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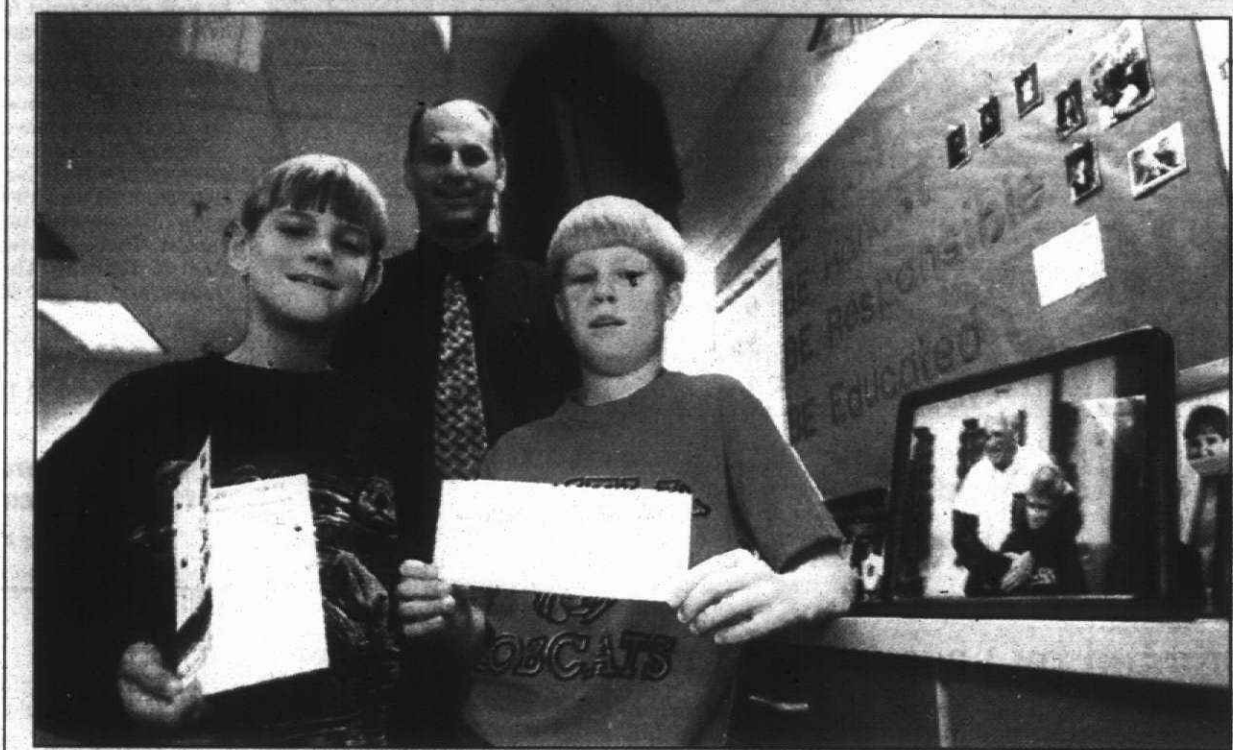
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Another plant shooting stuns community

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER
 What happened was tragic, but could it have been worse?
 The gunman who shot and killed his former girlfriend then himself Monday at Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township had once threatened "to shoot up the place," an employee told her father.
 And while Ernest Hall Jr. of Detroit packed a .357 Magnum with six bullets, he also brought along two six-bullet "speed loaders" to provide a total of 18 rounds of ammunition.
 After Monday's third workplace shooting-

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Protégés: Students Collin Howder (left) and Jon Sorenson will be greeters at "CATCH Night of Champions VIII." Bentley teacher Dave Edwards (background) will be inducted into the CATCH Hall of Fame at the the Oct. 7 dinner.

Sports charity honors teacher

I believe that children are our future. . . .
 —"The Greatest Love of All"
BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Whitney Houston had it wrong, says Dave Edwards. Children truly are the future, but the greatest love of all is not the one that's "happening inside of me," as the superstar sang in her mega-hit. No, says the popular fifth-grade teacher at Canton's Bentley Elementary School, the greatest love is the one parents and teachers take the time to give to children.

"Children are our daily blessing," says Edwards, quoting one of his favorite people, the late Rev. William T. Cunningham, founder of Focus:HOPE. "We should love them and hold them every day," the inspirational Catholic priest said. "Let's not ignore them while we have them." And Edwards, remembering a former student who recently died at age 15 in a traffic accident, also quotes Ralph Waldo Emerson: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

With such philosophies, Edwards, too, has become an inspiration — to hundreds of present and former students and their parents and also to a Detroit fundraising organization for children which, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, will induct him into its Hall of Fame.

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Established subs target of group

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER
 Is the Canton community maturing gracefully?
 With the current residential building boom at full tilt, officials are sending out a message that they haven't neglected its older, more well-established neighborhoods.
 A committee has been formed at the request of township supervisor Tom Yack to look at 15-25-year-old subdivisions and come up with a plan that will ensure they maintain their property value in the competitive housing market.

"My home was built in 1975 or '76 and I'm looking at other houses in Canton, the several hundred thousand dollar houses being built right now," said resident Greg King of the Stonegate subdivision in regards to why he thinks the committee is so crucial.
 "There's not one specific problem, I think the area is extremely desirable," he said.
 But...
 King and others on the committee said there is always room for improvements.

The group met for the first time last week and will continue to meet through the fall. A recommendation

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Hot-selling single



Supply and demand: Beverly Booker (left) was unable to buy the 10 CDs she was looking for at Dearborn Music. The store on Ford Road had 200 advance orders for Elton John's remake of "Candle in the Wind," said manager Brian LeAn-nais.

Diana fans snap up musical tribute

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
 For fans of singer Elton John and admirers of the late Princess Diana in the Plymouth-Canton area, the wait finally has ended — for the most part.
 Area merchants, from music-specialty outlets to discount department stores, generally were reporting brisk sales of "Candle In The Wind '97" by

early afternoon Tuesday, the first day the singer's anxiously awaited tribute to his late fan and friend was available in the United States.
 However, loyal customers of the area's two music stores were finding copies in somewhat short supply.
 Shipments arrived a couple of hours late at both Repeat the Beat in Plymouth and Dearborn Music in Canton and the copies were already

spoken for, managers said.
 They said supply couldn't match the massive demand — reportedly 6 million copies ordered in less than 1-1/2 weeks — at Polygram Records, the manufacturer.
 David Haupt, manager of Repeat the Beat on Penniman, got only 17 copies of the compact-disc single Tuesday, although 8customers had

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Making news: Learn how at our Nov. 1 open house

The Observer Newspapers editorial staff is having an open house — and you're invited.
 The open house will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Observer Newspapers building, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia.
 Anyone interested in learning more about how to submit news items to the newspaper, how to get an event covered by the news staff and just how a newspaper operates is invited to attend.
 Our open house will include introductions to the editorial staff members of the Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers.
 "In many ways, the newspaper is like a community kiosk," said Tedd Schnei-

der, Canton community editor. "We are a resource for local residents and organizations on both ends of the line — sending and receiving."
 Section editors will also meet with participants.
 "The features department of The Observer Newspapers wants to hear from you. We are responsible for the Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, Taste, At Home, New Homes and Real Estate Sections," Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor of the features group, said.
 "We run extensive calendars in Arts & Leisure, Entertainment and At Home and look forward to getting the word out about your events," he said.
 The open house will give participants a chance to meet with and discuss con-

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Teacher honored

Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals (CATCH) - which raises money to improve the quality of life for sick, injured and needy hospitalized youngsters - will induct Edwards during its "CATCH Night of Champions VIII - Kids for CATCH".

Since its inception in 1988, a year after former Detroit Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson founded CATCH, Kids for CATCH has raised increasingly larger donations, including this year's record-setting \$11,000.

Although the bulk of that money came from adults, the parent-teachers organization and corporations, "That's an incredibly large amount for children to be raising," said Jim Hughes, CATCH director since 1991.

The kids personally collected over 30,000 pennies and donated pop bottle refunds, loose change and sometimes their allowances. Even parents of former students contributed.

Kids for CATCH is a tribute to the warmth and effectiveness of the 18-year veteran teacher, who will be the relative "unknown" among the big names also being inducted during the 6 p.m. dinner at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn: All-Pro wide receiver Herman Moore of the Detroit Lions; Peter Karmanos Jr. of software giant Compuware, who also owns the National Hockey

"Now I can say that I have children and I hope they have a teacher like this man."

Jim Hughes - CATCH director

League's Carolina Hurricanes; and Lester Weiss, M.D., chairman of medical genetics at Henry Ford Hospital.

"I used to say if I ever had children, I would want him to be their teacher," Hughes says of Edwards. "Now I can say that I have children and I hope they have a teacher like this man."

"He has a unique way of combining" daily teaching duties "with a commitment to community and a love for children,"

class raised over \$3,000.

"We learned a lot of things you don't realize you are learning, lessons that we will always use," she says - like being part of a team and not staring or laughing at those with handicaps.

So impressed were Morency and her family with Edwards that, when he moved from Field Elementary to the new Bentley, the Morency family moved, too, so that younger brother Jeffrey could be in Edwards' class this year.

Edwards remembers Allison Morency as a gifted leader and speaker, which is why he asked the Plymouth-Canton High School junior to be one of the dinner's presenters.

In fact, for the second straight year, CATCH asked Edwards to bring students as greeters and presenters. Among the 12 he picked besides Morency are third-grader Collin Howder, 9, the youngest; Howder's fourth-

grade neighbor Jon Sorenson; and Peggy Gross, a Coast Guard Academy student who's flying in to be the "Night of Champions" mistress of ceremonies.

"If there's anyone who could round up the kids, have them coached and ready," it's Edwards, says Hughes. Last year's students "were a credit to Dave Edwards as a teacher who prepares kids."

Edwards, a two-sport athlete in Plymouth-Canton High School's first graduating class, has degrees from both Central and Eastern Michigan Universities and was the district's 1992 Extra Miler Award winner.

Since its founding, CATCH has issued grants of more than \$1 million to the two hospitals and has built an endowment of approximately \$2.5 million.

For information regarding reservations for the CATCH "Night of Champions VIII," call (313) 876-9399.

Durant case decision. Lawmakers will address this issue when they return to Lansing Sept. 23.

Meanwhile, MAISL last May produced a report showing the rise in special ed student costs does each special ed student cost \$8,000 to \$12,000 per year more to educate, but the numbers of special ed students are rising disproportionately. Items:

- As total enrollment dropped 21 percent - from 2.1 million in 1975 to 1.6 million in 1995 - special ed enrollment rose 31 percent - from 147,000 to 194,000.

letter.

While the county was receiving more than \$30 million in sales from the Northville properties, most of the land purchasers will be taking a 120-day diligence due period and will need two allowed extensions for planning approvals, which means the sales will not immediately yield much cash. The county also needs to complete negotiations with the state for the state to be reimbursed for improvements to the Northville properties.

"Not until both are completed will we be in a position to definitively inform the commission of the funds from the Northville sale that will be available for a loan program," Henry said. "We look forward to issuing a full status report at that time."

