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Fieger earns praise, not support



Geoffrey Fieger failed to win many converts in a speech Monday to the Canton Economic Club. But some audience members said they left with a better impression of the controversial Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

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Geoffrey Fieger may not have won many votes with Monday's appearance at the Canton Economic Club luncheon but he apparently changed a few minds.

"It was my first opportunity to hear him in person and I was pleasantly surprised," said local chiropractor and Canton resident Tom Gerou. "I thought he would be more brash based on what I've seen on TV."

Gerou said the Democratic gubernatorial challenger scored some points with criticism of Gov. John Engler's road repair program. "He made me think. The idea that road work is being

rushed and done poorly just in time for the election abandons all logic," Gerou said.

Janet Volante of First of America Bank also said Fieger "made some good points."

"I learned a lot about his beliefs and where he stands on the issues," Volante said. But the Canton Chamber of Commerce member declined to say whether Fieger would get serious consideration on election day. Others in the mostly Republican crowd said the speech did nothing to sway their allegiance from Engler.

The hastily-arranged luncheon drew about 200 guests.

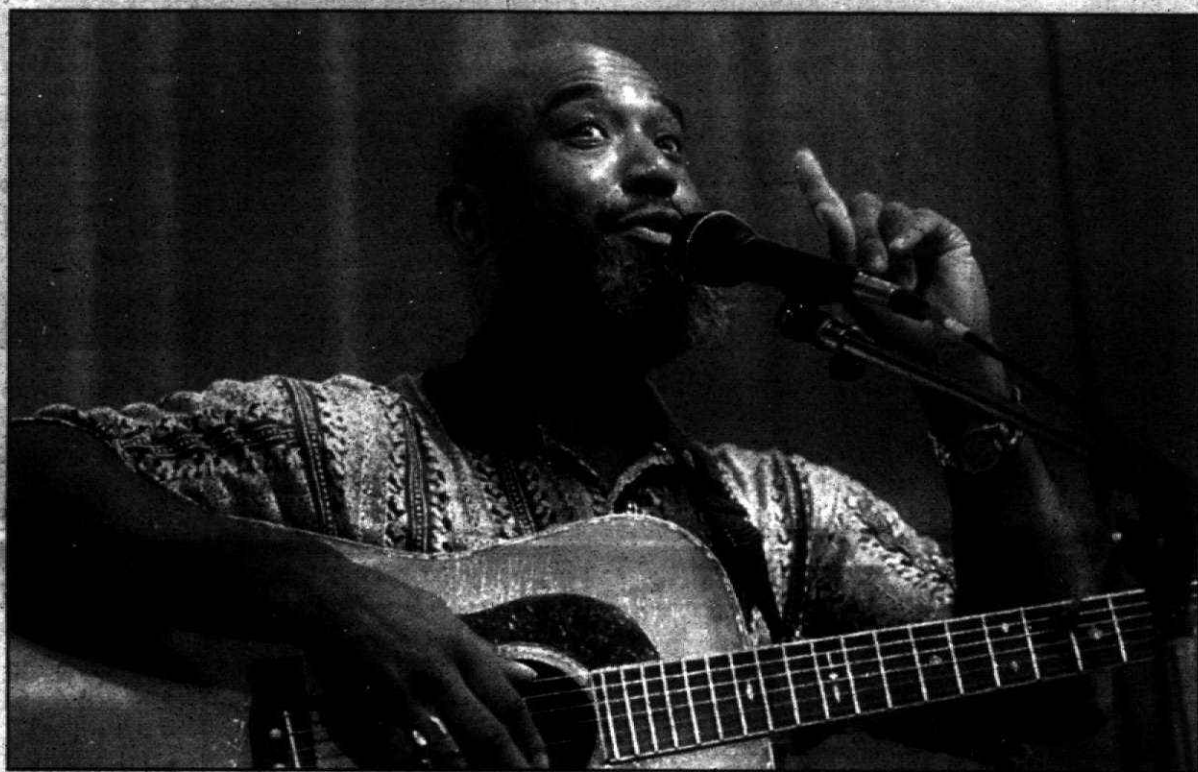
Fieger hammered out most of his

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Meet the candidate: Geoffrey Fieger (right) speaks briefly with Plymouth-Canton school superintendent Chuck Little following Monday's speech. Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ryan Ambrozaitis is in the background.

Students hear tribute to singer's dad



In concert: Folk singer and storyteller Josh White Jr. performed for Humanities students at Plymouth Canton High School Friday. The program was part of the African-American Cultural Diversity Series presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. White performed songs written by his father, the late Josh White Sr., and talked about the life of the legendary blues singer who was recently honored with his likeness on a stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Corporate zoning district approved

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a controversial zoning plan Tuesday despite last-minute pleas from property owners who say the measure is taking away their property rights, among other things.

After a tumultuous process that included a near-brawl at a Sept. 21 planning commission meeting, the board approved amending the zoning ordinance, creating a "Corporate Park Overlay District." This will create standards that township officials say will prevent scattered or "piecemeal" developments and limit individual developments to 10 acres or more.

The area affected includes a roughly two square mile area bounded by Koppernick Road on the north, I-275 on the west, Lotz Road on the east and Cherry Hill Road on the south. The

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Canton budget includes \$2 million for land buy

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township trustees Tuesday unanimously approved the township's \$61.8 million budget for fiscal 1999 with no public discussion.

"A tremendous amount of work has gone into this budget," said Tony Minghine, financial services director.

Before approving the budget, board members and others at Tuesday's meeting saw an in-house video showing Canton taxpayer dollars at work.

The 1999 budget is down nearly \$2 million from 1998. The drop is mainly the result of less spending on community improvement projects. The township spent a total of \$5.5 million this year while that number will drop to \$2.4 million in 1999.

The budget calls for a 9.05 millage rate. A home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$905 in local property taxes (not including taxes for schools or Wayne County).

Under Michigan's Proposal A, a

home's taxable value is 50 percent or less of its current market value, depending on the national inflation rate and how long the residents have owned the property.

The budget received a final revision Sept. 15 at a Township Board of Trustees study session.

About \$2 million was set aside for purchasing the "Coleman Trust," a 218-acre parcel off Napier Road, that would be used for park land. The township has not yet purchased the land.

A total of \$14.9 million is budgeted for general fund expenditures and transfers for 1999. That's up about 5 percent or \$720,000 from 1998.

Employee salaries and benefits make up the largest portion of the budget. Minghine has said the township's continued growth makes it necessary to continually add employees so that high levels of service can be maintained.

Grounds maintenance accounts for the largest portion of the general fund's

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Volunteers hope to 'Make a Difference' on Oct. 24

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Looking for something to do Saturday, Oct. 24?

On that date, several "Make a Difference Day" events are planned throughout Canton, offering people the chance to do everything from donate blood to spruce up a favorite playground area.

The main event in Canton will be at "Heritage Hideout," the playscape structure in Heritage Park. There, an estimated 100 volunteers will help spread wood chips and spruce up the 3-year-old structure.

The event is intended to be a reunion for the volunteers who helped build the playscape in June 1995, but new volunteers are encouraged to help out, said Kathleen Salla, Canton Township's volunteer coordinator.

The playscape will also serve as a drop-off site for non-perishable food, new socks and underwear of all sizes, baby items and personal hygiene items. The donations will be distributed among the Canton Goodfellows, First

Step, Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank and the local Salvation Army.

Salla said many high school students have expressed an interest in helping out. National Honor Society students, Close-Up students and students seeking graduation credit for community service will all step forward with rakes and shovels Oct. 24.

"It will be a great project for them," Salla said.

The Salvation Army's disaster truck will be on site providing refreshments for the volunteers.

Canton Township will provide the wood chips. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows, if possible and to wear comfortable work clothes and shoes. All items should be clearly labeled, Salla said.

The spirit of volunteerism has always been alive at Heritage Hideout. It was built entirely by volunteers over a June weekend in 1995. Several hundred volunteers helped build the popular structure.

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Playscape project: Emily Pelky, 5, gets a push on the tire swing from her father, Randy, at the Canton playscape in Heritage Park Monday as her mother Nancy and sister Erin, 18 months, watch. Sprucing up the playscape will be one of the volunteer projects on "Make a Difference Day" Oct. 24.

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Official: Bond sale timing good for school district

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Taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton school district, who approved a new middle school in a special bond election Oct. 3, may see a potential tax savings as bond interest rates continue to go down.

"As bond interest rates have gone down, we'll potentially benefit by being able to sell the bonds for a lower interest rate," said John Birchler, the school district's executive director of business and operations.

That's confirmed by Paul Stauder of Stauder, Barch & Associates of Ann Arbor, a public financial adviser contracted by the school district.

"Right now the bond rates are at 30-year lows, so it's a good position to be in," said Stauder. "Today's rates are at about 4.5 percent."

Of course, there's the other side of the coin as the stock market continues to take a dive.

"On the other hand, when we

invest the funds, it could work against us if the market continues to drop," added Birchler. "The taxpayer won't be hurt, but the project itself could suffer a bit if we invest funds at a lower rate than projected."

However, Stauder doesn't see that happening.

"The school district has limitations on its ability to reinvest, under federal tax code," he said. "There are plenty of opportunities to invest at 4.5 percent."

Birchler says he's already received calls from individuals wanting to buy some of the bonds. But, don't expect the average taxpayer to be able to invest in the middle school bonds.

"Under a competitive sale, which the board is leaning towards, we take bids from large investors, such as a bank, who then sell them off in large increments," said Birchler. "Smaller investors may never get an opportunity to buy these bonds."

The school district has to put together a prospectus for potential investors, with such information as financial statements, information on the school district and the communities it serves, demographics, and even information on the area's top businesses and employers.

And, the district will be rated by Moody's Investment Service. "Last year when we sold some energy bonds, we were rated Aa2 by Moody's," said Birchler. "It's a pretty good rating. Not Bloomfield Hills, but pretty good."

The entire middle school project, purchase of new buses and computer equipment will cost \$19.7 million. The district expects to earn \$919,800 in interest from the bonds, which is why the bond issue approved by voters was for \$18.8 million.

"We estimated conservatively the bonds would sell for 6 percent," said Birchler. "It will cost us nearly \$450,000 to sell the bonds."

Birchler estimates the \$19.7 million project will end up costing nearly \$36 million when the bonds are paid off in approximately 24 years.



On the stump: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger makes a point during Monday's address before the heavily Republican Canton Economic Club. Fieger criticized Gov. John Engler's policies and his status as a "career politician."

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campaign themes - his populist, non-politician ideals; support for public education; the Engler administration's excesses - and managed a few humorous asides in the hour-long address at the Summit. He referred several times to what he hoped was a growing number of "former Republicans" in the room.

Elected officials from Canton were notably absent and the luncheon drew only a few township department heads.

If elected, Fieger said he would "reduce taxes as much as I could" and pointed out how Republicans have trouble dealing with a Democrat who isn't cut from traditional cloth. "After I laid out my tax policy, you had

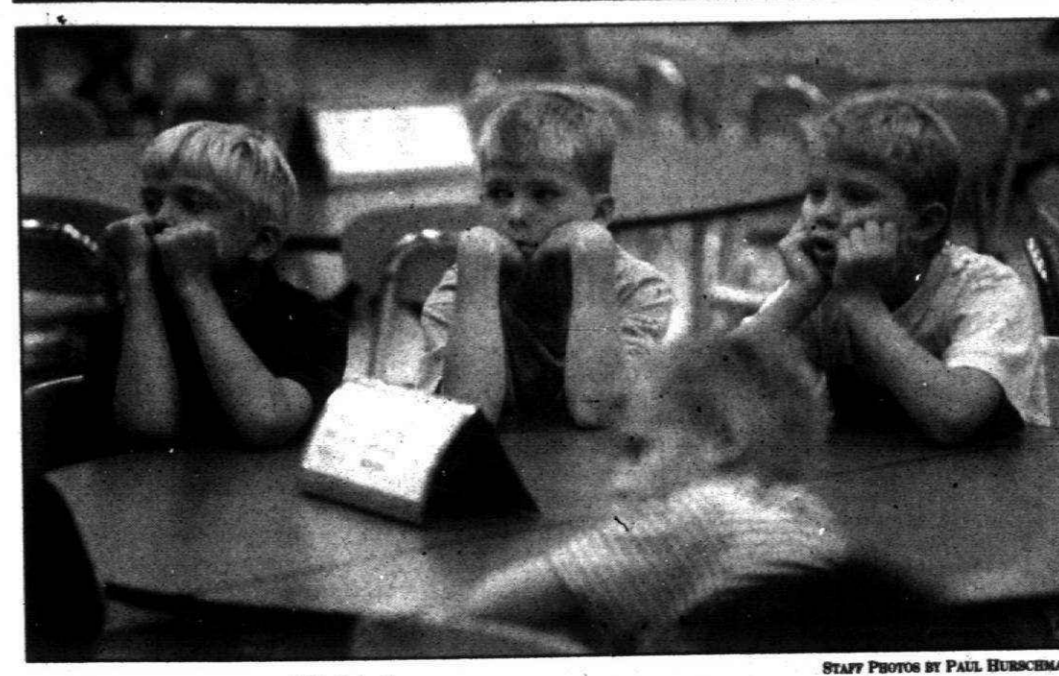
them (Republicans) saying that it (tax reduction) was irresponsible," Fieger said.

