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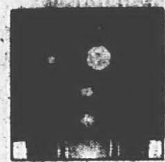
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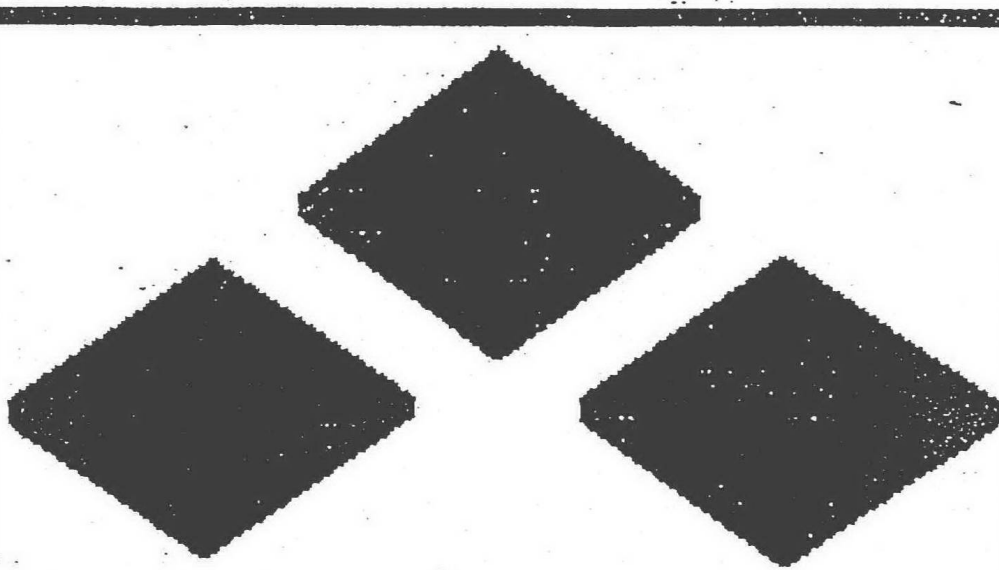
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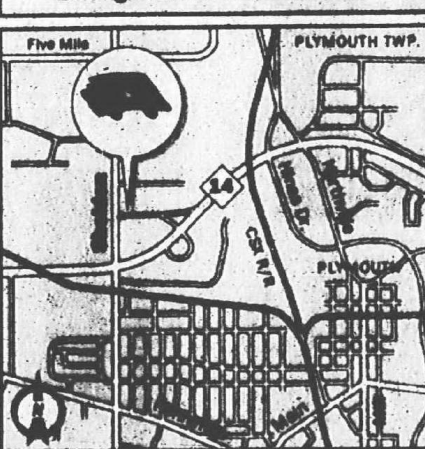
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Parents in abuse case will do time

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A Plymouth couple charged with sexually abusing their own daughters, as well as other children, will be spending time in prison as the result of a plea agreement.

The Wayne County prosecutor's office confirms John Bittenbender, 44, and his wife, Kathaline Mae, 41, agreed to a plea bargain in exchange for not having the facts of the case brought out in court.

During sentencing on Nov. 16, in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Prentice Edwards, John Bittenbender is expected to plead guilty to three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less said the sentence agreement would get Bittenbender to get 10-15 years in prison.

"The offer was negotiated, and Mr. Bittenbender accepted it because he didn't want to put his family through more grief," said Sam Churikian, the attorney for Bittenbender. "He wants to put closure to this ordeal as best he can."

Less said Kathaline Bittenbender will plead guilty to one count of engaging a child in a sexually abusive activity. He said Edwards could sentence her for up to 20 years in prison.

Both are currently being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$950,000 bond each.

During the couple's preliminary examination last February, Less said the father abused the girls while the mother took pictures.

The father was initially charged with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, as well as two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, for assaulting his teenage daughters. Less said the mentally impaired girls were sexually abused for 10 years.

He was also charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct, plus another charge of sexually abusive activity, in a separate case.

The mother had originally been charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual con-

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On stage: Dave Ebersole of Canton, in character as Siward, reacts to the death of his son Young Siward, portrayed by Andrew Freels of Plymouth, as Macbeth (Phil Boileau of Canton, upper left), battles MacDuff (Kevin O'Callaghan of Plymouth), during a rehearsal of "Macbeth." Phil Boileau of Canton (above left) as Macbeth, embraces Jessica Krueger of Canton as Lady Macbeth.

PCEP players take on 'Macbeth'

The Plymouth Park Players will stage the William Shakespeare tragedy "Macbeth" Nov. 18-20 in the auditorium at Salem High School.

The student production has been in rehearsal since September, said Gloria Logan, director and head of the PCEP drama department.

"We're using Scottish clan tar-

tans to help identify the families as one of the visuals that will clarify the story and characters," Logan said.

"Shakespeare was not only a great artist, he was a great businessman," Logan said. He wrote plays to appeal to the people of the audience. So he filled them with human passions - love, ambition, hate, jealousy, nobili-

ty, loyalty..."

The cast and crew includes 75 Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem students. Technical director is Paul Beard, with costume supervision by Penny Kindrake.

Performances are at 8 p.m.

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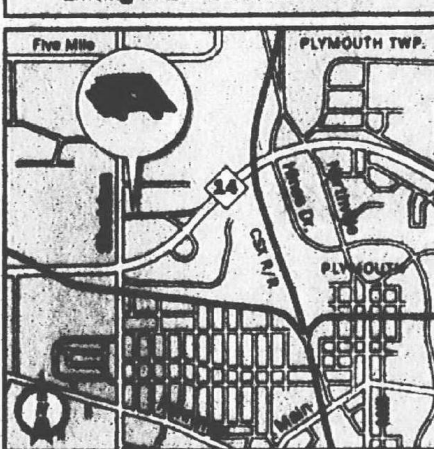
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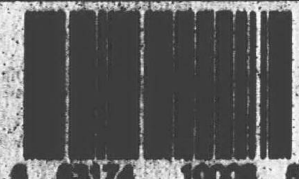
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Students and security staff: Inhalant use limited at PCEP

BY ELIZABETH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton security officials and students say inhalant use isn't an epidemic problem on the nearly 2,000-student campus, but could be a problem off campus.

This could have been the case Sept. 20 when Alisha Roberson, 17, of Canton died after a rollover accident in Livonia off I-96. The driver, her friend, Sarah Cappuccitti, 20, also of Canton, is charged with manslaughter and could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Roberson was a Plymouth-Canton student and attended Starkweather Education Center at the time of her death.

Cappuccitti's passengers testified during a preliminary examination Tuesday that Cappuccitti

and Roberson had been intentionally inhaling "Dust-off," a computer dusting spray, before Cappuccitti passed out behind the wheel, losing control of the car.

Plymouth-Canton security officials say inhalant use or "huffing out" is not a big problem on the campus.

"Really, it hasn't been a problem here," said Tom George, chief of security at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "I have not come across it. (But) we've picked up some students for marijuana or (using) hallucinogens. As far as what students are doing off campus, I don't know."

"In terms of inhalants, it has not been a problem here."

Leonard Schemanske, community relations officer with the Canton Police Department,

works frequently at the Park. He concurred with George.

"We, as crime prevention officers, don't have a problem (with inhalants on campus)."

Some students said they know other students who have tried them, said sophomore James Cooper.

"I know this one kid who tried it," Cooper said. "He said it wasn't cool. He didn't even get high — he just passed out."

Cooper said he was affected by a commercial that warned against inhalant use by likening it to drowning.

"It got the point across," Cooper said. "(Inhaling) didn't sound that good."

Freshman Mike Little said using inhalants while driving is as dangerous as drinking and driving.

"I'd advise people not to do it

when they're driving," Little said. "If you're driving (and using inhalants), you're going to get messed up. It's just a faster way to death."

Junior Melissa McElhiney said she knows people who have tried "whip it," or inhaling fumes from whipped cream cans.

"(Inhalants) cause a lot of brain damage," McElhiney said. "I think it's real bad — it has a lot of negative effects."

Freshman Chelsea Samples said, "I think it's really pointless."

René Reyes, a freshman, said there are healthier ways for students to have fun — like sports and playing video games.

"I think it's just dumb to put your life at risk," Reyes said. "Sports are more fun."

He said he has questioned oth-

ers about why they do it, and they told him they didn't know.

Reyes also said that teens who use inhalants tend to not use them openly.

Freshman Jermel Ray said inhalants aren't worth the risk.

"It's pretty bad," he said. "I don't think it's that smart. It will mess you up. It'll mess up your future."

He said he's had some friends who used inhalants.

"I end up not hanging around them (anymore)," Ray said. "Everything for me so far is going good — and I plan to keep it that way."

While using inhalants isn't a problem on campus, it is a community problem.

In a presentation on drug use given to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday

night, Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith touched on the use of inhalants as part of a study conducted in eighth, tenth and 12th grades.

"Teenage girls are most likely to be the ones using inhalants at an early age," said Smith. "We don't know why, but that's the trend found in the survey. Eighth graders using the inhalants is quite significant."

Susan Davis, school board president and program director at Growth Works, said "inhalants are easy to get because they're available in everyone's house ... just look under your sinks. Many kids start out on inhalants because they're easy to find, and then move on to other drugs which are more accessible when they get older."

'Huffing' can be a real killer

Inhalant abuse or "huffing" has become such a common — and deadly — practice that most spray cans now contain warning labels about its dangers. But an estimated one in five American teenagers has sniffed inhalants to get high, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Widely abused products include glue/adhesives, nail polish remover, paint thinner, spray paint, lighter fluid, gasoline, household cleaners, whipping cream aerosols and air con-

ditioning coolants. The products are either directly inhaled or soaked into paper towels or rags. Sometimes products are sniffed after being sprayed into small paper bags.

Effects include nausea, forgetfulness, an inability to see clearly. Users may lose control of their limbs and can permanently damage vital organs including the brain, liver, heart and kidneys. They can also die from cardiac arrest.

"Dust-off," the spray computer cleaner reportedly inhaled by the

driver just before a Sept. 20 fatal car crash in Livonia, is commonly used for cleaning photo negatives and computers.

Some warning signs for parents:

- Unusual breath odor or chemical odor in clothing
- Slurred or disoriented speech
- Drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance

- Signs of paint or other products on the face or fingers

- Red or runny eyes or nose

- Spots or sores around the mouth

- Nausea or loss of appetite
- In chronic abusers, anxiety, excitability, irritability or restlessness

Parents who think their child may be abusing inhalants should seek professional help or contact a local drug rehabilitation center. For more information, contact the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition at (800) 369-4237 or visit their web site at www.inhalants.org.

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car, took the steering wheel after the Tempo went onto the left shoulder, nearly hitting the concrete median but couldn't control the car, Reynolds and Vitto testified.

The car may have been moving as fast as 95 mph, Reynolds said. "I felt us just go off the expressway, like that," Reynolds said, moving her right hand diagonally, in response to a question from assistant county prosecutor Michael Lehto.

Reynolds said she closed her eyes as the car moved to the right and felt it travel up the embankment and through what she thought was the fence. The next thing she knew, she was waking up, clear of the car, and ran to it to help Vitto out, she said.

Then she looked at Roberson, she said. Crying, she told Lehto she couldn't remember what happened after that.

Vitto testified she had only seen Cappuccitti use the Dust-

Off once while at the wheel that evening.

Vitto said she had spent part of the afternoon with Roberson, and that the two had gone to an Office Warehouse, where Roberson bought the Dust-Off. Reynolds, who works at the store, handled the transaction, Vitto said.

Vitto said she and Roberson had inhaled the Dust-Off while parked in Roberson's subdivision before picking up Cappuccitti and then traveling to Reynolds' house. It was from there that the four left for Fairlane.

In addition to Vitto and Reynolds, three passersby who stopped to help after the crash also testified.

One of them, James De Witt of Farmington Hills, said the Tempo was probably going 90 mph before leaving the freeway. De Witt said he was a passenger in a truck that was going 75 or 80 mph, and "they passed us very fast" near the Levan Road overpass.

After the hearing, Roberson's father, Stan Roberson, said that

he and his wife, Denise, are struggling to come to terms with their daughter's death.

"We've lost a daughter, and we can't reclaim that," he said.

Their other daughter, Amber, 18, has been strong, he said.

"She has held my wife and myself up. ... She's very strong," he said.

Alisha's use of an inhalant was not something he had been aware of, her father said. "I had no clue," he said.

A public discussion of that use is hurtful, he said. "I'm feeling myself that my daughter is on trial. It's very unfair," he said.

Defense attorney Steve Fishman said Cappuccitti is "totally, 100 percent devastated by the ordeal."

"She hasn't recovered from it since, and she probably never will," he said.

Cappuccitti, with supporters in the courtroom, kept her head down for much of the hearing. She is free on a \$5,000 bond.

by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

CAT TRAVEL

Always consider safety and comfort when traveling with your cat on car trips. Keep the cat confined to its travel carrier or kennel to provide a secure feeling and ensure a safer trip. Keep the cat's interior cool and well ventilated, regardless of trip length. An excited, nervous cat who is forced to travel in a stuffy environment becomes a prime candidate for car sickness. Try to avoid smoking in the car, as cigarette smoke can irritate the cat's eyes and mucous membranes. Crack the windows while traveling to prevent car exhaust fumes from nauseating the cat. If your trip will last longer than three hours, be sure to bring their box accommodations and drinking water for the cat.

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Township officer receives crime prevention honor

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Plymouth Township police officer Jamie Senkbeil received a 1999 Outstanding Unit Award earlier this month from the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

Senkbeil is part of a multi-department unit that also includes crime prevention officers from Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Southfield. These officers presented a Financial Institution Crime Awareness Seminar April 13 that drew 70 people to the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. They received their award Oct. 11 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.

"There are several sections of the course," Senkbeil said. "The program came out of New York. She taught a portion called everyday conduct of employees."

Crime prevention officers stay in touch with one another, Senkbeil said. "We work together on things," she said. "We formed a partnership because we know each other. We have developed friendships."

The course also discusses conduct during and immediately after a robbery and the role of the uniformed police officer, detective, FBI and evidence technician.

The last bank robbery in Plymouth Township was about three years ago, Senkbeil said.

The Dearborn Police Department has provided an audio tape of a bank robbery where it apprehended the thief that is used during the course, she

said.

"We bring in different styles of bank notes," Senkbeil said. "We show them that sometimes through the words used on a bank note you can gain different information about your suspect. Somebody from the southwest may use different terminology than you and I."

Senkbeil will also be visiting financial institutions in the Plymouth community encouraging them to attend a similar free seminar given by the same police officers from 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24360 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile Road.

"This course will provide an explanation why we require certain information and how your behavior may help keep your employees and customers free from harm during a robbery," wrote Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey in an Oct. 1 letter to these institutions.

Here's a brief description of the different classes during the seminar.

"Everyday Conduct" encourages employees to obey bank policy and follow recommendations regarding safe and proper opening and closing procedures, emphasizing prevention. How to test an employee's powers of observation and how increase these skills is discussed.

"Conduct During a Robbery" educates people on methods to reduce the possibility of violence and teaches additional ways to enhance an employee's power of observation.

The trainer explains how to increase the possibility of arresting and convicting offenders, while strongly discourag-

ing heroic actions on the employees' part. The instructor presents nationally-recognized crime prevention techniques.

"Conduct Immediately After a Robbery," explains ways to reduce the possibility of injury due to violence or emotional trauma, such as heart attacks and strokes. Basic safety measures and how to deal with physical and emotional injuries immediately after a robbery are taught. The emphasis is placed on specific tasks that should be accomplished by employees, like activating silent alarms and surveillance cameras, notifying the police department via telephone, locking the doors to the bank, etc.

Employees learn how they can assist during the critical time period immediately after a robbery.

"The Role of the Uniformed Police Officer" teaches the police department's response policies. The officer stresses the concern for employee, customer and neighborhood safety and gives reasons for certain police actions at the crime scene such as treating the physically injured and emotionally traumatized, identifying witnesses, conducting preliminary questioning, etc. The officer emphasizes safety and crime prevention as well as crime scene security, exploring the possibility of hostage taking and pursuit situations.

"The Role of the Detective, FBI and Evidence Technician" discusses procedures used by detectives and the FBI at the crime scene. These include interviews, taking written statements, photographing and collecting evidence,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUMBERMAN

HONORED: Plymouth Township police officer Jamie Senkbeil received a 1999 Outstanding Unit Award earlier this month from the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

searching for the latest fingerprints, etc.

The discussion includes the various requests that detectives make of witnesses during the follow-up investigations such as viewing mug photos, assisting in the preparation of compos-

ite sketch drawings, identifying possible subjects from photospreads and viewing lineups.

Phases of the court process and the importance of witness cooperation during investigations are stressed.

Cable system's public studio open for community use

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After several months of not having a nearby public access cable studio, MediaOne finally has one up and running.

The new studio/billing center opened Nov. 1 and has been booked fairly steadily, said Gary Grace, public access facility coordinator. The studio/billing office is at 8008 Sheldon Center, south of Joy Road in Canton Township.

MediaOne is one of two cable firms serving Plymouth and Canton; the other is Ameritech. It is still relatively rare for any community to have two cable services.

"This facility is strictly for use by the public," Grace said while giving a tour. "From day one, we've been up to full speed."

A talk show, called "The Possible Parent" is scheduled for taping Friday evening, Grace said. Most of the studio's portable equipment was already checked out.

Youth sports teams and non-profit groups are common users of the studio and equipment. People 18 and younger must have adult sponsors.

The "core office hours" for the production facility are noon-5 p.m., according to a brochure.

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There are flexible hours for productions.

The hours are the same as the former Ronda Drive facility, said Maria Holmes, MediaOne corporate affairs manager.

MediaOne closed its Ronda Drive studio and billing office earlier this year when employees complained about odors from a nearby stamping plant, said Michael Grover, a MediaOne attorney.

MediaOne never asked permission to close the Ronda Drive facility, said Tim Cronin, attorney for Canton and Plymouth Townships said last month.

"MediaOne unilaterally breached the agreement for its own reasons," Cronin said.

The biggest sticking point during the transfer of MediaOne's franchise agreement and telecommunications permit in Plymouth Township to AT&T was the company's lack of a public access studio in the service area.

The cable service provider had made a studio in Dearborn Heights available to area residents.

The facility consists of a three-camera studio and an adjacent control/editing room.

The studio is basically self-

serve, with residents and members of non-profit groups doing their own taping and editing. Grace said users are asked to complete a series of training meetings before using the studio or equipment. The training and equipment are provided free.

Users can also take mobile equipment to record on-location events such as sporting events and festivals. They are also welcome to use their own recording equipment and edit it at the studio, Grace said.

People can also bring in their own pre-taped shows, as long as the material is not copyrighted, he added.

Any resident or community group from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Romulus and Van Buren Township can use the studio equipment. There are some restrictions, and availability is first come, first served.

"(Users) have to be able to, in some way, attest that (their program) has value to the local community," Grace said. Under FCC guidelines, MediaOne cannot censor programming.

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Group seeks families in need

The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the 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.

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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 same address.

The newspaper sale used for fund-raising is Dec. 4 at various intersections around the community.



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Tuning In: Gary Grace at the controls of the new community access studio for the area cable company.



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Two comment on time in office

By Tony Bruscato
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Two of the five former Plymouth city commissioners say that while the last couple of years on the commission have been combative, they've also been the most productive.

"The last two years was contentious and certainly not as much fun," said Stella Greene in remembering her seven years on the commission. "However, when it's all said and done, it probably was as productive, if not more, than my first five years."

"We made headway in making long term solutions to financial problems. We were no longer reacting, but pro-active. Those are the kinds of things I can be most proud of. It certainly was never dull."

Ron Loiselle ended a six-year stretch on the commission. He's served a total of 16 years, including a stint as mayor.

"The last two years was initially very trying because we had more fighting instead of more focusing," said Loiselle. "As we matured and learned to work together as a group, we got quite a bit accomplished, especially the last six months. There isn't a commissioner that I haven't enjoyed working with, and I developed a respect and friendship with most of them."

Loiselle said some of the highlights include solving the Sheldon underpass financing and combining police dispatch with Plymouth Township, progress on parking in the downtown area, and getting old properties which had not been paying property taxes back on the tax rolls.

McDonald picked to be new mayor

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There was a bit of drama in the vote for Plymouth mayor. But, when it was all said and done, the candidate who has had the votes since before the Nov. 2 election was selected the city's top executive.

Dave McDonald, on a 5-2 vote, was chosen as Plymouth's 37th mayor. There were nominations for David Byers and Bill Graham. However, Graham, considering he nominated McDonald for mayor, declined the nomination.

Several newly-elected commissioners, before Monday's vote, expressed an interest in having an open forum in the selection process. They got what they

McDonald is an already-announced Republican candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat, currently held by term-limited Jerry Law (R-Plymouth).

wanted when Sean FitzGerald insisted the mayoral candidates declare why they wanted the mayor's position before a vote was taken.

After short speeches, votes from Graham, McDonald, Dan Dwyer, Colleen Pobur and Michelle Potter catapulted McDonald into the city's top post. Byers and FitzGerald voted in favor of Byers.

After the tally, FitzGerald moved that a unanimous vote in favor of McDonald be recorded by City Clerk Linda Langmesser.

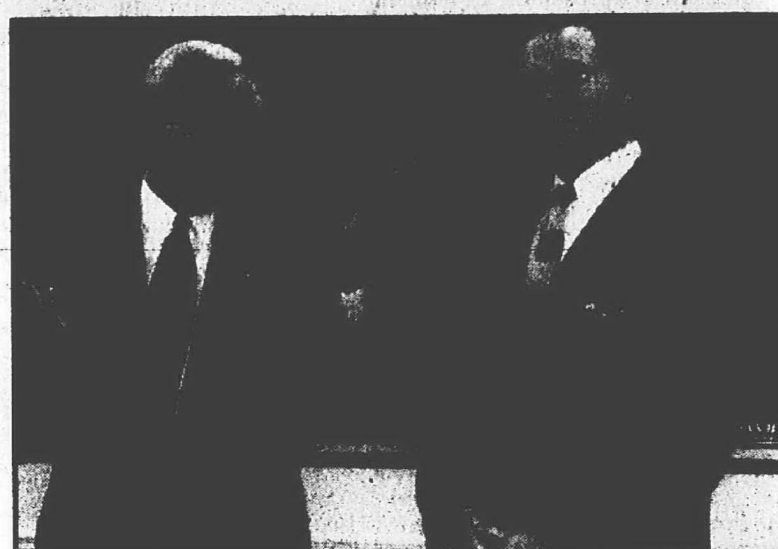
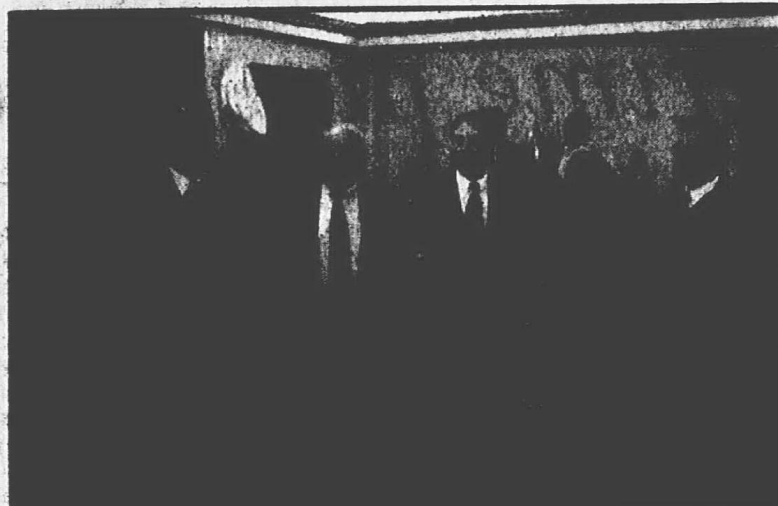
Pobur beat out Byers for the position of mayor pro-tem.

"This is truly an honor for me," said McDonald to the family and friends who crowded the city commission chambers. "My pledge to the commission and the city of Plymouth is we're going to disagree on the dais ... but ... this will be an inclusive commission. Every issue will be deliberated by everybody. I challenge every one of my commissioners to do your homework, vote the issue, and whatever the vote is you leave it at the commission dais and move forward."

At one point in his acceptance speech, McDonald said "you're looking at the seven that will lead Plymouth for the next two years at minimum, maybe ..."

Afterwards, McDonald admitted the "maybe" referred to his already-announced Republican candidacy for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat, currently held by term-limited Jerry Law (R-Plymouth). If he wins that race, McDonald would step down as mayor Jan. 1, 2001.

"I will work at this job to the last moment, whether my term



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Swearing In: Judge Ron Lowe swears in new commissioners Sean FitzGerald, William Graham, David Byers, Michelle Potter and Dan Dwyer. Bottom, Mayor Dave McDonald (left) is with outgoing mayor Joe Koch.

expires or I move on to Lansing," McDonald later said.

McDonald is focused on several issues for the new commission to tackle.

"We have to look closely at our lawsuit with the CSX Railroad," he said. "We have to stay on track for our portion of the commitment for the Sheldon Road grade separation."

"And, we have to continue with development of downtown. There are some areas with great potential for development. What's good for downtown is good for

the city."

Before the vote on mayor and mayor pro-tem, former mayor Joe Koch, as well as commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Dennis Shrewsbury and John Vos were recognized and given clocks and a Main Street brick as remembrances.

Greene, Loiselle and Vos have indicated they might run again for the commission in two years. Koch will end his chances of participating in city government when he soon moves to Plymouth Township.

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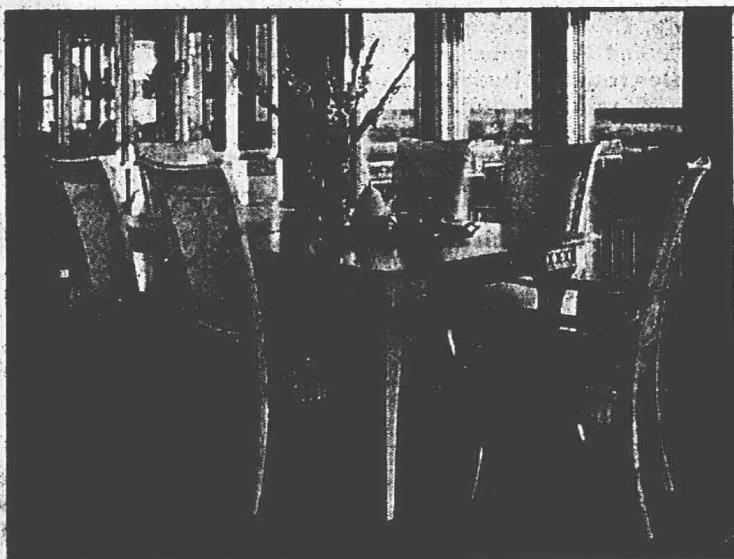
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Supporters say charter schools improve all education

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Lansing Mayor David Hollister saw where families were relocating in the Lansing area.

They were moving to Lansing's surrounding communities of DeWitt, Grand Ledge, Holt and Okemos, which led him to describe Lansing as a "doughnut," according to James Goenner.

"The mayor talked about that (growth) and that keeping the young families in Lansing would keep the doughnut from getting bigger," Goenner said. "He said, 'We have to improve schools.'"

Of course, as the director of the charter schools office at Central Michigan University and a charter school advocate, Goenner agrees. Improving the schools will improve many of Michigan's cities, Goenner said. "As Compuware comes to Detroit, where will they send their kids?" Goenner asks.

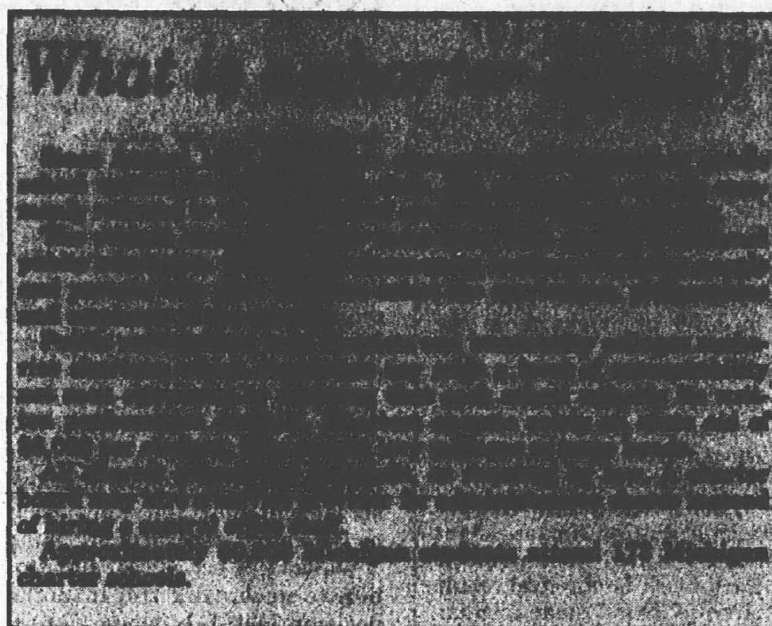
Goenner also uses that argument to push for the elimination of the 150-school cap on the number of university authorized charter schools. State legislators may discuss the possibility of removing the cap during sessions this week.