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Fund created for development hasn't made a loan in three years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Three years ago a fund was established to provide loans to assist Wayne County communities with development.

Three years later, no loans have been distributed, and county officials haven't outlined a process to distribute the loans, either.

Instead county officials have committed \$21.4 million from the 21st Century Fund - \$20 million for the Detroit Tiger and Detroit Lion stadia project and \$1.4 million for the Inkster Valley Golf Course - commitments which "may jeopardize" the fund, according to a report released recently to the Wayne County Commission by the commission's Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Commissioners referred the report last Thursday to the Committee on Audit.

"The financial commitments to these projects are, in effect, grants, not loans," the report stated. With the county's commitment to these two projects, the program "is not meeting its original loan intent and is depleting the funding source for future projects," the report stated.

Dewitt Henry, assistant county executive and director of jobs and economic development, acknowledged its use of grants, instead of loans, to allow "flexibility" with the program. "The executive and commission have thus decided to fund two worthy programs with grants, because grants were needed to make them work," Henry stated in a

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closed doors, brought out a misleading report, rammed it through both chambers within days, and saw President Clinton sign it June 4.

The federal law complicates an already messy problem Michigan faces in funding special education.

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Some commissioners angry over use of 21st Century Fund

BY KEN ARRACZYK
STAFF WRITER

Some Wayne County commissioners are unhappy with the use of the 21st Century Fund, a fund originally designed to help low-income communities spur redevelopment.

A report on the fund questioned whether the fund can collect enough funds to create a loan program to help communities with development once the state is paid for expenditures related to properties sold by the county in Northville Township. The report noted that no loans have been made, nor has a loan process been detailed.

Instead \$21.4 million was earmarked from the fund for the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers stadium project and the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, called the report "distressing."

"I was not a big fan (of the 21st Century Fund), and I would

have preferred if the communities helped themselves," Patterson said. "But I thought there was some merit to energizing certain communities."

"The only meritorious basis of the program (loans) has been eviscerated. You have the communities giving up hope to benefit a couple of millionaires."

Patterson also was critical because the fund was not audited.

Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, whose district includes Redford Township and part of Livonia, hoped the commission could check with their legal counsel on the report. "I'd like to know what the administration's plans are," Plawecki said.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said the report "proves him correct" in opposing the establishment of the 21st Century Fund and expenditures

from it for the stadium fund earlier this year. He doubts if the commission will do much in reacting to the report, because the Detroit commissioners want the money to go to the stadium.

"(The report) is an eloquent statement as to why (the fund) shouldn't have been started in the first place," McCotter said.

McCotter opposed the fund because his constituent communities would not qualify for money and oppose any tax money spent on the stadium. "It's a total redistribution of wealth that adversely impacts the residents of my district," McCotter said.

McCotter believes the only way Wayne County could contribute funds was through the availability of money in the 21st Century Fund. "They overreached the fund. They didn't have the money for the stadium, and I think the only way to fund it was to use the 21st Century money."

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Dunleavy's report estimates that at least \$850,000 in improvements were made by the state to the property.

The reports' authors could not determine whether the fund could function as intended with the \$21 million in commitments for the two projects.

"Even with the Northville sales, until a determination of the settlement is made with the state, we still can't determine whether enough leftover money will be available to administer the 21st Century Fund as it was originally designed," Dunleavy said.

The report recommends that the commission and County Executive Edward McNamara review the two funds, with the 21st Century Fund examined

after the Northville properties are sold to determine whether the loan program is feasible, and Project Saved reviewed for the same purpose.

Project Saved was created to assist community-based organizations in obtaining title to tax-reverted property and develop a loan program to provide funding necessary for these organizations to redevelop. It was intended for use in Detroit, Inkster, River Rouge, Highland Park, Ecorse and Hamtramck.

County Management and Budget officials also only established one special revenue fund to record the 21st Century Fund and Project Saved. As a result of one fund, the assets and liabilities are combined and interest revenue from the 21st Century

Fund was "inappropriately used to pay administrative costs for Project Saved."

Henry said the 21st Century revenue spent for Project Saved was "well-spent."

"While the commission approved a loan program in conjunction with Project Saved, most organizations have not needed it. We are still working to determine if the loan program is needed, and will report to the commission with our findings," Henry said.

Dunleavy and his staff recommend commissioners revise the current commission resolution to include "relevant and obtainable" objectives and completion dates. The resolution also should include methods to ensure compliance, Dunleavy said.

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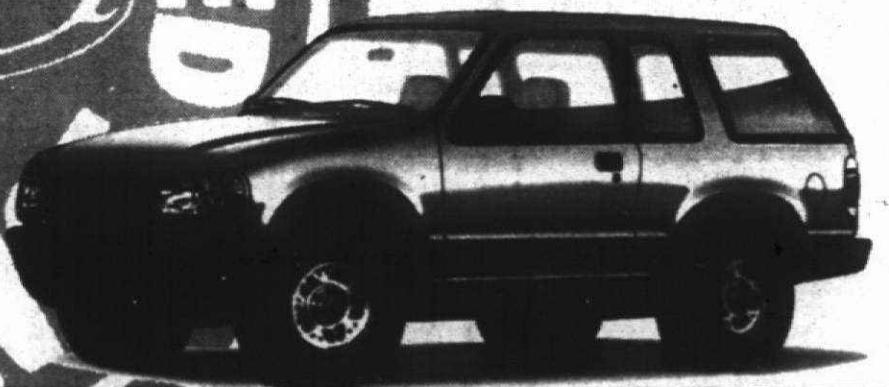
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This program, popular with children and adults, will be repeated three times: at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Joe Rogers, director of Wildlife Recovery Association, relates facts about birds of prey and tells the stories of the rescued birds he brings to the show.

Sponsored by the Schoolcraft Activities Board and Phi Beta Kappa, the event is free and open to the public. For information, call (813) 462-4422.

Walk-in donors accepted at blood drive next Thursday

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Jobs, training and referrals entering a new era across state, Wayne County

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

See Philip Power's column on Page 17A

The leader of the Michigan Jobs Commission hopes to eventually place 400,000 to 500,000 people into jobs, training and referrals without state involvement.

Douglas Stites, chief operating officer with the Michigan Jobs Commission, said at a conference Tuesday he expects workforce development boards to have expanded roles in moving that caseload as they take over roles of the former private industry councils and school-to-work programs. It is all part of Gov. John Engler's moves to empower local business owners and communities in the job referral process and a move away from a state-controlled employment service.

"I think we're seeing from the boards that are reaching out and defining what the scope of the board is," Stites said. "It is what you want to be."

Stites spoke to a crowd of workforce development board members, service providers and agency representatives at a Michigan Works for People conference at the Novi Hilton.

Over 1,000 assisted

Workforce development boards were created by Engler to ensure the workforce-related needs of employers and employees would be met.

"The governor wanted to create something different," said John B. O'Reilly, executive director of Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, an affiliate of the Michigan Works program. "He wanted the board to be broad-based, with 70 percent of its members from the private sector."

Since July 1995 SEMCA has assisted more than 1,000 western Wayne County residents under the Job Training Partnership Act and Work First program. Those include the following communities and totals: Westland, 587; Redford, 336; Livonia, 182; Canton, 130; Garden City, 106, and Plymouth, 54.

Just one call needed

The boards soon will administer a "no wrong door" approach to job training, employment and skills development services to everyone. Administrators have set up a system for a referral service to send people to a "one-

stop" center for an assessment or a service provider, such as a vocational education program, technical school or community college.

The program allows any customer to enter the system through any participating agency in the local system whether or not that participating agency is the right one to provide the service.

All of Wayne County except for Detroit and Monroe County is represented by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Workforce Development Board. The board is a successor to the private industry councils under the Job Training Partnership Act and oversees responsibilities formerly held by the School-To-Work board.

All about jobs?

Pat Williams, owner of Michigan Induction Inc. in Canton, said "it's all about jobs."

Williams likes the changes, particularly the "no wrong door" program, that will include a single phone number — instead of people calling a bevy of governmental agencies — and an information service for everyone.

Williams said the old system overlapped or had gaps in providing employment services. The duplication cost the state money, and the state sought to cut these costs with the new program.

"I think (the new program) is awesome," Williams said. "We're creating an opportunity to educate competent employees and help those who have been displaced, to those who are looking to upgrade their jobs. It will help with those things as simple as a resume to where to go for training."

With 70 percent of its members from the private sector, the workforce boards check on how effective the referrals are. When a public agency that receives tax dollars for its referrals checks its own system for efficiency, it may have a conflict of interest.

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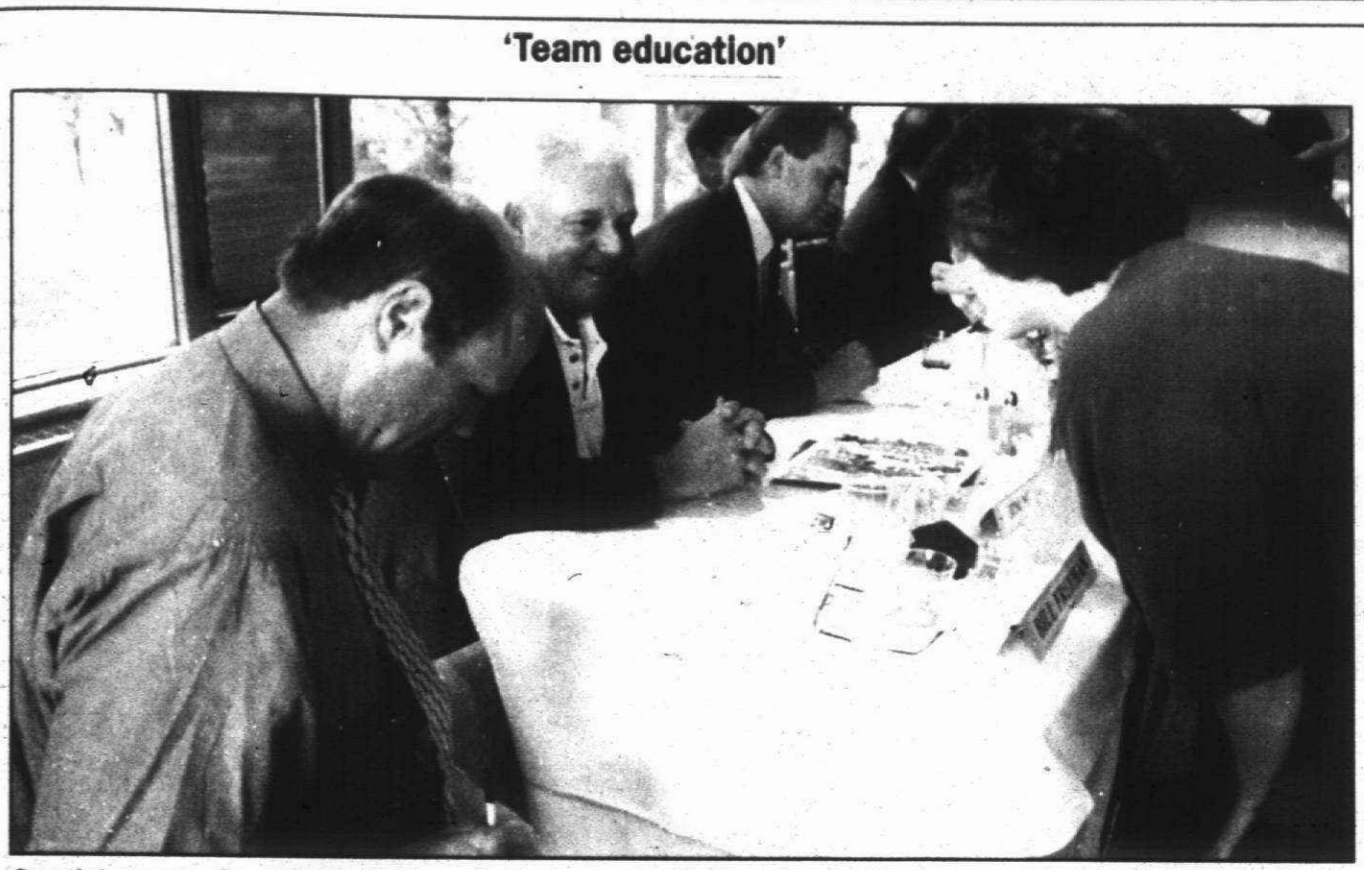
will be presented to the township board Dec. 16. Some issues of concern are deteriorating subdivision roads and sidewalks, lack of property maintenance and tree trimming by some residents, said Debbie Zevalkink, assistant to the supervisor. (The recommendation) could simply be people buying into a spring clean up day where a dumpster is brought in and people get rid of old wood stacked up next to their house or it could be asking the township to help out with some type of a money contribution, like sidewalk repair," said Zevalkink. The committee will go to Dear-

