Ganzler said. "The doctors wanted more than what we had."

■ 'I went with the idea of being able to do so much and came out feeling like a pebble.'

Keeley Kelemen
Airline Ambassador

They're also looking for clothing, including adult-sized sweats, warm socks, good winter shoes, towels and cash donations. The money will be given to the police and workers at the orphanage to buy gifts for the children. According to Ganzler, $60 can buy presents for 90 children.

Helping out

The Stride Rite shoe store at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth is holding a penny drive to raise money, and elementary school children in Boston, Mass., are conducting a clothing drive for the December mission.

Ganzler and Kelemen can't say thank you enough to the people and businesses such as the Bearly Worn consignment store in Plymouth and Water Wheel Health Club in Northville that gave money, prizes for the golf outing and goods for the garage sale that helped make the October mission a success.

They're hoping people will be as generous again and are offering to pick up donations. The cutoff date is Nov. 16 so that donations can be boxed and shipped out to the country. To make arrangements for pickups, call Kelemen at (248) 374-3572.

In a country where the projected per capita income is $908 in U.S. dollars and the "government says there isn't a poverty problem," the ambassadors found plenty of people in need of the clothing, blankets, medical supplies and wheelchairs.

At The Foundation – a "very impoverished" medical/dental clinic – a wheelchair was given to an older woman who had been carrying her 48-year-old polio-stricken daughter on her back.

Another chair was given to a man who wanted to give his hospital-bound brother a life in spite of spinal cancer. He also received the $200 needed for surgery that would let him take his brother home.

A woman received $20 to buy a new gas stove. The mother of six, she had resorted to feeding her children raw potatoes when the family's stove broke.

At a home, donated by the PAC police organization to work with the street children, the youngsters stood in the rain and muck in a line that went out the back door, waiting to get some clothes.

"I went with the idea of being able to do so much and came out feeling like a pebble," said Kelemen. "It's my first time doing something like this and I was embarrassed because I did so little."

At a home for abused children, star stickers put the youngsters in seventh heaven. They also received toothbrushes and clothing.

The home has two rooms and nine beds for 25 children. It was established by a woman who now lives in Switzerland and sends $200 a month for their care.

The youngsters make little woven purses and small flutes to learn how to work, and arrangements are being made to send a check for $100 to buy the handmade goods, Ganzler said.

Ganzler and Kelemen are amazed at how helpful people are in the impoverished country. Even a television show broadcast nationwide brings in people with problems and gets them help.

"Everyone told us that what would drive us crazy is that the government says 'we don't have a poverty problem,' " Ganzler said. "It's amazing how little the country has, but anyone who has something, helps out."

Sizing it up: *Linda Henning Ganzler joins the crowd of children waiting for clothing at an orphanage in La Paz, Bolivia.*

Seminar is for people thinking about college

If you're considering going back to school but think you're too old to go to college, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center has the answer – "Thinking About College?"

The free seminar will be held 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Room MC200 of the McDowell Center on the Schoolcraft campus, Haggerty Road north of Six Mile Road in Livonia.

Specifically designed for adult women who are thinking about going back to school, the program will explore such topics as how to get started, financial aid, juggling responsibilities and finding time to study.

College services – admissions, career planning and placement, counseling, financial aid, Learning Assistance Center, Registrar's Office and Women's Resource Center – will be covered during the program.

"Thinking About College?" is supported in part by the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne and comes in time for those participants interested in enrolling in winter classes, which start on Jan. 7.

To reserve a spot, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

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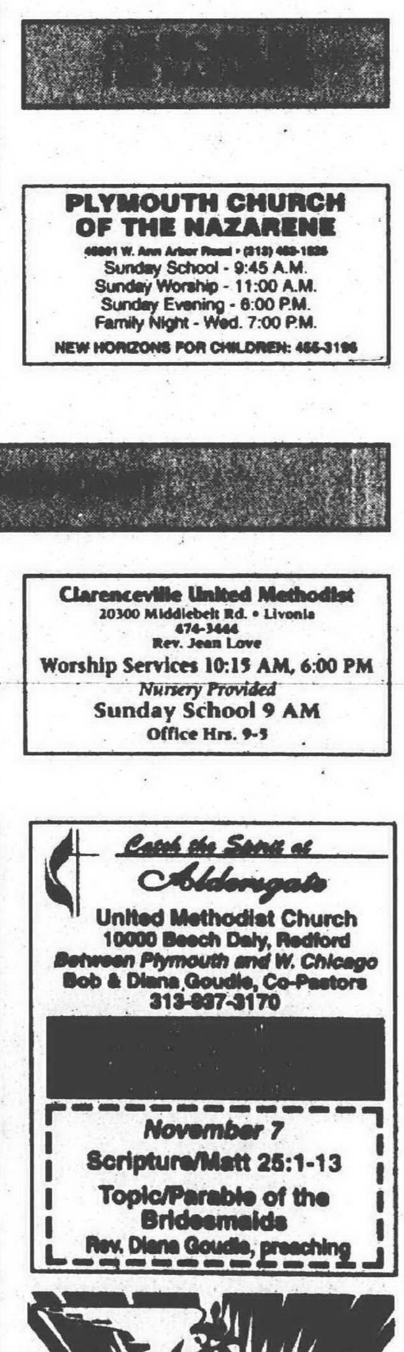

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point single adult ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Living Truth in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. The concert is free, however, a freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

Therapist, author and speaker Jeenie Gordon will speak about "Are Men and Women Different?" at Talk It Over 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in Knox Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served, and a freewill offering will be accepted.

Gordon also will speak about "Stuff of Life and Relationships," a growth seminar, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Room C307/309 of the church. Topics covered include "Anger, the Healthy Emotion," "Relax – You've Got to Be Kidding?," "Grabbing Hold of Your Future" and "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Wait."

The seminar costs $20. Call the Single Point office to register.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will observe World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 5, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. The program, "God's Passionate Love," will be at 12:45 p.m. and will feature special guest Bonniebell the clown. Participants should bring the love pillows they've made.

CELEBRANT SINGERS

The Celebrant Singers will perform at 8:10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, as part of the Ave Maria Foundation First Friday Breakfast Club meeting in the Ulrich Conference Room off Lobby E of Domino Farms, Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor.

There will be Mass at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 7:40 a.m. and a rosary before the performance. The event is open to the public. Breakfast costs $3. For more information, call Marie Pelletier at (734) 482-1400.

The Celebrant Singers also will perform 7-8:45 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Eastern Michigan University Student Chapel in Ypsilanti. The concert is being sponsored by the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Ave Maria Institute. A rosary will be said following the performance.

Donations will be taken at the door. For more information, call Stephanie Thomas at (734) 482-1400.

MILLENNIUM DINNER-DANCE

The Irish Pallottine Fathers will hold a Millennium Mission Dinner-Dance Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing to the music of Brian Boner and His Arranmore Band until 1 a.m. Tickets cost $40 each and are available by calling Eileen Fenn at (248) 349-6521, John Wisley at (248) 681-5736 or the Pallottine Fathers at (734) 285-2966.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance, "Plymouth Rocks," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, Inkster and West Chicago in Redford. The $8 charge includes refreshments. Proper attire requested. For more information, call Diane at (734) 971-4553 or Bill at (734) 421-3011.

There also will be a Mass at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, followed by a turkey dinner and open mike – say a clean joke and don't pay for supper – at St. Kenneth's Parish, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township.

AIDS MASS

St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Community will host an AIDS Healing and Anointing Mass for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at 425-4421.

DEDICATION SERVICE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will dedicate its newly installed Moeller pipe organ with a festival Eucharist with order of dedication at 10:30 a.m. and hymn festival at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford.

The hymn festival will be led by Margarete Thomsen, organist and choir director, and the Rev. Sharon Janot, pastor. A reception will follow the performance. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Richard O. Singleton will speak at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Singleton is a noted author and executive director of the Christian Communication Council of Metropolitan Detroit Churches. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

RUMMAGE SALE

Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a rummage sale noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more infor-

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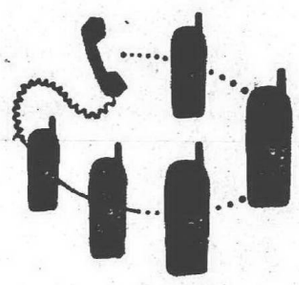

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The 75-member instrumental ensemble, under the direction of Richard Fischer, professor of music, will perform a variety of pieces by such composers as Hanson, Grantham, Holst and Reed.

The Kapelle, a 40-member choir under the direction of David Baar, visiting professor of music, will sing pieces by Hassler, Billings, Brahms and Bach.

The Wind Symphony and Kapelle are the premiere instrumental and choral ensembles at Concordia University, a Lutheran liberal arts university with more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students. Both groups tour the United States annually and have recorded and released compact discs of sacred music.

Concordia University's Wind Symphony

The concert is part of the 1999-2000 musical celebrations of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Christ Our Savior Choir will join the Kapelle and Wind Symphony for part of this final concert of Concordia's fall tour.

A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. For more information, call Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at (734) 522-6830.

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MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for alumnae of Holy Redeemer High School will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Junction and West Vernor in Detroit. Refreshments will be served in the high school following Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

The video series, "Unsealing Daniel's Mystery," will be presented 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 8 through mid-December, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, south of Venoy Road, Garden City. The chapter-by-chapter, in-depth study of the Old Testament Book of Daniel is free of charge. Each night a new chapter will be covered. Child care will be available for young children. Transportation can be provide for those needing a ride. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

REMARRIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road Road. There is no cost.For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will meet for its quarterly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17833 Garfield, off Five Mile Road, Redford. The meeting will be held in the Board Room. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ron Bachman will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Born with a congenital birth defect, Bachman's legs were amputated at age 4. Born and raised in Detroit, he wore artificial limbs at school, but walked with his hands when at home.

As an adult, he has become a motivational speaker, drawing on his sense of humor and life experiences to speak to audiences of all ages. His themes include human potential and achieving success despite obstacles.

For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

VEGAS PARTY

St. Bernadine of Siena Parish will have its annual Vegas Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Nov. 12, at the church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman Road. Westland. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be $5 per person. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

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 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.

'RAISING POSITIVE KIDS'

Rick Miller of Christian Training Ministries in Greenford, Ohio, will lead a seminar, "Raising Positive Kids," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia.

Participants will learn about the positive factors in healthy families, how to generate values in children, tips for building a healthy self-image, meeting the challenge of discipline, ways to motivate your children, how to express loving support, teaching children to think and more.

The cost is $7 for individuals and $10 per couples who register by Nov. 7. After that date, the cost is $10 and $15 respectively. To register, call Ray Sanders at (248) 476-8222.

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION

St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church will have its third annual silent and live auction, "Tropical Evening," 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Tickets cost $30 and include a bidding number, gourmet hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, open bar and mini desserts, and Polynesian music 7-9 p.m.

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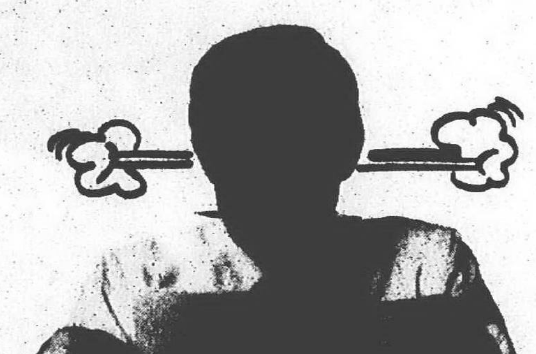

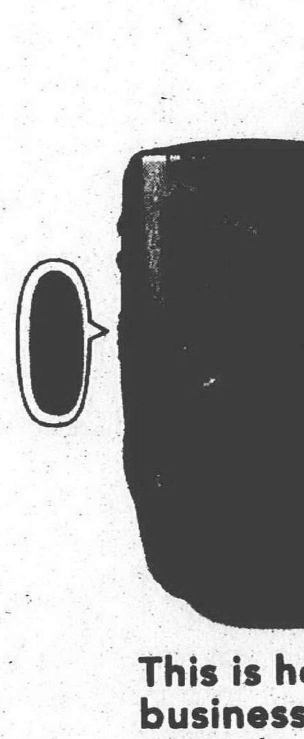

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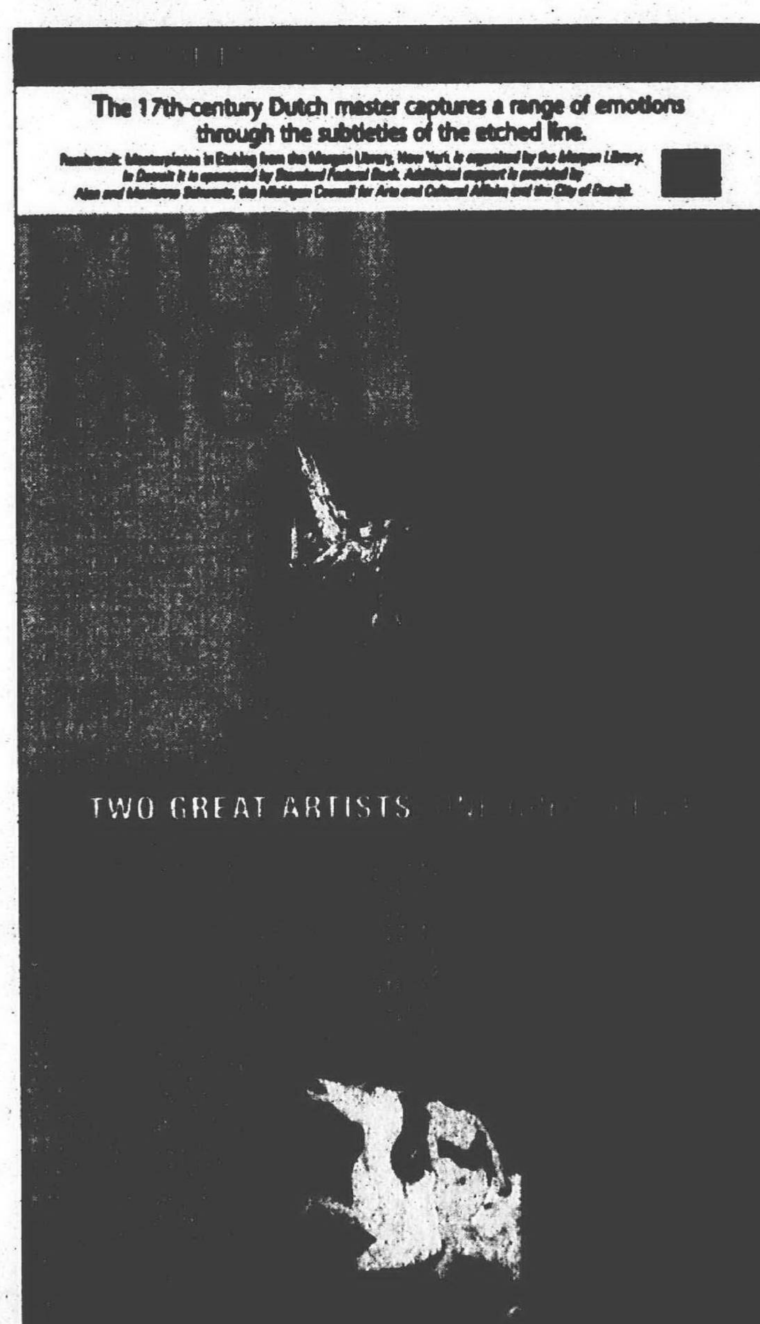

Shoe Box gifts share spirit of giving with needy children

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Karen Williams is a firm believer in the adage that good things come in small packages. So much so, that she's hoping to collect 2,000 shoe boxes filled with a variety of gifts for needy children.

Williams, who serves on the missions committee and is in charge of home projects at Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township, is coordinating collections for Operation Christmas Child, a simple, hands-on missions project of Samaritan's Purse.

"Having been in Colombia and seeing children who don't get anything, this is a passion of mine," said the Canton resident. "I think it's neat. Our kids get so much and most of these children wouldn't get a thing for Christmas."

Operation Christmas Child got its start in 1993 when Samaritan's Purse delivered 28,000 shoe boxes, filled with gifts and the story of Christmas, to needy children.

In 1998, more than 56,500 churches and other organizations and 27,300 volunteers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, Germany, and Finland collected more than 2.3 million shoe boxes that were distributed to children in more than 55 countries.

This year's goal is 3 million boxes and 60 countries, including 400,000 for children in Kosovo.

Easy-to-do project

Operation Christmas Child is an easy-to-do project. Participants decide whether they're gifting a boy or girl and the age categories – 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

Then they fill a normal-sized shoe box with a variety of age-appropriate gift items – toys, school supplies, hygiene items and things like hard candy, flashlights with extra batteries, T-shirts and the like.

The boxes can be wrapped, but the lid must be wrapped separately. Gifters also can include photographs of themselves, and letters, if they like. Some members of Temple Baptist who did that have heard back from the children who received their boxes, Williams said.

Gift tags, indicating the box is for either a boy or girl and the age group, are tapped to the top of the box and a $5 donation to cover the shipping cost should put inside before the box is secured with a rubber band.

The gift tags are on the back of Operation Christmas Child brochures available at Temple Baptist, which is serving as a relay center, collecting boxes until Friday, Nov. 19, that volunteers will box up and deliver to a collection center in Brighton for shipment to the processing center Minneapolis and eventually distribution overseas.

Once in Minneapolis, volunteers will sort the boxes and put in a copy of the Christmas story, printed in the language of the country it will be sent to.

"It's amazing how it's grown," said Williams. "Not only does Operation Christmas Child undertake shipment of the boxes, but it also gets the story of Christmas out to children who otherwise wouldn't get anything."

Williams related a story about one child who received a shoe box. He had prayed for a new pencil, and when he opened his box he found 12 pencils. He took one and passed the box on to another child.

"The workers had to explain to him that the entire box was for him," Williams said. "Yes, there's Christian literature in the box, but these children would not get anything if not for Operation Christmas Child. And if the message touches on child ..."

Ministry for all

Williams stumbled across the project last year when a friend gave her a brochure and asked what she thought about it as a kids ministry.

"I said, "Kids ministry? Why not everyone,' " Williams recalled. "It lets children see the value and importance of giving to others."

The congregation filled 1,027 shoe boxes last year and Williams is hoping to double that this year. She received calls from members throughout the summer about this year's collection.

People can drop off shoe boxes at Temple Baptist, 49555 North Territorial, west of Beck Road, in Plymouth Township 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and before and after services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

"Ultimately, the kids are the ones who benefit, but I don't know who receives the greater blessing – them for receiving the gift or me for giving it," said Williams. "I think it's me. I did a mission trip to Colombia two years ago and saw the poverty. This is now a passion of mine."

Loading up: *Last year, members of Temple Baptist Church had transferred their shoe boxes from shipping pallets to cardboard boxes at the collection center, so the boxes could be sent on to the processing center in Minneapolis last year.*

To make a shoe box gift:

- Find an empty shoe box. You can wrap it – lid separately – if you would like, but wrapping is not required.
- Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and the appropriate age – 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label from an Operation Christmas Child brochure. Tape it on the TOP of the box and mark the appropriate age category. Labels also can be printed from the Samaritan's Purse Web site – www. samaritan. org.
- Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts.

Toys – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, toys that light up or make noise with extra batteries.

School supplies – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink-pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene items – toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, soap, comb, etc.

Other items – hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

Do NOT include items that are used, war-related (toy guns, knives, etc.), perishable (chocolate, crackers, etc.), liquids (shampoo, lotion, etc.), medicines (vitamins, cough drops, etc.) or breakable (mirrors, china dolls, etc.).

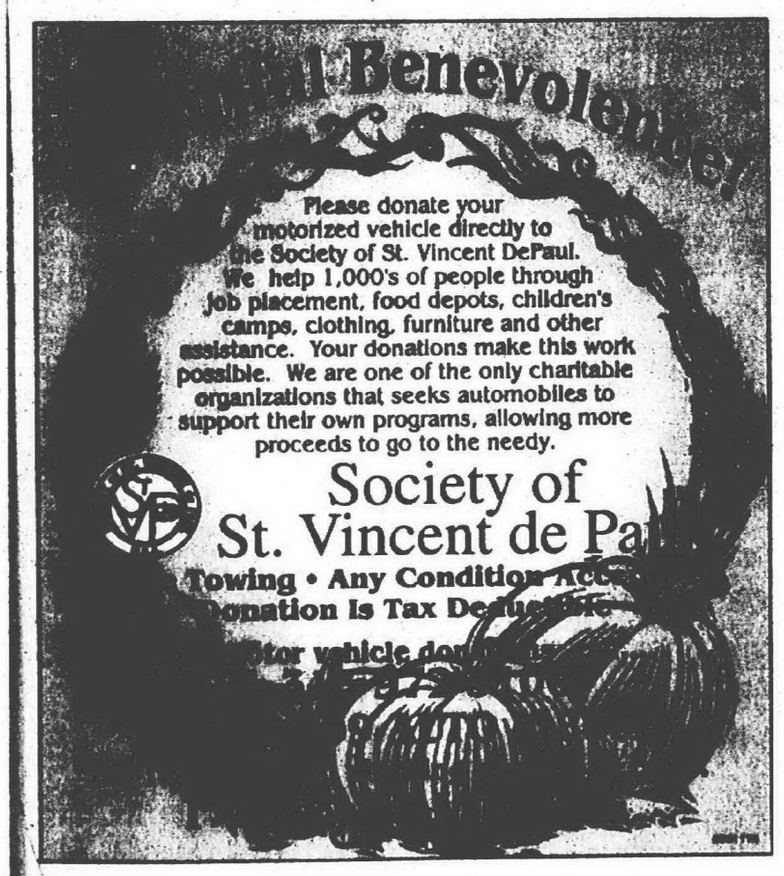
You can enclose a note and a photograph of yourself or your family. Include your name and address, the child may write you back.

- Enclose a check for $5 or more in the envelope from your brochure (or print the form on the Web site and put it in any envelope along with the donation) and place it in the shoe box to help cover shipping and other costs. Place the envelope in the box so it is clearly visible on top of the gift items.

If you're filling more than one shoe box, you can make one combined donation in any one box.

Place a rubber band around the shoe box and lid.

- Deliver the shoe box to the collection center at Temple Baptist Church, 495555 North Territorial, Plymouth. You can also mail the shoe box to Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607.



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Book Lovers Day

Readers get to meet their writers

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As Paperbacks N Things prepares for its 14th annual Book Lovers Day, someone very special will be missing from the event.

Novelist Joan Shapiro had participated in the event in past years. She and her husband, Norman, of Bloomfield Township were among the victims of last weekend's crash of EgyptAir Flight 990.

"Joan Shapiro was one of our authors," said Nikki Vandette, store clerk assisting with the event. "She called a couple of weeks ago and said she was going to Africa."

Vandette and Joan Adis, store owner, are coping with the fact that Shapiro will not return.

Despite the somber tone, Book Lovers Day will bring together 15 authors, many of whom live in the area. Thoughts will be with the Shapiro family.

Book Lovers Day lasts from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the store located at 8044 Wayne Road, between Wendy's and Arby's in Westland.

"It's like a big party," said Vandette. "They enjoy each other as much as the people who come (to have books signed)."

Vandette said they contact local authors and any authors who will be in state at the time of the event. This year's authors include Elizabeth Adkins Bowman, Tori Carrington, Sue Charnley, Anne Eames, Marian Edwards, Nancy Gideon, Jill Gregory, Beverly Jenkins, Penny McCusker, Sharon Pisacreta, Jeanne Savery, Patti Schemberger and Elizabeth Turner.