Goenner believes the cap should be lifted because schools have waitings list up to 1,000 students long and the possible partnerships between charter and public schools in areas like food service, and eventually in education, may save tax dollars.

Goenner and the Michigan Association of Public School Academies believe adding charter schools to the educational marketplace, thus creating competition, will force existing public schools to improve.

Chartering a school

CMU maintains contracts with charter schools as do several other Michigan universities. CMU required the schools to incorporate a national test and Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests for reference



points and outline mission goals, Goenner said. Parent involvement is spelled out as a non-academic goal, Goenner said.

"We issue contracts for three to five years," Goenner said.

Four CMU-authorized academies have closed. One had too small an enrollment to operate; another for pregnant teens was transformed into a private partnership. For the third closed academy, CMU was not "comfortable" in allowing a Catholic school on the first and second floors, and the charter school on the second and third floors.

It also characterized the difficulties in starting a charter school, Goenner said.

"Getting physical facilities is one of our toughest problems," Goenner said.

The closing of the fourth school - the Sierra Leone Academy in Detroit - was not viewed as a failure but what Goenner called a "victory" to show how the universities hold the academies accountable. "They were not good to work with, we did not get disclosure and cooperation," Goenner said. "We said, 'These schools will be accountable, we will oversee them.'"

Class size is regulated, so if a

school wants to increase above their contracted amount, they must amend their current agreement, Goenner said.

Parental requirements

Wilhelmina Hall, a former educator in the Detroit school system for 32 years and a charter schools advocate, said charter school teachers also are held accountable. "I know someone is checking on me to find out if I am doing this," Hall said.

Hall said parents must sign a contract, which includes a specified number of hours that parents must spend on academics with their child or children. Parents also must attend a parent-teacher conference, and the academy must provide them training.

"When you give (parents) a choice, it gives them a different aura," Hall said. "It doesn't matter with the poverty level. Because this is a choice, I have made this choice and I have chosen this school."

Parents like a "nurturing environment," Goenner said.

"We can predict a child's test scores based on income," Goenner said. "That's a sad commentary."

"I think the majority of parents love their children and want what's best for them. A majority of students are from minority households, a majority do care but they couldn't move to suburban districts."

Safer schools wanted

Goenner was asked about charter schools and their ethnic focus and whether that contributed to segregation.

Goenner said Hispanics in the Saginaw area wanted a charter school, so one was started. Many students continued to struggle with academics at that school and had problems with drug abuse. MEAP scores did not improve, but the school eventually graduated its first student and the Hispanic community helped her obtain a college scholarship. She continues to study at that college, Goenner said.

Many Detroit academies are African American with 95 percent or more of the population African American. Hall added: "They have the same needs, they have the same deficiencies and they have the same desires. They are looking for something different."

"They want the schools to be safe."

Hall said the schools do not pull from the "elite."

Students learn reading, writing and arithmetic, along with respect, responsibility and character education, highlighting values, honesty, truth and integrity, Goenner said. Academies also focus on the fine arts, automotive manufacturing and environmental science.

Western Wayne County does not have many charter schools because they tend to be proposed in areas that "need" them,

though that isn't always the case, Goenner said.

"Forest Hills in Grand Rapids is one of the top three in the state, and a charter school went there and filled up. It doesn't necessarily mean a school district is bad, it's just that a core of parents want something different."

Charter school instructors generally earn between \$25,000 and \$32,000 to start, Goenner said. With experienced instructors in public schools earning more than double that, Goenner admits it will be "hard to be competitive."

"They are looking at merit pay, and they are struggling with that," Goenner said. But charter school instructors praise the professional development offered at the schools, along with the appreciation and support of parents, Goenner said.

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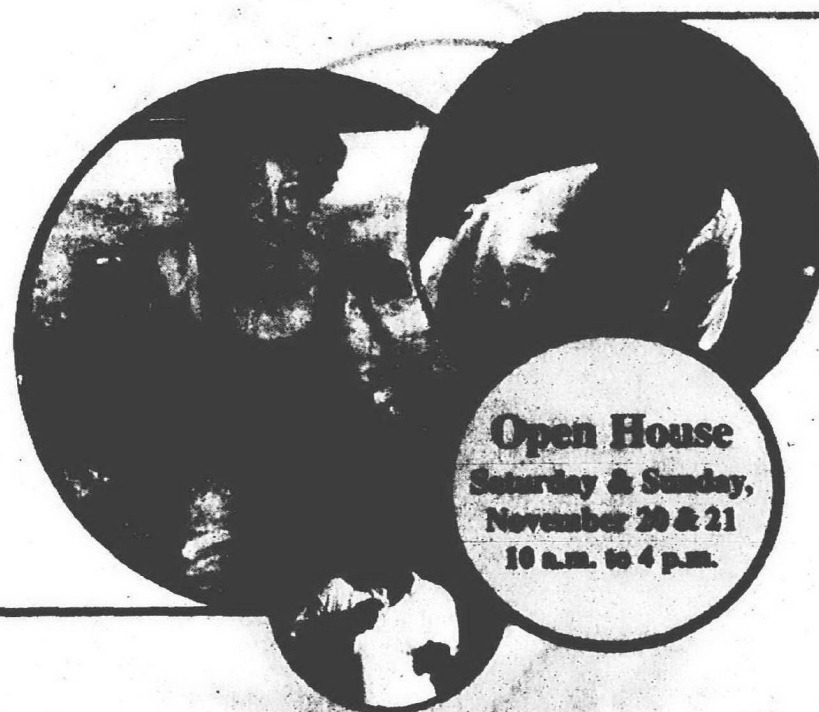
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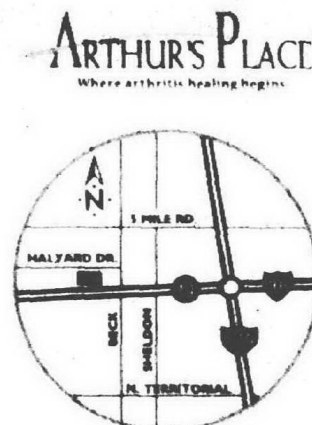
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WSDP offers scholarship

WSDP, 88.1-FM, owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, announces the establishment of the Jeffery L. Cardinal Scholarship.

The scholarship is named after the station's third general manager. Cardinal served as GM from 1974 to 1982. This was a time of great change for the station as it switched frequencies from 89.3 to 88.1-FM, and increased its power to 300 watts. It was also a time of financial turbulence for the station.

"Jeff's leadership was critical in keeping the station on the air," said current general manager Bill Keith. "All students since then owe him a debt of gratitude for making sure the station survived and prospered."

The scholarship will be given to a student who:

- Has shown dedication and commitment to WSDP;

- Has been an active and involved member for all four years of his or her high school career;

- Has gained substantial knowledge in multiple areas of the station's operation including news, sports, production, promotions, on-air announcing, and public service, improving the quality of the station;

- Has the dedication to go beyond what is expected, inspiring others to exemplify the same characteristics;

- Demonstrated the prerequisites in understanding the community's needs.

"It is our honor to recognize Jeff for his years of service to WSDP, the Plymouth-Canton Schools and the community," said Keith. Cardinal is now a freelance writer living in East Lansing.

Each year WSDP also presents the John Seidelman Scholarship and the Bonny Dore Scholarship. All three awards will be presented at the station's annual banquet in May.

The station has been serving the community since Feb. 14, 1972.

Station aids charity

WSDP-88.1 FM and WHFR-89.3 FM will host the Dennis Brown II Charity Bowling Event from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Westland Bowl.

The bowling challenge will benefit the Oakwood Hospital Foundation Children's Fund. Each station's bowler must raise a minimum of \$20 for the hospital. The stations will be represented by three teams of four members.

"We wanted to develop a fun way for our staffs to support the community," said Bill Keith, station manager for WSDP. "It's also a little friendly competition between the stations."

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. WHFR is owned and operated by Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Westland Bowl is on Wayne Road in Westland.

Memories of Mayflower available for collectors

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The Plymouth Historical Museum has been given the opportunity to sell a limited number of bricks from the hotel.

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Interim school chief wants to leave soon

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If the Plymouth-Canton school district decides to go through a second job posting to find a qualified candidate to become the district's next superintendent, trustees may also have to find another interim superintendent to last through the summer.

Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott, whose six-month contract ends Jan. 11, said "it's not my intent to stay here another six to eight months. I want to get on with other aspects of my life."

Walcott, a school consultant before accepting the interim position last July when Chuck Little resigned as superintendent, said he "wouldn't leave the district hanging, but would leave whenever we could work it out. I want to be fair with the district."

Speaking from Mona Shores, Mich., Walcott said he would like to get back to his consulting work and his family.

"Living like this isn't fair to my wife, and I have a 3-year-old grandson who is the treasure of my life," said Walcott.

"I've had people ask me if I would consider staying as the

district's permanent superintendent," he added. "Maybe if I was 10 years younger, but not at this stage in my life. I have other priorities."

Walcott expects to return to URS Greiner Woodward Clyde in Grand Rapids, an international architectural firm, from which he took a leave of absence.

"It's been a challenge, and hopefully the district will find a superintendent in the current process," said Walcott. "There are a lot of issues that need to be resolved to move this district forward. The board needs to find someone with vision, leadership and energy."

The board of education has narrowed its search to three potential candidates, after interviewing five last week. If the board and the Superintendents Search Committee can't come up with a viable choice to begin work Jan. 1, a second search would start after the first of the year.

"We have to follow through with the process of finding a new superintendent before worrying about an interim," said Sue Davis, school board president. "It's a little premature."

School boss from page A1

ducting the search, The Bickert Group Ltd., Gay indicated the Redford Union school board passed a resolution which indicated "their lack of desire to release me, at this time, from my professional contract as superintendent ... I have received a plethora of telephone calls from staff and community members asking me to reconsider my candidacy as superintendent at Plymouth-Canton Schools."

The Plymouth-Canton board will also notify Larry Thomas, educational consultant to, and former superintendent of, the Wayne-Westland district, that he is no longer under consideration.

A sixth original candidate, James Harris of Buffalo (N.Y.) Schools, dropped out before the interview process began after accepting an offer from the Traverse City school district.

"We need to have three candidates that are very strong and a good fit for our community," said Trustee Roland Thomas.

"I looked at education and experience and all the candidates were very well qualified," said Trustee Darwin Watts. "I looked for a personality fit ... and in my estimation I saw one person who fit that."

"I'm willing to go the next step and learn more about a couple of

the candidates," added board member Judy Mardigan, who didn't rule out the possibility of starting the process over if none of the current candidates is a fit for the district. "We need this to work out and to work for many years."

"We need to know a lot more about these candidates because this community can become very reactive at times," added Trustee Steve Guile. "I wasn't really that satisfied with any of them in the initial interview ... maybe a second round of interviews would bring out more information about the candidates."

The board will meet individually with the finalists on Nov. 16-17, 22-23 and 29-30. The first day will include a dinner with the candidate, spouse and the Board of Education in a social setting. The next day will find the candidate visiting various buildings throughout the district, followed by a second interview designed to be more specific than the first.

After the three candidates are interviewed a second time, the board could choose to hire one of them to start Jan. 1, or wait and re-start the selection process with hopes of having a new superintendent in place sometime next summer.

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ship police station at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

Combined dispatch has created some controversy among dispatchers, who feared losing their jobs, but overall, combining the service has been positive, Scoggins said.

"I believe the joint dispatch has already solved some serious problems on jurisdiction issues," Scoggins said. "We had a lot of people making calls and not knowing what jurisdiction they were in."

"We were easily getting a couple dozen calls a day that had to be rerouted to Plymouth Township or vice versa," he added. "That was a major reason for putting joint dispatch into place."

Two reports of the incident were filed with the Michigan State Police Metro South post in Taylor. Lt. Dennis Bolling is heading the investigation. He did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

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duct and two counts of sexually abusive activity in the case involving her two daughters.

The case came to light when the then-16-year-old son went to a Plymouth Canton high school staff member complaining of not

getting enough to eat. When the boy detailed the sexual activity, Plymouth police were notified.

The children are currently being cared for by relatives in a nearby community.

Command officers reach accord

By TONY BRUCATO
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The City of Plymouth and the Plymouth Police Command Officers Association have agreed to a new four-year contract.

The city's Administrative Services Director, Carol Stone, said the pact, retroactive to July 1, calls for a 4 percent wage hike the first two years and 3 percent pay increases the last two years.

Stone said the contract included increases in retirement benefits, and increases in medical co-pay for new hires and retirees.

City commissioners approved the contract earlier this month. The three members of the union recently voted in favor of the pact.

"We're satisfied with the contract," said Lt. Wayne Carroll, president of the union. "It's a good pact for both sides."

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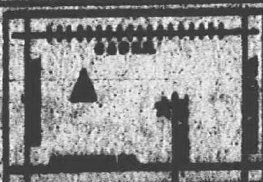
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HMO reform aims at care continuity

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Patients will be given a 90-day transition period if their doctors decide to leave their HMO, according to a set of bills just approved in the state Legislature.

Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), one of three sponsors for the three-bill package, explained the bills are intended to provide "continuity of care," giving patients time to find new physicians within the health maintenance organization without having to rush.

Additionally, pregnant women who have made it to their second trimester will be able to stay with that physician throughout their pregnancy. Terminally ill patients may stay until death.

According to Law, the change to state laws regulating managed care is one of the last areas in need of reform. With a few additional "tweaks," the Michigan Legislature will have accomplished the major portion of reforms the U.S. Congress has been unable to address.



State Rep. Gerald Law

Law's bill, House Bill 4487, is needed because within any three-year period, on average, there is a 20 to 30 percent turnover in the health care providers who have signed up with a given HMO.

That has posed some difficulty for some patients who arrive for their regular appointments only

to find the doctor has left the HMO. They then have been faced with paying for the visit uninsured, or rushing to find a new doctor in the HMO system.

Law said HMOs in Michigan did not oppose the legislation. Some HMOs were already offering such transition periods to their customers.

The most controversial portion of the bill revolved around a requirement that doctors notify patients within 15 days of deciding to leave the HMO. Law said that notification was left as optional for the doctors, explaining he believed most doctors would send such notification in an effort to keep their clientele.

The bill was tied to House Bill 4485, by Rep. Sandra Caul (R-Mt. Pleasant), and House Bill 4486, by Rep. Randy Richardville (R-Monroe). Law's bill was approved in 105-0 and 36-0 votes in the House and Senate, respectively, after amendments were rejected to extend the transition period even further.

Also on Law's list for HMOs is a change addressing prescrip-

tions. Currently, HMOs are allowed to specify what drugs patients can use for various treatments. Law wants doctors on the HMO boards which decide which drugs are to be used.

Already in place in Michigan is legislation which allows a doctor to go off that list of prescribed drugs, if a different treatment is medically necessary. The doctor can call for a different drug, Law explained, but the HMO may have a higher deductible or co-pay for drugs off the list.

Law said Michigan HMO reform is well ahead of Congress' efforts because the state has already adopted a patient's bill of rights. Although little known and poorly publicized by the state so far, Law said, legislation has already been enacted in Michigan allowing for appeals to the state should an HMO deny a drug or treatment to a patient.

Appeals of denials from HMOs are decided by the state Department of Community Health. Appeals of denials from other health insurers are resolved by the state Financial Institutions Bureau.

Public TV launches all-day, on-line auction

Detroit Public TV has launched an on-line version of its annual televised Auction, bringing the convenience of 24-hour, 7-day-a-week Internet bidding on donated items to area shoppers who wish to browse for a bargain.

Continuous bidding is now available on items in a variety of categories at the on-line site, PublicTVAuction.com. Included are travel packages, housewares, art, collectibles, services, and gift certificates, which will be sold via the easy-to-use software, which includes such convenient features as automatic bidding, e-mail bid confirmation, and previews of future sale items. (see accompanying list)

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"We encourage shoppers to browse the site frequently, because we'll keep offering surprises and bulk items based on the donations we receive from merchants and individuals. By launching PublicTVAuction.com during the busy shopping season, we can offer great convenience to shoppers and a range of incentives for those who donate," says Miller.

Information on bidding or donating is also available by calling (313) 876-8350.

Wayne County joins Project Zero program

Four Wayne County Family Independence Agency district offices have joined the Project Zero welfare reform initiative.

The Redford, Greenfield-Joy, Inkster and Schoolcraft-Stansbury districts joined the drive to reduce the number of FIA families without earned income to zero, said FIA Director Douglas Howard.

The offices are part of 36 Project Zero sites joining 35 existing sites across the state. Joining Howard at the Wayne County Project Zero kickoff were: Ann Marie Sims, zone manager of Wayne County FIA, Vince

Ranger from the Michigan Department of Transportation; Janet Howard of the Michigan Department of Career Development; managers from the four FIA district offices and community partners.

"Project Zero is what welfare reform is all about - communities coming together to identify barriers to employment and redirecting their efforts and resources to remove those barriers," Howard said.

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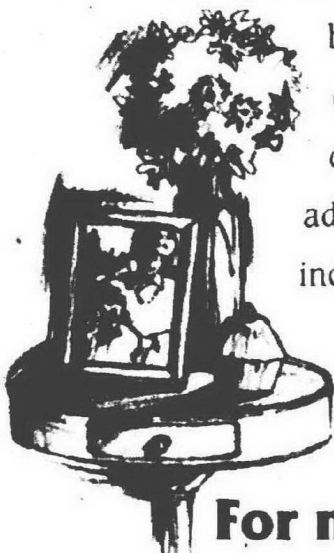
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The displays will be lighted 7-9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, from Nov. 18 through Dec. 30, but the LightFest will be closed Dec. 25.

Each display features animation. This year display visitors can expect to see parachuting reindeer, Santa's sleigh ascending into the sky and a ball shot over the Inkster Road bridge.

Displays include the Lochness Monster and a giant poinsettia wreath.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments, gift shopping and - after Nov. 24 - take a picture with Santa Claus.

A \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses, which are encouraged to pre-register.

Wayne County LightFest is made possible through donations from festival visitors and event sponsors including AAA Michigan, Ameritech, CVS Pharmacy, Bank One, Blue Care Network of

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Hines Drive will be closed on the evenings the LightFest is open, starting at 5:45 p.m. Traffic enters Wayne County LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriam in Westland.

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Mass celebrated at the Felician Chapel House after a solemn Eucharistic Liturgy.

(At right) About 700 sisters and guests for their celebration which included a Mass at the Chapel House and a reception and dinner at Laurel Manor.

(Below) Felician sisters and distinguished guests participate in a Mass marking the order's 125th year in the United States.



SOLEMN MASS

MARKS FELICIAN ANNIVERSARY

The Felician Sisters of Livonia marked the 125th anniversary of the order in the United States Sunday with a Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy at the Felician Chapel presided over by Adam Cardinal Malda, archbishop of Detroit.

Eight bishops and 30 other clergy consecrated the Mass with about 700 in attendance. The Mass was followed by a reception and dinner at Laurel Manor. Sister Mary Cynthia Straskowski, minister general of the international community of Felician Sisters, was the keynote speaker.

The Livonia province of the Felician order has 230 members and grew out of a movement in Poland, Wis., in 1874 when Father Joseph Dabrowski invited five pioneer Felician sisters from Poland to teach the children of Polish immigrants in the rural Wisconsin community. The order had been founded 19 years earlier by Sister Mary

Angela Truszkowska.

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

The order's central headquarters was moved to Detroit in 1882 and to Livonia in 1936.

The sisters operate several institutions at their 300-acre Livonia site bounded by Schoolcraft, Five Mile, Levan and Newburgh - 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.

The order has 2,300 sisters worldwide.

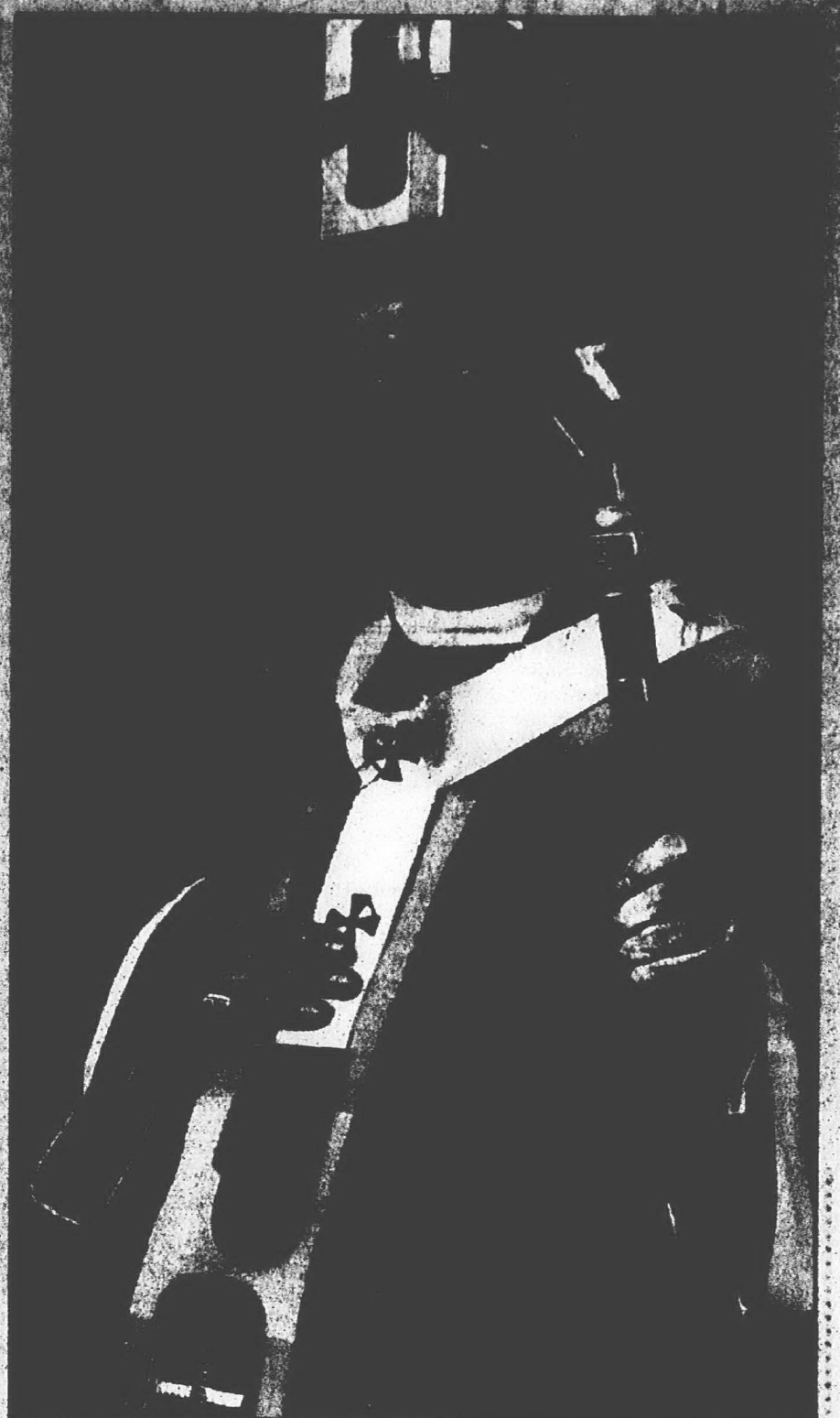
The celebration in Livonia is one of several being held at the order's facilities in Poland and the United States.

During September and October, Felician sisters from Michigan and Indiana flew to Warsaw, Poland, to join more than 300 Felician sisters from around the world for a pilgrimage honoring the 100-year anniversary of their founder's death.

Another pilgrimage is planned for Nov. 19-26 as sisters travel by bus from Polonia, Wis., to Buffalo, N.Y., retracing their beginnings in North America.

"The highlight of this trip will be the sisters visiting the cemeteries where the five pioneers are buried, including the leader, Sister Mary Monica Sybilski in Mt. Elliott Cemetery and Sister Mary Raphael in Mt. Olive Cemetery, both in Detroit," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, provincial secretary.

The pilgrimage will be in the Metro Detroit area Nov. 24-25 and will include a Thanksgiving Day Mass at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia. The public is welcome.



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Rival bills try to improve school building inspections

By Mike M. Howell

All new buildings in Michigan are inspected for structural integrity when they are constructed - all buildings except schools.

And according to state senators, they haven't been since about 1978.

Wall collapses in two Michigan school districts have brought the issue to the forefront in the state Legislature - one at a middle school in Woodhaven in 1990 and another at a high school in Flushing in 1992.

No one was hurt in the collapse at the 70s-era Woodhaven school, but repairs cost some \$6 million, according to Sen. O'Reilly, legislative aide to Sen. Christopher Dingell (D-Trenton). Four workers died, however, in the collapse at the Flushing high school, where the wall was part of an auditorium under construction at the time.

Both incidents have been attributed to improper design and construction, and senators believe inspections would have caught the problems early.

Senators now aim to address the oversight, Republicans and Democrats alike, but there are disagreements over the best way to accomplish that goal. Those differences led to heated words recently.



in Woodhaven," Dingell said. His comments came after senators rejected a revision to the state construction code, Senate Bill 463, which was originally sponsored by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) and co-sponsored by Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) and Dianna Byrum (D-Onondaga). The state code is enforced by building officials in local municipalities. The bill had been amended in the House to eliminate exemptions to the code, and therefore local inspections, for school buildings.

Bills differ

According to O'Reilly, the reason for the rejection was that Senate Republicans would prefer another bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell). Senate Bill 805 would require that all new schools be inspected by the state Bureau of Construction Codes, but it would allow school districts to opt for inspections by local municipal building officials instead.

The difference between the two bills is not just politics, Rogers' press secretary Sylvia Warner assured. Taking the exemption for schools out of the state construction code might have some unintended consequences, she warned. Rogers' bill, on the other hand, adds inspections in education law, resulting in the "cleanest public

policy," easiest for school boards to understand and follow, Warner explained.

Rogers' bill, SB 805, has received one hearing in committee, she said. Members asked for additional research before voting, so she predicted the bill would not reach the full Senate for a vote until early 2000.

According to O'Reilly, the delay to Rogers' bill is over the question of whether inspections should be conducted now for those schools which have been built in the past few years.

SB 463, proposed by Sen. Stille, was once approved by senators and won approval in the House. But representatives amended the bill to end the exemption for schools, causing senators to reject the measure. The bill is now headed to conference committee. Action on that bill may also be delayed until after the start of the new year.

When all is done, O'Reilly said the goal is to get schools inspected. If senators reject SB 463, Dingell will support Rogers' bills, O'Reilly said.

Long history

The oversight that led to the lack of construction inspections has a long history, according to O'Reilly. It dates back to the 1920s and '30s. At the time, he contended, school buildings were often the largest and most com-

plexed building projects in many communities.

Municipal building inspectors often did not have the expertise at the time to review construction for buildings of that size. Additionally, there were problems with animosities between school districts and the municipalities in which they were located - which is still an issue in school construction - as well as problems with so-called sweetheart contracts and out-and-out bribery.

"The one person considered to be above reproach was the state superintendent of public education," O'Reilly said, so the job of inspecting school buildings was turned over to him. But state superintendents also did not have expertise in construction standards, so they increasingly relied on contracts with outside offices to conduct the actual on-site reviews.

In 1978, the entire job was turned over to the Office of Fire Safety under the state fire marshal.

"The number one safety issue for schools is fire safety, don't get me wrong," O'Reilly said, "and the Office of Fire Safety does an excellent job." But inspectors there also are not trained to review structural integrity, he added.

New buildings

New school buildings have long been a source of disagreement between municipalities and local districts. Schools have for years been outside the control of zoning authorities within local governments, so while city councils and township boards are able to control the placement of all other buildings in their communities, placement of schools rests solely with the school board.

Up until 1992, zoning regula-

tions did apply to all non-school land and buildings in a district, O'Reilly explained. So municipalities could control placement of, for example, the district's bus garage. That ended in 1992 under a bill offered by then-Sen. Jack Faxon, which exempted all school land and buildings from local municipal control.

If zoning officials don't like those rules, city fire chiefs have long had stronger arguments with the state law. While it is state inspectors who do the reviewing, it is city fire departments that are expected to put out any blazes there. Some chiefs have complained that the rules mean their first look inside new school buildings has come when they were called there for an emergency.

All those are side issues for the time being, O'Reilly said.

