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Canton graduate is murder victim

■ Karen Swan's family and co-workers are struggling to cope with the death of the 24-year-old and her fiancé, Bill Schmidt, 23. The couple was found murdered in their Phoenix home late last week. Police are stymied by the double homicide.

The murder of a 1991 Plymouth Canton High School graduate and her fiancé is the talk of Phoenix, Ariz.

The family of Karen Swan, 24, attended funeral services in Plymouth today as Phoenix police continue to search for clues to a double murder one officer compared to a "hit."

"It's been on all the TV stations," said Sue Sammarco, public relations

director for the Art Institute of Phoenix where Swan worked.

"Maybe it's because the police have no leads, and because they were young and about to be married. Police are encouraging the public to come forth," Sammarco said.

Swan, a former Plymouth resident, was also a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

"I know she's in heaven with God, but we'll still miss her," said Fred Swan of his daughter, Karen, who was found murdered in her Phoenix home last Friday.

Also killed was Bill Schmidt, 23, Swan's fiancé. The couple, who met in Michigan, planned to marry in August.

The victims, found in their home, were bound and had plastic bags tied over their heads, said Phoenix Police Detective Mike McCullough. Both apparently died of asphyxiation.

Police said there were no signs of drugs, robbery or forced entry, adding



Please see MURDER, A5
Karen Swan



Message to Mom

Why is your mother special? Tell us in 50 words or less and you may win lunch or dinner for your mom (and three other people) at Max & Erma's. Mail, fax or E-mail entries by noon Friday, May 1.

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Be sure to include your name, your mother's name, your address and telephone number. You may send a photo, however, judging will be based on your message.

We will print as many entries as possible on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. The contest is open to readers of all ages.

IN THE PAPER TODAY

Tops in their field: Honors will go to Canton's business leaders at Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce Luncheon./A2

COMMUNITY LIFE

She's baaack: Betty Smith is a bit older and a bit wiser and glad to be making "Lemonade." It's an odd mix, considering Plymouth Canton High School's WSDP radio station has Smith, a senior citizen, doing a half-hour radio show by the same name./B1

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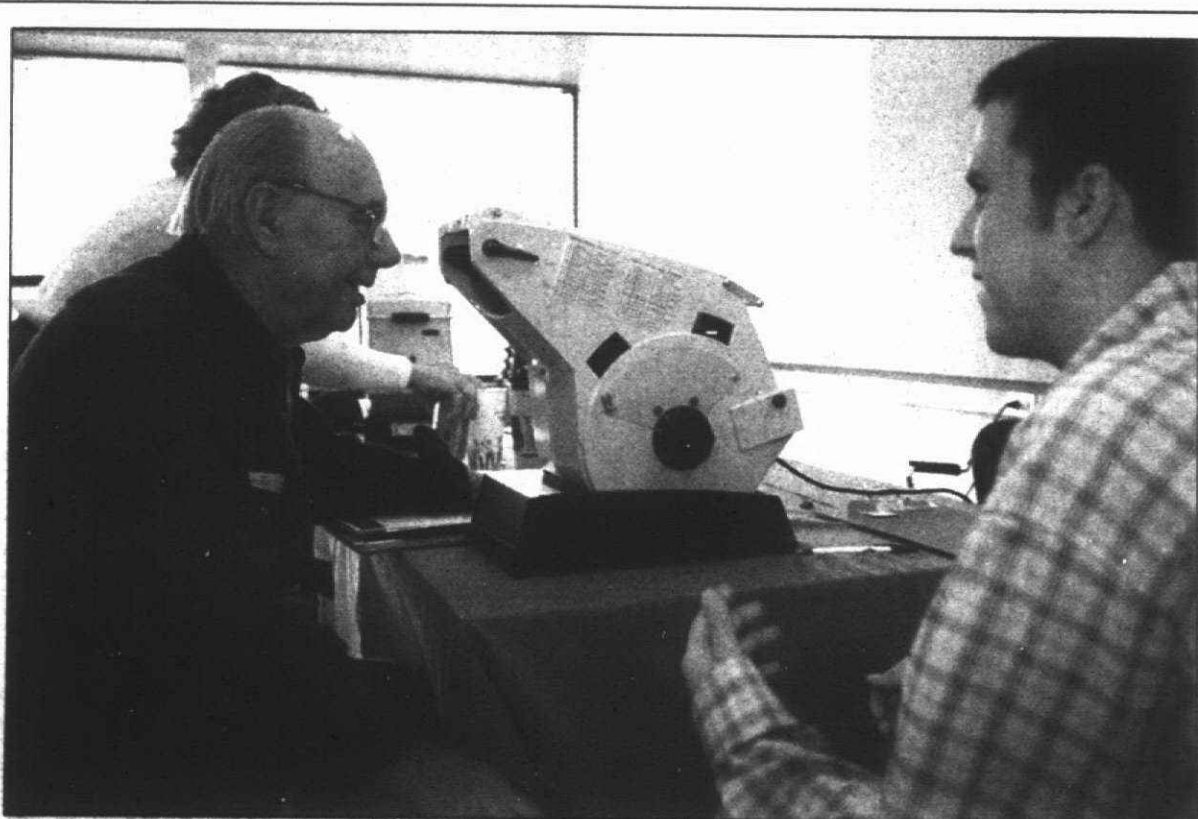
Punk rock: Duane Denison, a Plymouth Salem High School grad and guitarist for the band The Jesus Lizard, talks about his new album, "Blue."/E1

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Vision test: William Genick (left) of Canton gets an eye exam with the help of Jim Franko.

Annual physical Summit plays host to Health-O-Rama

Health and fitness are constants at Summit on the Park and Saturday was no exception.

Hundreds of participants and volunteers streamed through the recreation and community center to take part in Project Health-O-Rama, which came to the Canton site for the second, consecutive year.

The day of free and low-cost medical testing and health-related services is sponsored statewide by United Health Organization, part of the United Way.

Local sponsors were Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Observer Newspapers.

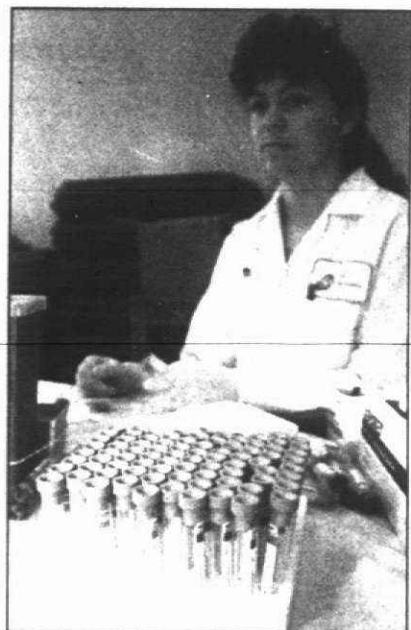
This year's event also drew health

professionals from Oakwood Hospital and several area medical practices.

About 60 local volunteers also helped guide participants through stations that included bone density testing, mammograms, blood pressure checks and a take-home test kit for colorectal cancer.

"This is another excellent way to reach into the community," said Dr. Bonnie Misiak, a dentist who provided oral cancer screening.

Many Health-O-Rama participants are employed but have little or no health insurance coverage. Others are senior citizens and some who dropped in Saturday were already at the Summit to swim or work out.



Blood draw: Phlebotomist Janet Payment waits to draw blood from the next Health-O-Rama visitor.

Info Expo answers residents' questions

Want to put up a fence but don't know where to get a Canton Township permit?

Got questions about road work planned in your neighborhood or new construction?

Wondering what those big vehicles used by the Public Works Department do?

You'll be able to learn these things and more first-hand from municipal employees themselves Saturday when the first Canton Community Information Expo turns the township's administration building on Canton Center Road into an information center for residents.

Sponsored jointly by the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council, the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All offices will be open for Canton residents to meet and mingle with township employees, learn the wide array of municipal services available and get questions and issues addressed directly by staffers who can help.

However, no permits or other business will be conducted, officials said.

In addition, representatives from the Canton Public Library, both the Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland public school districts and Canton Waste Recycling will be on hand and several Canton businesses will offer demonstrations on interior and exterior home improvements.

The demos will be free - there will be no sales.

Free coffee, doughnuts and a juice drink will be available in the morning, followed by hot dogs and lemonade.

Supervisor Tom Yack, who'll be manning the hot dog grill, said the township is "making a joint effort to be available and offer another opportunity for people to get information they might not otherwise be able to get."

Please see INFO EXPO, A2

Man ditches clothing, cash in failed robbery

Canton police say they'll be happy to give back the money a would-be robber left behind along with his clothing Sunday night, because it all belongs to him.

The oddball turn of events began when a man with a gun forced two employees in the Ford Road Taco Bell to lie on the floor in an apparent holdup attempt, then fled without taking anything.

However, as he ran, he shed some of what he was wearing - which police soon found, along with \$28 in one pocket.

"We've got his clothing and 28 bucks," said detective Sgt. Eddie Tanner with a chuckle. "He can claim that any time he wants to."

"We'll be more than happy to give it to him."

Tanner was even more happy to report the would-be robber "did not get anything from the store and no one was injured" in the incident.

According to police, the 5-foot-9-inch, 165-pound black man, brandishing a 9mm automatic pistol, entered the food preparation area of the restaurant at 45132 Ford Road at 10:39 p.m.

He ordered a shift manager and assistant manager, who was standing near the register, to "shut up" and get down on the floor.

The would-be holdup man then ran to the rear of the restaurant, where another employee was on the telephone.

He knocked the phone out of her hand, then, running back to the front, he yelled, "Where's the money?" but continued running right out the door.

In the meantime, the employee had picked the phone back up and told her friend to call Canton police.

A police K-9 unit tracked the sus-

Please see ROBBERY ATTEMPT, A3

Student 'publisher' expelled from district

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

A Plymouth Salem High School student's desire for freedom of expression has landed him in hot water.

Jim Tantalo, 17, of Plymouth, was expelled from school March 3 for passing out an underground newspaper at Plymouth Salem High School, where he was a junior.

"I wrote the paper as a hobby, my artistic expression," said Tantalo. "I wasn't trying to be rebellious of the status quo."

It was the second time this school year Tantalo was punished for passing out his newspaper.

"I was suspended for three days in November," said Tantalo. "Then I was intimidated and coerced into an agreement with the head of security. He said I would be in bigger trouble if I continued. I guess I just didn't get the message."

Tantalo said there wasn't any specific intent to his newspaper, saying "it was just random thoughts on my part. There was no political agenda or ideology in the papers. I only handed them out to my friends, it wasn't like I was handing them out to everyone I saw."

"A form needs to be filled out to get permission to hand out materials," said Mark Horvath, school board president. "The intent is to keep people from bringing materials that could be a disruption to the educational environment."

"Our policy against handing out materials in the schools comes directly from guidelines in a case that reached the U.S. Court of Appeals," said Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman. "Our policy was challenged once in court, with the case eventually being

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Business leaders honored at May 6 chamber lunch

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will honor the community's top business leaders with the annual Business Person of the Year and Athena awards noon Wednesday at Summit on the Park.

Tickets, at \$15 each, are still available for the luncheon and program, which features a keynote address by Edward Coury, Midwest bureau chief for the Wall Street Journal Radio Network. Coury's business reports are heard locally on WWJ-AM.

Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office, 453-4040. The reservation deadline is Friday.

This is the 16th year for the business award, and the committee has broadened its focus to include people from all segments of the business community. Twelve nominees for the 1998 award are:

- Paul Denaki, Jr. - Canton Waste Recycling
- Michael Gerou - attorney
- Tom Gerou - chiropractor
- David Griffin - L.J. Griffin Funeral Home
- Ginnie Hauck - National Church Residence, manager of Canton Place and Sheldon Place, low-income housing for seniors
- David Knight - Community Comfort Services
- Tony Kwiros - Executive Financial Planning
- Ray Mierzejewski - Piccadilly Petal'er
- Dianne Neihengen - director of senior services, Canton Township
- Nicki Wilson - Decorating Den

The Athena Award is a national program that recognizes local business owners and professionals for demonstrating support and assistance to women in the workplace. This is the eighth year the award has been given in Canton.

1998 Athena Award nominees are:

- Sally Bailey - site administrator for St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Canton
 - Penny Klei - vice president, NBD Bank
 - Dianne Neihengen - executive director, Canton Community Foundation
 - Debbie Zevalkink - administrative assistant, Canton Township supervisor's office
- The award luncheon and program is co-sponsored by First of America Bank, Worldwide Financial Planning and Education, and the Observer Newspapers.

A busy morning for the traffic bureau



Road mishaps: All four vehicles in two separate Canton accidents Tuesday morning - the first was at Warren and Sheldon Center Roads - had to be towed and the truck driver in each was ticketed for the same offense. The woman driving the car in this accident at Civic Center Drive and Canton Center Road was treated and released at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Info Expo

He said the township is trying to be responsive to the homeowner advisory group, which gave the township ideas about what residents would be interested in. The Expo is a major expansion

of previous years' single-subject seminars given by the township for the homeowners council. A police department tour is planned Saturday and both the police and fire departments will display equipment and personnel, including the police K-9 corps. Public works vehicles also will be shown.

For further information, call 397-5381.

Board meetings

The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds regular voting meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

SHANE BAILEY
Shane Bailey, 10, delivers the Canton Observer in the Carriage Hills subdivision. He been delivering the Observer since February 1997.



Shane Bailey

The Gallimore Elementary School fifth-grader's favorite subjects are science and reading. His hobbies are biking, drawing and model building. He has been in the Cub Scouts for five years and has earned his Arrow of Light award.

Shane wants to continue into Boy Scouts and is thinking of going into Law Enforcement. Knowing all of his customers and having a route in his own neighborhood are some of the things he likes about his route. Money management, business management, and people skills are some of the skills he has developed.

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Reach out and touch

Homebound students are only a phone call away from class

Plymouth-Canton high school students who need to miss extensive periods of class because of illness are only a phone call away from attending class in the comfort of their homes.

The homebound distance learning program allows students to use a sound station to connect with their classrooms and listen to lectures, as well as participate in classroom discussion... much like a telephone conference call.

"We had one young man who was connected to his English class from home," said Karen Jinnett, the district's homebound teacher. "They were studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth,' and he even had a part. So, when it was his turn, he could read his part and participate in classroom discussion."

The sound system looks like a starfish, and sits on a table, allowing the student to use the unit hands-free. It plugs into a home phone line, and the student can dial up the classroom and get connected. The classroom also has a sound system, which allows for the homebound pupil to both listen and participate in discussion.

"This program helps students remain connected to school life," said Jinnett. "It's much better to keep up with class and listen to classroom discussion, as well as hear the teacher's explanations."

Jinnett uses the sound systems for students who expect to be out of school for at least a month. The system is used for classes that mainly have discussion, such as English, literature, history and foreign language. State law mandates the homebound teacher visit the students twice a week for at least 45 minutes. Jinnett usually spends an hour or more over a student's assignments, bringing in new assignments, and giving

tests. However, that isn't nearly enough time and the sound system can generally be used for up to half of a student's schedule.

Jinnett believes the sound system could also be used for students who may be out just a week or two, even though they wouldn't be part of the homebound program.

"Kids feel less forgotten if they're connected, and get well quicker," said Jinnett. "They will do a lot better because they remain a part of school life."

Jinnett currently has two \$500 units for home use, and a \$1,600 unit, which is more sound-sensitive, to use in the classrooms. She is hopeful of getting more units to use in the homes.

"My caseload generally is six or seven students, and I would like to have enough units to give all students the opportunity to be connected with their classrooms," said Jinnett.

"The district's Educational Excellence Foundation has been a guardian angel for my program," she said. "Along with that money, we've also had some United Way funds directed our way, and some private donations."

The Rotary Club helped finance one of the units, and a brass tag indicates the donation. Jinnett is hopeful other business and civic groups will donate funds to help purchase more units.

"With these sound systems, the students can keep up much better than not having any class contact at all," said Jinnett. "The goal is to get the students back in the classroom as soon as they are healthy, and just keep moving with the class. It keeps kids from being overwhelmed."



Close by: A sound station that looks like a starfish allows students who are homebound to connect with their teacher, their studies and their friends. Jane Lippow, who teaches English and history at Plymouth Canton High School, uses the sound system because it is suitable for classes that mainly feature discussion.

Named to post Robbery attempt

Canton resident Janice Ibershoff has been named operations manager of Genoa Woods, an executive conference and banquet center in Brighton. Ibershoff previously worked at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

In the meantime, said Tanner, Canton police will keep the clothing - and the cash - as evidence and will keep the investigation open by notifying other area departments about the incident.

Police said he apparently fled in a waiting vehicle. And they said they didn't know what made him take off without taking anything. It's possible he got frightened by finding the employee on the phone, they said.

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The Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant will recognize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance," according to organizers. It is a search for a gracious lady who best defines the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of women in Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties.

Judging is based on an interview, poise and talent.

The winner will compete in the state preliminary pageant in Rochester in July and could move on to the state finals at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in October.

For an application or qualification requirements, contact Denise Aleardi, Michelle Connell or Betty Torsky at the Waldo senior complex, 844-3060.

Still closed

Construction continues on the Geddes/Canton Center realignment project, leaving a stretch of Geddes, from Canton Center east to Sheldon, is expected to remain closed for both eastbound and westbound drivers through at least the middle of May.

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Marathon man
Dr. Thomas Gerou, 40, of Canton finished the 102nd running of the Boston Marathon in 2 hours 41 minutes and 29 seconds, a personal best.

He placed 188th overall, 34th in the Masters Division (40-plus years) and was the second finisher from Michigan in the April 20 race.

This year's race field included more than 12,000 runners.

Gerou, who has a Canton chiropractic practice, has run more than 30 marathons.

the Canton Public Library

Did you know:
■ The week of May 3-9 is National Family Week?
■ Detroit has the largest single library in the state and the fifth largest library system in the country?
■ The straw was first used at a Brooklyn Dodgers baseball game in 1882, so fans could watch the game instead of the bottom of their soda bottles?
■ Rice is one of the few non-allergic foods?

New fiction
Here are some new selections available for young adults from the library:
■ "Jubilee Journey" by Carolyn Meyer
■ "Witchlight" by L.J. Smith
■ "The Dark Side of Nowhere" by Neal Shusterman
■ "Doing Time: Notes from the Undergrad" by Rob Thomas
■ "Swallowing Stones" by Joyce McDonald

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:
■ <http://www.bulb.com>

New talking books
Here are some new books on tape available from the library:
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■ "The Winner" - Baldacci
■ "The Big Picture" - Kennedy
■ "Night of the Panthers" - Ayers
■ "Power of a Woman" - Bradford

For your viewing pleasure
Here are some new videotapes available from the library:
■ "Eve's Bayou"
■ "Entertaining Angels"
■ "Son of Flubber"
■ "Map of the Human Heart"
■ "Hear My Song"

Hot topic of the week
■ May Day. The first day of May has been observed as a holiday since ancient times. Spring festivals and May Pole Dancing are still common, but the political importance of May Day has grown since the 1880s, when it became a workers' day in the U.S. It is now widely observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or as Labor Day. In most European countries, May Day activities include store and bank closings, parades and other festivities.

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE OSCAR JOHNSON
Services for George Oscar Johnson, 74, of Canton were April 15 at White Chapel Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Eggebeen officiating. Burial was also at White Chapel Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home.
He was born March 10, 1924, in Detroit. He died April 12 in Garden City. He was a salesman.
Survivors include his wife, Loretta Pepper; three daughters, Lorain (Carl) Guldner, Laura (Roland) Juengel Jr., Jenny Johnson (Joseph Pawlik); one son, John (Cindy) Johnson; one sister, Marjorie (Adrian) Boudon; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE PROODIAN
Services for Josephine Proodian, 77, of Canton were April 18 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Visitation and local arrangements were made by Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton.
She was born June 14, 1920, in Detroit. She died April 14 at St.

Mary Hospital. She was a member of St. John Neumann Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Proodian. Survivors include her three sons, Ronald Proodian; Larry Proodian, Robert Proodian; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to St. John Neumann Church.

MILDRED ELLIS
Services for Mildred Ellis, 61, of Plymouth were April 21 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.
She was born Dec. 4, 1936, in Detroit. She died April 17 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.
She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Bell. Survivors include her husband, Everett C. Ellis of Plymouth; her mother, Marie Bell of Westland; one son, Jeffrey G. Ellis of Las Vegas, Nev.; three brothers, Walter (Barbara) Bell of Santa Cruz, Calif., Richard Bell of Keego Harbor, Robert (Kathleen) Bell of Plymouth; and one sister, Frances Bell of Westland. Memorials may be made to

Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit 48201.
LINDA S. FRANCIS
Funeral services for Linda Francis, 37, of Canton were April 23 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating were the Rev. Larry Austin and the Rev. Kip Gravelle.
Mrs. Francis died April 20 in her home. She was a secretary. Surviving are: husband, James of Canton; sons, Anthony, Jessen and Matthew; parents, Robert and Phyllis Dean; brother, Steven; and sister, Julie Ertman. Family members all reside in Westland, Livonia and Plymouth.
Memorials may be made to the Ford Village Hospice, or the University of Michigan Breast Cancer Research Center.

LOIS T. MARKHAM
Funeral services for Lois Markham, 80, of Belleville were April 25 in Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with burial at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Officiating was the Rev. Vivian Martindale from First Baptist Church in Ypsilanti.
Mrs. Markham, who died April 22 at her residence, was born in Michigan. She was a lifelong resident of Belleville. She was a

crossing guard at school crossings. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Ypsilanti.
Surviving are: sons, Gilbert of Wayne, Kenneth of Westland and Gerald of Westland; daughters, Marie Armata of Sumpter Township, Margaret Pauley of Belleville and Kathy Bittenbender of Plymouth; sister, Doris Heller of Texas; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Markham was preceded in death by her husband, Horace; two brothers and one sister.

BETTY OPLE EUICK
Services for Betty Ople Euick, 69, of Canton were April 26, at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
She died April 24 in Canton. She was a graduate of Cooley High School, Detroit. She was a member of the VFW of Warren and the Eagles Club.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald M. Euick. Survivors include three daughters, Donna (Joe) Beahon of Canton, Sandy (Nick) Marinkovich of Canton, Denise (Stan) Gill of Shelby Township; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of S.E. Michigan.