It also marks the return of authors who attend each year like Ruth Langon and Redford resident Shelly Thacker.

They will be on hand to sign books and chat with customers at the store. Paperbacks N Things will also have coffee and refreshments for authors and visitors.

The store sells new and used books and has been open for 16 years. Vandette said about six years ago the store expanded to nearly double its size.

"We have a regular clientele," she said. "We have a lot of steady customers ... It's like a big family."

So "book worms" interested in joining the family, catching up on news in the author community and meeting some favorite writers are invited to Book Lovers Day. For more information, call Paperbacks N Things at (734) 522-8018.

Seminars look at holiday stress

Even though Christmas and Hanukkah are still weeks away, many people are already dreading the stress of the holiday season. In a recent national survey, more than 40 percent of the respondents indicated that they find the holidays stressful.

"Holiday cheer is a myth for many people," said Marisa Howard, a clinical therapist for Lifespan Clinical Services in Livonia. "Women are particularly vulnerable, bit holiday stress also can affect males and children.

"It (stress) is characterized by emotional highs and feelings of extreme pressure with symptoms typically including loss of sleep, moodiness, irritability and an inability to focus."

Coping with holiday stress will be the theme of a seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, and again Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Lifespan clinic, 18316 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. The fee is $15. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 615-9730.

The seminar will cover the causes and effects of holiday stress, tips for relieving it and referrals for additional help. The sessions will be facilitated by Howard and Linda Migdal, also a clinical therapist at Lifespan.

"We will begin by exploring the sources of holiday stress, ranging from family conflicts to worries over money," said Migdal. "This will include a discussion of unrealistic expectations like the 'image of perfection,' the pressure to find the perfect gifts and create the ideal holiday atmosphere."

Lifespan Clinical Services is a division of Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit human service agency with 15 locations in Wayne County and 18 programs for children, adolescents, adults and families.

Right to Life–Lifespan holds legislative breakfast

A legislative breakfast, sponsored by Right to Life-Lifespan, will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The invited speakers will be Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, State Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, and State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. Also invited to attend are all state and national legislators who represent the metropolitan Detroit area.

The breakfast costs $15 per person, $7.50 for students age 21 and younger. Reservations can be made through Nov. 5, by calling Right to Life-Lifespan at (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230.

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Lions top Steelers

In a battle of two premier Junior Football League teams, the Canton Lions defeated the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity 14-2 Saturday. The Lions are 8-0; the Steelers finish at 6-2.

Drew Amble scored both Lion touchdowns, but defense ruled in this game. Jayce Ostowski, Mark Kersten, David Thomas and Brian Clark paced the Lions' defense; Corey Walser, who got the Steelers only points on a safety, Michael Kerul, who recovered a fumble, Steve Howey, Jake Powers and Ryan Runde led the Steelers.

The Canton Lions junior varsity also bested the Steelers' JV, 24-12 Saturday. The Lions got all their points in the first half, with Dominique Fischer scoring on runs of 22 and 10 yards and catching a 78-yard TD pass from Chris Drabicki. Julian Smith booted three two-point conversions.

Matthew Czajkowski returned a punt 40 yards for one Steeler score and Charles Schumacher ran in for the other. Dominic Fracassa, Schumacher, Steve Lehane and Robert Kelly led the Steeler defense.

The Steeler freshmen were 18-6 winners over the Lion frosh, making them 6-2 for the season. Dalton Walser ran 32 yards for one touchdown and caught a 20-yard TD pass from Adam Powers, and added an interception on defense. Powers also ran for one TD. Paul Kanaan's four tackles led the Steeler defense.

The Lions' freshmen finished 4-3-1. Darren DeFranceschi sneaked in from a yard out for their only TD; defensively, Chris Hasse had an interception and Javon Brown recovered a fumble.

Oaks reign supreme

The Canton Oaks Red under-10 boys Select soccer team capped an undefeated season by beating the Livonia Wolves 5-1, finishing at 9-0 and in first place in the Western Suburban Soccer League's Red Division.

Team members are Curtis Rose, Defek Sykora, Gary Rodeffer, Brett Bryzs, Kyle Sanders, Dajon Mingo, Paul Estrada, Ryan Neu, Michael Hanchett, Mark Davis, Kevin Krause, Kyle Justus, Alex Drake and Nicholas Plescia. The team is coached by Greg Sanders and Ron Moise; Randy Prescott is the trainer and Karen Rose is the manager.

Kicks capture title

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys Select soccer team, captured first place for the fall season in the Western Suburban Soccer League's Green Division. The Kicks were a perfect 8-0, recording three shutouts and outscoring their opponents 36-7. This is their third consecutive WSSL division championship.

Kicks team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carbini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker and Alex Wozniak. Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley coach the team.

Hoop coaches clinic

A free basketball coaches' clinic will be conducted by Dan Young, head coach of Plymouth Canton HS's boys team, from 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday (Nov. 11) at East Middle School.

Topics of discussion will be getting themost out of your team's ability; utilizing all of your players successfully; practice organization; strategies against zone or man-to-man defenses; and special situations. The clinic is open to boys and girls team coaches, from middle school to church teams.

Call Young at (734) 416-2923 for further information.

Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 455-8400.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Defensive leader: *Keith Schenkel has helped make Salem's defense nearly unbeatable, with 10 straight shutouts.*

Early goals elevate Salem

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With the wind howling and snow threatening, a key part to any soccer strategy should be: Don't waste time.

Get going fast. Which is what Plymouth Salem did in its Division I state regional semifinal against Holland West Ottawa, played Tuesday at Kalamazoo Central HS.

The Rocks scored twice in the first eight minutes and left the rest to its nearly impregnable defense — which was equal to the task. Salem advanced to the regional final with a 3-0 triumph.

Next on the state tournament agenda for Salem is the regional final, against the winner of today's Grand Haven/Okemos match. The regional final will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Kalamazoo Central HS.

Winner of that game advances to the Division I state semifinal against the winner of the Novi/Livonia Stevenson match. The state semifinal will be at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Jackson's Mehall Field.

The win keeps a couple of streaks alive for the Rocks, now 21-1-2. First: It stretched their unbeaten streak to 18. Second: It was their 10th-straight shutout; they haven't given up a goal since Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Budd scored on a penalty kick late in the first half of a 4-1 Salem win.

Which means their opposition — nine games worth in all — were 0-for-October.

"Our defense has been fantastic for some time now," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Once we got (Keith) Schenkel back (from an early-season injury), things solidified.

"We never give up an odd-man attack. Defensively, we were so strong."

Tavio Palazzolo, a sophomore goalkeeper who already has established himself in the Salem career record book with most shutouts (17), has been equal to any challenge in the state tournament. But there have been very, very few of them.

Indeed, the defense — anchored by Schenkel, a junior, at sweeper — has been so reliable that even the loss of leading scorer Scott Duhl to an ankle injury hasn't slowed Salem down.

Duhl, who hurt his ankle in practice Oct. 26 and missed the district semifinal against Belleville, has played the last two matches, although he isn't at full speed quite yet.

Brett Stinar has stepped up to fill any void. And the senior midfielder certainly uses his head.

Not just in figuring out strategies and plans of attack, either. Against Ottawa (which bows out at 15-5-1), Stinar turned a pair of set pieces into goals in the game's first eight minutes.

The first came off a free kick taken by Schenkel from 40 yards away. Stinar simply headed it in, and three minutes into the match Salem led 1-0.

Five minutes later, a Sean Loewe throw-in from the corner in the Panthers' end of the field again reached

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Comeback crazy

Chiefs' rally ruins Rockets' upset hopes

Tournament play often produces unpredictable results, and Plymouth Canton's basketball team was close to experiencing just that in Tuesday's opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament.

The third-seeded Chiefs hosted Westland John Glenn, the sixth seed and a team they beat by 44 points four weeks ago. But this was something entirely different.

Oh, there was a rather large gap by halftime — 23-9 to be precise — but the lead belonged to the Rockets, not Canton.

Victory required a change in attitude and strategy in the second half, and fortunately for the Chiefs they handled both in rallying to beat Glenn 50-38.

The win was the ninth-straight for Canton, now 13-5 overall. Glenn fell to 9-9 overall.

"We struggled in the first half, big time," admitted Canton coach Bob Blohm. "I'm still trying to figure out why. We just couldn't seem to get going."

The Chiefs also had trouble finding the basket. A change in defensive alignment seemed to help them in the second half, both offensively and defensively.

Blohm tried to pressure Glenn full-court in the first half, but success was limited. "Sometimes when you pressure, you end up doing a lot but getting very little," he explained.

So he pulled his team back to half-court defensive pressure. The result was almost immediate: Canton outscored the Rockets 21-5 in the third quarter, with Katie Schwartz's three-pointer late in the period giving the Chiefs their first lead at 30-28.

Led by Anne Morrell, the momentum had swung to Canton and wasn't going back. Morrell scored 12 of her game-high 14 points in the last quarter, igniting a 20-10 finish for the Chiefs.

Christina Kiessel and Janine Guastella added 10 points apiece. John Glenn got 11 points from Stephanie Crews, six of those coming in the Rockets' 17-4 second-quarter surge, and nine from Samantha Crews.

"We played pretty good defense (in the second half)," said Blohm. "We got better position and didn't chase them

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

In-your-face defense: *Canton's Christina Kiessel drives through John Glenn's Samantha Crews, searching for a basket. Kiessel found the basket enough to score 10 points.*

Whalers tie Sting

The Sarnia Sting just couldn't pull away from the Plymouth Whalers Sunday.

Playing in Sarnia, the Sting got two second-period goals — the second by Ryan VanBuskirk with 13 seconds left in the period — to take a one-goal advantage into the final period. But they couldn't score again.

And Plymouth did. Nate Kiser scored his first goal of the season 8:52 into the third period, and Aaron Molnar made it stand up as the Whalers earned a 2-2 tie.

Plymouth is now 6-6-2 and in third place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Sarnia is 5-7-3 and in fourth place in the West Division.

Stephen Weise and Damian Surma assisted on Kiser's game-tying goal.

After a scoreless first period, the Sting took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jeff Heerma at 1:53. Rob McBride tied it, scoring his first goal of the season a tthe 6:42 mark; Shaun Fisher and Kevin Holdridge assisted.

SSM Greyhounds 5, Whalers 3: A pair of late third-period goals by Jeff Richards and Tim Zafaris Saturday night gave the visiting Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds the victory over the Plymouth Whalers.

Julian Smith's goal at 5:16 of the third period gave the Whalers a 3-3 tie at Compuware Arena and it looked for the next 10 minutes as though Plymouth might capitalize on its wide shot advantage.

But Sault Ste. Marie, the OHL's West Division leader, hung in there and Richards broke the tie at 18:08. Zafaris added an empty net goal with 26 seconds to play to clinch the Greyhounds' win.

Plymouth forced goalie Jason

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Still alive: PCA reaches region final

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DIVISION IV SOCCER

Certainly the run Plymouth Salem is making in the Division I state soccer tournament has captured the attention of local fans. But the Rocks aren't the only soccer story in town.

On Wednesday, Plymouth Christian Academy got a first-half goal from David Carty and the same foolproof defense it's had most of the season in disposing of Lake Fenton 1-0 in a Division IV regional semifinal played at Southfield Christian.

The Eagles now advance to play Lenawee Christian at noon Saturday in the regional final, also at Southfield Christian.

"They're just getting it out," said PCA coach Rick Erickson, his team now 15-3-4. "The defense has really tightened it up and we're scoring timely goals."

Against Lake Fenton, Carty's goal — assisted by Jon Dale — was all the Eagles needed. But they had other chances.

"We had numerous scoring opportunities," said Erickson. "I was a little disappointed with that. But I'll take the win."

He knows it won't get any easier. PCA played at Lenawee Christian Oct. 9 and suffered a 2-1 loss, with the Cougars scoring the game-winning goal on a free kick with two minutes left.

The Eagles were without starting midfielder Clay Welton in that match. "With him in the game, I think we're as good as they are," said Erickson.

In PCA's spectacular, and somewhat unexpected, run in the state tournament, defense has been the key factor. It was again in the win over Lake Fenton.

Travis Yonkman, a junior, was in goal for his 10th shutout of the season. "He's done a fantastic job this season," said Erickson.

Yonkman has had some help, to be sure. Defenders Jim Morrison and John Sink, both junior marking backs, together with sweeper Mark Erickson and stopper Tyler Williams, both sophomores, have been outstanding.

Sink moved back to defense when starter James Bauslaugh suffered an ankle sprain in the district tournament. Bauslaugh returned to play against Lake Fenton, but with his mobility still somewhat limited, Erickson decided to keep Sink on defense and inserted Bauslaugh at forward.

The defense was good enough to prevent Lake Fenton from getting a shot on goal in the second half. The Blue Devils had four shots in the first half, but none were dangerous.

The win keeps alive a season in which PCA produced victories over two state-ranked opponents in winning its first-ever state district championship.

The biggest victory thus far came in last Satur-

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Strong 4th quarter keeps Shamrocks unbeaten

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Two-time defending Redford Catholic Central opened the state football playoffs Saturday by scoring a 24-9 victory over pesky Livonia Stevenson before an overflow crowd at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

The Shamrocks, winners of 29 straight dating back to the 1997 season, moved to 10-0 and set up a second-round date with unbeaten Walled Lake Western, the champs of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson's defense, on the field for much of the day, held fort against the powerful CC offensive line.

But the running of CC's senior fullback, 6-foot-1, 225-pound John Kava (174 yards in 28 carries), proved too difficult to overcome.

"It was a great inter-city kind of football game, both sides played good, hard-nosed football to the end," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Stevenson stuffed us and jammed things up in the middle, and we didn't do a good job of blocking inside.

"Offensively it was frustrating. Our offense sputtered because we also had so many penalties. But our defense played well."

Kava improvised when he had to — bouncing outside for a 14-yard TD run with 3:35 left to provide the final victory margin.

The score came after Stevenson, trailing 17-9 with just five minutes, was stopped on fourth-and-4 at midfield.

Although mistakenly deferring both kickoffs to start the halves, the first 23 seconds couldn't have worked out any nicer for the Spartans.

Lineman Tim McCarthy pounced on a CC fumbled snap from center on the first play of the game and junior slotback Dan Wilson ran 20 yards for a TD. Wilson also booted the extra point to give the Spartans a stunning 7-0 lead over the state's top-ranked team.

"It was a nightmare," Mach said. "You don't envision that or want to experience something like that. I can't remember us ever fumbling the snap and the other team going for a touchdown on the first play."

CC pulled even to start the second quarter when Stevenson quarterback Eric Rise, forced out of the pocket on a passing situation, got hit and fumbled.

Lanky defensive end Jeff Moore (6-5, 220) scooped up the ball at the Stevenson 5 and dove into the end zone for a TD. Mike Sgroi's extra point made it 7-all.

CC then drove 56 yards in 11 plays, capped by Dave Groth's 2-yard TD run. Sgroi's extra point, with 4:37 left in the half, gave the Shamrocks a 14-7 advantage.

In the third quarter, Sgroi, after missing earlier attempts of 47 and 31 yards, drilled 32-yard field goal with 7:36 remaining to put CC ahead 17-7.

The Shamrocks, who seemingly were in control, then gave up two points with 1:21 left in the third quarter when the snap from center sailed over punter Mark Gurskey's head and out of the end zone.

The play seemed to inject new life in the Spartans, but CC's defense came up big in the final quarter. Rise was sacked twice on critical third and fourth downs on the Spartans' first two offensive possessions of the fourth period.

CC had 248 yards rushing and total yardage of 253, while Stevenson had just 98 total.

State's best to clash in district final

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When Redford Catholic Central football players think of Warriors, Catholic League rival Birmingham Brother Rice usually comes to mind.

But a school that has the same nickname, Walled Lake Western, gets all of the Shamrocks' attention this week. Along with sharing a nickname with Rice, Western is gaining quite a reputation in football.

CC and Western, each undefeated in 10 games, battle in a Division I district final at 1 p.m. Saturday at Howard Kraft Field in Redford Township.

The Shamrocks, winners of 29 straight games, are two-time defending state champions in Class AA and have been the state's consensus No. 1 team throughout the season.

The Warriors, who were the Class AA state champion in 1996 after being runner-up in Class A in 1992, are ranked as high as No. 2 in Division I.

The Warriors depend on a stingy defense that emphasizes speed and quickness more than size.

The Warriors' top defensive back, senior Lorenzo Parker, has made a verbal commitment to play football at Vanderbilt.

"They look very aggressive, come at you very hard on defense," CC coach Tom Mach said.

South Lyon was held to 101 total yards in a 28-16 loss to Western in the first-round of the playoffs and afterward defensive tackle Delore Semaan made a bold statement that was noticed by the CC team.

"No one can run on our defense," Semaan said. "We came out at 6 in the morning all summer to work for this. I think we've got the best D-line in the state. We played all-out tonight."

CC defensive tackle Jeremiah Hicks, tied for second on the team with 3 1/2 sacks, read that.

"I'll just answer to it on the field," Hicks said.

The Warriors feature a spread-out offense which Mach likens to last year's Class AA state finalist, Rockford.

Senior tailback Cody Cargill has 1,057 yards in 180 carries (an average of 5.9 yards per carry) with 13 touchdowns. Quarterback Chris Payton is a threat to run and pass, rushing for 316 yards in 68 carries with 11 touchdowns and completing 51 of 94 passes for 588 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

"They have good speed and create lanes," Mach said.

Western first-year coach Mike Zdebski said the Shamrocks are by far the best team the Warriors have faced. Senior tailback John Kava has 1,303 yards in 197 carries and 13 touchdowns and fullback Mike Wilk has 475 yards in 122 carries with 11 scores.

When the Shamrocks don't get six points, Mike Sgroi has been reliable as a placekicker, making seven field goals with a long of 49 yards.

If the Shamrocks have a weakness it's the passing game where quarterback John Hill has completed 26 of 70 passes for 307 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions.

Hill has 144 yards rushing in 55 carries.

"They're a very, very good football team," Zdebski said. "They play with a tremendous amount of confidence. If we're going to have a chance it will have to be a defensive struggle. They're big, strong athletes and they're very well coached. If anyone beats them it will be a tremendous accomplishment.

"I've never seen a team this good. We thought we played some pretty good teams, but we haven't played anyone like CC. We have a pretty good record, but when you look at the teams they played versus the teams we played there is no comparison. They're in a totally different league.

"When you go up against a team like them you look for a chink in their armor - something you can attack. We're still looking."

•CC's starting two-way lineman Mike Morris and defensive back Mark Willoughby were injured in the 24-9 first-round playoff win over Livonia Stevenson but are hoping to play Saturday.

Morris suffered a shoulder injury in the first half and watched the second half with an ice pack on his shoulder. Steve Dominguez, an offensive tackle starter, played defensive tackle in Morris' place.

Phil Lohman replaced Morris on the offensive line at tackle.

What complicates his recovery is he also has a cast over a broken thumb on the same side as the injured shoulder.

"It's not helping his shoulder, having to carry that thing (cast) all the time," Mach said.

Willoughby injured his knee after being tackled following his interception, his seventh of the year, early in the third quarter. He played the remainder of the game but his practice time was limited this week.

•Jeff Moore, a 6-5 220-pound senior defensive end, could become a Division I college prospect this winter because of his wingspan and potential to grow. He is built a lot like former CC defensive lineman, Dave Bruhowzki, who had an unheralded high school career but received a scholarship to Bowling Green State University based mostly on potential.

He became a starter at BGSU.

Moore sacked the Stevenson quarterback, forcing a fumble which was picked up by Moore and returned for a touchdown.

Moore leads the Shamrocks with 4 1/2 sacks.

•The Shamrocks were called for 13 penalties to Stevenson's two, which of course didn't please Mach.

"Some were deserving," Mach said, surprised so much could change in a week. "The week before we were almost penalty free (in a 31-12 win over Rice). One week later, we get 13 penalties..."

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Salem, PCA sending individuals to state finals

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There were a few reasons to be pleased with Saturday's state cross country regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer. At least individually.

That's because individuals are what will be representing Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Christian Academy.

Salem's boys team will send senior Donnie Warner to Saturday's Class A final. Warner, a senior, finished 14th overall in 16:50. Teammate Manvir Gill, a junior, just missed qualifying individually, finishing 22nd overall in 17:05.

Other Salem scorers were Greg Kubitski, 39th (17:35); Kurt Sarsfield, 51st (17:49); and Mark Bolger, 56th (17:58).

Plymouth Canton's boys team was less fortunate. "We had three kids run through their injuries," explained Chiefs' coach Bill Boyd. "And they barely finished the race."

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Top runner Jon Mikosz was suffering from a pulled tendon in his leg that limited him to running every third day. The injury dropped him to No. 5 among Canton finishers; he was 85th overall in 19:13.

"That was frustrating," said Boyd.

Steve Debien, another of Canton's top runners, was struggling with a pulled stomach muscle. He finished well back in the pack in 21:28.

Top placer among the Chiefs was Scott Gillen, who was 57th in 18:01. Ross O'Hara was 61st (18:10), Brandon McClellan was 62nd (18:11) and Patrick Pruitt was 71st (18:17).

Salem finished seventh as a team with 180 points. Canton was 13th (out of 15 teams) with 331 points. Saline finished first with 42 *(see statistical results)*.

In the Class D regional at Pioneer, Plymouth Christian Academy's Nate Worley finished 21st overall to qualify individually in 19:19.

"He's a hard worker," said PCA coach Steve Bauslaugh. "He's not blessed with a lot of natural talent, but he works hard. This is his second trip to the state meet."

Mike Hunteman, another senior, just missed qualifying, finishing 34th in 20:00. The final individual state qualifier finished six seconds ahead of Hunteman.

Other PCA runners were Mark Varney, 37th (20:08); Nic Roupas, 46th (20:43); and Mike Atkinson, 48th (20:48).

Detroit Holy Redeemer was an easy winner, with the top finisher in Raymond Perez (17:16) and the second and third runners, too. Redeemer scored 33 points.

PCA placed eighth with 185.

In the Class A girls race, Salem challenged but could not manage to finish among the top three teams to qualify as a team for the state finals. That honor went to Ann Arbor Pioneer, which was first (51 points); Saline, second (86); and Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson, third (97).

Salem was fifth in the 19-team field with 194. Canton placed ninth with 238.

"Region No. 4 was, once again, a mini-state meet," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "There were seven teams that we thought had a legitimate shot at making it to the state finals.

"As a team, we ran competitive, just not competitive enough to make it to the show."

Rachel Jones did qualify individually, placing 20th in 20:28. Teammate Brynne DeNeen, however, just missed; DeNeen placed 22nd in 20:29, one place shy of qualifying.

"Rachel Jones and Brynne DeNeen ran the perfect race, even though their fates were very different," said Gerlach. "One minute we were really happy for Rachel and the next minute we were shocked for Brynne."

Other Salem scorers were Lauren Loftus, 34th (21:03); Aisha Chappell, 57th (21:48); and Shae Potocki, 64th (21:57).

Canton was paced by Stacie Griffin, who was 35th overall (21:04). Other Chief scorers were Mary Maloney, 42nd (21:10); Sarah Rucinski, 43rd (21:11); Amy Dupuis, 47th (21:22); and Erica Stoney, 76th (22:39).

In the Class D meet, PCA had just one runner competing — but she did pretty well.

Lauren Wheelock, a junior, placed 11th overall in 23:06 to qualify for the state finals.

"This is her first year running cross country," said Bauslaugh. "It's a great honor for her."