He criticized Engler for being a "career politician" and the governor's supporters as "people anxious to be lied to, to be sold a pie-in-the-sky picture" of life in Michigan. He credited the state's economic health to policies coming from Washington, not Lansing and he said Michigan's industrial centers - Detroit, Flint, Kalamazoo and Bay City - lag far behind similar communities in other states.

"I think it's says something when you have a governor who has never had a job outside government rail against big government; when you have a governor

who comes into office riding in an Oldsmobile and now using Lincolns, Cadillacs, a helicopter and a jet aircraft; who said he would only serve two terms but is now seeking a third; and who won't debate an opponent or have his picture taken."

Fieger responded to what he claimed were "scurrilous, negative" attacks on his character launched by his opponent, particularly advertising that portrays him as a religious bigot. He said Engler was running a campaign "with no substantive talk on issues whatsoever" and that the media is as responsible as the governor for an inaccurate portrayal of him.



Hearing a symphony: Michael Hantchett (from left) Kyle Justice and Bryan Smoltz listen to Chamber music performed by members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra during a recent performance at Bentley Elementary School. Pictured at right, Chamber Ensemble musicians Barb Treuethan, violin; Holly Clemans, flute; Angela Duquette, clarinet; and Monica Fry, cello.

Road show Symphony members 'on tour' at local elementary schools

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Holly Clemans of Canton stands on stage before Bentley Elementary third-graders playing the flute, and telling students of its importance in an orchestra.

"We have something in the community that students aren't aware of," said Clemans, referring to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, of which she is a member. "Many parents haven't even heard the orchestra. Classical music is certainly a firm foundation for learning about music."

And, with that in mind, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra begins its 53rd season by taking the orchestra on the road.

"Our mission statement says we will get involved with the schools," said Don Soenen of Plymouth, the orchestra's president, and member of the board of directors. "To really be a part of the community, we need to step up our efforts. At some point we need to stop the excuses."

Soenen takes that mission statement seriously. So seriously, in fact, that he's personally giving the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra \$40,000 to support a two-year education program for 2,200 third- and fourth-graders

in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

The program calls for musicians such as Clemans to demonstrate various instruments, as well as perform a children's concert at the Plymouth Salem auditorium Feb. 18. The PSO has also initiated a "free student" policy to most concerts.

"We have a vested interest in the development of our future audience," added Soenen. "The arts have suffered in our schools. However, we're seeing the pendulum swing back, and we need to stimulate that interest."

Executive Director Julia Kurtyka believes classical music is important not only because of its past, but also because it's the basis for today's music.

"So much can be learned from the classical musicians," said Kurtyka. "The fact that we still listen to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, whether it is in commercials or cartoons, means there must be something there."

"The symphony is a community organization, and a way we can give back," said Russell Reed, PSO director. "This is our future audience, and helps build an appreciation for classical music."

At Bentley, third-graders listened intently as orchestra members demonstrated their instruments.

"I'd like to play the violin,"

said Ryan McKigney, 8, of Canton. "I like how they knew how to get high pitch and low pitch."

"I like the orchestra classical music," added Mike Willey, 8, also of Canton. "I like the flute. I would like to take music lessons."

Bentley principal Cheryl Johnson was more than eager to have the PSO begin its program at her school.

"I think acquainting children with the arts is very important. A lot of the kids don't get much exposure to them."

While many arts programs are getting their state funding cut, the PSO is one of a very few which saw its annual stipend from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs increase.

"Part of our grant request indicated our involvement in the schools," said Soenen. "I'm sure it played some part in our funding increase."

The PSO gets \$16,500 from the state, up from \$7,600. However, that's a drop in the bucket in the PSO operating budget, which in three years has doubled to more than \$200,000.

"We've received increased corporate and individual support," said Soenen. "The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is progressing quickly."

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Appearing will be James Agee,

candidate for Lt. Governor; Loren Bennett and Ken Warfield, candidates for State Senate 8th District; Steve Conley and Eileen DeHart, candidates for State House of Representatives 18th District; Carol Poesch and Thaddeus McCotter, candidates for State Senate 9th District and Gerry Law, candidate for State House of Representatives 20th District. The candidates will present their views on education and state financing.

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PCEP marching band takes honors

BY DIANE HANSON SPECIAL WRITER This week was the first week where we didn't learn many new things, so we had an opportunity to really work on our performance levels.

The day was nearly as bright as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band's performance at Flint's Atwood Stadium on Oct. 4. Hosted by the Flushing Raider's Marching Band, the 25th annual Michigan Invitational there attracted 20 competing bands from across the state. The PCEP band's stellar performance netted them the Flight I First-place trophy, all three Flight I caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect as well as the Governor's Trophy for highest overall score, 84.95, of all competing bands. This is the fourth consecutive year the PCEP band has maintained custody of the top award.

David McGrath, band director

the U.S. when she was a teenager to study science. Her most famous experiment disproved what had been thought to be a fundamental scientific law. She has received both the National Science Medal and the internationally respected World prize for her scientific research.

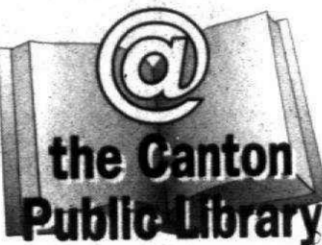
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Q & A Who is the world's foremost female experimental physicist? A: Chien-Shuung Wu came to



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Dedication to showcase 'new' Newburgh Lake

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@home.com

And then the rains came. Now that Newburgh Lake has been filled with water, Wayne County officials will dedicate it Friday. The heavy rain on Oct. 7 was needed to fill Newburgh, an impoundment of the Rouge River and the site of an ambitious \$10 million federally-funded restoration project.

and a presentation from John O'Meara, project manager for Environmental Consulting and Technology, about the lake.

Children will paddleboat and enjoy other activities at the lake at 12:30 p.m. Appearances will be made at the one-hour dedication at 2 p.m. by U.S. Reps. John Dingell, Joe Knollenberg and Lynn Rivers.

The public is invited to the dedication. Donuts, cider and cake will be served.



Finishing touches: Lyle Rodgers from Inland Marine in Ferndale installs a new fishing dock on Newburgh Lake.

Fieger campaigns here

Geoffrey Fieger, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, will bring his election campaign to Livonia at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28.

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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, October 6, 1998 at the Canton Community Cable Studio at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS (continued) A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 6, 1998 at the Canton Community Cable Studio at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan.

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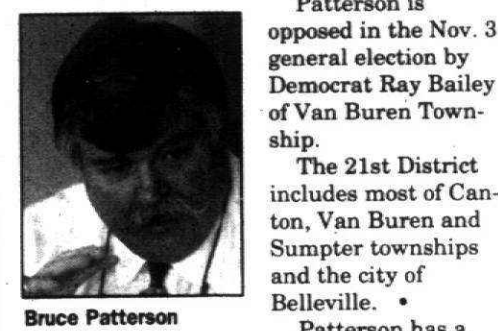
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For state House Patterson has strong record

Canton is losing a high-profile... though not necessarily effective...



Bruce Patterson

Patterson is opposed in the Nov. 3 general election by Democrat Ray Bailey...

Patterson has a strong record of public service during two terms on the Wayne County Commission...

As a commissioner, Patterson has co-sponsored ordinances protecting consumers...

Redesigned freeways a must

When two drivers stage a reckless, aggressive battle over lane ownership on the I-275 freeway...

The Observer can't excuse negligent actions of any driver. Neither can we demand that the state be held legally accountable...

Resigning freeways is costly and can take years. But maybe in the long run drivers would be better off if state officials began using some of last year's gas tax increase...

Consider these "obstacles" faced by law-abiding drivers everyday: Entering southbound I-275 from M-5 in Farmington Hills...

The rural-like three miles between Ann Arbor Road (Plymouth/Livonia), Ford Road (Westland/Canton) and Michigan Avenue (Canton/Wayne) exits on northbound and southbound I-275 creates long back-ups...

What's even more troubling is these examples are taken from a freeway designed and completed just 21 years ago...

Still, the fact that the most heavily trafficked stretches of I-275 are carrying more than three times the number of vehicles on a daily basis since the freeway opened in 1977...

When you add speed to the mix, you're increasing the "road rage" quotient. The passenger car limit on I-275 ranges from 65 to 70 mph...

MDOT suggests that freeway commuters use common courtesy and remain aware of surrounding drivers when merging. Use turn signals and allow others to get into the traffic flow...

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Is road rage a growing concern... Bad manners on the road is a true problem... "I think it is a growing concern. Life is just too fast-paced and people are too impatient."

One consequence of 'road rage'



FILE PHOTO BY BILL BEERLIN

Deadly scene: The driver of this Mercury Sable was killed in an Oct. 6 crash on I-275 in Farmington Hills. The driver lost control and crossed over the median onto northbound lanes after battling with a driver over lane 'ownership' on the southbound side.

LETTERS

Thanks for bond

On Saturday, Oct. 3 our community came together and showed its support for our children. The successful vote for the middle school replacement bond will mean that all of our middle school students will have a middle school building after the lease for Lowell Middle School expires.

To those parents, staff, students and citizens who worked so hard to make this successful, you have my deepest thanks. I will never be able to express how grateful I am for all your help in making this a huge success. You are the people who make our community such a wonderful place to live.

I am also thankful to each of you who took time to vote. While this type of local election does not have the glamour of a state or national election, it is considerably more important. It is important to remember that the results of our elections directly impact our lives on a daily basis.

Mark S. Horvath Canton

Vorva needs to move

Hey, Jerry, what's the deal? The movie "Grumpy Old Men" is long gone. You would have been perfect for the part. Too bad you don't live in Hollywood...

George Belvitch Plymouth-Canton School District employee Plymouth Township

Canton Observer logo and contact information for staff members like Ted Schneider and Susan Rosel.

School inequity Find out how candidates stand at Monday forum

The Michigan citizens for Fairness in Public School funding will present a Candidates Forum on Education 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 at the Canton Little Theatre in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center in Canton.

This event is going to be moderated by the League of Women Voters. It will feature a representative from Gov. John Engler's office, state Treasurer Doug Roberts and Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor James Agee.



MARK SLAVENS

These communities from in any way improving their per-pupil funding. As you will recall, when Proposal A was passed the two promises that were made were that it would reduce property taxes and also provide greater equity among the various school districts.

There has been property tax relief at least in the Plymouth-Canton and Westland communities. However, the other portion of the formula - equity - has not been fulfilled...

In fact, interestingly enough, as you will recall, Proposal A was passed in 1994 and in the original enacting statutes of the law, Section MCCLA 388.1620 (15) stated:

"The Legislature shall continue to work, towards greater equity among districts foundation allowances." This reflected the public's intent when they passed Proposal A that the Legislature should keep working towards equity.