JOSEPH S. KOSKY
Funeral services for Joseph Kosky, 79, of Plymouth were April 25 in First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Tonya M. Arnesen. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.
Mr. Kosky, who died April 22 in Ann Arbor, was born in Yugoslavia. He was a personal injury trial consultant. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He was a World War II Veteran, serving with the OSS (Office of Strategic Services).
Surviving are: wife, Sandra; sons, Joseph of Livonia and Kenneth of Livonia; sister, Elizabeth Nagy of Allen Park; and six grandchildren.
Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 Waver-

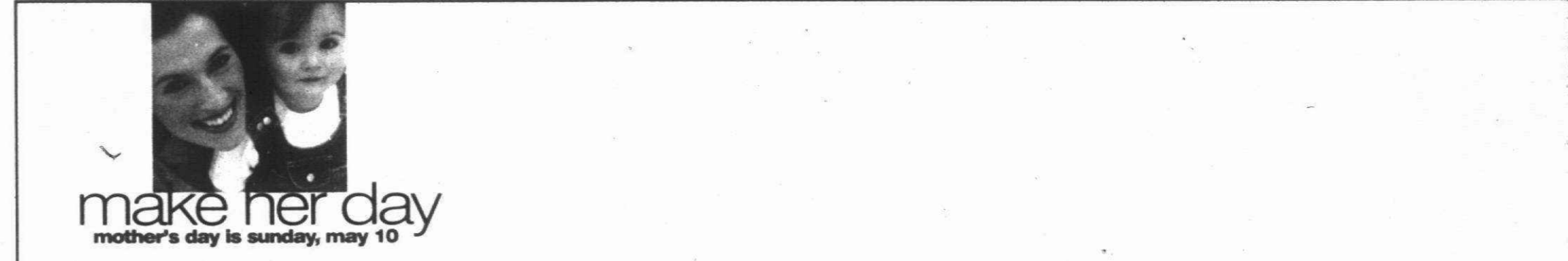
ly Road South, Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827.
CYNTHIA O. ESTERMYER
Funeral services for Cynthia Estermyer, 47, of Westland were April 29 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Kirk Leifson. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
Mrs. Estermyer, who died April 26 in Detroit, was born in Concord, Calif. She was case manager supervisor at Services to Enhance Potential, a sheltered workshop setting for mentally and physically challenged adults located in Dearborn. She worked there seven years. She came to Westland in 1994 from Plymouth, where she had lived for 15 years.
She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was a member of the National Association of Female Executives, and an associate life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Mrs. Estermyer received her bachelor of science degree in social work from Utah State University in 1972. She was president of the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees 1989-90. She was associate liaison for the State of Michigan Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America 1990-94; and she was a committee member of the Vietnam/Korea Memorial in Kellogg Park in Plymouth 1988-89.
Surviving are: husband, Gary; daughter, Robyn Ellison of West Bloomfield; brother, Kevin O'Day of Florida; parents, Connie and Donald O'Day of Wilmington, Del.; five nephews and five nieces.
Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Karen Lynn Swan
Services for Karen Lynn Swan, 24, of Phoenix are 11 a.m. today at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. The burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.
She was born Sept. 1, 1973, in Ann Arbor. She died April 24 in Phoenix. She worked as a high school representative and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: her parents, Kay L. and Fred W. Swan of Plymouth; and her sister, Kimberly D. Fugaban of Royal Oak. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette, Westland 48185.
THEODORE 'TED' PREBISH JR.
Services for Theodore 'Ted' Prebish Jr., 67, of Canton were April 27 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Entombment was in Washtenaw Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.
He was born April 8, 1931, in Glen Lyon, Pa. He died April 23 in Royal Oak. He retired after 40 years with NBD. He moved to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1975 from Westland. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, the Rotary Club and the Lions Club. He enjoyed golf.
Survivors include: his wife of 41 years, June M. of Canton; son, Craig of Fairport, N.Y.; daughter, Mary of Plymouth; and a sister, Gloria Brennan of Florida.

HARRY E. MINER JR.
Services for Harry E. Miner Jr., 80, of Plymouth were April 23 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.
He was born April 15, 1918, in Chicago. He died April 21 in Plymouth. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He worked as an accountant.
Survivors are: his wife, Dorothy E. of Plymouth; daughter, Patricia Arley of Canton; two sons, Harry E. Miner III of Prescott, Ariz., and Thomas R. of Canton; daughter, Kathryn Ghent of Fort Collins, Colo.; two sons, Timothy of Wixom and Dennis of Novi; a brother, Frederick of Royal Oak; and many nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170, or in the form of Mass offerings.

S'craft board OKs increase in student fee, tuition

Slight increases in one student fee, the operating budget and the property tax were approved last week by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. The board also voted to re-classify the \$1 student activity fee as tuition, bringing that figure to \$52 for students living in the district.
All items approved were the same as those proposed last month, said Butch Raby, vice president of business services.
The trustees also adopted ancillary budgets for 1998-99 and set Wednesday, May 20 as the date for the annual evaluation of Richard McDowell, college president. The evaluation again will be in closed session, at the request of McDowell, who is completing his 17th year at Schoolcraft.
As in previous sessions, board members will individually complete evaluation forms and then discuss them with McDowell, Raby said.
Reclassifying the activity fee as tuition will help students with federal tax credits because the federal government doesn't include fees in granting such credits, Raby said. It also will help those students whose employers reimburse tuition only, not fees.
The instructional equipment fee was doubled to \$2, bringing the tuition and fees total to \$54.
All increases take effect in the fall. The total is under the maximum allowed so that students may still claim the tuition tax credit on their 1998 Michigan return, Raby noted.
The board adopted a general fund budget of \$41.3 million for college operating expenses in the coming school year, with expenditures equaling revenues, Raby said. It represents a 3-percent increase over last year.
The college's tax levy of 1.8521 mills was extended for the coming year.
The assessment will cost taxpayers more, but only due to the increase in the values of homes and businesses. Thus, someone who paid \$100 in taxes last year will pay about \$102.70 next year, Raby said.
Ancillary budgets cover such externally funded items as the student bookstore and federal and state financial aid for students. Those budgets total \$6.04 million for 1998-99, an increase of 3.2 percent over the current \$5.82 million.
The increase primarily is in the area of grants for students, said Raby. "More students qualify and the federal government has beefed up the awards given," he explained. The grants, a maximum of about \$2,000 per year, don't exceed tuition, fees and books, he said.



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Advertisement for 'SPRING INTO SAVINGS' at Home & Garden Showplace. It lists various plants and lawn care products on sale, including Colorado Blue Spruce, Dwarf Burning Bush, Am turf Lawn Patch, and Finale Weed & Grass Killer. The store is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Rd.

Advertisement for Community Federal Credit Union. It features a large image of a house and promotes a 7.95% APR Home Equity Lines of Credit introductory rate. The ad lists benefits such as low application fees, no annual fees, and free telephone and internet access. It also offers a variety of fixed rate second mortgages.

Advertisement for Borders Outlet - Canton. It features a 'Great At BOOKS & MUSIC GREAT Prices' headline and a 'Special Offer' for a FREE Tote Bag (\$10.95 value) while supplies last with any \$25 purchase. The ad also promotes a reading event for 'Mischief the Clown' on Monday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m. The store is located at 44610 Ford Rd., Canton, Mich.

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Murder from page A1

both had clean records. The Ann Arbor News has reported Schmidt was arrested in 1994 for embezzling \$8,479 from his Ypsilanti employer.

"At this point in the investigation we haven't uncovered anything current, we still don't have a motive or suspects," McCullough said. "We're trying to develop a time line, who were the last people they talked to."

Sitting at the kitchen table in their Plymouth Township home surrounded by photos of their daughter, the Swans remembered Karen.

"She met Bill at a dance in Ann Arbor when she was 16," remembered Kay Swan. "He was only 14 at the time, and said he needed a ride home, even though he really did have a car. After that, he was here all the time."

"You could never match the love between those two," Fred noted. "They were really in love with each other."

After living together in Florida and most recently Phoenix, the couple was planning an Aug. 15 wedding.

"That was the anniversary of when they met in 1990," said Kay. "Everything was just about ready. In fact, (her sister) Kimberley and a high school friend were going there Saturday to pick out bridesmaid dresses."

"Now, Kim and I will be going to get some personal items," said Kay, who then began to cry. "It's going to be horrible. I can't go in the room where it happened. There's no way I could do that."

Kimberley Fugaban, 27, of Royal Oak said she and her sister were very close.

"We were together a lot, and lived together while attending college," said Kimberley. "As kids, we used to fight and then start laughing because we couldn't stay mad at each other."

The Swans say they learned of their daughter's murder early Friday morning.

"I heard a banging on the front door and there were two state police troopers," recalled Fred. "They said, 'There's no easy way to tell you this, your daughter and her fiancé have been murdered.'"

Fred last talked to Karen on Monday, April 20, Kay on Tuesday, April 21. Both say there were no hints of trouble.

Since August 1996, Swan worked for the Art Institute of Phoenix as a high school admissions representative.

"She was very private, none of us got to know her any other way than professionally. That's just the way it was," Sammarco said. "She was on the road a lot for us."

Swan visited high schools around Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada, making presentations on the school to graphic arts and culinary arts classes.

"We loved her, the entire staff loved her. She was very kind and very good at her job and she was excellent with her students," Sammarco said.

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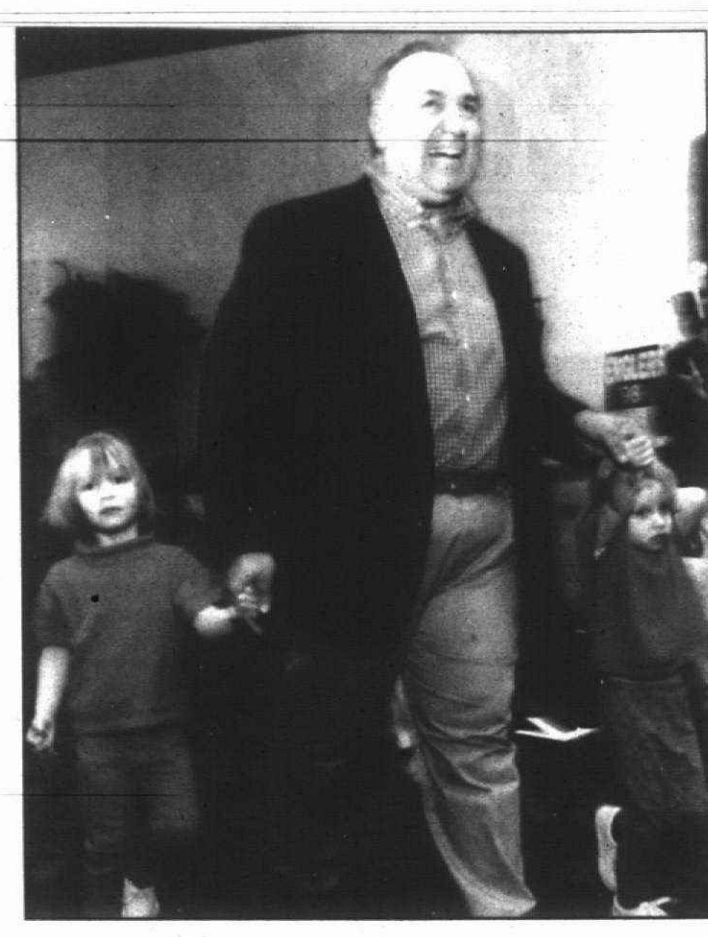
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Happier times: Karen Swan with fiancé Bill Schmidt in a photo taken soon after they met in 1990.

Engler family kicks off campaign in Livonia



All in the family: Gov. John Engler enters his campaign kickoff rally Tuesday at Laurel Manor in Livonia with daughters, Hannah (left) and Madeleine, who covers her ears because of the thunderous applause from supporters.

Cheers and chants of "four more years" thundered through the crowd Tuesday at Livonia's Laurel Manor after John Engler announced his candidacy for a third term as Michigan's governor.

With his campaign bus parked outside and wife Michelle and three young daughters on the podium with him, Engler voiced his goal, if re-elected: Going into the new century, to make Michigan the No. 1 state in the U.S.

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"Eight years ago, we began an uphill grassroots campaign," said a casual, tielless Engler to a roomful of supporters. "We had ideas to change Michigan, to make the state great again. The good news is, we're winning that campaign. Michigan will not go back to the days when people said, 'When the last person leaves Michigan, please turn out the lights.'"

"I have to tell you, 'the lights are on and are burning bright.' We have been bold and kept our promises. Michigan stands taller, stronger than ever," he said. "But the job is not over."

"It won't be done until Michigan is No. 1."

Colorful event
The colors red, white and blue cropped up everywhere: on

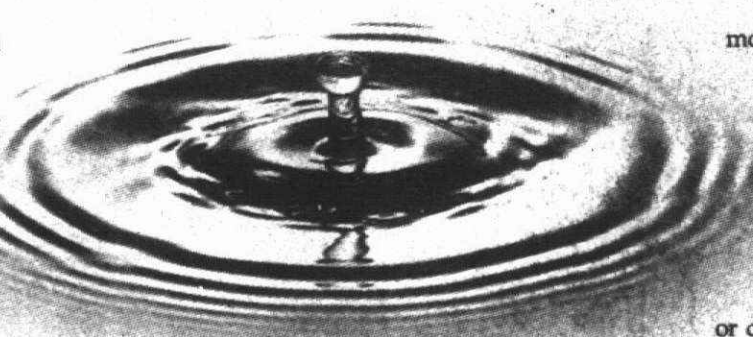
Both sides: Engler's appearance Tuesday drew many supporters and a few protesters. Above, from left, Mallory Waterman, Melissa McClain and Chelsea Waterman, all of Livonia, cheer the governor. A small group of protesters walked outside the rally protesting job safety conditions in Michigan. From left are Arlene McMonagle of Westland, Laurel Tondreau of Commerce Township, and Patrice Smith of Livonia. They fear Engler will abolish Michigan OSHA. They spent the day in Detroit for workers memorial day to remember 181 people killed on the job.

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Summit set Tri-county lawmakers to discuss ways to cooperate

Next Tuesday, a bit of legislative history will be made when Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county commissioners meet at the first Tri-County summit on Tuesday at the State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile in Detroit.

The summit will bring together commissioners and Detroit City Council members for what is believed to be their first meeting. It is an open meeting and begins at noon.

"I am expecting it is an opportunity for legislators from the three largest counties in southeast Michigan, and the Detroit City Council, to meet and look at ways we can cooperate to benefit the entire region," said Ricardo Solomon, chair of the Wayne County Commission.

"We want to see if we can create ways to make a strong economic region."

Each chair of the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county commissions and Detroit City Council will receive 10 minutes to highlight priorities. Solomon said the commissions share similar interests and issues.

"We share interests in areas of

economic development, transportation and mental health," Solomon said. A single regional bus system should be at the top of the list, he added.

Solomon believes business relocations in the region is another area of similar interest, even if they don't end up in Wayne County.

"From a business standpoint, I would rather see a business go to Oakland or Macomb county than Indiana," Solomon said.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said commissioners have talked about meeting for the past two or three years. "It's tough to get three county commissioners and the Detroit City Council slated for one day," Beard said.

Beard doesn't expect anything more from this meeting than an exchange of ideas.

"Transportation, the environment and several other issues cross city and county boundaries," Beard said. "We'll wait and see what kind of issues will be of interest and see if we can come to a conclusion on these issues."

Mental health and public

health also are issues that counties and the city of Detroit face, Beard added. Beard did not know if the group would pass resolutions taking positions at a later date or take other legislative actions.

"We are a large metropolitan area," Beard said. "It's worth exploring to see if people want to do something like this."

The summit has its detractors. "It seems to be more of a publicity event than a public policy seminar," said Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. "They have no legislative goals, and nothing listed to be accomplished."

When asked whether the summit would be good for tri-county Republicans to meet, McCotter, who is one of only three Republicans on the Wayne County Commission, responded: "What wrong with using a telephone? Why do we have the Michigan Association of Counties or the National Association of Counties?"

McCotter has not decided whether he will attend the summit, but is leaning heavily against it.

State board to vote on changes to high school proficiency test

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The State Board of Education will wait until its May 7 meeting to vote on changing the names of those hated labels on statewide student tests.

Two board members — Republicans Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe and Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale — were absent April 23 when the board held a special meeting in Lansing.

The May 7, a regularly scheduled meeting, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the state School for the Deaf and Blind in Flint.

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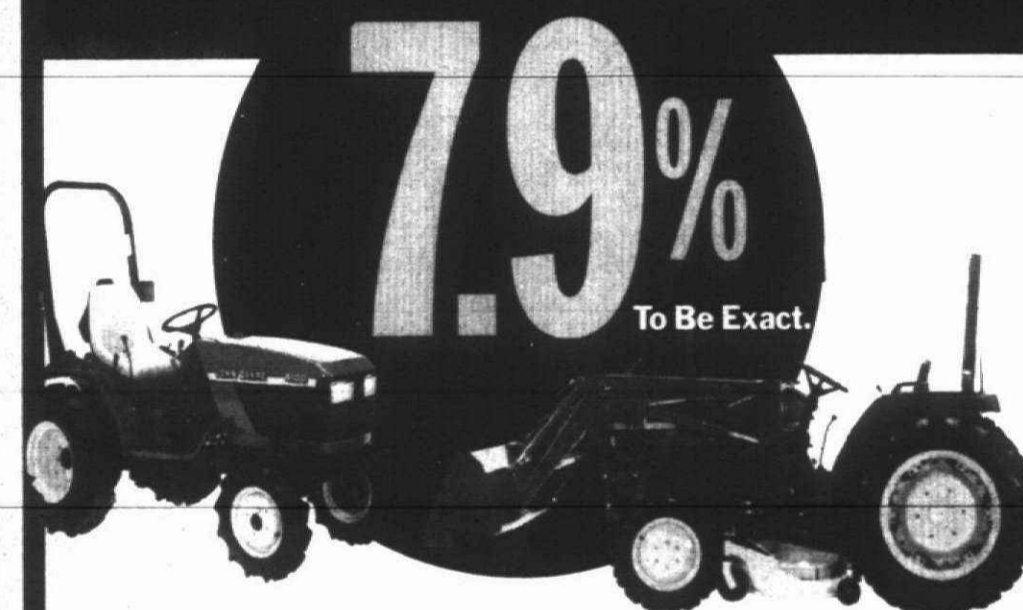
Michigan Educational Assessment Program high school tests. The ratings caused many parents to let their 11th-graders "opt out" of taking the exams, making it difficult for state officials to evaluate a school's performance, some say.

Two state legislators told the board April 23 that there's a "discrepancy" between what the Legislature mandated and what was proposed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis.

Reps. Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, and Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson, said "basic" competency means "the ground floor. This is

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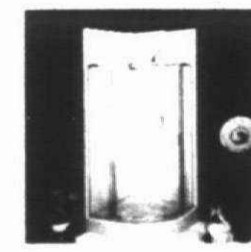
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County hires agents to help Metro air travelers

Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport has hired some new help to direct travelers to terminals and baggage claim areas.

Air travelers will now be assisted by 14 part-time customer service agents who will wander the terminal complex providing directions and information.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara held a news conference Monday to showcase the agents, who will be stationed throughout the airport wearing hunter green vests. Their name badges say "Question? I can help!"

It's all part of Wayne County's initiative to put a "friendlier face" at Detroit Metro and attempts to emphasize customer service there.

"We know that the airport's existing terminal complex is crowded and becoming more and more complicated," McNamara said. While the \$60 million in improvements and a new termi-

nal will solve those problems, "in the meantime, we will have people here dedicated to helping our customers find their way," McNamara said.

The agents will carry notebooks with information on Detroit Metro's various services and carry radios for constant contact with airport management.

"Nine of the 14 agents are college students and some have for-

eign language skills including Japanese, Arabic, Spanish, French and Portuguese," said Cindy Clark, program manager. "In addition, the agents have access to the ATT language line, which can help them answer questions quickly in 94 languages."

Mike Conway, airport spokesperson, said the agents will carry around a folding card to help assist with translations of travelers who do not know

English.

"The agent will fold this card out, and they will point to their language," Conway said. The agent will call ATT's subscriber service for foreign language translators.

During their training period two weeks ago, the agents were put to good uses when an American Airlines x-ray machine broke down and suddenly, anxious passengers waiting for passenger

screening on Concourse B were faced with a long line.

Clarke sent about five agents to the trouble spot, helping passengers into the right lines and explaining the situation until the airline repaired the machine.

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Auction business: Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president of development at Madonna University, enters names into the drawing for a Cadillac Catera. Above, auctioneer Dan Stall accepts a bid on one of 65 items offered at last Friday's event.



Auction-goers: Rick Rainville of Livonia looks over the silent auction items. More than 500 items were featured. Above, Kathy and Paul Hannah of Farmington were among the bidders at Burton Manor.



Auction fun benefits Madonna students

Student scholarship coffers are \$250,000 richer thanks to the generous bidders at last Friday's Madonna University Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction.

The 10th annual event was held at Burton Manor in Livonia. The auction attracted more than 500 Madonna University supporters from throughout the metropolitan area bidding on sports and entertainment events, fine wines, jewelry, golf and vacation packages.

"Best ever," is how Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president of university development, described the event which is the university's largest fund-raising effort for scholarships.

"I had a wonderful time. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The bidding was good and that's the important thing," said Sister Lauriana, who takes an active role in the action by offering a fishing trip to the highest bidder.

This year's fishing trip package raised \$1,500 for the university. The boat is owned and chartered by Fred Benson, a retired Livonia police officer and a graduate of Madonna University. The trip was purchased by John Sennett, chairman of the Madonna board.

Other highlights of the evening included:

- A \$1,000 high bid for a Titanic package which included a best-selling book on the making of the movie, a CD, AMC Movie Theater passes, and four signed collector prints from the J. Clary series "Titanic...That Night."