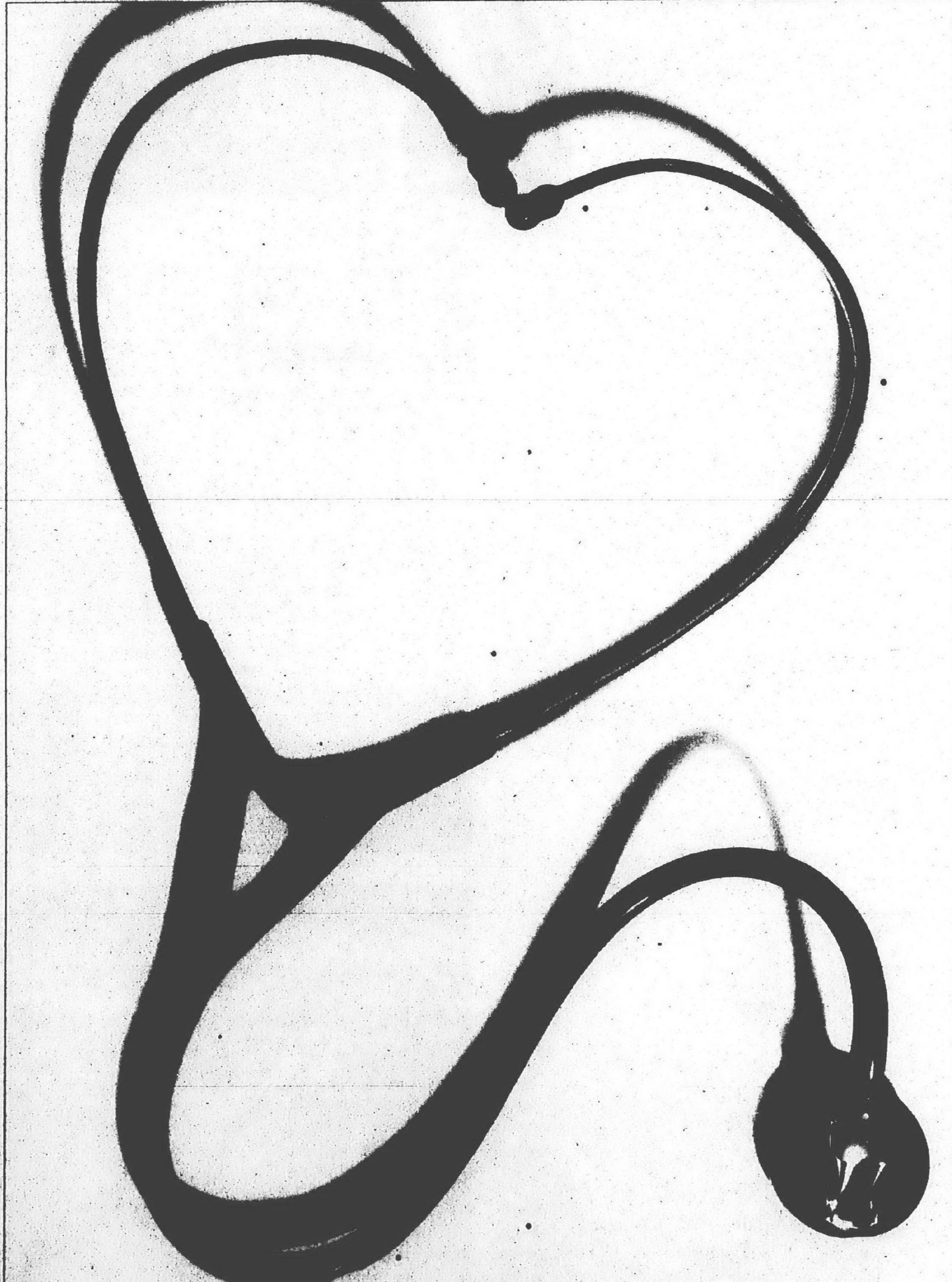
"The vast majority of school buildings typically exceed public building codes, but inspections are not required during construction," Rogers said. "Tragically, this oversight already has resulted in the deaths of several workers who were building an auditorium in Flushing just over a year ago. Requiring inspections of new construction projects assures parents that their children will be safe. Inspections help assure that human error won't result in another tragic incident."

Senators rejected the amended SB 463 in a 16-20 vote Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Sens. George Z. Hart (D-Dearborn) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) voted yes.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskies (R-Lake Orion), Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) voted no.

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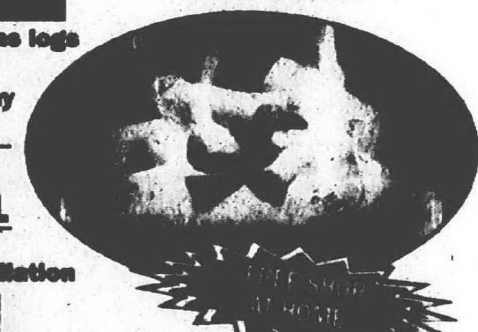
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Bill would end 'spousal privilege'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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An age-old concept in common law known as the "marital privilege," which means criminal defendants can keep their spouses from testifying against them in court, may be ended by legislation currently under consideration in Lansing.

The privilege now means that what you say to your marriage partner in confidence, even if you tell your spouse you committed a murder, can't be used against you in a criminal case. But it would be eliminated by House Bill 4684, sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Faunce (R-Warren).

"Do you know where the privilege comes from?" Anica Letica, assistant Oakland County prosecutor, asked. "Its origins go way back in common law to a time when you were not allowed to testify in your own case because it was presumed you were too biased. When you got married, your spouse 'became one with you.' Of course, now people can testify in their own cases, but we've kept the marital privilege ... Today, it's known as the sit-down-and-shut-up rule."

Letica appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Family and Civil Law to testify in support of the bill in October.

But the long-standing legal tradition also has its supporters, so the proposed change is beginning to draw fire. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Michigan Family Forum, a conservative family advocacy

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Rep. Jennifer Faunce
R-Warren

group, announced its opposition, saying ending the privilege could destroy marital harmony in some relationships.

"True, the bill might assist prosecutors in their endeavors, but it might also produce the unintended consequence of exposing spouses to threats about whether they should testify or not," Family Forum Executive Director Mike Harris wrote in a letter to the House.

"This is not a family-friendly situation. One can certainly argue that deserving families don't get themselves into such situations, but the argument ignores the principle that the law should equally protect everyone whatever their social status might be."

"Divorce and marital strife get enough promotion from Michigan law via no-fault divorce statutes. We'd rather not add to the carnage by turning the marital privilege laws on their heads."

Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said he can't support the bill in its present form, which he sees as a blanket elimination of the privilege.

"If someone drives home drunk," he said, "a prosecutor would be able to force a spouse to testify that he came home

drunk. This is a very dangerous bill for families." But Brown did say he would vote for it if exceptions are added.

Faunce disagreed. She contended that her bill doesn't end the privilege, it simply changes who gets to make the decision about testifying. Under present law, the defendant is the one who has the option as to whether the spouse can testify. HB 4684, Faunce said, would give that option to the spouse.

"This bill is family-friendly," Faunce argued. "It gives the option to the (witness spouse) so they can testify when it is the moral thing to do."

"They say they're afraid prosecutors will use this to be mean, to coerce spouses to testify. In my experience, prosecutors are not mean people. They are elected officials and they got there by being trusted individuals. If they are mean, then get rid of them," she said.

Having worked as an assistant prosecutor for seven years, Faunce said spouses could not be coerced to testify: "Prosecutors are not allowed to threaten people."

"I don't see how you are disrupting marital harmony," Letica said, arguing in support of Faunce's bill. "You are putting

the privilege in the (hands of the) testifying spouse. It's their call if they want to be married to a murderer or whatever ... In many of these cases, there is no marital harmony left. Who better than the witness spouse to determine if there is any marital harmony left to be preserved?"

Current law gives the option to the defendant spouse, but there are exceptions. The privilege already does not apply in cases of divorce, crimes against children, bigamy, abuse, abandonment or desertion.

According to Faunce, 21 states and the federal courts have already taken the marital privilege away from the defendant spouse, turning it over to the witness spouse. Only 12 states have left the option solely in the hands of the defendant spouse.

The bill had been scheduled for a vote Wednesday, Nov. 3, but Faunce pulled it from the House calendar when she learned of the opposition from Family Focus. Having met with the organization and been unable to negotiate a compromise or convince the group's members to support the bill, Faunce said she would proceed with a vote anyway.

She said she believes the bill has enough support in both chambers to win passage.

New law makes credit identity theft a felony

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Identity theft - when a criminal applies for credit in someone else's name - can cost the victim a great deal of time.

"If someone takes my identity, it may take nine months to a year to clear my name," Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said. "There may be additional costs, like losing out on low-rate mortgages in the meantime."

Because credit card companies and credit bureaus have had to establish security departments to prevent such forms of fraud, Brown said he believes credit identity theft has become the costliest form of fraud today, "costing us millions if not billions."

"What many people don't realize is that credit identity is often worth more than the money actually taken, because people spend a lifetime building up their credit histories. Credit is often the most valuable asset we have," Brown said.

To address the problem, Gov. John Engler signed Brown's

legislation, House Bill 4413, on Thursday, Nov. 4, making it a felony punishable by four years in prison or a \$2,500 fine to apply for credit in someone else's name.

Previously, the law did not address credit applications. Brown explained that police often had a hard time charging perpetrators when they applied for credit using a false identity. It wasn't considered illegal until something of value had changed hands. Police were in a position of "trying to concoct a charge" against those caught making such applications, he said.

Brown's bill was tie-barred to House Bill 4598, sponsored by Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington), which makes it illegal to possess credit information with the intent of passing it on to another for the purpose of credit fraud. So serving as a "clearinghouse" for stolen credit information, Brown explained, could net perpetrators four years in prison or a \$100,000 fine.

Brown said he believes his bill is the first Democrat-originated initiative to win the governor's signature this year.



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Arts conservatory gets evicted from building; new site sought for program

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton's legal battle with the Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory is heating up.

A motion by township attorneys to evict SMAC was granted Tuesday by 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald. The conservatory had occupied the Arnoldt Williams Music Store.

"We feel we (had) a right to take the action," Canton attorney Ronald Witthoff said.

A lawsuit was filed against the conservatory and its director, Jeffrey Myers, in August by Canton. The township is trying to collect more than \$40,000 in back rent it claims SMAC owes.

Supervisor Tom Yack said problems with the conservatory began shortly after its opening in June 1998. Myers, he added, didn't make a good faith effort to pay delinquent rent to the township.

"A whole string of promises, deceptions and failures to act (occurred)," said Yack.

Myers disagreed. He said the township was unwilling to work with him to resolve the issue.

"We thought the township really wanted to make the conservatory happen," said Myers. "We are shocked by the lack of

cooperation the conservatory received from the township."

Canton leased the building, which sits just north of Ford Road and west of Canton Center, from the Williams family from Aug. 1, 1998, to July 31 of this year for \$150,000.

As part of an agreement with SMAC, the township agreed to pay half the lease. Myers was responsible for the balance in a graduated monthly payment system, Yack said.

While the Williams family has been paid in full, Canton's Board of Trustees authorized a lawsuit against SMAC in late August to recover \$42,000.

Additionally, the township planned to evict the conservatory on Oct. 5. But Myers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to stop the move.

"They forced our hand," said Myers. "It's not something we wanted to do."

The filing was also to protect conservatory students, he added.

"We feel that the Plymouth-Canton community and the surrounding area deserves a place where children and adults can come to experience performing arts education at a high level," Myers said.

Myers wanted SMAC to remain at its current location until the end of its semester in

December. He plans to move the conservatory to a permanent location in Canton.

Myers hopes to move the conservatory to two temporary locations.

One is the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The council's board was scheduled to vote on the matter last night. Some activities would also be held at a

Canton church, said Myers.

According to Yack, Myers has no one to blame but himself for SMAC's financial troubles.

"To lay this at our feet is totally amazing to me," he added. "We were there as a guardian angel in the beginning. He wants to make us look bad when he hasn't fulfilled his obligations."

Blood drive planned by health agency

The Canton Health Agency will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, November 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Community Arts Council, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. The drive is open to all donors 17 years of age and older, weighing at least 110 pounds, and who are not taking any medications that might interfere with blood donation. Donors must bring their own photo ID and a valid driver's license. The agency is seeking to increase the number of donors to help meet the need for blood in the community.

The health agency also provides medical services, including physical exams, blood pressure checks, and cholesterol testing. For more information, call (734) 455-7234.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., December 2, 1999 for the following:

PURCHASE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999

Special meeting called to order at 4:20 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack and Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy.
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of regular meeting of September 27, 1999 - approved.
Minutes of special meeting of September 29, 1999 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,061,768.71 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for September 1999 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for October 1999 - received and filed.
Amendment; 401(a) & 457 Pension Plans - approved.
Temporary Staffing Needs - approved.
Y2K Contingency Plan - approved.
WTUA Business Plan Update - approval to extend deadlines.
Access Road; Phase 3A Sewer Cleaning & CCTV - approved.
DWSD Control Plan; Proposed Rate Settlement Agreement - approval to formulate a group.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40805 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals for PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER RESTROOM/PAVILION BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

Proposals must be received in the Recreation Dept. at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188 by no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 29, 1999. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Professional Design and Engineering Services". Specifications are available from the Finance and Budget Department. Canton Township reserves the right to 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.

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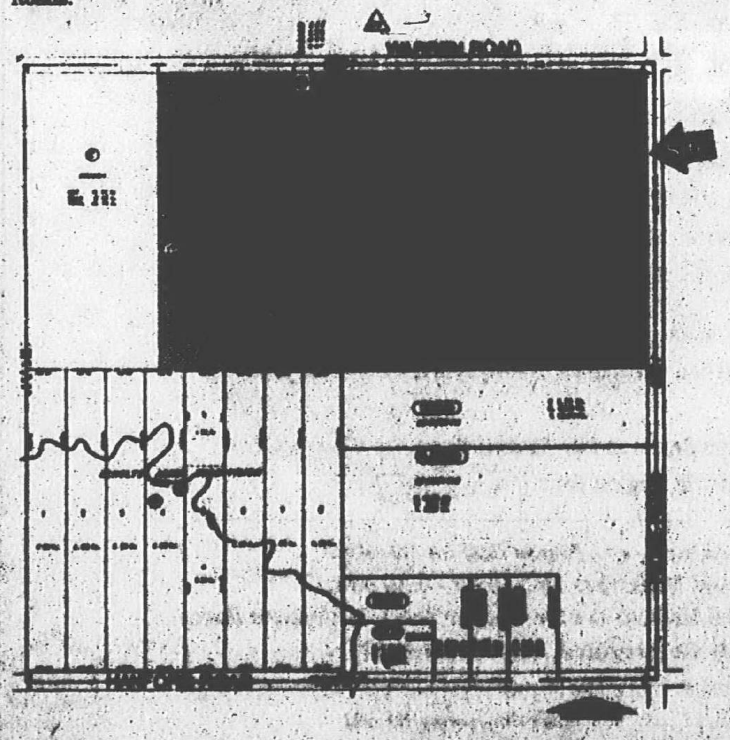
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1945 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance 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 Zoning Ordinance:

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 025 50 0001 002 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 D.U./ACRE) AND PARCEL NOS. 025 50 0001 0004 AND 025 50 0001 0005 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO RE, RURAL ESTATE (1 D.U./2 ACRES). Property is located on the southwest corner of Warren and Ridge Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, December 2, 1999 in order to be included in the materials presented for public hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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OBITUARIES

HELEN CLARA KUBICKI

Private services for Helen Clara Kubicki, 92, of Westland will be held in Leavenworth, Kan. Visitation was held Monday, Nov. 8, at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 11, 1907, in Leavenworth and died Nov. 7 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Kubicki; three sisters, Mary, Wanda and Bernice; and three brothers, Carl, Michael, and Frank Buselt.

Survivors include her two daughters, Elaine (Dick) McGlinn of Plymouth and Barbara (Larry) Brown of Asheville, N.C.; three sisters, Valentine Williams, Jane Williams and Irene Mehl, all of Leavenworth; one brother, Alfred Buselt of Leavenworth; and several nieces and nephews.

VIRGINIA K. ZENIEWICZ

Services for Virginia K. Zeniewicz, 73, of Canton were held Nov. 6 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Livonia, and at St. Priscilla Catholic Church with the Rev. Raymond Buccon officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 6, 1926, and died Nov. 4 in Four Chap-

lains Convalescent Center. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her four daughters, Virginia, Sharon Hamilton, Cindy (Mark) Cotter and Janice (Rod) Spencer; two sons, Joseph (Nancy) and Henry; two brothers, William (Mary) Rattigan and Donald (Julie) Rattigan; one sister, Pat (Don) Wojton; and four grandchildren.

PATRICIA A. LINDSAY

Services for Patricia A. Lindsay, 87, of Novi were held Nov. 9 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. William R. Donahue officiating.

She was born Aug. 13, 1932, in Detroit and died Nov. 4 in Ann Arbor. She was a registered nurse and a member of Dexter United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lindsay was preceded in death by her parents, Truman A. and Eunice Mae Riley.

Survivors include her husband, William L. Lindsay of Novi; two sons, David (Jacqui) A. Lindsay of Livermore, Calif., and Douglas P. Lindsay of White Lake; one daughter, Deborah (Keith) S. Jenkins of Plymouth; two sisters, Margaret Gorham of Flat Rock and Judy Riley of Rochester; one grandson, Kyle Lindsay; and two granddaughters, Hannah Jenkins and Kayla Lindsay.

Memorials may be made to the

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ELAINE C. ASSALONE

Services for Elaine C. Assalone, 53, of Canton were held Nov. 9 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

She was born Oct. 2, 1946, in Flushing, N.Y., and died Nov. 7. She worked as an office clerk for an automotive company.

Mrs. Assalone was preceded in death by her husband, John. Survivors include her mother, Loretta (Galen Huren) Assalone; one son, Anthony; and two grandchildren, John and Julia.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

LAURA E. NOLPH

Services for Laura E. Nolph, 88, of Canton took place Nov. 9 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

She was born Nov. 19, 1910, in Emerickville, Pa., and died Nov. 6. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert. Survivors include her daughter, Judy (Bruce) Watt; and three grand-

children, Shelley (Kevin) Murray, Steve, and Laura (Brett) Daugherty.

JOAN CALHOUN

Services for Joan Calhoun, 72, of Northville (formerly of Plymouth) were held Nov. 10 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

She was born March 31, 1927, in Detroit and died Nov. 7 in Orchard Lake. She was a homemaker who came to the Plymouth Community in 1972 from Westland. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club. She was also active in Our Lady of Providence Parents Organization and loved to travel.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed the activities of the Plymouth Garden Club. She was a devoted sister and liked to take

care of people.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Catherine Ann Calhoun, and one brother, John "Dick" Seymour. Survivors include her son, Leo (Patrice) Calhoun Jr. of Orchard Lake; one sister, Sally Ruark of Geneva, Ill.; and one sister-in-law, Joan Seymour of Grosse Pointe.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia or to Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville.

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" ZAMBIANI

Services for Jacqueline "Jackie" Zambiani, 60, of Plymouth took place Nov. 10 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was a registered nurse. After graduating from Mercy High School in 1958, she attended Providence Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1961. She worked at the old Providence Hospital on West Grand

Boulevard and the current Providence in Southfield.

In more recent years, she was a nurse at West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth. She loved animals, especially dogs and deer, and enjoyed playing bingo and vacationing in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Zambiani was a member of the Providence Hospital Nurses Alumni Association and the Catholic Central Mother's Club. She and her husband were members of Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, Monaghan Knights of Columbus and Walnut Creek Country Club.

Survivors include her husband, George; two sons, Michael of Muskegon and Robert of Lansing; one brother, Arnold (Eleanor) Rzepecki; and one grandson, Thomas Michael.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48231 or to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48321.

Poinsettia sale helps Youth Chorale trip

You can help the members of the Counselor's Youth Chorale of Plymouth prepare for their debut in England and Paris next summer as part of the International Children's Choir Festival 2000.

The choir is currently taking orders for poinsettia plants for all holidays gift-giving and decorating needs. The plants are double stalked, foil-wrapped (no ribbon) and are available in red, pink, white or Monet (white with speckles giving it a peach-colored look).

This is an opportunity to share the joy of the holiday season with family, friends, or business associates while providing funds for the CYC trip next summer.

The plants can be picked up at Our Lady of Good Counsel gym on Dec. 4 or Dec. 5 with delivery

of larger orders also available. Cost is \$12 per plant. Orders must be placed and paid for by Nov. 18.

This effort is sponsored by the CYC as part of a large fund-raising effort to offset the cost of attendance at the "by-invitation" only choir festival next summer.

One of only a handful of choirs from the United States to be invited, the 48-member CYC is composed of young singers ages 10-16 representing seven communities and a variety of faiths. They will perform at St. Augustine in Canterbury, Westminster Cathedral in London and Notre Dame and La Madeleine in Paris.

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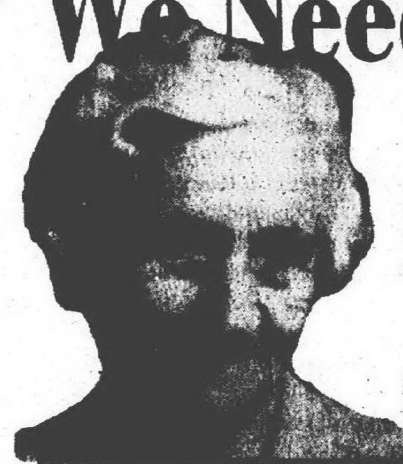
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Informed?

Commission playing catch up?

A careful reading of our story on the contract between the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township for fire services in last Sunday's paper leads to some questions.

Why are current city commissioners David McDonald and Colleen Pobur and outgoing commissioner Ron Loiselle surprised at budget details in the agreement?

"I was misled, duped or whatever you want to call it," Loiselle said.

"These increases in the budget should have been pointed out to us," Dave McDonald said.

"At no time was it three firefighters now and an additional three later," Colleen Pobur said.

The budget projections call for new firefighters (beyond three already agreed to) as the contract moves through to its conclusion in December 2009.

It's part of a historic agreement reached this summer to merge city and township dispatch operations, hire the three new firefighters and build a rail overpass at Sheldon Road. A joint fire department agreement has been in place since 1994.

It seems to us disingenuous to say the commission was unaware of what the details of the agreement are.

McDonald wants to be a state representative and better know what contracts say and mean.

Nothing should jeopardize the new détente, especially elected or paid officials not doing an effective job on their homework.

Loiselle operates a local securities corporation and must be familiar with legal agreements.

Pobur really ought to know best of all. She is director of concessions for Metro Airport and deals with contracts. In a story this summer about vendors at the new mid-field terminal, she promised there would be street pricing for food and other items sold there - no more gouging.

"It will be in the contract they sign with us," she said.

If city manager David Rich failed to fully inform the commission they need to quietly tell him what kind of detail they need the next time a big contract comes up.

These agreements between city and township are vital. Anyone who has lived here since the 1950s or 1960s knows the agonizing differences between the two governments are longstanding.

Nothing should jeopardize the new détente, especially elected or paid officials not doing an effective job on their homework.

PCEP band just marches on

Everybody loves a winner. Especially when it's an underdog, not expected to fare well, fighting the odds and maybe winning in spite of itself. The Detroit Lions fit the category very neatly this season.

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band doesn't.

The PCEP marchers head off to Indianapolis as one of the favorites in this weekend's Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome. That's what happens when you have built a tradition of excellence the way Plymouth-Canton, under band director David McGrath, has done over the years.

The band has been so good for so long - achieving the highest overall score at last month's state championships for the sixth consecutive year - that we tend to downplay its weekly accomplishments. Some may even harbor private resentment against it - the same way we "hate" the New York Yankees.

We don't realize that this year's band members weren't even in high school when the streak started. Or that PCEP band alums have gone on to march and further their studies at top-notch colleges and universities throughout Michigan and across the country.

We lose sight of the fact that these are true student-musicians, balancing their involvement in the band with a heavy class load and other extracurricular activities. We don't think about the hours band members put in on the practice field each week perfecting their complex show, "Thought crime: Music for the Orwellian Era." (What happened to the old days when a few Broadway tunes and a five-year-old TV theme song were enough to keep our toes tapping?)

We don't witness the effort put in behind the scenes by hundreds of parents and dedicated band boosters.

We forget the dedication and teamwork it



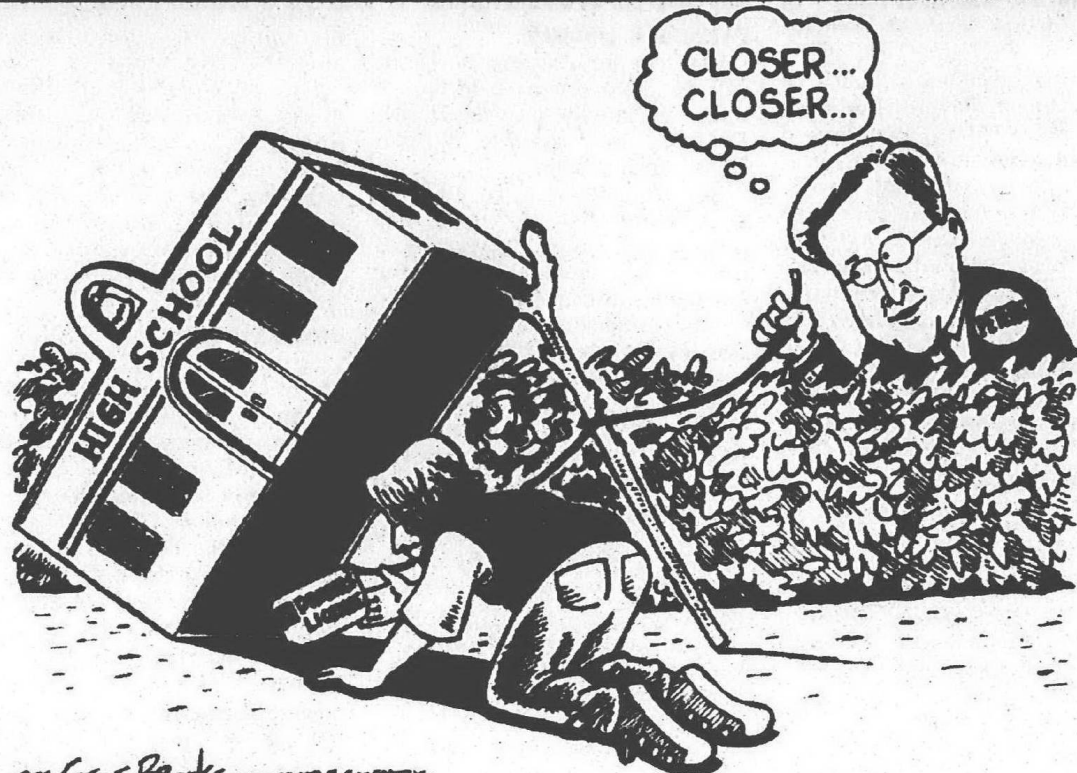
Play on: The PCEP marching band involves a lot of work and a well-established tradition of winning.

takes to stage a show that lasts just nine minutes from start to finish.

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

So is the Observer. And we wish the band good luck in Indianapolis. March on.

GEORGE BROOKS



ON GEORGE BROOKS' COLUMBIAN BROADCAST

LETTERS

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

Deer kill wrong

It puzzles me why so many Americans are surprised and appalled at the violence in our nation. After all, don't some of us make it an annual rite to trek out into the country and for recreation/fun kill some innocent animal who, in trying to survive, has done nothing to deserve being hunted to the death?

Many would justify this by saying there are too many deer. They will starve if we don't kill them. One could liken it to saying, humans are starving so let's stop their suffering. Let's see; would I like to die of starvation or would I rather be terrorized being chased throughout the countryside by someone with a gun (or worse yet a bow and arrow) trying to kill me and who very likely might wound me in a way that I could suffer terrible pain until I do die? I think I would rather starve!

And where is right to life on this issue? Or is non-human life less precious? Is the right to live only applied to humans? Are we looking for life in outer space to utilize or manage it, too?

Could it be that those who are supposed to manage our wildlife do so with the deliberate intent of increasing the herd to make more permit money? Otherwise they aren't doing a very good job. One should ask if we need to manage or let nature take its course. Is this the only alternative? Come on, we can send a man to the moon; but there's no other choice than to kill a creature that is only trying to survive and then ask why there is so much violence in our society!

And what is sportsmanlike in shooting something with little defense against high tech guns or a bow and arrow? Many times waiting in ambush near a pile of food? With all the camouflage clothing, scent markers, mating call imitators and other equipment what is sporting about killing a creature with little to defend itself except running scared? When so-called sportsman pile bait all year till deer are used to it and then blow it away in the fall? Is that what Americans call sportsmanship? Let's call it what it is, war on wildlife.

Is someone's life so empty and meaningless that the only recreation they can enjoy is feeling the power that comes with taking a life?