The state meet is Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

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CLASS A REGIONAL
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 30 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Saline, 42 points; 2. Novi, 74; 3. Livonia Churchill, 112; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 128; 5. North Farmington, 159; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 160; 7. Plymouth Salem, 180; 8. Adrian, 200; 9. Northville, 222; 10. Farmington, 254; 11. Livonia Franklin, 282; 12. Ann Arbor Huron, 288; 13. Plymouth Canton, 331; 14. Farmington Hills Harrison, 420; 15. Westland John Glenn, 470.

Individual winner: 1. Tim Moore (Novi), 15:36.1 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 6. Jason Richmond, 16:29; 15. Ryan Gall, 16:54; 19. Dan Valentino, 16:58; 25. Phil Johnson, 17:10; 48. Troy Thomas, 17:48; 49. Logan Schultz, 17:49; 50. Jean Harris, 17:49.

Stevenson finishers: 18. Matt Isner (SQ), 16:57; 20. Frank Schneider (SQ), 16:59; 21. Brad Carroll (SQ), 17:01; 32. Steve Kecskemeti, 17:26; 37. Eric Mink, 17:34; 83. Nick Demek, 19:12; 94. Ryan Cummins, 19:49.

N. Farmington finishers: 7. Charlie Stamboulian (SQ), 16:36; 17. Ethan Goodman (SQ), 16:56; 35. Matt Wiegand, 17:32; 38. Yazad Lala, 17:35; 63. Mike Millat, 18:11; 74. Mike Bowman, 18:25; 75. Isaac Kaufman, 18:34.

Salem finishers: 14. Donnie Warner (SQ), 16:50; 22. Manvir Gill, 17:05; 39. Gregory Kubitski, 17:35; 51. Kurt Sarsfield, 17:49; 56. Mark Bolger, 17:58; 66. Robert Showalter, 18:14; 87. Michael Carpenter, 19:16.

Farmington finishers: 29. Patrick Lockhart, 17:23; 45. Christian Tobe, 17:42; 55. Andrew Kenerson, 17:57; 58. Ryan Kiblawi, 18:02; 70. Chris Nagrant, 18:17; 73. Drew Mokris, 18:20; 76. Michael McKervey, 18:43.

Franklin finishers: 13. Brian Klotz (SQ), 16:49; 16. Steve Stewart (SQ), 16:55; 78. Tim Borrie, 18:56; 88. Jesse Knight, 19:26; 95. John Krchtovich, 20:06; 98. Dennis Kusiak, 20:18.

Canton finishers: 57. Scott Gillen, 18:01; 61. Ross O'Hara, 18:10; 62. Brandon McClellan, 18:11; 71. Patrick Pruitt, 18:17; 85. Jonathan Mikosz, 19:13; 96. Ryan Stanko, 20:10; Stephen Debien, 21:28.

Harrison finishers: 79. Elliott Marshall, 18:58; 81. John Keller, 19:02; 82. Steve Sergol, 19:07; 91. Wayne Wright, 19:40; 92. Justin Shafer, 19:45; 99. Jason Shafer, 20:28; 100. Greg Ardinsana, 20:34.

Glenn finishers: 65. Mark Parent, 18:13; 101. Cameron Sleep, 20:40; 102. Justin Gold, 20:40; 103. Jamie Manning, 21:03; 109. Joe Reilly, 22:44; 11. Tom Kuk, 22:46; 113. Steve Perry, 23:44.

(SQ): additional individual state qualifier.

CLASS A REGIONAL
Oct. 30 at Royal Oak Kimball

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Redford Catholic Central, 39; 2. Rochester Adams, 110; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 112; 4. Rochester, 122; 5. Beverly Hills Groves, 134; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 140; 7. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 140; 8. Birmingham Brother Rice, 149; 10. Berkley, 242; 11. West Bloomfield, 297; 12. (tie) Detroit Mackenzie, Southfield-Lathrup, Detroit Cooley, no team scores.

Redford CC finishers: 1. Matt Daly, 15:56.7; 5. Doug Gibbons, 16:27.4; 8. John DiGiovanni, 16:33.2; 15. Daniel Krawiec, 16:58.5; 23. Adam Tymowski, 17:05.9; 27. Bryan Buchanan, 17:15.4.

CLASS C REGIONAL
Oct. 30 at Erie-Mason

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Lutheran Westland, 59; 2. Dundee, 95; 3. Allen Park Cabrini, 98; 4. Erie Mason, 125; 5. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 130; 6. Whitmore Lake, 157; 7. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 193; 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 203; 9. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 239; 10. Southfield Christian, 263; 11. Redford Bishop Borgess, 306; 12. Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 318; 13. Flat Rock, 332; 14. Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 333; 15. Ferndale Academy of Detroit, 398; 16. Royal Oak Shrine, 410; 17. Detroit Industrial Arts, 448.

Individual winner: Nathaniel Rodriguez (Erie Mason), 17:25.3.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Steve McFall, 17:33.8; 6. Ken Broge, 17:56.0; 7. Jason McFall, 17:59.6; 21. Matt Doeder, 18:48.0; 27. Brian Block, 19:07.5; 30. Matt Rae, 19:21.4; 31. Dan Unger, 19:25.1.

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CLASS A REGIONAL
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 30 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 51; 2. Saline, 86; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 97; 4. Novi, 148; 5. Plymouth Salem, 194; 6. Livonia Churchill, 207; 7. Farmington Hills Mercy, 224; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 235; 9. Plymouth Canton, 238; 10. Farmington, 272; 11. Adrian, 324; 12. North Farmington, 327; 13. Livonia Franklin, 339; 14. Ypsilanti, 345; 15. Northville, 353; 16. Livonia Ladywood, 379; 17. Farmington Hills Harrison, 411; 18. W. John Glenn, 467.

Stevenson finishers: 1. Andrea Parker, 19:03; 17. Tessa Tarole, 20:24; 18. Sara Pilon, 20:24; 31. Steffanie Rousseau, 20:59; 32. Tara Tarole, 21:01; 39. Julie Sachau, 21:10; 50. Marissa Montgomery, 21:29.

Salem finishers: 20. Rachel Jones (SQ), 20:28; 22. Brynne DeNeen, 20:29; 34. Lauren Loftus, 21:03; 57. Aisha Chappell, 21:48; 64. Shae Potocki, 21:57; 85. Miranda White, 22:56; 89. Rachael Moraitis, 23:09.

Churchill finishers: 19. Susan Duncan (SQ), 20:25; 33. Sarah Anagnostou, 21:03; 46. Michelle Phillips, 21:21; 55. Stephanie Skwiers, 21:44; 58. Mandy Hein, 21:48; 69. Diana Lesperskas, 22:13; 99. Sarah Westrick, 23:41.

Mercy finishers: 9. Sarah Polletta (SQ), 19:59; 12. Valerie Bumlsky (SQ), 20:16; 49. Anjum Ahmad, 21:26; 65. Katherine Storch, 21:57; 93. Katie Lynn Mason, 23:15; 94. Kathleen Hammer, 23:20; 105. Andrea Milan, 24:02.

Canton finishers: 35. Stacie Griffin, 21:04; 42. Mary Maloney, 21:10; 43. Sara Rucinski, 21:11; 47. Amy Dupuis, 21:22; 76. Erica Stoney, 22:39; 82. Terra Kubert, 22:44; 84. Jamie Griffin, 22:55.

Farmington finishers: 14. Kristin Balla (SQ), 20:22; 23. Megan Annarino, 20:32; 56. Claire Czaplicki, 21:46; 88. Shannon Barkume, 23:03; 96. Danielle Miller, 23:23; 103. Fallon James, 23:55; 11. Betsy Luckscheiter, 24:22.

N. Farmington finishers: 7. Heidi Frank (SQ), 19:49; 60. Kelly Kuo, 21:51; 79. Amy Miller, 22:41; 87. Kristen Stamboulian, 23:01; 100. Shara Cherniak, 23:45; 102. Cristina Bozintan, 23:53; 117. Nina Bianchi, 24:54.

Franklin finishers: 54. Christine Witte, 21:43; 62. Monica Nakonezny, 21:55; 63. Erica Johnson, 21:57; 68. Katie Wint, 22:09; 98. Katie Brown, 23:37; 110. Diana Potter, 24:12; 114. Amanda Bowmer, 24:40.

Ladywood finishers: 51. Anna Piagany, 21:35; 59. Jennifer Koterba, 21:50; 61. Stefanie Stachura, 21:54; 107. Stacey Schroeder, 24:10; 108. Brittany O'Keefe, 24:11; 115. Stacey Swancutt, 24:42; 116. Michelle Taylor, 24:43.

Harrison finishers: 71. Lynn Andrzejewski, 22:18; 72. Christine Metry, 2:23; 74. Lauren Liebowitz, 22:36; 95. Ashley McElmurry, 23:23; 106. Clara Fletcher, 24:06; 121. Julieta Iarina, 25:16; 122. Season Pokoj, 25:42.

Glenn finishers: 38. Sharron Ryan, 21:09; 75. Nicole Bian, 22:39; 118. Kristal Kilgore, 25:10; 120. Laura Mikedis, 25:16; 124. Lakisha Locust, 26:41; 125. Sara Kingery, 26:48; 128. Kristen Humphrey, no time.

(SQ): individual state qualifier.

CLASS C REGIONAL
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 30 at Erie Mason

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Lutheran Westland, 60; 2. Southfield Christian, 64; 3. Erie Mason, 107; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 114; 5. Dundee, 123; 6. Whitmore Lake, 142; 7. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 142; 8. Allen Park Cabrini, 223; 9. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 228; 10. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 256; 11. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 266.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 1. Tess Kuehne, 20:00; 2. Angie Matthews, 20:56; 16. Jessica Montgomery, 21:34; 18. Cara Braun, 21:46; 19. Mary Ebendick, 21:50; 24. Chelsea Romero, 22:41; 36. Aimee Anthony, 23:38.

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Madonna facing the same problems: Lack of size and not much experience

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There has been one constant element throughout Bernie Holowicki's tenure as Madonna University's men's basketball coach — and that's change.

Since Holowicki took over as the coach of the Fighting Crusaders prior to the 1995-96 season, they have never won more than nine games. And they have never been able to keep players on their roster long enough to build a viable program.

There will be no alterations in that program this season. Madonna started last season with five freshmen and three sophomores on its 14-man roster; this year, the Crusaders open the season with four freshmen and three sophomores on its 10-man roster.

Madonna was 4-26 in 1997-98. It was 8-23 last season.

Only one player from last year's squad was lost to graduation: Mike Maryanski. Seven others that were on the team at the start of last season either did not return or were academic casualties.

A turnover rate like that makes building a program difficult, to say the least. In a league like the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, which featured the NAIA national champion in Cornerstone and a Sweet 16 qualifier in Siena Heights, success with a new roster every year is impossible.

But Holowicki remains optimistic. "We're getting there," he said as his squad went through drills in preparation for yesterday's season-opener at St. Mary's College. "We've got 10 guys who are not only good players, but they're good students, too."

One asset the Crusaders did manage to keep from last year was the WHAC's leading scorer: Mike Massey, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard from Walled Lake Western who averaged 19.1 points a game last season.

It was the second-straight season Madonna had the league's leading scorer, and both times it was a freshman. But prior to last season, Mark Hayes transferred to NCAA Division I Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. He has since left that program and is now attending Michigan State.

Indeed, although there were substantial losses and one of Madonna's major problems — a lack of size — will continue to plague the Crusaders, all is not lost.

Not hardly.

That's because the five players who will serve as starters this season all have some starting experience from last season.

They are led by senior co-captains Chad Putnam, a 6-5 forward from Redford (Thurston HS), and Jason Skoczylas, a 6-5 center from Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Skoczylas, who tips the scale at 230 pounds, averaged 8.5 points and five rebounds a game while converting a team-best 56.8 percent of his floor shots. Putnam nailed 20-of-42 three-pointers (47.6 percent), scoring 4.7 points a game.

Others who Holowicki will call on are 6-1 sophomore point guard Trevor Hinshaw (3.2 points, 2.4 assists a game last season) and 6-3 junior swingman Mark Mitchell (4.1 points, 2.8 rebounds).

Massey will again be looked to for scoring — after all, he converted 36 percent of his three-point tries last season — but Holowicki isn't about to make him the Crusaders only option.

"He's better (than he was last year), but he's not an unknown product this year," the Madonna coach pointed out.

"We're not a big team. We're probably the smallest team in the league. And we're probably the youngest team in the league, too.

"But we want to be the most aggressive team, too. And we want to be able to run."

Of course, to get a running game going a team has to be able to rebound. That, as Holowicki acknowledged, won't be easy.

Madonna was outrebounded by an average of 40.3-34.2 per game last season. The Crusaders have since lost their leading rebounder — Maryanski — to graduation.

"Four guys who will have to rebound for us are Jason, Chad, Tommy (See, a 6-6 sophomore) and Josh (Jensen, a 6-7 freshman)," said Holowicki, adding the season will be defined by "how we rebound, how we run, how we shoot."

Jensen isn't the only freshman recruit expected to contribute immediately. Others are Jordan Garrison, a 6-4 small forward from Holly; Dan Kurtinaitis, a 6-3 point guard from Dearborn Edsel Ford; and Aaron Cox, a 6-foot guard/forward from New Boston Huron.

"We can't afford any injuries," said Holowicki. "We don't have that luxury."

Especially since the WHAC looks to be as tough as ever. In the pre-season poll of the league's coaches, Tri-State University was chosen to finish first, with Siena Heights second and Cornerstone third. Madonna was chosen for seventh in the eight-team league.

"They shoot the ball well," summarized Holowicki. "They're smart, they play with intensity. And they're good defensively.

"We're going to battle. And we're going to battle on the boards. This has been a hard-working group. There's not a lot of numbers, but there's a lot of heart."

What Madonna will need is a lot of rebounds to compete in the WHAC.

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Inside presence: *Jason Skoczylas (40) will be relied upon to give Madonna some inside muscle.*

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Crusaders ambush Aquinas to reach WHAC title match

Jennifer Dumm made one big save. Jenny Barker made the rest.

They all added up to a 2-1 victory over Aquinas College for Madonna University's women's soccer team in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal played Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

The third-seeded Lady Crusaders improved to 14-5-1 overall; they advance to meet regular-season champion Siena Heights Saturday in Adrian. Siena Heights (16-2-2 overall) beat Cornerstone University 3-0 Tuesday.

Aquinas bows out at 17-3-1.

The key play in the match came with 13 minutes left. The Saints' Meghan Luckett got loose in front of the Madonna goal with Barker down and the score knotted at 1-all. But Dumm, a keeper who was filling in as a defender at the time, knocked the shot out with her hands, earning herself a red card and Aquinas a penalty kick.

However Barker, a sophomore from Livonia Stevenson, was equal to the challenge. She dived to her right to stop Kim Eager's penalty kick, keeping the score tied.

It didn't stay that way for long. Dawn Sanders, a freshman forward from Garden City who scored three goals in Madonna's 5-0 victory over Spring Arbor last Saturday in the opening round of the WHAC Tournament, converted a play started by Megan Thiry and Jamie Scott with 9:26 left to play to make it 2-1.

Sanders was named the WHAC player of the week for her performance last Saturday.

She added to her total — Sanders had just one goal in 18 previous matches — by scoring both Madonna goals against Aquinas. The first tied the match at 1-all with 27:40 gone in the opening half; she headed in a free kick from Melissa Jacobs.

Aquinas had the early lead, getting a goal on a breakaway by Amy Panse 9:29 into the game.

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But Barker was unbeatable after that, making 13 saves.

With some help from Dumm. The red card will keep Dumm on the sidelines for Saturday's WHAC final.

Last Saturday, Sanders scored once in the first half and twice more in the second to enable Madonna to eliminate Spring Arbor (7-10). Jamie Scott got the Crusaders first goal at the 27:54 mark; Sanders made it 2-0 with 5:31 left in the half. Jennifer Antonelli also scored for Madonna.

Scott had two assists for the Crusaders; Kelly Delaney, Lindsay Crawford and Shannon Wiley also had assists. Barker and Dumm shared time in goal for Madonna.

The Crusaders had a 35-3 shot advantage.

SC rips St. Mary's

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team concluded its regular season with an 8-0 triumph over St. Mary's College Saturday at Orchard Lake.

Kelly Connell (from Plymouth Canton) and Danielle Shaffer each had two goals and three assists in the game; other goals were credited to Emily Alford (Livonia Clarenceville), Meghan Jannuzzi, Michele Baldori (Plymouth Salem) and Kristina Seniuch (Plymouth Salem).

Shannon Konarski contributed two assists. Keeper Shannon Brooks recorded her fifth-straight shutout and her 10th of the season.

SC hosts the NJCAA District Tournament Friday and Saturday, with the Lady Ocelots going against the College of DuPage (Ill.) at 1 p.m. Friday in one semifinal and Rochester College (Minn.) meeting Waldorf College (Iowa) at 3 p.m. Friday in the other.

The winners meet for the district title at approximately 12:30 p.m. Saturday at SC.

Hart saves Madonna in WHAC

Now it gets interesting.

All season, it seems Madonna University's men's soccer team has struggled to retain its standing as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's premier team. Now, with the post-season tournament in full swing, it appears the Fighting Crusaders are on the verge of doing just that.

They took a major step in that direction Wednesday when they traveled to Siena Heights University for a WHAC Tournament semifinal. Madonna was the third seed in the tournament; Siena Heights was No. 2.

With key players on both teams out of action, it required a determined effort to come out on top. The Crusaders did just that, getting a first-half goal out of a scramble in front of the Saints' net and then relying on Dave Hart to do the rest in posting a 1-0 victory.

Combined with Aquinas College's win over Tri-State University Wednesday, the triumph means Madonna (now 15-5-1) will earn a berth in the upcoming NAIA Regional Tournament.

On Saturday, they travel to Grand Rapids to take on WHAC regular-season champion

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Aquinas for the WHAC title.

Siena Heights finishes with a 13-7-1 record.

The only goal of Wednesday's match was scored with just under five minutes remaining in the first half. With the ball bouncing free in front of the Siena Heights net, Joe Suchara (from Livonia Stevenson) got a foot on it and knocked it past Saints' keeper Nick DeKam.

Charlie Bell and Bill Fischer (Livonia Franklin) assisted.

In the second half the wind favored Siena Heights, but the Saints couldn't take advantage — thanks to Hart, who played his finest game of the season, making 13 saves.

The win was the ninth-straight for Madonna, which once again was without leading scorer Sam Piraine, who aggravated a leg injury in Saturday's opening round of the WHAC Tournament.

1st-round triumph

Madonna University advanced to the semifinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament with a 5-1 trouncing of Spring Arbor Saturday at Livonia's Whitman Field.

The No. 3-seeded Fighting Crusaders, who improved to 14-5-1, advanced to yesterday's semifinal at second-seeded Siena Heights. Spring Arbor bowed out at 6-13.

Madonna scored three times in the first 12:32 of the match to virtually ice the victory. Brian Murphy got the Crusaders on the board first, nailing a shot from 30 yards out at the 8:39 mark. Sam Piraine assisted.

Charlie Bell, the senior midfielder from Derry, Ireland, who was named WHAC player of the week, made it 2-0 at the 11:21 mark with the first of his two goals (he had three for the week), a sliding shot set up by Seamus Rustin. Jeremy Hornak got Madonna's third goal just 1:11 later, stealing a Cougar pass in their end and converting it.

Spring Arbor's Brent Rakiovitz narrowed the deficit to 3-1 at the 27:04 mark, but the Crusaders added two goals in the second half to pull away. Keith Barber got the first, converting a through ball from Rustin (his second assist); Bell got the second, heading in a pass from Oleg Chovkovy.

Madonna stops Saints to remain 1st in league

VOLLEYBALL

Brandy Malewski left her mark Tuesday, racking up 31 kills, 18 digs and two solo, leading Madonna University to 15-10, 15-7, 12-15, 15-6 women's volleyball victory Tuesday at Siena Heights.

Madonna, tied with Cornerstone for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at 10-1, is 27-13 overall.

Stephanie Uballe and Kelly Artymovich combined for 25 kills for the Lady Crusaders. Setter Jennie Wind had 117 assists-to-kills, while Nicole Burns contributed a team-high 21 digs.

Over the weekend, Madonna lost all four of their matches, winning just two of 14 games at the Big Guns Classic hosted by College of St. Francis (Ill.).

On Friday, Madonna was defeated by St. Mary's College (Neb.) 15-6, 15-11, 15-4 and by Bethel College (Ind.) 15-7, 13-15, 15-10, 15-10.

Saturday's results were no better, falling to Dordt College (Ia.) 15-5, 15-6, 15-8 and to host-team St. Francis 15-7, 15-6, 11-15, 15-5.

Malewski, a junior from Redford Thurston, led Madonna with 61 kills in the four matches. She also totaled 40 digs, 33 blocks and four service aces.

Uballe, a senior, played just Friday's two matches and finished with 20 kills and 18 blocks.

Burns, a senior, collected 26 kills, 51 digs and 26 blocks; Kelly Artymovich, a junior, had 29 kills, 58 digs and 11 blocks; Marylu Hemme (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) had 15 kills and 56 digs; and Jen Wing totaled 88 assists to kills and 44 digs.

Uballe and Wind, a sophomore setter, sat out Saturday's matches nursing injuries.