- One lucky bidder paid \$3,900 for a Detroit Red Wings playoffs private suite which includes tickets, food and beverage for 20 people.

- Madonna trustee Jean Corr paid \$2,400 to have a street on the Madonna Campus named for her for one year. She



Good time: Marcia Sayles of Plymouth Township laughs with state Rep. Lyn Bankes while looking over silent auction items.

also purchased the chance to be Madonna University President for a Day. Corr is chief executive officer of Educational Bus Transportation of New York.

- Lisha Lewis of Ypsilanti was the lucky winner a the 1998 sand-colored Cadillac Catera donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

General chairpersons for the event were Dan and MaryLou Andrew of Livonia who also had got in on the bidding. The Andrews purchased a chance to crew aboard the Charisma in the Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Race July 11. The item was donated by Richard Asztalos of Charisma Salon in Livonia.

Major sponsors for this year's auction were Don Massey Cadillac, Inc. of Plymouth, Northwest Airlines and Kimcraft Printer, Inc. of Canton.

Madonna, a Livonia-based, Catholic, liberal arts institution has approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students and more than 50 career-oriented majors.

Keeping tabs:

Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital, looks over the bidding sheets at the silent auction table along with an auction-goer on her left.



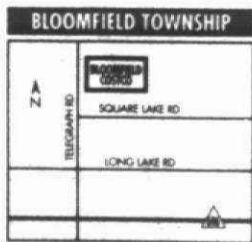
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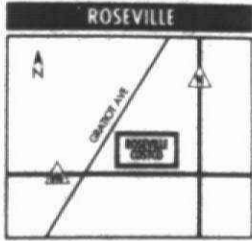
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Student expelled from page A1

dismissed." Tantalio feels the district was out to get him, as administrators dredged up records dating back to middle school.

Student speaks

"It's like they added up everything I ever did in school and decided I was a hazard to the district," he said. "I passed out

stuff in middle school, and they went back that far to build up the case against me. I don't have a spotless record ... no weapons or drugs ... but certainly forgivable."

Despite the rules and regulations of the school district against such material, Tantalio's father believes the board of education went too far.

"I don't feel expulsion was appropriate, and the guidelines for expulsion prove that," said Paul Tantalio. "I believe there could have been a less punitive way to bring this to a head without damaging Jim's education. I think something like an in-school suspension could have accomplished the same purpose."

The bottom line, according to Tantalio, is "the school board is trying to make an example out of Jim."

Superintendent Chuck Little declined to comment on the specifics of the expulsion. Community relations director Judy Evola says the district is prohibited from talking about the case because the family has blocked the expulsion records from being revealed.

"However, we don't expel kids just for handing out a newspaper, there is more to it than that," said Evola.

The Tantalios' attorney, Steven Schwartz, said that Jim's "high school record is unblemished in comparison to some of the things he did in middle school. We looked for alternatives to educate instead of punish Jim, challenge his energies, but the board wouldn't listen."

Schwartz said even 400 petition signatures couldn't sway the board from expelling Tantalio.



Free speech: Jim Tantalio was expelled in March after distributing his underground newspaper for a second time at the PCEP campus.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1998, IS MONDAY, MAY 11, 1998. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 1998, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county or township clerk's office, persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk's office must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

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Secretary, Board of Education

On school paper

Tantalio was also a member of the school newspaper, "an outlet which could have been channeled and supervised," said Schwartz. "Now, he's just totally out of school."

"The policy and written procedure would probably pass constitutional challenges," said Schwartz.

Tantalio is currently devoting 100 community service hours at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. He's sought counseling, and says he'll be looking for a job.

Tantalio said he was mad at first, but now is just turning his attention at getting back into school.

"I want to do everything I can to look good to the board in June," admitted Tantalio, who could still graduate on time if reinstated. "I wasn't trying to be rebellious. But, maybe I went just a little too far."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 22, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomaro, ocklage, Caser, Folsom, Kelly, Weyer, Wrublewski, Voyles, Zevalkin

Guest Present: Senator Loren Bennett

ITEM 1) ROADS

Director Machnik gave a presentation on Canton Roads. Since 1985, Canton has been involved in many road projects such as intersection improvement, gravel road paving, signalization, overlays of existing roads, paving of new roads, road realignments and added road lanes. Canton spends \$5 - 1 million per year of General Fund money on road projects. Mr. Machnik noted that Canton had spent \$10 million in the last thirteen years, affecting 25 miles of roads and four (4) intersections.

Funding Overview: Director Machnik said that Special Assessment Districts had been used to fund road projects, but he considered them cumbersome and difficult to manage. Federal funding for road projects is practically nonexistent for townships. He pointed out that developer funding had been productive. Township and County money has been used for projects with varying results. Mr. Machnik said that the best funding mechanism in his experience was a partnership of Wayne County and the Township. He said that a total of 34 miles of improved roads including four intersections had been the result of partnering. He said that Canton could turn their dollars into four (4) times that amount by partnering. Mr. Machnik noted that we effectively received \$40 million worth of improvements with a \$10 million contribution. The reauthorization of Act 51 funding is also an outstanding issue. He pointed out that getting the local, state and federal governments to agree on the funding stream, from the source to the recipients, would be a valuable component in the tactics for road improvement.

Blue Ribbon Road Committee: Mr. Machnik summarized the findings of the 1997 Blue Ribbon Road Committee. Regarding strategy for Canton Road improvements, the committee's report recommended that Canton benefit from a more formalized method of prioritizing needed roadway improvement; forming a long-range improvement plan; assuring that the Master Land Use Plan considers roads and congestion; seeking a voice in county priority setting; reviewing left turn signalization; and having developers provide "drive between" as an alternative to traveling on Ford Road. Regarding education, the committee recommended a delay for seeking voter support for additional funding until the spring of 1998; and keeping the public educated on the road issues of the community.

OPTIONS: Director Machnik said that Canton had three options: 1) Canton would be responsible for roads; 2) Wayne County would be responsible for roads; or 3) Canton, Wayne

RECOMMENDATIONS: Director Machnik recommended Canton creating an improved alliance with Wayne County & MDOT. Director Machnik recommended levying 2 mills from Canton's general operating tax through a Township Board resolution. He said that this recommendation came after the township hired Plante & Moran to do an interim analysis regarding the feasibility of Canton taking over the roads. The Plante & Moran study compared road costs of Farmington Hills, Novi and Rochester Hills and found that each spent between \$3.2 - 8.1 million annually on roads. Mr. Machnik indicated that the actual costs did not include various levels of service such as street sweeping, snow removal and mowing right-of-ways because of the variety of ways the cities kept their records.

Discussion: occurred regarding whether to put a 2-mill tax request on the August primary ballot or whether to levy 2 mills through Board resolution. In 1995 a roads bond issue failed by 48 votes. Director Minghine said that 2 mills on a \$200,000 would be approximately \$200 per year. Supervisor Yack, Treasurer Kirchgatter and Trustee Burdick favored a 2-mill levy through Board resolution. Trustee Sheffery, Trustee Lajoie, Clerk Bennett and Trustee McLaughlin favored putting it to a vote on the August 4th primary. Trustee Sheffery said that he would rather see the proposal on the November ballot due to a higher voter turnout.

Trustee McLaughlin shared her thoughts on the issue and concluded by saying that if we asked the people for more money, the township should go the full distance and take over the roads. She stated that negotiations with the county had not always been fair and cautioned against being overly trusting with these negotiations. Director Minghine stated that negotiation had been going and continued to go well. He had gotten good responses to suggestions and questions posed to the County.

Clerk Bennett was cautious about increasing the tax rate by board resolution because given the growth rate of the community, the dedicated fees may be needed by future boards. Director Minghine reminded the Board that the roads were in a crisis situation and the time was right to take a leadership role and impose the 2-mill levy by resolution. Clerk Bennett said that given a better job of educating the public, the vote on the 2mills could be successful this time around. Proposal language needs to be officially approved by the Board and the election commission; and then submitted to the county by May 26, 1998.

GENERAL GOALS

Director Minghine briefly gave an overview of the recommended general goals for 1999 including: Roads, Expansion of Phasant Run, Improved Staff Development Program, Park Development, Adoption of a revised Five Year Recognition Plan, Expansion of the Administration Building, Development of a long range Planning Strategy, Acquisition of Land for a 3rd Fire Station, Implementation of ALS and Other Board Initiatives. Mr. Minghine will be the point person for any other Board initiatives.

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on April 21, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on May 12, 1998.

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signs, on Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's sweater, on lapel tags, on confetti shot into the air, on tiny American flags handed out to backers, even on the clothes and head ribbons worn by Engler triplets Margaret, Hannah and Madeleine.

With the rally, Engler kicked off a 10-day, 39-city campaign tour of the state. From Livonia, he went on Tuesday to Allen Park and Taylor and, on Wednesday, to Detroit, Warren and Royal Oak.

Engler, Binsfeld and Secretary of State Candice Miller ticked off Engler's accomplishments over the last eight years. High on the list were 24 tax cuts, a feat that Republicans Jim and Janet Logan of Livonia soundly applauded.

"We need more tax cutting," said Jim Logan as Engler walked behind the rope and shook supporters' hands after the speeches ended. "He is committed to this, and when he says something, he sticks to it. He's not wishy-washy, like other politicians."

The three - Arlene McMonagle of Westland and her two daughters, Patrice Smith of Livonia and Laurel Tondreau, formerly of Livonia but now living in Commerce Township - rushed to Engler's rally after marching in the annual Workers Memorial Day parade that afternoon in downtown Detroit.

The pickets, telling of death on Michigan's job sites because of loose state regulations, contrasted dramatically with the hoopla and pats on the back going on inside Laurel Manor.

In 1992, Tondreau's husband, Richard, fell 30 feet from a crane while working at a construction work site in Canton and is now permanently disabled, she said.

"One hundred eighty-one Michigan workers died on the job site last year," Tondreau said. "Engler wants to pull in the reins of MIOSHA, and make

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compliance (with safety regulations) voluntary.

"If we can save even one life, we feel we have accomplished something."

Before climbing back in the bus and moving on, Engler cited his vision for Michigan's future: safer students, smaller classes, drug-free, violence-free schools, good-paying jobs, jail for dangerous criminals, drug-free parents or no welfare, higher paychecks and more tax cutting.

"We need a constitutional amendment that makes it harder to raise taxes in the future," he added. "We must put a permanent, rock solid lid on taxes."

"Democrats don't like to cut taxes. That's why we have to win."

"Michigan will not go back to the old days, and the old ways."

Miller touted Engler's efforts to untie a "Michigan economy strangled by state policy."

Protest in the wings

But outside Laurel Manor, with shouts and cheers faintly heard in the background, three women holding pickets staged a silent vigil for not less but more state protection of Michigan workers through MIOSHA regulations.

Ellis proposed two options are provided for the board's consideration. Both have advantages and disadvantages," said Ellis in remarks prepared for delivery today.

Option A provides four levels of ratings:

1. Distinguished.
2. Exceeds Michigan standards.
3. Meets Michigan standards.
4. Does not meet Michigan standards.

Ellis called it "straightforward" but said it will be difficult to establish "cut" scores between categories. That is, "there may be only a one or two raw score point difference between each level, particularly in writing where there are only 12 points in

total."

Option B also provides four levels:

1. Does not meet Michigan expectations.
2. Meets Michigan expectations.
3. Exceeds Michigan expectations.
4. Indicates distinguished performance.

Variations on Option B call for reversing the order of numbers and slightly different descriptions.

Ellis commented that "Option B may provide an opportunity for more students to earn endorsements while assuring the State Board of Education maintains rigorous standards."

The Legislature mandated changing the scoring labels after public hearings last year showed much student and parental dissatisfaction.

But the concept of statewide testing is here to stay, lawmakers said, because of local variations in standards in granting high school diplomas.

Unions back McNamara's bid for re-election

Three public safety unions representing over 1,300 Wayne County law enforcement officers and firefighters have endorsed County Executive Ed McNamara's bid for re-election this year.

The unions are the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 502, representing about 400 officers to 1,200 since McNamara took office in 1987; Department and Detroit-Wayne Metro Airport public safety employees; AFSCME Local 3317,

representing law enforcement supervisory personnel; and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 741 representing Metro Airport firefighters.

Vincent Gregory, SEIU Local 502 president, said the sheriff's department has grown from about 400 officers to 1,200 since McNamara took office in 1987.

Don Sepanski, IAFF Local 741 president, attributed establish-

ment of paramedics at Metro McNamara's leadership.

The union leaders praised McNamara's ability to work with major airlines, area communities and the federal government in bringing about Metro Airport's expansion.

Work has begun on a \$786-million, 74-gate midfield terminal, and plans are to build a new runway, access road and 5,000-car parking structure and improve existing terminal facilities.

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Seeking status

Libertarians offer up full slate of candidates for statewide elections

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Libertarians once again are bidding for major party status in Michigan with a full slate of education and Supreme Court candidates.

"We're for the politically homeless. The Democrats and Republicans have alienated enough people to the point they (people) don't know where to go anymore," said John Ward, a real estate man who's finance manager for Diane Barnes, the party's State Board of Education nominee.

This year Libertarians have nominated 93 candidates and have high hopes that one or more of their statewide candidates will draw 5 percent of the vote.

That would assure the party a spot on the August primary ballot in the year 2000. Libertarians wouldn't have to pick their entire slate at a state convention as they did April 4-5 in East Lansing.

They came close to 5 percent in 1994, when Jon Coon was their pro-gun U.S. Senate candidate. Coon is back this year as the second State Board of Education candidate.

They came close again in 1996 when Barnes, an East-pointe mother and supporter of home schooling, was a

State Board of Education nominee. She shocked public school supporters at a Livonia cable TV show when she said, "We should lower the tax burden. We should not have to support public schools with tax dollars. Government has too much control."

They fielded two experienced candidates for the state Supreme Court (though they will run on a nonpartisan ballot): Jerry J. Kaufman, an Oakland County attorney who finished ahead of a major party candidate 10 years ago, and David Raafaub, Ann Arbor attorney and perennial Libertarian candidate.

Ward, vice chair of Oakland County Libertarians, said the party is making contacts with members of Ross Perot's Reform Party. "There's cross-pollination going on. We're finding we have 75 to 80 percent (of views) in common," Ward said during an April 23 meeting in East Side Mario's restaurant in Southfield.

"We're very similar and have an overlapping philosophy," agreed Lou Pagnucco, a Reform Party member though not a spokesman for the group. "We're worried about individual rights and gutting of the Constitution."

Michigan State University trustee - Barbara Goshaw, Southfield, and Mark Hill, Harrison Township.

Wayne County candidates: Executive - Paul Woolum, Melvindale.

12th District commissioner - Karin Corliss, Westland.

Contacts: John Robertson, Oakland County chairman, 248/745-6225. Lorna Tate, Oakland County secretary, voice mail 248/740-8411.

We're having some discussion so as not to step on each other's toes."

She's in her first political activity because she is "fed up ... tired of seeing all the waste. Any time I voted, it seemed like nothing happened."

Libertarians are against big government. On economics and school policy, they sound like conservative Republicans. On civil rights, they sound like liberal Democrats. "I'm pro-choice on everything!" proclaims one of their bumper stickers.

Here are Libertarian candidates for state offices:

State Board of Education - Diane Barnes, Eastpointe, and Jon Coon, Southgate.

University of Michigan regent - Bill Hall, Rockford, and James Montgomery, Ann Arbor.

Michigan State University trustee - Barbara Goshaw, Southfield, and Mark Hill, Harrison Township.

Wayne County candidates: Executive - Paul Woolum, Melvindale.

12th District commissioner - Karin Corliss, Westland.

13th District (held by Lynn Rivers, D) - Dean Hutrya, Southgate.

14th District (held by John Conyers, D) - Mike Freyman, Garden City.

And the legislative lineup: 6th Senate (held by George Hart, D) - Erich Trager, Garden City.

9th Senate (held by Bob Geake, R) - David Nagy, Canton.

16th House (held by Bob Brown, D) - Kerry Smith, Dearborn Heights.

17th House (held by Tom Kelly, D) - Robert Irwin, Inkster.

18th House (held by Eileen DeHart, D) - Michael Corliss, Westland.

19th House (held by Lyn Bankes, R) - John Tatar, Livonia.

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Some area voters to decide SMART millage

Voters in Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Westland can expect to see an Aug. 4 ballot proposal asking for approval of a millage to finance the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

Wayne County commissioners may approve next Thursday a resolution outlining the ballot proposal to seek renewal of 1/3rd of a mill for four years. It is expected to be discussed again Tuesday by the commission's Committee on Ways and Means, where the resolution has remained for several weeks.

Rick Kaufman, SMART's general manager, was annoyed by the recent actions of Detroit county commissioners to seek a merger between SMART and Detroit Department of Transportation.

"SMART has exceeded many of the promises that were made to the communities with increased ridership, how we're getting rid of the deficit and improved community service," Kaufman said. "I would be much more pleased to spend time getting this information out to the communities."

Kaufman said the SMART board of directors opposes such a merger, particularly picking up routes that waste tax money with low ridership.

"The SMART board will not do anything to lower the quantity or quality of service to our riders," Kaufman said.

Committee Chairman George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, believes transportation should be recognized as a complete system.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said such a merger would be difficult and would "take time" to successfully achieve.

"It's hard to put them together and have equity in funding," Beard said.

The differences in the size of the two systems and routes also hinder any merger efforts, Beard said.

"Sometimes people have to take several steps to get to work," Beard said. "Sometimes they take three or four buses to get there, and if they're late, they're fired."

"If they're taking three or four buses, they really want to work. It is not an easy problem to solve."

Beard supports the SMART millage. "There are a lot of businesses that need it, and there are a lot of individuals that need it."

County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said he opposes placing SMART on the ballot, but added he will fight efforts by Detroiters to merge the Detroit Department of Transportation and SMART.

DDOT operates out of the city of Detroit's general fund from property taxes from its residents, while SMART runs on a designated property tax millage.

"In my world, a bus service would operate on the revenue it takes in," McCotter said.

Kaufman said Monday that regardless of what the Wayne County Commission does, the only legal authority to place the proposal on the ballot is the Wayne County Transit Authority, and they approved a ballot proposal last month in a resolution. Kaufman is also a former Wayne County circuit judge.

Finance Committee to discuss the Supermajority ballot proposal expected on the Aug. 4 ballot in Wayne County.

The proposal calls for future county ballot proposals with tax increases to obtain 2/3rds support from the Wayne County Commission and a 60 percent backing from voters before a tax increase is effective. McCotter and Patterson introduced an original ballot resolution last year, which was later re-introduced by Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor, and approved by commissioners last month.

McCotter said the two commissioners were invited to discuss the proposal because Lansing lawmakers were considering, once again, a similar proposal.

Patterson told the Senate committee he was convinced that his constituents pay too much in taxes and are angry and fed up. "They feel that way about taxes

paid to the federal, state, county and local governments for the services they receive," Patterson said.

The ballot proposal could restore people's belief that government is "their government."

"If a tax is needed for a legitimate reason, the people will support it," Patterson said. "However, the politicians wanting to redistribute the wealth created by others, (that is) the taxpayers of Michigan, won't be able to do it without making a solid case."

Vice Chair Beard supported placing the Supermajority proposal on the ballot, but she personally will vote against the proposal at the polls.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Dearborn Heights, supported placing the issue before voters.

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Rescue mission

Neighbors praised for actions

It didn't take a single-engine plane tumbling out of the sky to make residents on Avon Street good neighbors. It just took the fiery April 19 crash - in which a pilot and passenger were rescued by residents and Canton EMS crews - for the rest of us to notice.

That's just the way things work in the news business and often in the suburban communities covered by the Observer, too. Former TV anchor Mort Crim, in a speech to the Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries last week, was correct when he said the nature of news is to focus on the unusual, which is often negative. To paraphrase Crim, the plane that lands safely isn't news.

Neither, usually, is a neighborhood like Nottingham Forest. That changed, of course, with the crash and its aftermath, which played out over the better part of last week as newspapers and television stations documented the heroics of residents like Bob and Michelle Loveland, who along with neighbors pulled flight instructor Philip Kahler to safety and tried to lift the Cessna 150's wing to free the other victim, student pilot Malcolm Stinson of Canton.

When the plane caught fire, other neighbors raced to the scene with garden hoses in the minutes before Canton police and firefighters arrived on the scene. Police officer Andy Kurry and firefighters Mike Caruso and Greg Kowalaki were also instrumental in the rescue.

Stinson, who is in a coma, and Kahler, with less serious injuries, were still hospitalized

The Observer offers a public thank you and an acknowledgment that values and character help shape a neighborhood at least as much as bricks and vinyl siding.

early this week.

Meanwhile, residents tried to deflect some of the credit for saving the two men, praising Stinson for what they believe was a conscious effort to avoid homes and cars parked on the street.

They may not think so, but the residents of Avon Street deserve to be singled out for their quick actions. Neighbors who may rarely see each other over the course of a busy week came together during a traumatic moment, refused to panic and undoubtedly helped prevent a tragedy from becoming something worse.

While Avon Street residents are probably no different from those in dozens of Canton subdivisions, the Observer offers a public thank you and an acknowledgment that values and character help shape a neighborhood at least as much as bricks and vinyl siding.

Credit, too, goes to the Canton public safety department, which responded within one minute (for police) and three minutes (firefighters) of receiving the 911 call, according to department dispatch records. The fact that they are trained to handle such situations certainly doesn't exclude them from praise for a job well done.

Writing skills still relevant

OK, so it wasn't really a shock. More of a personal disappointment, really. We speak of the general lack of interest in journalism during a recent career day at an area middle school. After all, the post-Watergate career boost is more than a generation behind us and those who work in the print and broadcast media have come in for a fair share of criticism in recent years for the way news is covered.

Perceptions, as poor as they may be, are easier to dispute than numbers that show intense competition and shrinking demand for journalists and people in related fields. Only about 350,000 people held such jobs in the U.S. as of two years ago, according to "Jobs '97," a career guide published by Simon & Schuster. Of those, 59,000 people were working journalists at newspapers and 16,000 in radio, TV and wire service jobs.