In 1995, after Proposal A had been in effect for about a year, the Legislature dropped paragraph 15 from the laws, and it is no longer reflected in

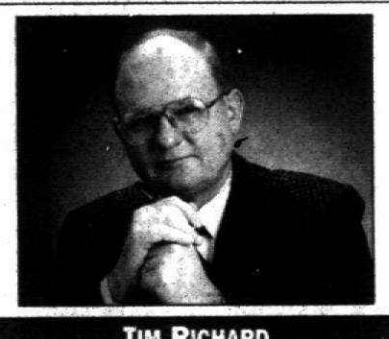
the State School Aid Acts. Therefore when one reviews the School Finance Laws of 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, there is no discussion anymore of the legislature continuing to work toward this greater equity. This provision has been eliminated by our State Legislature.

Our group looks forward to your attendance on Monday, Oct. 19 and hope that you bring with you, your family and friends. Our group of concerned parents and citizens remain committed to the education of the general public about public school funding.

Mark Slavens is chairman of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

Why isn't the news media reporting on Proposal A?

Q. You guys at the paper haven't written much on Proposal A. Some big secret? A. There has been no one to quote. There is no visible campaign, no ads, no nothing.



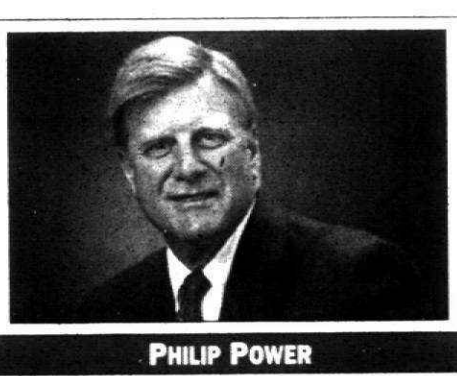
TIM RICHARD

grammatic or budgetary consequences. It is being proposed as a part of an effort to make the nomenclature contained in the laws of Michigan conform with current conventions and with federal laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Electing university trustees makes them more accountable

Attentive readers of this column will recall that I am a candidate for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Along with other candidates, both Republican and Democratic, our names will appear on the "State Boards" section of the ballot on Nov. 3.

So, in addition to being warned of potential bias in this column, readers may wonder just why in Michigan we elect state educational posts - U-M Board of Regents, Wayne State Board of Governors, Michigan State Board of Trustees and members of the State Board of Education - rather than appointing them, the way the overwhelming majority of states do.



PHILIP POWER

is a sitting duck for ambitious politicians who want to make a reputation by taking cheap shots at the professors. Moreover, running for election brings all kinds of benefits for the candidates. The process forces us to talk directly with the people, to hear complaints about high tuition or high-handed administrators or even highly unlikely maize and blue halos around Michigan Stadium.

When I call the news media, the conversation generally goes like this: "Me: 'I'm calling in hopes you will run a story on my campaign for U of M regent. And, while you're at it, if you do decide to endorse in this race, I hope you'll endorse me.'" Media: "Thanks for calling. We're pretty busy just now, what with races for governor, attorney general and secretary of state, not to mention our local races for state legislature. We'd love to run your story and to endorse, but we don't have the staff or the time or the knowledge to do a good job in it."

The other day, a woman with two kids in college asked me, "How come the University of Michigan can't guarantee what my kids' tuition will be when they enroll? It's tough enough meeting the payments on our family's income, but it's worse when the university keeps upping the tuition. I have to continually rebudget in the middle of the year, and that's not fair."

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Voters to decide tax board issue

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Does Wayne County need to keep a tax allocation board?

That is a question county voters will decide Nov. 3 when an as yet untitled proposal to eliminate it is presented to them.

The general consensus of the Wayne County Commission is that the board, which oversees tax allocations of only five governmental entities, has become obsolete and is unnecessary. As of 1997, 73 of the 83 Michigan counties had adopted separate tax limitations, eliminating the need for tax allocation boards.

"The Tax Allocation Board in Wayne County has been reduced to a fraction of its former self," said Commissioner Bruce Patterson, who represents the 11th District, including Canton, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, which is one of the entities overseen by the board.

It costs "several thousand" dollars to keep the board going, including the cost of record keeping and paying commission members for meeting time.

Ballot language

"Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the non charter townships, intermediate school district, and Detroit Public Library within Wayne County, the highest aggregate of which shall not exceed 1.4576 mills (as reduced by the Headlee roll-back adjustments and as certified in the 1997 Wayne

County Commission Apportionment Report), as follows:

-Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency: .0984 mill

-Detroit Library Commission: .6400 mill

Township of Grosse Pointe: .6486 mill

Township of Sumpter: .870 mill

Highest total: 1.4576 mills

Yes or No?

While that figure is a mere fraction of the county's \$2 billion budget, it is money that could be better spent, Patterson said.

"We should be always looking for ways to be more efficient."

If passed, the governmental units covered by the board would "not be subject to the board telling them what their tax limit is," Patterson said.

Democrat Kay Beard, vice chair of the commission, agrees the tax allocation board is outdated and needs to be abolished.

Beard's district includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

Most chartered governments are exempt from the state mandated 15- and 18-mill limits because of their charter status, and school districts were

exempted by Proposal A. This leaves the Tax Allocation Board responsible for only a small amount of millage allocation in a few units of government.

If passed, tax increases would be left up to the voters to decide and would give non-chartered townships, such as Sumpter and Grosse Ile, the ability to ask for more millage money.

"It puts more responsibility on the voters," Patterson said.

Only non-charter townships, the intermediate school district and the Detroit Public Library would be affected. Chartered municipalities such as Wayne County, cities and most townships, would be unaffected.

The ballot language reads:

In April, the Wayne County Tax Allocation Board requested the Citizens Research Council to review the issue of establishing a separate tax limitation for the county and abolishing the Tax Allocation Board.

Commissioner George Cushingberry, who sponsored the proposal, was out of the country and unavailable for comment.

S'craft workshop tells how to find government contracts

Representatives from the General Services Administration from Washington, D.C., will present the seminar, "How to Find Contracting Opportunities with GSA," 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the McDowell Center on the Schoolcraft campus.

This is the first time in 10 years this seminar has been offered in this area. It focuses on helping companies learn about this yearly \$10 billion potential cus-

tomers. The GSA rents, builds, furnishes and maintains government offices. It purchases supplies ranging from pens to state-of-the-art computers. It also contracts for services such as teleprocessing and trash removal.

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Fulfilling lifestyle includes custom-fit career

Thanks to a thriving economy, better educational opportunities and more social support, today's business woman is no longer forced to act as a social and economic barometer, checking out the corporate climate to see where — or if — she fits.

She fits everywhere. Gerry Barrons, executive director of the Women's Economic Club of Detroit, said the diversity of the club's membership, which draws from throughout southeastern Michigan, has become "extraordinary" in the last five years. WEC includes not only corporate elites among its 1,400 members, but dentists, judges, health-care professionals and business owners as well.

Barrons, who was a job and executive-search consultant for many years prior to her role at WEC, said women today view success and fulfillment in the business world in terms of creating their own environment and "customizing" their lives.

"Women ask themselves what kind of life do I want to live and what kind of career will give me that life."

It's an issue of empowerment and control, said Barrons. The prescribed steps of 20 years ago are gone, along with the infamous androgynous look — the ultra-tailored navy-blue suit. "Now we wear red and slacks and scarves and every length of hemline."

Jacque Martin-Downs, a mental health therapist in private practice and coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland, said climbing the corporate ladder has become easier for women due to flex time, on-site child-care and the ability of taking work home.

However, she added that many of these women are opting out of the corporate world to care for their children at home. "I'm glad we're at that

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place today. In the '70s you whispered 'I stay at home with my children.'"

Business owners

Susan Shoemaker, a Livonia Chamber of Commerce board member and owner of RWS Financial Group, founded her business with a partner three years ago after the birth of her second son.

After bouncing through several corporate mergers and acquisitions and striving for family balance, Shoemaker decided to be a stay-at-home mom while pursuing her MBA degree in finance. "We needed some flexibility in our lives."

However, she emphasized that a flexible work schedule doesn't mean starting your own business is easy. "It's still a challenge to start your own business from ground zero, just to build relationships and contacts."

A significant source of support and networking for Shoemaker is her membership in the National Association of Women Business Owners. The 500 members of NAWBO's Greater Detroit Chapter represent diverse professions (including six women in the construction field) but are highly representative of the service industry — accounting, advertising, human resources, and employment and financial services.

According to the 1992 U.S. Census statistics, retail trade businesses at 1,093,342 and service industries at 3,158,444 dominated the categories of women-owned businesses in the United States. In other words, if women have infiltrated corporate offices across America, they own Main Street within their communities.

"The downtown retail businesses are predominantly owned or managed by women," said Fran Toney, executive

director of the Plymouth's 600-member Chamber of Commerce. "And women continue to increase their leadership role in our industrial-based companies."

Myths

The 1994 Survey of Businesses by Gender of Ownership conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau put an end to stereotyping women-owned businesses and firms regarding credit and expansion plans.

The survey found:
 ■ There is no "statistically significant" difference between men and women business owners in their access to credit. Only 12.8 percent of women-owned firms said their ability to operate or expand had been hampered by credit difficulty. The figure was slightly lower for men.

■ Sources of credit for women-owned businesses were similar to those for all firms: reinvestment of profits, investment of own assets, bank loans, and supplier credit, business credit cards and government-guaranteed loans.

■ Women business-owners were in an expansive mood, planning additional growth through increased work forces, new products, increased employee work hours, new locations, government contracts, and international markets.

Forecast

Research by The National Foundation for Women Business Owners indicated that as of 1996 there were 263,000 women-owned businesses in Michigan, including part-time firms. These businesses employed 533,200 people and generated \$63 billion in sales. Most impressive, NFWFO research showed that the number of women-owned businesses increased 80.4 percent



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STAFF WRITER

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between 1987 and 1996.

Also, the 1994 U.S. Census Bureau survey showed more women established businesses between 1991 and 1994 than men.

So, is it sunny and bright every day for women business-owners and woman in corporate offices? The answer is "no," but there are fewer clouds.

According to a Women's Economic Club membership survey this year, almost half the women thought progress in hiring and promoting women executives has "slowed down or is getting worse" in large companies. And a significant

number think "balance is causing a great deal of stress."

However, over half WEC's members said companies are more supportive in finding ways to relieve stress through flexible hours and allowing working at home. Also, the majority of women rated their companies as excellent or good places to work.

If the corporate world doesn't provide the best environment — the best fit — for today's professional women, she is less hesitant than were her predecessors to start her own business. And why not?

"We're a lot more confident in our roles," said Shoemaker.

Area group provides support for women in business

When Marilyn Malin, owner of Detroit-based Staff Solutions, started her own business in 1983, she felt as if she was the only woman business owner in town. Her life was divided between work and home, where she was raising five children.

All that changed when she joined the local chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners in 1991, when her youngest child was a preteen. In NAWBO, she found both emotional and professional support.

"More than ever, it's kept me from being an island."

Staff Solutions has grown tremendously over the years, especially since Malin bought out her partner in 1989. The company generated \$5 million in sales this year and will be included in Inc. Magazine's "Inc. 500" list of exceptional

Business facts

- Did you know that:
- Women-owned businesses contribute more than \$2.38 trillion annually to the national economy.
 - Women-owned businesses employ one out of every five U.S. workers.
 - Women entrepreneurs are taking their firms into the global marketplace at the same rate as all U.S. business owners.
 - Nearly all (96 percent) of women-owned businesses use computers.
 - Home-based businesses owned by women are making a substantial economic contribution. These businesses provide full or part-time employment for 14 million people.

Source: "Women Owned Workplaces," compiled by data from U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and The National Foundation for Women.

entrepreneurs.

Today, Malin is president of The Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO, which draws its membership from throughout southeastern Michigan, including Livonia, Plymouth and Canton in Wayne County. Nationally, NAWBO has 8,000 members; locally, it has 400, a number not representative of the women-owned businesses within its boundaries.

"We know we haven't even

touched the number of women business owners," said Malin. "We have a member from Gaylord because she was searching for a business association to join."

Networking is the most important asset NAWBO offers its members.