born and Livonia to see what they have done to preserve the desirability and attractiveness of their older neighborhoods. Canton's first subdivision, Holiday Park, was built in 1966. A residential building boom followed in the 1970s and early 1980s. Approximately 8,196 homes were built during that time, according to The Charter Township of Canton Housing Study. Eleven residents attended the first meeting and represented Holiday Park, Forestbrook, Windsor Park, Carriage Hills, Stonegate, Hampton Court West, Willow Homes and Century Farms. Steven Kijanczyk said the Hampton Court subdivision has improved its neighborhood by using its association bylaws, which allowed the residents to take a vote and assess a one-time assessment of \$125. Other subdivisions have used the same strategy, such as Pickwick Village. The \$35,000 raised by Hampton Court assessments built a park pavilion, repaired an asphalt walkway for an enclosed in-line skating area, resurfaced a street at one of its major entrance ways and a bought a new entryway sign. Although the maintenance of a neighborhood is primarily up to the residents, the township may be able to help in some areas, he said. "I can see the township doing weed control and safety issues, but I can't see them building pavilions," said Kijanczyk. The improvements the association has made has increased the resale value of homes in the area, he said. "New buyers are going to look at those factors, they're an appealing selling point even if they're older homes... but if they want an established area with trees and a community sense, they're going to buy here." The group is scheduled to meet again Oct. 1.

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reserved \$4. He had to parcel them out one per customer, despite multiple orders, he said. "I'm trying to come up with a way to be fair," he said, telling customers the company planned to have more copies available soon and even sending some to competitors such as Target. "At first, we didn't think it was going to be as big a deal" as it's become, he said. "I know the manufacturer's numbers (on the CDs and cassettes) by heart now." The store is carrying only the CD, priced at \$3.99 each.

At Dearborn Music on Ford Road, manager Brian LeAnnais also didn't receive enough to immediately fill his 200 advance orders, but said he expected to do so by week's end. He said his firm was to get partial shipments throughout the week and have regular stock on hand by Monday. LeAnnais, who fielded five calls about the CD in the first six minutes the store was open Tuesday, is offering the CD and cassette at \$3.49 each. A Dearborn Music customer, Beverly Booker of Plymouth Township, said she was going to buy 10 copies and send them to friends "because I admired Princess Diana." Two other customers, Bill Pike of Belleville and Maxie Lazaro of Canton, each acknowledged watching Di's funeral - Pike said he stayed up all night. "She was a terrific woman inside and outside," said Lazaro. At Repeat the Beat, customer Beau Somerville of Plymouth said even though he missed the funeral due to work and he has yet to hear the entire song, he was buying it because he admired her and because money from the sale was going to her favorite charities. But another customer and Plymouth resident, Utanja Mjnsbergen, said she was avoiding all of it because buying she believed such items helped support a commercialization. A lot of people "feel the media got her killed" Mjnsbergen said, and she refused to read the tabloids or keep up on news stories. "I always felt sorry for her," she said. "They should have left her alone to live her life." The three major discount department stores in Canton had larger quantities of "Candle 97" Tuesday than the music stores and two of the three were reporting good sales. The new Super K on Ford had sold about half its 120 "Candle" CDs (\$3.59 each) and 80 cassettes (3.99 each) by noon Tuesday, according to Diane Porter, an electronics associate. She said the store was already reordering. Sales are on a first-come, first-served basis.



'Team education' Special guests: Janet Berkemeier waits for autographs from former Tiger stars Bill Freehan and Jim Northrup at last week's Power Breakfast at Madonna University. The event, designed to show "team support for education," attracted a variety of residents, local and state politicians and business people along with university officials and faculty members. The breakfast replaces the annual visitations by members of the business community to solicit funds for the annual fund.

O&E purchases Rochester Clarion

The best of a community newspaper about to turn 100 years old will continue as part of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Purchase of The Rochester Clarion by The Observer & Eccentric was completed Tuesday evening, according to Steven K. Pope, Vice President and General Manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Pope also is Publisher of the newspaper group's Oakland County editions. Pope said the Clarion will continue to publish for the next three to four weeks. After that, The Clarion will merge with The Rochester Eccentric. The Clarion-Eccentric will be one of the 15 community newspapers published by the Observer & Eccentric in Wayne and Oakland counties. "We're taking the best of both newspapers and combining them into a much, much stronger product," Pope said. Justin Wilcox, publisher of The Clarion, said Wednesday he "was very excited. I think it's a great opportunity for not only the employees of The Clarion but for the citizens of the area." Wilcox will join the Observer & Eccentric staff as associate publisher for The Eccentric's north Oakland newspaper editions in Rochester, Troy, Oxford, Lake Orion and Clarkston. The Clarion-Eccentric will publish twice a week, on Thursdays and Sundays. The 15 Observer & Eccentric newspapers combine to form just one subsidiary of Hometown Communications Network, Inc. That parent company owns and publishes 62 newspapers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, owns the Michigan Directory Co., Specialty Publications and Camden Publications, maintains two web sites, and just released AVillage. The Internet's first on-line classified advertising system.

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Williams believes business owners, such as himself, can make the system more efficient. "We have opinions on who we see coming out of high schools and colleges," Williams said. "We are the stake holders in this. What we do is provide some balance." Board member Edward Baldwin, chief financial officer and controller of E & E Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth, said the board will look for ways to connect people to jobs. Baldwin was appointed in July to the board. "The challenge is to find jobs for people," Baldwin said. "There are all kinds of ways to do that by connecting people with the right resources." Board members won't encourage people to do one certain occupation. "You tell us what you want to do. If you don't know, we'll put you in touch with an agency," Baldwin said. People can call 1-888-515-JOBS for more information.

M University of Michigan School of Dentistry is looking for volunteers with Periodontal Disease. Volunteers aged 25 to 75 years who have gum disease are needed for a one year research study involving one periodontal surgery procedure and follow-up visits. Eligible participants will receive dental cleaning and monetary compensation. For more information, please call the Department of Periodontics/Prevention/Geriatics, Graduate Periodontics Clinic. (313) 763-3346 Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, October 6, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.
MARATHON/TECH EXPRESS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AUTOMOBILE WASH ESTABLISHMENT, FAST FOOD RESTAURANT, AND AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK FILLING STATION FOR PARCEL NO. 128 99 0006 703 AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.3, 17.02B.8, and 17.02B.13. Property is located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: September 25, 1997

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:
EHRHART REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0001 001 AND 075 99 0001 002 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Proctor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: September 11 and 25, 1997

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:
David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
MI 48188
(313) 397-5435
Publish: September 11, and September 25, 1997

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan 48188, will accept separate sealed bids for all or individual listed items up to 10:00 a.m., October 9, 1997 for the following:
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D. MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
E. OFFICE
F. REFRIGERATORS
G. WINDOW TREATMENTS
Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Department. 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
Publish: September 25, 1997

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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KOWALSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 094 99 0015 701, 094 99 0015 702, 094 99 0015 703, AND 094 99 0015 704 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Lots Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads. Rescheduled from September 8, 1997.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: September 11 and 25, 1997

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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TRESSL/KLINE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 019 99 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, AND 019 99 0019 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Warren Road between Beck and Ridge Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
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WENDY'S RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.8 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 128 99 0006 702. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
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Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. This column is guaranteed to be 100% fat free. The same cannot be said of the columnist.

Monkey business

Couple shares their home with future 'helpers'

Jerry and Dee Webster proudly tell you they're foster parents, but instead of children, the couple is caring for two capuchin monkeys that one day will be helpers for disabled individuals.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"Tell me we're not nuts," Jerry Webster says with a chuckle as he watches 11-year-old Buttons, a capuchin monkey, make a mad dash for a purse on top of the entertainment center.

A quick no from wife Dee redirects Buttons who dashes across the room and leaps onto the back of Webster's recliner. Buttons is an introvert, a "one-person monkey," unlike his fellow simian, Adam. The 4 1/2-year-old is the extrovert; he loves being around children and babies and enjoys washing and grooming the Websters' white rabbit.

"I tell people it's like having a two-year-old with five hands who can reach the ceiling," said Dee. "It's rewarding, it's fun, but it's also a job."

The Websters have learned a lot about the monkey business since signing on to be foster parents for Helping Hands, Monkey Helpers for the Disabled almost five years ago.

Founded in the 1977 by Dr. M.J. Willard, at the time a behavioral psychologist, the Boston-based agency provides specially trained capuchin monkeys to assist quadriplegics with simple tasks.

Foster parents like the Websters help socialize the monkeys before they are trained and paired with quadriplegics. The families care for the monkeys for up to five years before they are returned to Helping Hands for six months of training.