Look into a deer's large, expressive eyes and then take your weapon of choice and kill it. Then wonder why there is so much violence

in our society. Stop the war on wildlife!

Rosita Smith
Plymouth

Invites violence

With national and local media focusing on issues of teen violence in schools, I am pleased to see that the Plymouth-Canton Teacher's Association is supporting the educators responsible for the recent "Gay Displays" in two local schools.

According to the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, our nation's safest schools provide a welcoming climate, which promotes the success and development of all children. Violence is linked to intolerance, as evidenced in the Columbine shootings and the death of Matthew Shepard.

We know that homosexuals attend our schools, go to college, and get jobs in our community. Diversity in race, religion, age, and sexual preference exists regardless of public opinion; history shows us that it always has. Federal laws exist to protect us all from discrimination on these grounds. Tolerance is required.

Perhaps it should not be necessary to display famous homosexuals on bulletin boards to prove that we are tolerant of diversity. However, when we demand their removal, we sanction intolerance. We are teaching our children that some people are not welcome in school, and we invite violence.

At the widely publicized safety meeting held on Sept. 28 in the Canton High School cafeteria, community members and local officials repeated the need for tolerance in school as a matter of safety. I hope that these same citizens will recognize the removal of Gay and Lesbian History Month displays as an act of intolerance and respond accordingly to the school board.

In order to emphasize the dangers of intolerance to our children and promote tolerance through education, I move that we celebrate "International Day of Tolerance" on Nov. 16 as proclaimed by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. Let's even allow a few bulletin boards on the subject.

Barbara Wells
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do we do enough as a country to honor our veterans?

We recently asked this question at the Plymouth post office on Penniman Street.



"I think so. I think there's a lot of pomp and circumstance that goes with it."

Ray Lee
Plymouth



"I don't think we do. They have a parade, but don't communicate what the meaning of Veteran's Day is."

Adam Proctor
Canton



"They don't do enough. I always try to send something to Disabled American Veterans."

Dorothy Olsen
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"I'd say we do. I don't know what else we could do."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Literacy spelling bee won by library teams, not writers

Aha, they probably thought, we're getting a ringer. Now we'll win the annual spelling bee for sure. Better order the champagne today. Call the White House to set up that congratulatory call from the President. Check into some possible endorsement deals. (Milton Bradley and "Scrabble" come to mind).

After all, what team would lose with a journalist on board? Certainly not us. Not with a stellar lineup featuring Deborah Zambo Taracuk from the Community Literacy Council, Theresa Kehoe and, of course, a veteran newspaper editor.

The non-profit council stages the annual spelling bee to raise both awareness and money to promote literacy in the Plymouth and Canton communities. The organization offers free adult tutors to students who want to improve their reading, writing or math skills. "Improved literacy helps our students enrich the quality



TEDD SCHNEIDER

of their lives through better jobs, greater enjoyment of reading, and a sense of great personal accomplishment," the council says in its mission statement.

So it was we strode to the podium at the Summit on a recent Wednesday evening with the idea that we were working for a noble cause and with great "c-o-n-f-i-d-e-n-c-e," our challenge of the moment. Turns out we could have used a little more "h-u-m-i-l-i-t-y," another word from the study list.

And so lose we did. Ingloriously going out in the second round. The first team to walk from the stage in crimson embarrassment, in fact. It turns out the aptly named "Born to BEE bad" trio really was.

Now, I can explain. We had the word spelled right in the huddle, we really did. But somehow it just came out wrong when we got to the microphone. We correctly spelled the word "confident" instead. Right root, wrong suffix. Zipped when we should have zagged ... mistakes were made ... yada, yada, yada.

You see, there is a misconception about journalists and spelling. We just don't have what it takes to get up there - in front of a crowd, no less - and rattle off word after word without a crib sheet, er, uh research tools. Naked, unadorned spelling doesn't happen here.

Any actual spelling that goes on at a newspaper is a painstaking team effort - edge-of-your-seat human

drama that sometimes features conference calls and top-level secret meetings that would put the folks at the Pentagon to shame.

Just take a look at my desk. You'll find a dictionary with thumb prints on every other page; a thesaurus; a World Almanac; and the Associated Press Stylebook. (OK, so it's 20 years old and contains no recent vernacular - I had to look that up.) Still, the spellcheck on my computer often goes into overdrive when I send a story through.

We also have talented people on our copy desk. Their job is to read and tweak until our not-so-eloquent prose both makes sense to readers and keeps the newspaper out of legal hot water.

But the fault here is mine. I perpetrated a fraud. I let our captain believe the team was getting a first-rate speller, someone who could recite endlessly from a list of words with ever-increasing difficulty that most of

us back away from in everyday speech.

If there was any consolation, it was in the fact that the team sponsored by a competing newspaper up the street went out shortly after ours.

Teams sponsored by the friends groups of the Plymouth and Canton libraries slugged it out to the final round. The "Spelling Savants" - sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library and including Kathie Gladden, Ann Hoey and Mike Haddad - were the champs for the second consecutive year.

Librarians. Now there's a group of people who can really spell.

Tedd Schneider is the community editor of The Canton Observer. You can reach him at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net Just don't ask him to spell his name for you unless you have lots of time to sit on hold.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student backs east site

I have a problem with the location of the new high school. Some people say that the new school should be at the west location (Beck and Joy).

Others believe it should be at the east location (within walking distance of the other building). I think strongly the location of the new school should be at the east site. If the new school is located at the west site, the whole park will lose a lot of elective classes.

The district will save more money by locating the new school at the east site because they won't have to pay for shuttle buses (300,000 per year). This concerns me because I am a resource room student.

When I need help on a test from my Salem resource room teaching how will I get this if I'm at the west

site? It is against the law to deprive a student of needed assistance when it is stated as such on this I.E.P. This would not be an issue if the new school is located on the east site. Since I'm graduating next year, this won't affect me.

I'm concerned for my family if I stay in the area. I hope the school board takes this into consideration when voting on the best site for the new high school.

Troy Batey
Salem High School student

Saluting the band

When a community of people, whether it be a neighborhood, a school, a church or even a high school

marching band, works together for a common goal and is willing to dedicate themselves to the hard work and perseverance required to accomplish that goal, great and wonderful things happen. As is the case with the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

Without the dedication of a tremendously talented staff (18 total), the commitment and discipline of students and the support of families and the community, this band would not be the national contenders that they are.

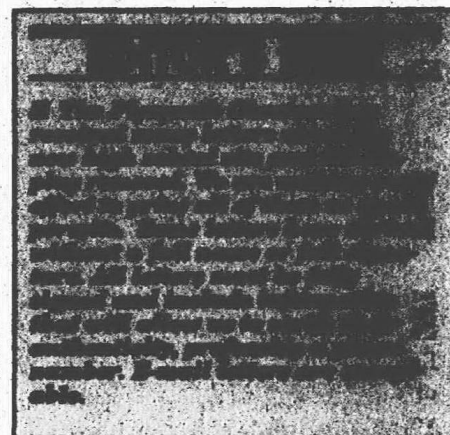
As a parent I am immensely proud of this fine group of young people. The music education these kids receive is unequalled. The typical 18 to 20 hours per week of practice includes the utmost attention to detail, clinic instruction with musical arrangers and drill designers, and minute

refinement of musical interpretation measure by measure. I believe the educational experience this band offers rivals that of any professional music camp experience. I salute Mr. McGrath and his colleagues for the outstanding work they do.

Fortunately, this band experience for my child and his peers is about far more than making music and winning awards. It is learning about life, working for a common goal, pulling together as a team and doing everything it takes to get there. No one can dispute that hard work and dedication pays off. The equal sign is always equal; we get out of an experience exactly what we put into it. The result this band produces is in direct correlation to the effort extended. And for that and the learning experience it has afforded my child, I am extremely grateful.

I celebrate this band's accomplishments. They are a tremendous group of young people of which the Plymouth-Canton community can be extremely proud.

Lorraine Paffearoth
Canton



Goals are reachable if we put kids first

The findings of a decade of medical and scientific research on how babies develop are perfectly clear and undisputed:

- A child's intelligence arises from the set of sensory experiences during the first 10 years of life, with the most crucial period being from birth to age 3.

- If the very early years are squandered, the ability to learn is forever after compromised.

- What parents of newborns should do is hardly rocket science: Talking, singing and reading to them, tickling them while changing their diapers, helping them draw with chalk, holding and snuggling them. What's new is that the intuition and experience that guided parents in the past are today being validated by hard science.

Despite overwhelming evidence, today's reality in Michigan remains stubbornly deficient in focusing on the needs of children, parents and child care providers during the key early years.

- A study by the Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants found that children in Michigan attending kindergarten after age 5 receive three times the public and private support that pre-kindergartners get: \$7,200 versus \$2,200 per year.

- The same study found that 96 percent of Michigan workers have no employer-sponsored early childhood benefits, whether paid family leave or subsidized child care.

- Over the weekend, the Detroit News reported that the people who care for children in Michigan often make less than a hamburger flipper at the local fast food restaurant. The median hourly wage for child care workers is \$7.03, compared to a bus driver's \$11.55 or a kindergarten teacher's \$19.85.

What we have here is a classic disconnect between what we know - we should focus our resources on our children from birth to the time they enter kindergarten - and what we actually do. I can forgive people or societies for not doing the right thing when they don't know any better, but it's hard to forgive when people knowingly persist in dumb behavior.

There are signs wise people in Michigan are beginning to take this situation seriously.

In the Michigan Legislature, of all places, a bipartisan Children's Caucus is beginning to look hard at what the state can do to assist the development of very young children. Caucus leaders include Reps. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Hubert Price (D-Pontiac), Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) and Edward LaForge (D-Kalamazoo).

The first meeting last month attracted around 25 representatives and senators. Rather than jumping to develop specific legislative pro-



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posals, the caucus is intended to provide lawmakers with information about early childhood development they can use later in weighing policy responses.

Roots for the caucus lie in the Ready-To-Learn Leadership Summit, which took place in June and gathered some 50 leaders from all sectors of the state. The group listened to a report by Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood expert and consultant for Oakland schools, who presented a summary of what scientists have learned about child development over the past 20 years.

The impact of what Firestone and other experts had to say was head-spinning. For example, one study suggested that the return on investment in early child development could be enormous. If society were willing to spend \$12,000 per child for the years from birth, total social spending (in reduced crime, prisons, and other social ills stemming from incomplete childhood development) could be cut by \$88,000.

The best perspective for me (I attended the summit and was fascinated) was a quote from Becky Beauchamp of Traverse City's United Way: "The most important thing that can come out of this is to realize that children are a priority. We revere youth in this country, but we do not value children. We've proven again and again that if something is a priority, we can find a solution. If we decide a football stadium is a priority, we find a way to build it."

I wouldn't be at all surprised if concerns about early childhood development wind up to be a central issue in Michigan public policy over the next decade.

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Recently, the Madonna University Board of Trustees approved the change of the Education Department to a College of Education.

"This organizational change recognizes the Education Department's role in the growth of the university and its solid reputation in preparing teachers," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "The education of teachers has been central to our mission of service to the community."

The College of Education directs the teacher preparation curriculum at the undergraduate level, as well as four master's degree programs. The academic majors in family and consumer science, child development and early childhood education are also housed in the new college. All the undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of



New dean: Robert Kimball

Teacher Education.

In conjunction with the designation of the College of Education, Robert Kimball was named dean. Kimball had been chair of the Education Department for the last nine years. The South Lyon resident earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. His teaching experience spans more than 30 years and includes serving as director of student teaching and chair of the Teacher Education Department at Mercy College of Detroit.

Kimball has long been interested in educational computing and has written five computer programs for school children. He also designed Web pages for the College of Education, which can be found at the University's Web site - www.munet.edu.

"The goals of the College of Education are to offer high quality instruction, to nurture and support all students through faculty mentoring and to meet the career need of future and current teachers," said Kimball.

Students are expected to benefit from the change, since the new college will offer more personal attention and academic resources, said Kimball.

Over the past decade the teacher education program has grown dramatically. Four graduate programs were developed - a master of arts in teaching with specializations in learning disabilities and literacy education and a master of science in administration with specialties in Catholic school leadership and educational leadership.

Madonna University's College of Education is an approved Michigan teacher preparation institution authorized to grant teaching certificates at the elementary and secondary levels. For more information about teacher education programs, call (734) 432-5339.

Henry Ford holds pre-education forum

Find out how Henry Ford Community College can help you get started on a teaching career at HFCC's second annual Pre-Education Conference. The conference is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Administrative Services and Conference Center, located on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

At the conference, participants will learn about teacher certification, the job market outlook and how to apply and interview

for teaching positions. HFCC representatives will provide information on the college's pre-education transfer program.

During break-out sessions, participants can speak with HFCC instructors as well as HFCC alumni who have transferred to teaching programs at four-year colleges and universities.

A continental breakfast will start the conference at 8 a.m. After breakfast, keynote speaker Carolyn Logan, director of teach-

er certification for the Michigan Department of Education, will discuss the teaching profession in Michigan. Other speakers include Janice Cataldo, director of the Early Child Care program for the Dearborn Public Schools and Nancy Wilkinson, assistant human resources director for the Dearborn Public Schools.

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Getting there: Her TripTik vs. my map

It was that fool TripTik that got me into trouble. That, and those highway signs that use exit numbers instead of telling you where you're going, if you get off at a particular exit.

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Men like road maps. They're big and awkward, but they do give the whole picture. Detroit is here and Orlando is down there, and there's more than one way to get from here to there. TripTiks just show you one marked route.

In this case, we were headed to Stratford to catch a couple of Shakespearean plays. And we were running late.

We had just crossed over the Blue Water bridge at Port Huron and were cruising east on Provincial Highway 402. The Feminist had the TripTik in her lap but got distracted and wasn't paying attention to it as I sailed past exit 44 without a thought.

A few minutes later she looked up.

"Where are we?" she asked.

"Somewhere in Canada," I said.

"What was the last exit you passed?"

"I don't know. I think it said exit 44."

She looked at the TripTik.

"That was the one we were supposed to take," she said, somewhat irritated. "If you passed it, we've gone too far."

■ See, if we'd followed your TripTik route, we would have had to turn around and go back.

"I wasn't looking for exit numbers," I said. "I was looking for something that said Highway 7."

"I thought you looked at the map before we left," she said,

really irritated now. "I thought you knew where you were going."

"I did look at the MAP," I said. "The MAP. Not this thing."

"Look up there," she said. "We're coming up on exit 56. We missed our exit."

I pulled off on the shoulder of the road, illegally, I'm sure.

"Let me see the map," I said.

She handed me the TripTik.

"Not that. I mean the REAL MAP."

I unfolded the bedsheetsized Official Road Map (Carte Routière) of Ontario and checked our location.

"Look," I said, "we get off here, take Highway 6 north, cross Highway 12 and then we'll pick up Highway 7 right here."

"Whatever you say," she snapped.

"It doesn't show that on the TripTik."

About 20 minutes later, we pulled up to a stop sign.

"This is it," I said. "This is Highway 7. We're just a few miles east of where we would have been if we had gotten off at your exit."

Fortunately, for me, the westbound route on Highway 7 was barricaded. "Bridge Out," the sign read.

"See," I said, "if we'd followed your TripTik route, we would have had to turn around and go back. This actually saved us time."

"Well ..." she said. "Lucky for you."

Yeah, lucky for me. We got to the Festival Theatre five minutes before curtain time.

But we made it.

All through the performance, I kept thinking about something The Teenager's best friend had said just before we left.

"Oh, you guys get TripTiks, too," she said, after seeing it lying on the kitchen counter.

"Yeah," I said. "I don't like them."

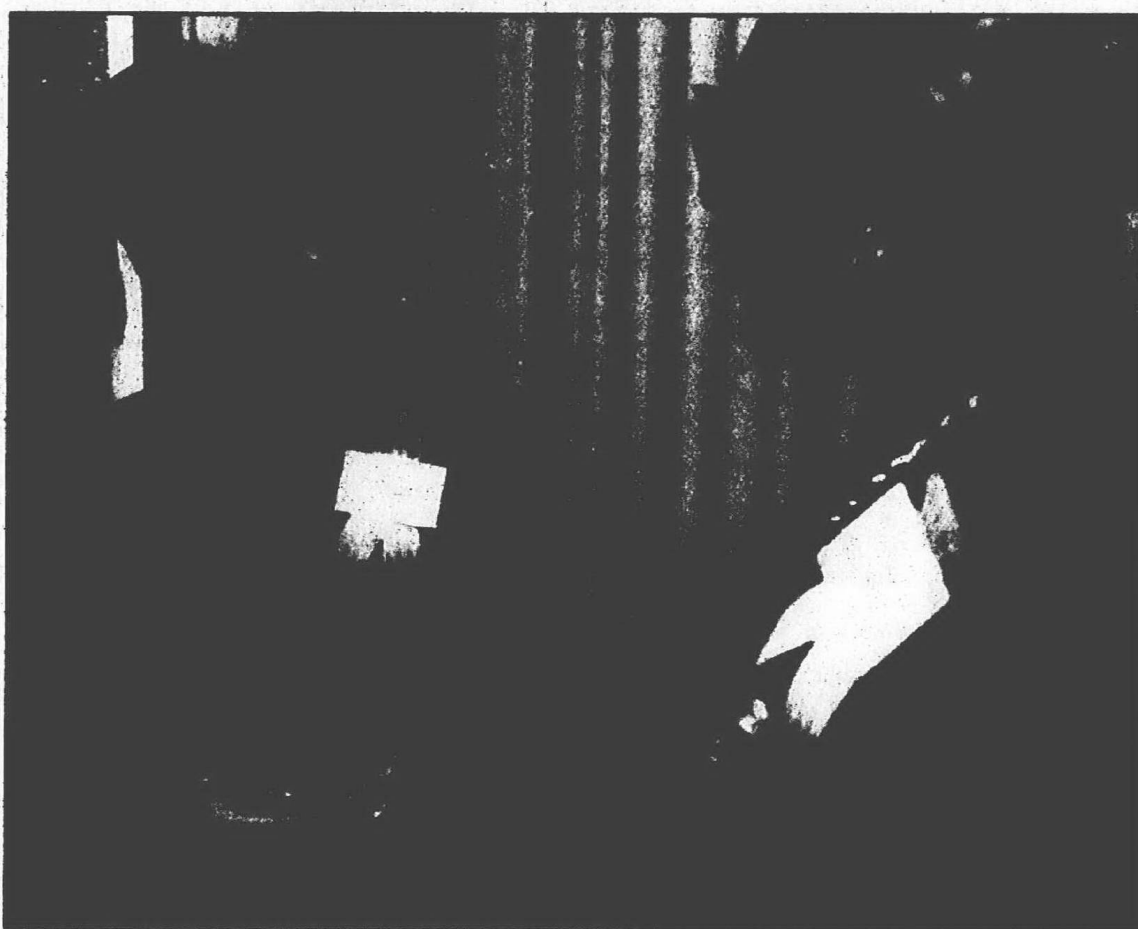
"Neither does my dad," she said.

"But my mom always gets them."

Somehow that made me feel better.

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WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT



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Autumn Kucka has a work ethic her sister Brandy Krupp felt needed some recognition. So without her sister knowing, Krupp nominated her for an award.

And so it was a surprise when Kucka was one of six women honored Nov. 5 by the YWCA of Western Wayne County as Women of Achievement for 1999. The Redford resident was the Young Woman honoree.

"I was very surprised. I didn't know she was doing it," said Kucka at a reception prior to the luncheon at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. "They (YWCA) called and left a message on my answering machine. I wasn't sure where it came from."

This is the eighth year the YWCA has recognized women in six categories who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both the professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County.

Joining Kucka as honorees were Marnette Perry of Northville, president of Kroger Co. of Michigan, in business/industry; Joan Dyer-Zinner of Belleville, editor of The View, in arts/communications; Karen Fort Hood of Detroit, presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court's Criminal Division, in government/law; Jane Romatowski of Trenton, associate dean of the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education, in the professions; and Willis M. Miller of Detroit, a retired nurse, in the volunteer category.

A 'work ethic'

At age 23, Kucka "embodies the American work ethic," according to her nomination. A graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, she carried a full class load while working two or more jobs to pay for her education.

And the multiple job experience carried over in her life after college. In addition to working as a communications specialist with the Canton Department of Public Safety, four nights a week she is a manager at a bar and restaurant and three days a week helps out at the tanning salon

Youthful winner: Autumn Kucka of Redford waits with other winners and nominees for the start of the YWCA's annual Women of Achievement Awards luncheon, held at the Fairlane Club last week.

of an ailing friend.

Even though she has the responsibilities of owning a home, she has found time "squeeze in" many of the volunteer activities of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, including chairing the Zeta 2000 Day and "Race for the Cure" to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

She also is a member of the Leukemia Society's "Team in Training" fund-raising program and volunteers her skills at the child Abuse Prevention Council by preparing press releases, fliers and other marketing materials.

"I guess they looked at my age, 23, and all that I've accomplished so far - all the volunteer work, owning my home, working three jobs," said Kucka. "It's where it has led me down the road."

Standing nearby was Canton resident Dollie Lieberman, who was "overwhelmed" when Maureen Karby, Canton's volunteer coordinator, nominated her for being a "volunteer extraordinaire in Canton."

"She and her husband Ron are always available to volunteers for township-sponsored activities," said Karby. "I call and they're always there."

Lieberman happily tells you she has "retired from three careers and I'm looking forward to the fourth one." She was director of a day camp for the Easter Seals Society, a hospice nurse for Individualized Home Nursing Inc. in Ann Arbor, and a quilting teacher at Wayne County Community College and Summit on the Park.

She belongs to the greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild and the Plymouth Piecemakers and her quilts decorate the Canton Township Treasurer's

office, Canton Chamber of Commerce office, Gallimore Elementary School, and Canton Fire Station No. 1.

"I make quilts for First Step and the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Counseling Center ... and whatever Maureen wants me to do," said Lieberman with a chuckle.

The mother of six and grandmother of 10, she now is teaching her granddaughter to quilt.

"Those are the joy of my real life," Lieberman said of her family.

Like Lieberman, Nancy Remick of Plymouth was nominated

for her volunteerism.

"I definite couldn't believe it," said Remick of her nomination. "I don't deserve something like this."

Good listener

Her nominator Sandy Luoma disagrees.

"She has given so much time to wanting to help people," she said. "She has a good listening ear."

For 11 years, Remick has been a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center in Livonia, handling the WRC's mailing list and counseling people who come in for assistance.

For the past two to three years, she has been a docent at the Plymouth Historical Museum, "spending hours adjusting and modifying" her presentation to suit the group she will be guiding through the museum.

Among the nominees for Women of Achievement Awards were Livonia residents Maureen Miller Brosnan, a Livonia city councilwoman; Charlotte (Charlie) Mahoney, regional manager for Detroit Edison; state Rep. Laura Toy, 19th District Republican; and Cynthia Wishart, vice president of Aon Risk Services Inc. of Michigan.

Also nominated were Dr. Patricia Johnson of Wixom, Jeane Lee of Orchard Lake, Doreitha Armstrong of Belleville, Dr. Patricia Boyle of Detroit, Mary Bugeia of Dearborn, Catherine Cooper of Inkster, Marieta Edje of Inkster, M. Jeannie Fields of Oak Park, Linda Hallick of Dearborn, Sheila Sasser of Taylor, Joy Squire of Taylor, Beth Stanton of Southgate, Margaret Watson of Dearborn, Dorothy West of Taylor, and Sarah Young of Inkster.

'Healthy Teens' - so parents can get involved

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The checking and rechecking is done; the last chapter has been signed off on.

Now all Alice McCarthy has to do is wait until Monday, Nov. 15, when the third installment of her "Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" goes on sale.

"It's been a long, long process, and one of the most interesting ones I did," said McCarthy. "I had the counsel and help of many, many authorities who could talk about teens. The content is the most important element. If you don't have anything to say, you don't have a book."

With two-thirds of 1,000 high school students in a recent Shell Poll saying it's "tough" being a teenager today, "Healthy Teens" is written for parents and professionals who work with them.

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" is a one-stop, easy-to-read guide that provides a broad base of information on high-risk life issues for youth as well as a variety of tools and resources to deal with them.



Alice McCarthy

Among the subjects the book looks at are many of the issues that are in the news almost daily - teen sexuality, substance abuse, school violence, relationship violence and physical and

mental health.

"I'm not a therapist, I'm an educator and I want to help parents understand what's happening in the world of teens today," said McCarthy. "Parents, if they know what's going on in their teens' lives, can do a better job."

McCarthy is a nationally known educator and writer with degrees in human ecology and education from Cornell and Wayne State universities.

In addition to "Healthy Teens," she authored "Health 'n Me," a national curriculum in health for kindergarten through sixth grade. She also produces a four-page "Healthy Newsletter" for families of kindergartners through sixth graders.

Pamphlet to book

"Healthy Teens" started out as a pamphlet in 1995, took on book form in 1996 and grew to 104 pages by the time the second edition was printed in 1997.

And 14 months ago, when the Birmingham resident decided to do a third edition, she heeded the advice of her son Jimmy and had the second edition critiqued by a group of "eminent people," including the parent of two

teenagers, a high school principal, health education professionals and a high school student.

It was their suggestions and recommendations that helped shape the latest version.

Dr. Victor Strasburger of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine found the second edition "very old-fashioned looking." To address that, McCarthy went to "the finest design firm in the United States," Ford & Earl Associates in Troy, to do the design work.

Donald Gainey, a high school principal in Milford, Mass., said the children in the photographs looked too happy, so McCarthy turned to Mary Douse for illustrations and to her grandson, Michael Edward McCarthy, a high school junior, for a dozen of the photographs that were used.

"This book sort of snowballed because of the demands, because of all the things people felt it needed," said McCarthy. "It kept growing and growing and growing. We knew from the advice we received we had to expand."

Gainey found the book to be "an

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McCarthy

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extraordinary reference for parents, teachers, principals — anyone concerned about adolescents," while Northville resident Barbara Pitt, the mother of two teenagers, said the book "is a great place to start" to build a better relationship between parents and teens.

The focus of the book has broadened to be a guide for parents of children ages 11-18. It's reflected in a new chapter on physical health which covers everything from puberty and building an active lifestyle to healthy eating and dental health.

Additional chapters offer information about the importance of family-school-community involvement in education and health education and college and vocational preparation.

"Throughout the book, I talk about the importance of parents' involvement in their teens' personal and school lives," said McCarthy. "I believe health education is an exciting and interesting place for a parent to be involved and I provide examples."

"I make an extended case for the importance of health education at the middle and high schools."

At the end of each chapter of "Healthy Teens" are annotated resources, Web sites and 800 numbers parents and educators can use.

"The books listed I have read

or seen," she added. "They're not superficial lists, these are by people I believe in."

McCarthy also has acknowledged the help of representatives of the Michigan School Health Foundation, American Association for Health Education, National Association of Secondary School Principals, St. John Health System and National Middle School Association in the production of "Healthy Teens."

"The most interesting thing was having these five organizations on standby during the period of review and to have them read every word and make suggestions," she said. "Every chapter that came in from the designers was sent out to these five people. They gave us expert counseling and review."

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" costs \$14.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and is available through McCarthy's Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009. For more information or to order the book, call (348) 646-1030 or order by e-mail at bridgecomm@aol.com.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers also will publish excerpts from "Healthy Teens." Next week: School violence.

Auction soars at Light Up a Life

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fighter pilot?

You can spend a day finding out if you're the highest bidder for that item at the 12th annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice.

Sponsored by Jacobson's of Laurel Park Place and the Italian American Club of Livonia, Light Up a Life will treat guests to an evening of gourmet foods, fun, live and silent auctions and shopping 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Jacobson's, Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Last year's benefit raised a record \$100,000 for the many programs offered through Angela Hospice, including its "My Nest Is Best" pediatric hospice program.

Honorary chairs for the year's event are David Brandon and wife Jan, with Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Giovanni, Carolyn DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci the benefit chairs.

The evening will kick off with a special VIP celebrity and

champagne reception at 5:30 p.m., with party-goers a chance to rub elbows with such celebrity guests as Cheryl Chodina, Mark Hayes of WXYZ-TV Channel 7, Paul Gross of WDIV-TV Channel 4, Jimmy Launce of WYUR-FM and David Scott of WKBD-UPN 50.

Tickets for Light Up a Life are \$40 with special \$100 tickets that include the VIP reception and benefit. They're available at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, or by calling (734) 464-7810.

Auctioneer Dan Stall will be looking for the highest bid on a variety of items, including the chance to be a fighter pilot for the day. The highest bidder will receive actual flight training then practice in an afternoon game of laser tag combat.