"Women business owners are extremely supportive of each other," said Malin. "When I look for a vendor I look at the NAWBO directory. I buy from at least 25 members — payroll, carpet cleaning, lettering for my vans, herbs, printing, marketing materials."

Informative programs are another NAWBO plus in addition to its monthly meetings, which are held at different locations throughout the metro-Detroit area.

Today (Oct. 15), the Detroit chapter is pairing up with the Michigan Jobs Commission to present a trade exposition, "Business-to-Business Showcase," at the Masonic Temple. On Jan. 21, 1999, the chapter is one of 19 women's associations presenting "Women in High Gear: How to Succeed in the Automotive Industry" at the Gem Theatre/Century Club.

For more information about NAWBO contact Carol Gove, (313) 961-4748.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Plymouth OB GYN Specialists Announces The Addition Of KELLY A. O'CONNOR M.D.



Dr. Ernst, Cathy Riffe, PA-C, Dr. Gove and Dr. O'Connor



Dr. Norman Gove and Dr. Susan Ernst are pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Kelly O'Connor to their Plymouth OB GYN Specialists Office. This well established practice is proud to add another high quality physician to their medical team.

Dr. Kelly O'Connor earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, receiving her M.D. Dr. O'Connor completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and served as Chief Resident in her final year. In addition, she has pursued pelvic surgery training at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City. She says, "I chose a career in obstetrics and gynecology to satisfy my interests in providing both surgical and medical care to

women. Obstetrics and gynecology also provides opportunities for excellent continuity of care and long term patient - physician relationships."

The Plymouth OB GYN Specialists Practice has been serving women of all ages in Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties for ten years. The practice has a long standing tradition of providing excellent quality and personal attention in delivering care to women. With three physicians and a physician assistant the practice provides comprehensive obstetric and gynecologic care in addition to preventive health maintenance for women of all ages.

Dr. Kelly O'Connor is accepting new patients at the Plymouth OB GYN Specialists office, located at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 302 in Plymouth and appointments can be scheduled at (734) 414-1090.

Rollin' Along With Skatin' Station II



Denise Marsack and Susan Jackson are not only sisters, but business partners as well. Although it is jointly owned by Susan and her husband, Charles and George Fryer, Denise and Susan are the core of Skatin Station II in Canton. They are the event coordinator and concession manager/owner, respectively. In operation for five years, Skatin Station II is a family entertainment center dedicated to the community to provide wholesome recreation that is fun and well supervised, appropriate for all ages.

Denise and Susan's success story began in a very appropriate place, the neighborhood roller rink. They both grew up skating there and were competitor rollerspeed skaters. "We worked at roller rinks when we were younger and as we grew older we found our hearts were with the children, especially the tiny tots. Just watching them skate for the first time is very exciting...It's fun working and listening to music at the same time...Best of all, we can bring our children to work with us."

Skatin' Station offers a variety of options for all ages and for every person in your family. Not only is open skating available, but also roller-hockey leagues and skating lessons are offered and school private parties, fundraisers, private organization and birthday parties are available by reservation.



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New Faces Welcomed at Canton Obstetrics and Gynecology



L-R standing: Donna Hrozenek M.D., Jody Jones M.D., L-R sitting: Priya Gupta M.D. holding Kelcie, Marcia Caron M.D., Kathy Kise R.N. C.M.S. holding Stephen

Going to the doctor is not an event that many women look forward to. However, Canton Obstetrics and Gynecology understands this universal feeling and does their best to make the most out of the situation. Why is this medical practice so unique? Because there are five physicians and a nurse practitioner and all are female. Marcia Caron M.D., Donna Hrozenek M.D., Yvonne Manber M.D. and the newest additions, Priya Gupta, M.D., Jody Jones, M.D. and Kathy Kise-RNC MS.

Providing modern health care for women in a brand new, decidedly feminine office, Canton Obstetrics and Gynecology provides a comfortable setting for their patients. There is and urgent care and an on-site pharmacy housed on the first floor offering the ultimate in convenience. A separate surgical procedure room allow for a wider range of procedures than were available in their previous building. In addition, there are twelve examination rooms, an ultrasound room and a procedure room. Out patient colposcopy, LEEP, HSG and cryosurgery are also performed.

In addition to the two new doctors, Kathy Kise, a nurse practitioner has joined the Canton OB/Gyn team. She has been practicing in the area of Women's Health for the past six years and received her Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan. Her special interests are menopause management and contraceptive issues. When she isn't playing with her two children, Kathy enjoys reading and a good game of golf.

To welcome new patients to both their Livonia and Canton offices, Canton OB/Gyn has added two new partners to their practice. Dr. Gupta and Dr. Jones

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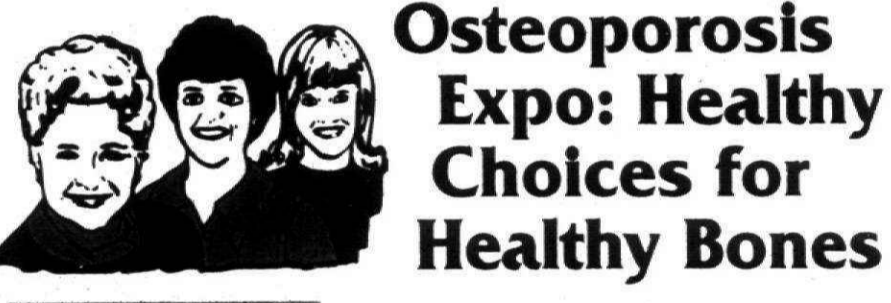


Nicole & Cheri smoking trendy, imported cigars, drinking Madori Martinis as the opening scene of a fashion show at the Birmingham Community House.

The two young high school girls followed the saying, "Find what you enjoy and make a living with it."
Nicole Christ and Cheri LaPointe, enjoyed starting fashion trends and just loved shopping! Their bright idea of having a fashion show spurred their careers.
Nicole recalls, "We have been friends for 13 yrs. and both respect each others opinion on fashion. We are still working together on the many fashion shows we put together, and have traveled to Chicago, New York, California and Europe for our love of fashion." Cheri does the model training and show choreographing and I handle the models, clothes and music! "We are still enjoying the success that started with our first fashion show in high school. "As I look back, we would do it so differently now, but we were kids and thought it was great!" "Parents should encourage their children to go after what they enjoy doing." This way the child will put all his/her energy in it and be positively motivated.
Cheri LaPointe has established Successful Images International, that produces fashion shows, plus is a fashion/make-up consultant. "I do private consultations with women. A client calls and makes an appointment and I make her look beautiful."
Nicole is entering her sixth year at Nicole's Revival, Designer Resale Clothier located at 958 N. Newburgh Rd., North of Cherry Hill and South of

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Tues. Nov. 17
6:30 - 9 p.m.
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Registration required. Please call:
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Exhibits 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Visit a variety of exhibits, which will give you valuable information on calcium-rich foods, options for bone density measurement, exercise and hormone replacement therapy.

Panel and Q&A Session 7:15 - 9 p.m.
Panelists Jeffrey Sanfield, MD, Catherine Upton, MD, nutritionist Lisa McDowell, and moderator Rossana DeGrood, MD, will help you identify and evaluate your risk factors for osteoporosis. Come home with useful prevention strategies. And hear about the latest in osteoporosis diagnosis and treatment methods.

Call the number above for details on these other events:

Tues., Oct. 20 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Why Can't We Get Pregnant? Infertility Issues for Couples
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Thurs., Oct. 22 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Women and Heart Disease
(held at the Livonia Health Building)

Wed., Dec. 2 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Women Who Give or Love Too Much
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The body's set point for weight is tied to fat cell insulin sensitivity and the regulation of blood sugar. Unfortunately, the typical American diet, adult-onset diabetes, pregnancy, normal aging and excessive body fat can derange blood sugar control mechanisms. This can over secrete pancreatic insulin, stored by ingested food that pushes fat into cells and prevents fat cells from releasing fat. As a consequence, even consuming a small amount of refined carbohydrates can cause a large amount of fat gain and sabotage weight loss efforts.

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Weight Loss, Nutrition, Exercise... Inches-A-Weigh has it all!



From left to right: Barb Horowitz, Nicole Deines, Rendie Tank, Julie Hertenstein, Veronica Latty, Cindy Ludwig, Shelly Dunn, Melissa Ruocco

For many women, maintaining a healthy weight has always been a struggle. At Inches-A-Weigh in Livonia, Barbara Horowitz is helping women with that problem curb their bad eating habits and lack of exercise. Inches-A-Weigh, the first Detroit area location of this national franchise, provides a safe and effective weight loss program, combined with a mandatory exercise and toning regimen provided in the same facility. The unique part of the program is not only that weight loss and exercise are combined in the same place, but that it is available only to women. Here women can feel free to exercise in a comfortable, non-competitive atmosphere.

The Inches-A-Weigh philosophy is based on a distinctive concept that allows women to get their weight loss, figure reshaping, and exercise needs all served at one time, in one place, with one program. Each client is allotted personal time and attention from a nutrition consultant weekly and from exercise counselors at every exercise class, assuring individualized, specific needs will be met. The weight loss program is nutritionally sound and teaches clients to walk into the grocery store and make good choices. In addition, 10% of the food program incorporates nutritional supplements and vitamins into the diet which increase metabolism, reduce hunger levels and help nourish your body, insuring the most meticulous care to each client. At Inches-A-Weigh, "Our focus is on you!"

Located at 30985 Five Mile Road in Livonia, Inches-A-Weigh is open for business Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 am-8:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm, Friday 6:30 am-7:00 pm and Saturday from 9 am-1 pm. Stop in and visit their professional and friendly staff or call (734) 421-2929 for more information on this weight loss wonder.

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There are some people in the world that envision a dream very early on in life and never stop striving to reach that goal. Dr. Regina Simone is one of those individuals. "I have never wanted to be anything else except a physician, that is probably why I love my job so much." A graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Simone is Board Certified from the American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She is also a member of the American Medical Association, and the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Among other things, she has been awarded the distinction of Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care and Who's Who in America.

Dr. Simone's practice encompasses all areas of medicine with a special interest in dermatology and women's medicine. However, what seems to make the difference in her business is her careful attention to detail and the extra time she spends with her patients, caring for their individual needs. "I treat my patients as if they were a part of my family," she said.

New patients are welcome and most insurance is accepted.

Dr. Simone's practice is located at Horizon's Medical Center
19335 Merriman, Livonia
(On Merriman just North of 7 Mile Road)
Call 248-474-4900 to make an appointment

Michael's Angel Attic

Nestled in the heart of Livonia sits a little brick building, familiar to us all. This converted 1920's house, now adorned with angels, is the cozy home to Michael's Angel Attic, a specialty shop that sells nothing but angels ... and lot's of them!

Lisa Reed, owner of this little slice of heaven, re-located to this charming abode from her previous location just two blocks away. "I am so blessed to be here! The character of this old home really lends itself to the inviting ambiance that I have created. I want my customers to feel warm and welcome: as if they were entering my own home," commented Reed.



Attic is also a place where people come to connect. With some customers, Reed's relationship transcends business. "Many of my customers have also lost a child. They come not only to shop, but to talk. I know what they are going through and I try to help by listening and sharing with them. There's a bond that only another bereaved parent can understand," says Reed.

Reed will be a designer once again at this year's Festival of Trees ... an annual holiday fund raiser that supports the Children's Hospital of Michigan, a place Reed holds very close to her heart.

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Is Your Child "At Risk" or Struggling in School?

According to the American Foundation for Vision Awareness as many as 25% of school age children have vision problems that can hinder their ability to read and learn, and only about 5% of these problems are detected by school vision screenings. As part of our tribute to women in business in the Livonia area, we are proud to inform you that we are fortunate to have a solution for this problem.

Kamela Asher, a certified vision therapist, has seen many children that were doing great in school up until they hit third or fourth grade when they would start having trouble. These children truly perplex their teachers, and their parents are usually very frustrated, and the labels start flying about - is the child "lazy", "not trying hard enough", or worse than that could the child be "learning disabled" or have "ADD/ADHD"? Third or fourth grade is usually the time when a child with an undetected vision problem will start to have trouble in school," Ms. Asher continues, "and if it remains untreated it usually goes downhill from there. By the time parents bring their children to our office, they have usually tried everything to no avail because the true cause of the problem has never been treated."