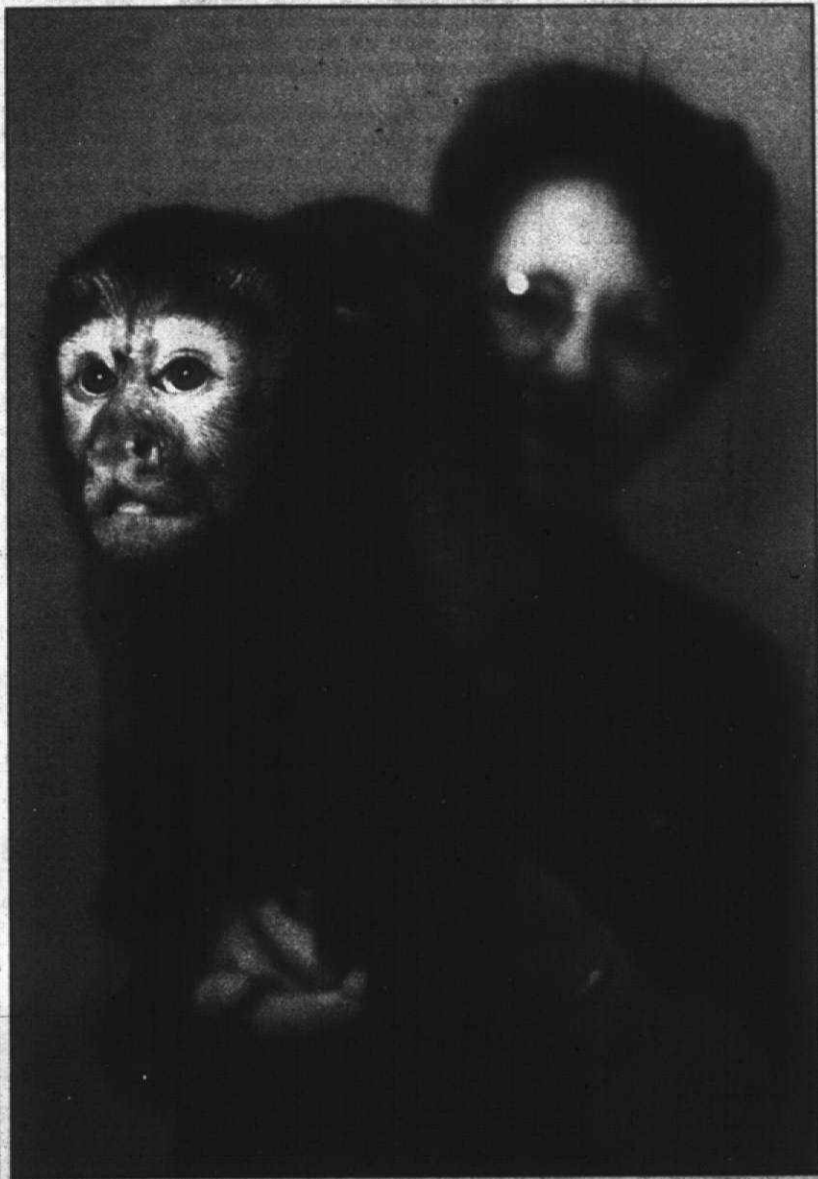
The monkeys are trained to respond to a beam of light that the quadriplegic directs from a mouth-operated laser pointer. The quadriplegic shines a beam on any object he wants the monkey to manipulate.

The monkeys learn to transfer drinks or sandwiches from a refrigerator to a feeding tray, place books on reading stands, put cassettes in a VCR, and retrieve fallen mouth sticks or any other tools a quadriplegic may use.

The monkeys are bred to be used as aides. One colony was set up on Discovery Island at Walt Disney World in Florida and a new colony has been set up at the Helping Hands headquarters in the Boston.

The Websters got interested in Helping Hands when they saw a newspaper story that the organization needed foster parents. They volunteered, but were initially turned down because they both worked.

"When the monkeys are young, someone has to be home with them 14 hours a day," said Dee. "They have to be kept in a room where you spend 95 percent of your time because when



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGFIELD

What's that?: Curiosity gets the best of Adam, a 4 1/2-year-old capuchin monkey, who, with the help of "foster parent" Dee Webster, stretches out to get a closer look at the camera being used to take his photograph.

they go to the quad they will be with him 8-10 hours a day while the care giver is gone."

When Jerry retired, they decided to apply again and were accepted. Adam was their first placement. He was 7 1/2 weeks old and weighed 15 ounces. Caring for him was like caring for a baby, according to Dee.

"It was like raising a baby with no instructions," she said. "We had to feed him Similac. He wore newborn diapers that were cut in half and he drank from a bottle."

Buttons joined the family in December 1996, much to Adam's delight.

To accommodate the dynamic duo, the Websters' living room has become utilitarian. Gone is the carpeting; instead there's two different styles of vinyl flooring, one showing signs of Adam's nimble fingers. Furniture is minimal - an entertainment center and Webster's recliner.

Along on a wall facing the picture window are two cages. Plastic crates, suspended from the tops, serve as sleeping areas. The pair have blankets and plenty of stuff toys to occupy their time, but some of their favorite travel items are the toys in fast food children's meals.

As foster parents, the Websters are responsible for food, cages and veterinary bills, a costly proposition since the monkeys can contract human diseases, including measles and chicken pox, and they need a tuberculosis test every year. Luckily, the Websters' vet has agreed to care for the animals free of charge.

Because monkeys' teeth are removed at a young age to avoid any possible problems related to a bite, they eat softened monkey chow. On occasion, Adam and Buttons have been known to smear their food on the

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Hands proves its usefulness

Imagine having an itchy nose and no way to scratch, or dropping a spoon on the floor and not being able to retrieve it.

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled is to paralyzed people what the Leader Dog School for the Blind is to blind. Leader dogs "see" for the blind, while monkeys are the arms and legs of the disabled.

And like the Leader Dog School, Helping Hands relies on the generosity of the public to pay for the \$25,000 cost of breeding, raising and training their capuchin monkeys.

The organization places its monkeys at 6 weeks of age with volunteer families, who raise them for about five years. Monkeys that live as part of a human family from an early age are tame, affectionate and better suited to live with a disabled person.

When the monkeys are old enough and sufficiently mature, they return to the training center in Boston for their formal education. Over a period of a year, they learn a standard repertoire of obedience and helping tasks.

While the monkey has the opportunity to learn a wide variety of tasks, it is paired with a disabled person who needs those primary tasks it does easily and successfully.

By the time training is completed, the monkey's needs, abilities and personality are known. That along with information about the disabled recipient's physical abilities, personality and environment helps in determining the ideal match.

Once matched, the monkey is custom trained to perform specific tasks to assist the recipient. A trainer accompanies the monkey on the placement and works with the recipient, the family and attendants during their first week together.

The recipient also is trained in task behaviors and monkey care, and comprehensive feedback and support are provided to ensure the daily routine, problem-solving skills of the recipient and total adjustment of the monkey and the significant others are appropriate.

The adjustment period can take anywhere from one to six months after which ownership of the monkey is transferred to the recipient.

After the transfer, Helping Hands also provides lifetime behavioral and veterinary support for all monkeys in the program at no charge.

People interested in donating to Helping Hands or in being a volunteer family, and disabled persons in need of more information, can call the agency at (617) 787-4419, or write to it at 1505 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02135.

His task is to equip special fitness room

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Telling Dave Gerlach that he can't do something is just asking for trouble.

Earlier this year, the adaptive physical education teacher at Plymouth Salem High School came up with the idea to raise funds to purchase stationary bicycles for his special education students. It was met with a less than stellar response.

"Someone said, 'That's a weird idea to do a fitness room; there's no way you can do that,'" said Gerlach who lives with his wife Jenny in Redford. "Don't tell me I can't do something. It becomes a competitive thing for me to prove everyone wrong."

"One of the big things I kind of preach to my kids is not to be a quitter. We never use the words 'I can't.'"

Gerlach's goal is to purchase 20 new Schwinn DX 900 stationary bicycles from Jerry's Schwinn Bicycles of Plymouth for Christmas for his adaptive physical education fitness room. So far local organizations and businesses like the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Jack Demmer Ford and the Plymouth Kiwanis, along with a handful of donors from the high school have made donations.

Since the adaptive physical education fitness room doesn't have its own account, Gerlach is asking that all checks be made to Jerry's Schwinn Bicycles and sent to him in care of Plymouth Salem High School, Room 1604, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

It should be specified that the money is for the Fitness Room Project. Each person or organization who donates money will be honored on a plaque that will hang inside the room. A tax donation letter also will be provided to the organization or business.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

Warming up: Ellen Stemmer, co-captain of the Plymouth Salem High School cross country team racks up a few miles on one of the Schwinn DX 900 stationary bicycles that have been donated to Dave Gerlach's adaptive physical education fitness room.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

WESTLAND CENTER
Westland Center will have an arts and crafts show during mall hours Oct. 2-5. There will be paintings, stained glass, metal sculpture, needle crafts, toys, floral designs, wood crafts and more. Westland Center is a Warren and Wayne roads, Westland.

SACRED HEART
Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic church will have a holiday craft show and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 522-3166.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

PLYMOUTH CANTON SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of waste receptacle liners. Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 7, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Board Of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JACK F. FARROW, Secretary
Publish: September 25 and October 2, 1997

CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

Notice is hereby given that registration of Qualified Electors for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during office hours as enumerated below:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997
DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M.

at which time registration will close, and no further registrations will be received for said election. You may also register at any Secretary of State offices during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registration are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the Election Day.

Qualified electors who are properly registered now with the City Clerk will not have to register or re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements for registering to vote. The telephone number is 453-1234 X234 or 202. The offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk
September 18 and 25, 1997

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 2, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider:

- Z-97-12 254 Irvin Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Palazynski
- Z-97-13 145 N. Union Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: B-3, General Business Applicant: Edward L. Ochal
- Z-97-14 302 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Non-Use Variance Requested Sign Area Zoned: B-3, General Business Applicant: Colony Car Wash

All interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:
Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-1234, Ext. 206
All interested persons are invited to attend.
Publish: September 25, 1997

GARDEN CITY AFROTC
Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFROTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY
Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter. For more information, call (248) 476-6234.

or (248) 478-6421.
ST. RICHARD'S
St. Richard's Women's Guild will have its 25th annual craft fair 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, 35637 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. There will be more than 300 crafters, refreshments and a bake sale. Admission will be \$1, which includes hourly door prizes. For more information, call Betty Shuck at (313) 722-9247.

ST. DUNSTAN
St. Dunstan Church will have its annual boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, at 1616 Belton, Garden City. There will be more

than 100 craft tables, refreshments, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will be used for the Christmas Day dinner for people who eat alone.
ST. DAMIAN
St. Damian School will have a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 18, at the school, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Tables are available. For more information, call (313) 981-2182.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER
Crafters are needed for the Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.
ST. AIDAN'S
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

FIRST UNITED-WAYNE
Table rentals are available for the First United Methodist Church of Wayne's fall bazaar Oct. 18. Cost is \$25 for one space, \$40 for two. For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. There also will be a bake sale and luncheon. Tables are available for \$20 each. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

ST. JUDE CIRCLE
The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

ABUNDANT LIFE
The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Anglic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-9062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY
Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Crafters are still needed for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more, call Diane at (313) 422-4507 or Garret at (313) 464-7425.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED
Tables are available for St. Paul's United Church of Christ fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the church, 28550 Cherry Hill Road at John Daly. For information, call Pam at (313) 278-7270 until 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday or Judy at (810) 348-5887.

What has thirteen thousand legs, wears sneakers and can help you reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke?

If you said the American Heart Association's Metro Detroit American Heart Walk, then you have the right answer. The Heart Walk is a fun-filled day for the whole family at the Detroit Zoo. Not only will you have fun walking with the animals and learning how to reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke, but you can also make a difference. The funds raised during this event help to support research and education programs in the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

So come join 6,500 walkers, the Detroit Lions' Robert Porcher, and Miss Michigan, Kimberly Stec on Saturday, October 4, 1997. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Call (248) 557-9500, to find out how you can join the Heart Walk or pick up a brochure at your local Rite Aid or Naturalizer Shoe Store.