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DWF, 28, N/S, mom of one, seeks attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎5123

SHAPELY & ATTRACTIVE
Fuller-figured DWPF, 35, 5'8", great personality, outgoing, educated brunette with no children, fun-loving nature. Seeking sincere, secure, honest, employed S/DWPM, 27-40, to laugh and have fun with. ☎5025

BROWN-EYED BEAUTY
Female, who likes leisurely walks on the beach, reading a good book, concerts, sports, is looking to meet a SWM. ☎5761

DESIRE FINER THINGS?
Attractive SWF, 25, medium build, wavy hair, seeks degreed PM, 28-33, for travel, shopping, fine dining, boating, and LTR. ☎5038

WILL THE REAL MAN...
please stand? SWF, 29, seeks SPM, 29-39, who likes to enjoy his time off relaxing and going on social outings, one who wants peace of mind in an uninvolved relationship. ☎5452

GIVE ME A CALL
Classy, athletic, adventurous, optimistic DWF, 44, tall, slender, blonde/blue. Seeking honest, humorous, adventurous S/DWM, with strong values for friendship and possible LTR. ☎5447

WISHFUL IN WATERFORD
Employed DWF, 5'2", 165lbs., blonde/blue, enjoys movies, comedies, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking, employed WM, 6'+, 300lbs+, who can communicate, with sense of humor. ☎5306

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60's. ☎5161

SOUTHERN BELLE
Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45. ☎4537

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Pretty RN/pharmaceutical sales, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, entertaining, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SWPM, 46+, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5973

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR.10/21, 9:02 PM, didn't leave number call again! ☎5849

WHO WANTS A FRIEND?
How about a DWF, 40, 110lbs, fabulous, funny RN, blonde/blue, looking for an intelligent S/DWM who can laugh at/with life. Let's do something fun! ☎5751

SINCERELY SEEKING
Pretty SF, 39, blonde/blue, mother of one, super nice lady, main interest is having fun with you. Seeking handsome, nice guy 5'11"+. ☎5515

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎5517

NEED LOTS OF TLC??
So do I!! Tall, attractive DWCF, blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, enjoys travel, reading, walking, laughing, conversation, dancing, dining, concerts, cappuccino. Seeking tall, nice SWCM, 60-70, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎5512

MILLENNIUM IN PARIS?
Pretty, slender, shapely, sensual, smart, sophisticated, secure sweetheart, seeks best friend/lover for life, nice-guy, 55-65, good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic. Let's enjoy world travel and adventure. ☎5159

REGISTERED NURSE...
seeks SDM, 38-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 38, 5'5", blonde/green, great figure, great smile. For possible LTR. ☎5119

STABLE, SMART...
attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep an active/busy lifestyle. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. ☎5120

HONEST BLONDE!
Intelligent, attractive, secure, sincere, outgoing DF, 5'7", long blonde/brown, proportionately fit, with great sense of humor, loves laughing, smiling, hockey, football, baseball, dinner, movies, social events. What more can an attractive man ask for? ☎5121

SEARCHING FOR MY SOULMATE
Pretty, tall, passionate DWF, 49, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one-in-a-million, emotionally/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. ☎5124

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow ski traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 45-47, financially secure with class, intimacy. ☎5083

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady like, warm-hearted, amateur. Seeking tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎5091

THIN, TALL & SPUNKY
Pretty, blonde S/DF, 57, former teacher/fashion model, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, upper 50s-60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet dinners, good conversation. ☎5273

WATERFORD AREA
Honest, funny DWF, 45, 5'5", blonde, interests include outdoors, dancing, movies, dining, quiet times. Searching for DWM, 45-55, N/S, for friendship, companionship, and LTR. ☎5065

ONE IN A MILLION
DBF, 47, 5'9", slim build, N/S, social drinker, light-complected, beautiful inside/out, one eleven year-old at home, enjoys tennis, bingo, dining/dancing. Seeking slim-built, flexible SM, 45-55, 6', N/S, social drinker, LTR. No players. ☎5066

TELL ME YOU ARE FOR REAL
SWF, N/S, 5'7", slender, attractive, 50+ (looks younger). Seeking N/S, down-to-earth, financially secure, attractive, good-hearted man, 50-59, with sense of humor. North Oakland area. ☎5075

LOVELY, LONELY CLASSY LADY
Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive, romantic, fun, eclectic, special lady seeks honest, fun, loyal, flexible, special gentleman, 55+, N/S, for companionship and more. ☎5074

EXCELLENT SKIER!!
Cute, outgoing, fit, fun DWPF, 39, 5'7", N/S, slim, brunette/hazel, avid snow/waterskier enjoys horses, rollerblading, travel golf, boating, more. No kids, but I love them. Seeking male, under 45, skier!! ☎5762

SEEKING
Ultra feminine, petite, svelte European blonde with sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-65, for possible LTR. ☎4912

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-55, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. ☎4868

START TOMORROW TODAY
Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim JF, 60's, 5'6", blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals. Seeking available, understanding gentleman, for relationship, or whatever shall be. ☎5602

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DBPF, 47, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, likes jazz, long walks, movies. Seeking SBM, 47-52, with similar interests. ☎5129

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
DBPF, 49, loves Lions football, Pistons games, Tiger baseball, long walks, Mystery channel, American Movie Classics, raunchy movie, cooking a hot, delicious meal. Seeking male, 40-59, to attend games with. ☎5209

CLARKSTON AREA
Attractive WPF, 49, 5'2", 115lbs, N/S, social drinker, great sense of humor, enjoys golf, bowling, theater, dining out. Seeking sincere, honest, handsome, affectionate SWM, 44-54, no dependents. ☎5211

I'M STILL SEARCHING
Petite, attractive SWPF, dark/hazel, enjoys jazz/blues, sunsets on the beach, art festivals, dining, dancing, theater. Seeking a SWPM who is dignified, humorous, a great communicator, and enjoys experiencing the unexpected. ☎5153

ALMOST ANGEL
Outgoing, friendly widowed WF, youthful 52, 5'6", full-figured but losing weight, enjoys horses, walks, Harleys. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-55, with similar interests, for LTR. ☎5148

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Full-figured SWF, 39, 5'8", brown/brown, many interests: bowling, quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback-riding, swimming. Seeking S/DWM with many different interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎5150

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'9", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎5126

MUTUAL REWARDS
Pretty, older, sensuous WF, seeks youthful, sensitive, financially secure SWM, who's honest, for great times, LTR. ☎5092

ARTIST SEEKING MUSE
SWF, 41, seeks romantic, adventurous gentleman, N/S, preferably of above-average intellect, who enjoys country walks, horses, healthy food, art museums, and music. ☎5058

40 LOOKS 28
Petite, attractive, Italian SWF, 5'2", 107lbs, seeks attractive, unencumbered male for friendship, possible LTR. ☎5760

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks tall WM, 46-60, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. ☎4916

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎5736

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE
Beautiful, classy, commitment-mined, redhead, 5'7", 125lbs, vacation all year long at my waterfront home. Seeking fun, spirit-filled, attractive man, 50-60, with the ultimate respect for body, physical health. N/S. ☎5693

BIRMINGHAM BLONDE BEAUTY
DWPF, mid-40s, 5'6", medium build, N/S, social drinker, college graduate, business owner, enjoys golf, water sports, college football, travel. Seeking professionally employed gentleman, 47-55, for LTR. ☎5691

BRUNETTE BROWN-EYED
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 35, who loves to laugh. Seeking chivalrous, spontaneous, commitment-minded, humorous SWPM, 35-50, for dining, movies, tennis, golf, and lazy Sundays. ☎5157

ATTRACTIVE & AFFECTIONATE
Professional female, 26, once said I would never be caught dead doing this, yet here I am! Want to hear more? Call ☎5094

BOTH OF US
Friendly, sensitive, caring SBF, 28, 5'4", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater, travel, is hoping to meet a loving, caring SBM who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. ☎5939

HONEST & LOVING
Sincere, trustworthy female, 34, 5'6", long brown hair, one daughter, likes comedy clubs, dancing, beaches. Seeking intelligent, attractive, upbeat, enthusiastic, honest, trusting male ☎5981

KNOCK! KNOCK! ARE YOU THERE?
DWF, 49, looks younger, 5'4", long brunette hair, grown children, funny, articulate, spiritual, smoker, enjoys usual activities, cooking. Seeking S/DWM, with sense of humor, for companionship, fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5154

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PASSION RULES
Pretty, intelligent, DWF, mid-40s, seeks SWM N/S, for happy days and romantic nights. Looking for attractive, smart, sincere, no games guy, for LTR that could get serious. ☎5972

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
Attractive, petite DWPF, young 47, childless, enjoys music, movies, pets, travel, antiques, time with friends, romance. Seeking gentleman, 42-52, N/S, with similar interests/qualities, for LTR. ☎5969

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. ☎5677

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6', N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive, SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 46-56, similar interests. Sterling Heights. ☎5846

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 23, brown/blue, petite build, employed, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-24, to share dating, phone calls, movies, hanging out, possible LTR. Friends first must be ok. Livonia area. ☎5949

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5760

R U HONESTLY HANDSOME?
Honestly pretty SWF, 46, 5'4", 130lbs, enjoys canoeing, fishing, Harleys, camping, comedy clubs and more. Seeking truly handsome, fit, respectable male who enjoys romance, snuggling, deep conversations, with ability to express emotions. ☎5755

CALL ME
Slender DWPF, mother of two, enjoys fishing, camping, dancing. Seeking family-oriented, down-to-earth, financially/emotionally stable, honest WM, 44-50, with similar interests for companionship. ☎5606

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
DWF, 40+, 5'7", H/W proportionate, tactile redhead, seeks a tall, sensitive SM, 6'+, for LTR. I believe you're out there. ☎5669

PRETTY WOMAN
Spiritual, not religious, degreed, thin, energetic SWJF, 40-ish, child-like delight, seeks similar SWM to share pleasures of joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, life force food, open, honest communication, mutual trust. ☎5604

SHORT & SASSY...
and someone to hold onto. Open, honest, easygoing, down-to-earth DWF, 43, smoker, likes to dance, romance, and old cars. Seeking S/DWM, 40+, who enjoys life, good food, and a good woman. ☎5608

FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN
Attractive, compassionate, honest DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally/financially secure, good sense of humor, seeks similar SWM, for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, being together, for mutual TLC, friendship, LTR. ☎5597

IS THERE A DR IN THE HOUSE...
who is interested in meeting compassionate, down-to-earth SWF, youthful 46, 5'4", 105lbs, N/S, seeking the love in my life. ☎5516

HAVEN'T FOUND HIM YET
Petite DWPF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs, brown/brown, seeks a truthful, honest, sincere SWPM, 40-50, H/W-proportionate, for long-term relationship. ☎5508

MUST BE OVER THE EX!
Petite DHPF, 37, H/W proportionate, enjoys golf, dancing, arts. Living La Vida Loca! You are N/S, S/DPM, 37-40-something, responsible dad. Let's give it a whirl! ☎5451

FRIEND OR DATING
Laid-back woman enjoys computers. Seeking male, smoker ok, N/Drugs, prefer N/D. Looks are somewhat important. ☎5671

LOOKING FOR YOU
Cute, full-figured DWF, 41, seeks W/SM who is interested in beaches, Vegas, travel. Serious replies only. ☎5931

SEEKING COMPANION
DWF, 61, 5'6", 155lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, parties, and much more. Seeking nice-looking, sincere, affectionate S/DWM, 40-65, for friendship, companionship, and fun times. ☎5939

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SINCERE MALE
SBM, 36, D/D-free, likes dining in/out, cats, biking, music, companionship. Seeking sincere, down-to-earth SF who enjoys the same. ☎5027

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Employed SWM, 28, college student, enjoys amusement parks, cider mills, vacations, music. Seeking SF, 22-31, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎5309

GIVE DAD A CALL
DW dad, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎5673

SEEKS A COMMITMENT
Strong, sensitive, affectionate DWM, 60, N/S, employed, good listener, enjoys outdoors, Red Wings games, romantic walks, family activities. Seeking a marriage-minded SWF, 45-55. If interested, please call. ☎5901

GOOD CLEAN FUN?
Go ahead and call! Easygoing, charming SWM, 40, active and adventurous, seeks classy, nice SWF, for romance and friendship. ☎5260

FUN-LOVING FATHER
SM, 47, 5', 200lbs, teacher, full-time father of a wonderful 10 year-old daughter, social drinker, N/S, enjoys music, cooking, outdoor activities. Birmingham area. ☎5208

RELATE- THEN IT'S A DATE
Successful, spiritual, sensual, slim SJM, 47, enjoys art films, dancing, book stores, self-discovery, contemporary/classical music, dishes to Mid-eastern cuisine, warm getaways. Seeking marriage-minded, fit, 30-43. ☎5209

SEE FOR YOURSELF
Handsome, personable SWM, 46, enjoy outdoor activity, dining and dancing. Seeking nice looking, uplifting SWF, for friendship and fun times together. ☎5252

PILOT SEEKS CO-PILOT
Muscular, fun, adventurous, romantic, handsome SWM, 36, 5'11", 170lbs, high achieving professional, great conversationalist. Traverse City and Oakland County lake homeowner, enjoys all seasons outdoors. Seeking attractive, intelligent unique woman. ☎5205

BRIGHT EYES
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎5063

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎4990

NOT THE SINGLES AD TYPE
Attractive SWM, 36, 6', 180lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies. Seeking an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City/Westland. ☎5974

AWESOME OUTDOOR LOVER
Great looking, successful, motivated, family-oriented, down-to-earth SM, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue, enjoys cabins, woods, lakes, gardens, back roads, motorcycle. Would appreciate a sweet, trim lady. ☎5967

BRUNETTE PREFERRED
Attractive, honest, secure SWPM, 38, 6'2", 190lbs, college-educated. Seeking attractive female, 28-38, H/W proportionate, with a zany sense of humor, for walks, talks, movies, and more. ☎5905

GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports. ☎5977

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SBM, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, music, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. ☎5029

CARING PROFESSIONAL
Sincere, attractive, caring physician, searching for honest, clean-cut S/DPWF with sense of humor, healthy lifestyle, for friendship, possible LTR ☎5979

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming and down-to-earth, 32-year old SWPM, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelite and fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎3741

ONE IN A MILLION
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests. ☎5918

GOOD-LOOKING/NICE-GUY
Easygoing DWM, 5'11", 155lbs, 51 (looks 40), athletic, smoker, honest, romantic, considerate, seeks honest, truthful, petite SW/AF, 36-45, for LTR. ☎5876

LET'S GO TO LUNCH
SM, 25, 5'4", financially secure, seeks female, 18-24, with goals and wants. Children are a plus. ☎5210

ROMANTIC REALIST
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", fit, brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 35-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎5907

ENJOYING LIFE?
DWM, young 50s, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, light beard, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, dining, diving, golf. Seeking slim, fit DWF, over 40, sense of humor, for whatever keeps you happy. ☎5156

OPEN TO SUGGESTION?
Nice-looking, romantic, respectful, SWM 47, enjoys oldies music, old cars, old movies, older female companionship, seeking kind, fun loving lady, 41-53, for friendship or relationship. ☎5151

OLD-FASHIONED
Widowed BCM, 48, father of twins, seeks attractive young woman, 36-50. Must be honest and have God first in your life! ☎5152

ARTISTIC FLIRTATIOUS LADY
Precious yet mischievous with glamour and free spirit is sought by honorable, handsome SW businessman, 44, for jolly companion and loving relationship. ☎5268

NII GREAT GUY FOR YOU!
Attractive health care professional, 39, former lifeguard, originally from Europe, likes sports, traveling. Seeking feminine, educated female to spend romantic times with, a real friend/partner. ☎5253

CLASS COMPANION
A delightful dad desires a youthful, easygoing, attractive mate. The educated gentleman, 47, 6'2", 210lbs, enjoys golf, theater, motorcycles, more. Independent professionals, 35-47, please respond, regardless of race or children. ☎5004

HANDSOME JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

RETRAINABLE
SWM, 57, looks 43, 5'9", 190lbs, salt-n-pepper/brown, enjoys dining out, travelling, yahtzee, quiet times at home, motorcycles, yard sales. Seeking communicative SWF, under age 200, with sense of humor, for friendship first. ☎5118

ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN
DWM, young 65, 5'11", 190lbs, curly gray hair, N/S, enjoys exercising, walking, reading, traveling. Seeking DWF, 50s, with good sense of humor. Let me show you the secret for a good life. ☎5122

SCIENTIST
DWM, 50, 5'10", trim, enjoys older mills, jogging, plays, bookstores, nature, Detroit Film Theater, hiking. Seeking intelligent, fit, happy woman, 40-50, for companionship. ☎5099

LOVE FOREVER
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4968

OLD-FASHIONED
Widowed BCM, 49, father of twins, seeks attractive, young woman, 35-50. Must have God first, and be honest. ☎5080

WHERE'S MY MILLENNIUM GIRL?
I'm looking for that faithful, one-man woman, widowed/DWF, 38-54. I am newly divorced one year, 6', 215lbs, early 50s, just average, ordinary guy so let's try to make a connection. ☎4915

HOPEFUL BUT SHY?
Then I am your guy! Honest, handsome SWM, 48, good attitude, likes animals and children, willing to meet shy but motivated SWF, for dating and togetherness. ☎5872

SEARCHING FOR MY SOUL MATE
DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, clean-cut, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎5142

VALUE
Attractive, sensual SWM, 40, 5'10", 160lbs reddish/blonde, seeks slender, attractive WF, 25-50, who is interested in a true relationship. ☎5307

BIG HANDSOME OUTDOORS MAN
WM, 51, looks 41, great sense of humor, likes Harleys, log homes, gardening, week-end get-aways, seeking special, down-to-earth WF, under 50, who likes to laugh, for LTR. ☎5247

INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION!
Humorous yet intellectual, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford ☎5696

LET'S COMMUNICATE
SWM, 51, 5'11", 210lbs, good shape, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, movies, cozy evenings at home. Seeking H/W proportionate lady, 45-60, with same interests for LTR. ☎5243

SLIM, SMART, NICE GIRL
This male engineer likes tourism, travel, tennis, and hotels. Seeking an excellent cute girl with whom to make my future more attractive. ☎5244

MR WONDERFUL
Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands. Kids ok. ☎5445

STARTING NEW
DWM, 47, 5'7", medium build, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, bowling, and working out. Seeking WF, N/S, for committed relationship. ☎5294

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling, and going out. Seeking loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for serious relationship and fun. ☎5369

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Intelligent, active, African American SM, seeks smart, down-to-earth, open-minded, real SWF, for long-term companionship, friendship, romantic relationship. ☎5159

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎5518

MEET ME HALFWAY
SWM, 43, enjoys fine dining, travel. Seeking full-figured lady, 40-60, physical appearance not important, no children, or with grown children. Leave me a message, and we can have dinner. ☎5085

LOVES THE FALL
Down-to-earth, sensitive, funny, cute SWM, 47, young-at-heart, 5'10", 165lbs, in good shape, seeks attractive, trim lady. ☎5781

HANDSOME MATURE GENT
Romantic, creative, resourceful, articulate, caring, compassionate SBM. Sincerely seeking, and deserving of same in loving female, 40-55, race unimportant. ☎5453

REAL GUY
Playful, thoughtful, communicative, fit, genuine WPM, 41, 5'8", blessed with personality and a handful of looks, seeks similar qualities in petite S/DWF, 27-43, for LTR. ☎5026

HEY CARROT TOP!
Love your freckles. DWM, 44, seeks attractive, passionate, romantic S/DWF, who loves God, nature, blue jeans, horses, and country life, to build a healthy relationship. Age open ☎5975

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

FRIEND OR SOULMATE...
that's our choice. Adventurous, slim, honest DWM, 46, blond/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys bowling, boating, dancing, travel. Seeking lady, mid-30s to mid-40s, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎5968

INTERACT WITH QUALITY
SWM, 43, 5'1", H/W proportionate, childless, college grad, does things well, open to marriage or LTR, which should include a good romantic life. Seeking SWF, 33-49, homebody okay. ☎5964

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
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District 2: Brighton 51, Grand Ledge 20; Jackson 28, Battle Creek Central 13. Jackson (7-3) at Brighton (8-1), Friday, 7:30.

REGION 2

District 1: Detroit Catholic Central 24, Livonia Stevenson 9; Walled Lake Western 28, South Lyon 16. Western (10-0) at Catholic Central (10-0), Howard Kraft Field, Saturday, 1.

District 2: Detroit Henry Ford 40, Belleville 25; Westland John Glenn 26, Monroe 14. John Glenn (8-2) at Henry Ford (9-0), Saturday, 1.

REGION 3

District 1: Sterling Heights Stevenson 35, Troy Athens 21; Utica Eisenhower 17, Troy 9. Eisenhower (8-2) at Stevenson (9-1), Saturday, 1.

District 2: Detroit King 35, Detroit Cooley 0; Detroit Cass Tech 19, Detroit Denby 17. Cass Tech (7-3) at King (8-2), Saturday, 1.

REGION 4

District 1: Clarkston 34, Rochester Adams 14; Grand Blanc 41, Lake Orion 34. Grand Blanc (9-1) at Clarkston (9-1), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 49, Port Huron Northern 14; Macomb Dakota 28, Rochester 27, OT. Dakota (9-1) at Chippewa Valley (9-1), Friday, 7.

DIVISION 2

REGION 1

District 1: Saginaw Heritage 21, Escanaba 14; Saginaw 44, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 13. Saginaw (8-2) at Heritage (9-1), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 46, Jenison 41; Hudsonville 19, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 7. Forest Hills Northern (7-3) at Hudsonville (7-3), Saturday, 1.

REGION 2

District 1: Adrian 49, Portage Central 0; Ypsilanti 13, Pinckney 7. Ypsilanti (8-2) at Adrian (10-0), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Lansing Sexton 31, Okemos 13; East Lansing 35, St. Johns 21. East Lansing (9-1) at Sexton (10-0), Friday, 7:30.

REGION 3

District 1: Farmington 24, Novi 6; Garden City 27, Wyandotte Roosevelt 14; Farmington (7-3) at Garden City (8-2), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Grosse Pointe North 21, Detroit Kettering 20; University of Detroit-Jesuit 44, Berkley 0. Detroit-Jesuit (8-2) at G.P. North (9-1), Saturday, 1.

REGION 4

District 1: Birmingham Brother Rice 20, Warren DeLaSalle 14; Birmingham Groves 17, New Baltimore Anchor Bay 7. Groves (9-1) at Brother Rice (8-2), at Maple Field, Saturday, 1.

District 2: Flint Carman-Ainsworth 42, Flint Central 14; Pontiac Northern 22, Waterford Mott 11. Northern (8-2) at Carman-Ainsworth (10-0), Friday, 7:30.

DIVISION 3

REGION 1

District 1: Bay City John Glenn 17, Ogemaw Heights 8; Mount Pleasant 42, Sault Ste. Marie 21. Mount Pleasant (8-2) at John Glenn (9-1), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Grand Rapids Catholic Central 34, Ludington 16; Grand Rapids Creston 27, Lowell 13. Creston (9-1) at Catholic Central, Friday, 7:30.

REGION 2

District 1: Stevensville Lakeshore 31, St. Joseph 6; Mattawan 46, Sturgis 18. Lakeshore (6-3) at Mattawan (9-1), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Haslett 35, Richland Gull Lake 6; Chelsea 41, Hastings 23. Chelsea (9-1) at Haslett (10-0), Friday, 7:30.

REGION 3

District 1: Monroe Jefferson 41, Trenton 20; Romulus 43, Gibraltar Carlson 8. Romulus (8-2) at Jefferson (9-1), Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Allen Park 32, Redford Thurston 7; Detroit Central 41, Detroit Chadsey 0. Central (8-2) at Allen Park (8-2) Friday, 7:30.

REGION 4

District 1: Oxford 17, Fenton 0; Flint Powers Catholic 28, Lapeer West 7. Powers (8-2) at Oxford (10-0), Saturday, 1.

District 2: St. Clair 23, Auburn Hills Avondale 7; Farmington Hills Harrison 49, Bloomfield Hills Andover 0. Harrison (6-4) at St. Clair (7-3), Saturday, 7:30.

DIVISION 4

REGION 1

District 1: Menominee 42, Bridgeport 6; Cheboygan 20, Oscoda 14. Cheboygan (8-2) at Menominee (9-1), Saturday, 2.

District 2: Coopersville 42, Alma 6; Belding 46, Fremont 25. Belding (7-3) at Coopersville (10-0), Saturday, 1.

REGION 2

District 1: Caledonia 27, East Grand Rapids 20; Grand Rapids South Christian 35, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 14. Caledonia (7-3) vs South Christian (8-2) at Byron Center Field, Friday, 7:30.

District 2: Comstock 20, Three Rivers 15; Dowagiac 48, Allegan 15. Comstock (7-3) at Dowagiac (8-2), Friday, 7:30.

REGION 3

District 1: Marshall 17, Carleton Airport 14; Battle Creek Harper Creek 23, Fowlerville 19. Harper Creek (8-2) at Marshall (8-2), Saturday, 1.

District 2: Detroit Renaissance 40, Center Line 0; Madison Heights Lamphere 26, Inkster 6. Lamphere (7-3) vs. Renaissance (9-1) at Detroit Urban Lutheran, Friday, 7:30.

REGION 4

District 1: Marine City 49, St. Clair Shores South Lake 12; Orchard Lake St. Mary's 42, Clinton Township Clintondale 24. St. Mary's (9-1) vs. Marine City (10-0) at East China Stadium, Friday, 7.

District 2: Chesaning 61, Linden 15; Marysville 34, Imlay City 6. Marysville (7-3) at Chesaning (10-0), Saturday, 1.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
Friday, Nov. 5
Farmington at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
John Glenn at Det. Henry Ford, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. W.L. Western
at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m.
F.H. Harrison vs. St. Clair
at East China Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

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DIVISION I-REGION 1
at KALAMAZOO CENTRAL
Saturday, Nov. 6: Plymouth Salem vs. Grand Haven-Okemos winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Jackson's Mehall Field vs. South Lyon regional champion.)