"Most people don't realize that 80% of learning is done through the eyes. So it makes sense if someone is having difficulty learning that they should have a thorough developmental vision evaluation." Ms. Asher goes on to state, "A lot of people ask me how this evaluation is different from a regular eye exam. A big mistake people make is to assume that 20/20 means they have 'perfect' vision. All 20/20 means is that when you are looking at the vision chart from a distance of 20 feet, you are able to see the size of letters you are supposed to see from 20 feet away. Being able to see 20/20 is just the beginning. All it tells us is if your child is able to see the chalk board. The developmental vision evaluation tests ALL the visual skills required for someone to be successful in school."

Parents and educators alike have been amazed at the difference in performance levels of students once these undetected vision problems are diagnosed and treated. "My son had a negative attitude toward learning because everything came so hard to him. He also had a problem with self-esteem," adds Deborah Pikulski. "I have seen great improvements in these areas. Comments from his teacher, tutor and coaches have all been good and they can see a difference in him also. I am very pleased."

Undiagnosed vision problems can have a tremendous impact on a child in school. Until the actual source of a learning difficulty is found, these children are truly "at risk." Kamela Asher works with Dr. John Jacobi, a developmental optometrist, in Livonia.

For more information, contact: Kamela Asher, Suburban Optometric, P.C., (734) 525-8170



- Checklist of Vision Problem Warning Signs
- holds a book very close to the eyes
 - avoids reading
 - moves head back and forth while reading, instead of the eyes
 - uses finger to follow in book
 - subvocalized (i.e., murmurs or silently moves lips) during reading
 - complains of blurring, double-vision, or headaches
 - has a short attention span and is quickly fatigued
 - takes hours and hours to do homework, when it shouldn't take that long
 - has spotty recall or understanding after silent reading but almost total recall when material is read aloud to him/her
 - has difficulty with schoolwork that involved a lot of reading (e.g., history or English), but learns subjects such as math or science more easily

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Women In Business Week October 19-23

Whirls and Twirls at Dancewear Gallery



From left to right: Cathy LeMay, Aimee LeMay, Wendi Stepchuk

Slightly over two years ago Cathy and Aimee LeMay opened Dancewear Gallery. A mother and daughter team, they felt there was a need for a store of this type in the Canton area. Specializing in dance shoes and apparel for dancers, skaters and gymnasts, Dancewear Gallery offers everything you need to pile 'em, flip or twirl through the air gracefully.

Obviously, experience is not something this staff is missing. Aimee and her friend Wendi Stepchuk, who also works at the store, have bachelor's degrees in dance and have studied in New York City and Chicago as well. Wendi danced with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the Nutcracker Ballet as a soloist for several years. Aimee spent a summer dancing at Alvin Ailey American Dance Academy and was chosen to perform in a piece choreographed by Alvin Ailey company member Jonathon Phelps. Wendi and Aimee both graduated from the Creative and Performing Arts High School at Churchill in Livonia where they are currently guest teachers. Cathy managed Encore Dance Apparel in Howell, Michigan before opening the Canton store.

They are very pleased with their success and growth over the last two years and are very grateful to the local studio owners and teachers who help them provide their students with the apparel and services they require. Carrying a wide selection of the latest in dancewear and shoes, the staff is knowledgeable, experienced and ready to serve you.

Dancewear Gallery

Located on Ford Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center Drive (in the strip mall that sits perpendicular to Ford Road behind Murray's Auto.) Hours: Monday through Friday 10 am - 7 pm and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Call (734) 207-7730 for more information.

Business Heats Up At Sharon's Heating and Air Conditioning



Some industries have historically been viewed as male dominated trades and typically remain so today. But what is unique about Sharon's Heating and Air Conditioning is that it was founded in 1981 by a woman and continues to be woman-owned and operated. Owner, Sharon Klicker, is a licensed mechanical contractor and has worked in the industry for 25 years.

She started learning her trade in 1973 under the instruction of Homer DeShais, who passed away earlier this year and will be sorely missed by everyone at Sharon's. After installing for other companies, Ms. Klicker decided to get her license and start her own business, originally located near the intersection of Wayne and Ford. It was slow in the beginning with only three employees but has grown to employ around thirty at the new, larger location on Cowan. This includes the four sons that are now working for her, turning it into more of a family business. "The employees are the key to my success," says Ms. Klicker. "I appreciate their dedication and enjoy the opportunity to work with them and see them grow."

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From left to right: Bobbie (Stylist), Mafalda (Bridal consultant, stylist), Linda (Receptionist), Paula (Manager), Elaine (Owner). Not pictured: Annie, Carol, Patricia

Mafalda's Salon prides itself in its efforts to provide continuing education for all its employees. In January 1999 the entire salon is going to attend the Redken Symposium held in Las Vegas. We are ready and excited to educate our clients with the new technologies on dimensional hair coloring, chemical texturizing and new hair designs for both men and women. The suggestions and techniques we can offer our clients are endless. The constant doom and gloom of the coming of Year 2000 in the media reinforces our salon's vision to fulfill the needs of our clients who walk through our doors. Soon our profession will be one of the few which still offers communication face to face. It is the obligation of our profession to offer stress relief not only with hair, but with body and soul.

We specialize in high fashion designs for Homecomings and Proms. Brides can be at ease with their entire wedding party taken care of on the morning of the big event. Mafalda also custom designs veils and custom designs gifts for the wedding guests' with an Italian flair. Facials, gycholic peels, waxes, pedicures and complete nails are also offered at our salon. Soon we will be offering hair extensions as well. Clients can choose either fuller hair, lengthier hair, bold highlights or subtle highlight looks. Jeffrey Bruce will be at our salon again on November 9th. During his thirty minutes - semi private appointment conversations, he offers looking great - feeling great methods for each individual. We offer a complete line of products by Redken, Rusk, Paul Mitchell, Crew, Nioxin and Sebastian. We also carry Jeffrey Bruce and Arbonne cosmetics. Gift certificates are always available for Sweetest Day, Christmas or any special occasion. We can customize any gift package you have in mind.

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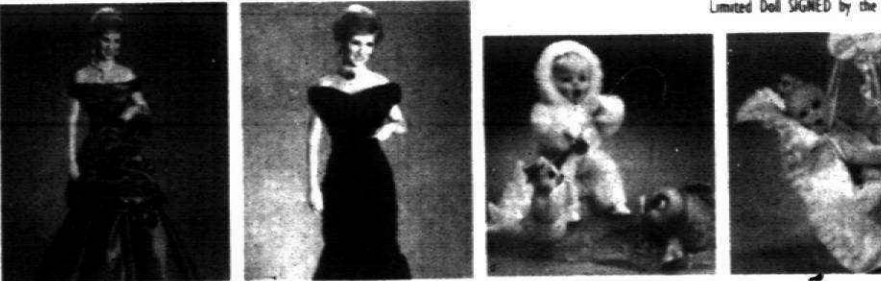
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Dancing Towards Success



It was many years ago when Joanne Zavisa decided not to simply open a business, but to continue an educational process. She wanted to teach dance and be able to see that her students were being trained correctly. Now, fifteen years later, Joanne is the owner and artistic director of the very successful and highly acclaimed Joanne's Dance Extension and the Plymouth Canton Gym Express in Plymouth.

Since incorrect training can be physically damaging, Joanne uses an educationally based program and places a strong emphasis on technique, teaching a student to dance the "right" way. Training both students and teachers, they teach ballet, tap, jazz, acrobatics, lyrical and modern dance. In addition, they have a strong gymnastics program, taught more on the recreational level. While students still utilize all the equipment and floor exercises, competition is not the main focus.

"We have produced students that have gone on to a professional career, students who have become teachers, and students who just enjoy the art of dance," says Joanne. New students are always welcome so call (734) 455-4330 for information on registration.



Joanne's Dance Extension is located at 9282 General Drive #180-195 in Plymouth and is open for business Monday - Thur. 3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Art is Beauty at Artistic Permanent Make-up Inc.



While tattooing is an ancient art form, its use has undoubtedly changed a bit over the years. No one knows this better than Jacqui, owner and manager of Artistic Permanent Make-up in Plymouth, she uses tattooing for a practical purpose, to apply cosmetic make-up permanently to women from all walks of life.

Jacqui says, "Being artistic is the key. Body proportions and facial features both come into play in choosing custom colors and shaping for a very natural and soft look." She will apply eyebrows, eyeliner and lips for around the clock beauty enhancement. For example, people

who have lost their natural eyebrows can regain that youthful look with a simple application. Eyeliner will make the lashes look fuller, shape and give definition to the eyes. Lip color is applied to add definition and fullness. Even cleft lips can be reshaped for a more natural look. For those individuals with scarring, camouflage color is matched to the skin and applied to those areas to make the marks seem to disappear.

Jacqui has been in the field of beauty for 26 years. For the last 9 years she has been permanently enhancing faces. "Permanent make-up is an asset to anyone's life, especially the very active."

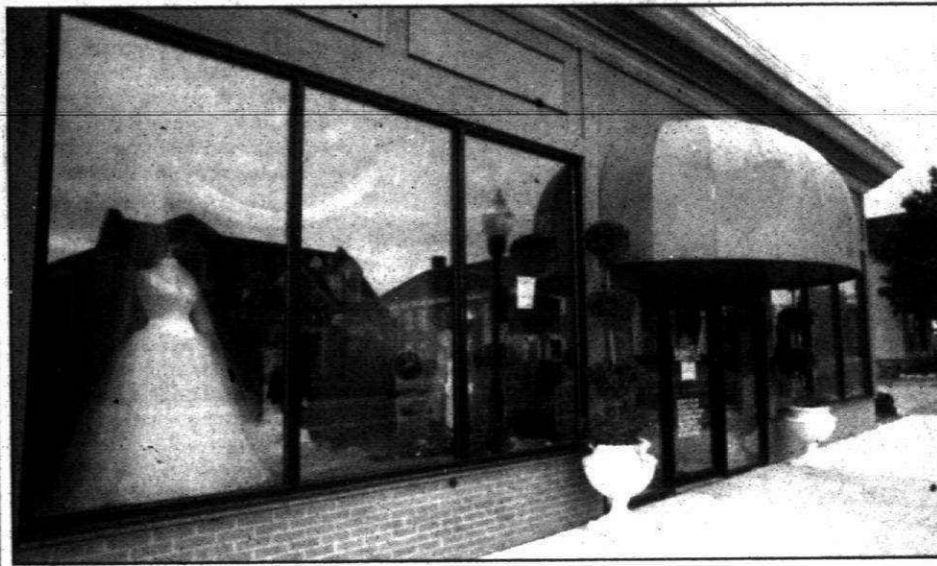
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For more information on this art form, call (734) 455-6980 or stop by for a visit at 1257 S. Main St. in Plymouth. She is open for business Tuesday through Friday, 11 am-5 pm or by appointment.

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Julie's Bridal Makes Wedding Dreams Come True



Julie Serra has been in the bridal business for over 30 years, serving as a seamstress, buyer, and consultant. However, ten months ago she decided to take her knowledge one step further and open up her own bridal salon. Now she is the proud owner and manager of Julie's Bridal Imports, located in Plymouth.

Julie's Bridal Salon specializes in exclusive bridal gown designs, catering to women of all shapes and sizes. "We carry the area's largest selections of bridal, bridesmaids, mother of the bride and formal wear gowns available. Our designer gowns are made to fit every budget and every size." This variety of selection is important to Julie's customers, as fitting the perfect wedding gown is

no easy task. Her on-site alterations department allows her to custom fit any gown, to any woman. In addition, she will custom order, or make a gown or headpiece to the customer's exact specifications. A final feature that makes Julie's Bridal so unique is the fact that she is able and willing to bring in designers from all over the world who will meet with the bride and attempt to create the dress of her dreams.

From the early days of childhood, many young girls daydream about their weddings and wonder what their dress will look like. They have a vision in their heads of what the perfect gown would look like. Julie's Bridal wants to make those dreams a reality for every woman.