Also up for bid are an autographed hockey stick signed by the 24 members of the Detroit Red Wings, cultural packages including the Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan Opera Theatre

and Meadow Brook Theater, Detroit Red Wings tickets, resort and travel packages, autographed 1999 Masters Tournament memorabilia and a variety of Harrods bears and collectible TYCO Beanie Babies.

There also will be a "Fortune \$5,000" raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each for the chance to win 10 cash prizes, ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

The annual \$1-per-ticket raffle will have a 4-day/3-night trip for two to Las Vegas, including airfare courtesy of Northwest Airlines, accommodations, a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate, 13-inch color television and TYCO "Millennium" Beanie Baby as prizes.

The strolling supper will feature fine wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, presented by some 30 areas restaurants and food companies, including the Beirut Bakery, Charley's Deli and Grille, Chimento's, Confectionately Yours Bakery, Copper Creek, deRos Delicacies, Great

Harvest Bread Company, Joe's Produce, La Bistecce, La Shiah, Macaroni Grill, Mary Danning's Cake Shoppe, Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market, Sweet Lorraine's, Uptown Cafe and Villa de Roma at the Summit.

Party-goers also will have a chance to meet John Wagner, photographer of "Michigan Lighthouses," and Giffbert (Nick) van Frankenhuyzen, illustrator for the "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," "The Legend of Mackinaw Island" and "The Blue Spruce," a new children's book written by Mario Cuomo.

Setting the mood will be Dave Bevington on the keyboard, harpist Christa Grix and caricaturist Chuck Borhanian.

Jacobson's will be open for after-hours shopping and \$20 of each sales receipt totaling \$100 or more on purchases made during the benefit will be donated to Angela Hospice. Free shipping also will be available for packages weighing less than 10 pounds.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE
Presbyterian Village-Westland will have a bazaar and bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 at the facility, 32001 Cherry Hill Road. Handcrafted items, woodworking, tree ornaments, troves and

treasures table and baked goods will be featured. For more information, call (734) 762-0886.

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.

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE
Sunflower Village Homes Subdivision will have its annual craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 453-2022.

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. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Salvation Army's "Adopt-A-Family." 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.

CLARENCEVILLE
The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have its annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the high school, Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, bake sale and raffle. Admission will be \$2 and baby-sitting will be available. No strollers permitted.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

HARRIS-KEHRER VFW
The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will have its annual craft bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Pam at (734) 721-6304.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
St. Paul Lutheran Church will have its 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

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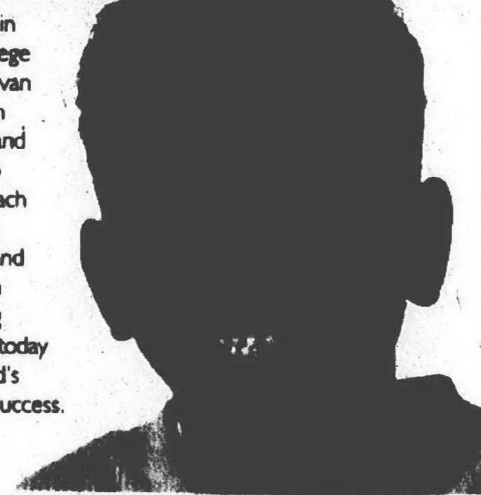
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Webber-Klonowski

Karen Marie Klonowski and Corey Robert Webber were married July 10 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Detroit by the Rev. David Preuss.

The bride is the daughter of Arnie and Elaine Klonowski of Redford. The groom is the son of Dolores Godin of Farmington Hills and Van Webber of Oscoda.

The bride is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School, the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and Oakland University with a master of arts degree in reading and language arts. She is employed as a reading recovery teacher at Oakley Park Elementary School in Walled Lake.

The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and University of Detroit with a master of engineering management degree. He is employed as an automotive seating engineer at Magna International in Livonia.

The bride asked Shelly Hurwitz to be her matron of honor with bridesmaids Mary Holden, Amy Turney, Amy Sumner and Kerry Muncy as bridesmaids,



Rebecca Gallagher as junior bridesmaid and Kylie Hurwitz and Meghan Rozman as flower girls.

The groom asked Jason Klonowski to be his best man with Jamie Lawrence, Chad Muncy, Todd Jubenville and Paul Cohen as groomsmen, Mitchell Rozman as ring bearer and John Turney II as usher.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Warren Valley Golf course before leaving on a honeymoon trip to the Leelanau Peninsula. They are making their home in Commerce Township.

Gregorich-Gaffield

George and Helen Gregorich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Rose, to Benson Wilder Gaffield of Livonia, the son of Craig and Cynthia Gaffield, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



Smith-Kuehneman

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Ernest Frank Kuehneman, son of Ernest L. of Farmington Hills and Donna Kuehneman of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School. Her fiancé also is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

A December 1999 wedding is planned.



Meadows-Sellers

Harry and Delores Meadows of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Lynn, to Robert Donald Sellers, the son of Bill and Ginny Sellers of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. She teaches pre-kindergarten while attending Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He also attended William D. Ford Vocational Center in Westland to receive certification as a certified auto body technician. He is currently working in that field.

An October 2001 wedding is planned.



Smith-Anderson

Loren William Smith and Johanna Lynn Anderson were married Aug. 27 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by Deacon John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Linda Anderson of Canton. The groom is the son of Jeffery and Linda Rothbarth of White Lake.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Triad Performance Technologies in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and Oakland University. He is employed by Oakland University as the varsity head diving coach and is the owner of All Pro Painting.

The bride asked Erica Stowe to serve as matron of honor with Holly Butterfield, Erica Anderson and Holly Smith as the bridesmaids. Michelle and Kirstie Smiley, Katie Bykowski and Anaisa Zaleski were the flowergirls.

Tom Ashfield served as best



man with Greg Werth, John DeRonne and Larry Smith as groomsmen and David and Larry Anderson as ushers. Geoffrey Zaleski was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at St. Thomas the Apostle Hall in Southfield. Following a trip to Nassau, the Bahamas, they are making their home in Northville.

Demeester-Palombit

James and Theresa Dezelosky of Caseville announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Demeester, to Raymond Galliano Palombit, the son of Raymond and Cynthia Palombit of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a franchise consultant for General Nutrition Center Inc. Her fiancé works for Bathrooms Inc., a family business. They have purchased a GNC franchise which will open in June.

A March wedding in Milford is planned.



Sultana-Taylor

Joseph and Maria Sultana of Canton, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Josie, to Damian Taylor, the son of Daniel and Kathy Taylor of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Dearborn. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed as an auditor with Arthur Andersen LLP.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. He is employed as a commercial lender by GMAC.

An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Providence



Catholic Chapel in Plymouth.

NEW VOICES

Keith and Jennifer Cunningham of Westland announce the birth of Sydney Mikaela May 13 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Sheri and Carl Clements of Wayne and Jackie Cunningham of Dearborn and the late Leon Cunningham.

Alvin and Grace Austria of Livonia announce the birth of Aimee Grace Suarez Austria June 4 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Gavin, 7. Grandparents are Carlito and Gloria Suarez of Detroit and Dante and Josefina Austria of Simi Valley, Calif.

Brian and Kristin Barnes of Westland announce the birth of Alaina Addison June 14 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She has three siblings - Ayllisia, 5 1/2, Austin, 2

1/2, and Bailey Karoub, 8 1/2. Grandparents are James and Kathleen Glasgow of Westland, Ronald and Jane Urbaniak of Canton and Dennis Barnes of Warren. Great-grandparents are MaryJane Urbaniak of Redford and Louise Barnes of Warren.

Mark and Donna Seremak announce the birth of their daughter Brittany Katelyn June 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ethel Seremak of Livonia, Ted Seremak of Vermillion, S.D., Betty McMillan of Livonia and the late Don (Mac) McMillan.

Jesse A. Lewis of Westland and Lindsay M. Cowell of Wayne announce the birth of

Chase Jaden Lewis July 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Monty and Susan Lewis of Westland and Roger and Debbie Cowell of Wayne.

John Charron and Sunshine Tesch of Westland announce the birth of Kellee Elizabeth Charron July 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Breann, 4, and a brother, Timothy, 8. Grandmother is Shirley Charron of Westland.

Eric and Kimberly Forton of Garden City announce the birth of Ryker Dane July 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins brother Sawyer, 13 months.

Christopher and Sheila Hull of Westland announce the birth of Sebastian John July 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pat and Vaughn Hull of Westland, Bonnie Torres of Garden City and Robert Torres of Westland.

Robert Walker and Terry Lukacs of Garden City announce the birth of Paige Noel July 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Bart and Sherry Matthews of Westland announce the birth of Kelsey Catherine July 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Logan, 5. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Gorczyca of

Garden City and William and Sara Matthews of Uniontown, Pa.

Robb and Polly LaChapelle of St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Joel Thomas July 19. He joins two brothers, Curtis Judd and Jackson Robb. Grandparents are Ruth and Ed Judd of Plymouth and Mary Lou and Gene LaChapelle of Marquette.

Daniel and Marlena Blazer of Wayne announce the birth of William July 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins sisters Maranda and Franny. Grandparents are James Blazer of Wayne and Sam and Emma Music of Westland.

Mark and Katie Ball of Dear-

born Heights announce the birth of Roy David Nicholas July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jennifer, 20. Grandparents are Clarence and Fran Ball and Mike and Peggy Howe, all of Garden City.

Charles and Lucinda Johnson of Garden City announce the birth of Christian Mikel July 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has two siblings, Claude and Steffan. Grandparents are Mike and Judy Braun of Wayne and Ed and Sharon Johnson of Garden City.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

Kindermusik presents "Story Time with Miss Karna," 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, Downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-5220.

CONCERT
The Plymouth Symphony is pleased to join in a partnership with St. Kenneth Church for its "Four B's" concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the church, 14951 Haggerty, just south of Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for college students and seniors. Children from K-12, free. Afterglow reception will be held at St. Kenneth's Church Society. For more information, call (734) 451-2112.

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 benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

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

CRAFT SHOW
Fox Hills will be sponsoring a craft show Friday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 21. Show hours are Friday, 4-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 458-7272.

KELLER & STEIN
Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse is sponsoring an evergreen wreath class from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at 42155 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275 in Canton. Attend this class and learn how to make your own beautiful holiday wreath. For more information, call (734) 397-0800.

CANTON GOODFELLOWS
The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items until Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday food baskets for needy Canton families and senior citizens. The collection begins Tuesday, Nov. 16. Non-perishable food items needed include: soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, treats such as candy and gum, holiday dinner trimmings including cranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy, jelly, pudding, cake mixes and frost-

ing. Please don't gift wrap toys as they must be sorted by age and gender. Donations may be dropped off at the Hanford Road Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 45800 Hanford, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays.

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.

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.

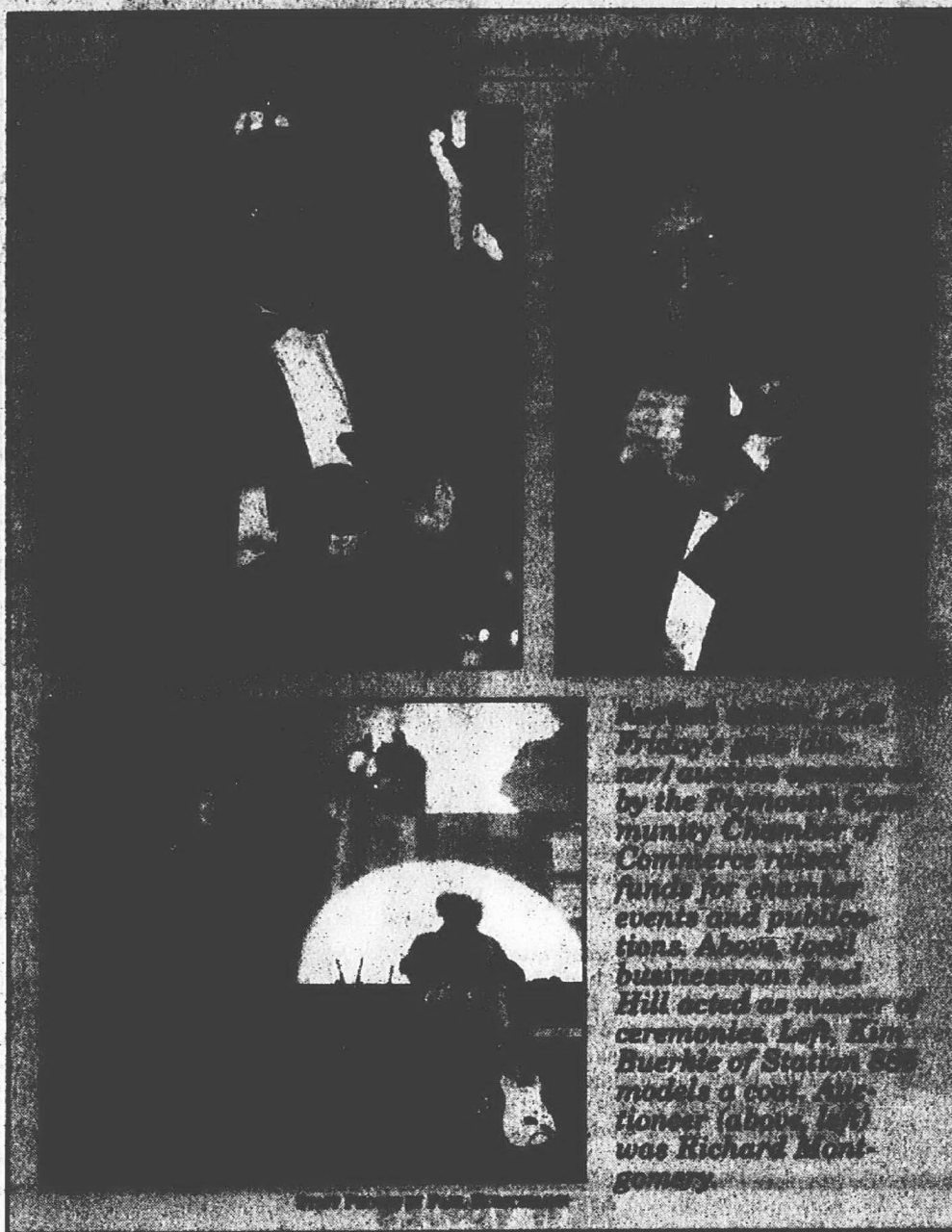
AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETING
The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 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. 19, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS MEETING
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 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 located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

M.O.M. MEETING
Most 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) 455-7005 or Shannon at (734)



Richard Montgomery, president of the Plymouth County Chamber of Commerce, is seen with children and adults at a craft activity. Montgomery is on the right, and the children are on the left. The activity is part of a fund-raiser for the Plymouth County Chamber of Commerce.

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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.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

Plymouth Community Arts Council is having a gallery exhibit featuring torn paper collages by E. Lynne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke through Nov. 23, at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

BIRD SEMINAR

The Plymouth Nursery will be sponsoring a free bird seminar from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at

9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The guest speaker will be Carl Maron from Lyris Bird Seed Company. There will be door prizes, refreshments and 10 percent off all bird related products. For more information, call (734) 453-3500.

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.

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 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 Soc-

cer 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.

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.

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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.

NURSERY SCHOOL

OPENINGS
Plymouth Children's Nursery CO-OP has a few openings left in their 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been established for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for their winter session enrollment. Sign up in the month of November and receive a free T-shirt or an instrument. For more information, call (734) 354-9109. n Garfield CO-OP still has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield CO-Op is located in Livonia, at Case Elementary. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

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.

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.

CANCER SOCIETY

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

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.

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info:

Use additional sheet if necessary

MILITARY NEWS

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

Army Pte. Lawrence C. Anderson has been assigned to the 3rd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The new member of the 3rd Airborne Division will be deployed to Bosnia, where he will be part of the 3rd Airborne Division's 3rd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment.

Naval Aviator Ray C. Horton, the son of James C. Horton of Canton, is currently half way through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, based in San Diego. While on deployment,

Horton will be one of more than 370,000 active duty sailors celebrating the Navy's 224th birthday. The 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in June 1999.

Navy Chief Petty Officer William J. Simpson, a 1980 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. During the deployment, Simpson's squadron helped conduct the NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military

and strategic installations in Yugoslavia. Simpson's squadron also participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War. He joined the Navy in November 1981. Simpson is a 1994 graduate of St. Leo College, St. Leo, Fla., with an associate's degree.

Corp. Joseph T. Malas Jr., the son of Joseph and Janice Malas, has recently been deployed for a 12-month tour of duty to Iwakuni, Japan, with the 171 Maintenance Unit of the Marine Wing Service Squadron.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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"TR spent an average of one month a year under canvass as an adult. He was very used to going into the wilderness." Roo-

The expedition also took all of its food and members dined on cuisine that was freeze-dried and which picked up the essence of



Folklorist Jim Callow will be the next Livonia Town Hall speaker. His lecture on superstitions will start at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Lecture tickets are \$20 each and can be ordered by calling Emily Stankus at (734) 420-0383.

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Lana and Tracy Hayner of Livonia announce the birth of **Troy Richard** on July 31. He has a brother, Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Everett and Velma Hammond of Westland and Richard and Jackie Hayner of St. Clair Shores.

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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.

DIAPERS AND WIPERS

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne is conducting a "Diapers and Wipers" collection now through Sunday, Nov. 28, as part of the national Make a Difference Day campaign. The diapers and baby wipes will be donated to the Wayne County Family Shelter in Westland. The shelter has a great need for large diapers (more than 26 pounds). Donations can be dropped off in the church fellowship hall, 3 Town Square, Wayne. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

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 Merriam Road, Westland. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be \$6 per person. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point single adult ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have therapist, author and speaker Jenie Gordon speak about "Are men and women different?" at Talk It Over 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Coffee and cookies will be served and a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the Single

Point office at (248) 374-5920.

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.

SPECIAL CONCERT

Grammy-nominated songwriter Karen Taylor-Good will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Taylor-Good was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1995 for her song, "How Can I Help You Say Good-bye." Notables like Al Jarreau and Laura Branigan have performed her songs. Her voice has been heard on commercials for United Airlines and McDonald's. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

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 Merriam 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. Only 250 tickets will be sold. They are available by calling Mike Middel at (734) 961-5383.

HAVING A BABY

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a workshop, "So You're Having a Baby," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Room 450-452 of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

The workshop will prepare parents-to-be for the many life changes that accompany the birth of a child. Couples will learn how to balance protecting and nurturing their relationship with meeting the emotional and physical needs of their baby. There is a \$7.50 materials fee. To register, call (248) 374-5978.

OPEN HOUSE

An open House will be held 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Agape Counseling Center in Suite 104A of the Plymouth Office Plaza, 40400 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Opened by the Plymouth Church of Christ, the center offers a compassionate counseling ministry with a Christian

perspective.

The open house will acquaint the community with the center and the services - family and marital problems, crisis intervention and personal problems, such as depression, anxiety, stress and loneliness, individually or in groups.

Counseling services will be provided by David Thomas, a licensed professional counselor who has a master's degree in community counseling from Eastern Michigan University. Thomas has done pastoral counseling for 25 years.

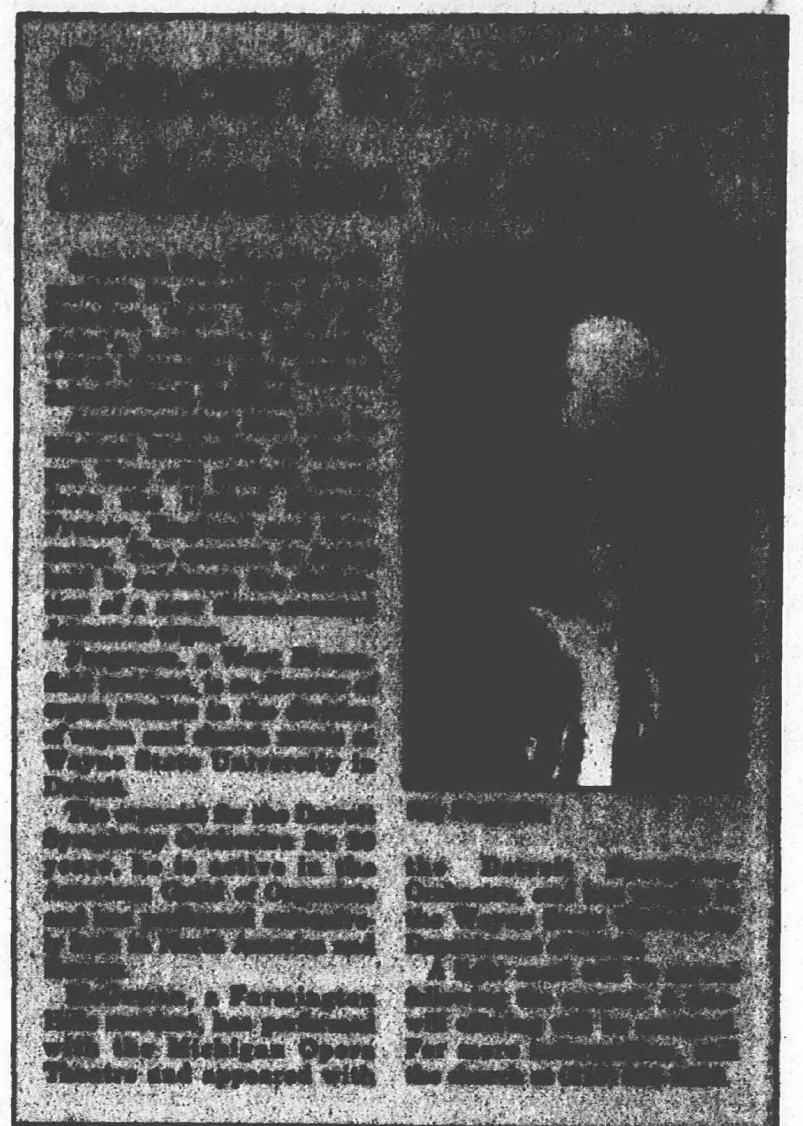
His training includes a bachelor of science degree from Harding University as well as advanced work at Harding's School of Religion. For the past 14 years, he has been the minister of the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road. Royce Dickinson Jr. is taking over Thomas's ministerial duties at the church.

For more information, call the center at (734) 454-1136 or the church at (734) 453-7630.

SISTERSHOOD

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will present entertainment by Vivian Stollman and Sonny Lipenholtz at its paid-up membership luncheon at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 474-7616.

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Elder Loren Nelson, director of the Ministerial and Evangelism Department of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the keynote speaker for the consecration of a new church building in Garden City.

The ceremony took place on Oct. 9 at the Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 43144 Cherry Hill Road. The multipurpose building serves as the sanctuary, sabbath school building and fellowship hall.

The consecration service began with morning worship and sabbath school, followed by a fellowship dinner at noon. The actual consecration took place at 2 p.m. and was followed by a dessert buffet.

In addition to Nelson, Pastor David Grams also attended. Grams was the driving force in

organizing the church congregation and served as its first pastor.

A constituent of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the congregation is the former Westland Seventh-day Adventist Church which had met at Grace Moravian Church in Westland since it formed in 1989.

When it purchased property in Garden City, the named was changed to better identify the surrounding community it serves.

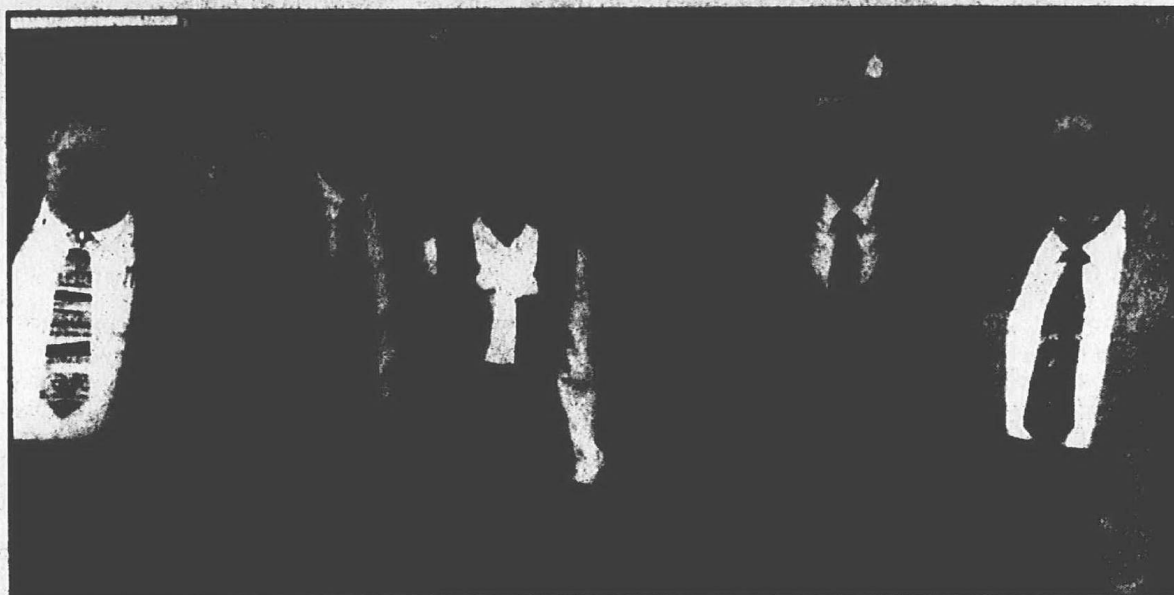
In the service, the congregation recognized the many people who worked to make the building a reality. Much of the construction work was done by volunteers from the building trades who donated their time and often materials to build the church.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has approximately 10.5 million members worldwide. Adventists operate churches, medical institutions and an educational system to students from elementary through graduate school in more than 205 countries.

The Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, led by Pastor Michael Doucoumes, meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays for worship, followed by sabbath school, a friendly Bible-centered study time for adults and children, at 11 a.m.

The congregation also meets again on Saturday for vespers one hour before sundown, and there is a family fellowship time at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

For more information about the church, call (734) 427-3982.



Special occasion: On hand for the consecration of the new Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Garden City were (top photo, from left) Head Elder Timothy Woolf, Pastor Michael Doucoumes, his wife Gwen, David Grams, the first pastor, his wife Cheryl and Elder Dr. Irvn Collins.

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DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group for people experiencing separation and divorce, will begin its next 13-week session 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 recovering from divorce and separation. Child care will be provided for children up to fifth graders. There is a \$15 registration fee. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

HEALING SERVICES

Church of the Risen Lord is presenting a series of healing services for people who are in need of refreshment of body, soul, and spirit. The services are led by the Rev. Gary Seymour and are held on the third Wednesday of the month. The next service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the church, 821 Newburgh Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Westland.

The series is entitled "Rise and Come Forward." It is based on Luke 6:6-10 where, during a worship service, Jesus saw a man in need of healing and called him to come forward and receive the healing God wants us to have.

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Donors are invited to stop by and give the gift of life.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will attend 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.

BE NOT AFRAID

A team of young adults will offer a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry at a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Captive Free band members commit to a year-long, full-time tour performing in hundreds of churches as well as schools, youth events, coffee houses, nursing homes, camps and prisons.

Incorporating contemporary music, drama, puppets, personal sharing and group building, team members reach out with a message of "Be Not Afraid," the theme of this year's program.

Captive Free is one of seven bands sponsored by the Minneapolis-based Youth Encounter. A free-will offering will be taken at the performance.

For more information, call the church at (734) 522-8880.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will hold a special service on Thanksgiving Day for people to feel more of God's beneficence, to express their heartfelt thanks for the good God has for all, whether or not it

is presently felt.

The service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, north of Harvey Street, Plymouth.

For more information, call the church at (734) 453-0970



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-WHAC soccer

Madonna University's men's and women's soccer team had plenty to boast about when the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced its all-conference teams.

For the Madonna men, four players were selected to the all-WHAC team — including sophomore Sam Piraine, who was also named the conference's player of the year.

For the Madonna women, three players were selected to the all-WHAC team and Lady Crusader coach Rick Larson was named coach of the year.

For the men, Piraine — although limited to 16 games due to injury — set a new single-season school record for goals scored with 25. The Dearborn Crestwood graduate also had six assists.

Other Madonna selections to the men's team were midfielder Charlie Bell, a senior from Derry, Ireland, appeared in every game for Madonna this season and was third in scoring with seven goals and eight assists.

Ryan Thomason, a senior from Plymouth (Plymouth Christian Academy), has been the Crusaders' steady defender the last four years. He filled the sweeper spot this season where he anchored the defense, while also pushing forward to support the offense. Thomason scored three goals, including the game-tying goal against Indiana Tech that led to a Madonna win in OT.

Dave Hart was in goal for all 22 games this season for the Crusaders, posting four shutouts — the biggest coming in the WHAC Tournament semifinals, in which he stopped 14 Siena Heights' shots in a 1-0 Madonna win. The senior had a 1.67 goals-against average.