REGION-2
at SOUTH LYON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Friday, Nov. 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Novi, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 vs. Kalamazoo Central regional winner.)

DIVISION II-REGION 6
at EATON RAPIDS
Saturday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Richland Gull Lake vs. Portage Northern regional champion.)

DIVISION IV-REGION 14
at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN
Saturday, Nov. 6: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Linden vs. Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian regional champion.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Nov. 4
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 6 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Wayne, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

(Western Lakes Semifinal)
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5
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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Nov. 6
(NJCAA-District Playoffs at Schoolcraft)
Schoolcraft vs. Ia. Central, 10:30 a.m.
Bethany vs. Belleville (Ill.), 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7
NJCAA District final at S'craft, noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Nov. 5
(NJCAA-District Playoffs at S'craft)
Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (Ill.), 1 p.m.
Roch. (Minn.) vs. Waldorf (Ia.), 3 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
NJCAA District at S'craft, 12:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Nov. 4
Madonna at Eckerd (Fla.), TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 6
Madonna at Ind. Wesleyan, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 5
Ply. Whalers at Oshawa, 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Ply. Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7
Ply. Whalers at Toronto, 2 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cut: 1:56.79)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82
North Farmington 1:58.32
Plymouth Salem 1:59.77
Plymouth Canton 2:01.18

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 2:01.69)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.16
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:57.46
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:57.69
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:58.61
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:59.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.40
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:00.07
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:00.95
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:01.10

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut: 2:17.49)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:10.22
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:11.71
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:11.86
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 2:12.34
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:13.23
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 2:14.39
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 26.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.51
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 24.73
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.36
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 25.46
Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 25.84
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.88

DIVING
Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 257.40
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 218.85
Jenny Down (John Glenn) 208.35
Kristy Blazo (Churchill) 205.80
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 204.57
Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 204.55
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 202.85
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 194.18

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 1:02.29)
Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.83
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.05
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:00.74
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.26
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:02.27
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.04

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 55.69)
Amy Smith (Franklin) 51.42
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.33
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.18
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 55.22
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 55.59
Christina Moceri (Ladywood) 55.95

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 5:25.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 4:58.98
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 5:13.41
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.22
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:14.64
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 5:19.66
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 5:19.97
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 5:23.96
Meghan Moceri (Stevenson) 5:25.02

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 1:43.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.43
Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17
North Farmington 1:45.00
Plymouth Salem 1:47.72
Plymouth Canton 1:50.28

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 1:02.79)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 1:01.83
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:02.87
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:03.18
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:11.29)
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:08.45
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:09.25
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:10.04
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:13.82
Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
Elizabeth Hurn (Stevenson) 1:14.20
Alex Evans (Salem) 1:14.64

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 3:49.69)
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:35.27
Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
North Farmington 3:48.33
Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

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Stevenson blanks Monroe in region semi

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The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team didn't want to get caught looking ahead.

"The 'W' is all that matters at this time of year," Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach Lars Richters said following his team's 3-0 Division I-Region II semifinal win Tuesday over Monroe at South Lyon Middle School.

"It's one of those dangerous games where you hope you don't take a team lightly," Richters added. " We knew they had a fine player in John Webster and they had some good athletes. You take nothing granted at this time of year."

Stevenson, gunning for its seventh state boys soccer title in school history, now gets a shot at defending state champion Novi (19-1-1), beginning 7 p.m. Friday at South Lyon M.S. Novi advanced with a 6-1 win over Dearborn.

Mike White made sure the Spartans were safely into the regional final, scoring all three goals in the first half.

Jeff Budd earned the first assist with 28:57 left. Meanwhile, Tom Eller provided White passes for his final two goals with 8:40 and 4:37 remaining, respectively, in the opening half.

Stevenson, battling dipping temperatures (33 degrees), snow showers and stiff winds, missed three point-blank shots in the second half.

But give credit to Monroe keeper Michael Merkle, who was able to slam the door the rest of the way.

"We missed some finishes (shots)," Richters said. "But the second-half weather was painful. Even though we missed some chances, we played well at times."

Monroe, which has three straight district and Mega Conference Red Division titles under its belt, bowed out at 14-3-3 overall.

"I thought our defense played well, but Stevenson is such a skillful team," Monroe coach Anto Cevizian said. "We knew we were facing some obstacles. They're state-ranked and they have some unbelievable players.

"You keep telling your kids it's just another game like everyone else, but in the back of their minds it's not."

While Stevenson keeper Joe Zawacki had little action on his end, Monroe's Merkle was facing a barrage of shots and offensive pressure in front of his net.

"I thought the first two goals we gave up were a little shaky and we could have controlled them," Cevizian said. "But overall I thought our defense played well. Remember, too, we were playing an unbelievable team."

Monroe was facing a program rich in tradition.

"We've been at it here 12 years and the first six we didn't win a game," Cevizian said. "We've come a long way, but we haven't reached their level quite yet."

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all over the gym.

"I didn't get (the first-half slump) either, but to the kids' credit they fought through it."

Now Canton must travel to second-seeded Northville to battle the Mustangs, who defeated the Chiefs 35-31 Sept. 30 — Canton's last loss. The WLAA championship is slated for Nov. 10 at Livonia Franklin.

Salem 52, Stevenson 28: A first-quarter rampage carried Plymouth Salem into the WLAA Tournament semifinals as the top-seeded Rocks blasted No. 8 seed Livonia Stevenson Tuesday at Salem.

Salem hosts Farmington Harrison, a 37-35 winner over fifth-seeded North Farmington Tuesday, at 7 p.m. Friday. The Rocks are 17-1; Stevenson is 7-9.

"We had an outstanding first quarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We played extremely well. We backed off our pressure a bit after that and didn't play as well."

The Rocks hardly had to. Thanks to Tiffany Grubaugh's nine first-quarter points, they led 21-2 going into the second period. Grubaugh finished with a game-high 18 points.

Salem led 26-10 at the half and 42-20 after three periods.

Kelly Jaskot added 13 points and Dawn Allen scored nine. Those two, together with Monica Mair, each had four points in the first quarter.

Abbey Schrader led the Spartans with nine points. Lindsay Gusick added eight.

Franklin Road 43, Agape 42: After 15 games, Canton Agape Christian finally knows what it feels like to lose.

Agape's season-long winning streak came to an end Tuesday at Southfield Franklin Road, thanks to a pair of free throws by the Warriors' Heather Swanson with less than a half-minute remaining.

Agape had possession with a chance to win but was unable to get a shot off in time.

Winning the non-conference game improved Franklin Road to 10-7.

Agape started well and held a 14-8 lead after the first period but Franklin Road was ahead, 22-19, at the half. Agape cut the deficit to a point entering the final quarter.

Swanson led Southfield with 12 points while Debbie Bibeau and Sarah Classen scored 10 apiece.

Amy Henry led all scorers with 17 for Agape and Allie Major netted 10.

Agape hit half its 18 free throw attempts while Franklin Road went to the line 22 times, making 12.

Inter-City 48, PCA 46: Plymouth Christian Academy ran out of miracles Friday against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, and the result was a two-point loss in double-overtime.

The Eagles' Laura Clark, who led all scorers with 17 points, hit a three-pointer at the end of the first OT to knot the score at 43-all and force a second OT.

Stacy Copeland had converted a triple at the end of regulation for Inter-City to tie it at 37-all. With the Chargers ahead by two in the second OT, a three-point try by PCA hit the rim but fell out, giving Inter-City the win.

Clark, a senior guard, also had nine rebounds and eight assists for PCA (7-11 overall, 4-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference). Kallie Gross added 12 points.

Trisha Principe led Inter-City (9-6 overall, 5-5 in the MIAC) with 16 points.

Whalers - C1

Flick of Sault Ste. Marie to make 38 saves in the game. Aaron Molnar was called upon to make 15 saves for the Whalers but the Greyhounds scored on their only shot against him in the final period.

Damian Surma opened the scoring with a goal for Plymouth at 17:42 of the opening period but the lead last just 14 seconds as Ryan Jardine tied it for Sault Ste. Marie.

The Whalers went ahead with a power play marker at 2:47 of the second period, off the stick of Steve Weiss, but the Greyhounds tied it with their own period play score and added another goal 46 seconds later.

Compuware beats USA

The Compuware Ambassadors shut out the USA NAHL team, based in Ann Arbor, 3-0, Saturday in North American Hockey League action.

Craig Piscopink broke a scoreless tie late in the third period, Dan Knapp and Steve Jackson added third period goals to support Craig Kowalski's shutout goaltending.

PCA — page C1

day's district final, when Chad Boruta's second goal of the game, scored with 25 minutes left to play, propelled the Eagles to a 2-1 victory over second-ranked Lutheran Westland at Dearborn Fairlane Christian.

In the district semifinals, PCA beat seventh-ranked Southfield Christian 1-0.

"It was a well-played game at both ends," said Erickson of the district final. "It just came down to who wanted it a little more."

Jason Davis scored midway through the first half to put the Warriors, who finished 15-3-1, up 1-0 at the break. Boruta countered that with the game-tying and game-winning goals in the second half, while the defense — led by Yonkman in goal — kept Lutheran Westland scoreless.

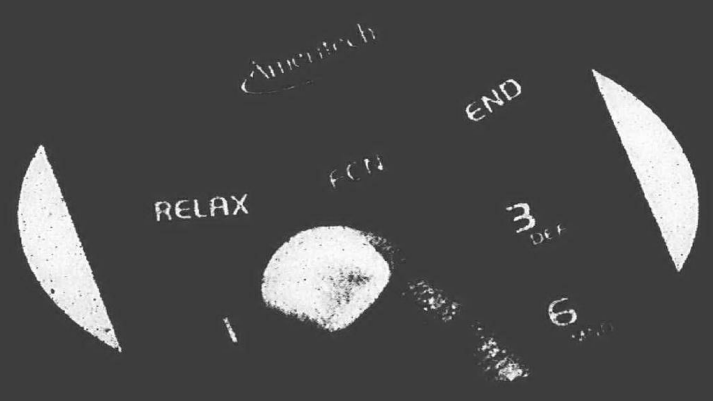
The winner of Saturday's regional final advances to the Division IV state semifinal at Linden HS Wednesday.

Salem — C1

Stinar in front of the net. His header was on target, and the Rocks had a 2-0 lead.

With three minutes remaining in the half, Loewe scored unassisted to increase the Rocks' advantage to three goals. Ottawa had the wind behind it for the second half, a distinct advantage, but going against Salem's defense the Panthers couldn't capitalize.

The snow that threatened did arrive, with flurries swirling for about 20 minutes. But it didn't hurt Salem, nor could it save the Panthers.



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THE WEEKEND

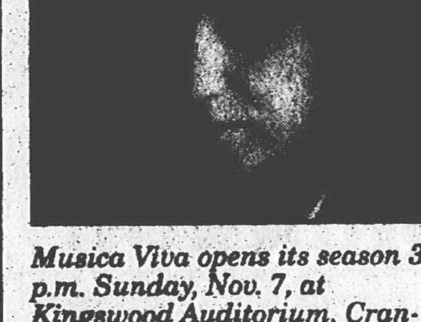
FRIDAY

"Jest a Second!" Don't miss the Ridgedale Players' presentation of the sequel to "Beau Jest" by James Sherman, 8 p.m. at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets are $11 and include coffee and sandwich afterglow, (248) 988-7049.

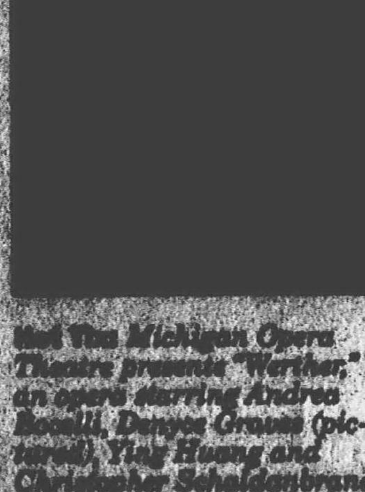
SATURDAY

Guest conductor Carl St. Clair leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Concert features soloist Camellia Johnson, soprano, and includes two works by American composer Frank Ticheli. Tickets are $19-$50. Call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Musica Viva opens its season 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, with "Flamenco Passion," a show featuring Dame Maria del Carmen Spanish Dance Theatre with soloists, guitarists, dancers and singers; the premiere of the "Gypsy Ballads" by Garcia Lorca; and a guest appearance by flutist Ginka Ortega. Tickets are $25, patron tickets $50. Includes preferred seating and private afterglow. Call (248) 851-8872, patrons call (248) 626-6245.



Hot Tix: Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves (pictured), Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldenbrand at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets $55-$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

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Family connections: *Photo at left, Rikki Schwartz (left to right), Jan Cable and Michelle Roschek rehearse a scene from the Clarkston Village Player's production, "Close Ties." Below, Tim Dunham (Rev. Jerry Dolan) shares a moment of humor with Nora Bonner (Margarette) in "To Forgive, Divine."*

Community THEATER

Clarkston Village Players presents 'Close Ties'

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Clarkston Village Players is bringing to its Depot Theater a play that will elicit a range of feelings – including possible hunger pangs – from the audience.

The play, "Close Ties," takes place in the kitchen of a family matriarch's summer home. Stage manager Joanne Anderson of Waterford is trying to make the kitchen come to life just as the characters do.

"We're trying to set up the kitchen with running water and a stove that works," said director Al Bartlett of Rochester Hills. "Joanne is a cracker jack. We hope to have a cake baking on stage and we'll have the smell of bacon running through the theater."

But the real challenge to directing this drama written by Elizabeth Diggs, he said, is bringing this "very meaningful story to the people" without it's appearing as a soap opera.

"If it's done successfully, the audience should be able to laugh, to be touched emotionally, to see themselves and members of their families in the characters on stage," added Bartlett, a life member of Clarkston Village Players.

"Close Ties" is set in the 1980s. It centers around the matriarch of the family, Josephine, played by Jan Cable of Clarkston, Josephine's family and a granddaughter's boyfriend.

Others in the cast are Michelle Roschek and Jeff VoVillia of Clarkston, Rikki Schwartz and Bob Gerics of Waterford, Mary Beth Skinner and Linda Killewald of White Lake and Bill Bailey of Auburn Hills. Behind-the-scenes people include producer Don Foster of Waterford and set designer Holly Stephens, also of Waterford.

"This is an extremely good play. It's a powerful drama with a beautiful story," Bartlett added. "It reveals the relationships between the people in the family and their relationship with Josephine, whom they realize is developing senility."

Clarkston Village Players presentations are done in the attractive and comfortable Depot Theater, an actual former train depot. The small house brings an intimate atmosphere to productions that isn't experienced at large theaters.

Bartlett recommended the play for adults and teenagers.

"If I had to rate this, I'd rate it PG-13 plus," he said. "There is nothing extremely objectionable, although there are a couple of lines with adult references."

"Close Ties" opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 5.

The rest of the Clarkston Village Players 1999-2000 season includes an unannounced comedy in January, "A Case of Libel" in March, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" in May, "Mass Appeal" in June and an unscheduled children's show and comedy night.

On Stage

What: The Clarkston Village Players presents "Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 and 18.

Where: Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston

Tickets: $12, $10 on Thursday. Call (248) 625-8811.

Trinity House injects humor into religious issues

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When Thomas Malcolm Olson first read Jack Neary's "To Forgive, Divine," he knew he had a hit on his hands.

As director of Trinity House Theatre, Olson finds it's not always easy to come up with a play that tackles moral issues in a humorous manner. But the opening show of the 1999-2000 season does just that.

"It's one of those plays, you just laugh out loud," said Olson. "I thought it was one of the best comedies I ever read. It has heart without being sentimental. It's about a priest who's examining his life, all the sacrifices he's made, is it worth it."

Tim Dunham plays Jerry Dolan, the young priest struggling with major life

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On Stage

What: Trinity House Theatre presents "To Forgive, Divine" by Jack Neary.

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Pay what you can preview performance 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

Where: 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia.

Tickets: $10, $5 on Sunday. Call (734) 464-6302.

In tune: *Cellist Shauna Rolston performs traditional and contemporary compositions for cello. She is among the top cellists expanding the repertoire for the instrument.*

Flattering face redefines classical music boundaries

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The resemblance between cellist Shauna Rolston and pop-country singer diva Shania Twain might be more than superficial.

Besides sharing obvious physical similarities and a defiantly glamorous attitude, Rolston is very much like Twain in redefining the boundaries of her musical genre.

Rolston will perform in a concert recital Tuesday at the Cranbrook House. Her program includes sonatas by Debussy, Barber and Chopin.

But don't expect Rolston, 32, to accompany her bow and cello by wearing a pleasantly indistinguishable monocolored gown. Or a neatly pressed and urbane expression.

If some think a half-century of country music traditions were tough barriers to break, then consider what Rolston has accomplished in redefining the image of a classical musician, with her hair-blowing-in-the-breeze supermodel looks and easy-to-laugh nature.

"I'm not trying to project an image," she said. "I just want to feel as natural and free and inviting to the audience."

While Rolston often performs classical pieces considered within the standard repertoire for the cello, her relentless approach and zeal are anything but stodgy traditionalism.

"I imagine that I'm having a conversation with the composer, that they're right there with me and I can ask them questions," said Rolston.

That might not be too far of a stretch. Rolston is in high demand as both a performer and an artist coveted by contemporary composers.

"It's exploring sound and gesture," said Rolston. "I learn a lot working with current composers. I've learned that responding to music requires different types of reflexes, gestures and a sense of drama."

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In Concert

What: Cellist Shauna Rolston in concert, presented by the Cranbrook Music Guild

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9

Where: Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, northwest corner of Cranbrook Road

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POPULAR MUSIC

Ready, set, go: Park set to tour, release album, star in film

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A name like "Park: A Rock Band" doesn't leave much to the imagination, but the Detroit-based band is anything but a predictable bunch.

Don't confuse Park with the Detroit street of the same name, or the lush, green playground that comes to mind with any mention of the word. Just give the band a listen.

"I like a lot of fire and passion," said Chuck Bartels, Park's bassist and a former Garden City resident. "We try to groove as hard as possible at all times." Perhaps it's just that explosive energy that brought the band together in the first place.

Park's guitarist Joshua Funk (his real name, believe it or not), has been playing music since he was in grade school. He started on the piano and moved on to the trumpet, cello and guitar — perhaps not the most common path for a rock musician, but it's given him a broad base of knowledge. Funk names The Pixies, The Beatles and Ween as musical influences.

He met keyboardist Chad Krueger in 1996 while working as part of Second City's improvisational comedy troupe, and they formed the band. Park was named for the building in which they lived, Detroit's Park Avenue Hotel. About a year and a half ago, the band solidified its cast of characters adding Bartels and drummer Doug Walsh into the mix. With a regular Monday night gig at The Town Pump, on the first floor of the building, and by completing two CDs within a three-year period, the band has worked quickly to build its reputation in the Metro area.

PARK:
A Rock Band

"Musically we attempt to combine different styles of music together, find new sounds," said Funk, classifying the group's music as a sort of pop-rock fusion. "There's a lot of improvisation, too.

"One of the things we took from Second City was the comedic improvisation and the musical improvisation, and (we're) applying it to music," he said. "I'd say it's a lot easier (improvising) in theater."

Park completed its first national tour in support of "What I Did On My Summer Vacation," their second

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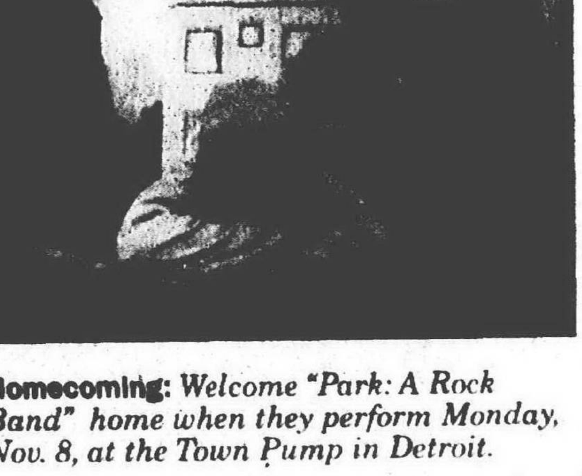

Homecoming: *Welcome "Park: A Rock Band" home when they perform Monday, Nov. 8, at the Town Pump in Detroit.*

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In addition to recently recording short pieces for cello and piano, Rolston has collaborated with a choreographer on a dance, and a filmmaker and percussionist on music for a video entitled, "Smokin' Chains."

"I'd like to expand the repertoire (for the cello) because that means that I'm evolving as a musician and that I'm contributing to the history of the instrument."

Since her days as a child prodigy, Rolston's career has been closely followed. She made her New York debut in Town Hall at 16, and has appeared in recital at the most prestigious concert halls in the world. She has also recorded with the London Philharmonia Orchestra, pianist Menahem Pressler and Angela Hewitt.

Rolston last appeared at Cranbrook House in the winter of 1997 as a guest cellist with the renowned St. Lawrence String Quartet.

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album, last summer, but returns to the road this month. The album is described as a combination of Zappa freakout, prog-rock symphony and rock-opera parody. And the band is known for its ability to induce a party at any given moment. Catching Park live is an unpredictable experience, according to band members.

"We can jam one song all night, or stop and start improvised breaks," said Bartels. "On a good night, a little bit of everything happens and it works well."

But Park: A Rock Band, hasn't stripped itself completely of its theatrical skin. The band performed in a musical comedy, "Garage," at Hamtramck's Planet Ant Theatre. The show, co-written by Funk and Nancy Hayden, debuted in February 1998. A film version is currently in the works, starring Park as — what else — a rock band. "Garage: A Rock Saga" includes a celebrity appearance from George Wendt (Norm of "Cheers" fame).

"It's about a rock band in 1974, a 25-year story about a garage band," said Funk, a Dearborn Heights resident. Park will provide the music for the movie soundtrack, titled "Garage: The Soundtrack," which is due out next spring.

Not all the band members, however, consider themselves actors.

"I felt like a fish out of water," admitted Bartels. "(For) the live part, we got a lot of material from our album. This movie has kept everyone really busy, especially Josh."

But moviemaking is on hold for the time being as Park sets out on a cross-country tour, starting on the West Coast. "We get to meet people from all over the country, from coast to coast," said Funk with anticipation.

However, it can be rough getting used to touring. "We camp or stay with people we meet," he said. "We usually don't make any money. It gets kind of difficult. But it's kind of an investment. You get what you put into it. You get to eat."

While Park is away, check out the band on disc. Both albums, "Seventh Heaven" and "What I Did On My Summer Vacation," are available through Planet Ant Records. Call (313) 365-4948 or e-mail info@planetant.com. Check the Web at www.planetant.com/park. Welcome the band home when they perform Monday, Nov. 8, at the Town Pump in Detroit. Call (313) 961-1929 for more information regarding the show.

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decisions. A graduate of Southfield Christian High School, Dunham is a screen writer himself. He appreciates the subtle nuances Neary has written into the play.

"Like any good play, it has something to say. It's almost a tragic comedy," said Dunham who studied screen writing and directing while earning a master's degree at Regent University in Virginia. He's currently working on a film project that is an adaptation of a Flannery O'Connor short story.

"On the eve of his high school band reunion, he runs into a girl he always admired. These feelings for her have resurfaced. She's in a less-than-happy marriage. She starts to have feelings for the priest. He's torn between his responsibilities to the church and his old flame."

Dorothy Dunne plays Rev. Dolan's housekeeper, a woman trying to keep the priest on the straight and narrow path his calling requires him to walk.