Julie's BRIDAL IMPORTS

Open for business Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am-8 pm. Tuesday and Friday 10 am-6 pm and Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm. Please call (734) 455-1100 for more information.

Wild Wings Flies High Over Plymouth



Louise Jabara Deschenes displaying "Garden of Prayer" by Thomas Kinkadee

In the beginning, working for her father's gallery was not a career choice for Louise Jabara Deschenes. However, she found herself enjoying the atmosphere and taking part in a business where customer satisfaction was a priority. "To see customers depart with a signed and numbered lithograph and a wide selection of gift items, Wild Wings Gallery strives to touch the hearts of individuals as it illuminates the delicate balance of nature. Shared enthusiasm has always been their vision, as their customers undoubtedly appreciate the beauty and God given talents of the artists they display."

Not long after she made this realization, she and her brother, Dean Jabara, decided to open a location in Grosse Pointe, and worked together there for several years. While she managed that location for 16 years, she made the choice to return to work with her father, Kal, and "once again work with the person who was responsible for this career that I find

so rewarding." Wild Wings is a gallery that takes great pride in featuring the art of renowned artists such as Thomas Kinkadee, Robert Bateman and Terry Redlin. Offering a mixture of framed canvases, signed and numbered lithographs and a wide selection of gift items, Wild Wings Gallery strives to touch the hearts of individuals as it illuminates the delicate balance of nature. Shared enthusiasm has always been their vision, as their customers undoubtedly appreciate the beauty and God given talents of the artists they display. Louise is grateful for her success and comments, "...The challenge resides in building a new customer base in which I can continue to commit myself to the satisfaction of those who have and will continue to patronize our Wild Wings Gallery." To be a part of this young lady's challenge, stop in and visit the folks at Wild Wings Gallery.



The gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-6 pm, Thursday and Friday 10 am-9 pm, and Sunday 12 pm-5 pm. Please call (734) 455-3400 for more information. 388 S. Main St. • Plymouth also located at 406 Main - Rochester

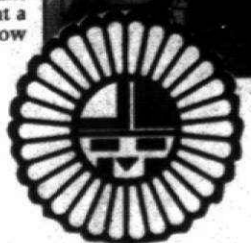
Sharing Culture and Art Native American Style

You don't have to travel to New Mexico in search of Native American art or Southwestern home furnishings. You only have to go as far as downtown Plymouth where you'll find Native West, a well established and longstanding seller of hand-crafted items featuring the work of Native American and Southwestern artisans.

Open in 1989, gallery owner, Annette Horn has brought in various items over the years, including Indian jewelry, one-of-a-kind Hopi Kachina dolls, original paintings, hand-woven rugs, "Navajo Sandpaintings," sculptures and furniture. After 15 years in retailing Annette decided it was time for a change. She had developed an intense appreciation for Southwestern art and wanted to put that love to use as an entrepreneur. Thus in 1993, she bought Native West. Annette set out (and continues today), to offer quality, authentic Native American art to the Midwest, but at a price comparable to that of the West.

"She says, "Retailing Native American art is very rewarding, and knowing that we are helping a culture, a family, an artist etc., makes it even more special. Yes, Native West is a business, but more than that, Native West is about sharing our knowledge of another culture." Explaining the special meaning and/or legends behind the items she sells is exciting to her because this gives her the opportunity to share the spirit of the native culture.

As with any good business, customer satisfaction and quality merchandise are extremely important to Annette. They are, in fact, keys to her success. Listening to what her customers want or need and then giving it to them at a reasonable price, is all a part of how she does business.



NATIVE WEST

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Jennifer Schiller, manager of Ann Arbor Cellular says, "I enjoy the wireless communication industry because I can educate customers and recommend the most appropriate communication tools for their needs. Whether it be a baby boomer for the newly expectant family or a wireless data solution for a local entrepreneur, I can help. After earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management and moving to the area last year, I am excited to be bringing wireless communication to downtown Plymouth. I know that there is a lot that Ann Arbor Cellular and myself can offer this community."

A prime example of this company's involvement in the community was recently displayed when they sponsored the luncheon at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. Ann Arbor Cellular is proud of this type of involvement and is convinced it makes a difference in the business world.

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The Tri-Correctional Bunionectomy™ is done on an outpatient basis at a hospital or surgical center where patients walk out of the hospital the day of surgery. Many patients return to a tennis shoe in about 2 weeks and are back to normal activities shortly after.

Please call Dr. Ellen Mady or one of her staff members for a FREE phone consultation or call now to schedule an appointment regarding your painful bunions and the Tri-Correctional Bunionectomy™ (248) 478-FEET (3338).

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Dr. Ellen Mady is on staff at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and U of M Surgical Center in Livonia

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BRASS & IRON BEDS



With two convenient locations, Brass & Iron Beds is ready to design a bed for you. The Plymouth store is located at 873 West Ann Arbor Trail and can be reached at (734) 451-7181. The Rochester store is located at 265 South Main Street and will be celebrating their 5th anniversary this coming March. Call (248) 656-2337 for more information. Both locations are open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Dr. Freedland "Reshapes" the Medical Profession



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The medical field today offers endless possibilities for health and beauty improvement. Michael H. Freedland, M.D. is just one of the doctors contributing to these advances in modern technology. Dr. Freedland specializes in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery for the face and body.

With my love of medicine," he proudly volunteers his time for Operation Smile and has traveled to Vietnam, Columbia and the Philippines performing over 150 cleft lip and palate repairs.

Located in Livonia and affiliated with William Beaumont, St. Mary's, and Henry Ford Hospitals, Dr. Freedland's practice offers a full scope of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery procedures. Facial rejuvenation procedures such as facelifts and nose surgery, facial reconstructive surgery including cleft lip and palate repair, body contouring (liposuction and tummy tucks) and breast surgery (enlargement, reduction and lifts).

Dr. Freedland always welcomes new patients, so call (734) 285-2550 to set up a consultation. He has three convenient office locations, including one at the Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, in Livonia.

Reme's Dolls Travel Across Seas



Incidently, Juanita will receive the Doll of the Year Award for her new doll named Clarissa, this year.

Another new development in Reme's business is her increased amount of travel. For example, in January she will journey to San Francisco to introduce a new doll from Germany. She is continually seeking manufacturers from Europe to make a different style of doll, one that is more up to date and closely resembles live children. Luna Babies, are a prime example of this. The most popular in the doll world today, these high quality dolls come from Germany, are made in Spain, and cost about half of what other manufacturers sell their dolls for. She also travels to Europe once a month to meet with different vinyl factories in order to reproduce American designed dolls. They will take a one of a kind, original, porcelain doll to Spain and reproduce it for half the cost, out of vinyl. This allows Reme to offer a much larger selection of dolls that are top quality, at a more competitive price.

In store for 1999, Reme is planning to have numerous artists into the store for various signing events. Customers enjoy those events and are appreciative of the fact that they don't have to go to commercial doll shows to see what is available that year. During the first week of November she will celebrate the holiday season (November 6, 7 and 8) with a customer appreciation sale - 25% off for three days only.

Reme spends her days surrounded by dolls created by the top designers of the world. She loves her job and is determined to offer the best customer service possible.

Reme COLLECTIBLES

If you are interested in sharing your love and appreciation of the craftsmanship of today's best dolls, stop in and visit Reme at 42839 Ford Road in Canton. Call (734) 981-7500 to inquire about hours of business.

Saluting Wayne County

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Women In Business Week - October 19-23

Personalized Hearing Care - more than a name - it's a commitment

Personalized Hearing Care is a private audiology practice owned and operated by Barbara Douglas, M.A., C.C.C., certified audiologist and licensed hearing aid dealer.

Because they're audiology-based, their focus is different. They focus not only on hearing aids but on helping people who have a hearing loss communicate - sharing information about assistive devices, closed captioning or possibly cochlear implants. It's not restricted to the sale of hearing aids. It's aural rehabilitation - working with patients to help them get used to hearing again; and including their families in the process, because they find it works better that way.

It's also about education. They spread the word about available options, and actively promote hearing awareness to patients and in the community. Their message is: you can do something positive about your hearing loss. And, if you choose the right provider for your hearing needs, it can literally change your life.

Their name tells what's unique about them - Personalized Hearing Care. They look at each individual separately, one at a time. They make them feel comfortable. They work with them until both staff and patient are comfortable with the solution.

They try to make hearing better and using hearing aids a positive experience, something people feel good about. Barb says, "If they feel good about the experience, they are more willing to refer to us because they know the people they



Crown of Barbara Douglas at Med Max

refer will be taken good care of. That's why our customers come back. They bring their friends in and refer their friends to us. They trust that their family and friends' hearing needs will be cared for.

They are service-driven. They look at each person's needs and what they want and what they can afford. The patients know the staff cares about them hearing well and really work at making that happen. They look for solutions to our patients' problems - and solve each one individually. Personalized Hearing Care is a caring practice.

"Having my own practice means that I can really help people now. It gives me the freedom to offer patients choices, to get to know my patients, and their needs. I can take as much time as each person needs," states Barb Douglas, audiologist.

Barb also mentions, "It also gives me the opportunity to educate about hearing, hearing loss and hearing care and to sponsor events such as our Better Hearing and Speech Day. People want to know about hearing. Now, I can go out and speak - at clubs, senior residences, union locals - and spread the word about hearing care options."

Personalized Hearing Care is located across from Westland Shopping Center at 35337 W. Warren. Office hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 am-6 pm. Closed Friday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm. Evenings by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment call Barbara Douglas at 734-467-5100. Don't forget to congratulate her on her 5 yr. anniversary this month.

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Personalized Hearing Care 35337 W. Warren (just south of Westland Mall)

Sweet Success at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe

Quality is still important to Mary Denning after 6 years of quality baking.



Six years ago Mary Denning decided to open a cake shop, priding itself on quality and service. Little did she know that by the year 1998 it would be such a huge success in Westland and other neighboring communities. Today, the integrity and the quality of the cake shop's products is still as important to Mary Denning and her employees, as it was the day her shop opened in 1992.

October is here and with it comes the celebration of Mary Denning's 6th anniversary with 25,000 cakes sold. To mark this event, they are sponsoring a contest when exactly their 25,000th cake will be sold. The lucky customer who purchases the 25,000th cake and the customer who correctly guesses the time and date of that purchase will win a free cake every month for the next year. In addition, to thank everyone for their six years of loyalty, the bakery will be offering 25% off all special order cakes (excluding wedding cakes) for the last two weeks of October. Although decorated cakes have been the mainstay of her business, Mary Denning's has much more to offer anyone's sweet tooth. Everything from cookies and coffee cakes to muffins and pastries are readily available. For those times when a special gift is in order, Mary Denning's is quick to fix up a gift basket or show you the different varieties of gourmet coffee she has for sale. Located at 8306 North Wayne Road in Westland, Mary Denning's has been tempting the tastebuds of the residents of Wayne County for years and will undoubtedly continue to do so for many more to come. Open seven days a week for your convenience. Call (734) 261-3680 for more information.