Fortunately, that's only half the story here. The jobs may not be in demand, but the skills still are. The ability to communicate clearly and in concise fashion - using the written word, on paper or electronically - will always be at the top of employers' wish lists.

That's why we hesitate when we see some school districts reducing core requirements for high school graduation, particularly English and composition courses. The push in recent years has been to leave in place or even boost math and science requirements to compete in a global marketplace. Administrators are reluctant to tamper with popular electives and so traditional liberal arts courses, including English, are sometimes dropped or just not emphasized as part of a well-rounded education. Doubters might want to check MEAP reading scores, which lag behind the recent gains made in science and math.

This strikes us as a case of educators rob-

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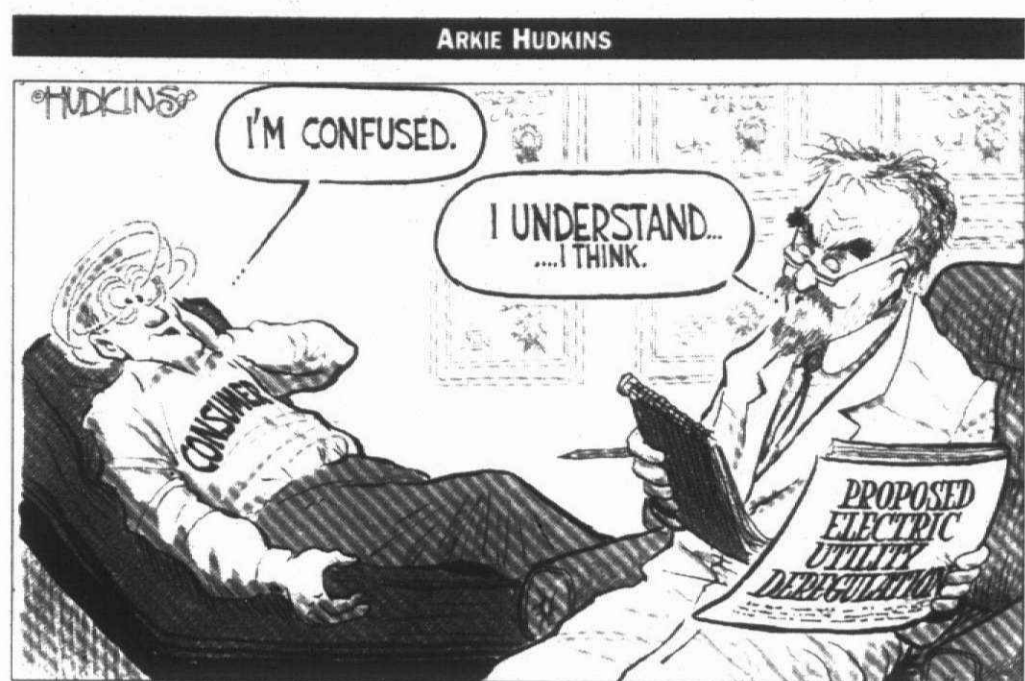
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Think about it. Is there even one desirable job or career path where good writing skills aren't essential? "Jobs '97" lists fields expected to experience solid growth between now and 2005, including: clerical work and administrative assistants, some health care professions, teaching, technology, agriculture and the energy industry.

In addition to typical fields, an article in Working Woman magazine on top career choices in the 1990s included these interesting jobs: cross-cultural trainer (someone who helps American business people translate the manners, mores and business practices in foreign countries); diversity manager (ensuring that workers with varying backgrounds are recruited and promoted); mature marketer (a marketing specialist to help companies tap into the exploding over-50 age demographic).

Most of these jobs require at least some post-secondary education and all feature a heavy reliance on communication skills - from providing written directions, to understanding the capabilities of computer software to navigating legal guidelines.

The message here is that computer programming and other technical training should be an adjunct to English composition, not a replacement for it. You may not be working at a newspaper in the 21st century, but you'd better know how to write a memo!



LETTERS

Where's the research?

Did the Observer, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the American College of Physicians do any research of more than two weeks when they came up with their conclusion that Right to Carry laws are a hazard to lives and safety of our citizens? (Editorial Page, April 2.)

Thirty-one states have Right to Carry laws and have not reported a single permit holder being involved in a violent crime.

Take Glenn White, president of the Dallas Police Association, who noted, "I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn't happened. All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it has turned out well. And that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I am a convert."

Harris County District Attorney John Holmes has admitted he's "eating a lot of crow on this issue."

They found that the Right to Carry laws save lives and reduce threats that citizens face from rape, robbery and assault. Criminals tend to attack the weak, and guns are a deterrent to attack.

It's time that the honest citizens of Michigan were trusted to exercise their fundamental right to self defense.

Vincent Manderachia
Plymouth

Bad Frog a bad idea

It is with great concern that I write this letter pertaining to the recent 4-3 vote by the planning commission to allow Bad Frog Tavern to build on Michigan Avenue in our township.

It is clear to me that our community does not need this degrading business. This is a serious issue that each voter on the township board is facing. Each will be asking themselves questions such as: "Is this a business our community can be proud of? Does it add to or take away from the atmosphere of our community? Is this in the value system of our community and its families?"

It is hard to believe that a business with the logo of a frog giving an obscene gesture to the people in our community and our families with children passing by is an enhancement. This does not make sense and is a significant problem that contributes to the deterioration of our society.

This garbage pit of a business will be giving buttage out with their frog giving the finger to help market their establishment. The people of Canton will not sit on their hands as this is proposed.

Also, as stated in the Canton Observer, the Bad Frog Tavern will have off-color names for

entrees on the menu, and to order another beverage, the customer may raise his or her middle finger. How can a person that is in favor of a healthy community with healthy families vote for this sick attitude in a business?

I know there are those that believe we have no choice because if it's not approved they might sue the township. Well, there comes a time in life when you have to stand up and be counted for what is right and fight for it.

Let's not have the Bad Frog Tavern with a bad idea bring their bad attitude into a good community that is growing in a healthy fashion.

I ask the township officials to vote for what they know in their hearts is right and suitable for Canton's families and their children.

E. Wayne Byrum
Canton

Nativity scene needed

Well, another Christmas has come and gone in Canton Township without any visible sign of our Christian heritage in America.

I have spoken to some of the Canton government officials in the past regarding a nativity display for Canton - to no avail. Is there anyone out there - individual, church, or group - willing to "take the ball and run with it?"

I am proud of the multicultural residency in our community, but that should not deter us from celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Our government closes down for this great Christian holiday. Just what are we celebrating? It seems to me the question we should be asking is not "Is there a Santa Claus?" but "Is there a Christmas?"

Barb Schmid
Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Graduating 'senior' goes out with abundance of class

Remember Dustin Hoffman's character in "The Graduate" film being told to go into plastics for a successful future?

The magic word in the 1990s is "computers."

This educational talk is geared to my picking up my cap and gown this month to prepare for my May 2 graduation from Schoolcraft College.

Readers may conjure up an image of a young adult clasping a diploma in hand and a job resume and cover letters in a jacket pocket.

That's far from my reality.

Before I enrolled in my first Schoolcraft class nearly three years ago, the last encounter I had with a classroom was in the summer of 1957 when I completed a political science class, in municipal government, in Wayne University's Old Main building.

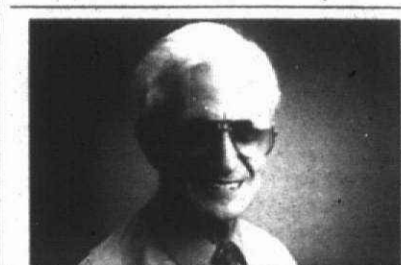
That was so long ago that Wayne was still a city university run by the

Detroit Board of Education. A year or two later, it became part of the state university system.

If I stayed with my first educational plan, I would have received a bachelor's degree in 1958 - 40 years ago.

The upcoming Schoolcraft graduation comes shortly after my 62nd birthday - a year when I am eligible to apply for Social Security benefits and 2½ years after I could withdraw money from my Individual Retirement Account.

As with most seniors, either in high school or college, I have vivid memories of my Schoolcraft experience, which meant taking one night class a term until I accumulated the 20 credit hours required for an associate degree in general studies. Fortunately, Schoolcraft accepted my 40 credit hours from Wayne to give me a total of 60 - or halfway toward a bachelor's degree.



LEONARD POGER

I recall the classes in the freshman year, courses in computer information system, psychology, speech, physical geography, business math and introduction to business, which ends this month.

That supplements the Wayne transcript of many English, political science and journalism classes from 1954 to 1957.

In my Schoolcraft classes, I wasn't

surprised or upset to realize in my first class day that I was - by far the oldest in the room - including the instructor.

While many complain about the soaring cost of college education, I handled the problem easily by merely qualifying for a senior citizens' 50 percent tuition discount.

But I did return some of that money, or \$3.50, to the college this month when I bought a blue and gold tassel to hang from my car's rear-view mirror: I didn't have a chance to do that when I graduated from Detroit Central High School in 1954 because no one in my family had a car.

What will I do with my associate degree and my dean's list academic honors?

Certainly I won't have the same anxieties of my fellow graduates who are seeking new jobs or applying for a job promotion. With three years to my

planned retirement, I have other priorities. One possibility is a pursuing a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Why did I return to college in the fall of 1995 after 38 years?

It was the time that my youngest daughter was graduated by Michigan State University with high honors and my oldest daughter serving as a co-op student with IBM midway through her senior year at the University of Michigan. I managed to fit in my job and families commitments into a new class/homework routine.

If you're at the May 2 Schoolcraft commencement, I should be easy to spot. I'm the one with the head of gray hair and a big smile.

Leonard Poger, longtime Observer Newspapers' community editor, may be e-mailed at lpoger@oe.homecomm.net

Minority rights, business growth at odds

Threats to the business and jobs include:

High taxes.

Lawsuits against "deep pockets."

Aggressive unionism.

Civil rights.

Civil rights? Yep. That's the latest phenomenon that businesses - or "job providers," as they prefer to be called - are citing as an impediment to economic growth. State officials, such as Russ Harding of the Department of Environmental Quality, agree.

The news from Washington is that President Bill Clinton intends to adopt a proposal from his Environmental Protection Agency to enforce title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Target is "environmental racism," where minority communities seem to become unwilling hosts to industries that pollute.

Business seems to fear it will have to jump through more hoops in order

to get EPA permits for such things as an asphalt plant in Belleville, landfill gas processing in Canton, storage tanks everywhere, a paint shop in Flat Rock, paint manufacturing and auto fiber glass operations in Westland, even hospital boilers in Pontiac.

The topic came up at last week's executive committee meeting of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. SEMCOG adherents are big on stopping "urban sprawl," the eating up of rural greenfields and the abandoning of older cities.

Some sacred goals seem to be in conflict. No patriotic, sensitive American wants to dump pollution on minorities - right? But we also want to see redevelopment in older, minority areas so they can have jobs and tax base - right?

Said Wayne Probate Judge Milton Mack: "I don't think it (stifling of growth) is an unintended consequence" of EPA's civil rights stance.

Said Jeddy Hood, West Bloomfield Township supervisor: "It will discourage modifications even if (industry) cleans up."

Said Dante Lanzetta, Birmingham council member: "There's going to be a balancing act... You don't write off one end of the spectrum."

Said John Cronin, a Brownstown Township trustee: "It's a typical Clinton tactic: Use an executive order to thwart the will of Congress."

In other words, three out of four say we can protect minorities and still have economic growth.

What we've been hearing on National Public Radio now is coming home to southeastern Michigan. NPR has given a lot of time to the Louisiana story about a minority community that fought the location of a uranium enrichment plant. I drove through the general area in fall of 1996, utterly amazed at all the chemical plants in the bayou country. I

understood both sides' concern but didn't dream the conflict would come to my neck of the American woods.

The latest word is that the industry has given up after spending \$30 million fighting charges of environmental racism. That is the kind of case you hear about.

But what about the cases you don't hear about? What about the companies, usually small, that say, "Phooey, we're not going to put up with that kind of grief. We're not going to file all the paperwork with EPA and DEQ. We're not going to be subjected to angry shouts from activists who don't have market forces to face. We'll just quietly go someplace else and not subject ourselves to this."

Our SEMCOG leaders think it's possible to achieve a balancing act between racial sensitivity and economic growth. They probably are right. The problem, however, is business' perception. Will a company plan-



TIM RICHARD

ning a multibillion or even billion-dollar investment perceive that the grief, the nagging, the invasive it may encounter isn't worth the expenditure of time it would take to get an EPA permit in southeastern Michigan?

The dilemma - treating minorities decently and achieving economic growth - is an enormous one. Yes, the conflicting goals can be resolved, but only if business perceives that government acts promptly in the permitting process.

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Universities should heed results of proficiency tests

Thousands of high school juniors are taking the newly revised Michigan high school proficiency test this spring.

Last year's version was heavily criticized. Too long (took something like 11 hours). Too negative (who wants to be judged "not yet novice?"). Too pointless (why take the test when nobody looks at the results?).

Some parents started signing waivers exempting their kids from taking the test. In fact, according to Rep. Sharon Gire, who held hearings around the state on the MHSPT, "There was kind of a panicked reaction going on. It's quite likely the test could have been eliminated."

That would have been a disaster in the struggle for school reform. Contrary to the ideologues' relentless search for some silver bullet, the only proven way to improve student performance is to define clearly what pupils are expected to learn, assess what in fact they do learn and then make mid-course corrections.

The proficiency test is a key part in this process. Fortunately, sanity prevailed. With solid bipartisan support, the Legislature adopted a series of changes in the MEAP high school tests. The tests were shortened. They were moved to the end of the junior year. The old scoring system was changed, although the State Board of Education has yet to make up its mind about the exact terms to characterize performance.

So can we rest easy? Far from it. A lot of people are still griping about the tests. Students ask why go to the bother when they're passing all their classes and going to graduate. Parents worry their kid's poor score in the MEAP high school tests will undo good grades or a high score on the SAT or ACT in getting into a good college.

Worse, the institutions that stand to benefit most from universal use of the high school proficiency test - employers and universities - are paying little attention to the results of the test in hiring or admissions decisions.

Jim Sandy, executive director of the Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence, a group organized through the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, is having a tough go in persuading companies to check job applicants for their MEAP high school test results.

Maybe it's because the tests are relatively new. Maybe it's because the implications of the tests for job performance are not yet clearly understood. But it was complaints from the business community that new entrants to the



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job market were poorly prepared that originally provoked the demand for school improvement. For business to ignore what it helped create is silly and short-sighted.

Just as culpable are the state's colleges and universities that so far have resolutely refused to take MEAP high school test results into consideration in admissions decisions.

"How come?" I asked University of Michigan Admissions Director Ted Spencer.

"Unlike the SAT or the ACT, this test was not designed to predict success in college," Spencer explained. Not only that, but "the test comes at the wrong time of the year to help us in making admission decisions."

I understand that Gov. John Engler met last month with the presidents of Michigan's public universities and asked them at least to take a look at the MHSPT results in admissions. He got turned down.

University presidents whine continually about poor high school preparation given their incoming students. They should get with the program and start asking their admissions officers at least to take MHSPT results into consideration or quit complaining.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Will the Red Wings go the distance and repeat as Stanley Cup champions?



"Yes, I think they will. I wish them my best."
Jim Madsen
Canton



"I'm not a Red Wing fan. I don't really care. It doesn't control me."
Don Mann
Plymouth



"They'll go the distance."
Russ Danielson
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"I moved here a year ago from Florida. All I've heard about is the Red Wings. There's got to be something more interesting."
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Area residents are promoted at Madonna

Betty Jean Hebel of Farmington Hills and Neal Haldane of Livonia are among six full-time faculty members at Madonna University to receive promotions for the 1998-99 academic year.

Marilynn Goering of Northville is one of four adjunct faculty members earning promotions for the same year.

Hebel has been promoted to professor in the department of management and marketing, while Haldane has been promoted to associate professor in the department of English and communication arts.

Both earned doctorates at Wayne State University.

Goering, who holds a master's degree from Central Michigan University, was promoted to adjunct assistant professor in the department of gerontology.

Other full-time faculty members earning promotions are D. Lynn Kelley of Detroit, Bess Kyros of Grosse Pointe Woods, Afif Jawad of Dearborn and William McMillan of Novi.

Kelley has been named professor in the computer and quantitative systems department.

Kyros, who is director of early childhood/child development, was promoted to education professor.

Gaining associate professorships are Jawad in physics and McMillan in computer information systems.

Other adjunct faculty members being promoted are Lisa Gustafson of Commerce Township, Thaddeus Nowak of Novi and Catherine Johnstone of Detroit.

Gustafson is an adjunct assistant professor in the nursing department. She earned her master's in nursing at Wayne State.

Nowak, who has a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan, was made adjunct assistant professor in accounting and finance.

Johnstone was promoted to adjunct instructor in English and communication arts.

Groundbreaking tops Rouge events

Ground will be broken for a new Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn on May 22, in conjunction with several other events celebrating environmental awareness in the Rouge River watershed.

The Environmental Interpretive Center, a collaboration of UM-Dearborn and Wayne County, will allow the campus to expand its environmental education programming, which currently serves 30,000 people per year.

The project's cost is estimated at \$3.5 million with 75 percent paid for by state appropriations. Wayne County awarded UM-D \$500,000 to support construction and programming and has entered a long-term collaboration with the university for environmental programming in the Rouge River watershed. The Ford Motor

Co. Fund also has awarded \$250,000 for the project.

Construction of the "environmentally responsible" 12,900-square-foot facility, designed by Luckenbach/Ziegelman Architects, will begin later this year, with completion scheduled for next spring.

"This new facility, like the activities scheduled for our campus on May 22, is a sign of one of the great strengths of our campus, that is our ability to work together with other institutions and agencies in the region to make progress on important community goals," said James Renick, UM-D chancellor.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the collaboration reflects the county's commitment to environmental issues. "The activities of the center will enhance the county's environmental programs and increase recreation-

al and educational opportunities for the citizens of Wayne County."

In addition to the groundbreaking ceremony, the campus will host the annual Rouge 2000 legislative and community briefing on May 22, featuring presentations by McNamara, Rep. John Dingell, policymakers from state, county and local governments, and representatives of community environmental groups and other institutions in the Rouge River watershed.

Topics covered at the meeting will include using the Rouge River as a model for sustainable development, potential recreational and economic development in the region, and a discussion of "Grassroots Initiatives that Work."

The program will conclude with the Rouge Rescue '98 Rally, organized by the

Friends of the Rouge, a community-based group that has involved thousands of volunteers in clean-up activities on the river and in its watershed for the last decade.

UM-Dearborn's campus includes more than 70 relatively undisturbed acres along the Rouge River, adjacent to 200 acres belonging to Wayne County.

"This area represents a significant island of greenery in one of the largest industrialized areas in North America," said Orin Gelderloos, UM-D's biology professor.

Gelderloos, director of the campus's Natural Areas, has taught numerous classes and workshops on the biological diversity of the Rouge River watershed and on the scientific and political concerns involved in addressing environmental issues.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Therapists help to clear emotional air

I heard a story recently about a single mom who was living from paycheck to paycheck. She had just enough money to pay her rent and buy food.

One day, as she was venting her frustrations to the grocery clerk, she said she was tired of having her kids sleep on the floor because she couldn't find anyone who would donate a bunk bed to her.

When the cashier suggested she consider joining a church where she could get to know other people and eventually be comfortable sharing her needs with them, she dismissed the idea with, "I could never do that, because then they'd start to know my business and eventually find out about who I was and what I did in the past and then they'd judge me for it."

She went on to say, "It's just like going to one of them psychologist-counselor types. They drum up everything from your past and then nail you with it later. I don't need nobody knowing that I was molested and abandoned. Today is all I need to worry about."

If you were thinking that the point of this story was to show how we sometimes cut off our nose to spite our face by dismissing a good suggestion because of fears, you'd be wrong. It was the therapist in me that ranted.

Think of the hundreds of thousands of people who think like that about therapy. As a client once said, "Going to my last therapist made me feel ashamed that I couldn't cope with my life."

What's the purpose?

So the purpose of therapy is ...? The role of the therapist or counselor or psychologist or social worker isn't limited to shaking or nodding their head and saying, "Tell me more." They can be instrumental in helping the client gain some insights, or ah-hahs, into themselves.

Sometimes they provide their client with a reality check as in "Sounds like it was reasonable for you to be disappointed when your dad broke that promise. How'd you feel when he told you to 'get over it?'"

Therapists can also provide you with a friendly kick to move you off dead center, like the wife who complained that her husband never arrived home on time for dinner, so she sat waiting to eat. The therapist might have helped her see a way to plan her evening assuming he won't be there, instead of waiting and fuming.

Therapy can also help the client empty out their emotional "trash can" (i.e., baggage) that has festered and burned inside of them for years. It's something like peeling an onion. You feel better and better the more you peel - the more you talk it through.

So many of us have a trash can filled to the brim with feelings and traumas that we choose not to think about. It is far easier to numb them out with food, work, TV, alcohol, cigarettes, temper, gambling, sex or any number of unproductive measures.