"She's a woman devoted to her church and religion," said Dunne, a Livonia resident. "Suddenly she sees this young priest grow up and his great potential and now sees an interruption. Millie is a woman who plays by the rules with a great deal of love and commitment to those around her. She has little patience with human frailty. The play is showing even though he's a priest, he is human. That's what the whole play's about – that we're human."

At 65, Dunne only recently returned to the theater. Most of her roles so far have been with Trinity House because of its commitment to presenting plays with substance.

"At Trinity House, they're very insightful, very thoughtful," said Dunne. "They do the kind of plays that make you think about your religion."

In addition to delivering plays with value, Olson plans to continue working to broaden Trinity House Theatre's audience by also presenting concerts, films and comedies.

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"We're also reaching out to the community by bringing in Hartland Theatre Company productions. The Ann Arbor playwrights also meet here," said Olson. "We want to be seen as a resource for the community by meeting a variety of needs, an outlet for creative expression."

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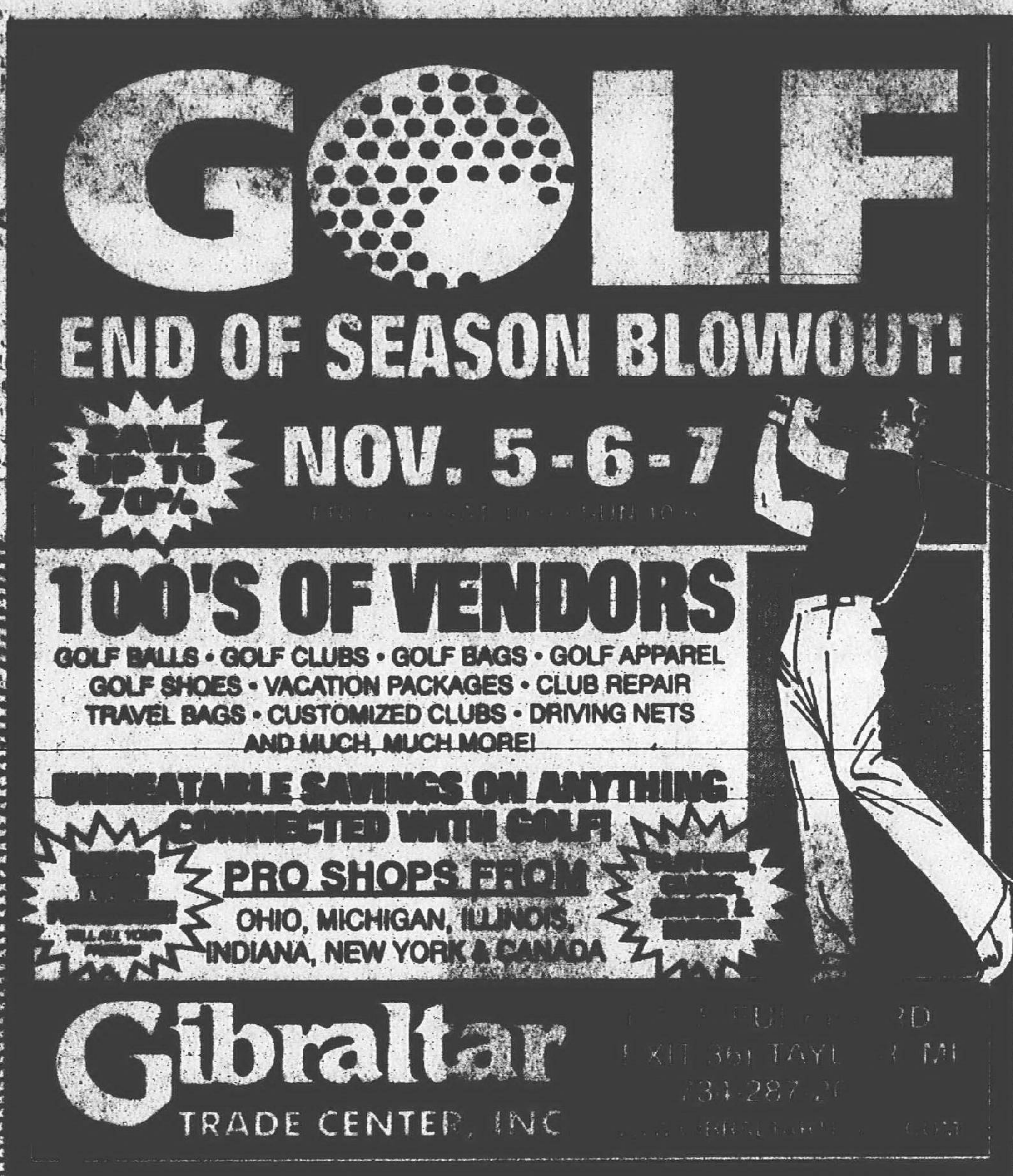
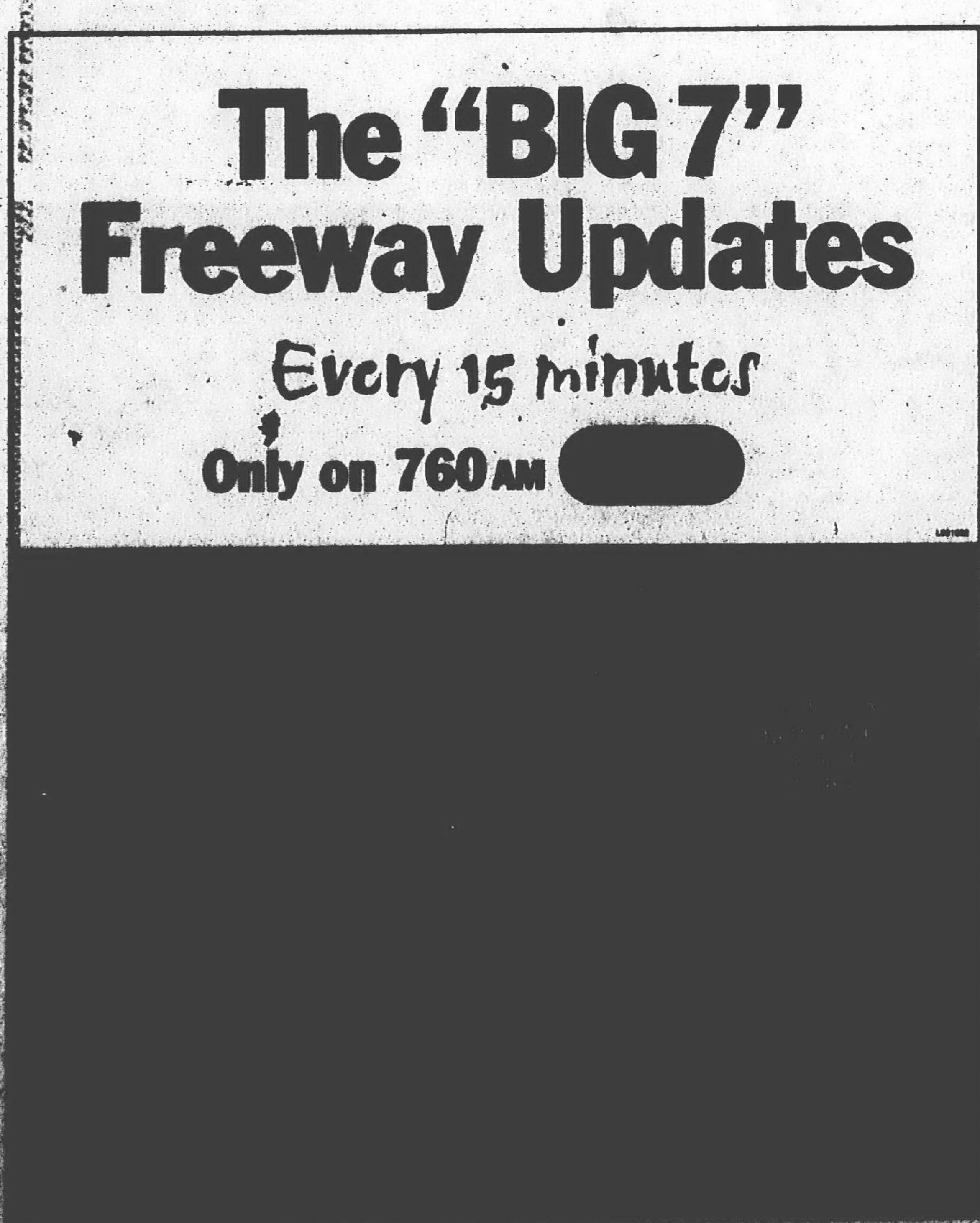
"The theater is holding a membership drive so we can get a core group of artists who believe in what we're doing," said Olson. "We've enhanced the mission statement that Trinity House exists to enrich and enliven the communities of southeastern Michigan through brave, truthful and necessary works of art. We integrate faith and art but we're not confined to do religious plays."

One of the programs the theater is instituting to encourage membership is the "On the Boundary Series" beginning in January.

"Trinity House is not an actor's theater but a worker's theater," said Olson. "We're giving theater members a venue for their work. The series will try to break down the walls that separate the audience from the actors. The audience will critique the works but emphasis is going to be on craft."





Bocelli's appearance, MOT's 'Werther' create spectacle beyond stage

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves, Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldanbrand. Music by Jules Massenet. Conducted by Steven Mercurio. Directed by Mario Corradi.

Performances at 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Nov. 14 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets $55-$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Right up until he arrived on the Detroit Opera House stage sitting atop a white horse, the anticipation surrounding Andrea Bocelli making his North American opera debut had stirred a grand spectacle, even by opera standards.

Nearly 50 critics from around the world showed up in downtown Detroit. Local media talking-heads put on tuxedos and conducted interviews in the opera house lobby. And the streets outside the opera house were filled with pedestrians walking in the brilliant light cast by the massive towers of the nearby under-construction Comerica Park.

Without a doubt, Bocelli's debut must be considered among the operatic events of the year, not just for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but in the international opera world.

On an exceptionally warm night in late October, the opening of "Werther," starring the world-famous Italian tenor in the lead, had the cosmopolitan feel of a historic performance. Partly because of his wide international popularity and partly because of the obvious challenge for a blind singer to perform the difficult dramatic role, there was a palpable rooting for Bocelli to succeed. Swooning females could be heard, and eager supporters frequently applauded encouragement.

Of course, when it comes to critically dissecting MOT's "Werther" and Bocelli's performance it depends on how success is defined.

For a debut, Bocelli's performance was more hype than rewarding. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Bocelli's softly modulated, fragile tenor was better captured in the confines of either an amplified stage or a recording studio.

At times, Bocelli's voice was overshadowed by Jules Massenet's music. And for a portrayal of an impulsive, love-at-all-cost romantic caught in a tragic tailspin of unattainable love, Bocelli was altogether too emotionally restrained to be believable.

While the pacing and endless dirges of "Werther" is at times tiresome, the performances of mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves and soprano Ying Huang provide a stirring demonstration of the power and subtly of a trained voice and charismatic stage presence.

Like a bright jewel in the October night, the promise of "Werther" is reflected early in the third act as Graves and Huang share the spotlight. Graves vocal girth invokes the depth of her pain over desperately loving a man she can never marry. And Huang's vocal dexterity is a delightful reprieve from the syrupy melancholy.

Yet perhaps in the end, the knight that rode atop a white horse arrived for another purpose. After all, MOT's "Werther" just wasn't about opera. There was, no doubt, a higher agenda.

In the end, there's little to criticize when considering the sheer guts required for Bocelli to undertake the demanding role of Werther. And perhaps equally impressive is Bocelli's willingness to broaden his horizons, and bring along an adoring public to the melodramatic spectacle known as opera.

Thus, in many ways, Bocelli's mere presence on the Detroit Opera House stage is in itself an unqualified success, and a reminder that MOT Managing Director David DiChiera is one of the most creative and persuasive forces in the opera world.

To think that more and more people are talking about opera and the future of downtown Detroit's theater district shouldn't be underestimated.

'The Heidi Chronicles' has message of honesty and hope

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6, at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Tickets $12, seniors and students $10. Call (248) 644-0527.

MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Amy Lynn Smith makes such an engaging lecturer as professor Heidi Holland talking about 16th century women artists in the opening of scene of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's "The Heidi Chronicles" that her lecturing should garner more interest in the subject. This illustrated mini-course in art history is part of playwright Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize winning theatrical view of Americanisms since 1960.

The series of 13 scenes portray and satirize women's issues over the last 40 years, from Miss Crane's high school dances to radical feminine demonstrations. Though seemingly a one-issue play (women's rights), St. Dunston's version is a touching, more universally conceived nostalgic look at baby boomers, flower children and the now generation from the grassroots up.

As the series of episodes in Heidi's life are presented, Heidi and her friends change their orientation from idealism to political radicalism to militant feminism, and end up fully committed to '80s materialism.

Through three decades of the story, Heidi moves from being a women's rights activist to earning a Ph.D. in art history and becoming a world wide expert on women artists in history. Society and major national events do not influence her even as she is affected by the changes in society.

In these character changes Smith excels. She plays a Heidi who is compassionate, loyal, kind, non-vengeful, and a good listener. Heidi is a person who believes in her friends, even when they are so wrapped up in their own lives that they are insensitive to her needs. Smith reveals Heidi's hurt and pain.

Mark Nathanson directs this play about women's lib in a straightforward manner making the emphases more widespread than one of just women's issues.

The characters are normal, everyday people portrayed in a subtly satirical manner that, while not uproariously hilarious, is quietly funny. Linda Parker Watson plays April, a stupid TV interviewer who reviews the country's social changes through the lives of the three prominent main characters in a 1982 television program.

Scott MacDonald is the gay pediatrician Peter Petrone and Chris Steinmayer is the outrageous but arrogant magazine publisher Scoop Rosenbaum. The two of them completely overpower Heidi in the TV interview, not allowing her any opportunity to respond to any questions.

The brilliant Peter uses little jibs to make April's ignorance more apparent. During all of this Watson plays an overdone April with an interpretation that brings out the amusement in the entire satirical scene.

Watson also plays the lesbian Fran who has a chip on her shoulder. This adorable snippet of American life in the 1970s takes place in Ann Arbor. Fran is in a women's rap group made up of Heidi, her friend Susan (played by Marnie H. Diehm), Jill (played by Nicole Stacey) and Becky (played by Jill D. Ross).

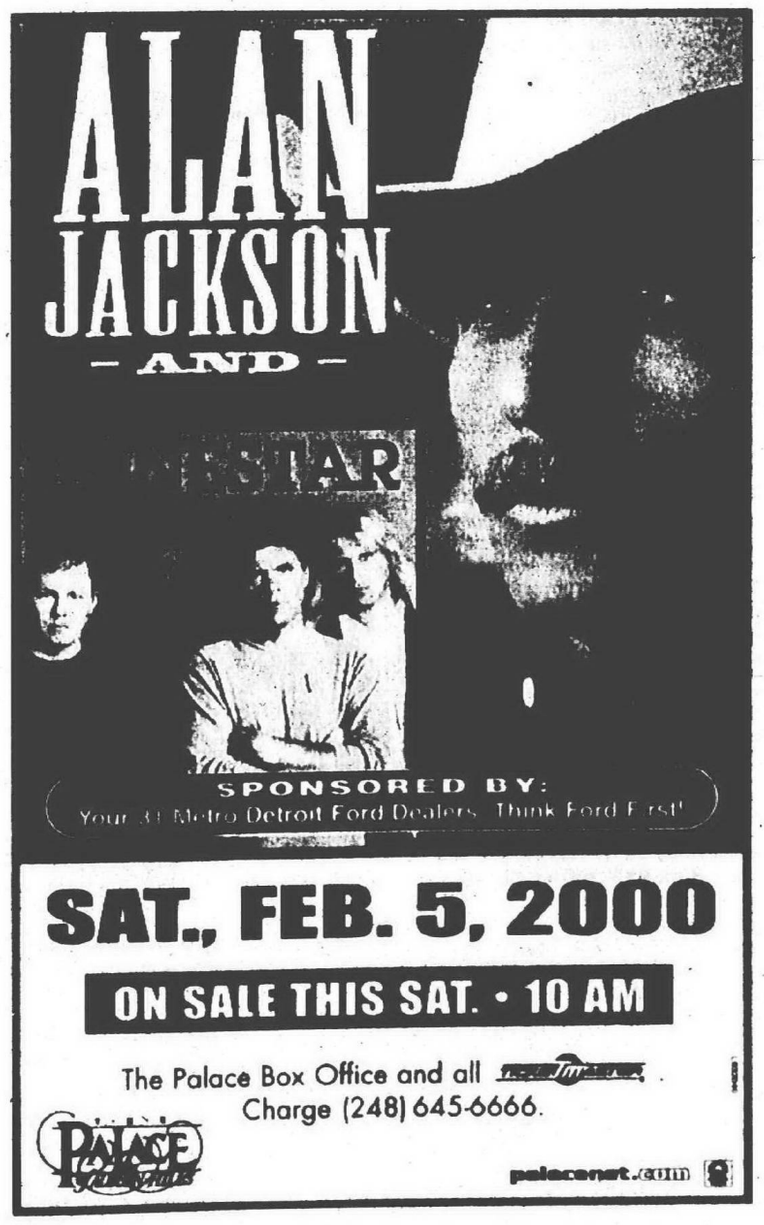
Fran is waiting for newcomer Heidi to admit she is offended by Fran's sexual orientation. When that doesn't happen, Fran verbally attacks Heidi.

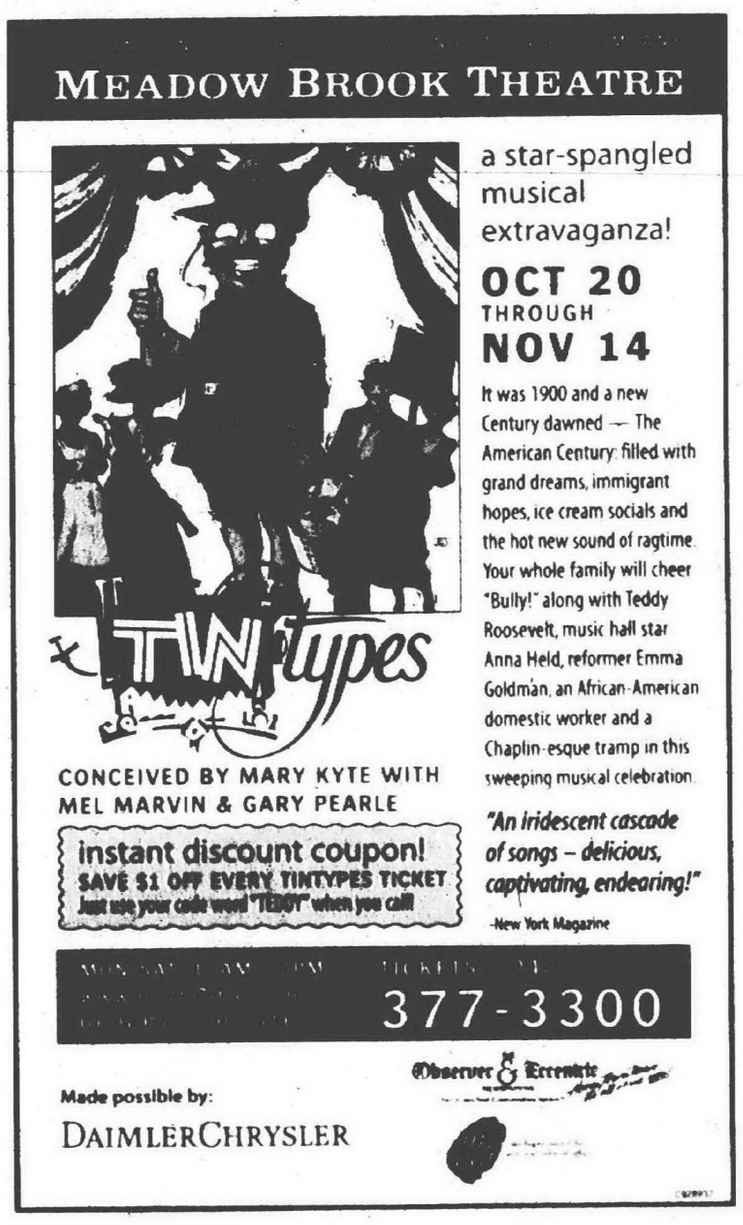
Jill is an overly self-conscious American sweetheart "cup cake" type who wants to be in the forefront of this newest fad, women's liberation, but doesn't really want to alter her comfortable position in society. Becky is a high school student from a broken home living with a difficult boyfriend. The scene is wittily written and played out with a great deal of naturalness.

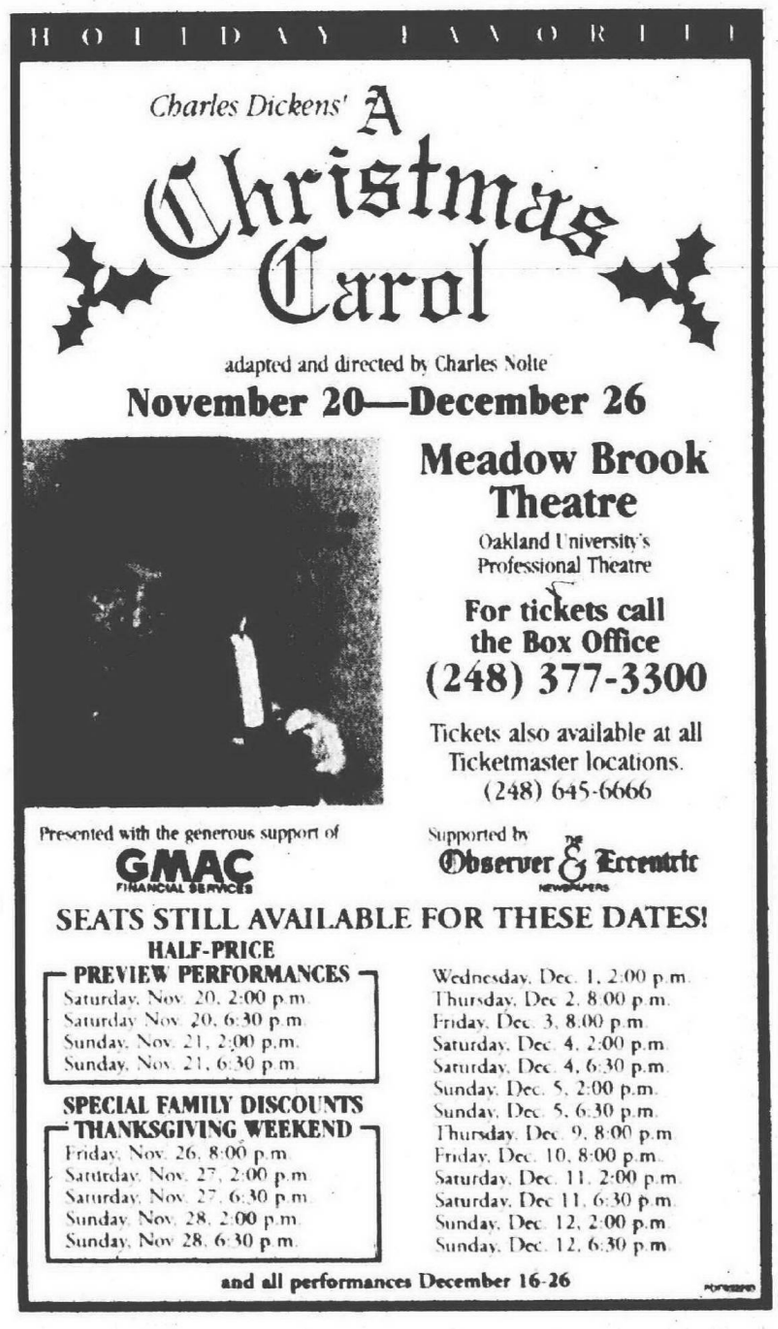
All of the 13 scenes in the show are oriented toward major national events – Nixon's presidency, John Lennon's death, the AIDS crisis, Reaganonomics – all meshed together with a nostalgic revue of American pop music played during many of the scenes.