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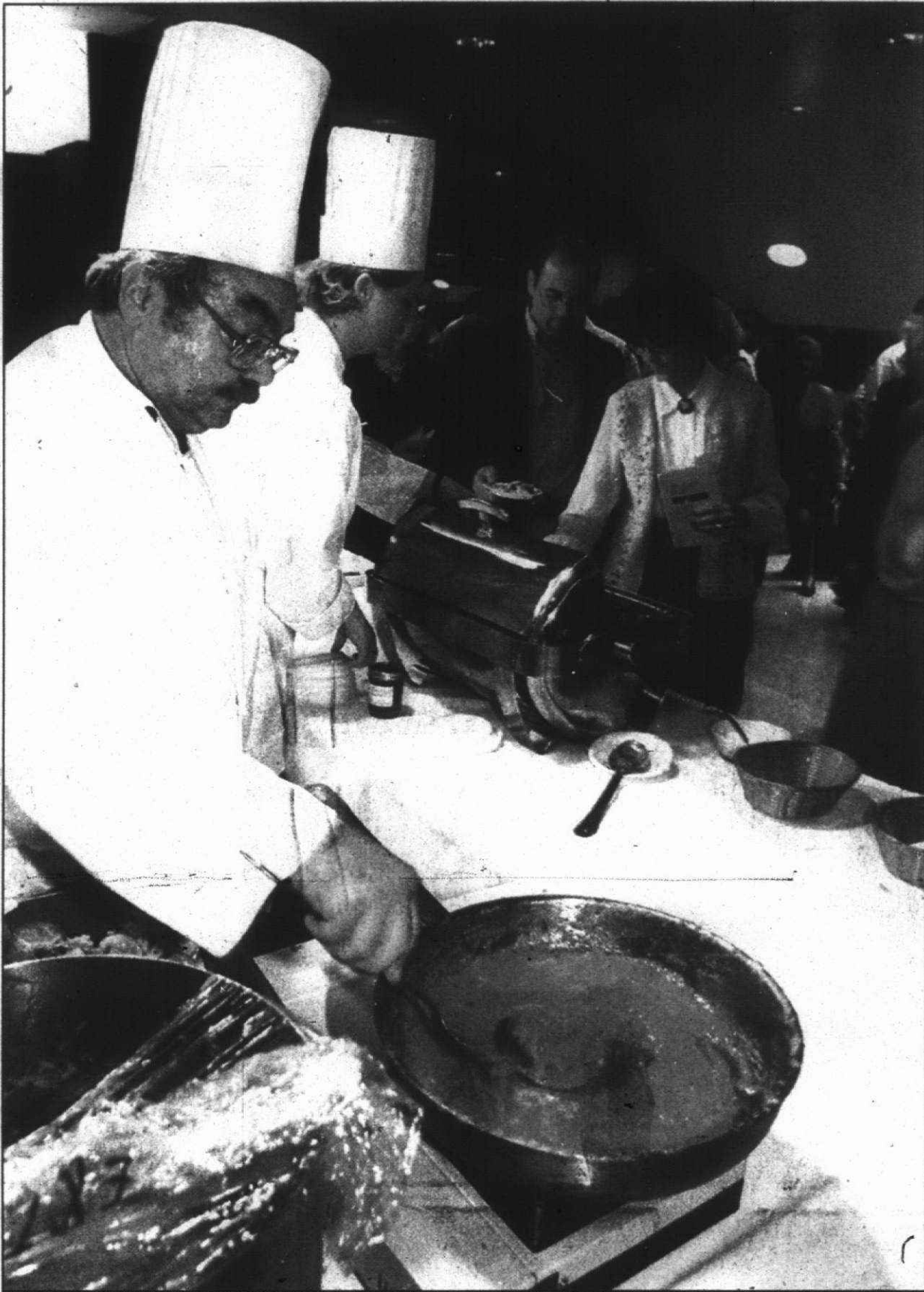
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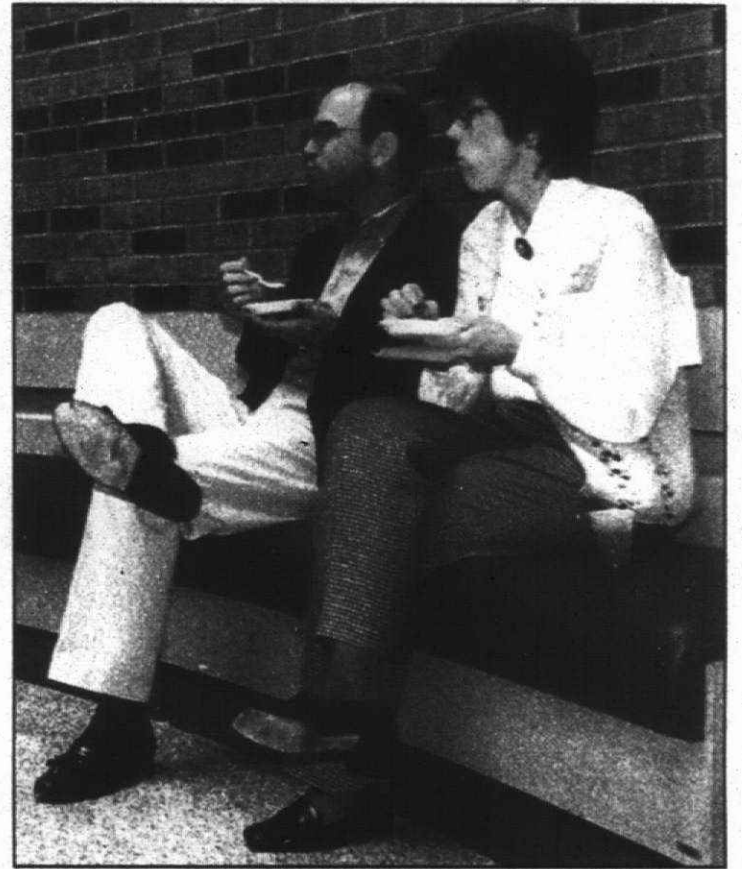
S'craft scholarship benefit is a tasty affair



Culinary creativity: Alfredo Nenciarini is a graduate of the Schoolcraft Culinary program. Here he is preparing the tomato fondue sauce that goes with the florentine ravioli served in the background.



Food fare: Jeff Bennett, top photo, left, and Brenda Kading use a railing as a convenient dining table. Jim and Sue Robinson, below, found an uncrowded spot to enjoy the sounds of the Vaughn Klugh Duo which provided music for the occasion.



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Hundreds sample food, spirits provided by many area restaurants

The Schoolcraft College scholarship fund is more than \$138,000 richer this week thanks to a lot of hungry and generous guests at last Sunday's Sixth Annual Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan were on hand to delight the taste buds of more than 800 patrons.

Restaurant fare ranged from crab cakes and wild game sausage to vegetable ravioli and seafood risotto. Dessert offerings included specialty cakes, cheesecakes, tortes, homemade chocolate creations.

In addition to the food samples, a silent auction for wine, a raffle drawing and mini seminars on food-related topics proved to be a big hit this year.

"It was a wonderful event," said Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development at the college, adding "Schoolcraft College, said plans are underway for the seventh annual event for next fall."

Money raised enters Schoolcraft's scholarship fund. All culinary arts students receive a scholarship for helping with the event, Florek said.

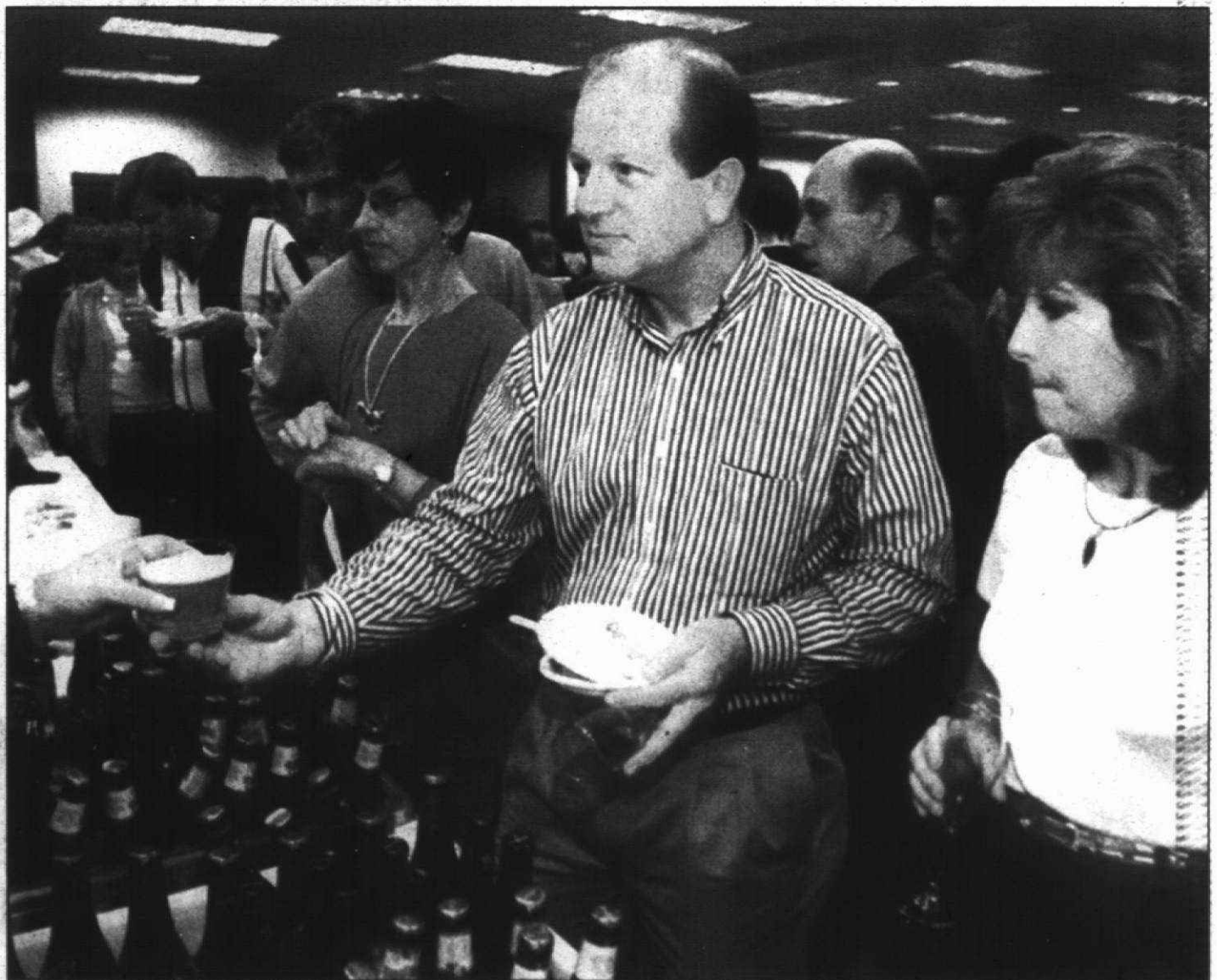
Honorary chair of this year's event was David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Inc., Co-chairs for the second consecutive year

■ **The first-prize winner in the raffle, Richard Tod of Northville, received a framed jersey from the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman.**

was Alberta Muzzin, owner of Dynamic People, Inc. and executive director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and John Cleveland, owner of the Waterford Seafood Grill in Plymouth Township.