Leading the Madonna women's team were Jenny Barker, a sophomore keeper from Livonia (Stevenson HS), started 16 games for the Lady Crusaders and posted an 11-4-1 record. In their 2-1 WHAC semifinal win over Aquinas, Barker made a diving stop on a penalty shot to keep the score tied at 1-1.

Melissa Jacobs, a sophomore defender also from Livonia (Stevenson HS), is Madonna's only repeat selection from last season. Jacobs anchored the Crusader defense once again, and also pushed forward enough to score six goals and add three assists.

The third Lady Crusader named to the all-WHAC team is Kelly Delaney, a freshman midfielder from Clawson (Bishop Foley HS) who was second on the team with 11 goals; she also had 10 assists. She started the season playing on defense, but was moved forward as the season progressed.

Larson was responsible for taking Madonna's second-year program to a third-place finish in the regular season and to the WHAC Tournament title match, where the Crusaders lost to Siena Heights, the regular-season champion, 1-0 last Saturday. Madonna was 14-6-1 this season.

All-MCCAA volleyball

The various teams selected for all-Michigan Community College Athletic Association's volleyball honors have been announced, and some familiar names are upon it.

On the all-Region 12 team, Henry Ford CC setter Laine Sterling, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, was among the 12 players chosen.

The all-state Eastern Conference team included Lauren Ruprecht, a freshman middle hitter at Schoolcraft College from Livonia Churchill, one of five selected; she was not selected to the all-region team because SC is in the NJCAA Division I.

On the all-Eastern Conference team, the Lady Ocelots landed two more players: Nicole Boyd, a freshman hitter from Livonia Franklin, and Jennifer Smith.

1st-place Shooters

The Canton Shooters, a Canton Soccer Club under-11 boys team, finished first in the Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Youth Soccer League with a 9-1 record.

Team members are Tony Antonucci, Andrew Chmielewski, Joshua Chudney, Ryan Flaherty, Anthony Grove, Sean Glinaki, Kyle Koslowsky, Derek LaPan, Tyler Locklear, Armando Munoz, Paras Patel, Daniel Popoff, Karl Riggs, Matt Rose, Michael Schwartz, Mike Spittsley and David Whalen. The team is coached by Dan Schwartz and Matt Shouerman.

Ocelots ousted, 2-0

It was a good season. Make no mistake about that. Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Van Dimitriou isn't, that's for certain.

Sure, his team might have gone further in the NJCAA Tournament than the District finals. But after a 1-3 start, maybe it isn't all that bad.

The Ocelots advanced to the district final, which they hosted Sunday, by beating Iowa Central 1-0 in Saturday's semifinal at SC.

In the final, the Ocelots — struggling with injuries to several key players — could not mount an adequate offense and lost to Belleville Area (Ill.), 2-0.

SC finishes its season at 16-6-1 overall. Belleville advances to the NJCAA Tournament with a 19-2-1 record.

"We still had a very good season," said Dimitriou. "I think this team made more progress than any other team I ever had."

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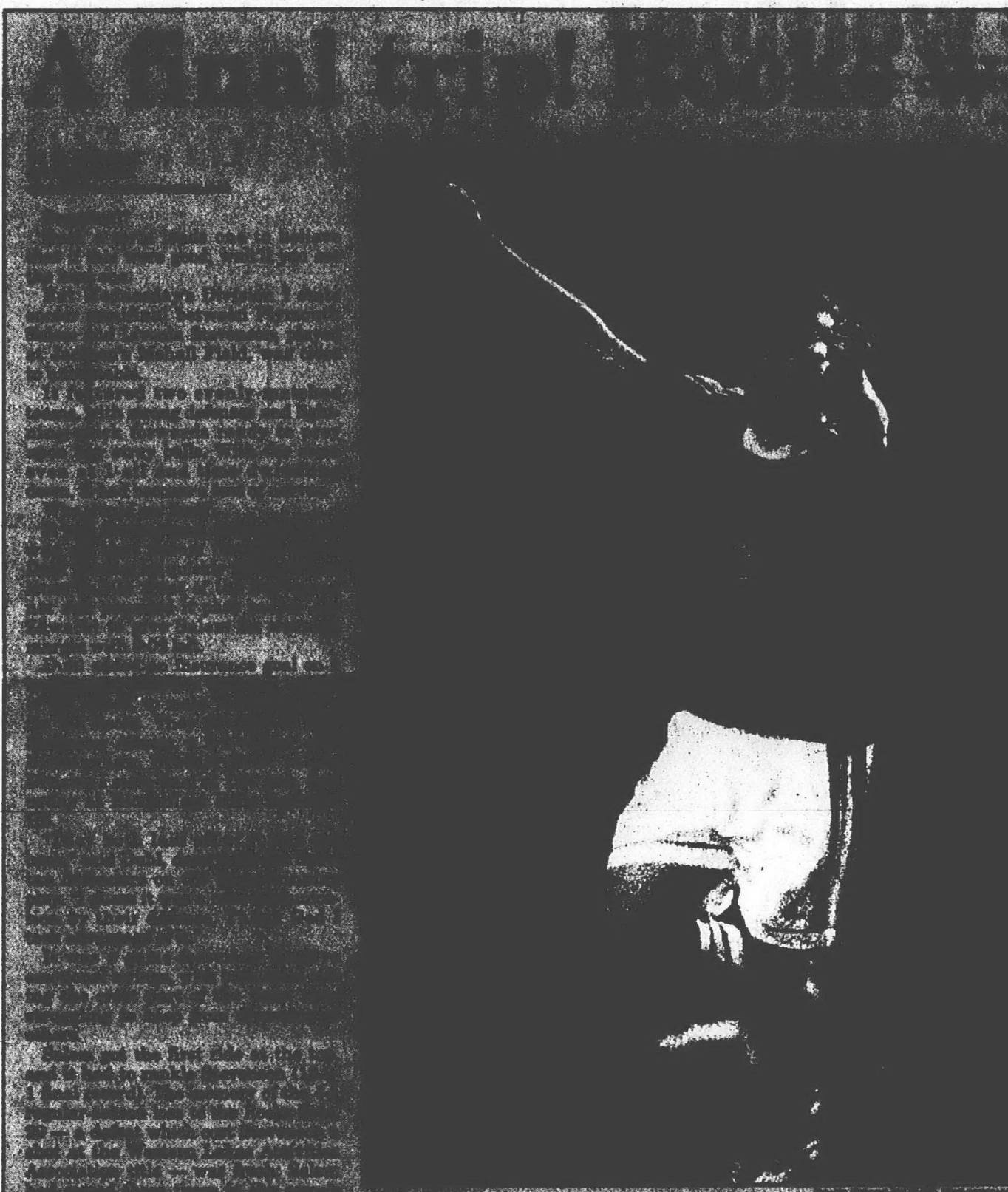
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Goal-scorer: Dan Wielechowski, a Salem graduate, scored SC's only goal Saturday.



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... Scott Duhi had a lot of goals for Salem this season, but none bigger than the two he scored in the semifinals.

... throw-in showed it: It went well in 37:14 left in the first half. front of the net, and Brett Stenar. But Salem's ride atop the emotional headed it home to make it 1-0 with crest was short-lived. This was not

Stevenson's 1st again; Salem is 4th

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There were no surprises at the Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim championships last Saturday at Plymouth Salem HS. Unless you're surprised by the level of domination continuously exhibited by Livonia Stevenson.

Yes, the Spartans won again — that makes it nine WLAA titles in a row, 13 in the conference's 17 years of existence. Yes, they did it by dominating even more so than last year.

Stevenson finished first by 202 points in '98; this year, the winning margin was 276. The Spartans scored 691 points to 415 for runner-up Northville.

North Farmington was third (366), host Salem was fourth (339), Walled Lake was fifth (295), Plymouth Canton was sixth (234), Farmington Harrison was seventh (162), Livonia Churchill was eighth (147), Livonia Franklin was ninth (123), Westland John Glenn was 10th (104) and Farmington was 11th (86). (See statistical summary)



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Point-scorer: Canton's Michelle Nilson splashed to a 12th-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley, the Chiefs' only point-scorer in the event.

The Spartans won two of three relays, but only two individual events. However, their swimmers filled 19 of the 54 berths in the nine championship heats in individual events. They had two swimmers in every championship

heat but one: the 100-yard backstroke.

"This is the first year I've coached a team — and I've been doing this for 14 years — where we scored every entry," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill. "So that's a first."

"The kids just stepped up and had a great meet. And that was the end result."

Mind you, Stevenson's team — which numbers 74 swimmers — could only enter 22 in the league meet. If more Spartans had had a chance, the gap would probably have been wider.

"When you have a team effort, it's hard to single anybody out," said Phill. "We had a lot of kids sitting at home that would have scored in the meet that couldn't get in. It's unfortunate for them, but just the way it is."

There were two double-winners in individual events in the meet: Livonia Churchill's Angela Simetkosky, a senior, was first in both the 200-yard (1:57.05) and 500-yard (5:08.88) freestyles.

North Farmington sophomore Lindsay McElean was a winner in both the 200

Please see WLAA SWIM, C6

Agape gets victory over Huron Valley

It was a case of too many Henrys for the Hawks.

Margie Henry scored 14 points Tuesday night and her teammates sister Amy added nine to lead Canton Agape past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 84-81, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Agape, coached by Chuck Henry, scored out to a 15-0 lead in the game at Marshall Middle School and stretched it to 28-11 by halftime. The spread was 20 after three quarters.

Sara Chrenko contributed seven points and nine rebounds to Agape's cause. Every player on the team scored as Agape improved to 17-2.

Rachel Zahn paced

Huron Valley Lutheran, 19-7, with 17 points. The Hawks had just 12 defensive rebounds in the game.

Colleen St. PCA 38 A 20-0 start settled things early as for as Allen Park Cabrini was concerned.

Host Plymouth Christian Academy pulled back to within 58-55 after three periods and scored the first four points of the fourth but the game unraveled after that.

Bonnie Baker scored 15 points for Cabrini; Colleen Daniel netted 10.

Junior Laura Clark paced Plymouth Christian with 13 points and six assists while Rachel Summer scored eight.

Allen Park Cabrini is now 8-11 while Plymouth Christian fell to 7-12.



Staff Photo by Susan Mitchell

Sandwiched: Agape's Sara Chrenko (right) and Margie Henry force a steal from Stacie Graves (middle).

Falcons rout Blazers

BY DEAN BROWN
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Livonia Ladywood's trip to the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall turned out to be a Sunday afternoon of misery.

Unbeaten Dearborn Divine Child, ranked No. 1 in Class B, spoiled Ladywood's bid to become Catholic League Central-AA Division champions for the first time since 1984 by beating the Blazers for the third time this season, 61-38. (DC also defeated Ladywood during the Central Division schedule, 60-40 and 52-37.)

Divine Child, now 19-0 overall, will meet Detroit King (17-1) in the Operation-Friendship title matchup 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Calihan. Meanwhile, Ladywood (13-6) closes out the regular season against Detroit Renaissance, 1 p.m. Saturday at Calihan.

Divine Child guards Maria Jilian (17 points) and Chris Brewis (16 points) gave Ladywood fits with their adept ball-handling, passing and shooting, not to mention their ball-hawking defense.

The two combined for all 20 first-quarter points as the Falcons roared out to a 13-point

lead. DC was never seriously in trouble even when Jilian went to the bench with her third personal foul in the second quarter.

The Falcons led 34-19 at halftime and 51-30 after three quarters.

"We just couldn't keep up and we had a hard time on the perimeter," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, a former DC player herself. "We let their guards drive to the basket. We were not aggressive or physical for some reason, and we backed off. Maybe we were nervous."

DC appeared to be right at home in Calihan, knocking down mid-range jump shots to the tune of 54 percent for the game (27 of 50).

"They have four outstanding passers and shooters and we really didn't have the quickness to match up with that," Gorski said. "You can't sit back in a zone because they'll just move it around and knock down outside shots. You've got to go out and challenge them."

Sisters Melissa and Michelle Harakas combined for 25 of

Ladywood's 38 points with 13 and 12, respectively.

But the Blazers committed 20 turnovers to Divine Child's 16 (only four in the opening half) and shot just 29 percent (14 of 48).

"I thought we handled their press well, we only really had two turnovers off of it," Gorski said. "We also got good looks at the basketball, but they didn't fall."

Meanwhile, DC's guard tandem of Brewis and Jilian both have the green light to create their own plays.

"It's kind of freewheeling style," Brewis said. "I'm comfortable with it. It's a matter of trusting their judgment because they have the tools."

The Falcons also know how to play defense. Every player is required to wear knee pads.

"When I looked this team over the summer I knew we'd press, be aggressive and be diving on the floor for loose balls," Brewis said. "It's more comfortable going down on the floor with knee pads and people kind of laughed at us for wearing them."

But when you play Divine Child, it's no laughing matter as Ladywood can attest.

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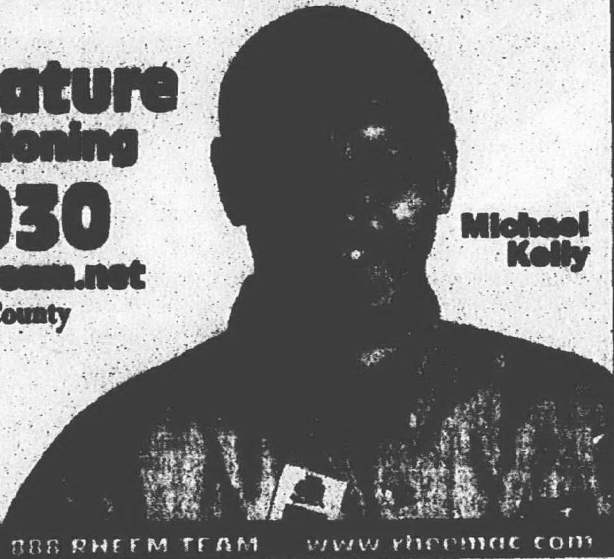
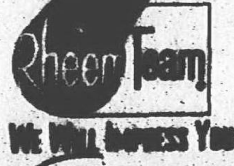
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Wesleyan rips Madonna

It wasn't worth the trip.

Madonna University could get nothing going in the early going Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan, and that ruined the Fighting Crusaders chances as they fell 89-68 in a men's basketball game Saturday.

The loss evened Madonna's record at 1-1.

The Crusaders managed to make just 10-of-27 first-half floor

shots (37 percent) while Wesleyan was hitting 19-of-38 (50 percent). The host team also had four three-pointers and 11 free throws in the opening half in building a 53-30 lead.

Madonna outscored Wesleyan 38-36 in the second half, but it made no difference in the out-

come. Mike Massey's 17 points paced the Crusaders (on 7-of-21 shooting); Josh Jensen added 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocks; and Chad Putnam had 13 points and six boards.

Danny Morris topped Wesleyan with 27 points. Willie Ivory had 14 and Kenny Hanson scored 12.

Madonna hosts Rochester College at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Crusaders fall in finals

A first-half goal by Sean Smith wrecked Madonna University's winning streak and its hopes for another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in men's soccer as Aquinas College held on for a 1-0 victory Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Both teams advance to the NIAA Region VIII this weekend. The Saints host the Mid-Central Conference tournament runner-up Saturday, while Madonna travels to play the MCC tournament champ Saturday.

Smith scored the game's only goal for the regular-season champ Saints from close range, assisted by Nathan Rose and

Aaron Riley. Madonna's pressure around the net mounted in the closing minutes, but the Crusaders could not cash in.

Sean Fishbach, Aquinas' keeper, and Dave Hart, Madonna's keeper, each made five saves.

Aquinas improved to 18-2-2; Madonna, its winning streak snapped at nine games, is 15-6-1.

Madonna women out

Nicole Tobin, a Livonia Stevenson HS graduate, netted

the game's only goal and it brought Madonna University's season to a close Saturday as Tobin's Siena Heights team edged Madonna, 1-0 in Adrian.

The Saints, now 17-2-2, advance to the Region VIII championship game. Madonna's season ends at 14-6-1.

Tobin's goal was assisted by Dawn O'Neil; it was scored 18 minutes into the second half.

Jenny Barker, a former teammate of Tobin's at Stevenson HS, made 12 saves in goal for Madonna. Jennifer Wycihowski did not have a save for Siena Heights.

Madonna earns title share

Co-champions.

Madonna University earned a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship Tuesday with a 15-3, 15-13, 15-7 victory at Aquinas.

The last match of the WHAC season left Madonna with an 11-1 conference record, the same as co-champion Cornerstone, and 29-13 overall.

Stephanie Uballo knocked down 14 kills to lead all players while Mary Lou Hemme served a match-best four aces. Jenny Wind was the Madonna assist leader with 29.

Hemme had 10 digs and Donna Birkenhieser blocked five shots.

The Lady Crusaders had to come back from a 9-1 deficit to win the second game from the Saints. They finished the first

game with eight straight points and scored the first 11 of the third game.

On Nov. 4, Madonna took a four-game non-conference match at Eckerd College, 17-15, 15-9, 8-15, 15-9.

Brandy Malewski and Uballo tied for the lead with 14 kills in the match with Birkenhieser drilling 11. Hemme led the team with two aces.

Wind had 23 assists and a team-best 15 digs. Hemme had 13 digs and Kelly Artymovich 12. Uballo blocked three shots.

Malewski, a junior middle hitter from Redford (Thurston HS), was named player of the week in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic

Conference.

Malewski averaged 5.6 kills, 4.1 digs and 1.5 blocks per game in two matches for the Lady Crusaders.

Ocelots trim Cincy State

Schoolcraft College took the measure of host Cincinnati State, 15-7, 15-8, 16-14, Nov. 6 in a non-league match.

Nicole Boyd led the Ocelots with 19 kills while Lauren Ruprecht had 12. Ruprecht led with two blocks.

Danielle Wensing served six aces in the three games while Amanda Yaklin made just one error on 35 serve receptions.

Yaklin had 24 assists with Wensing getting 20. Cindy Maloof had a team-best 15 digs with Wensing right behind at 14. Schoolcraft is 20-21.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MHSAA LOWER PENINSULA

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Nov. 6 at Michigan Int. Speedway

CLASS A BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (27 teams): 1. Novi, 68 points; 2. Rockford, 90; 3. Saline, 132; 4. Redford Catholic Central, 176; 18. Livonia Churchill, 447.

Individual winner: Dathan Ritzheim (Rockford), 15:05.4.

Redford CC finishers: 8. Matt Daly, 15:43.0; 24. Doug Gibbons, 16:16.9; 50. John DiGiovanni, 16:36.7; 90. Jeff Haller, 16:47.7; 132. Bryan Buchanan, 17:02.1; 152. Daniel Krawiec, 17:07.3; 241. Adam Tymowski, 17:52.4.

Churchill finishers: 53. Jason Richmond, 16:37.7; 153. Ryan Gail, 17:07.3; 164. Dan Valentino, 17:13.4; 183. Phil Johnson, 17:25.4; 225. Troy Thomas, 17:41.2; Jean Harris, 17:44.6; 259. Logan Schultz, 18:17.6.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

North Farmington: 32. Charlie Stamboulis, 16:23.7; 105. Ethan Goodman, 16:52.8.

Plymouth Salem: 41. Donnie Warner, 16:32.6.

Redford Union: 60. Joe Wax, 16:41.0.

Livonia Stevenson: 94. Brad Carroll, 16:48.6; 96. Matt Isner, 16:49.6; 129. Frank Schneider, 17:01.2.

Livonia Franklin: 97. Steve Stewart, 16:49.7; 126. Brian Klotz, 17:00.2.

CLASS A GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (27 teams): 1. Rockford, 40; 2. Rochester Adams,

152; 3. Traverse City Central, 216; 14. Livonia Stevenson, 347.

Individual winner: Katie Boyles (Rochester Adams), 17:55.5 (5,000 meters).

Stevenson finishers: 11. Andrea Parker, 18:50.1; 82. Sara Pilon, 19:59.3; 135. Stefanie Rousseau, 20:23.5; 161. Julie Sachau, 20:36.1; 166. Tara Tarole, 20:38.6; 187. Marissa Montgomery, 20:51.5.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

North Farmington: 62. Heidi Frank, 19:49.4.

Farmington Hills Mercy: 96. Sarah Polletta, 20:04.9; 147. Valerie Burnisky, 20:27.3.

Livonia Churchill: 123. Susan Duncan, 20:16.7.

Farmington: 150. Kristin Balla, 20:29.6.

Plymouth Salem: 178. Rachel Jones, 20:45.6.

Garden City: 233. Joelle Davis, 21:37.6; Kristin Niemi, 21:38.5.

CLASS C BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (21 teams): 1. Allendale, 104; 2. East Jordan, 124; 3. Hemlock, 135; 20. Lutheran High Westland, 479.

Individual winner: Jake Flynn (Benzie Central), 15:15.6.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 104. Steve McFall, 17:35.7; 138. Ken Broge, 17:59.7; 150. Jason McFall, 18:10.7; 192. Matt Doede, 19:00.3; 199. Brian Block, 19:31.3; 201. Matt Rae, 19:34.0; 204. Dan Unger, 19:45.0.

CLASS D GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (15 teams):

1. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, 92; 2. Colon, 116; 3. North Muskegon, 130.

Individual winner: Kim Landane (Atlanta), 18:23.2.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER

Plymouth Christian Academy: 43. Lauren Wheelock, 21:56.4.

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WHAC's best

Brandy Malewski, a junior middle hitter for Madonna University's volleyball team from Redford (Thurston HS), was named player of the week in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Malewski averaged 5.6 kills, 4.1 digs and 1.5 blocks per game in two matches for the Lady Crusaders last week. Madonna won both, defeating Siena Heights 15-10, 15-7, 12-15, 15-6 and Eckerd (Fla.) 17-15, 15-9, 8-15, 15-9.

Used equipment sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present.

Those who have had items sold can collect the money or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

For further information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

Coaches needed

The Catholic Youth Organization's Community Recreation Basketball League in southwest Detroit is seeking volunteer youth basketball coaches. Players will be between 6-16 years old. League play begins Saturday, Jan. 8.

High school juniors and seniors are more than welcome. Coaches training will be offered in December. For further information, call Bob Toboy at (313) 963-7172, ext. 162.

Mini softball clinics

Any girls interested in improving their softball games, Oakland University is offering a couple of different camps under "the

bubble" on the OU campus in Rochester.

Fall mini-clinics will be on Monday or Thursday evenings, or on Saturday afternoons, starting Nov. 18. The mini-clinics are for fast-pitch softball players, 6-16 years old.

In the first grouping, there are three sessions: on Mondays (Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6, 13); Thursdays (Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9 and 16); and Saturdays (Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18). Those 12-and-under meet 6-7:45 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 2-3:45 p.m. on Saturdays; those in the advanced age division meet 8:15-10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Other winter clinics are available. Cost is \$85 for the four-session mini-clinics; single-day holiday camps are \$50 each.

For more details, call OU softball coach Steve Ogg at (248) 370-3103.

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WLAA swimming

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individual medley (3:09.83) and 100 backstroke (1:00.80).

"She is real focused on the state meet," Churchill coach Ken Stark said of Simatkoaky. "We know she was going to have a little bit of fun."

"It's a little indicator on what she's going to do in the state meet. She swam really well and

is focused on getting into the top 13 (at state)."

Individual-event winners for Stevenson were senior Katie Clark in the 100 butterfly (58.85) and Andrea Hurn in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.64).

Lindsay Dolin, Hurn, Clark and Jessica Makowski combined to win the 200 medley relay for

the Spartans (1:50.95), and Clark, Michelle Aristeo, Ashley Eilers and Hurn teamed for a first in the 400 free relay (3:43.22).

Other individual-event winners were Jenny Carr of Northville in the 50 free (25.08); Tonya McCarty of Walled Lake in diving (416.85 points); and

Stephanie Sabo of Northville in the 100 free (55.98).

Salem's Monica Glowski, a sophomore, twice finished second by a narrow margin. Glowski was runner-up in both the 50 free (25.37) and 100 free (56.01).

State finals are Nov. 19-20 at Oakland University in Rochester.

WLAA GIRLS SWIM

MEET RESULTS

Nov. 6 at Plymouth Salem

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 691; 2. Northville, 415; 3. North Farmington, 366; 4. Plymouth Salem, 339; 5. Walled Lake, 295; 6. Plymouth Canton, 234; 7. Farmington Harrison, 182; 8. Livonia Churchill, 147; 9. Livonia Franklin, 123; 10. Westland John Glenn, 104; 11. Farmington, 86.

EVENT RESULTS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Andrea Hurn, Katie Clark, Jessica Makowski), 1:50.95 (state cut); 2. North Farmington, 1:55.61 (state cut); 3. Northville, 1:56.54 (state cut); 4. Canton, 1:58.42; 5.

Salem, 1:59.56; 6. Walled Lake, 2:08.41.

Consolation: 7. Franklin, 2:08.97; 8. Farmington, 2:06.60; 9. Harrison, 2:06.68; 10. John Glenn, 2:06.94; 11. Churchill, 2:09.73.

200-YARD FREESTYLE: 1. Angela Simatkoaky (LC), 1:57.05 (state cut); 2. Michelle Aristeo (LS), 1:59.03 (state cut); 3. Sarah Rogers (PS), 2:00.02 (state cut); 4. Meghan Mocer (LS), 2:02.41; 5. Sarah Paske (NF), 2:02.68; 6. Melissa Navas (NF), 2:06.67.

Consolation: 7. Ashley Eilers (LS), 2:04.40; 8. Erin Cook (LS), 2:05.06; 9. Erin Schubert (N), 2:06.24; 10. Trisha Dotson (PS), 2:07.15; 11. Jamie Bleak (PC), 2:10.42; 12. All Steward (N), 2:10.54.

Consolation: 13. Lindsey Mullois (PC), 2:10.33; 14. Christina Roy (PS), 2:11.38; 15. Kelly Moore (WL), 2:12.10; 16. Jennifer Taylor (PS), 2:13.98; 17. Erin Lennon (F), 2:15.81; 18. Laura Uridge (FH), 2:15.87.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1. Lindsay McErlen (NF), 2:09.89 (state qualifier); 2. Lindsay Fellers (FH), 2:10.59 (state qualifier); 3. Andrea Hurn (LS), 2:12.47 (state qualifier); 4. Katie Clark (LS), 2:14.22 (state qualifier); 5. Stephanie Sabo (N), 2:18.97; 6. Katy Sondergaard (LS), DQ.

Consolation: 7. Deirdre Schwirring (N), 2:19.09; 8. Jamie Spirling (WL), 2:19.35; 9. Jessica Koch (LS), 2:23.81; 10. Elizabeth Hurn (LS), 2:24.58; 11. Kari Foust (PS), 2:25.11; 12. Michelle Nilson (PC), 2:28.27.

Consolation: 13. Allison Greenlee (N), 2:25.72; 14. Alex Evans (PS), 2:25.74; 15. Beth Bushey (LC), 2:34.42; 16. Stephanie Orvis (LF), 2:34.84; 17. Kelly Stahley (LC), 2:35.03; 18. Lindsey Taub (NF), 2:36.02.

50-YARD FREESTYLE: 1. Jenny Carr (N), 25.09 (state cut); 2. Monica Glowski (PS), 25.37 (state cut); 3. Jessica Makowski (LS), 25.41; 4. Megan Spirling (WL), 25.69; 5. Amanda Polkowski (LS), 25.86; 6. Amy Smith (LF), 25.91.

Consolation: 7. Jessica Martin (WL), 25.29; 8. Jessica Hrivnak (N), 26.53; 9. Emily Laekle (PS), 26.61; 10. Lauren Turner (NF), 27.01; 11. Lindsay Ramas (JG), 27.38; 12. Alicia Dotson (PS), 27.44.

Bonus consolation: 13. Allison Greenlee (N), 27.19; 14. Lindsay Dolin (LS), 27.28; 15. Stephanie Morgan (PS), 27.48; 16. Michelle Tomas (N), 27.51; 17. Michelle Longeway (N), 27.64; 18. Lisa Scher (NF), 27.90.

DIVING: 1. Tonya McCarty (WL), 416.85 points; 2. Katy Ballantine (LS), 388.30; 3. Sara Charnowski (WL), 318.45; 4. Michele Kain (LS), 310.80; 5. Katie Edwards (LS), 292.50; 6. Jenny Downs (JG), 287.80; 7. Kim Veres (N), 287.35; 8. Suzanne Dupuis (LF), 282.60; 9. Kristy Blazo (LC), 281.95; 10. Marissa Mallory (WL), 276.75; 11. Natalie Ciszewski (LS), 276.45; 12. Jodie Berry (PC), 262.50; 13. Lindsay Danne (N), 256.00; 14. Meghan Powers (PC), 230.40; 15. Courtney Draughn (LC), 227.45; 16. Daniela DiMesso (N), 225.65; 17. Kellie Tamme (PS), 220.60; 18. Karia Klemm (PC), 204.25.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY: 1. Katie Clark (LS), 58.85 (state cut); 2. Danielle Drysdale (PC), 1:02.74; 3. Katy Sondergaard (LS), 1:03.15; 4. Jenny Carr (N), 1:03.65; 5. Jennifer Bendick (NF), 1:04.05; 6. Jamie Spirling (WL), 1:04.86.