MARY DENNING is about to bake her **25,000th Cake**

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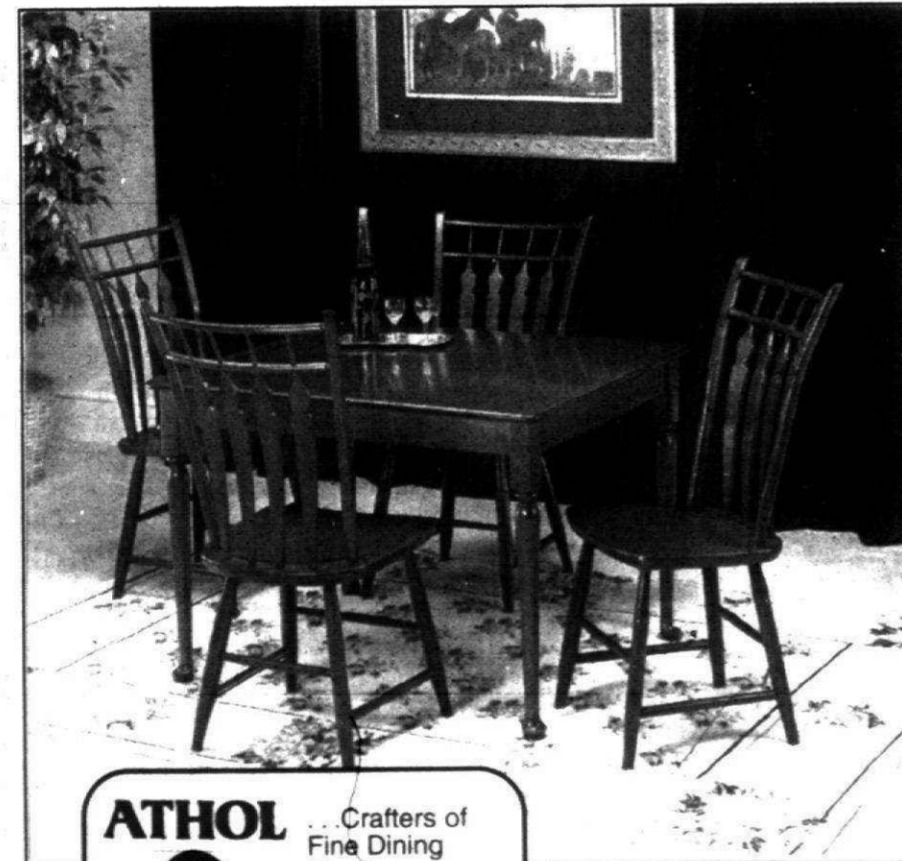
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As this demand for more and more natural foods continues, the expansion for Zerbo's continues. The store added 6,111 sq. ft. of retail space this past summer. The older part of Zerbo's is getting ready to add a greater variety of organic produce and an exciting new juice bar for the shopper who desires a better choice of quality food items.

Harry Zerbo, 82, founded the store in 1958. He is still an energetic part of the store's personal customer service and can be found at the store every day. Many customers have been coming to Zerbo's Health Foods just to see Harry and listen to his professional health advice on homeopathics, vitamins, herbs, and foods. Harry also includes a free joke to go along with his advice and always leaves his customers laughing. He will still do a little zone therapy on the feet.



Clara Zerbo Adams, Harry's daughter, started to take over the day to day duties in 1982. She has since received a certificate in massage therapy and continues to expand her educational courses in nutritional subjects and massage techniques. Linda Zerbo, Clara's sister, has just recently taken a pay of the store's crew and spends much of her time helping customers find their personal nutritional needs. Clara's children, Ryan and Shannon Adams, are now an important part in



running the store. Clara is proud of the fact that Ryan is a CMU graduate with a business degree and Shannon is in her final studies to become a Registered Dietitian from Madonna University. The family enjoys working with each other and work hard to make the store successful. Zerbo's sells a variety of supplements including St. Johns Wort and Kava Kava used as mood elevators, arthritis cures like Chondroitin and Glucosamine Sulfates, estrogen replacers like soy based Phyto-Estrogen, CO Q 10 an anti-aging enzyme, the very much in demand Ginko Biloba for the memory and body building items that include muscle builders and testosterone enhancers such as Andro-6 and Creatine. Supplements come in a variety of ways. You can have your choice of vitamins, herbs, amino acids, essential fatty acids and homeopathics in liquids, sprays, powders, chewables, capsules, or tinctures. Zerbo's carries supplements for the young and old, the fitness minded, the fatigued, the stressed, and the aged who want to feel young again. The store has aisles of products like books, antioxidants, super green foods, the ginseng, aloe vera, digestive enzymes, phyto-estrogens, and many other disease preventives. "How do you know what all of these items are for?" is a frequently asked question to many of the knowledgeable staff that Clara keeps on the floor at the store. The employees at Zerbo's do keep up on the latest health issues and try to help customers find just what they may be looking for to obtain a healthier body. Information is always available and help is easy to find with the very insightful staff.

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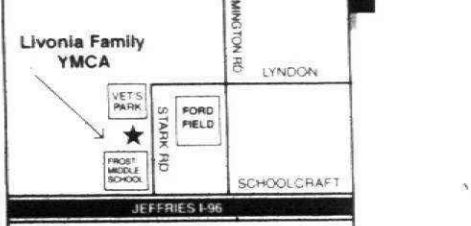
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Patients First at Partners in Internal Medicine



Left to right: Chuck Yadmark, M.D., Mark Oberdoerster, M.D., Martha Gray, M.D. and Lisa Feldstein, M.D.

To demonstrate their vision of personalized patient care, Drs. Martha Gray, Mark Oberdoerster and Lisa Feldstein joined together in January of 1998 to form a practice named Partners in Internal Medicine. In September, Dr. Chuck Yadmark was welcomed to the practice, sharing the exact same vision as his partners. In the changing world of healthcare, the doctors believe that in order to be distinguished from other medical practices, they need to refocus on personalized patient care delivery and not just simply the financial aspects of the business. Over the years, patients have conveyed the loss of "personal touch" in their medical care due to large practices and technology. Therefore, our vision was to develop a company that is clinically driven and provides a smaller, more personalized setting which meets the needs of our patients.

Although the practice has only been in operation for eight short months, all the doctors have years of previous training and experience. Dr. Gray has been practicing for 17 years and is completely certified in Geriatrics. She received her training at the University of Michigan Medical School. She is also

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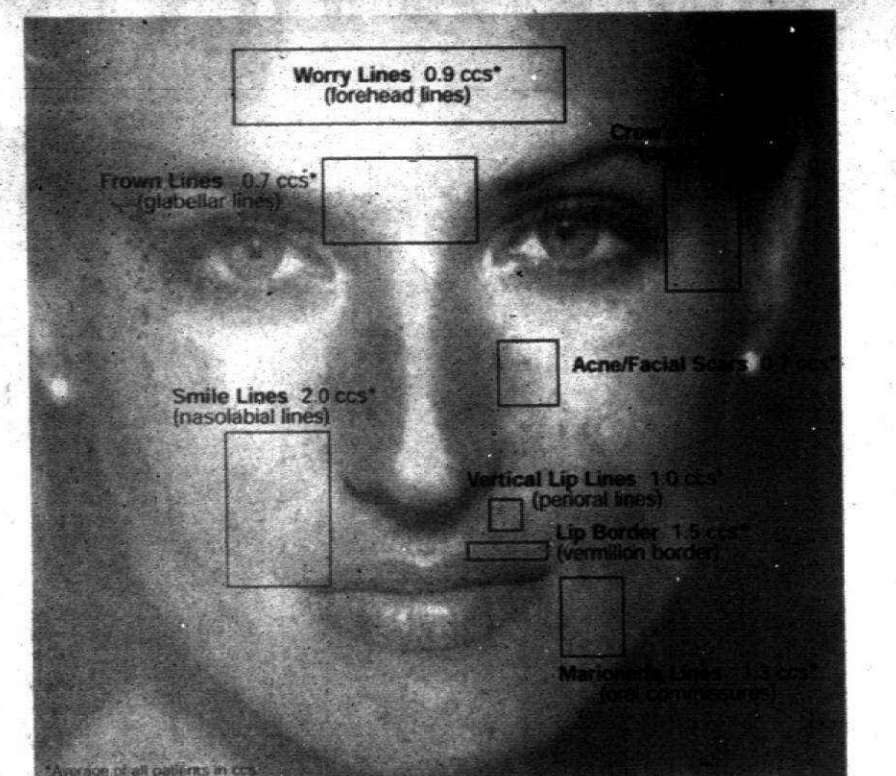
For the past four years, Salon Trio co-owners Jacinda Reed and Melissa Montagano have worked hard to maintain the vision they began with when they first opened their doors. "We wanted a departmentalized salon with both color and styling departments with employees specializing in one area," said Jacinda and Melissa. They have accomplished that, and so much more.

Salon Trio promotes the most highly-educated and well experienced Toni and Guy stylists to help you choose the most appropriate look for any occasion (work or play), a specialized color department, a full skin care and cosmetic line and nail technicians who offer complete nail and

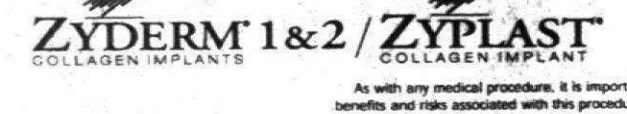


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Welcome Nancy Bosas (left) Dental Hygienist and Dr. Kate Nematollahi, D.D.S. (right)

Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum and MacFarland are pleased to announce the association of Dr. Kate Nematollahi D.D.S. and Nancy Bosas, Dental Hygienist with their office in Canton. A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, Dr. Nematollahi has had two years of post-graduate training at the University of Michigan Dental School, along with training in cosmetic dentistry. Ms. Bosas has been practicing as a Dental Hygienist in Canton for the past ten years. These two new faces are a welcome addition to an already well established family dental practice.

"Your comfort is our highest priority" is the practice's motto and Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum,

MacFarland and Nematollahi are determined to keep that promise. Open six days a week, they run strictly on schedule and adhere to the highest standards of sterilization. Emergencies are always seen immediately after they call in an attempt to provide the most comfort possible for the patient. "We have a terrific staff that works well together to always please patients' needs first."

New patients are welcome. For more information call (734) 981-4040. They are located at 42301 Cherry Hill in Canton (on the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley) and are open for business six days a week, including evenings. Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum, MacFarland and Nematollahi will give you a reason to smile!

BILL AND ROD'S APPLIANCE: An Unlikely Success Story



Linda Legato never planned on owning and running her father's appliance store. In fact, she had plans to work in public relations after graduating from Michigan State University. However, when her father, Rod Rodriguez, died in 1976, Linda (at the time only 21) was left with no choice. Someone needed to take over the business and the task was placed onto her shoulders. Kim Legato, recently hired to deliver appliances, became one of her employees and the two soon fell in love, marrying in 1977. Ever since then, the couple have run the business together. While Linda handles office and sales work, Kim is busy at the service end of the business.

In operation for 35 years now, Bill and Rod's Appliance in Livonia is based on all brand services, Maytag sales, and parts sales for all makes and models of appliances. With two full-time technicians (each with 20 years of experience), all the in-home repair work is easily taken care of. They carry the parts on their trucks so that there is no need for return trips.

As far as Maytag is concerned, Linda believes that it is the only product available today that is designed to last through 20 years of dependable service. They carry everything from refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers to micro-waves, hood fans, garbage disposals, washers and dryers. Therefore, they have a full-product showroom that features these products and allows the customer to make the best buying decision.

Their appliance parts sales are handled much the same way. "We provide knowledgeable advice for do-it-yourselfers. Because of years of experience, we know and stock the parts that people need most often. We generally know if you truly need that expensive part or not."

Kim and Linda's business philosophy is undoubtedly working. They recently doubled its showroom space and added the Jenn Air line of gourmet ranges. Don't think the Legatos need to depend on people simply spotting their business, from Middlebelt Road because numbers, five percent of their sales come from past customers. "We've been in the area for so long, most people know us. If our customers aren't happy, neither are we," says Linda.