The first-prize winner in the raffle, Richard Tod of Northville, received a framed jersey from this year's Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman. Stuart Galbraith, of Livonia, won second prize, the lease of a Jaguar for two weeks from Jaguar of Plymouth. Third-prize winner Hazen Wilson, of Livonia, won a diamond and amethyst ring from Orin Jewelers. Rak Carpenter of Farmington Hills won a trip to Las Vegas for two, staying at the Imperial Palace, donated by Livonia Travel.

T. Deseaviah of Redford won a weekend use of a Waterstreet condominium in Boyne City.



Tasting beer: John Darnbrook and Margaret Moore stand at the Central Distributing table where a variety of beers were available for sampling.

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Good effort

Ryan Ostach, a junior wide receiver at Michigan Tech and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, had a stellar day for the Huskies last Saturday, even if it was in a losing cause against Saginaw Valley State.

Ostach caught four passes for a career-best 100 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown catch — the longest reception of his collegiate career.

For the season, Ostach leads Tech with 12 catches for 211 yards and one TD. He currently ranks seventh in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference in receiving.

Alas, his team is not doing so well. Last Saturday's 45-28 loss to SVSU dropped the Huskies to 0-3, both overall and in the MIFC.

Steelers: 2 out of 3

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers football club got victories from the freshmen and junior varsity teams last Saturday, but a comeback by the varsity fell short, preventing a Steeler sweep against the Farmington Rockets.

The freshmen remained unbeaten after three games with a 12-0 win over Farmington. Chris Rusin's 40-yard jaunt resulted in the Steelers' first touchdown; a 20-yard pass from Rusin to Brandon Hard scored the second. Steven Lehane, Dominique Washington and Deshon McClendon led the defense.

The junior varsity also improved to 3-0 with an 8-0 triumph. The game's only touchdown was scored by David Hoskins on a 20-yard pass from David Nicoloff. Tony Stott paced the defense with a safety; Dan Taylor, Mike Jones and Matthew Harman also had strong defensive games.

The Steeler varsity spotted Farmington a 16-0 lead in the first half, then bounced back to close to within 16-12 in the second. However, that's as close as it got, as the Rockets held on for a 16-12 win. Jeff Bennett led the Steelers in rushing and scored on TD; Ken Taylor scored the other on a 45-yard cutback run.

Schedule change

Plymouth Salem's girls basketball teams have announced a change in their game times for Saturday's contests against Adrian. The freshmen will play at 10 a.m., with the junior varsity following at noon and the varsity at 2 p.m.

The game times, originally scheduled for later Saturday, have been changed due to the Salem Homecoming dance scheduled for that evening.

Madonna sweep

The Fighting Crusaders of Madonna University continue to dominate the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in their first season of competition.

Madonna has yet to lose a conference competition in their two current sports, volleyball and men's soccer. Last week, a pair of Crusaders were also honored as WHAC players of the week for both.

In soccer, Christian Emert — a senior midfielder from West Bloomfield (Walled Lake Central HS) — was selected for scoring three goals and assisting on another as Madonna beat league foes Siena Heights and Concordia, improving their record to 4-0 in the WHAC and 4-3 overall.

In volleyball, Karin Sisung — a junior outside hitter — was named player of the week after collecting 16 kills, four solo blocks, one block assist, 17 digs and three service aces in Madonna's wins over Tri-State University and Spring Arbor. The Crusaders, ranked 14th in the NAIA, improved to 12-4 overall and 2-0 in the WHAC.

Dominating

Hope College continues to be the dominant force in men's soccer in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The Flying Dutch were 6-1 overall through last weekend, their only loss coming by a 1-0 count to Wabash.

In the MIAA, Hope is 2-0.

One of the top scorers for the Dutch is Lance Fellow, a junior midfielder from Plymouth Canton HS. Fellow has a goal and two assists, for five points. Through the weekend, he was tied for the MIAA lead in assists with two.

Gilles' net return takes her to the top



It was six years ago that Chris Gilles figured it was time to move on and put the tennis racket she wielded so capably through college into her background. But times change; now Gilles is back doing what she loves best.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Chris Gilles could've led a very comfortable life as a computer programmer.

But the 1984 Plymouth Salem graduate decided instead to return to the thing she loves — tennis. After a six-year layoff, the former high school All-

American, All-state and All-Big Ten player is back doing what she does best.

"Tennis is my passion," said Gilles, who recently took a job as a director of activities at country club in suburban Chicago. "To work in that is just great. Now when I come to work, I don't feel like I'm working."

After starring for the Rocks and the University of Wisconsin, she left tennis, got married and went to work. Instead of playing recreationally, Gilles gave the game up cold-turkey.

"It was my way of dealing with (not playing competitively)," she said. "Instead of watching my game deteriorate, I decided to quit."

It was quite a change for someone that grew up with a racket in her hands.

Gilles began playing tennis as an 8-year-old. Growing up near the courts at



On top: Chris Gilles, a Salem grad, is ranked No. 1 nationally.

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Salem rally ties Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Before the kick of the first ball to start the soccer season, the first goal was sharply in focus for both Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

Win that match between them. Sure, there were other "big" games for both sides prior to this one. But none carried the repercussions.

Whoever won their match would win the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division crown, thereby earning a berth in the WLAA championship game.

And around here, a league championship is second only to a state championship. Considering the last three Class A state champs have all been WLAA residents, such expectations are natural.

Of course, it should be noted that the league champ doesn't always win the state title, too. So chins up, Stevenson — after Wednesday's 1-1 tie with Salem, the odds are against you to play for the WLAA crown, but the state tournament? That's a whole different ball game.

"Everyone knows what had to happen here," said Stevenson coach Walt Barrett afterwards. "A tie favors (Salem). Now we'll have to sit and watch and wait."

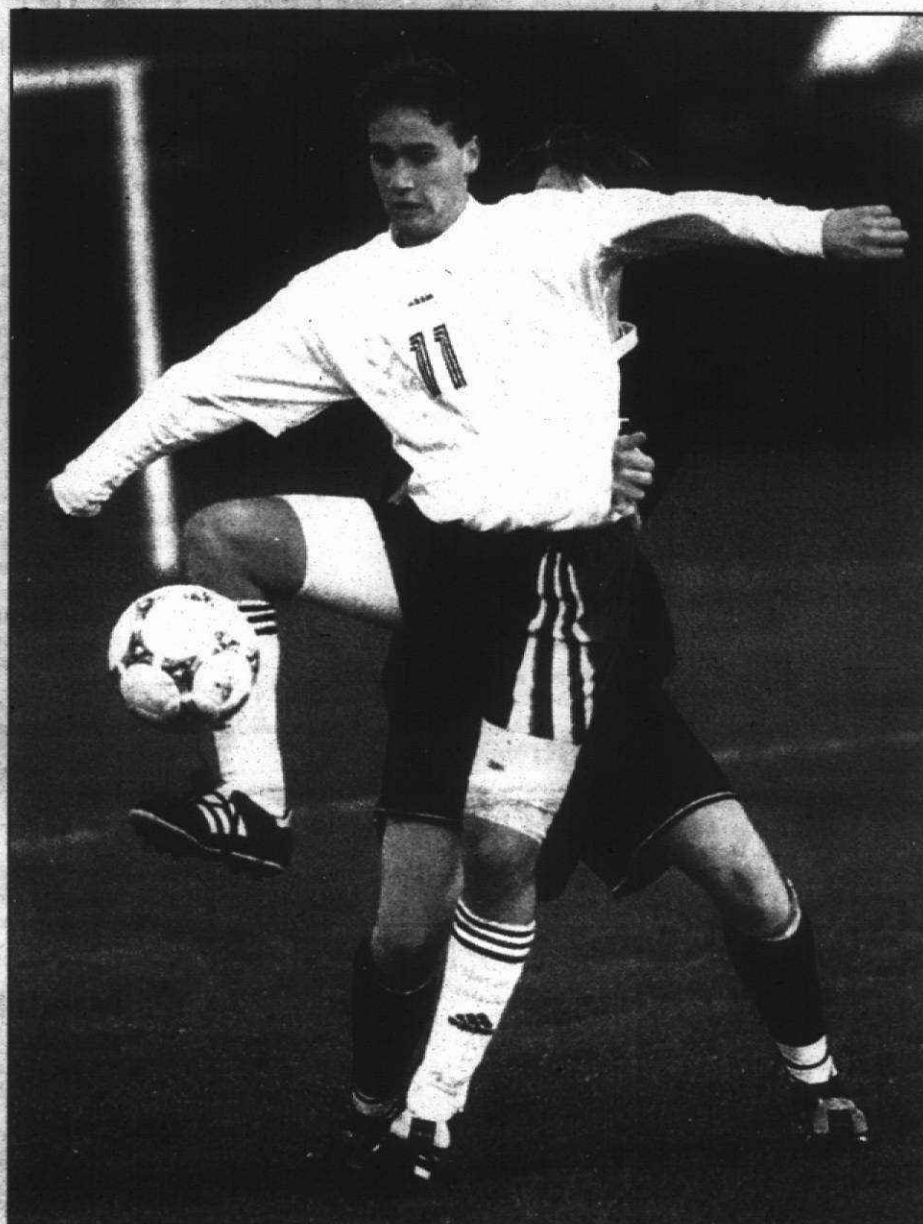
It's true. The team with the best record against Lakes Division foes plays for the WLAA title. Both should win their final divisional matches, which means they would be tied at 4-0-1.

The first tiebreaker is record within the WLAA, and that's where Salem has the advantage. At present, the Rocks have no losses and just the one tie; the Spartans have lost to Plymouth Canton and tied Livonia Churchill as well as Salem.

"A tie (against Stevenson) does us well," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It puts us in the driver's seat, clearly."

But getting that tie took a tremendous comeback effort for Salem.

McCarthy, who had seen Stevenson surrender four goals in a loss to Canton two weeks ago, knew the Spartans would not surrender meekly, but



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRADLEY

Controlling: When Salem and Stevenson clash, maintaining control is never easy, although Salem's Tim Zdrodowski manages to do just that in front of a Stevenson defender.

their first-half tenacity surprised even him.

"Early on I was saying, 'Where'd these guys come from?'" the Salem coach said. "In the first 10 minutes, we were so flat. I was hoping we could

just get out of it and hold on."

But the Rocks couldn't. Before the match was eight minutes old, Sergio Mainella was sprung on a break behind Salem's defense. His shot was met, and stopped, by keeper Jeremy

Finlay. So was the rebound.

But Ryan Broderick reached the ball and pumped the third Stevenson try into the net, and with 32:34 left in the opening half the Spartans had a 1-0 lead.