The men in this show are not just minor afterthoughts but prominent main characters. MacDonald plays the most touching scene in the show between the homosexual Peter and Heidi. While there is no romantic relationship between them these two characters, (Smith and MacDonald) make the friendship seemed plausible.

"The Heidi Chronicles" is not just another coming of age look at American fads and fancies. It is a simple but profound, satirical, compassionate, pensive, light-hearted play for those who like entertainment with a message of honesty and hope.







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THEATER

FISHER THEATRE
"Footloose," through Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. $25-$57.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

GEM THEATRE
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 4-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. $15-$25. (248) 788-2900

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
William Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 for dinner theater ($19), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 for theater performance only ($8), in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

U-M OPERA THEATRE
"Susannah," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $18, $14, $7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILLBERRY
"Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; "Some Americans Abroad," Nov. 12 through Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
Two, one-act plays, "Rags and Old Iron" and "Day of Absence," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Nov. 6, downstairs at the Hillberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. $6-$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5-7, and Nov. 11-13, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $13. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Nov. 11 and 18 ($10), and 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20 ($12), at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. 248-625-8611

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. $12. (248) 553-2955

FIRST THEATRE GUILD
"Brigadoon," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 30-31, and Sunday Nov. 7; and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Tickets $8 adults, $5 students and seniors. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. Seniors admitted free 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS
"Lunatics, Lovers and Poets," an evening of scenes and monologues from plays by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Auditorium B, Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. $10, $7 seniors/students, $6 high school students. (734) 797-JACK

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"Just a Second," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. $11, $10 seniors/students on Sundays, includes sandwich and afterglow. (248) 689-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"Three Murders and It's Only Monday," by Pat Cook, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-13, and Nov. 19-20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. Tickets $10, reserved. (313) 537-7719

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK
"The Nash Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Adults $12, seniors and students $10. (248) 644-0527

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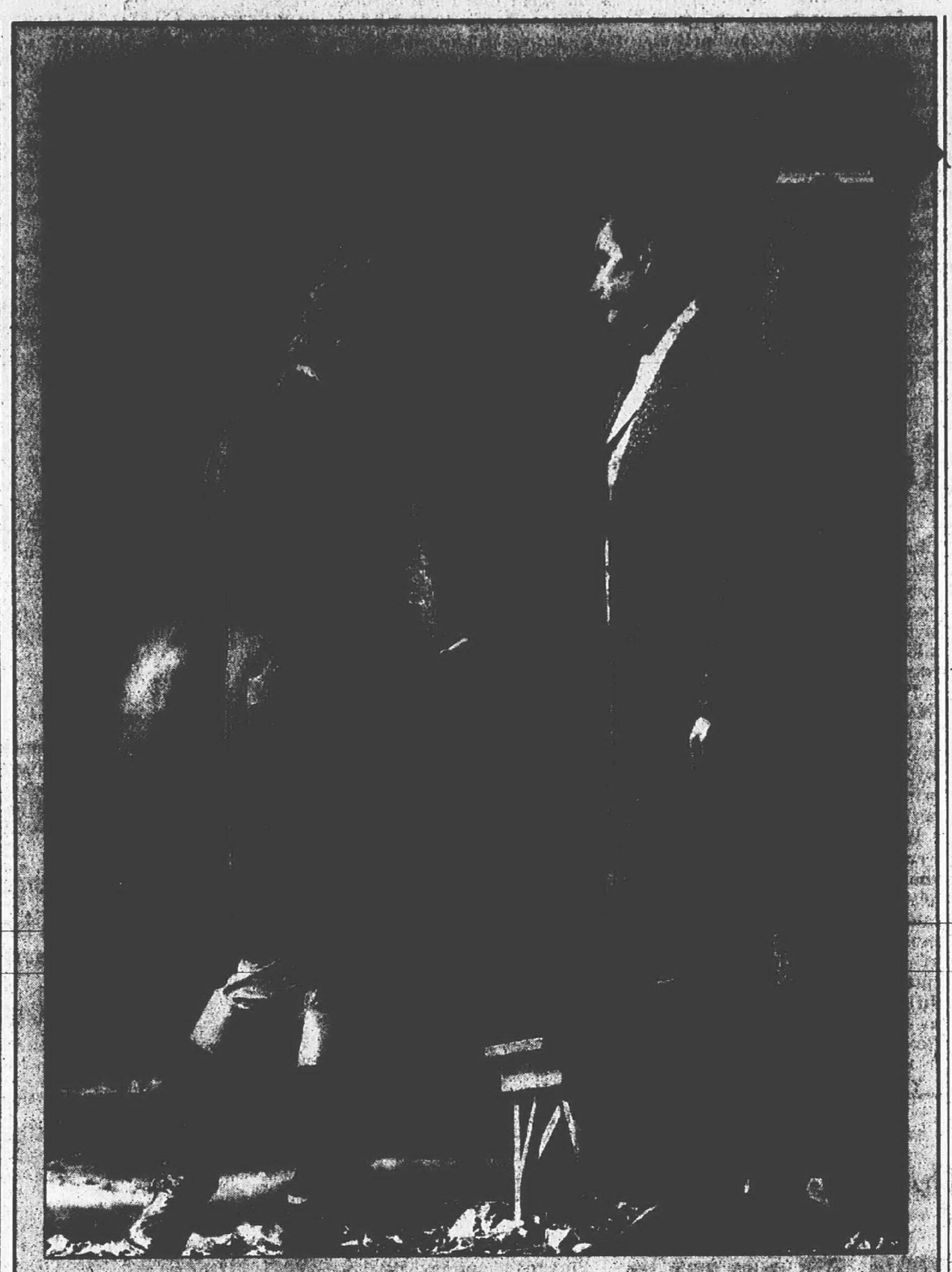

Greetings: Andrea Bocelli (left), and Christopher Schaldenbrand of Farmington Hills star in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Werther," an opera by Jules Massenet, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets $55-$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666. See review on Page E3.

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21, at the Livonia Redford Theatre, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. $14, $12 students/seniors. (248) 988-7032

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, pay what you can preview 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia. $10, $5 Sundays. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays ($25 Thursdays and Sundays, and $30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8666/(248) 645-6666

FAMILY DINNER THEATER
With the Magic Carpet Theatre, an evening of interactive presentations of favorite children's stories and poetry where you can become part of the action, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 (doors open 6:15 p.m.), bring your own picnic dinner and blanket, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road. $5, family at door. (248) 948-0480

YOUTH

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER
The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASK THE EXPERTS
Detroit Institute of Arts curator and staff members help identify objects and offer advice on restoration and proper care of works 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 (registration begins 12:30 p.m.), limit three objects, no monetary values will be given, at the museum, 5200 Woodward. Free. (313) 833-0247

BARNES BULL SHOW/SALE
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Birmingham Village Mall, 22 N. Adams at Walton, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 816-8791

BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER
Maria Mikheyenk singing Russian Romance Songs, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

GUITAR SHOW
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward and 7 1/2 Mile Road, Detroit. $10. (248) 546-7447

PHOTOGRAPHICA
Michigan Photographic Historical Society trade show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, west of Novi Road. $3. (313) 882-1113

S.S. EDMUND FITZGERALD SERVICE
11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-2206

WILD GAME DINNER
7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Northville Manor & Bushwood Golf Course, 3940 Dun Rovin, west of Haggerty Road between Five and Six Mile. $50. (734) 420-0144

WINE MAKER DINNER
Celebrate the cuisine of France and the release of the 1999 Nouveau Beaujolais, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. $125. (313) 441-2100

BENEFITS

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT
To benefit Haven, an Oakland County domestic violence shelter, decorate your own bowl symbolizing hunger around the world, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, hot soup by Zoupi $20 per parent and one child for one-hour, $10 each additional child. (248) 350-3007

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"The Women," by Clare Boothe Luce, benefit performance for the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. $50, includes admission to play and afterglow reception and $100, includes priority seating, admission to afterglow reception, recognition in program and a breast cancer awareness pin. (313) 593-5250. Farmington Players continues its season with "The Women," weekends through Nov. 27. (248) 553-2955 for ticket information.

FESTIVAL DE LAS AMERICAS
6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, dinner at 7 p.m. with music by Salvador Torres and his Mariachi, also Samuel Del Real and his International Orchestra and Dimension Latina from Detroit, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. $75, $70 advance. (248) 960-0308/(734) 416-1199/(734) 453-9428

FINE ARTS AUCTION
Conducted by Park West Gallery of Southfield to benefit the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Botsford Inn Coach House, Farmington Hills. $15. (248) 557-4522

FORGOTTEN HARVEST COMEDY NIGHT
The benefit for hunger relief stars American Comedy Awards winner for Best Female Stand Up Performer Kathleen Madigan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Music Hall, Detroit. $25 on up. (248) 350-3663

GUARDIAN ANGELS BENEFIT
7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, swing night with the Johnny Trudell 17 piece Big Band, six-course Italian gourmet dinner, at Andiamo Italia, Warren. $50. (248) 588-1222

GUY FAWKES BALL
6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. $75, $200 patrons, $300 benefactors, to benefit the Cranbrook Academy of Art. (248) 645-3329

HOMELESS ACTION NETWORK WALK
Registration for Walk Against Homelessness begins 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, seven-mile walk at 1 p.m., in front of the New Center One Building; W. Grand Blvd. and Second, Detroit. (313) 831-3777

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
With cornet virtuoso Russell Gray in a benefit performance for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. $10, $8 students/seniors. (248) 424-9022

PEWABIC POTTERY'S EMPTY BOWLS
To benefit Gleaner's Community Food Bank 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, soup and bread by Beverly Hills Grill, Sindbad's, Sprout House, Tom's Oyster Bar and Metropolitan Baking Co., at the pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. $10-$20, includes bowls. (313) 822-0954

UNDER THE STARS GALA
Benefit for the Detroit Institute of Arts features dinner, dancing and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the museum, 5200 Woodward. $400. (313) 833-7969

FAMILY EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

CLASSICAL

BRUNCH WITH BACH
Soprano Glenda Kirkland performs the music of Gershwin, Debussy and Mendelssohn, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. $22, $11 children under 12 (includes brunch and concert), $5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. $4, $30 for box of six seats. (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Guest conductor Carl St. Clair with soprano Camellia Johnson 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 4-5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 ($14-$50): Introduction to Classics series features Musical Impressionism of ravel and Debussy 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 ($22), at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
A concert spotlighting a "Salute to 20th Century Music" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. $15, $10 students/children. (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Bartok, Bach, Barber and Beethoven performed by the orchestra, violinist Juliana Athayde and the St. Kenneth's Handbell Choir, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at St. Kenneth Church. $12, $10 seniors. (734) 451-2112

ST. CLAIR TRIO
8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at St. Regis Catholic Church, corner of Lahser and Lincoln, south of Maple, Bloomfield Hills. $20, $12 students.

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, $5 audition fee, at the Depot Theater. For performances Jan. 7-8, 12-15, 20-22. (248) 666-3094/(248) 674-0886

MEN'S BARBERSHOP CHORUS
Looking for singers, auditions not required but ability to sing on key is understood. (313) 278-1078

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Open auditions for children ages 8-14 for a walk-on role 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Fox Theatre. Must make reservation by noon Friday, Nov. 5 (313) 471-3288. For performances during the spectacular Nov. 26-Dec. 30.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
Auditions for the mystery "Deathtrap" 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (810) 677-2077

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD
Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

YOUTH COMPETITION
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
Auditions for "Oliver" Sunday, Nov. 14 and Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. for children (ages second grade on up), 8 p.m. adults, at the theater on Woodward, two blocks south of Maple. For performances Jan 21-Feb. 6. (248) 647-0052

CHORAL

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR
"King David" by Arthur Honegger, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Straight Gate Church, 10100 Grand River, Detroit, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23515 Power Road, Farmington. $15, $12 seniors/students, $12 advance. (313) 341-3466

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNY BARGETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS
8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Edison's 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RON BROOKS TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Cover $5. (734) 662-8310

FOUR HANDS
Guitarists Michael Varverakis and Jeff Hartshorn perform 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Borders Books and Music, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110 (Jazz/New Age)

GEM JAZZ TRIO
Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

ED GOOCH QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Cover $5. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vocalist Barbara Ware, Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. $5 cover. (734) 762-7756

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Cover $5. (734) 662-8310

T.S. MONK SEXTET
Thelonious Monk's son and his award-winning combination perform 8 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets $20 advance. (734) 662-8310 or (248) 645-6666

MARK MOULTRUP
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Edison's 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

SHAHIDA NURULLAH
8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Edison's 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. No cover. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ED WELLS
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

GEORGE WINSTON
The pianist performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at The Ark 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $31, $25 and $19.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

WORLD MUSIC

COMPANY OF STRANGERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Grand Rive and Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

PIETRO PETTROLO
Strolling tenor with accordion player, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at Andiamo Italia, 7096 E. 14 Mile, west of Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 268-3200

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DAN HAZLETT
1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, also blues legend Robert Jones and multi-instrumentalist Betsy Beckerman, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Performance caps off series of workshop residencies in Ann Arbor schools. All ages welcome. $10, $5 student K-12. (734) 761-1800/(248) 674-4610

BRUCE LILES
Presents his one-man show "The Ghost of Woodie Guthrie Returns" 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the Swords into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery, 33 E. Adams, east of Woodward, Detroit (313) 849-1049/(313) 963-7575

POETRY

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN
Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7568

DANCE

LIYANA
The first Congolese Dance Drama ever produced in America is performed by Ann Arbor's own Congolese Dance Company, Bichini Bia Congo, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 11-14, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 13-14, in the Trueblood Theatre inside the Frieze Building, corner of State and Huron Streets, Ann Arbor. $16. $7 students. (734) 764-0450

POLKA DANCE
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, music by Polka Towners Chapter II, at the Pvt. Lyskawa

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Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Hts. $9. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

SANDRA BERNHARD
Through Nov. 7, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $10.75-$35. (248) 645-6666

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB
Mark Still Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at the club, on Pontiac Trail, west of Haggerty. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Beatle, Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 3-6, also J.R. Remick, special Greek show 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; Steve Marmel, also Greg Lausch and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 10-13, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Ricky Kalmon, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Dave Coulier, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 4-7, also David Luther Glover; Todd Wooster also Derek Richards Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 10-11, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
Alternative Mondays production through Nov. 22 ($8), "Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
Re-opened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with Super Science Weekends, Nov. 6-7 "Mix It Up" which is devoted to chemistry demos and activities, in addition to more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Chemistry day features 10 hands-on chemistry activities 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Animals in Michigan program 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 13, pre-register (248) 645-3210, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. $7, $4 seniors/students/ages 3-17. (877) 462-7262.

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Folksinger Lee Murdock sings songs and ballads of the Great Lakes 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 $12, $10 members; 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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Amateur historian Dorothy Holman speaks about "The Great Train Wreck of 1907" 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7; Mike Smith, archivist at Wayne State University's Walter Reuther Library talks about "100 Years of Making Cars in Michigan– 1896-1996" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11; "Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. $2, $.50 kids, $5 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

THE PARADE STUDIO
Tours weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also Saturday, Nov. 6, at the studio, Detroit. $10, $7 student. (313) 341-6810

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
Thursday, Nov. 11, Memphis Smoke, downtown Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

GREG ALLMAN
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $28.50, $24.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books and Music, 3724 Baldwin Road Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk/pop/rock)

AQUABATS
With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets $8. (248) 424-9022 (bluegrass)

JOCELYN B
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. $5 cover. 21 and over (248) 305-5856; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

THE BACK DOORS
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. $10 in advance. (248) 544-3030

BACKSTREET BOYS
7:30 p.m. Saturday—Monday, Nov. 6—8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out! Quiet room available. If you missed out on tickets, see them perform the national anthem before the Detroit Pistons season opener, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666

BARENAKED LADIES
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets $50 and $35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets $17 on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE BLANKS
With Criminals, LES Stiches, Ducky Boys, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $8. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

BLUE CAT
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE RODEO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $15. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets $10 advance. (734) 996-8555

MAIRE BRENNAN
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets $20. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

THE BOMBORAS
With Forty Fives, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $9. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

BUJU BANTON AND BERES HAMMOND
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $25 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

CAFE DE TACUBA
6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $10 advance/ $12 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

CHAIN REACTION
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Michnos Cafe, 25524 Five Mile Road, Redford (313) 532-9212; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, The Berkley Front, 3087 W. Twelve Mile Road, Berkley (248) 547-3331. (rock)

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

CHRIS CORNELL
7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $24.75. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

COUNTING CROWS
With Joe 90, Gigolo Aunts, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $27. All ages. (248) 645-6666

COWBOY MOUTH
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $13. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $76, $51, and $40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

SHANNON CURFMAN
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. Tickets $8. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (blues)

DADDY LONGLEGS
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Rochester Mills Beer Company, 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

DANZIG
With Samhain, Hatebreed, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

DAYS OF THE NEW
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $12. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

DEAD MOON
With Rocket 455 and Bantam Rooster, 9 p.m. Thursday, November 4, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (garage punk)

DEATH IN VEGAS
With DJs Paul Heart and Richard Fearless, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY PRESENTS
Women of Detroit Blues, featuring Priscilla Price, Bettye LaVette and Kerry Price, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. Donations benefit Detroit Blues Society Education Fund. (313) 831-1250

DEZINE INTENT
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Dec. 10-11, Monday, Dec. 31, Mr. Z's Steakhouse, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Redford. (313) 537-5600

THE DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

THE DICTATORS
With Bump-N-Uglies and Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $12. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

THE DOPES
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, Rochester Mills Beer Company, 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

GLEN EDDY
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BRIAN FERRY
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $45, $35. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

FILTER
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets $15 advance/$17 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (industrial)

FORGE CD RELEASE PARTY
With Lollipop Lust Kill, Culture Bandits, Correctional Education, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $7. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

GALACTIC
With Anders Osborne, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $13 advance/$15 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

KATIE GEDDES & THE USUAL SUSPECTS
7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books & Music, Arborland Mall, Ann Arbor. (734) 677-6948

CHARLIE GEHRINGER
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (folk)

GET UP KIDS
With At The Drive-In and Ultimate Fakebook, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

GIVE
With Sector 7G, Vudu Hippies, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030.

MICHAEL GLABICKI
of Rusted Root. With Mike Errico, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. Tickets $15. (248) 355-3540

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ROBYN HITCHCOCK
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. $15 cover. (248) 544-3030

HOUSE OF BLUES LONE STAR TOUR
Featuring The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown & Gate's Express, C.J. Chenier & The Red Hots, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale $37.50 and $29.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (blues)

IMPACT 7
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov 11, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over. $5 cover for Friday and Saturday performances. (248) 305-5856 (r&b)

J. GEIL'S BAND
8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $150, $75, $59.50, $29.50 includes parking cost. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

NEIL JACOBS
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (guitar)

JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (funk/alternative)

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

JODI
6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

JUNIOR BROWN
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets $30 on sale now. (248) 544-3030

KGB
9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

KIDS IN THE HALL
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $35, $27.50. (248) 645-6666

BB KING
With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale $55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday jazz)

BOBBY LEWIS AND HIS CRACKERJACK BAND
After the Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade, 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 466-2212 (classic pop)

LIVE
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.

LUNA
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $12 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 996-9700

EUGENE MANN
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (saxophone)

MARCY PLAYGROUND
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

KY-MANI MARLEY
9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. $10 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

SARAH MASEN
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets $10, $8 for members. (734) 464-6302 (singer-songwriter)

J. MASCIS
of Dinosaur Jr., 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets $15. (248) 544-3030

JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

NEIL MCCOY
With Ricochet, Friday, Nov. 5, Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth. Tickets $30. (734) 453-6400 (country)

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

DAVID MILES
9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, all at Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over. $5 cover Saturday performance only. (248) 305-5856 (r&b)

JEFF MILLS
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale $25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

TS MONK SEXTET
7:30 p.m., 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets $20 advance. (734) 662-8310

MEATLOAF
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $28.50, $49.50. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

MUSTARD PLUG
With Strike, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets $8.50 advance/$10 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

MIKE NESS
With Road King, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Tickets $17.50 advance. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT NOLL MISSION
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Paul's Place, 325 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 334-0311; Friday, Nov. 12, Muldoons, 3982 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-2707; Saturday, Nov. 13, Bullfrog, 225 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. (248) 627-7755; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109.

ORIGINAL HITS
7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (variety blues)

ROBERT PENN
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

PENNYWISE
With Strungout and All, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Clutch Cargo, 64 E. Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets $12.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

BRENDAN PERRY
With Kristin Hersh, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $18 advance/$21 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

PET SHOP BOYS
6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets on sale $35 general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

PHISH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale $25 advance/$27 day of show. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

PODUNK
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $6. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

ARCHER PREWITT
Time to be announced, Friday, Nov. 5, The Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

THE PRIME MINISTERS
With False Fiction, Friday, Nov. 12, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. (313) 567-6020.

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'The Bachelor' is cute, but don't stand in line for him

BY KELLY WYGONIK
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Mom and I both agreed "The Bachelor" was cute and funny, but not worth waiting for.

Starring Chris O'Donnell as Jimmie, the reluctant groom, and Renee Zellweger as Anne, his dearly beloved, "The Bachelor" is like a long wedding service. It starts out slow and goes from a yawn to a yeah!

Jimmie's a wild mustang who doesn't want to give up his freedom. He and Anne have been dating for three years; he loves her, but not enough to get hitched.

His only surviving relative, grandfather (Peter Ustinov) is anxious for Jimmie to get married and start having children. Jimmie tries to get engaged, he takes Anne to the Starlight Room, the most romantic restaurant in town, and pops the question. "We've reached the place," he tells her. "The upshot is you win."

Disgusted, Anne asks, "Was that a proposal?" and leaves him. Jimmy tries to win her back, fails, but becomes desperate when his grandfather suddenly dies. Grandfather's will includes an ultimatum – get married by your 30th birthday to someone you'll stay married to for 10 years, and have children with her by your fifth year of marriage – or lose your $100 million inheritance.

In a panic, Jimmy who has only 24 hours before his birthday, begins looking for a bride.

At stake is the family business and the lives of the over 200 employees who will be out of work if Jimmy doesn't find a bride. If Jimmy doesn't succeed, family attorney Gluckman (Ed Asner) says he'll have to put the company up for sale in accordance with the will.

Rejected by Anne, Jimmie, with help from his best friend Marko (Arnie Lange) rents a limo, finds a priest, James Cromwell, and starts looking up old girlfriends including Buckley (Brooke Shields), Jennifer Riopelle, and Ilana (Mariah Carey), an opera singer.

Hal Holbrook stars as O'Dell, grandfather's stock broker who, while not a fan himself of marriage, encourages Jimmie.

"The Bachelor" is funny, even a little romantic, but like mom says, "it's all one big chase." There's not much of a story, and very little character development.

Jimmie chases Anne, and reluctantly tries to reconcile with old girlfriends who don't want him back, even for $100 million.

If you're a fan of "Suddenly Susan," you'll probably chuckle at Brooke Shields characterization of Buckley. She's a former debutante in need of cash. Buckley's been waiting for this moment, and even has a wedding dress she quickly changes into. While smoking cigarette after cigarette and uttering "$100 million," Buckley learns the terms of grandfather's will.