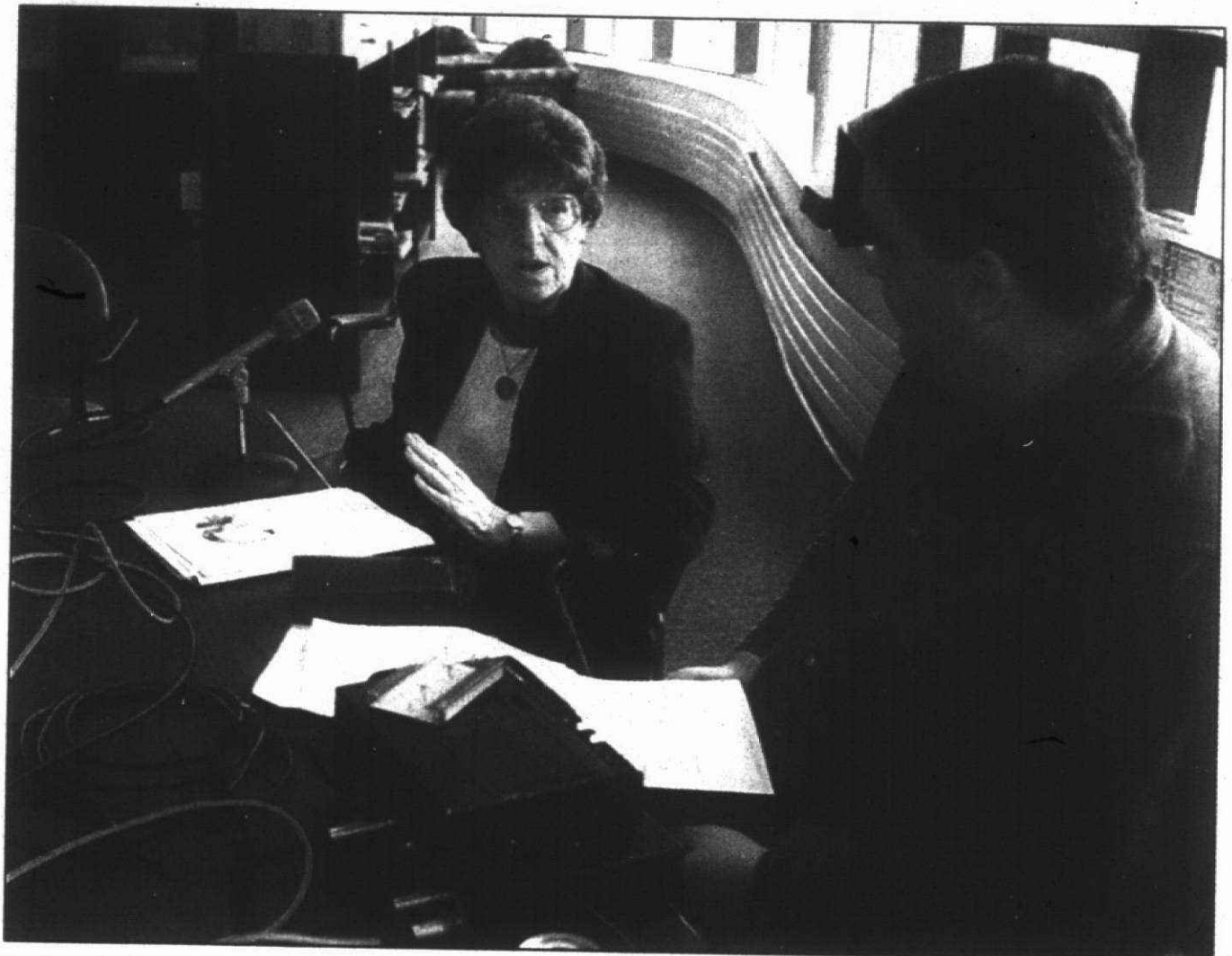
Couples can benefit from marital counseling when their marriage becomes rocky. They learn new techniques to push down the walls of resentment that have built up over the years. They also learn that when they make assumptions about their spouse and the relationship (a common dilemma), it causes them more hardship than necessary.

Kids love it, too

Children love coming into therapy with their parents because they have a safe forum to tell an outsider the way they see it. They are rarely without an opinion.

I remember working with an 11-year-old and his mom one time when the 11-year-old explained how it made him feel when his mom humiliated him in front of his friends about

Please see SENSORS, B2



On the air: It may be the Plymouth Canton High School radio station, but the WSDP station manager has added a touch of maturity to the lineup with Betty Smith's "Lemonade," a collection of interviews, jazz sounds and communit: calendar information that airs on Wednesday mornings.

Making 'Lemonade'

Senior finds niche on local radio station

■ Betty Smith is a bit older and a bit wiser and glad to be making "Lemonade." It's an odd mix, considering Plymouth Canton High School's WSDP radio station has Smith, a senior citizen, doing a half-hour radio show.

Plymouth senior citizen Betty Smith never thought she would hear her voice over radio airwaves again.

While in her 20s, Smith was a host of a radio program on Traverse City's WTCM, but she gave it up to work for advertising agencies in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Now decades later, listeners throughout the Plymouth-Canton area are hearing her thoughts on life as a senior on "Lemonade," her radio show which airs at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays on Plymouth Canton High School's radio station WSDP-FM (88.1).

"You think part of your life is over and all of a sudden it popped up again," Smith said.

During the 30-minute program, Smith incorporates a community calendar, interviews and jazz music. It is taped at 2 p.m. Thursdays at

the Summit on the Park in Canton and airs prior to WSDP's big band show, "Somewhere in Time."

A high school radio station seems like an unlikely home for the show, but station manager Bill Keith said it was created due to overwhelming demand.

"I thought of it in December," he said. "We have another show called 'Somewhere in Time' that's syndicated. The hosts live in Bloomfield Hills. They did a special appearance at the Summit and we got a really good response."

"When I was sitting there through the presentation, I thought it would be neat to come up with a show hosted by a senior because they're an enthusiastic group."

Smith was recommended as a host by Diane Niehengen, coordinator of the senior program at the Summit,

because of her radio background. While in her 20s, Smith hosted a radio program on WTCM in Traverse City. She also wrote a weekly column about Northwestern Michigan University for the Traverse City Record-Eagle.

"It was a talk show; I talked about things happening at the college to try to encourage kids to go to the college," Smith explained.

Her career in radio lasted less than two years. From there she worked for advertising agencies in Ann Arbor and Detroit and did public relations work for political candidates.

Keith's initial plan was to air the show once a month but that wasn't enough for Smith.

"Betty started planning so many shows; she took the ball and ran with it," Keith said with a laugh.

Smith, who splits time between her Plymouth condominium and her son's Canton home, dubbed the show "Lemonade" after an old adage.

"When life hands you lemons, you make lemonade," she said with a smile.

The show, she explained, gives seniors something "other than death to look forward to."

Topics on "Lemonade" have included Tai Chi, the Summit's shuttle bus, the Canton Senior Center's book discussion group, Greenfield Village events and storytellers. "Betty's dream is to have Bo Schembechler as a guest," Keith said as Smith smiled.

Producing "Lemonade" has been a learning experience for Keith, a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

"It's pretty unique and pretty different," he said. "It's a lot of fun. It's something I enjoy doing, coming in and listening to what the guests have to say. Betty's a jazz aficionado and it's nice being exposed to different kinds of jazz."

A jazz pianist who played "(Dave) Brubeck kind of stuff," Smith said she is enjoying her return to radio.

"It's nice to meet people and hear the responses that I'm getting," Smith said. "People are very enthusiastic and very supportive. I couldn't ask for anything better."

Arbor Hospice puts help where it's needed



Making plans: Fine tuning the Arbor Hospice's bereavement programs are bereavement group "graduate" Denise Luckow (left) of Livonia, program volunteer Penny Junk of Northville, director of bereavement programs Cathy Clough of Plymouth and Sally Dunning, director of children's services.

As Cathy Clough sees it, you need to look beyond the Arbor in Arbor Hospice to see the community-based services it provides in a five-county area.

The Plymouth resident rattles off a list of bereavement services available in and around Plymouth-Canton like a run of letters in the alphabet - Starting Over, Suicide Loss, Care-ousel, New Pathways - groups that are age- and need-specific for those who grieve.

"Our offices are located in Ann Arbor, but we've served this community since the beginning," said Clough. "If someone calls us looking for a specific type of grief support group, chances are good that Arbor Hospice offers it. If we don't, we help them find a group to meet their needs."

Arbor Hospice provides "comfort, assurance and care to families and patients who have life-limiting illnesses" in Washtenaw County and portions of Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Lenawee and Monroe counties.

Its offices, new 30-bed Arbor Hospice Residence and Care-ousel care program for children are based at 3810 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. It also maintains an office Downriver at 7445 Allen Road, Allen Park, and provides its bereavement services out of Arbor Center, 200 N. Center St., Northville.

The Arbor Center opened in March 1997 to serve as a support center for bereaved children, teens and adults. It offers a lending library and other resources, serves as an educational and drop-in center and provides on-site counseling.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary is holding an all you can eat pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 3, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

ETIQUETTE PROGRAM
 Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12 have the opportunity to learn the fine art of being ladies and gentlemen at a special "Etiquette with Style" event for the refinement of cultural skills, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, at the Ritz-Carlton. The program includes personal instruction and participation in introductions and social correspondence, proper table manners and table settings, hotel manners and communication savvy. The students will also receive a tour of the hotel, hands-on lessons with the hotel's pastry chef, a special Ritz-Carlton tote bag filled with a variety of gift items corresponding to each session of the program and a certificate of accomplishment. "Etiquette with Style" is \$125 per child. Each additional child from the same family is \$75. For reservations or additional information, call (313) 441-2100.

FISHING DERBY
 Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual "Kids Fishing Derby" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Heritage Park ponds. Boys and girls ages 15 and under may participate. The Heritage Park ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Fee is \$1 per child to be paid on day of the event. Advanced registration is required in person or by phone at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton 48188, or (734) 397-5110. Open registration the day of the event, space permitting. You may preregister for one-hour time period only. Registration is through Thursday, April 30. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant is responsible for his or her own equipment and bait. Arrive early, check-in ends 10 minutes after each scheduled hour.

AROUND TOWN

"KICKOFF PARTY"
 There will be a kickoff party for Lyn Bankes for Wayne County commissioner 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at the VFW Hall, Livonia Post 3941, 29155 Seven Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$25 per person. Direct reservations by May 1 to 427-1949. If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, make checks payable to: Friends of Lyn Bankes, forward checks to Peg Sippola, 14444 Melvin, Livonia 48154. Corporate checks are not accepted.

GARAGE SALE
 Risen Christ Lutheran Church will hold the second annual Garage-Rummage-Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 7-8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one mile west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Table space is available or your items can be sold on commission. Donation of items also appreciated. Proceeds go to benefit the Building Expansion Fund. For more information or details, call the church office at (734) 453-5252.

GOLF TOURNAMENT
 The city of Ann Arbor Department of Parks & Recreation is now taking registrations for its annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 17. The shotgun start begins at 8 a.m. at Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Road in Ann Arbor. Play is open to all golfers, stroke play and no handicaps. Each player would like to hear from you. They are again trying to organize a handbell choir for Plymouth and the surrounding communities to take part and march in the parade. All ages are invited. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Fran Loiselle at (313) 459-4263.

LOIYALTY DAY
 The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post No. 6695 is sponsoring the 21st annual Loyalty Day at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the VFW Post No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The following will be presented: Community Service Awards, Bowthorn Check to Northwest Association for the Mentally Retarded Citizens, Patriotic Art, and Poster Contest Winners. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Alice Fisher at 728-7619.

HANDBELL RINGERS
 If you are a handbell ringer and/or director and would like to be a part of the 1998 Plymouth July 4th Parade, organizers would like to hear from you. They are again trying to organize a handbell choir for Plymouth and the surrounding communities to take part and march in the parade. All ages are invited. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Fran Loiselle at (313) 459-4263.

ARTS FESTIVAL
 The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present a Festival of India through May 3. The basis of the celebration will be an exhibit of the works of Toofan Rafai, a native Indian artist and collage artist. The festival also will include programs of dance, music, film, architecture and food. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call the arts council for more information, 416-4ART.

VARIETY SHOW
 The Plymouth Salem Rockettes Pompon will hold their annual "Variety Show" featuring the "Rockette Review Disco Divas" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, at Plymouth Salem High School. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

RAFFLE
 There will be a 1998 Hospice Raffle benefiting Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. hosted by the Canton Newcomers and sponsored by Canton Community Foundation. The raffle will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Sunflower Clubhouse. Tickets are on sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays

Group prepares for Las Vegas ride

Helping find a cure for Leukemia and cycling 100 miles is two challenges a group of area professionals are willing to meet. The Century Cycle Tour (100 miles) will take place June 7 around Lake Tahoe, Nev. For that day of cycling, students, engineers, lawyers, teachers, doctors, buyers and real estate appraisers will don biking gear for a grueling 100 mile in one day bicycle ride through the mountainous terrain surrounding Lake Tahoe.



Ready to ride: Area participants in the Century Cycle Tour to fight Leukemia take a break from training for the June 7 event.

These dedicated cyclists are members of the Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training. Team in Training began in 1992 with the Leukemia Society preparing volunteers to run a marathon. They added cycling in 1996.

The team trains by mounting their bikes to a stationary device that allow them to pedal in place. An instructor leads the group through a video that pushes them to different levels for an hour. The groups meet twice during the week and once every other week-5765.

Those wishing to purchase tickets to attend the fund-raiser or donate items to support this event should contact Johnson at (734) 416-5765.

at the following locations: Plymouth Kroger, May 2; Canton Kroger on Sheldon, May 2; Canton Kroger on Canton Center, May 2. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Maureen at 397-3924 or Laura at 453-1533.

ADULT SOCCER
 The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for its Men's Over 30 Soccer League. For more information, call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

ART RENTAL
 The Art Rental Gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council will conduct a sale of some of its inventory 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday during the month of May. This is a rare opportunity to purchase some fine original and reproduction framed art at very reasonable prices. Rental fees are just \$6 per month for most pictures and \$2 for very small ones. It is not necessary to be a member of the Arts Council or a Plymouth resident to rent pictures. The sale will enable the gallery to purchase some new art works for its ever-changing collection. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth.

SPEAKERS NEEDED
 Arbor Hospice will offer speaker's training 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. Speakers will be assigned to engagements in South Lyon, Novi, Farmington Hills and Southfield areas. If you have experienced hospice or grieved the loss of a loved one and wish to educate the public on "What is Hospice?" or "Issues Surrounding Bereavement," contact Cathy Clough at the Northville Arbor Center at (248) 348-4980.

WSPD AUCTION
 WSPD will hold an auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9. During this time, WSPD will broadcast the auction on 88.1FM and simulcast on Media One. WSPD auction volunteers will be visiting businesses through the middle of April. All donations to WSPD are tax-deductible. Businesses interested in donating should contact the station at 416-7731.

YMCA
 The Plymouth YMCA is taking registration for Spring T-ball, Coach Pitch, Youth Softball League and Spring Soccer League. Other programs being offered are preschool sport classes, Aerobics, Camp Tonquish, Camp Jelly-beanz and much more. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for registration or for more information.

GOLF LEAGUE
 The "Sundowners I" women's golf league has openings for play at 5:15 p.m. Mondays at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth. Golf runs 18 weeks. For more information, call Kathy Santos at (734) 453-5929.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
 Tutor Time, located at 951 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, is now enrolling ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Also, you can enroll now for the summer camp program for ages 6-10 years. For more information, contact Donna Pomerson at 981-8463.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION
 Registration for Kids Time School will be held Tuesday, May 12, at Allen, Bentley, Bird, Farrand, and Redden elementary schools; Wednesday, May 13, at Field, Fiegel, Gallimore, Hoben and Hulsting elementary schools; and

Thursday, May 14, at Labister, Miller, Tonda and Smith elementary schools. For more information, call (734) 420-7040.

OPEN HOUSES

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
 New Morning School will be holding an Open House for upper elementary students and their parents 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13. Openings exist for fall 1998 enrollment in the upper elementary program. Students visiting on May 13 will be paired with a New Morning School student as they participate in classroom activities. Parents will meet with executive director Elaine Yagiela for a tour of the facility, and a question and answer period. Registration is necessary for this open house event. Call (734) 420-3331.

St. Michael Christian School will hold an Open House at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Tour the facility and meet teachers, staff and parents. All welcome. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

SUPPORT GROUPS

COUNTERPOINT
 Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth, ages 10-17 and their families. All welcome. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

DOG JOG
 Plymouth Dog Jog '98 is set for Saturday, May 9, in Kellogg Park. Registration is at noon, followed by the Dog Jog at 1:30 p.m. and "Dogmatics," the Dan Morris Canine Precision Drill Team at 2:30 p.m. Preregistration before May 1 is \$15 and on the day of the walk, \$20. All proceeds go to the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, which is presenting the special event. All participants will receive a limited edition "Dog Jog '98" T-shirt and will become eligible for prizes. All participating dogs will receive a designer bandana. Registration forms may be obtained at 9450 S. Main, Suite 101, Plymouth. Call Eric or Denise for more information, 459-7000.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT
 Plaza Lanes in Plymouth will sponsor a Youth 9-Pin Tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24. First-place trophies will be given in various age groups. The price is \$7 per youth bowler. Door prizes also will be available. For more information, call Plaza Lanes, 42081 Ann Arbor Road, at 453-4880.

CELIAC SPRUE
 For persons who have celiac sprue and dermatitis herpetiformis, their families and friends. Monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. For more information, call (248) 988-6996.

VOLUNTEER WORK
CANCER SOCIETY
 American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Please call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S
 The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
 Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings, which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

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Tee time Tournament benefits OLP Center

Pro golfers tee off in Futures tournament

More than 100 national and international women golfers will be teeing off at the Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti in June for the benefit of developmentally disabled women and children.

MEDHEALTH Wellness Center has teamed up with the Women's Futures Professional Golf Tour for the Futures Golf Classic June 10-14.

This is the second year that MEDHEALTH and affiliate sponsor Don Massey Cadillac will lead corporate and individual tournament sponsors and program participants in raising money for the Northville-based Our Lady of Providence Center.

The classic will begin with a silent auction/meet-the-pro party 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Dr., Dearborn.

Participants will get to mingle with the professional women golfers, eat at different food stations and bid on 50 auction items. There also will be entertainment. A live auction will close out the evening.

The pro-am tournament takes place Thursday, June 11, with two scrambles - 8 a.m. tee time with an afternoon lunch or 1:30 p.m. tee time followed by dinner and the awards banquet. For pro-am tournament player reservations and ticket information, call (734) 459-1800.

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NEW VOICES

Michael and Kortney McDermid of Wixom announce the birth of **Christian Michael** Jan. 13 at Providence Park's New Life Center, Novi. Grandparents are Karleen and Dennis Connolly of Redford and Marlene and Patrick Haggerty of Wixom. Great-grandparents are Loraine Peklo of Madison Heights, Leonard and Dorothy Pelko of Gaylanta, Mich., Mary Connolly of Detroit and Dellas and Katherine McDermid of Detroit.

Holly Browne of Redford announces the birth of **Bryan Adam** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Thomas and Sylvia Browne of Redford.

John and Robin DeJack of Wayne announce the birth of **Jack** March 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins two sisters, Brittny, 6, and Samantha, 3. Grandparents are Fred and Betty Williams of Garden City and Rose DeJack of Canton.

Kenneth and Georgina

Anthony of Wayne announce the birth of **Christina Jamie** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Paige Marie, 2. Grandparents are James and Monserrate Cotton and Kenneth and Sue Anthony, all of Westland.

Gary and Frances Nayh of Livonia announce the birth of **Brianna Frances, Brittany Irene and Beatrice Ellen** Feb. 9 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. They have a big brother, Robert. Grandparents are Irene Wiwigacz of Dearborn and the late Arnold Wiwigacz and the late Margaret and Stanley Nayh.

Jeffrey and Tina England of Redford announce the birth of **Marina Anne** Jan. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Robert James, 21 months.

Matthew and Kristie Ceci of Westland announce the birth of **Kyle Brendan** Jan. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Bradley, 2 1/2.

David and Kathleen Praedel of Redford announce the birth of **Andrea Mary** Jan. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sinead. Grandparents are Anna Victory of Redford and the late Patrick Victory, and Thomas Maloney of Ireland and the late Evelyn Maloney.

Patrick Hawkins and Regina Puchalska of Canton announce the birth of **Dominic Patrick Hawkins** Feb. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Amanda Hawkins, 18 months. Grandmother is Linda Veith.

Xun Li and Xiaomei Chen of Plymouth announce the birth of **one of Livonia** announce the birth of **Brona Evelyn** Feb. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sinead. Grandparents are Anna Victory of Redford and the late Patrick Victory, and Thomas Maloney of Ireland and the late Evelyn Maloney.

Stephen and Sheila Mal-

Kevin Dingcheng Li Feb. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Zhe Li and Xianan Fang of Shanghai, China, and Jiqi Chen and Luxue Lu of Nanjin, China.

Daniel and Sheri Thielemann of Canton announce the birth of **Austin Michael** Feb. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Matthew, 12, and a sister, Amanda, 5. Grandparents are Darryl and Genny Bartlett of Westland, Jim and Marlene Findley of Wayne and Norine Thielemann of Highland.

John and Karen Pepera of Westland announce the births of

Nicholas Edward and Nathan Mitchel Feb. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Harold and Dolores Michnal of Livonia and Michael and Annie Pepera of Detroit.

Clint Rajaniemi of Trenton and **Veronica Thuer** of Garden City announce the birth of **Rebecca Renee Rajaniemi** Feb. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Loraine Thuer of Garden City and Jim Rajaniemi of Trenton and Jim Rajaniemi of St. Helen.

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WEIGH DOWN

People interested in improving their relationship with food and God and lose weight can join the Weigh Down Workshop now meeting at 7 p.m. Mondays at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-7404.

NEW BEGINNING

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, with "Physical Effects of Grief," presented by Jeanne Hess, a registered nurse. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHASTITY SPEAKER

St. Damian Parish in Westland will present chastity speaker Pam Stenzel at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland. Stenzel will speak on "Sex Has a Price Tag." Pizza and pop will be served at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$2 for youth. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

FRIENDSHIP TEA

The Women's Ministry of Canton Community Church will host a Friendship Tea 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. The program will feature high tea, speaker Sheila King and a wedding dress fashion show. Admission is free. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 455-6022.

BANQUET

A mother/daughter banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Tickets cost \$8 for children 3-6 years old and \$10 for those 7 years and older. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings at the ticket booth between services. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1826.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a mother/daughter banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, in Gutherie Hall of the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-12 and under age 3 free for the catered meal and clowning around with clowns Bonnie Chrysler and her daughter. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

The Canton/Westland Chapter of Women's Aglow International will share songs and informal Bible study with the residents of

Twins Club holds semiannual sale

The Farmington Area Mothers of Twins will have the semi-annual Whale of a Sale 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the William Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

Purchase will be cash only and clothes for infants to adults, toys, baby equipment for the nursery and household items will be for sale. Several vendors also will be offering new items.

Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road, Westland, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9. Participants should meet in the activities room at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. John Bosco will have a Mother's Day pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at the church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 12 years and under. Tickets are available after all the Masses on May 2-3 and at the door.

MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC

The St. Francis Family Services will sponsor Mediterranean Magic, a fund-raiser to benefit

foster parent recruitment efforts, Wednesday, May 13, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church Parish Hall, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

The evening will start with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:25 p.m., entertainment at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 and include dinner featuring a Mediterranean cuisine, Turkish coffee bar, magician/comedian and open bar.

For more information, call St. Francis Family Services at (248) 552-0750. A non-profit child welfare agency, it is dedicated to the preservation of families throughout the tri-county area. Its offices are at 17500 W. Eight Mile, Southfield.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rochester signs Males

Schoolcraft Community College point-guard Pete Males, a Garden City High product, signed a basketball letter-of-intent last week with Rochester College.

The 5-foot-11 Males, who averaged 11 points and seven assists per game, helped Schoolcraft to a 24-7 record, the Ocelots' best season since 1985.

His assist-to-turnover ratio was three-to-one.

"The first time we saw Pete was when we were looking at two other players from another team and we immediately said, 'That's the kid we want for our level,'" said Rochester coach Garth Pleasant, who just finished his 22nd season. "Pete's the consummate point-guard. He's fundamentally sound and comes from a great program (Schoolcraft) under coach (Carlos) Briggs.

"Pete's unselfish and sees the court very well. His heart is immeasurably big. The kid gives every ounce of energy."

Rochester, formerly Michigan Christian, is an independent and member of the National Small College Athletic Association.

The Warriors finished 13-17 a year ago, finishing fifth with a 3-1 record in the NSCAA Tournament held in Salina, Kan.

Also in the fold for Pleasant is 6-7 Mike Robinson of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Madonna players honored

Madonna University swept Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week honors in both softball and baseball last week.

Sophomore catcher Vicki Malkowski (Royal Oak Kimball) took honors in softball after hitting .407 with eight RBI and four runs scored.

Junior outfielder Aaron Shrewsbury (Dearborn Divine Child) earned baseball honors after batting .455 with three homers (including a grand slam) with 11 RBI in five games.

Wildcats advance

The Western Wayne Wildcats 13-year-old girls basketball team qualified for the state finals by winning the Lansing Regional AAU Qualifying Tournament last weekend.

A last-second basket by Mary Lou Liebau gave the Wildcats a 52-51 triumph over the Jackson Jets in the final.

The state finals will be in Grand Rapids.

Other team members are Melinda Brines, Jacqui Glebodnick, Natalie Fant, Sara Schupra, Leslie Whiting, Kelly Holka, Kari Mayhew, Sheri Grubaugh, Stefani Szechowski, Briana Wolcott and Stephanie Gallison. The team is coached by Robert Liebau and Greg Schupra.

Good Counsel golf

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Golf Outing, sponsored by the Booster Club, is set for two starts: 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at St. John's Golf Course, located at 14830 Sheldon in Plymouth.

Cost is \$90 for golf and dinner (\$40 for dinner only), with your choice of a.m. or p.m. starts in the shotgun format. The price includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. There will also be a silent auction during dinner.

Proceeds will benefit the Our Lady of Good Counsel athletic programs.

Checks should be made payable to OLGCB Booster Club and mailed to Rick Huetter, 10110 Creekwood, Plymouth, MI, 48170 (phone 416-9177); or Steve Rapson, 93697 Oak Brook, Canton, MI, 48187 (phone 455-6634); or Dave Hall, 11204 Bellwood, Plymouth, MI, 48170 (phone 455-8257).

Indian tryouts

The Michigan Indians travel baseball team, for 11-and-under players, are conducting tryouts for its team. Although based in Plymouth, there are no residency requirements.

The team will play 45-to-50 games, with various weekend tournaments and an opportunity to advance in the Little League World Series. Players must have a birthdate between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987.

For further information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180 (home) or (734) 459-2960 (work).

Chiefs edge Rocks

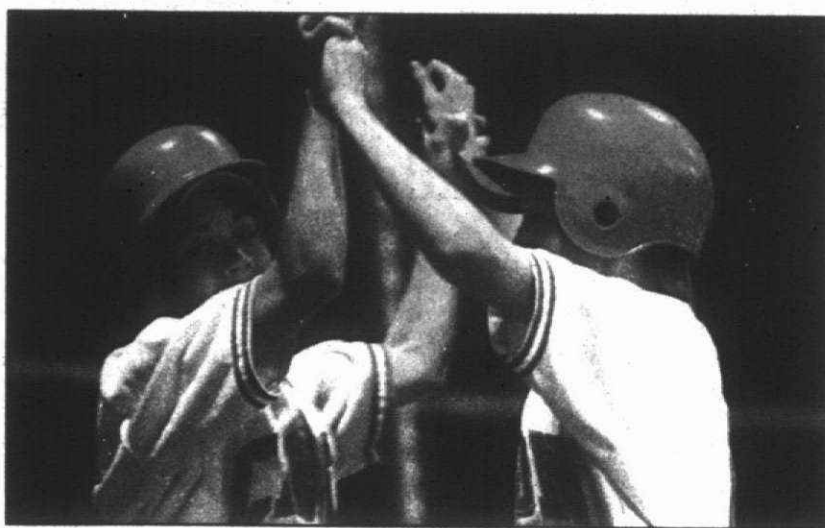
It was a game played with mirrors. Both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem had chances in their showdown softball game Wednesday at Massey Field. But neither could overcome the strong pitching from the other side — until the game had reached the ninth inning.

That's when, with one out and runners at second and third, Melissa Brown's pop fly bounced off the outstretched glove of Karen Prosyk, Salem's first baseman, and fell in for a two-run double. It was two more runs than the Rocks could generate, as the Chiefs emerged with a nine-inning 2-0 victory.

Canton improved to 13-6 overall, 6-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem is 5-8-1 overall, 2-5 in the WLAA.

"I was real surprised with their pitcher," said Canton coach Jim Arnold of Salem's Amanda Sutton, a sophomore. "They played an extremely good ball game."

Salem coach Bonnie Southerland wouldn't disagree. "Defensively, we're playing real well right now," she said. "Now if we can just get our hitters to come around. They're hitting the ball — I thought we hit her (Gretchen Hud-



A run, finally: It took nine innings before Canton scored a run, with Paula McKernan (right) getting the second.



Not this time: Melissa Brown (5) tries to add a run to Canton's total, but is tagged out at the plate by Salem's Stefanie Volpe.

son), we just hit the ball right at people."

Which is exactly what Arnold said. "We were hitting the ball real well, just right at people," he mimicked. "We left a ton of runners on base."

Twelve, to be exact, five of those in the first two innings. The Chiefs collected nine hits to Salem's four (two of those by Stefanie Volpe).

But through eight innings, it didn't matter. Canton was no closer to solving Sutton than Salem was to figuring out Hudson.

In the ninth, that changed. Sutton walked Erica Hanzc to start the inning, then was safe when Becky Esper's low throw on Christina Kiessel's grounder to third dribbled past Prosyk for the game's only error. A wild pitch allowed both runners to advance, but Canton's Paula McKernan hit a grounder to third and Julie Price (running for Kiessel) was tossed out at the plate.

That set the stage for Brown. With runners at second and third (thanks to a stolen base), her pop up got just past Prosyk, the ball rolling into right field to allow both runners to score.

Elizabeth Elsner led the Chiefs with three hits. Becky Mize had two.

Hudson, who's been nursing a sore elbow, allowed four hits and two walks while striking out five in nine innings. She also hit two batters. Sutton gave up one earned run on nine hits and six walks in nine innings.

Salem bewitched by Raiders, 8-3

North Farmington broke a 2-2 tie with two runs in the third, then pulled away with four more in the fifth in handing Plymouth Salem an 8-3 loss Monday at Salem.

Mickey Spisz outpitched Salem's Amanda Sutton to win it. Spisz gave up just four hits and three walks, fanning five.

Sutton allowed six hits and four walks, with one strikeout. After the Raiders scored twice in the first, the Rocks battled back to tie it with two runs in the second. North, clinging to a 4-3 lead, struck for four runs in the fifth. Randi Taub's two-run double was a key blow for North.

Six errors contributed to the Rocks' woes. Last Saturday, at the first-ever Salem Invitational, the Rocks got lopsided wins over Livonia Ladywood (12-3) and Dearborn (13-3). Problem is, they also suffered lopsided losses, to Detroit Country Day (15-10) and, in the final, to Ladywood (11-1).

Sutton was the winning pitcher in both Salem victories. She allowed seven hits and one walk, with three strikeouts, in the victory over Ladywood. Katie Kelly slugged a three-run triple and a single, and Jill Schmalhurst had two singles and an RBI in the win.

Against Country Day, Coultas was the losing pitcher, lasting just 2 1/3 innings. The Rocks outhit the Yellowjackets, 11-7, led by Prosyk's two singles and an RBI double. Stefanie Volpe had two hits, including an RBI double, and both Julie Gowan and Jessica Chapman had a single and a double.

In the five-inning mercy win over Dearborn, Salem was paced by Kelly's bat. She had three hits, including two doubles, knocking in three runs. Heather Sonntag added a double.

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Canton downs Farmington

It wasn't really as close as the final score indicates, this Farmington-at-Plymouth Canton soccer match.

That's one viewpoint. Another might be that perhaps it could have been, even should have been, closer.

Yes the Chiefs did win, as expected; they scored once in the first half and added three more in the second to stop their Western Lakes Activities Association rivals 4-2 Monday. The victory bumped Canton's overall record to 8-1-1; the Falcons are 6-3-1 overall.

Senior forward Melissa Marzolf accounted for two of the Chiefs' goals, netting both in the second half. Anne Morrell and Lisa Tomasso also got goals for Canton.

The last of the Chiefs' goals came with 14:21 to play. It was scored by Marzolf, on a play that started well to the left of the Falcon net. The ball was sent from Abi Morrell to Jessica Palis on the right side; Palis squirted a pass through to Marzolf in front of the net, and she finished

it. The lead certainly seemed safe enough, at that point. But it wasn't.

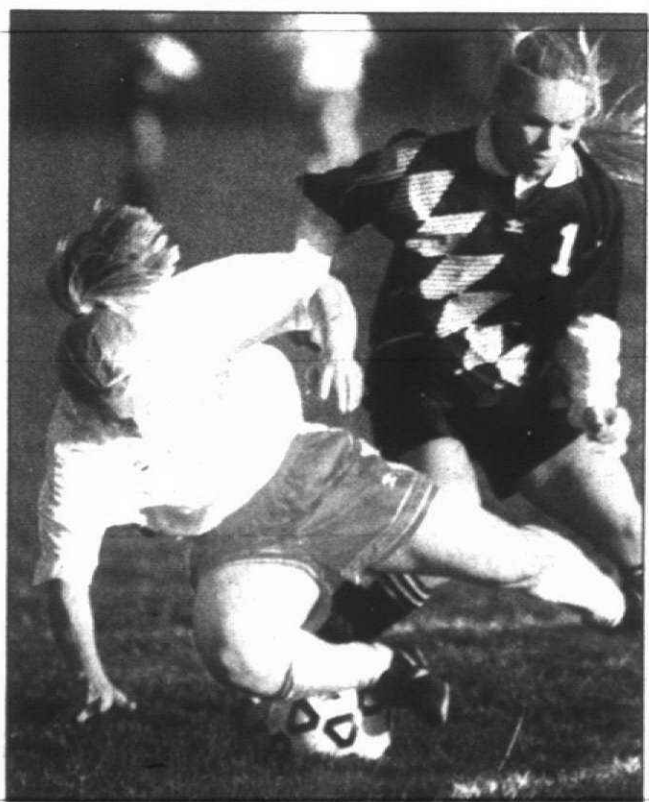
Because the Falcons refused to surrender. "They're aggressive," said Canton coach Don Smith of Farmington. "I thought they played pretty well, but with those players they could play even better."

And that, according to Smith, could spell trouble for Farmington's future opponents.

Against Canton, the Falcons popped home two goals in the game's final 7:28 — right after Smith had inserted all sorts of substitutes, including back-up keeper Amy Dorogi. The first shot faced by Dorogi was a hard one from Dana Babinsky from 15 yards out, a shot Dorogi could not stop. It got past her and into the net, to trim the Canton lead to 4-1.

With 1:41 to play, Emilie Villemonte drove a shot from the left side that again beat Dorogi, this time into the right corner,

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Fight for it: Canton freshman Anne Morrell (in white) goes down while battling Farmington's Laura Leffingwell for possession of the ball, a battle Morrell usually won.

BASEBALL

Western nips Chiefs; Rocks take a tumble

The five-game win streak came to an end for Plymouth Canton Monday with a 2-0 loss to Walled Lake Western at Western.

Kevin Tomasaitis took the loss, despite a strong performance: He allowed two earned runs on five hits and two walks, with four strikeouts. Kevin Thomas was the winning pitcher for the Warriors, blanking Canton (7-5 overall, 2-3 in the division) on four hits and eight walks, with nine strikeouts.

Western scored both of its runs in the third inning with two out on a walk, a double and a base hit. Canton's only hits were a double by Joe Cortellini and singles by Ron McCue, Phil Ross and Pat VanHull.

Last Saturday, the Chiefs got a measure of pleasure by sweeping both ends of their double-header with Plymouth Salem, 4-3 and 2-0.

The first game was certainly the more dramatic. Salem opened up a 3-0 lead after two innings, with Tony Bernhardt slugging a solo home run in the first inning.

Canton got four runs in the seventh, three of them scoring on a two-out, bases-loaded double by Oliver Wolcott. Pat Van Hull then singled in Wolcott with the game-winner.

Andrew Copenhaver added two hits for Salem.

In the second game, Jeff Page stopped the Rocks with a three-hitter. He struck out five.

Copenhaver and Van Hull each had two hits and an RBI. Both Chiefs' runs scored in the third inning, in a rally started by Brian Kay with a single. Copenhaver's double scored Kay, and Van Hull's single scored Copenhaver.

N. Farmington 2, Salem 0: Jason Cox pitched a beauty for Plymouth Salem Monday, but North Farmington's Jeff Trzos was even better.

Cox allowed two first-inning runs, one on a balk and a second on Trzos' single. But that's all the Raiders (now 8-1 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division) needed.

Cox gave up six hits and no walks, hitting one batter and striking out two. Trzos, now 1-1, walked two and fanned five — including the last three in the seventh after Salem had put runners at second and third with no one out.

Evan Feldman had two hits, including a double, for North. Salem, 9-7 overall and 2-3 in the Lakes, got two hits from Joe Rizzi.

PCA 3, Oakland Christian 1: Jon Isensee's two-run home run was the difference Tuesday as Plymouth Christian Academy won its first game in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Isensee's second homer of the year scored Chris Brandon who had led off the first inning with a single.

The Eagles added an insurance run in the third inning when Randy Dahlman singled, stole second base and scored on an error.

James Jones (2-2) scattered five hits in the complete game gem. He struck out nine and walked two.

Dahlman, Isensee and Brandon had two hits each for the Eagles (5-7-1 overall, 1-2 in the MIAC).

CC 13-17, U-D Jesuit 3-3: Redford Catholic Central's baseball team actually got three for the price of one on Saturday against U-D Jesuit.

The Shamrocks swept a scheduled double-header against U-D Jesuit, 13-3 and 17-3, after starting the day with a victory in a game that was suspended earlier this year because of darkness.

CC resumed the earlier game in the fourth inning and scored 15 unanswered runs to finish with a 19-1 victory.

Dan Duffy pitched four innings of shutout ball to earn the pitching victory.

Bob Malek and Casey Rogowski each had four hits for the Shamrocks. Malek had two doubles, a triple and four RBI and Rogowski had a home run and five RBI. Dave Lusky was 2-4 with four RBI and Anthony Tomey 2-3.

In the first game of the regularly-scheduled double-header, Duffy pitched the first four innings and left

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Crusaders place 4th in WHAC; tourney is next

A sweep of Monday's make-up double-header against Concordia College at Madonna University pushed the Fighting Crusaders to within a half-game of third place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings.

"That, however, was as close as they could possibly come.

"The reason was a 1-1 tie with WHAC leader Aquinas College April 19, a tie that would forever keep Madonna a half-game behind Siena Heights and Spring Arbor.

"The sweep of Cornerstone (0-24 in the WHAC, 4-34 overall) was a study in contrasts. The Crusaders made the most of their hits in the first game, scoring six times on five hits — thanks to

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home runs by Daryl Rocho (his 12th) and Aaron Shrewsbury (his eighth). Rocho's was the key blast, a grand slam in the first inning. Shrewsbury hit a solo shot in the fifth.

Rocho and Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton) each had two hits in the game. Mark Rocho was the winning pitcher; he tossed six scoreless innings, allowing four hits and two walks, with five strikeouts. Paul Miekstyn took the loss for Concordia.

The second game was a slugfest, and Madonna won again. Marcotte and Pete Quinn were the major reasons; Mar-

cotte went 4-for-4, with three doubles and five RBI; Quinn (from Redford Thurston) had three hits, with a double and his 11th home run of the season, driving in six RBI.

J.R. Taylor, Delano Voletti and Rocho each chipped in with two hits and two RBI, and Shrewsbury also had two hits. Matt Snyder was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Paul Barkai.

Madonna 6-5, St. Francis 12-3: The Crusaders long-ball attack was in gear last Saturday, but it could only earn them a split of their double-header with the University of St. Francis (Ill.).

Aaron Shrewsbury had just two hits in the twinbill, one in each game, but

both were home runs — a grand slam in the opener and a three-run shot (giving him seven on the season) in the nightcap. Pete Quinn (from Redford Thurston) added three hits in the two games, including a solo homer (his 10th) and a triple in the first.

The Crusaders never had the lead in the first game, and never lost it in the second. St. Francis, which ran its record to 19-22, scored seven runs in the first two innings of the first game; in the second, Madonna had a 2-0 lead after two innings, then increased it to 5-0 on Shrewsbury's three-run homer in the fourth.

Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) added three hits in the two games, scor-

ing three runs. Mitch Jabzenski was the winning pitcher in the second game. He gave up three earned runs on seven hits and four walks, with two strikeouts, in seven innings as he improved to 5-2. Peter Sikaras (2-2) took the loss for St. Francis.

In the opener, Bob Mason absorbed the loss, allowing 10 runs (eight earned) on six hits and five walks, with three strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. Mason (3-6) also hit one batter and threw two wild pitches. Ryan Ridgley (6-0) was the winner for St. Francis, which benefited from a home run and a single, with five RBI, from Nick Sanchez, and two doubles and three RBI from Andy Reeb.

Golfers trail at U-M

The season continues to be a learning experience for both Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's golf teams.

On Monday, they got a lesson at the University of Michigan's golf course, and it wasn't an easy one. In the 14-team field, Salem placed 12th and Canton was 13th.

Grosse Ile shot 345 to win the tournament.

Salem was led by Jessica Hedges with a 106. Angie Jones was next best for the

Rocks (110), followed by Grace Yelonek (124) and Kim Tamme (132).

Canton's best scorer was Sandra Pavlo with a 115. She was followed in the team standings by Lindsay Miller (123), Christina Slupak (123), and Stephanie Koppe (136).

Canton plays Farmington at Hilltop today at 3 p.m. Salem is at Walled Lake Western's course at 3 p.m. today. Both compete at the Pinckney Invitational Friday.

Madonna readies for WHAC with Albion sweep

Madonna University tuned up for this weekend's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Softball Tournament in Battle Creek by sweeping a double-header from non-league foe Albion, 3-1 and 9-1, Tuesday at Madonna.

Madonna improved to 26-22-1 with the victories. Albion is 10-20.

Angie VanDoorn bettered her record to 13-12 with the pitching win in the opener. She tossed a four-hitter, walking one and striking out three. Alana Heikkinen (Farmington High) took the

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loss for the Britons.

Madonna got all three of its runs in the third inning. Courtney Senger had two hits and a run batted in to lead the attack.

In the second game, Shanna Price (now 7-8) limited Albion to one run on four hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Heikkinen again took the loss.

The Lady Crusaders pounded out 16 hits, with Vicki Malkowski getting three (including a triple) and four RBI. Stephanie Dick had four hits and an RBI. Christy Riopelle contributed three hits and two RBI, and Shawna Greene and Jenny Krugel each had two hits.

Madonna got the game-winner in the ninth, again with two out. Greene started it with a single; she stole second, then raced home with the go-ahead run on Riopelle's single.

Greene had three hits in the second game, scoring twice, and Malkowski had two hits and an RBI.

In the second game, Madonna had an early 2-1 lead, but Aquinas' six-run fourth squelched that. Krugel had two hits (including a double) and two RBI for the Crusaders; Malkowski and Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) each added

two hits and an RBI, and Greene had two hits, scored two runs and stole two more bases (giving her 20 for the season).

Price started and took the loss for Madonna (she's 6-8); she pitched four innings, allowing six earned runs on seven hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Summer Brady got the win for Aquinas.

Tri-State 6-5, Madonna 5-1: The Crusaders led the first game of Friday's WHAC double-header, played at Tri-State in Angola, Ind., by a 5-1 count after two innings but could not hold on.

VanDoorn took the defeat, giving up six runs (four earned) on 10 hits and a walk, with two strikeouts. Rachel Steffner was the winning pitcher.

The Crusaders scored four runs in the first, thanks in part to Malkowski's two-run base hit. She finished with two hits and three RBI; McDonald also had two hits and an RBI.

Madonna was never in the second game, falling behind 4-0 after two innings. The only Crusader run was scored in the top of the seventh, on a base hit by Dick (she had three in the game). Riopelle added two hits.

Price took the loss, giving up five runs (two earned) on seven hits and three walks, with four strikeouts. Katie Sherman got the win for Tri-State.

Salem is team to beat at Observerland

The Plymouth high schools have added the pole vault as a track event this year, but Salem hardly needs extra points to be favored in Saturday's 28th annual Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks are the overwhelming favorites, with or without the pole vault, which is finally an event at Salem and Canton.