The Rocks seemed stunned. For most of the first half, they were outplayed by the Spartans.

"They were ready," Barrett said of his team. "Everyone was focused. Our defense was tremendous and I thought our midfield, with (Naum) Popovski and Mainella, was exceptional."

The direction changed in the second half. Salem came out on fire, attacking at every opportunity. Free balls that had belonged almost uncontested to Stevenson in the opening half now went to the Rocks.

It seemed only a matter of time before such pressure would reap dividends, and it did. A Spartan defensive breakdown left the ball bouncing free in front of their net. Brent Mullin's attempt was blocked, but Rob Zdrodowski knocked in the rebound to knot it at 1-1 with 33:08 to play.

The better chances belonged to Salem in the second half, but the Rocks could not put another shot past Stevenson keeper Joe Suchara.

"Salem came out very tough in the second half," Barrett admitted. "But my boys played great, and with an effort like that you like to get a win."

Stevenson will have to settle for a tie, leaving it at 6-2-2 overall. Salem is 9-0-2.

Churchill 3, Northville 2: In a key WLAA Western Division game, Livonia Churchill struck quickly at Northville Wednesday, building a 3-0 lead then holding on for the victory.

The Chargers improved to 6-1-3 overall, 3-0 in the division. Northville is 1-1-1 in the division.

Rob Bartolletti did most of the damage for Churchill, scoring on a penalty kick 10 minutes into the match, setting up George Kithas for a second Chargers goal, then drilling a 25-yard shot into the upper corner to make it 3-0 at the half.

Madonna edges SC

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

One could say everything is set up for Madonna University's men's soccer team to enjoy a highly successful first season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Certainly that would be an accurate offensive assessment.

The Fighting Crusaders proved it in a non-WHAC game Monday, against city rival Schoolcraft College. Although the match was for nothing more than local bragging rights — in fact, although SC can (and will) include it in its won-loss record, Madonna will count it as a scrimmage — it was certainly emotionally charged.

And in the end, it was the Crusaders' ability to cash in on set plays that proved the difference in the 2-1 Madonna win at SC.

The Crusaders remain 4-0 in the WHAC, 4-3 overall. SC, with Saturday's 5-1 triumph over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, is 6-3-1.

Please see COLLEGE SOCCER, C5



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Collision: Schoolcraft's Matt Keller (in white) battles Madonna's Eric Stoecklein (middle) and Jason Roy (right) for possession.

Glenn slips by Canton

In a golf league like the Western Lakes Activities Association, it's unrealistic to think any school could win all 11 of its dual matches.

Plymouth Canton challenged that assumption by taking its first four matches to start the 1997 campaign. As they say, though, all good things must come to an end.

The Chiefs good thing came to an end Monday with a heartbreaking 215-215 loss to Westland John Glenn. The Rockets took the win on the sixth man tie-breaker.

"We're disappointed," coach Tom Alles said. "But we know it's a long season. I'm sure my guys can bounce back."

Canton played Farmington Hills Harrison yesterday and will face Walled Lake Western today at Bay Pointe Country Club.

The Chiefs fell to 4-1 in the WLAA with Monday's loss. West-

Please see GOLF, C5

Ocelots open conference with a win

The Eastern Conference volleyball season opened with a win for Schoolcraft College, which defeated host Oakland Community College 15-6, 15-2, 15-12 Tuesday at OCC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 7-6 overall, 1-0 in the conference.

The attack was paced by Sarah Gregorson with eight kills and two blocks. She also had a service ace and eight digs.

Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill) added six kills, two aces and a team-high 11 digs, while Kimmi Washnock (Farmington) had six kills, with a team-best .308 kill percentage, and two aces.

Stacey Campaign contributed 14 assists to kills and three aces, both tops among the Ocelots, and Amber Wells (Plymouth Canton) collected seven assists to kills, three kills and eight digs. Janet Hinz chipped in with 10 digs.

VOLLEYBALL

Madonna gets a win

It was a slow start for Madonna University's volleyball team on the road Tuesday at Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Concordia College. But once the Lady Crusaders got going, they were unstoppable.

Behind an awesome power display by outside hitter Karjn Sisung, Madonna rolled to a 13-15, 15-8, 15-10 triumph in Ann Arbor. The victory kept the Crusaders unbeaten in their first season as members of the WHAC — in all sports. They are 3-0 in the conference, 13-4 overall.

Concordia slipped to 6-9 overall, 1-2 in the WHAC.

Sisung, named last week as the conference's volleyball player of the week, rattled the Cardinals with 22 kills and a .432 kill percentage. She also tied for

team-high honors in digs with Erin Gregoire, each with seven.

Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) also had a superb outing for the Crusaders, collecting 11 kills (with a .333 kill percentage). Malewski also led Madonna with two solo blocks and four block assists.

Gregoire and Deanne Helsom each contributed five kills, with Gregoire also getting four block assists. Helsom, the Crusaders' setter, added 46 assists to kills (11.5 per game) and two service aces.

Rayna Vert chipped in with three kills, one solo block and four block assists, and Nicole Scharrer had four kills and three block assists.

Concordia's leaders were Amy Wilson, with 16 kills and two service aces; Becky Reeve, with 38 assists to kills; and Sarah Riske, with 14 digs.

SPORTS OFFERINGS

Soccer starts

The Canton Soccerdome has registration for its indoor season currently underway.

The first session begins Nov. 1. Cost for the nine-game season is \$695 plus referee fees.

Session No. 2 gets underway Jan. 3. An eight-game season, the registration cost is \$650 plus referees.

Session No. 3 starts in March, and it, too, is an eight-game season. Registration cost is \$650 plus referee fees.

Both male and female leagues are offered, from six-years-old to over-30 leagues (special pricing for teams in the eight-and-under brackets).

Team practice times are also available on the two indoor fields.

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3. The Canton Soccerdome is located on Michigan, west of I-275.

Softball tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have tryouts for its summer of 1998 girls fast-pitch travel softball team, 12-and-under age division, 3 p.m. Sunday at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

For further information, call Indians president Greg Lenhoff at (313) 455-0793. Massey Field is located at Haggerty and Ply-

mouth roads.

Soccer sign-up

SoccerZone, in Novi, is accepting both walk-in and mail-in registrations for its first season of indoor soccer through Oct. 11.

Team cost for an eight-game schedule is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age group).

For further information, call Tom Faro at (248) 374-0500.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Casey Purcell (left to right), Zak Manfredi and Joe Hawley are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Over the Tavern." Curtain 8 p.m., call (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



Cellist Wendy Warner makes her Detroit Symphony Orchestra debut with Neeme Jarvi on the podium, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY



Celebrate Gilda's Day in Michigan 10 a.m. at the fourth annual Gilda's Club Family Walk and Block Party, Cobo Center, Detroit. To register, call (248) 544-9099.



Hot tix: Their Majesties King Morgan and Queen Eleanor invite one and all to partake in a weekend of sweet partings at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly. Bakers from across the state will present their edible art for competition and sampling. For more information, call (800) 601-4848. Detroit Symphony

CELEBRATING THE BEAT

Bring in 'da

NOISE

Bring in 'da

FUNK



Hittin': (Left to right) Baakari Wilder, Jimmy Tate, Savion Glover and Vincent Bingham hit it in a scene from the Broadway production of "Noise/Funk." Tate and Bingham will be bringing their electric tap style to Detroit.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

It's all about rhythm and the stories the rhythms tell.

"Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," the opening show in the Fisher Theatre's 1997-98 season, is a celebration of the beat and the African-American tap dance tradition.

"The strongest message we wanted to get across is that it was an African American art form developed from the early 1800s when slaves were denied the use of drums and they began to use their feet to keep the rhythm alive," said Jimmy Tate.

Tate is one of the original dancers from this hit musical that moved from off-Broadway's Public Theater to the Great White Way's Amba-

sador Theater to unanimous acclaim. A new style and voices of a new generation had come to Broadway.

The idea for "Noise/Funk" was conceived in 1992 when director George C. Wolfe was directing another dance centered show, "Jelly's Last Jam." He was inspired by the tap dancing of 18-year-old wunderkind Savion Glover. Glover was playing young Jelly to Gregory Hines older Jelly. Glover had previously appeared with Hines in the movie "Taps."

Hines, the leading tap dancer of his generation, has hailed the unconventional Glover as the greatest tap dancer of all time.

"The idea for the show was that George wanted to build something around Savion's dancing," said Tate, in a telephone interview while taking a break from rehearsals in New York. Tate said it was the intensity of Glover's dancing that inspired the show.

The show was developed improvisationally around Glover's choreography with music by Daryl Walters, Zane Mark and Ann Duquesnay (the show's original singer) and a book by Reg E. Gaines tracing in poetic language the history of the beat from early slave times to the present. The performers helped develop many of the show's ideas.

"We got together and talked about our experiences as black males, our friends, our conflicts. Little by little, simple experiences developed into numbers," Tate said.

For instance, one of the numbers spotlights the frustration many black males experience when trying to hail a taxi in New York City.

Tate, now in his late 20s, has been performing since he was a child, though he didn't start tap dancing until he was 13.

"My voice got me into the theater and then acting came along," he said. "Actually my mother was an opera singer who had given up a scholarship to Juilliard to raise a family and she got me into it."

In the fourth grade, Tate made an impression in a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He learned to tap for "The Tap Dance Kid."

"I love performing but I didn't always like the time it took from other things, like Saturday morning cartoons," Tate said with a laugh. "But I loved the response."

The response to "Noise/Funk" has been phenomenal. Critics have used words like "electrifying," "thrilling," "joyful" and "jubilant." Tate and his fellow dancers have also been singled out for praise. The show won four Tony Awards.

Tate got into the show through his friendship with Glover which began when both were touring in "Jelly's Last Jam."

"He had respect for me as a performer and an individual and he asked me to be part of the show," Tate said.

For Tate tap dancing came naturally. Even as a child he enjoyed watching the masters of the form such as the Nicholas Brothers.

"Watching them when I was young, they were so energetic, they put so much life into it," he said. "And, I admit, I used to love those splits. Now that I know more about dance, I know they weren't just flash, they were hittin'."

"Hittin'" is what it's all about. The splits, slides and soft shoes add a little showmanship but "hittin'" is the real art.

"It's to say something with your feet. It's not so much like dancing to

Please see NOISE, E4

Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk

■ **What:** A musical celebration of tap dance and rhythm

■ **Where:** Detroit's Fisher Theatre

■ **When:** Previews 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, matinee 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2; Regular run 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5; 8 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday matinees through Oct. 26.

■ **Tickets:** Previews \$20.50 to \$42.50, weeknights, \$22.50 to \$44.50, Friday and Saturday, \$27.50 to \$52.50, matinees, \$25.50 to \$48.50. Tickets available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations including Hudson's, Harmony House and Blockbuster Music locations. To charge tickets by phone call Ticketmaster at (248)645-6666, for information call (313)872-1000.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Christianity expressed at Trinity House

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

In high school and college Elizabeth Ladd Lee performed in plays, but it wasn't until she joined Trinity House Theatre in Livonia that she began to grow and flourish as an actress.