Consolation: 7. Stephanie Cummings (LS), 1:04.82; 8. Lauren Turner (NF), 1:05.17; 9. Emily Sondergaard (LS), 1:05.49; 10. Jessica Hrivnak (N), 1:05.96; 11. Jennifer Crabill (PS), 1:06.90; 12. Alicia Dotson (PS), 1:08.04.

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Observer & Eccentric

PERSONAL SCENE

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU

SWF, 38, seeks WM, 32-38, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. #2504

WAYNE COUNTY AREA
Attractive, intelligent, tall, slim SWF, 48, smoker, social drinker, enjoys hiking, dining, and pets. Seeking presentable, sincere S/DWM, HW-proportionate, for monogamous LTR. No kids. #2505

ZENITH IN MOTION
Tall, shapely SWF, youthful 48, brunette, NS, no dependents, likes astronomy and weekend escapes. Seeking interaction with intelligent WM, 40-55, who can exhibit honesty and passion. #2506

OLD-FASHIONED
Single mother of two, seeks attractive SM, 50-53, who loves God, for friendship, possible LTR. #2507

DO U EXIST?
Attractive, 34, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, looking for kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, preferably childless, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. #2508

LOOKING 4 A COMPANION
SWF, 31, long blonde/blue, 5'3", 100lbs, smoker, who enjoys dancing, parties, dining out, movies. Seeking kind, caring S/DWM, 31-37, 5'7", for dating. #2509

SPECIAL FRIEND
Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, hiking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially secure SWM, 35-55, similar interests, for LTR/friendship. No games, please. NS. #2510

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Humorous, monogamous DWF, 35, 5'6", 140lbs, brown/brown, likes horseback riding, country music, movies. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving, employed male, 35-45, with similar interests. #2511

AREA MAN WANTED
One responsible man, sense of humor, love animals, cuddling, vide x, hair, long rides, who can help the interest of a shapely, full-figured DWF, 35, who will treat him as good as he treats her. #2512

FUN ANYONE?
DWMF, 25, NS, mom of one, seeks attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, living, and have fun with. #2513

SHAPELY & ATTRACTIVE
Full-figured DWF, 35, 5'8", great personality, outgoing, educated, fun-loving, no children, fun-loving nature. Seeking sincere, secure, honest, employed S/DWM, 27-40, to laugh and have fun with. #2514

BROWN-EYED BEAUTY
Female, who likes leisurely walks on the beach, reading a good book, concerts, sports, is looking to meet a SWM. #2515

DESIRE FIERY THINGS?
Attractive SBF, 25, medium build, wavy hair, seeks degreed PM, 28-33, for travel, shopping, fine dining, boating, and LTR. #2516

WILL THE REAL MAN...
please stand? SBF, 29, seeks SM, 28-38, who likes to enjoy his time off relaxing and going on social outings, one who wants peace of mind in an unstressful relationship. #2517

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. #2547

WIMPY IN WATERFORD
Employed DWF, 57, 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, comedies, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking, employed WM, 6+, 200lbs+, who can communicate with sense of humor. #2503

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 68, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring gentleman. 60's. #2518

SOUTHERN BELLE
Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45. #2519

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Pretty RHP pharmaceutical sales, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 54, blonde/brown, NS, no dependents, enjoys taking/playing golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SWPM, 45+, friendship, possible LTR. #2520

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, NS, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. 10/21, 8:02 PM. #2521

WHO WANTS A FRIEND?
How about a DWF, 40, 110lbs, fabulous, funny RN, blonde/blue, who can laugh with life. Let's do something fun! #2522

SINCERELY SEEKING
Pretty SF, 38, blonde/blue, mother of one, super nice lady, main interest is having fun with you. Seeking handsome, nice guy 5'11". #2523

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 52, 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks humorous, active SWM, 62+, NS, ND/Rugs. #2524

NEED LOTS OF TLC?
So do I! Tall, attractive DWMF, blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, enjoys travel, reading, walking, laughing, conversation, dining, concerts, cappuccino. Seeking tall, slim SWM, 60-70, for friendship and possible LTR. #2525

MILLENNIUM IN PARIS?
Pretty, slender, shapely, sensual, smart, sophisticated, secure sweetheart, seeks best friend/lover for life. Nice guy, 55-60, good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic. Let's enjoy world travel and adventure. #2526

REGISTERED NURSE...
seeks SDM, 36-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/green, great life skills. Please reply. #2527

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 handsomeness. Scuba is the only game I play. #2528

HONEST BLONDE!
Intelligent, attractive, secure, sincere, outgoing DWF, 57, 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? #2529

FOR MY SOULMATE
Pretty, tall, passionate DWF, 48, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one-in-a-million, emotional/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. #2530

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, great at traveling, dining, concerts, romantic evenings, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 40-47, friendly to one with same interests. #2531

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady seeks honest, caring, outgoing gentleman, 53-60, with traditional manners who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. #2532

THEY TALK & SPUNKY
Pretty, blonde S/D, 57, former teacher/fashion model, seeks companionship of professional gentleman, upper 50s-60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet evenings, good conversation. #2533

WATERFORD AREA
Honest, funny DWF, 45, 5'5", blonde, interests include outdoor dining, movies, driving, quiet times. Seeking for DWM, 45-55, NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #2534

ONE IN A MILLION
DBF, 47, 5'7", slim build, NS, social drinker, light-complexioned, beautiful interior, one eleven year-old at home, enjoys tennis, bingo, dining/dancing. Seeking SWM, 45-55, NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #2535

SEEKING BLISS
SWF, 40, 5'6", slender, adventurous, outgoing, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, NS, who enjoys country walks, horse, healthy food, art museums, and music. #2536

TELL ME YOU ARE FOR REAL
SWF, NS, 57, slender, attractive, 50+ (looks younger), interested in having fun with you. Seeking handsome, nice guy 5'11". #2537

LOVELY, LONELY CLASSY LADY
Tall, slender, optimistic, attractive, romantic, fun, eclectic, special lady seeks honest, fun, loyal, flexible, special gentleman, 55+, NS, for companionship and more. #2538

EXCELLENT SISTER!
Cute, outgoing, fit, fun DWMF, 39, 5'7", NS, slim, brunettes/hazel, avid reader, movies, dining, golf, boating, more. No kids, but I love them. Seeking male, under 45, steady. #2539

SEEKING
Ultra feminine, petite, sweet European blonde with sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-55, for possible LTR. #2540

LOOKING 4 A BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 130lbs, blonde, NS, seeks SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorous as well as serious. #2541

START TOGROW UP TODAY
Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim JF, 50's, blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals and romantic nights. Looking for attractive, smart, sincere, no games guy, for LTR that could get serious. #2542

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
DBPF, 48, loves Lions football, Pistons games, Tiger baseball, little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorous as well as serious. #2543

CLARKSTON AREA
Attractive WFF, 48, 5'2", 115lbs, NS, social drinker, great sense of humor, enjoys golf, bowling, theater, dining out. Seeking sincere, honest, handsome, affectionate SWM, 44-54, no dependents. #2544

I'M STILL SEEKING
Petite, attractive SWFF, dark/hazel, enjoys jazz/blues, sunsets on the beach, art festivals, dining, dancing, theater. Seeking a SWM who is dignified, humorous, a great communicator, and enjoys experiencing the unexpected. #2545

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids. Believes in home ownership, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWM, 50-60, 6' NS, social drinker, for LTR. #2546

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 45-55, similar interests. Sterling Heights. #2547

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 23, brown/blue, petite build employed, seeks dating, reliable SWM, 21-24, to share dating phone calls, movies, hanging out possible LTR. Friends first must be ok. Livonia area. #2548

OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overnight DWF, 44, 5'10", NS, no kids, enjoys outdoor sports, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SWM, 40-50, for relationship leading to marriage. #2549

R U HONESTLY HANDSOME?
Honesty pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, enjoys dancing, fishing, harleys, camping, comedy clubs and more. Seeking truly handsome, fit, respectable male who enjoys romance, snuggling, deep conversations, with ability to express emotions. #2550

ABOUT ANGEL
Outgoing, friendly, widowed WF, youthful 52, 5'6", full-figured, blonde, looking for a wonderful SWF, 40-45, with similar interests, for LTR. #2551

THE ONE FOR ME?
Full-figured SWF, 39, 5'5", 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. #2552

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. #2553

MUTUAL REWARDS
Pretty, older, sensitive WF, 45, 5'6", blonde, intelligent, financially secure SWM, who's honest, for great times. LTR. #2554

SEEKING BLISS
SWF, 40, 5'6", slender, adventurous, outgoing, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, NS, who enjoys country walks, horse, healthy food, art museums, and music. #2555

40 LOOKS 30
Petite, attractive, Italian SWF, 52, 107lbs, seeks attractive, successful male for friendship, possible LTR. #2556

BLUES-EYED BLONDE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks tall WM, 46-50, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. #2557

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, travel. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-55, for LTR. #2558

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE
Beautiful, classy, commitment-minded, redhead, 57, 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. NS. #2559

BRIDGESHAW BLONDE BEAUTY
DWMF, mid-40s, 5'6", medium build, NS, social drinker, college graduate, business owner, enjoys golf, water sports, college football, travel. Seeking professional/employed gentleman, 47-55, for LTR. #2560

BRUNETTE
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. #2561

RELATE...
Successful, spiritual, sensual, slim SM, 47, enjoys art films, dancing, book clubs, self-discovery, contemporary/classical music, dates to mid-eastern cuisine, warm passions. Seeking single-minded SF, 30-43. #2562

SEE FOR YOURSELF
Handsome, personable SWM, 48, enjoys outdoor activity, dining and dancing. Seeking nice looking, uplifting SWF, for friendship and fun times together. #2563

PILOT SEES CO-PILOT
Muscular, fun, adventurous, romantic, handsome SWM, 35, 5'11", 170lbs, high achieving professional, great conversationalist. Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking steady SF for companionship. #2564

BRIGHT EYES
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWF, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. #2565

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, career-minded, attractive SBF, 32, 5'7", enjoys gateway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, remodeling, jazz, martial arts. Seeking a guy who's 20-40 for possible relationship. #2566

NOT THE SINGLEST AD TYPE
Attractive SWM, 38, 6' 10lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies. Seeking an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City/Westland. #2567

ANSWERING OUTDOOR LOWER
Great looking, successful, motivated, family-oriented, down-to-earth SM, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy blonde, enjoys cabins, woods, lakes, gardening, back-hauls, motorcycle. Would appreciate a sweet, trim lady. #2568

BRUNETTE PREFERRED
Very outgoing, honest, secure SWPM, 36, 6'2", 190lbs, college-educated. Seeking attractive female, 26-38, HW proportionate, with a variety of interests for walks, talks, movies, and more. #2569

GOOD-LOOKING
28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate, who enjoys LTR. #2570

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SBF, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, music, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. #2571

CARING PROFESSIONAL
Sweet, caring, intelligent, can search for honest, clean-cut S/DWM with sense of humor, healthy lifestyle, for friendship, possible LTR. #2572

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming and down-to-earth, 32-year old SWPM, enjoys movies/TV, 6'1", 155lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, parties, and much more. Seeking nice-looking, sincere, affectionate S/DWM, 40-55, for friendship, companionship, and fun times. #2573

ONE IN A MILLION
Tall, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'11", 170lbs, great shape, custom-tailored 12 year-old suit, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, parties. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests. #2574

GOOD-LOOKING-GUY
Easygoing SWM, 5'11", 155lbs, 51 (looks 40), athletic, smoker, honest, romantic, adventuresome, seeks honest, truthful, petite SWAF, 38-45, for LTR. #2575

LET'S GO TO LUNCH
SM, 25, 5'4", financially secure, seeks female, 18-24, with goals and wants. Children are a plus. #2576

ROMANTIC REALIST
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", M, brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWFF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. #2577

ENJOYING LIFE?
DWM, young 50s, 6'1", 210lbs, NS, light beard, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, dining, driving golf. Seeking SM, DWF, over 40, sense of humor, for whatever keeps you happy. #2578

OPEN TO SUGGESTION?
Nice-looking, romantic, respectful SWM, 47, enjoys older music, old cars, old movies, older female companionship, seeking kind, fun-loving lady, 41-53, for friendship or relationship. #2579

OLD-FASHIONED
Widowed BCM, 48, father of twins, seeks attractive young woman, 35-50. Must be honest and have God first in your life. #2580

TOO SHORT
Employed SWM, 28, college student, enjoys amusement parks, roller mills, vacations, music. Seeking SF, 22-31, for friendship, first possibly more. #2581

GIVE
DW, dad 5'7", brown/red, casual, caring parent, home owner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point carnivals, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests for monogamous relationship. Nov area. #2582

SEEKS
Strong sensitive affectionate DWM, 60, NS, enjoyed good lifestyle, enjoys outdoors. Red Wings fans, romantic walks, family activities. Seeking a marriage-minded SWF, 45-55, if interested, please call. #2583

GOOD CLEAN FUN
Go ahead and call! Easygoing, charming SWM, 40, active and adventurous, seeks classy nice SWF for romance and friendship. #2584

FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN
Attractive, compassionate, honest DWMF, 45, 5'2", brown/blue, NS, emotionally financially secure, good sense of humor, seeks similar SWM, for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, being together, for mutual TLC, friendship. LTR. #2585

OR IN THE HOUSE...
who is interested in meeting compassionate, down-to-earth SWF? Would like to share pleasure of making, meditation, yoga, life force food, open, honest communication, mutual trust. #2586

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. #2587

FOUND HIM YET?
Petite DWMF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs, brown/brown, seeks a truthful, honest, sincere SWPM, 40-50, HW-proportionate, for long-term relationship. #2588

MUST BE OVER THE EX!
Petite DHPF, 37, HW proportionate, enjoys golf, dancing, arts, Living La Vida Local. You are NS. S/DPM, 37-40, something responsible, dad. Let's give it a whirl. #2589

ANTHETIC PLUMPTIOUS LADY
Precious yet misanthropic with glamour and free spirit is sought by handsome, handsome SWF, 40-45, who can communicate with sense of humor. #2590

ARE YOU GUY THIRSTY?
Intelligent, down-to-earth, down-to-earth, open-minded, tall SWF, for long-term companionship, friendship, romantic relationship. #2591

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 58, enjoys singing, walking, possible LTR. #2592

MEET THE REAL MAN!
Petite, attractive SWFF, dark/hazel, enjoys jazz/blues, sunsets on the beach, art festivals, dining, dancing, theater. Seeking a SWM who is dignified, humorous, a great communicator, and enjoys experiencing the unexpected. #2593

NEVERLY ANGEL
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ITALIAN STALLION
Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SWAF, under 45. #2595

WESTLAND AREA
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LIFE'S ADVENTURES
Romantic gentleman seeks loving lady with whom to share our great life. Seeking SWM, 35-45, who enjoys having fun, the commitment of home life. #2597

OUTDOORS MAN
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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, NS, small/petite build, for possible relationship. #2599

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Early, honest, widowed WM, 49, 205lbs, NS, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate to compare up warm and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford. #2600

LET'S COMMUNICATE
SWM, 51, 5'11", 210lb, good shape, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, movies, cozy evenings at home. Seeking HW proportionate lady, 45-50, with same interests for LTR. #2601

SLIM, SMART, NICE GIRL
The male engineer likes tourism, travel, tennis and hotels. Seeking an excellent cute girl with whom to make my future more attractive. #2602

MR WONDERFUL
Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks, in the hot-holding hands. Kids ok. #2603

STARTING NEW
DWM, 47, 5'7", medium build, NS, enjoys movies, dining, bowling, and working out. Seeking WF, NS, for committed relationship. #2604

GOLF PARTNER
Petite DWF, NS, social drinker, seeks friend, 60+, who enjoys golf, cars, and interesting dancing. Preferably in Livonia area. #2605

Handsome & Tall
Handsome, attractive, clean-cut, romantic DWM, 47, 6'7", 220lbs, who can communicate with sense of humor, down-to-earth, open-minded, tall SWF, for long-term companionship, friendship, romantic relationship. #2606

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Handsome & Tall
Handsome, attractive,

ON JANUARY 1, 2000 BE PART OF YOUR HOMETOWN HISTORY

Our first editions of the new millennium will serve as an exciting "time capsule" featuring messages like the ones you see here.

Here is your opportunity to mark the turn of the century with a message about the future or a last loving look at the the past!

Be part of this very special edition of your hometown Observer with a picture and message about your family, your service organization, your place of worship...the list is endless. Perhaps you had a significant anniversary, a special event, or another important milestone in your lives during the past century. Here's your opportunity to record it for your friends, family, neighbors and business associates!

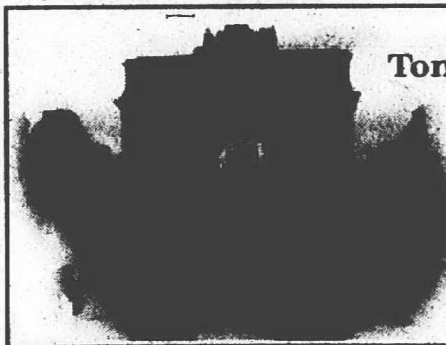
These special messages will appear on the pages of the January 1st edition of your hometown Observer on January 1, 2000 and you can deposit the entire issue in your own time capsule, so that when you look at it again in the years to come, you'll enjoy remembering or telling your grandchildren what was going on in your hometown!

Here's all you do to be part of our Hometown History pages:

1. Fill in the information requested on the form below.
2. Clip one of the sample ads below and send it with your message and photo
3. Enclose one photo, no larger than 8"x10" per message. (If you wish photo returned please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope)
4. Compose your message of 25 words or less.
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6. Include your check for \$30, \$60, or \$90 for your message, made payable to: "The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers"
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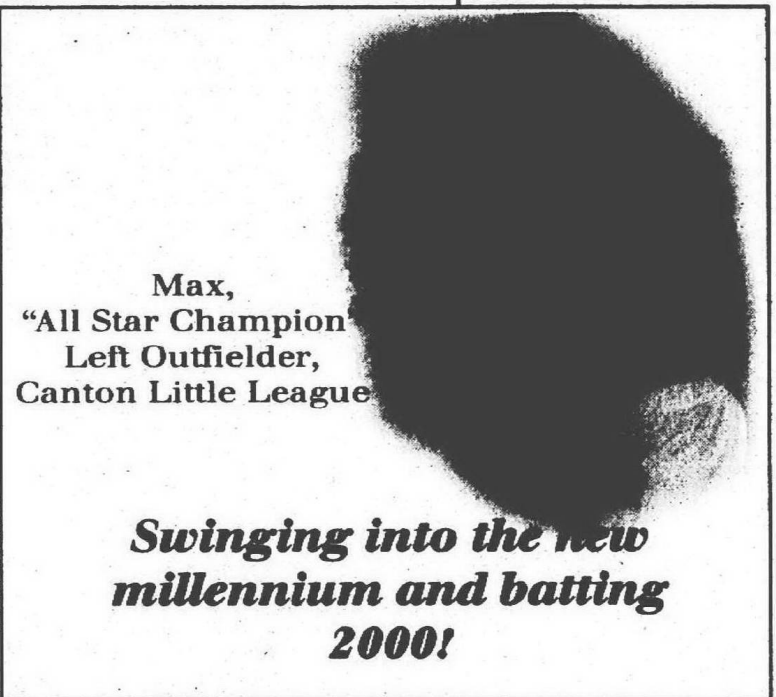


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Tom and Ken in Paris

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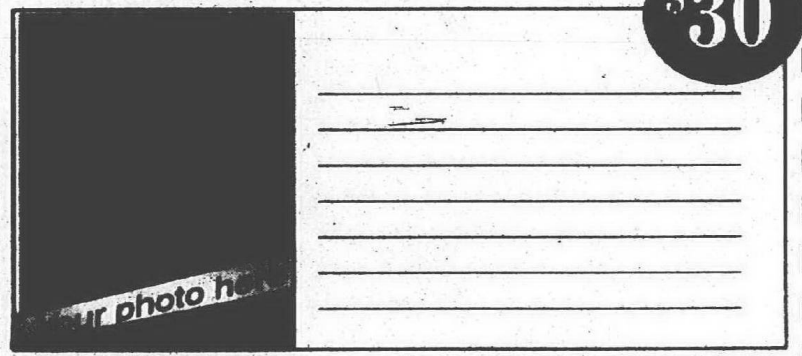
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Jack in the Box Productions is calling all "Lunatics, Lovers and Poets" for an evening of scenes and monologues derived from the works of William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Five Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and students, \$6 high school students. Group rates available, call (734) 797-JACK.

SATURDAY

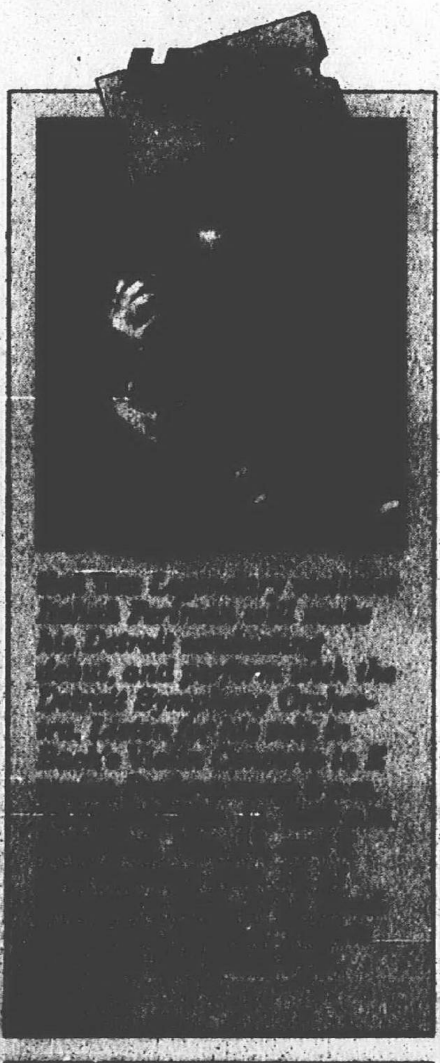


Some call him "The Freddy Krueger of Comedy." Don't miss The Amazing Jonathan, 8:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets \$20 for patrons 21 and over, reservations required, call (248) 542-9900.

SUNDAY



Boo Reanick returns home to Southfield. Catch Boo and his bluegrass band, Austin Lounge Lizards, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$8, call (248) 424-9022.



SENSE!SATIONAL

Ford Museum IMAX Theatre makes you a part of the show

By KEELY WYGONIK
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IMAX is the biggest thing to happen at Henry Ford Museum in ages, and we're not just talking theater size.

The theater, opening Friday, Nov. 19, to the public, "is our gift to the community for their support over the last 70 years," said Steven Hump, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

Built adjacent to the museum's clock tower entrance, the \$18 million facility is a short walk from the parking lot. You can enter the museum or Greenfield Village by walking through the lobby of the new modern theater. There's even a concession stand where you can buy popcorn, soft drinks and candy to enjoy during the movie.

Workers were putting finishing touches on the outside of the theater, landscaping, and laying carpet on the inside when I visited on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to take a sneak peek.

Wearing a hard hat, I walked up to the third floor projection room where Ron Bartisch of Troy IMAX Theatre projection manager and his crew were testing "The Magic of Flight."

Bartisch studied broadcasting at Wayne State University and worked as a cinema projectionist, but fell in love with IMAX on a vacation to Tampa.

After seeing his first film he decided that IMAX and he had a future together. He saw a film at the Detroit Science Center's domed IMAX Theatre, and got a job there. He left to start up an IMAX Theatre at a science center in Louisiana, and returned to work at Henry Ford Museum.

"I love the IMAX films," he said. "I've always been technically oriented. It comes naturally. I love putting

on the best show possible."

Bartisch is fascinated by the sheer size of IMAX - the screen is six stories tall and eight stories wide and covers nearly 5,000 square feet.

"It fills your vision area, and the film image is so large that it makes you feel like you're in the film," he said. "The sound enhances it, IMAX has the most powerful sound system. The speakers are behind the screen."

Even though the theater isn't open yet, Bartisch says he's totally pleased with it.

Henry Ford Museum's IMAX is state-of-the-art. "We're capable of showing 3-D films," said Bartisch. "The audience will wear polarized glasses. You'll feel like you want to reach out and touch the images."

There are no plans to show 3-D films at the theater until the summer, but in the meantime audiences have much to look forward to.

"The Magic of Flight," a 1996 IMAX film narrated by Tom Selleck takes viewers on a journey to discover the history of flight. You'll learn how birds fly, about the Wright Brothers, and join the Blue Angels for a practice session. The 39 minute film was produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films for the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla.

A short pre-show, narrated by James Earl Jones with musical backdrop by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, tells the story of "Edison to IMAX."

Bartisch said the pre-show and the film complement Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

"The Wright Brothers are part of 'The History of Flight.' You can see their shop in the village, and there are aviation displays in the museum. It ties in with our theme of technology and innovation. The film tells a great story of flight and features Blue Angels test pilots. It's



New attraction: Above, The IMAX Theatre, pictured in this drawing, is the newest attraction at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Left, "The Magic of Flight," narrated by native Detroit Tom Selleck, is the first film to be shown at the new theater.

fascinating to watch."

On Jan. 1, Henry Ford Museum's IMAX Theatre will premiere the first full-length IMAX film "Fantasia/2000," a 70-minute animated feature from Walt Disney Pictures.

If you don't want to wait, visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com for a behind-the-scenes look at the film.

IMAX Theatre director David Brown was quizzing newly-hired employees about the theater so they'll be able to answer audience questions.

Visitors can go up to the projection room after seeing the film to learn more about IMAX.

They'll learn such things as the projection lamp gets as hot and as bright as the surface of the sun. To enhance image clarity, there's an air-flow system in the theater that continually cleans the dust out of the air.

A history enthusiast, Brown says people frequently ask him why the museum has an IMAX Theater.

He explains that IMAX is a great tool for telling stories about invention and innovation, which is an important part of the tradition of the museum and village. To illustrate, Brown talks about the pre-show produced in-house by Scott Dennis.

"Beginning with the magic of the kitescope images that Thomas Edison wowed early audiences with and culminating with the present day large-format experience, the pre-show is evidence of the museum's goal to share the scope of technology as it has affected us up to the present," said Brown.

"Fantasia/2000" is another learning opportunity. "It demonstrates new cutting-edge technology."

THE FACTS ON IMAX

WHAT: New IMAX Theatre opens at Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, in Dearborn.

WHEN: Opens Friday, Nov. 19. Shows every hour on the hour, subject to change. The IMAX Theatre will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (800) 747-IMAX (4629) or (313) 271-1570 for information. Advance tickets now on sale at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

ADMISSION: Adults \$7.50, seniors age 62 and over and children ages 5-12, \$6.50; children under 4 and members \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village and IMAX adults \$17.50; seniors \$16; kids \$12.50; children under 4, \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and IMAX, adults \$28, seniors \$27, kids \$19, children under 4, \$6. Call (313) 271-1620 or on the Web at www.hfmv.org for more information.

FILES

■ "The Magic of Flight" Nov. 19 through Jan. 1

■ Walt Disney Pictures' "Fantasia/2000" opens Jan. 1 and continues through April 30. You can visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS

■ Henry Ford Museum Store - just outside the theater. Scheduled to open this week, lots of interesting gift items. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Accessible to shoppers just visiting the store through the new Visitor Reception area and entrance.

■ "Traditions of the Season" Friday, Nov. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Holiday displays and activities.

FAMILY SHOW

'Toy Story' is a special playtime for ice skater

By KEELY WYGONIK
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She's been playing with the same toys since 1996, but Lisa Horowitz isn't bored.

"We're good friends, and have a good time. It's fun to put on a costume and be someone else," said Horowitz, who portrays Bo Peep in "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," which plays Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Nov. 17-21.

"It's been a great show since it started. The show evolves as people become more

comfortable with what they're doing. We get new cast members, and with time only get better," said Horowitz who has always played Bo Peep in the ice skating extravaganza based on Disney's popular 1995 film "Toy Story."

The ice show follows the movie. When 6-year-old Andy isn't around, the toys come to life. His favorite toy, a pull-string cowboy, is in charge until Andy gets a new toy, Buzz Lightyear. Buzz Lightyear is a very cool space ranger with retractable jet wings and a laser who believes he's crash-landed on a strange planet.

Bo Peep is Andy's girl friend, until Buzz Lightyear comes along. "All the toys are freaking out when Buzz Lightyear comes along," explained Horowitz. "Woody is no longer Andy's

THE STORY ON TOY STORY

WHAT: "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," an ice show based on Disney's 1995 film, "Toy Story."