Salem, the 1995 Observerland champion and a runner-up in 1996, appears to have most of the parts, led by versatile senior Ian Searcy. The Rocks, who finished second at last weekend's West Bloomfield Invitational and won the Ann Arbor Huron and Pioneer indoor meets, are 4-0 in duals.

"I don't know if we've ever been favored by this much but we'll take the challenge," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "I think I've got one of the best teams, I hesitate to say, in school history but we are real deep and even. We can't be overconfident."

To hear opposing coaches tell it, it would be hard not to be.

"Salem is the team to beat," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "They have it all, speed, distance and field, to put it together. They could be beating people by quite a bit, but Baker's smart enough to run to win, get everyone involved — so their depth is a big factor."

Searcy is one of the top 400 and 800 meter runners in Observerland, anchoring the Rocks' 1,600 and 3,200 relays. He also can high jump, clearing a personal best of 6-feet.

Seniors Andy Briggs and Scott Kingslien are solid distance runners and senior Dave Hester brings versatility as a thrower, hurdler and high jumper.

"He's definitely a different breed," Baker said.

If it's close down the stretch, Baker doesn't expect the pole vault to decide things, but he won't turn down the points.

"We're a little behind on that," Baker said. "I was hoping to get three over eight feet and steal a point at the Elks Relays but at Observerland, there are too many good teams."

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Defending champion Farmington Hills Harrison won't be at full strength, losing senior sprinter Jerrard Johnson to a pulled hamstring at Saturday's Farmington City Meet. Harrison is 1-2 in dual meets but won the city meet.

"That's going to hurt us a ton, but I still think our relays will be pretty good without (Johnson)," coach John Reed said. "I'd feel a lot more confident with Jerrard in there, but we have a lot of talented kids. The conference and regional meets are more important, so we'd rather have him healthy for those."

"Our goal is to be one of the top teams there, but we never go in thinking we'll win. We want to do the best we can and see what happens. The Plymouth Salem team has everything. They're not hurting anywhere."

Redford Catholic Central, which won in 1993 and finished fourth last year, could give Salem its toughest challenge. The Shamrocks finished second and Salem fifth at the Elks Relays, hosted by Dearborn, but that may be misleading since the Rocks had several of their top performers at the Mansfield Relays in Ohio the same day.

CC coach Tony Magni hopes some of his top runners aren't sluggish, attending a prom the night before. The Shamrocks will have strong distance teams, led by Joe Hubert, and the area's best high jumper, David Popiel, as well as strong discus (Nick Brzezinski, Lou Willoughby and Mike Morris) and shot put (Brzezinski, Steve Dominguez and John Kaval) teams.

CC finished second at Friday's Jackson Invitational but is Monday's 72-56 loss to Dearborn Divine Child a sign that the Shamrocks aren't as deep as usual? It's the first time DC has ever beaten one of Magni's teams.

"We'll always put out a pretty good team but Salem is so far ahead of everybody else."

Magni said. "In track you need sprinters and middle distance kids and they have them. Our goal is to always get a trophy (finish among the top three)."

Westland John Glenn, second last year and champion in 1996, hopes sprinter Hardin James is back at full strength from a leg injury. His return is important to the Rocks' 400 and 800 relays, where Rob Fant, Reggie Spearman and Devin White compete.

The Rockets lost their first Lakes Division dual meet since 1996 on Thursday at Livonia Stevenson, 81-56.

"It depends on whether we get healed up," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "I think we can be competitive."

The Rockets have one of Observerland's better long and high jumpers, Tim Moore. He, White and Will Bozer give the Rockets strong teams in both relays.

Livonia Churchill is 1-2 in dual meets but the Chargers finished third at the Belleville Relays and that "absolutely bodes well," Austin said. "Almost everyone PR'd and our performances were real quality."

Austin thinks the school record in the 110 meter hurdles is in jeopardy the way the Chargers' top athlete, Ryan Kearney, is running. He also has cleared 6-3 in the high jump.

The Chargers are strong in the distance events, led by Jason Richmond, and more than adequate in the shot put and discus with John MacFadyen, Guy Diakow and Mike Gaura.

"Our distance crew is our strong suit — John McGreevey has done a great job with those guys," Austin said. "We look for top five status."

The Chargers are one of the favorites in the pole vault, led by Matt Weber, who has cleared 13-0. Brandon LaPointe and Jason Abar.

"Weber is finally out of Terek's shadow," Austin said, referring to former Livonia Franklin all-stater Paul Terek.

Chiefs edge Harrison

The Plymouth Canton girls track team passed another test Tuesday as the Chiefs beat visiting Farmington Hills Harrison 53-54.

The Chiefs improved to 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while the Hawks dropped their first league meet to fall to 2-1.

Jaclyn Bernard was the top Canton performer. She won the 800-meter run in 2:38.9 and the 1,600 run in 6:02. She also won the pole vault, clearing a height of 6-feet, 6-inches.

Other Canton winners included Nkechi Okwumabua in the long jump (17-4 1/2) and the 200 dash (27.5), Ashleigh Williams in the 400 run

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(1:03.5), Crystal Alderman in the 300 hurdles (6:0.2) and Erin Dowd in the 3,200 (13:41.4).

The Chiefs won three of the four relays. In the 400 relay, Alina Boyden, Camasha Heard, Doris Igwe and Okwumabua won in a time of 5:2.5.

In the 1,600 relay, the Chiefs won with Sarah Ware, Williams, Alderman and Kubert (4:21.5). Ware, Kubert, Amy Dupuis and Amy Rogerson took first with a time of 10:58.5.

Harrison's Kerstin Andrzejewski won both the discus (86-7) and the shot put (32-3 1/2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend the Master Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance No. 319 (No. 98-250) which establishes the basis and methods of financing improvements at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, and

An ordinance to amend Section 181-1 of the Wayne County Code to define the allocation process for funds appropriated for youth services programs and to allow for the contracting of such programs on a per-capita basis either directly by the county or by county regional entities.

The hearing will be held: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998 Commission Chambers, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the proposed amendment to the ordinances may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226 (313) 224-0903.

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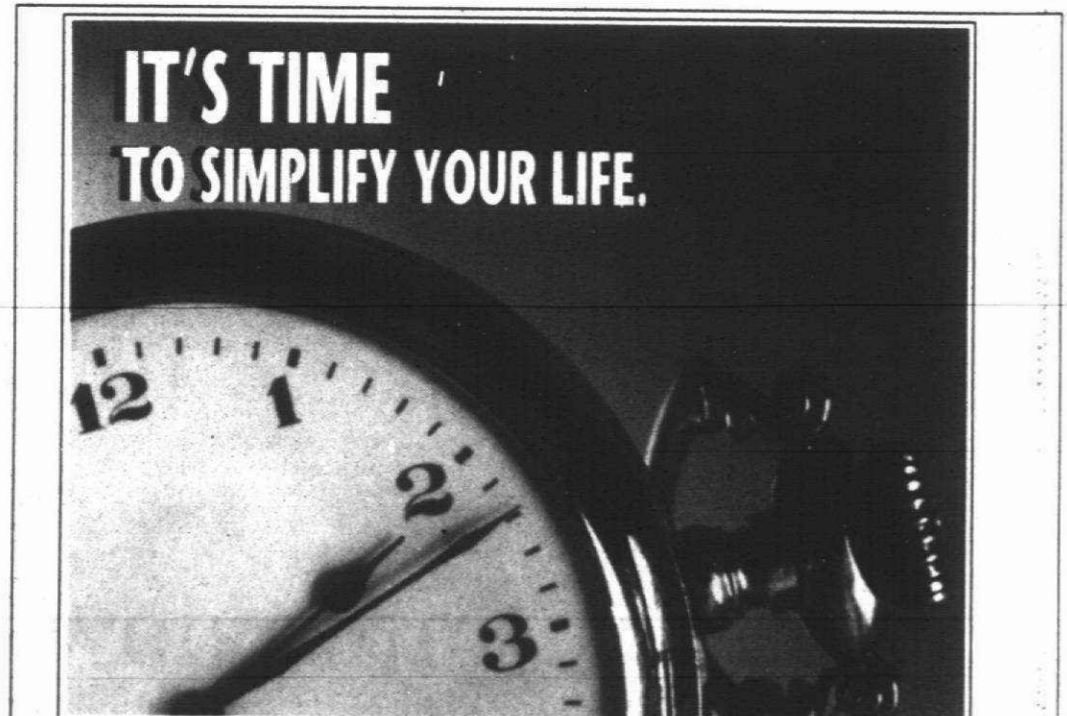
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to make it 4-2. Which is how it ended. But take into account two shots the Falcons' Jamie Jakacki slammed off the goal posts, the first of the bar with 17:15 remaining and the second off the right post with 3:23 to go, and one gets the idea how close this match really was.

"I thought it was a well-played game," said Farmington coach Don Neff. "There was a high effort by both teams."

"For us, I looked at it as a test for the state tournament, because we'll be in the second division this year, and not many of those teams will have played a schedule like ours. I hope this prepares us for (the state tournament)."

A game like Monday's should get both teams better prepared. True, the Chiefs managed just one first-half goal, but they were playing into the wind. Lisa Tomasso scored it on a play created by Anne Morrell.

Morrell chugged down the left wing, got knocked down, got up and centered the ball in to Tomasso for the goal with 19:29

left in the first half. Other than that play, the first half was evenly played. The second was not, at least not at first. Canton scored twice in the first 12 1/2 minutes of the second. Marzoff got the first, her first of the match, and it was fortunate she did.

The Chiefs' pressure was constant, with 5:30 elapsed, Marzoff got possession of the ball in front of the net, but instead of taking her time (which she had) she attempted her shot with the wrong foot and hit it weakly right to Falconer keeper Dana Wantin.

Which did not please her coach, Smith, whatsoever. But before Smith could launch a tirade at his senior co-captain, Marzoff regained possession of the ball, a little further out. She looped a shot over Wantin and into the net, giving Canton its second goal.

"Well, that made up for that other one, Marz," Smith yelled to the goal-scorer.

That came with 33:55 remaining in the match. Less than 6 1/2

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ble and a single, and Prosyk slammed a triple.

That set up a rematch with Ladywood in the tournament final. The Blazers advanced with a 14-1 win over Dearborn and a 14-4 victory over Country Day.

The Rocks managed just five hits against Ladywood, while the Blazers slugged 18.

Canton 2, W.L. Western 0: Plymouth Canton's softball team got two things Monday when it beat Walled Lake West.

The Chiefs got a Western Lakes Activities Association victory, which improved them to 4-1 in the WLA's Western Division. They also got some innings pitched

from injured ace Gretchen Hudson. Hudson hurt her elbow in pre-season workouts and missed the first couple of weeks of the season. She came back with a flourish, pitching all four games in a tournament championship run at the Taylor Kennedy Invitational April 18. She then beat Livonia Franklin the following Monday, but her elbow began to bother her again.

At last Saturday's Chelsea Invitational, Hudson didn't pitch at all. Canton did, however, reach the championship game again after beating Jackson Northwest 3-2 and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 8-2. The Chiefs lost in the final to Temperance Bedford, 1-0.

Jenny Fisher got the win over Jackson

minutes later, the Chiefs had their third goal, this one started by Abi Morrell on a free kick to the left of the Falcon goal. Her kick went all the way to the far side, where Janell Cobor fielded it and tapped it in to Anne Morrell, who knocked it home with 27:29 left.

The second-half momentum switch had less to do with a change in strategy and more to do with a change in attitude.

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PLYMOUTH CANTON 5 PLYMOUTH SALEM 3 Tuesday at Canton No. 1 singles: Shab Singh (PC) def. Steve Thomas 6-4, 6-4. No. 2: James Boomis (PS) def. Vinnie Ikeh 7-5, 6-4. No. 3: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Larry Chen 6-1, 6-2. No. 4: Richie Ikeh (PC) def. Jeremy Martin 6-4, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Gary Levenbach-Jason Darrow (PC) def. Chris Longbeam-Dave Tyler 6-3, 6-1. No. 2: Adam Covington-Rob Zdrozowski (PS) def. Scott Mincher-Chris Houdek 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). No. 3: Jason Meininger-Todd Schmalhurst (PS) def. Andrew Oleszkowicz-Luke Montgomery 6-4, 6-3. No. 4: Chris Foss-Nate Moothart (PC) def. Shu Patel-Yassar Hussain 6-2, 6-4. Canton's next dual meet: At Farmington Harrison Friday, Salem's next dual meet: Home vs. Livonia Stevenson Friday.

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1,600-METER RELAY Westland John Glenn 52.2 Livonia Ladywood 52.2 Plymouth Canton 52.8 Farmington Harrison 52.9 Farmington Hills Mercy 53.2 Plymouth Salem 53.2

3,200-METER RUN Alyson Flohr (Salem) 5:26.0 Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 5:26.6 Ashley Filion (Churchill) 5:27.2 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:33.9 Danielle Harris (Salem) 5:36.6 Evelyn Rahal (Salem) 5:39.0 Elean Semmer (Salem) 5:42.0 Erin Thomas (Mercy) 5:43.8 Natalie Dawson (Farmington) 5:45.8 Kim McNeelance (Stevenson) 5:51.0 Stephanie Skivers (Churchill) 5:51.0 Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 11:49.8 Alyson Flohr (Salem) 11:59.0 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:10.1 Ashley Filion (Churchill) 12:12.7 Danielle Harris (Salem) 12:12.4

400-METER DASH Nicole Lettloff (Stevenson) 1:02.0 Kelly McNeelance (Stevenson) 1:02.4 Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 1:02.8 Ashley Williams (Canton) 1:03.5 Nicole Carter (Mercy) 1:04.1 Jennifer Hardacre (Stevenson) 1:04.3 Rita Matic (Franklin) 1:04.7 Kate Adams (Farmington) 1:04.9

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1,600-METER RELAY Westland John Glenn 52.2 Livonia Ladywood 52.2 Plymouth Canton 52.8 Farmington Harrison 52.9 Farmington Hills Mercy 53.2 Plymouth Salem 53.2

3,200-METER RUN Alyson Flohr (Salem) 5:26.0 Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 5:26.6 Ashley Filion (Churchill) 5:27.2 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:33.9 Danielle Harris (Salem) 5:36.6 Evelyn Rahal (Salem) 5:39.0 Elean Semmer (Salem) 5:42.0 Erin Thomas (Mercy) 5:43.8 Natalie Dawson (Farmington) 5:45.8 Kim McNeelance (Stevenson) 5:51.0 Stephanie Skivers (Churchill) 5:51.0 Kelly Travis (Stevenson) 11:49.8 Alyson Flohr (Salem) 11:59.0 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:10.1 Ashley Filion (Churchill) 12:12.7 Danielle Harris (Salem) 12:12.4

400-METER DASH Nicole Lettloff (Stevenson) 1:02.0 Kelly McNeelance (Stevenson) 1:02.4 Danielle Wensing (Franklin) 1:02.8 Ashley Williams (Canton) 1:03.5 Nicole Carter (Mercy) 1:04.1 Jennifer Hardacre (Stevenson) 1:04.3 Rita Matic (Franklin) 1:04.7 Kate Adams (Farmington) 1:04.9

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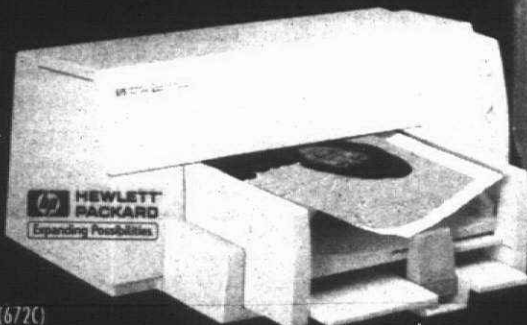
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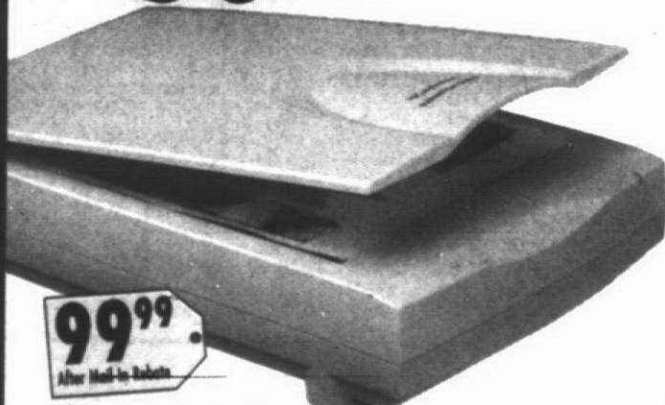


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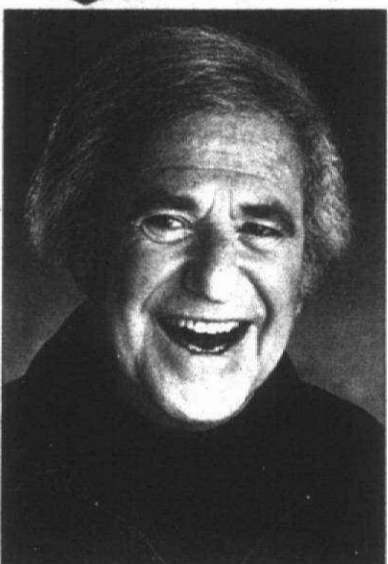
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



New Studio Company presents "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches," 7:30 p.m. at Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus, call (248) 377-3300.

SATURDAY



Soupy Sales performs 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Theatre in Farmington, call (248) 477-5556.

SUNDAY



Photographer Carl R. Sams II is among the local artists participating in the 20th annual Ann Arbor Spring Art Fair 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, call 1-(800)-888-9487.



Hot Tix: Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski and other "Champions on Ice" present two star-studded performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$55, \$40 and \$30, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 963-6606.



FOR JESUS LIZARD

IT'S THE BEST OF TIMES

Duane Denison is taking a breather in his Chicago-area home.

For the Plymouth native and guitarist for the band The Jesus Lizard it's been a hectic couple months - and his group's new album "Blue" hasn't even hit stores yet.

In the last month, he and his three bandmates have toured Australia and New Zealand, and are now gigging around Europe before returning to the United States to play a series of shows including one at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor Thursday, May 7.

"This is the best time for being in a band. We have lots of new material and there's a little more of a buzz to the shows," said Denison, a 1977 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, in between tours.

The new material will be found on "Blue" (Capitol), The Jesus Lizard's sixth studio album, which hits stores Tuesday, May 5. "Blue" is somewhat of a departure for the Lollapalooza veterans.

The song "Eucalyptus," for example, blends Eastern sounds with The Jesus Lizard's abrasive punk rock sound.

"It's very distinctive. The guitar is mixed in with some Indian string samples that create an interesting textural thing. It's the most unique song on the record," he said.

"We experimented a bit more and there's some different sounds on there. There's some keyboards and samples and an occasional drum loop. We weren't so concerned about whether or not we could replicate everything live. Live we play different versions of the songs. That's the way it should be," Denison explained.

The emphasis was on making a good album, he explained. "Blue" was recorded at the Chicago Recording Co. and Record Plant in Hollywood, Calif., with the help of former Gang of Four member Andy Gill. Denison described Gill as a very understanding producer.

"We had a couple weeks of pre-production in the studio. We went over the arrangements and picked spots where we wanted to drop different things. He's very easy going, and if he had an idea we weren't crazy about, we just said 'No. We don't want to do that.'"

"One thing in particular is the very first song on the album ('I Can Learn') starts out with an odd timing thing like in seven and it goes into a regular 4/4 rock part. He wanted to keep the seven time signature all the way through the song. We said, 'No. That's a little too much. There should be a break.'"

Gill, Denison said, spent "a lot of time on the vocals especially constructing vocal melodies that we used and not used as we saw fit. There was a lot of songs that have, for instance, multiple tracks of guitar feedback in the background that kind of come and go. He worked with us as far as final arrangements and drum patterns as well."

Although the band and Capitol Records haven't decided on a single yet, Denison is hoping to hear The Jesus Lizard's music on the radio soon.

"I'd love to see it get on the radio," Denison said of "Eucalyptus." "I don't have any false hopes though."

Regardless, the music is fun to play live, he added.

"Some songs are easy to make sound good live and are therefore fun to play of course. 'Horse Doctor Man' and 'And Then the Rain' are fun. There's this nice sort of tension and release going on. It seems to go over well live even with people who haven't heard it before. They're fast and rockin' and straight forward."

Renaissance man

Denison has been a member of the alternative rock quartet since its creation in 1987.

Upon graduating from Salem, Denison majored in music at Eastern Michigan University from which he graduated in 1984. A classically trained guitarist, Denison studied flamenco music with Juan Serrano and jazz with Christopher Parkening.

In an interview in early 1997, Denison said all that aside he gave into his cravings to play punk rock.

"The punk rock thing started happening and it was too exciting. I couldn't stay away from it. It made the idea of being in a band fun and exciting again. At the same time I wanted to finish up school," said Denison whose current passions are soundtracks, modern chamber music and free jazz.

"When I graduated from Eastern in 1984, the economy was really bad, and I didn't care for the music scene anymore. So I moved to Texas from there."

There he met bassist David Wm. Sims and singer David Yow, then of Scratch Acid, all of whom began writing songs after the demise of their respective bands.

Their first recording was a five-song EP called "Pure" (Touch and Go Records). The Jesus Lizard, known for Yow's Iggy Pop-like

New release: Chicago-based The Jesus Lizard - from left, bassist David Wm. Sims, vocalist David Yow, drummer James Kimball, and guitarist and former Plymouth resident Duane Denison - looked to former Gang of Four member Andy Gill to produce its sixth album "Blue."

Who: The Jesus Lizard
What: Performs with special guest Stanford Prison Experiment
When: Thursday, May 7. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.
Where: The Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor.
Why: To celebrate the release of its sixth studio album "Blue," which hits stores Tuesday, May 5.
How: Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 19 and older show. For more information, call (734) 996-8555 or (248) 645-6666.
 Visit Capitol Records' website at <http://www.hollywoodandvine.com> for more information about The Jesus Lizard.

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Perhaps the most noticeable change in the season is "The Harlem Nutcracker's" move to Detroit Opera House.

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Guest artist: Pianist Michael Tilson Thomas will lead the San Francisco Symphony in a program, which includes Gershwin's "American in Paris," Sunday, Sept. 27.