It's supposed to be funny, but mom and I weren't laughing.

The best part comes at the end when Marko puts a classified ad in the paper in a last minute attempt to find a bride for Jimmie who has exhausted all possibilities.

Imagine over 1,000 brides in all shapes and sizes converging on the church to meet a groom with $100 million to offer. It's a chase that makes this mediocre movie memorable.

"The Bachelor" written by Steve Cohen is an update of the 1925 Buster Keaton film "Seven Chances," the story of a confirmed bachelor who has 24 hours to find a bride and get married to collect a $100 million inheritance.

Gary Sinyor ("Stiff Upper Lips," "Leon The Pig Farmer" and "Solitaire for Two") directs "The Bachelor," a New Line Cinema release. O'Donnell is the executive producer; Lloyd Segan, Bing Howenstein, Leon Dudevoir and Steve Hollocker are co-producers.

"The Bachelor" is rated PG-13 and opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. To let us know what you thought of "The Bachelor," or any newly released movie, e-mail your comments to kwygoni@oe.homecomm.net or fax to Wygonik (734) 591-7279.

Also scheduled to open this Friday is:

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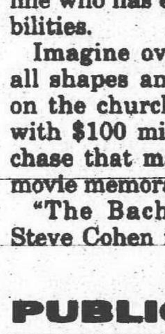

ANN DELISI

Sooner or later, we all have to "wing it." Whether it's a work-related project neglected until the last minute or an awkward social situation that could turn messy, most of us rise to the occasion when we need a spontaneous solution. That doesn't mean we like it.

There is a weird sub-culture of people within the performing arts who thrive on such situations. Instead of lurking in the shadows, those that improvise seem to be everywhere ... and they're getting big laughs.

The most visible example of the "improv" craze is the hit ABC series "Whose Line is It Anyway?" It is impossible to watch without wondering how the talented cast develops such witty routines and song lyrics without a script to follow.

As anyone who has ever tried a spontaneous parody of a popular song by changing the lyrics knows, sometimes it works – and sometimes it doesn't.

Lex Kuhne hosts a Backstage Pass segment on the growing movement of improv comics, which airs at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and midnight Friday on WTVS Channel 56. To lend perspective to the segment, he tried his hand at a Tuesday improv night at Second City.

"It's fun. It's interactive. What amazed me is how you get caught up in the spontaneity of the routine. You really don't have any choice but to trust your instincts and say the first thing that comes to mind. If it's not funny, your hope is that you've at least given another cast member something to work with," he says.

Just when I was starting to think that the "without a net" aspect of improvisational comedy may not be so daunting, there's "Improv 'til Dawn." After this Saturday's late show at Second City on Woodward in Detroit, some of our finest comedy troupes will perform in an improvisational marathon that doesn't even start until 1 a.m. What kind of twisted individual wants to perform without a script when they're sleep deprived?

Kuhne suggests that if anyone can create the funny stuff at 4 a.m. an improv specialist can.

"Improvisation has long been an unknown and underrated form of comedy. What we're seeing in Detroit is the development of some talented comics who are using their Second City experience to increase the visibility of improv," says Kuhne, who has no intention of giving up his day job.

Speaking of improvisation, have you ever been handed the video camera at a party or family function? You're told to capture the magic moments but seldom receive any more instruction than "just push the red button." The results are usually less than stellar.

Filmmakers

An annual event called "Super 8 Saturday" issues a similar challenge to young filmmakers. Entrants are given one roll of film, one camera and one afternoon to complete their project.

"Different participants come with different levels of preparation," said Chris McElroy, who organizes the event for the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition. It's a nice way of saying that if you're not organized, your film may be dreadful.

"Many are extremely prepared with a shot list, timings for each scene, and a story they wish to tell, but the ability to improvise when you're on the shoot can also help your film," said McElroy.

Two of the best efforts from this year's event will be shown on this week's edition of Backstage Pass.

I guess if there's a lesson to be learned from the odd pairing of "Improv 'til Dawn" and "Super 8 Saturday," it's that it's fine to "wing it" as long as you're prepared. Life does get complicated, doesn't it?

COMMUNITY THEATER

'Brigadoon' offers worthwhile family entertainment

First Theater Guild presents "Brigadoon" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in Knox Auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Tickets $8, adults; $5, students and seniors. For information and/or reservations, call (248) 644-2087, ext. 151.

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
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What do a Novi software engineer, a Clintondale middle school teacher, a cardiovascular medical technician at Beaumont Hospital, a senior mortgage loan officer, and two wee brothers have in common?

They all have talent, wear plaid clothes and are inhabitants of the fictional Scottish village of "Brigadoon," the current production of the First Theater Guild of Birmingham.

The software engineer is Kevin Lee Branshaw, who plays the lead of Tommy Albright. He gets lost in the Scottish Highlands, discovers a mystical village in the mist that comes to life one day every 100 years and falls in love with a beautiful maiden, Fiona MacLaren (Kris Northcote). In the process, he discovers that "people have to lose things to find out what they really mean."

With a strong and clear voice, Branshaw reminds the audience of what an uplifting song "Almost Like Being in Love" really is.

Another notable in this enjoyable musical production is Jules DeWard, who in real life is a school teacher. During the funeral scene, this gifted dancer gives a moving performance as Maggie Anderson.

The Beaumont employee, Bill Dixon, plays a believable Brigadoon father to his real-life son, Billy Dixon, a 10th grader at Madison Heights' Lamphere High School. Billy plays an equally believable scorned lover whose attempt to flee Brigadoon ends in tragedy.

The loan officer, Clark Fry, plays Mr. Lundie, the wise and respected leader of this enchanting village. He delivers his tale and message well and reinforces that "with love anything can happen."

The smallest members of the cast of 30, brothers Christopher and David Hall, represent the family commitment given to this production.

(A number of families are involved in various ways in the musical's success.) They join their mother, Alice Fay Hall, who, as choreographer, turns the cast into accomplished movers and dancers. Their older brother, Patrick Hall, also serves on the stage crew.

"Brigadoon" offers worthwhile family entertainment. The scenery is simple yet effective. There are Scottish-inspired costumes (lots and lots of plaid), and, most of all, the beautiful music of Frits Loewe and touching lyrics of Alan J. Lerner.

Live goes the distance, comes to Detroit

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How does one measure "The Distance to Here?"

For York Pennsylvania's pride, Live, it's measured with a healthy dose of heart and encapsulated in a fourth album sure to satisfy fans and newcomers alike. Guitarist Chad Taylor phoned in from the road — Mexico City to be exact — on Oct. 27 to chat about the new album and Live's world tour. The following are his thoughts:

Taylor on ... The road

"It's wonderful," he said of Mexico City where Live performed the night before. "It's our first trip down here. We're very excited. We played a show last night. It's interesting to hear several thousand non-English speaking people shouting lyrics at you. It's absolutely amazing." A slightly giddy Taylor claims he loves touring. Since Live will be on tour for the next year and a half, he better be sure.

"It takes a long time to take this entire show around the world. The single greatest challenge of being on the road is keeping the energy intact. We lead a pretty eccentric life...I sleep through most of the day, eat a little something. Go to the gym. Try and get myself focused for the show." Afterwards, the band adds in some "late night frolicking." "I have to see something in the town I'm in. Then we jump on the bus or airplane to the next city. The energy needs to be there."

Taylor on ... "The distance to here"

It took the band two years to complete about 30 songs for the new album, said Taylor. "We weeded that down to 13. It's a very uplifting, bright, positive album. A 180 degree turn from 'Secret Samadhi.' As a band we're in a very bright spot. I would sum it up as (he slightly pauses) sunshine. I really honestly think 'The Distance to Here' returns to the urgency of (older material like) 'Throwing Copper' and 'Mental Jewelry.'"

His favorite tracks include "They Stood Up For Love" — which he co-wrote with singer Ed Kowalczyk and bassist Patrick Dahlheimer. "I think that's the Live theme song. That's what we've been trying to do."

Taylor also shared a special affinity for "Run To The Water." "I don't know what it is about that song. I just find a feeling of inner peace. Aghh. I love them all."

He compares the recording of the album to a rollercoaster ride. It started as a slow process, but then took a turn. The rollercoaster headed downhill and took on a life of its own. "It rolled with the speed of gravity," he explained. The ride is available in stores now: thirteen sneak-peeks into the sunshine of Live.

Taylor on ... Performing

"All our shows have been the most energetic, insane...it's almost like a gospel experience. I think the music elevates people higher and higher, it comes over to the stage and we give it right back. I've never felt the instant attachment (like I have with) 'The Distance to Here.' Usually it takes an album months to saturate."

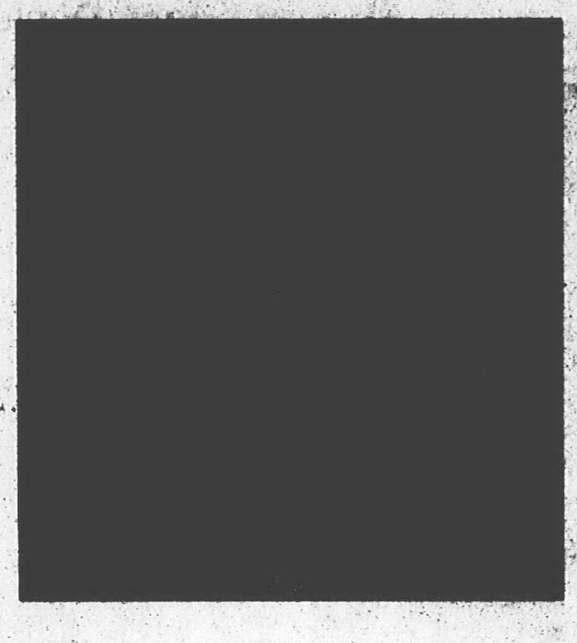
Taylor on ... Growing up

It's no secret that Live is made up of a group of friends. To each other they are more than a band. Taylor explains: "It's a pleasure writing songs with these guys. We were truly boyhood friends. To see Ed's development into a songwriter, watch the natural maturity, it invigorates me."

Taylor on ... The state of rock 'n' roll

"I would say Live's approach to music is to remain pure and honest. Not to rely on a definition of a category or genre like rock and roll...What is rock and roll now is music based on a kindred spirit of sharing emotion purely and honestly in a way that has no limitations. To me I see it as being an endless category."

What can be found in his CD player these days? Chances are you'll run across some of his favorites: Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson Billie Holiday (if he's in a romantic mood), or Talking Heads. But Taylor tends to stay open to all kinds of music.



And kicking: Live is (left to right) bassist Patrick Dahlheimer, singer Edward Kowalczyk, drummer Chad Gracey and guitarist Chad Taylor. They'll liven up the State Theatre for a sold out crowd Nov. 10.

Taylor on ... Life

"I'm living life one day at a time. When you have tour events, you get wrapped up in day-to-day functions...I enjoy every moment of every day and leave everything else to the future."

For more Live check the Web at www.friendsoflive.com for video clips or to hear the album before you buy it. If you don't have tickets to the band's sold out Nov. 10 show at the State Theatre in Detroit, that'll be the closest distance you'll come to Live this time around.

Homegrown: Support your local music scene

So you say you're in a rock band. And you want to hear your song on the radio? Good luck.

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

With so many new bands and musicians flooding the Metro area with sound, it's hard to keep up. But one goal most local musicians have in common is attaining that moment in the sun, Andy Warhol's 15 minutes, that first time they turn on the radio and hear their own words, their own music being broadcast across the airwaves.

One person who's succeeded in making that happen is 89 X Radio's Kelly Brown. Brown is well-known for her profound support of struggling local talent. As host of "The Homeboys Show," which airs 10 p.m. Sunday nights on the modern rock station, she's able to shine a spotlight on the music so often hidden in the dark corners of smoky bars around Metro Detroit.

It isn't an easy task. Piles of packages and compact discs fall upon her desk daily. It's sometimes overwhelming just to keep up, she says. And I can certainly relate. But when music is your passion, you find a way to really *listen*.

Musical roots

Where did this dedication come from you may ask?

Brown, a self-confessed groupie, said she started out following her favorite local bands around town. One in particular, Ash Can Van Gogh, was her favorite. "I loved them. I saw them struggle so much." Brown places the band, as a top reason for creating "The Homeboys Show" in the early 1990s.

"I wanted to get them recognition," said Brown of local bands in general. "I wanted some of their music to be heard. There was nobody listening to them. Nobody cared about these people."

But Brown did. And she's never stopped caring. With the support of 89X, where she's worked for nine years, she's able to do her part.

Gutsy, very gutsy

"Most radio stations don't want to take a chance with a band that isn't established. They're afraid of taking chances." During her career in radio, Brown said she's seen many "homeboys" shows come and go. She said ultimately radio stations "don't want to waste time with local bands." "I've watched every single radio station (try it). They have not stayed on the air long. They do it because they think it's right. 89X knows how important it is to keep a handle on what's going on on the street. Our listeners care about what's going on. They really care about music. They love our city."

Jeff Moehle, drummer of Knee Deep Shag and former Oakland County resident, said the fact that a radio station even has a "homeboys" show says a lot about its support of local bands.

With only 30 minutes to spotlight local music once a week, Brown has some major decision-making to do. "It makes me feel bad," said the Detroit resident. "I want everyone to have time, have a little piece of the show." Listeners who've tuned in lately have been exposed to the likes of The Lanternjack, Roundhead, Forge and Queen Bee. And that's barely scratching the surface.

Hi. I'm in a band.

What local bands really need to know to thrive, is how to promote themselves. Whether it's radio or newspapers you're trying to target, it's important to reach out. If you're unsure, find out who the music editor or deejay is you want to reach, and call or e-mail.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Get an address, fax number or e-mail address and let them know when and where you're playing. Give a few weeks notice. Just finished a compact disc? Send it in along with a brief history of the band and a way to contact you by phone.

Chances are if the music sounds decent, you'll get a call back — or even better, you'll generate something of a buzz. Maybe Kelly Brown will play a song on her show. Maybe I'll write an article. It's can be simple as one word — promotion.

As Brown said: "It has to be a well-oiled machine." Media types aren't looking for the flashiest package. Information is key. And don't forget about the general public. Hand out flyers on street, send out mailer and e-mailers to fans and friends. During performances, announce when and where you're performing next. It could mean the difference between a full house and an empty club.

Sounding off

A few of Brown's picks for promising local artists? With thought and hesitation she sifts through a list in her mind, too vast to recite, and spouts out names like The Go, Solid Frog, PS I Love You, Perplexa, Speedball, Control Freq and, of course her boy Kid Rock. "He's one of the first people I played on 'The Homeboys Show.' People get really fired up when someone from Detroit makes it. But the great thing about Bob (aka Kid Rock) no matter where he is, what he's doing...he'll always have something from Detroit...He won't forget us."

Not all bands sound like Kid Rock. But perhaps the best part about making music and being a music lover in the Metro area is the diversity. Motown is no longer known for one style of music. From jazz and blues to Brit pop and metal, there's something for everyone willing to lend an ear.

"Detroit will never be a Seattle," said Brown. "There are so many different bands. There's music for everybody, always a bar to go to."

She remains optimistic about the local music scene. "I have to stay positive," she said. "I wish every radio station could have a local show." But she knows local musicians don't get the kind of support they need.

Her advice to music lovers? It's simple. It's almost a mantra. "Support local music. Get up, go out and see a band, any band."

Do it tonight.

Listen for Kelly Brown on 88.7 FM, 89X Radio Windsor-Detroit 5:30 a.m. weekdays with Dean, and 10 p.m. Sundays on "The Homeboys Show." Call (519) 792-5000 to request your favorite local music.

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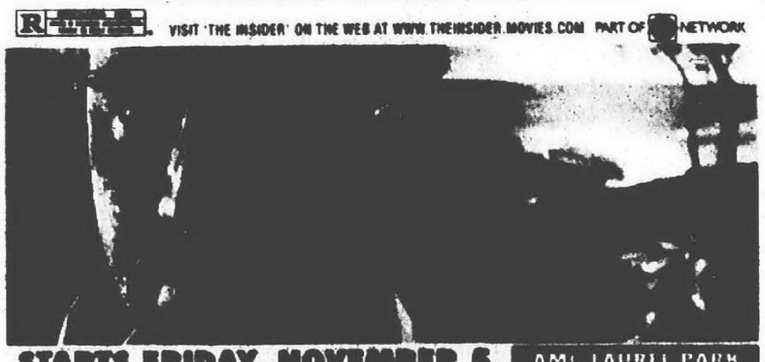

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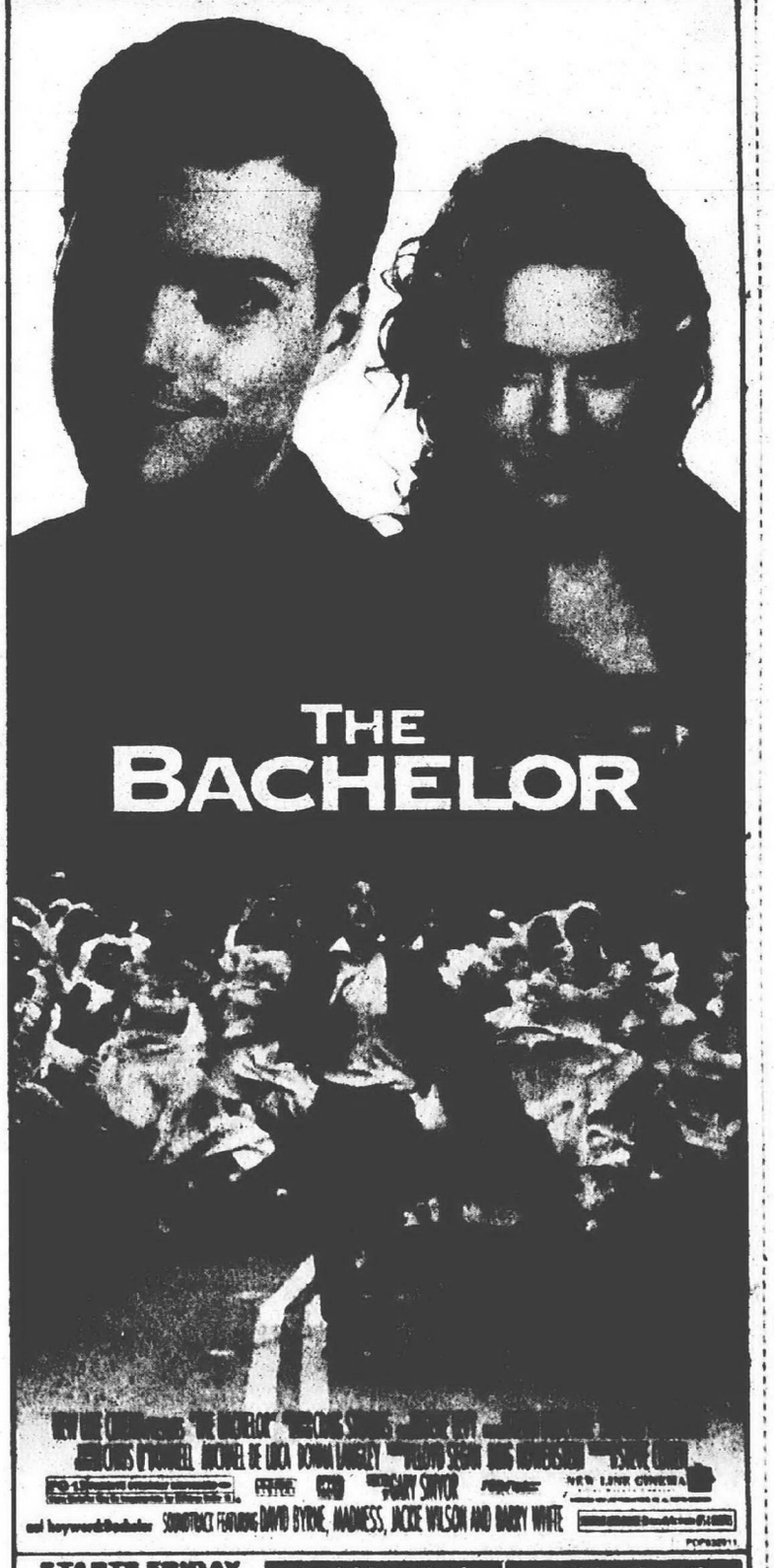

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Jack Dunleavy's Grill brews Irish charm

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What's not to like about a friendly, stylish Irish pub, especially one that serves award-winning chili, makes fish and chips from a 50-year-old beer batter recipe, and promises to serve corned beef and cabbage every Tuesday?

Nothing!

Jack Dunleavy's Grill, which specializes in steaks, chops and fresh fish, is Plymouth's newest eatery. It slipped comfortably into the premises of the former Plymouth Landing and made the place its own – warm and invitingly casual.

Dunleavy's is much more light-filled than its predecessor. Owner Jack Dunleavy replaced the stained glass windows with clear glass and hung soft-brown wooden blinds. The effect is a soft, filtered natural illumination.

"It was very Catholic looking," he said. "Stained glass is nice, but there was so much of it."

He halved the restaurant's long dividing wall and topped it with antique lantern-lights, added a stone fireplace and laid a wooden floor in the bar area. He also whipped off every white tablecloth in the place to reveal real elbow-perching oak tables.

The effect was instant Irish Pub, the perfect setting for good food and good conversation.

There's been several Dunleavy's restaurants throughout the Detroit metropolitan area for years. Dunleavy's father, John, an Irish immigrant from County Mayo, arrived in 1927 and by 1933 possessed the eighth liqueur license in Michigan.

Dunleavy's Pub & Grub on Grand River in Farmington Hills is still going strong.

The secret for Jack Dunleavy's longevity as a restaurant owner? "I really enjoy the people," he said. "It isn't what we do with our hamburgers or how we mix our drinks. It's the customers."

But for customers, it is the way a place makes its hamburgers and mixes drinks. Dunleavy's burgers ($5.75-$6.50) are big half-pounders with all the trimmings. And his Original Grubwich ($5.75) is stacked high with imported ham, Swiss cheese and lots of cole slaw.

For dinner fare, the menu features a Lake Superior whitefish at $14.95, a variety of steaks and chops from $13.95-$17.95, and Chef Stan's award-winning baby back ribs at $17.95 for a whole slab and $13.95 for a half slab. The lemon dill chicken at $13.95 is especially good, said Dunleavy.

In addition to having Guinness, Caffery's and Jack Dunleavy's Irish Red and Irish Ale on tap, Dunleavy's makes a great Irish coffee: A little Jamaison's Irish whiskey, a dollop of whipped cream and a ribbon of creme de menthe. Ahh, a delicious way to warm your innards.

If you like potatoes, Dunleavy's is the place to go. Try the mashed with cheddar cheese and bacon or "Sally's Irish Potatoes," Jack Dunleavy's mother's recipe of pan-fried chopped potatoes, onions, bacon and special seasonings.

"I'd eat a potato raw. There's not a potato you can make that I won't eat," said Dunleavy.

Like his forefathers, the affable Dunleavy has the Irish gift of gab. Ask him about his 90-year-old Aunt Bridgie in Bohola, County Mayo, who operates a pub, gas station and grocery store. She's also the postmaster general and an undertaker.

"Oh, I love that," he said about gabbing with his customers. "I go to all the tables, all the bar stools."

It's all part of dining out, said Dunleavy. "I think you should come out and have fun with the waitress, have fun with the food, a glass of wine and a cup of coffee."

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■ **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 participate. 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. Major sponsors are North Brothers Ford, the Hellenic Center, International Minute Press, Maui Travel and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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