"I was too insecure, too shy," said Ladd Lee who grew up in Birmingham. "I was so intimidated and spoke so softly I would never get cast. But at Trinity House Theatre my desire to act was encouraged, and my voice and ability strengthened. They're serious, without losing sensitivity toward their actors. It's very rewarding, and satisfying to put on a good show."

Founded in 1981 by Paul Patton and members of the Trinity Baptist Church in Livonia, Trinity House incorporated separately from the church as a non-profit theater in 1988.

Since then, Trinity House has produced over 50 plays and musicals, 20 of them were world premieres by local playwrights, and hosted arts seminars, acting classes and staged readings.

This summer they hosted their second Summer Apprentice Program, which offered students an opportunity to experience all facets of producing

and performing in musical theater. British theologian and philosopher John Peck was featured at an arts conference held in July to explore issues of integration of faith and art with the Christian community.

Run by a board of directors elected by members who pay annual dues of \$25, which includes a season subscription, Trinity House Theatre is rooted in Christian values, and seeks to present works that provoke thought about reality from a biblical perspective.

The theater board is made up of a diverse range of people including Ladd Lee, a multi-media artist who makes her living as a photographer at Mt. Clemens General Hospital, a science teacher, a retired patrol officer, dancer and editor of a construction magazine.

"The group is open to anyone in the community," said Ladd Lee. "To be out in the community learning things from people you've never met before in a theater setting is a very satisfying experience. We believe that creating quality theater and making it available to the community is of service to the community, and pleasing to our Creator."

This doesn't mean all the plays presented at

Trinity House are written by Christians, but rather that they are consistent with a biblical world view. Members are not required to be practicing Christians, but to respect the group's beliefs.

"They look for plays that have some social value. The characters go through some sort of realization that changes them. Hopefully, it will cause the audience to look at their lives in a different way too," said Ladd Lee.

Susan Vanden Brink a dancer, choreographer and director, and her husband Lloyd who works on the design team at Ford Motor Co., have been involved with Trinity House Theatre since 1985. Susan has served as president of the board for the last four years.

"We like to think of ourselves as progressive," she said. "We look for plays that promote a deeper understanding about moral laws, principles that we all interact with. We also talk about grace."

"An Inspector Calls," by J.B. Priestley opening Friday is described as a suspenseful tale of responsibility and revelation, which puts an intriguing twist on the traditional "whodunit."

It begins with the Birling family celebrating the

Please see TRINITY, E4

Pressler recital highlights Music Guild season

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Few other settings capture the intimacy of a chamber music performance better than the library of Cranbrook House, which compactly seats about 180. For the last 46 years, the Cranbrook Music Guild has transformed the historic home into one of the area's most extravagant and inspiring chamber music venues.

This year, an impressive lineup will perform amid the vaulted ceilings, lush paneling and ornate tapestry of the historic house on the Cranbrook campus.

"This is one of our finest-ever presentations," said Elaine DeWolfe, program coordinator of the Guild.

After opening their new season this



Legend: Menahem Pressler, founding member of the Beaux-Arts Trio, performs a piano recital in mid-October at the Cranbrook House.

Tuesday with the Arianna String Quartet, currently in-residence at Eastern Michigan, the Guild presents one of the greatest chamber musicians of all time, Menahem Pressler.

Discussions with Pressler's representatives, the Melvin Kaplan Agency, began about five years ago, said DeWolfe. With a sudden opening in the pianist's hectic schedule, DeWolfe's persistence paid off.

Pressler is best known as one of the founding members of the 40-year-old Beaux-Arts Trio, which will perform in the Chamber Music Society's Dec. 17 concert at Orchestra Hall. He is the only original member of the trio.

But before arriving in Detroit with Beaux-Arts, Pressler will perform Oct. 22 at Cranbrook House in a piano recital featuring the music of Haydn, Schumann, Debussy and Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op. 28.

Please see GUILD, E4

Cranbrook Music Guild Chamber Series

■ **What:** Arianna String Quartet
■ **When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30
■ **Where:** Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (Free parking. Shuttle bus service from Christ Church Cranbrook.)
■ **Tickets:** \$120, patron season tickets; \$85, regular season tickets.

Upcoming Performances

■ Menahem Pressler, piano recital - Wednesday, Oct. 22
■ The Michigan Chamber Players - Tuesday, Dec. 2
■ Talich String Quartet - Tuesday, Feb. 17
■ Miah Im, pianist - Tuesday, March 17
■ Borodin Piano Trio - Tuesday, April 21
NOTE: All concerts begin at 8 p.m.



Rehearsing: Director Laura Gumina (center) discusses the social significance of the characters Eric (left, portrayed by Michael Keleman), and Sheila (Anessa Thompson). Guy Snyder of Livonia is in the background.

MOVIES

Smiley, Shakespeare suffer in 'A Thousand Acres'

I've sat through gangster "Macbeth" and MTV "Juliet." But nothing prepared me for "King Lear" down on the farm as retold in "A Thousand Acres," a misfire movie version of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Jane Smiley.

far worse, especially Ginny's libidinous pig farmer played by Keith Carradine. By keeping the narrative centered on Ginny, you never fully understand the others' motivations, including why he would take dad's side when the farm's ownership is contested in court.

TV show looks at arts scene

Next Thursday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 p.m. - and every Thursday after that - the new season on Channel 56 will dig up the real surprises that await you in Detroit's art and performance scenes.

Country's Clay Walker gets back to his roots



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Country singer Clay Walker can honestly say that millions of people have heard his music.



Coming to town: Country stars Clay Walker (pictured), Kevin Sharp and Mark Wills perform at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

treat us like we're at home. You don't get that everywhere," Walker said. Walker explained that the "Four Star Blowout" concert tour was a collaborative idea between him and his management company.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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DINING

Alexander the Great celebrates 20th anniversary

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

The baby's starting college this fall, and his parents, Pauline and Tom Tomovski, are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their family restaurant, Alexander the Great in Westland.

"Some customers will ask 'how's the baby?'" said Pauline. "Zak is a freshman at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. My daughter Zana is a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Our customers watched them grow up."

What makes Alexander the Great different from the franchise restaurants, which have popped up in the last 20 years around their establishment near Westland Mall, is their service.

"We are consistent, and try to welcome people," said Pauline. "We feel we provide old-fashioned service. We have customers who come in every day at the same time. We don't have a big turnover of wait staff. It's a family-like atmosphere, we treat each other with respect. The customers feel that."

Out of respect for their customers, Pauline and Tom have renovated the restaurant three times since opening on Sept. 20, 1977. Hanging plants, and bright color scheme, a rainbow of mauve, blue, green and yellow, makes Alexander the Great a welcoming place.

"We try to keep things fresh - new floor, window and booth coverings, and a colorful mural by a local artist," said Pauline. "Our atmosphere is upbeat. We want to perk up our customers after a long day of work to make them

Alexander the Great
Where: 34733 Warren, Westland, (313) 326-5410
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Carry-out: Available; also offer large carry-outs of ribs, broasted chicken and mostaccioli for parties and picnics. Call ahead.
Cost: Whole slab of ribs for two \$16.95 served with coleslaw or salad, choice of potato, green onion and garlic bread. Entrees range from \$5.25 for two piece chicken dinner, (dark meat) to \$14.95 for a whole slab of ribs, New York Strip Steak or Steak & Shrimp. Sandwiches \$3.95 to \$6.45; salads range from \$1.95 for a tossed salad to \$7.50 for a large Greek salad.
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happy." Pauline and Tom also want to satisfy their hunger. They added broasted chicken to the menu, and broiled fish when customers requested it.

People still think of Alexander the Great as an evening place, so the couple recently introduced a \$3.95 luncheon menu to draw customers.

Entrees are served with coleslaw, and salad, soup or fries are 95 cents extra. The lunch menu includes a rotisserie turkey sandwich served on a sourdough bun, tuna melt, Maurice salad, egg salad sandwich, spaghetti, chicken breast sandwich, Mostaccioli, Greek salad,

ham & cheese sub, fish sub, two piece broasted chicken, ground round, and half barbecued chicken.

Barbecued ribs, an open fire rotisserie machine, have been a specialty for 20 years. They have a person on staff who just cooks the ribs.
Alexander the Great is also known for their homemade spaghetti, mostaccioli with mozzarella cheese, veal and chicken parmigiana.

The spaghetti sauce recipe was created by Alexander the Great's first chef who got it from his Italian-born mother.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGOFF

Anniversary toast: Tom and Pauline Tomovski are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their restaurant, Alexander the Great, in Westland.

There's something for everyone on this menu - appetizers, salads, homemade soups, sandwiches, steaks, pork chops, shrimp, and broiled cod or orange roughy. Fish and chips are made to order, and a customer favorite. Save room for dessert, the rice

pudding is homemade, and popular with customers.

"We want to thank the city, and all of our customers who have been so nice, and loyal to us," said Tom. Sometimes you might find

Pauline, Tom, Zana and Zak working together at the restaurant. They call it family quality time. Since 1977 they've spent a lot of time working together, and that's one of the reasons they're so successful.

WHAT'S COOKING

What's Cooking features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Fall Feast
Friday, Sept. 26 at Trattoria Bruschetta (248) 305-5210, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Sebastian's Grill (248) 649-6625. Feasts begin at 7 p.m., \$36.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity, call restaurant for reservations. Menu features Roasted Butternut Squash Soup, Smoked Whitefish, Spinach & White Cheddar Strudel, Crispy Duck Confit & Wild Greens, Roasted Prime Tenderloin and McIntosh Apple Pie.

Cigar Dinner
To take place 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. Cost \$85 per person, reservations required. Call (313) 769-1162.

Benefit
Leukemia Society of America - Leukemia - noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Oak Plaza Mall, 8020 N. Wayne Road, (next to Wendy's).

Day of fun at for the family to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Activities include David Nadeau "The Magic Man," "Prof the Clown" and her fancy balloons; Cake Walk; Limbo Contest; Laser Shoot-Outs, Face Painting, Pizza Eating Contest, and photos with your favorite mice. Raffle tickets to win a variety of prizes including gift certificates for dinner donated by Cleopatra's Restaurant, which is also participating in the event; Ernesto's and Water Club Grill in Plymouth.

D. Dennison's
Through Monday, Sept. 29 patrons of D. Dennison's restaurant of Livonia can enjoy live Maine Lobster, corn on the cob, red skin potatoes and coleslaw for \$15.95. Reservations welcome, call (313) 464-9030 for more information.

American Harvest Restaurant
The restaurant operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned culinary arts department is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday until Dec. 17 when the restaurant closes for final exams. They reopen in January. Call (313) 462-4488 for reservations.

International dinners prepared by second-year students in the International Cuisine Class, are also continuing this fall. Each Thursday evening, diners enjoy a five course meal drawing from the dishes of a particular country. Dinners are \$25 per person, and reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Call (313) 462-4488. Dinners include wine and brief presentation on the origin of both the food and wine.

Visit the Professor's Pantry, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday to purchase fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta, salad and other products prepared by Culinary Arts students. It's not too early to begin planning your Thanksgiving Day menu. The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a complete dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. You can order a Thanksgiving dinner starting Oct. 27 by calling (313) 462-4491.

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