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SEASON SCHEDULE

September

- 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 - Elko and Koma perform in the Huron River. Seating on the banks of the river in Nichols Arboretum.
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 - San Francisco Symphony, Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor and piano. Hill Auditorium

October

- 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 - Afro-Cuban All Stars, Michigan Theater
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 - St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 - John Williams, guitar, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 - Capitol Steps, Michigan Theater
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 - Guarneri String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 - Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Power Center
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 - Budapest Festival Orchestra, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 - David Daniels, countertenor, The Arcadian Academy, Nicholas McGegan, director and harpsichord, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
- 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 - La Capella Reial de Catalunya and Hesperion XX, Jordi Savall, viola da gamba and Montserrat Figueras, soprano, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

November

- 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, Kirov Orchestra of St. Petersburg, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 - Vienna Virtuosi, principal members of the Vienna Philharmonic
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 - Jazz Tap Summit: An All-Star Celebration of Tap Dancing featuring tap legends, Hill Auditorium
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 - American String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Mitsuko Uchida, piano, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 - Assad Brothers with Badi Assad, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 - Sequentia, Hildegard von Bingen's Ordo Virtutum (Play of the Virtues), St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 18-21 - A Huey P. Newton Story, Trueblood Theatre
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 - Emerson String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28-29 - The Harlem Nutcracker, Detroit Opera House

December

- 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Performances Saturdays & Sundays 2 & 8 p.m. - The Harlem Nutcracker - Detroit Opera House
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 - Handel's "Messiah," Hill Auditorium

January

- 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 - Trinity Irish Dance Company, Power Center
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 - Gershwin: Sung and Unsung, New York Festival of Song, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
- 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 - Renee Fleming, soprano, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16 and Monday, Jan. 18; 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 - The Gospel at Colonus, Power Center
- 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 - American String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 - Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo-soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
- 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 - Beethoven's Contemporary, one-hour family performance, American String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium

February

- 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 - American String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 - ImMERCEsion: The Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Power Center
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 - Maxim Vengerov, violin; Igor Uryash, piano, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 - Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Pepe Romero, guitar, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20 - Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theatre, Power Center
- 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 23-25 - Kodo, Power Center

March

- 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11 - James Galway, flute, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 - Abbey Lincoln with Marc Cory, piano, Michael Bowie, bass, Alvester Garnett, drums, Michigan Theater
- 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18 - Takacs Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21 - Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Power Center
- 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 - The Tallis Scholars, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 - Gypsy Caravan, Gypsy Culture from India to Eastern Europe and Iberia, Michigan Theatre
- 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 - Sweet Honey in the Rock, Hill Auditorium
- 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 - American String Quartet, Rackham Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 - Trio Fonteyn, Rackham Auditorium

April

- 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10 - Steve Reich Ensemble, Michigan Theatre
- 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 - Mozartian Orchestra of Salzburg, Hill Auditorium
- 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 - Ewa Podles, contralto, Jerzy Marchwinski, piano, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
- 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 - Anonymous 4 and Lionheart, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22 - Monsters of Grace (version 1.0) A Digital Opera in 3-Dimensions, Michigan Theater
- 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 - Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, "A Centennial Celebration of Duke Ellington," Hill Auditorium
- 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 - NHK Symphony Orchestra of Tokyo, Hill Auditorium

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formance," said Sara Billmann. "We had the vision of bringing it to the Detroit Opera House after its 1996 world premiere at the Power Center."
Four times as many people will be able to see it at the Detroit Opera House since the Power Center seats about 1,300 people. UMS has tripled the number of dance and movement-based events this year.
The series begins Sept. 11 in the Huron River with seating on the banks of the river, and in Nichols Arboretum. Movement Artists Eiko and Koma will present "River."

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stage actors, released its first full length album "Head" in April 1990.
Four albums followed before The Jesus Lizard, which now includes Ann Arbor drummer James Kimball, signed with Capitol and released its major-label debut "Shot" in 1995.
Denison has performed all over the world, but last June a dream of his came true. He played on the stage at Pine Knob Music Theatre. What he had hoped to be a good experience turned sour, however.
"During that show with Bush, I had equipment problems with the first or second songs. I had to stop and switch things around. My Pine Knob debut was less than I thought it would be."

songs from the Library of Congress are on the program.
Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis salutes the Duke in a "Centennial Celebration of Duke Ellington," on April 23 at Hill Auditorium.
"This is one of our best song-cycle series ever," said Billmann. Highlights are David Daniels, countertenor and The Arcadian Academy with Nicholas McGegan, director and harpsichord performing Vocal Cantatas by A. Scarlatti.
Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, perform music Scandinavian Songs.
When a soloist cancelled at the last minute, Ewa Podles, contralto agreed to fill in, even though she had just returned home to Warsaw. Her performance was well received, and she's returning this year with pianist Jerzy Marchwinia to present works of Chopin, Mussorgski, Schumann, Karłowicz and Lutoslawski on April 17.
"In addition we are hosting our fifth Annual Guitar Series," said Fischer, "eighth annual Family Series, a new series focusing on contemporary performance, which includes Eiko and Koma, as well as the continuation of the 'Beethoven the Contemporary' series."

Students present melodrama at the Livonia Theatre Guild



Rehearsing: Justin Issa and Katie O'Connor rehearse a scene from "Pure As the Driven Snow," at Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild.

'Pure As the Driven Snow' is an old-fashioned melodrama set in the early 1900s

Livonia-Theatre Guild presents a production with students from the CAPA program every spring to give the students experience working in and with a community theater group.

Trinity actors try to work with slow, tedious British comedy

Trinity House Theatre presents "Love All" by Dorothy L. Sayers, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 16; 4 p.m. Sundays at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road. Tickets \$8, call (734) 464-6302.
"Love All," a three-act comedy by Dorothy Sayers opened during the early days of World War II when England welcomed a comedic escape from the daily threat of the Third Reich.
In it, a married, middle-aged novelist has left London and his wife to seek inspiration and romance in Venice with a young London actress. While his life is just fine, his young mistress has grown tired of him and Venice and longs to return to the stage. Meanwhile, the writer's abandoned wife has blossomed in his absence - finding success and her life's calling.
The play's feminist point of view - that women need to find happiness in their own work as well as their relationships - was ahead of its time.
Unfortunately, the play is long and tedious - the first act being especially so. Forty-five minutes are spent in Act I establishing that Lydia, the actress and mistress, is tired of Godfrey, who isn't nearly as romantic as his novels, and Venice, which is hot, loud and mosquito infested in the summer.
The entire play lacked the fast pace so crucial to British comedies. Noel Coward's plays thrive on their witty and rapid repartee when done right. While the cast took great pains to master upper-class British dialects, the pace and delivery was ponderously slow.
Mark Flanders, cast as Godfrey Daybrook, the novelist, seemed uncomfortable with his leading role, struggling with his accent, lines. There was no chemistry between him and his leading ladies. Though earnest and well-meaning, he was ill-cast in the role.
The rest of the cast - especially Dorothy Atabong as Mary, Amy Johnson as Stella and Elizabeth Bradford as Janet - established their characters well.
But why was Godfrey wearing a thick sweater during a sweltering Venetian summer day? And why was his mistress suffering the heat in long-sleeved, longwear and a long-sleeved robe? The costumes were otherwise beautiful and well-suited to the period.
There were some minor faux pas with the props. A 1930s inkpot missile that wasn't removed from the first act it was supposed to be at the bottom of the Grand Canal; and a rotary dial phone with a disconnected cord that rang on the opposite side of the house.
"Love All" isn't easy to love - though its premise is a good one, the audience gets bored early in the first act, and the pacing is never quite recovered. It's an interesting exercise.

REVIEW

Players' Guild "Music Man" marches to captivating beat



Musical: "I'll be watching you, Professor Hill," Marian Paroo (Jennifer Clark) tells Harold Hill (Joe Donovan) in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "The Music Man."

He cons the town folk into believing that the only way to sway their children toward good is to form a marching band.

First, they need to buy instruments (which he so conveniently sells) and then he will teach them to play when the instruments arrive.
The plan, of course is to skip town with the loot before they find out he can't deliver on what he promises. But Harry is sidetracked when he falls for Marian.
Director Lisa Andres deserves a hand for this tremendous undertaking. Not only has she found an enormous cast that can all sing, act and dance, but she has fit them all on stage at the same time. (There are about 50 actors in the musical.)
One can only imagine the chaos backstage, but the show was absent of any backstage clamor.
Starring as the quick-talking Harry Hill is a well-recognized face at the Guild, Joe Donovan. He fills the stage with his charming "The Sadder But Wiser Girl," and the breathy "Marian, the Librarian."
Jennifer Clark stars as Marian. Audiences will find her entrancing, especially when she sings "Till There Was You."
Hitting the high notes is no problem for Clark. She breezes through favorites such as "Goodnight My Someone" and "Will I Ever Tell You?"
The young actors at the Guild are talented and promising. Middle-school student Paul Luoma plays Marian's troubled brother. His portrayal shows that great things lie ahead for him.
Brooke Andres and Ryan Brown are adorable as the forbidden teen lovers, Zanetta and Tommy. Caitlin Donovan is devilishly sweet as Amarillis.
And all of the teens deserve a hand in Valerie Mould's impressive choreography in "Shipooi!"
Like most other Guild productions, the sets and costumes were very well done. Floyd and Clemence Bell used particularly creative use of scenery in the love scene on the bridge.
Amy Purrenhage and Kim Donovan's costumes were a handful. With more than four dozen cast members, there were undoubtedly some sore hands after putting the splendid frocks together.
Considering the many wonderful performances in "The Music Man," there isn't enough room to list all the outstanding performances.
The best advice is to get your tickets early.

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"Nunsense." Friday-Sunday, May 1-10, at the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. \$12. All ages. (519) 253-8005 or <http://www.msnl.net/~capitol>

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"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRep1@earthlink.net

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"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26-\$60. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20, available at Fisher Theatre box offices on the day of performance only, two hours before the show, and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Lines begin no earlier than 6 a.m. and no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. (248) 645-6666

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"The Cemetery Club," through Sunday, May 24, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Middle Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. (248) 788-2900

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Winners of the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students reaches its final single 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, when 10 singers compete in a live concert, at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. \$7. \$5 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

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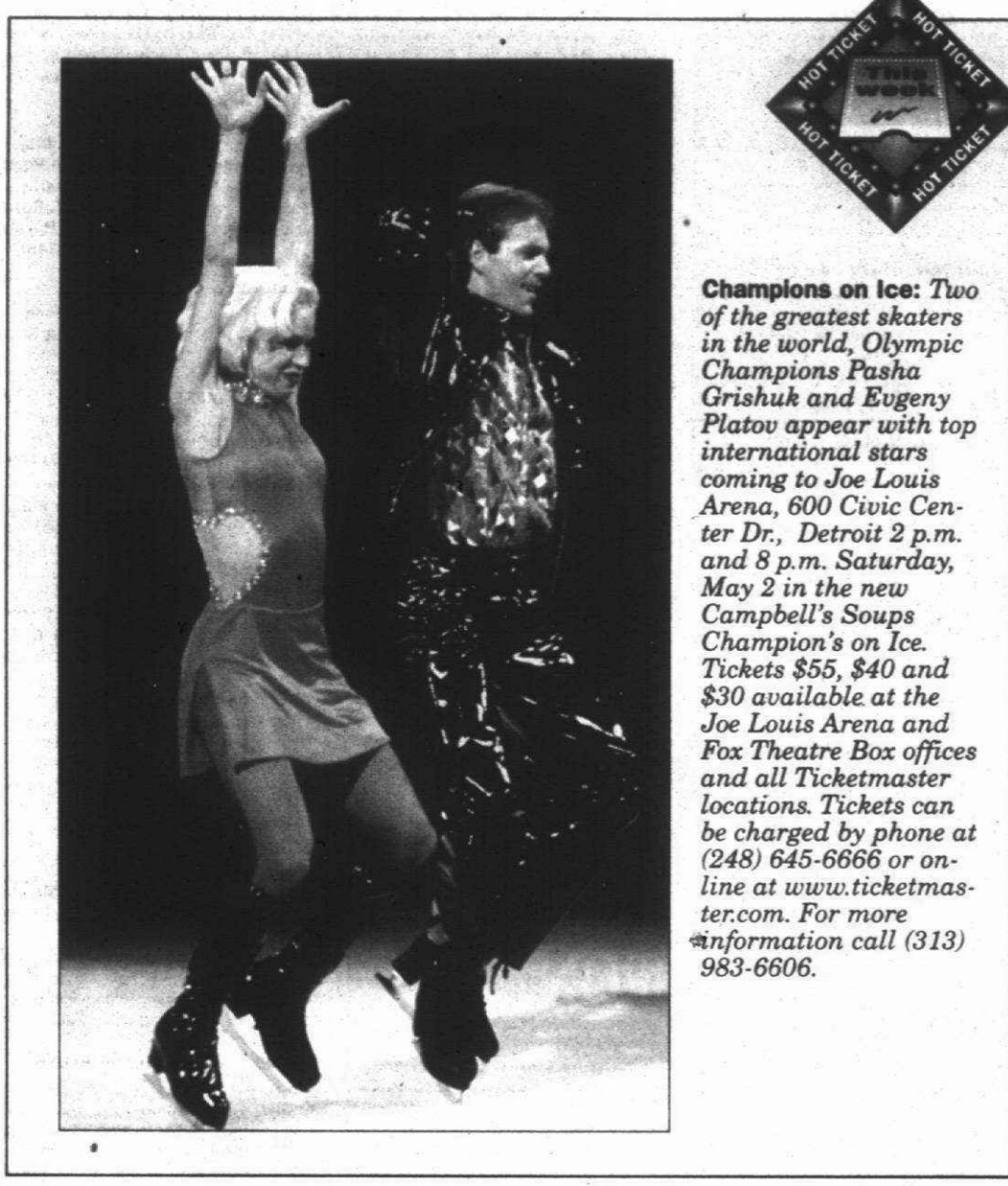
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MOVIES

'Big Hit' fails to make its mark as action-comedy

I was embarrassed sitting through most of 'The Big Hit,' the same way I am watching 'Saturday Night Live.' You see talented people out there working, but the writing is so insipid, the direction so uninspired that they're left floundering while the audience scratches its collective head.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas, Showcase Pontiac, Star Rochester Hills, THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13), United Artists 12 Oaks, Star Southfield, New Town Center, Regency Twin Cinema, National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, Star John B.

Wahlberg to take part in kidnapping a billionaire's daughter. Little do they know that the girl is the goddaughter of their boss, who wants the kidnapers to pay with their lives.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan. 'Detroit Film Theatre - Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Calk (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50, \$4.50 students/seniors)'

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Pop returns: The Atomic Numbers - from left, bassist Jeff Hupp, vocalist/guitarist/pianist Tim McHugh, guitarist Zack Shipp and drummer Matt Aljan - brings its hook-laden pop sounds to the Viper Room in Detroit on Friday, May 1.

Late last year The Atomic Numbers learned about the harsh reality of the rock music world. Accustomed to playing small clubs throughout the Midwest, the Hamtramck-based band got the opportunity to open for The Verve Pipe in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Clashes. Since the album, recorded in April and June 1997 at Premier Sound Studios in Farmington Hills, was released in August it has been met with nothing but good reviews. Fluxnet Reviews of New York said "Michigan club-goers must be getting a first-hand look at the next big thing."

Perhaps The Atomic Numbers' fun-loving attitude helped provide the band with its relentlessly hook-laden melodies on its debut "Flying Machine EP." After all, a positive work environment yields quality work.

Public TV auction is a win-win proposition

BACKSTAGE PASS, A notable item sure to cause a stir is The Princess Diana Beanie Baby. A first-tier run of this particular Beanie Baby with be auctioned off each night.

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STREET SCENE

bands like us? I'm looking at the cover of Rolling Stone from April with the singer from The Verve on the cover and it says "The return of rock 'n' roll. That bodies well for The Atomic Numbers. Five months ago it said rock 'n' roll is dead, electronica is here."

The Atomic Numbers perform along with the Deterans, Immortal Winos of Soul and Watershed, on Friday, May 1, at the Viper Room, 17320 Harper Road, in Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show.



LES MISÉRABLES, "HE GOT GAME" IS A TRIUMPH! DENZEL WASHINGTON, HE GOT GAME

DINING

Library Pub serves good food, blues

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

The Library Sports Pub and Grills may be known for their two-for-one hamburgers or their Cajun dishes, but outside of the Detroit area their reputation is much different.

The restaurants in Westland and Novi have become the area's premiere blues clubs. Multiple Detroit Music Award-winners Mudpuppy, along with the Rev. Marc Falconberry and Nikki James and the Flamethrowers have played in front of the shelves of books that encircle the main dining areas.

The Library Pubs' reputation as grown. A few weeks back, owner Alan Barnett got a phone call from an award-winning blues band in Chicago asking how it could play the club.

When asked about the appeal of the pub, Barnett said it comes down to him and fellow owners brother Bob Barnett of West Bloomfield, and Norm Buchler of Northville.

"It's because of Al, Bob and Norm," said Barnett, a Walled Lake resident.

"Anybody can serve good food, which most people do, and give great service and supply a comfortable atmosphere, which they do. But at most places you go to you get some kid or cold person going 'How is your food. We are xxx corporation. Welcome to our restaurant,'" added Barnett adopting a robot-like voice.

"At the Library, Al, Bob and Norm really do care."

Signs posted around the restaurants with snappy phrases or information about blood-alcohol levels and specials, are all signed "Al, Bob and Norm" to make that personal connection with patrons.

"We're just local, normal guys. We're not a major corporation. We don't have to satisfy shareholders. We sell a good product at a reasonable cost. We like to say we're the most cost-effective place in town to get a beer or a mixed drink or a high-quality hamburger."

Alan Barnett began his food-service career as a utility player at upscale Beau Jacks restaurant in Birmingham working as a cook, waiter, bartender, dishwasher and even in construction. When Barnett left to go to

college, his brother Bob took over.

From there, Alan went to Florida where he opened a restaurant.

"I worked in every aspect of it from the fine dining circuit to hotels to casual theme restaurants," Barnett said.

He returned to Michigan and his brother in 1990 to open a restaurant which he knew would be successful because of their good experience, good knowledge and good work ethic, Barnett said.

"Here we go by the five Ps - Proper planning prevents poor performance," he added.

After meeting Buchler, the three opened the Library Pub in Novi during the city's '50s Festival in 1994. They chose the word "library," Barnett said, for a variety of reasons.

"We appeal directly to the immediate market - the metro Novi area, which is mostly college educated. So I knew they would like that word library.

Also, a woman wouldn't feel comfortable going into a place called Ted's Bar by herself. But with the Library Pub, a woman would not feel intimidated coming into a place like this," he explained.

In January, they opened a second location in Westland "by demand of the market."

"We draw people from Westland and the east side. They kept telling me, 'You gotta open one up here.' I found just the right spot. A lot of people from the Westland area wanted us to open a Library Pub down there because it's so far to travel up here," he said.

The Westland restaurant is formerly the home to a Greek and Mexican restaurants as well as a breakfast diner. Barnett said he feels his restaurant will be successful because of the atmosphere.

"All they really did was paint the walls and put some Greek decor up. That's it. After we got done with it, it looks nothing like it did before."

The Library Pubs' menu features American dishes such as burgers, a grilled chicken breast, herb stuffed breast of chicken, cobb salad, buffalo chicken fingers, and a French



Variety of choices: Bartenders Jennifer Pidruzny and Scott Brigan serve up some brew at The Library Sports Pub and Grill in Westland. The restaurant offers 14 different beers on tap as well as live blues and rock music.

Library Sports Pub and Grill
Where: 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland, (734) 421-2250. The original location is 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 349-9110.
Hours: The restaurants are open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. The kitchens close at 1 a.m. everyday except for Sunday when they close at midnight.
Menu: Features American food including burgers, grilled chicken breasts, chicken artichoke pasta, herb-crusted baby haddock, and smoked turkey and swiss sandwiches, with a touch of cajun influence (cajun chicken and linguini, cajun chicken breast, and cajun burger).
Cost: Ranges from \$7.95 to \$13.25 for entrees, \$4.95 to \$6.75 for sandwiches, and \$5.95 to \$6.45 for burgers and chicken sandwiches.
Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club are accepted.
Reservations: Not accepted.
Banquets: There are no banquet facilities, however, the restaurants do their best accommodate any and all large parties as much as possible.

dip sandwich.

There's a touch of cajun influence as well. The menu is peppered with meals of a cajun burger, cajun chicken breast, Cajun chicken and linguini, and St. Louis ribs served barbecue, Cajun and teriyaki.

An "Executive Menu" offers burgers, chicken tenders, fish sticks, hot dogs, cheese pizza and grilled cheese for children ages 12 and younger.

"We feature an executive menu for kids because it's the

kids who make the decisions. A cupcake comes with it. Where else do you get dessert included?"

When talking about the restaurants, Barnett put less emphasis on the food and more on his patrons.

For example, as he went over the highlights of The Library Pub's specialties, he quickly changed gears into his clientele.

"We have the best burger you can get in town. The high quality pizzas that we feature. We offer two for one burgers every

Friday and Saturday. It's the best place to watch any sporting event. If you don't believe me, ask Martin LaPointe and Doug Brown. They come in here. (Kirk) Maltby, (Aaron) Ward, all the Red Wings hang out here. At any point in time, you can look over and have Kevin Hodson having dinner with his wife at the next table," he explained.

The Library Pubs, he added, provide a perfect atmosphere for double dating.

"You can get two girls and two girls here. The guys want to watch the game and the girls will lose interest and shoot a game of pool or play darts."

"The library in your own home is the ultimate place. You can sit in your media room and read or if you want to listen to live music, it's like you have a band in your own den. The only difference is there's no cooking or cleaning. And our bathrooms are clean."

The reputation of the restaurants has carried throughout the area. At 9 p.m. on the weekends, they are so crowded that patrons have to wait in line outside. He attributed the Library Pubs' success to the attitude of the owners.

"We're just three guys trying to feed our kids and be good members of the community."

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