WHEN: Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 17-21, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, with additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday; noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: \$30, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Opening night tickets \$10 (excluding \$30 VIP seats). Kids, age 12 and under, and senior citizens, age 62 and over, save \$3 on the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and noon Saturday, Nov. 20, performances, excluding VIP seats. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606, or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com on the Web.

Please see TOY STORY, E5

Wonderful performances in 'The Merchant of Venice'

Schoolcraft College presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Tickets \$8, call (734) 462-4596.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

If you have shied away from Shakespeare, because it's "too hard to understand" you may want to reconsider, and attend Schoolcraft College's production of "The Merchant of Venice." The play is easy to follow and the

principal players turn in wonderful performances. Professor James Hartman has edited the play slightly to update archaic words from Shakespearean times to make it more palatable.

For example, "in sooth" becomes in truth. And "rate of usance" becomes rate of interest.

The central conflict involves a young man borrowing money from a friend to finance a romance with a wealthy young lady. To test the values of her suitors, she promises her dead father to marry the man who makes the correct choice

between gold, silver and lead chests. Lots of comedic possibilities there — and no doubt 400 years ago Elizabethan audiences found it very funny. There is a dark side to the play, however.

Much of the world was virulently anti-Semitic in Shakespeare's time. Who better to be a villain than Shylock — the Jew — who lends money to Christians. Today, the derisive language directed at him is a bit disconcerting, similar to the way modern popular culture treated American Indians not so many years ago. Ray Van Hoeck (Shylock) creates a marvelously sym-

pathetic character. His "revenge" speech in which he explains why he insists on his "pound of flesh" in lieu of repayment of his loan is spellbinding. If only the actor entering at the end would delay a beat, however, allowing us to digest the moment.

Despite his wonderful character, Van Hoeck tends to hold one stage position too long. Both he and Jerri Doll (Portia) deliver Shakespeare's lines in such a natural manner that one is seldom aware that they are speaking in verse. Not any easy task as many of the less experienced actors can attest.

Doll, as Portia, lights up the stage with energy and style as a young woman hoping the man of her dreams selects the correct chest. It is a stunning performance. Brian Taylor gives his usual solid performance as Bassanio, her love interest. John Rowland (Antonio) looks the part of a successful merchant, but needs to add more spice to the delivery of his lines and variety to his movement. Colleen Greenwell is very good as Portia's friend, Nerissa. Diane Aretz is most effective as Shylock's daughter, Jessica, who runs off with his money and marries a

Christian. Others appearing include Jason Birkby, Benjamin Karl, Nick Ward, David Ormsby, Lisa Brawley, David Jonvey, Ryan-Iver Klann, Jeremy Hargis, Tom Rowland, John Abair, Brendan Smith, Charles LaCroix, Antonio Musse and Tom Noe.

The setting, lights, sound and costuming are well done, though there are an interesting variety of footwear for a period piece.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes about theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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varying movements of a blind character and the thugs, who tend to move erratically. It's a thug thing.

As you might imagine, a play with a blind lead character puts a premium on lighting to draw the audience in to the unfamiliar circumstance of having to rely on its instincts. Cast members were supported throughout this production by lighting techniques that enhanced their scenes. No simple task, given the importance that the many different degrees of light had to the plot. John Deierlein, who also did scenic design for the season opening production of "The Music Man," deserves applause in this area.

"Wait until Dark" is a dialogue-intensive play which taxes its performers and the director to sustain suspense. There were occasional lapses in the exchanges between characters and glitches in sound and special effects that prompted audience members to settle a bit deeper in their seats.

Director Jim Stillman is an unabashed fan of Knott's mysteries, including the classic "Dial M for Murder," which Avon presented two years ago. Here, he presents the story in an easy-to-follow manner, and although the production is not exactly a nail-biter, he does establish a distinct identity for each character. This is most evident with the con-

men, portrayed by Michael Jeffries, Mike Fraley and Anthony Sherman.

Musicals and comedies will always have an advantage in being consistent crowd-pleasers. An audience that believes community theater should also attempt to stretch itself by presenting more challenging productions will appreciate this one.

John O'Donnell is a Troy resident who writes about community theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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It's a mystery to me. One Livonia reader wrote with a question. What has happened to

KISS FM? One night she turned on the radio to find it changed to a rock format? Anyone with information may e-mail scasola@homecomm.net.

While Delilah may be missing from the airwaves, director Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") is in plain sight with

his latest film "Dogma." While the movie may be shrouded in controversy for its take on religion, Alanis Morissette's latest single "Still" should tide eager fans over before she completes another album. Look for Morissette's cameo as God in "Dogma," opening tomorrow.

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10. \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302 (singer-songwriter)

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7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, \$29.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

RADIUM
Friday, Nov. 12, Club Bart, 22726 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; Friday, Nov. 19, Scallie's, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park; Saturday, Dec. 4, Old Miami, 3930 Cass Avenue, Detroit; Saturday, Dec. 18, Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. (Rock)

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
With Gang Starr, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tickets \$25. (248) 645-6666

JAKE REICHART
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday guitar)

RARE EARTH
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

ROYCE
9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, Dec. 3, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856

SATIN DOLLS
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet)

MERL SAUNDERS & MELVIN SEALS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$15. (734) 996-8555

SAVE FERRIS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

SAX APPEAL

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues duo)

STEPHANIE SCHWEDLER
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

JOHN SCOPFIELD BAND
With Charlie Hunter, Adam Cruz Duo., 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$22. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

SECTION 76
With Give, Vudu Hippies, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$5 cover. (248) 544-3030

SGT. ROCK
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 349-7038; Wednesday, Nov. 24, Woodbridge Tavern, 289 St. Aubin, Detroit. (313) 259-0578; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. (734) 591-1868.

SISTER SEED
With Michael King, Daniels Crossing, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-3030

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'Light It Up' intense drama in high school setting

BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

The scene: A neglected inner-city high school in Queens, New York, a dedicated teacher is suspended, broken windows and no heat, six students protesting for a better education, and the students barricaded in the school take hostage a wounded police officer. Sound like a place you would want to be nine months out of the year?

"Light It Up," presented by Fox 2000 Pictures, written and directed by Craig Bolotin ("Miami Vice"), and produced by husband and wife team of Gram-

my winner Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and Tracey E. Edmonds ("Soul Food"), takes a look at the life of inner-city high school students from their perspective.

The film stars R&B phenomenon Usher Raymond ("The Faculty") as Lester Dewitt, a complex and caring kid who has several personal issues stemming from the unnecessary death of his father. Lester has two things going for him, his loyalty and relationship with his friend Ziggy (portrayed by Robert Richardson) and his education. But all of that is about to change when his favorite teacher, Mr. Knowles (portrayed by

Judd Nelson), is suspended and Lester, along with his fellow classmates takes a stand against their principal.

To break up the protest, in comes Officer Dante Jackson (portrayed by Forest Whitaker) whose recent demotion from the police force fuels his bad attitude. While attempting to break things up Officer Jackson is accidentally shot in leg by Ziggy, forcing Lester to take matters into his own hands. What starts out as a small protest turns into a hostage situation lead by Lester and five desperate students.

The frustrated students, real-

izing they are for the time being in control, decide to use their negotiating power to make a statement by asking for the right to have a decent education. The unlikely group of students made up of an artist, a basketball player, a hustler, a gangbanger, a pregnant teen,

and a student council member, lock themselves inside the school and attempt to make their voices heard.

While being held hostage, Officer Jackson is able to see into the lives of these six students and finds himself empathizing with them. He makes several attempts to get through to Lester, but fails. It looks as if the only voice that may get through to him is that of Stephanie Williams (portrayed by Rosario Dawson). Stephanie is the object of Lester's affection. She's smart, beautiful, practical, and she may be just the one to help Lester realize they have gone too far.

While the students continue to deal with their own personal conflicts, the police are trying to deal with the hostage issue. To do that they bring in hostage negotiator Audrey McDonald (portrayed by Vanessa L. Williams).

Audrey desperately tries to buy these kids some time before the police decide to bust into the school shooting first and asking questions later.

Drama: Clifton Collins, Jr., Rosario Dawson, Sara Gilbert, Robert Richardson, Fredro Starr and Usher Raymond star in "Light It Up."

She starts to sympathize with these kids and attempts to get through to Lester. But when her attempts fail, the results are worse than could be imagined.

Usher Raymond heads up the "young" cast in his first motion picture starring role as Lester, the leader of the group. Through Lester, Usher proves that there is more to being an entertainer than singing and dancing. Joining the Grammy nominee are Rosario Dawson ("He Got Game," "Kids"), Robert Richardson (Nickelodeon's "Cousin Skeeter"), Clifton Collins, Jr. ("187," "The Replacement Killers"), Fredro Starr ("Sunset Park," "Clockers"), and Sara Gilbert (TV's "Roseanne").

Balancing out the talented ensemble of young actors, is veteran actor Forest Whitaker ("The Crying Game"). Whitaker, known for his work as a director

("Hope Floats," "Waiting To Exhale") as well as an actor, provides great inspiration for the young cast.

Joining Whitaker in the veteran actors department is Judd Nelson ("The Breakfast Club," "St. Elmo's Fire") and Vanessa L. Williams ("Soul Food," "Eraser").

"Light It Up" is a very intense movie that is unlike any other film in a high school setting. Normally a principal or teacher would come into a school and change the lives of troubled students. In this film, the students take responsibility for their actions and try to change their own lives. It is an interesting concept, but very disturbing in the sense that you leave the theater feeling like you went through the ordeal with them.

For most of us it makes you appreciate the education you received.

Insightful local artists have realistic perspective

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It has been suggested that those who work in creative fields may be inclined to have only a tenuous grip on reality. I've discovered that the opposite is often true.

An instructor once told me that the best skaters in an ice show are the clowns because they have to know how to do it right before they can do it wrong. Similarly, artists who have an acute understanding of the way the world functions have a better chance of creating and presenting meaningful work.

Vancouver-based multi-media artist Stan Douglas spent several years researching and documenting the history of Detroit to develop his new exhibit "Le Detroit."

In the past, Douglas has visited Paris, Chicago and other metropolitan areas to create his insightful photographic and film works that reveal how changing social conditions can impact the history of a city. The "Le Detroit"

exhibit is featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and at midnight Friday, and is on display at the Art Gallery of Windsor in the Devonshire Mall. And since we're dealing in reality here, what better place to generate traffic for an exhibit than to locate it in a mall during the busy holiday shopping season?

Sculptors

In Hamtramck, two gifted sculptors are focused on the functionality of their creations. Is it art or a piece of furniture? In a logical world, it can be both. Leslie Denyer and Margot Delidow use welding and woodworking as staples of their craft, and their studio is one of the reasons for the vibrant place the city has in the Detroit area's artistic landscape.

There have been a number of highly publicized clashes in recent years between religious groups and artists who are on the fringes of creative expression. Art and religion are not adversaries by nature. Throughout history, the powerful images of the masters have contributed greatly to the spirituality of modern man. There are also

many local examples of how artists are currently lending their talents to celebrations of faith.

Celebration of faith

At Detroit's Central United Methodist Church, an alternative worship service known as Saturday Night Central regularly features some of the area's finest artists. While it may seem like an unlikely venue for jazz, poetry, dance and theater, it's actually very practical. The ability to deliver an expressive performance to an audience transfers well in creating a greater spiritual experience for a congregation.

When BACKSTAGE PASS checked in with Alicia Gbur of Sister Seed about the band's performance to air at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, we interrupted her at her day job. With two critically-acclaimed CDs and a steady schedule of performance dates, why the 9-5 gig?

"It's nice to know that you're going to be able to pay the rent," she said.

Now there's a dose of reality we all understand.

'Tintypes' will leave you happy

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Tintypes" through Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$24-\$35, call (248) 377-3300. BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

One hundred years from now, when they put on that big turn-of-the-21st-century music review, how it will be received? Will audiences wax nostalgic at the lovely ballads of Eminem? Will they shed a collective tear recalling the plaintive melodies of that classic romantic, Kid Rock? Will they share stories of their grandparents' first kiss while under the lyrical spell of Puff Daddy? Please.

Meanwhile, back in the present, we note how time has treated the tunes of one hundred years past. You've heard of "America the Beautiful." You can hum "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home?" You recall "Yankee Doodle Dandy?" Case closed.

"Tintypes" celebrates the times and the timeless. Lightning-fast transitions accommodate some 50 songs of the years 1890-1917, performed by a capable quintet taking on characters that evoke the era.

Christopher Howe portrays

THEATER

Teddy ("Bully") Roosevelt as he charges up San Juan Hill, becomes president following McKinley's assassination and builds the Panama Canal. And there's lots of other history to learn. We didn't know, for example, that TR was a spoiled, stomping cry baby.

Leisa Way plays singing star Anna Held, who apparently was imported by Flo Ziegfeld from either Paris, France or Paris, Illinois. Or was it Indiana? Stacy White is social activist Emma Goldman in a time of incredible social activity.

Lea Charisse Woods is Susannah, a generic African-American woman of the day, relegated to being mammy to the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts and powerless to prevent the humiliation of blackface vaudeville shows. Bart Philip Williams is every immigrant who passed through Ellis Island searching for streets of gold.

If this paints a rather dark picture in contrast to happy-go-lucky songs like "Meet Me in St. Louis" and the jaunty rags of Scott Joplin, that's just as it

should be, because that's the way it was.

"Tintypes" is bubbly and cheerful, but bubbling below the surface is musical proof that this wasn't the time of innocence and simplicity we heard about. When Lea Woods sings "Nobody" written by Bert Williams, the first major black variety star, it is an eloquent history lesson indeed.

But it was also the time of Chaplin and Cohan. Stacy White and Bart Williams are marvelous physical comedians who strut their stuff in sketches interspersed throughout the performance. And when Williams does Cagney doing "You're a Grand Old Flag," who can just sit there? Director Debra L. Wicks, musical director Steve De Does and choreographer Nedra Dixon (the original Susannah when the musical opened nationally in 1980) keep things briskly moving, like the "Merry Oldsmobile" in the story. Overall, though, "Tintypes" will leave you happy to be singing about the last century while looking forward to living in the next one.

Jon Katz is a Rochester resident who writes theater and movie reviews for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Announcements Showcase Channels	New York	Star Rochester Hills	United Artists	NP THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
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Society works to keep blues alive in Detroit

Ed Schenk is on a mission.

As president of the Detroit Blues Society, he's determined to keep the blues alive and well in Detroit, and he's got a secret. Lurking in metro Detroit are several blues greats like Albert Adams, Eddie Burns, Johnnie Bassett and Willie D. Warren. Adams has been singing the blues in the metro since the 1940s.

Schenk's happy to call them friends and assures there are many other talented blues musicians in the area who keep a low profile.

The Detroit Blues Society was formed in 1986 under the name Detroit Country Music and Blues Society. Its members are dedicated to keeping the art of blues music alive and well. With special events like the Blues Heritage Series — which hosts two shows at the Scarab Club in Detroit — Schenk and the Detroit Blues Society are calling attention to the music which has nearly drowned in a sea of MTV-driven rock and hip hop. But his outlook is positive.

"I think (blues) is very popular right now," said Schenk. Seeing it live can be an educational and entertaining experience for all ages. The next installment in the Blues Heritage Series, Women of

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What's your opinion of the blues scene in Metro Detroit? Who's your favorite blues artist locally? Include your name, age and the city in which you live.

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Detroit Blues, is an event for anyone who loves the blues or has a curiosity to learn more about it. The Nov. 13 show features Bettye LaVette, Priscilla Price and Kerry Price.

LaVette is a native Detroiters whose been from Broadway to Las Vegas and back. She's known for her "tell-it-like-it-is" form of the blues. Each of the women may be considered something of a blues treasure in our area.

"The music is thriving," he said. What sets our blues men

and women apart from those around the country is their strong connection to an original blues, untainted and pure.

"There is so much talent here under the surface," said Schenk. He credits stations like WDET and WHFR as being major supporters of the blues. Though he'd like to see it hit bigger radio markets, he understands that it's not popular enough for most commercial stations.

"I've always loved music," said Schenk, who discovered the soci-

ety when he hosted his own public access TV show in Eastpointe. He joined the group in 1996. Just over two years later he was chosen as president of the organization.

Why the blues?

"It's very emotional," said Schenk. "It's just a very feeling music as compared to (other styles.) A lot of people think the blues is very simple. In order to do it well, a sense of timing has to (take place)."

He described blues as a musical style that moves in a circle. At certain points musicians jump off the path, creating various bridges. Those who know what they're doing playing the blues sense those moments and can create a depth and emotion in the music like no other style allows.

"Detroit has a wonderful blues community," said Schenk. "Everyone's willing to help out with everyone else's projects." They make up a sort of blues family.

At monthly meetings you'll find more than 200 members gathered at Hamtramck's Attic Bar, strumming guitars and jamming the blues. But it's more than just a chance to express themselves freely in the music. The Detroit Blues Society honors

a Lifetime achievement artist each year. Last year the Butler Twins took the honor. The group is also formulating plans to reach out to younger members of the community. Schenk said he is interested in starting a "Blues in the Schools" program which would include education and live performances of the music.

"So much of the younger generation only know MTV," he said. "I don't personally enjoy rock music."

Moving into the future, Schenk is hopeful that doors will open for today's blues performers. It's unfortunate, he said, that most musicians must move away from the city to become successful. But the goal remains — "to be a good member of the cultural community and to give back to

the community as well."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Check out Women of Detroit Blues, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Scarab Club, 217 Fernsworth, Detroit. Free. All ages welcome. Call (313) 831-1250 for information. Blues fans can also see the Original Queen of Blues, Koko Taylor, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street in Royal Oak. Tickets \$10. (248) 543-4300 for information.

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Sounding off: November music reviews

In an effort to bring our readers in tune with the newest music by national and local artists, the Observer-Eccentric Newspapers will now be compiling music reviews. Local musicians may submit full-length compact discs, which have been completed or released no more than three months prior to submission, to the newspaper office. Send materials with a daytime phone number c/o Arts and Entertainment, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150. We do not guarantee that all submissions will be reviewed, but we'll try our best.

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"Our Little Secret" **

Dan Hazlett
Home Street Music

It's no secret how contemporary folk artist Dan Hazlett's new baby, Grace Paradise, influenced his work as a musician.

The latest release by the Waterford resident, "Our Little Secret," contains many reminders of the inspiration he gains from his daughter. "21 Inches of Paradise"

details the changes a man encounters when entering fatherhood. Little Grace is evident all over the CD; her cry ends one track and her likeness can be found on the cover.

For listeners, "Our Little Secret" creates a mood fostering contentment and reflection. Like a lazy day spent lounging in a Northern Michigan cabin, or a moment of calm found at the foot of Lake Michigan at sunset, the music is low-key and cozy.

The title track is a heartfelt look into the arrival of a new baby, a time to make room in our lives for the changes awaiting the future. "Hope Is Still" offers an uplifting opinion of what truly matters in the world. A song that shows value in love and emotion, dreams and aspirations, while disparaging the need for material objects and money.

Take a bit of a bluesy approach to folk music and you have "The Life is in the Roots." Hazlett's "Red Road" is reminiscent of gospel styles. Relying heavily on his acoustic guitar, the singer-songwriter incorporates these elements, along with touches of jazz and pop, with ease into his own dreamy folk sound. Songs were recorded at studios and perfor-

mances in Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills and Pontiac.

Hazlett's fourth CD and latest effort provides the perfect accompaniment for those subdued times of the day. Unwind with this one.

■ Best to listen to when: cuddling by a fire

—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

"Resignation" ***

Lori Amey
LEEMA Records

When I first met Lori Amey, in a Michigan State University lecture hall before a film class, I had no idea of her accomplishments.

I didn't know she snagged an opening spot at Lilith Fair. I was unaware that she was attending MSU with a vocal music scholarship. And I had no clue that her voice, that voice, could flutter and soothe, evoking such passion and emotion. I am delighted and not at all surprised to hear this disc was the first CD ever by an unsigned artist to break into the top 25 best-selling albums at Tower Records in East Lansing.

Her second effort, titled "Resignation," shows depth and fire, both in its poetic lyrics and soothing vocals. At 22, the Livonia native has got quite a handle on life and

love. In "Shattered" she sings: "You chose only to see all that you desired me to be. And though you're shattered someday you'll believe what I say." It paints a softer picture of a failed relationship than listeners might expect. She's not vengeful like Alanis Morissette. She's not as frail as Tori Amos.

In "Better Day," Amey's the friend we all need in times of despair. A voice of hope, an up-lifting spirit. She urges: "I see the fire in your eyes, won't you let it burn? There's more to you than you know, so don't let go." This song, and overall the tone of the album, offers that sense that someone else shares those experiences which hurt us, and heal us. The subject matter is easy to relate to, like a close friend.

She's been compared to Paula Cole and Joni Mitchell, but Lori Amey has a mind, a voice and a talent all her own. Buy "Resignation" at Borders Books and Music, Harmony House, or online at www.loriamey.com.

■ Best to listen to when: In deep conversation with friends over coffee

—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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Cleveland's Gill & Grill offers familiar ambience

By Heidi Snodgrass
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Cleveland's Gill & Grill, one of downtown Ann Arbor's newest eateries, promises to be a favorite for those who like fresh, well-presented seafood dishes, as well as tasty meat, chicken and pasta entrees.

While the emphasis is on fresh fish — there's always a list of daily specials — Cleveland's serves a wonderful sautéed pork loin in a molasses citrus glaze with sun-dried cherries (\$13.95 for dinner, \$8.95 for lunch). The dish, created by Chef Michael Dopkowski, developed quite a following at John Cleveland's former restaurant in Plymouth Township, The Water Club Grill.

"It sells even better in Ann Arbor," said Cleveland.

The London broil (\$13.95), served on a bed of oven-roasted potatoes, onions and sweet peppers, is another satisfying meat-eater's choice for cold, fall evening. So is the filet mignon (\$18.25), nestled in a fried onion basket and lightly covered with a Crimini mushroom sauce.

The filet is good, said Cleveland, very good.

Thank goodness Cleveland has transferred much of the Water Club's menu to his new place, including the creamy, rosy-hued Palomino clam chowder and the Maryland crab cakes with a roasted red pepper sauce. If my taste buds remember correctly,

Cleveland's Gill & Grill
Where: 311 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (directly across from The Ark), (734) 213-2505
Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Lots of seafood, a good selection of steaks, just enough chicken and pasta entrees. Homemade pumpkin pie.
Cost: Moderate to moderately high, lunches range from \$5 to \$10; dinners \$9-\$17. Most dinner items are in the \$11 to \$15 range.
Atmosphere: Comfortably bistro, with nautical themes.
Mostly non-smoking. Smoking section on second floor.
Credit cards: All major credit cards accepted.
Reservations: Recommended for parties over five. Diners may call ahead one hour for a table.

those trabcakes should be worth the drive to Ann Arbor.

"I liked the menu we had. I thought it was a well-balanced menu. I thought it would transition well to Ann Arbor. We've offered more appetizers to encourage grazing. People can come over before and after performances at The Ark and have appetizers and a glass of wine," said Cleveland.

Appetizers include shrimp cocktail, steamed mussels, crab-cakes, several kinds of oysters, baked brie, sautéed wild mushrooms, and sautéed spicy black bean cake. Prices range from \$4.95 to \$7.95.

The black bean cakes are big sellers, as is the baked brie, said Cleveland. "In one month here we'll sell as many baked bries as we sold in three months in Plymouth."

Cleveland's wife, Sarah, has added a specialty to the menu:

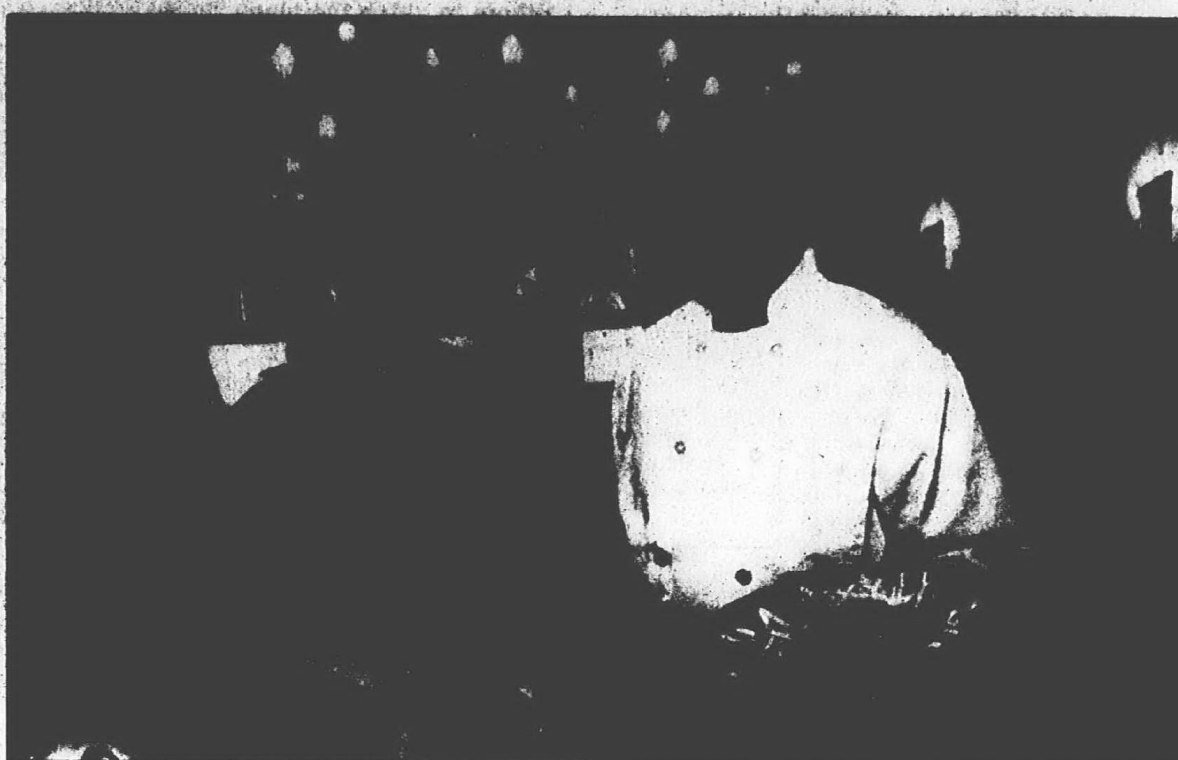
Her homemade pumpkin pie. "It has more spices. It's hardy, interesting pumpkin pie. We sell out every weekend," said Cleveland.

Ambience also is part of Cleveland's new place. The building, which dates to 1901, has been reincarnated several times, mostly as a bar. It retains much of its comfortable turn-of-the-century look, with half-pannelled walls and original tin ceilings. And both floors — yes, this is a two-story restaurant — have their own vintage, wood bars.

The well-worn oak bar in the restaurant's main, street-level dining room comes from Ironwood, Mich. Cleveland believes it was constructed about 1900. It certainly bears testimony to a century of use.

"There are literally thousands of elbow marks rubbed into it," said Cleveland.

However, Cleveland has added enough contemporary touches —



At your service: John Cleveland (left) presents Maryland crab cakes, and Chef Michael Dopkowski, black bean cakes, a popular appetizer, at Cleveland's Gill & Grill in Ann Arbor.

like the sweeping nautical-theme murals — to give his new place its own 90s-nostalgic, nicely hip personality. He calls it a "recycled ambience."

The personable Cleveland is a hometown boy. He grew up in Ann Arbor and knows many of

its merchants and business owners. He was the general manager of the Gandy Dancer from 1989-1992 and the assistant manager from 1977-81.

He likes to stop by tables and ask his guests about their meals.

He wants them to walk out the door having had a truly satisfying dining experience.

"I want them to feel like it was a comfortable place, an interesting place. Like they have been here before."

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■ Buddy's Restaurant & Pizzeria — kicks off "got pizza?" 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at its Farmington Hills location 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills to benefit the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center. WDIV-TV Anchorwoman Carmen Harlan, the first "got

pizza?" celebrity sporting a red pizza sauce mustache, will be live at this Buddy's around 7 p.m. But the first 100 big and little kids will have the chance to create their own "got pizza?" mustache and have their photo taken and printed on a souvenir Buddy's tee-shirt. From the 16th through the end of November, visit any Buddy's and order the Carmen Harlan Signature Pizza (includes cheese, bacon, ham,

sausage, green peppers and onions) and \$2 will go towards the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center. In the coming months, other local celebrities will get their mustache and signature pizza with \$2 going to their favorite children's charity.

■ Candlelight dinner dance — sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

5, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 32900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost is \$36 per person, includes dinner, drinks, cappuccino, espresso, dancing to Steve King and the Ditties. Call (734) 591-0042.

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