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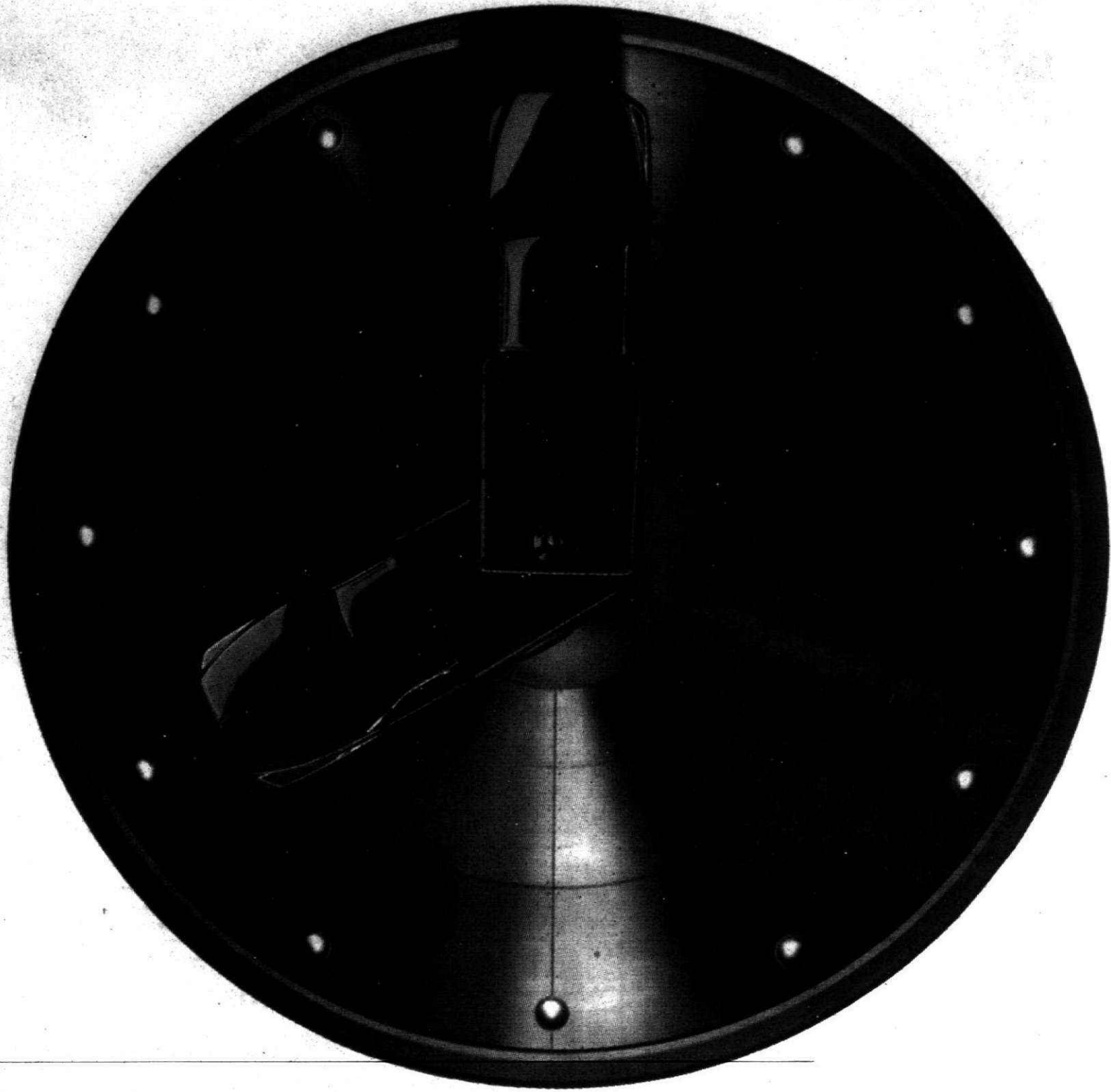
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Interested in just refinancing. Many of Homestead's clients are first time home buyers or simply home buyers in general, and need financial direction. To accommodate these needs, Homestead USA conducts seminars for first time home buyers. Here they will answer questions regarding finding the right home, qualifying for a home mortgage or as which loan program is best for you.

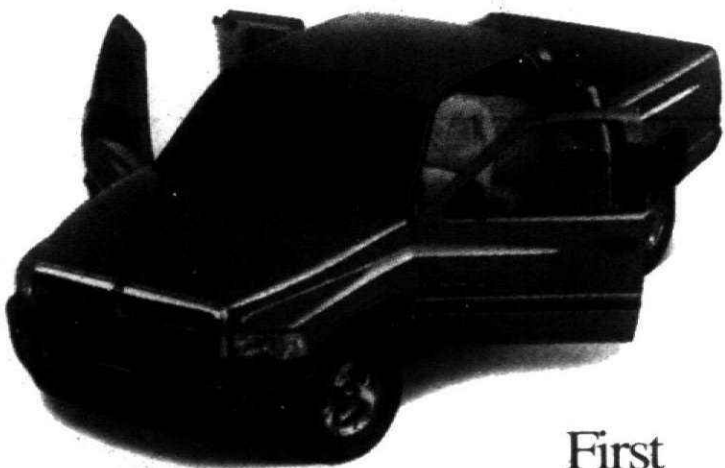
Lisa Treich and Gale Kennedy of Homestead USA say they enjoy working with people on a one-to-one basis. Our clients are our number one priority. We take care to find the right loan program for every client. Unlike banking institutions, we do schedule our appointments around our clients' needs. It's quite simple, "we care."

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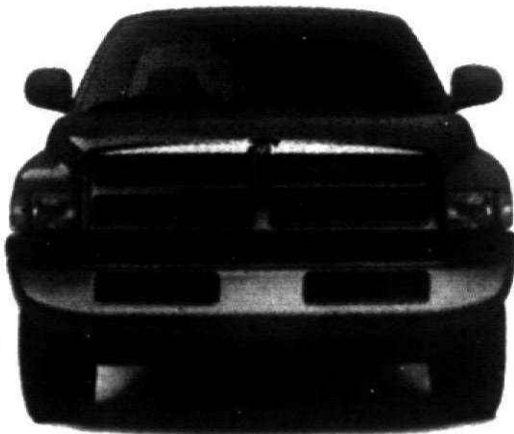


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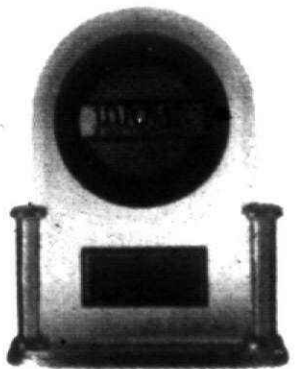
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

We have stake in raising happy child

What is the No. 1 thing that parents want for their children? "I just want my child to be happy." For people who started having children in the '60s, right up through today, it is the first thing that most parents wish for. When a person feels loved, capable and responsible, they will likely be happy.

I see hundreds of unhappy children every year. Whether they are in a youth support group, school classroom, counseling session or with their parents at Kmart, I keep wondering why there seems to be a lack of contentment and an abundance of sober, sour looks. It begs the question, "If most parents' goal is for kids' happiness, then why aren't they happier?"

Samantha belligerently plunked herself down onto the couch in the therapist's office one day. With arms crossed and lips pursed shut, her body language read, "I hate being here, and you're not going to change it."

The counselor didn't bother dancing around the obvious, but offered, "Not too happy about being here, are ya?" Her terse "Nope" was to be expected. Turning to mom, who the therapist suspected had the keys to opening up her teen, she asked, "Why do you think Samantha is so unhappy?"

Mom went into a lengthy diatribe

Please see SENSORS, B2

Pressing engagement

Russian journalists explore state's politics

There's a big difference between politics in Russia and politics in the United States. And a group of Russian journalists were in Westland last week to explore those differences.

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When Russian journalist Mikhail Mikhayolichenko visited the Westland office of state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, he longed to hear secrets.

"Give me a few secrets of your election campaign experience," he asked Bennett. "I promise, I won't tell anyone in Russia."

The laughter broke the ice between Bennett and five Russian journalists who visited his campaign office in Westland on Oct. 9. The six, along with two translators, held a roundtable discussion about Michigan elections.

"There aren't really any secrets that caused me to be elected," Bennett answered. "My wife and I, four years ago, spent nine months going door to door talking to people on front porches. In nine months, we visited 38,000 homes."

"I truly believe that there was no way to win an election. I had to earn the election one vote at a time."

The Russian journalists visited the Detroit area Oct. 7-9 under the auspices of the International Visitors Program of the U.S. Information Agency. The group chose Michigan in order to observe a campaign office of a senator up for re-election.

According to the International Visitors Council in metropolitan Detroit, the local sponsor, the goal of the program is to gain an understanding of the relationship between the press and the government.

Anatoly Smolin, deputy chief of the information and public relations



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Overseas visitors: Irina Bayanova, head of the press service for the legislative assembly of the Sverdlovsk Region in Yekaterinburg, and Mayrbrek Vachagayev, press secretary/director of the information and analysis center in the office of the president of the Chechen Republic in Groznyy, were among the five Russian journalists who visited the Westland office of state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township.

department of Chuvash Republic Administration, Cheboksary, was curious if there were any benefits to being a state senator.

"I receive a paycheck, but I see one of

the benefits or privileges is that I get opportunities such as I'm experiencing today that the average person doesn't have. As for any extra benefits, no," Bennett answered.

Bennett explained the basics of state, local and United States government, the frequency of meetings and cam-

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Journalists

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The group was fascinated with the piles of campaign signs along one wall, and the charts hanging on another wall that listed campaign volunteers at each polling place.

Mikhailichenko, chairman of the committee on press and information for Leningrad Oblast, gave Bennett the thumbs up on his campaign slogan, Bennett for Senate.

That's a very good slogan," he said with a wide grin. "Does your opponent have a slogan?"

When Bennett said no, Mikhailichenko responded, "He's too young maybe in politics?"

Not quite, Bennett is being challenged by Democrat Ken Warfield, in the November general election. Warfield has been in public service for 35 years, including 27 years in fire service in Wayne, and is serving his fourth term as mayor of that city.

Smolin asked if there were any restrictions on placing signs. "Would it be possible to put a sign on a hot air balloon or aircraft?"

Mikhailichenko and Bennett compared the average expense of elections in the United States (\$500,000-\$600,000) to one in St. Petersburg (\$200,000).

"Is there a sentiment that campaigns are too expensive, or that they should limit the expenses?" said Irina Bayanova, head of the press service for the legislative assembly, Sverdlovsk Region, Yakaterrinburg.

Sensors

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about her current situation which included a separation from her husband and dealing with another one of her children who had just been diagnosed with ADHD.

The teen's face gave it all away when the therapist asked, "Mom, do you think she feels like she doesn't get much attention these days?"

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The attention he or she needs. In a recent USA Weekend magazine, they, too, asked the question as it pertained to school: "Does your child get enough attention in school?"

In the article, they spoke to teachers who had smaller classes. The across-the-board consensus was that a smaller class size meant the teacher got to know the kids inside-out.

"It's a family feeling," says Lynn Reese, a teacher in California. With more families struggling to stay intact and with 70 percent of the parents out in the workplace, kids are getting less attention than ever.

What's it going to take to bring up a happy child? As this columnist has said many times before, happiness is the byproduct of feeling loved, competent and responsible. We cannot expect results by merely sprinkling the happiness dust on the children in this country.

But we all can play a part in this:

- Listen to your own children.
- Listen to other people's children.
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- Make them feel they are of value.

reward them for doing things the right way.

- Help them make changes when they mess up, instead of making them feel worthless because they failed.
- We all have a stake in this. They are the ones who will be our next leaders. An unhappy captain sets the tone for an unhappy crew.

Jacque Martin-Downs, coordinator of the Family Resource Center, Westland, has a private counseling practice. You can write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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NEW VOICES

John and Kelly Schnoes of Livonia announce the birth of Elizabeth Ashley March 10. She joins two brothers, Matthew, 5, and David, 3. Grandparents are David and Sherrill Striker of Plymouth and Edward and Judith Schnoes of Canton.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Arline Smith of Clinton and Betty Collins of St. Clair Shores.

Robert Michael and Cheryl Ann Cates of Redford announce the birth of Justin James Robert June 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Barbara Forkel of Novi, Elnora Miller of Napa, Calif., and Robert and Violet Cates of Gainesville, Fla.

Chris and Jenny Johnston of Redford announce the birth of Justin Christopher July 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Emily Jobin of Portage and Jim and Sue Johnston of Plymouth.

Heath and Kelly Heaslip announce the birth of Jordan Tyler June 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Triffo of Canton, Ed and Lynn Herrick of Lincoln Park, Bob and Sheila Grinsell of Manchester and Mike and Missy Heaslip of Southgate.

Mark and Kristine Feldmann of Redford announce the birth of Gabrielle Marie June 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Kathleen Stevens of California, Andrew and Jean McKinnon of Southfield and James and Norma Feldmann of Florida.

Richard and Anastasia Hardyne of Wayne announce the birth of Rianna Allie June 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Zakary, 6, and Richard, 4. Grandparents are Shirley Daly and Patricia Smallwood, both of Westland.

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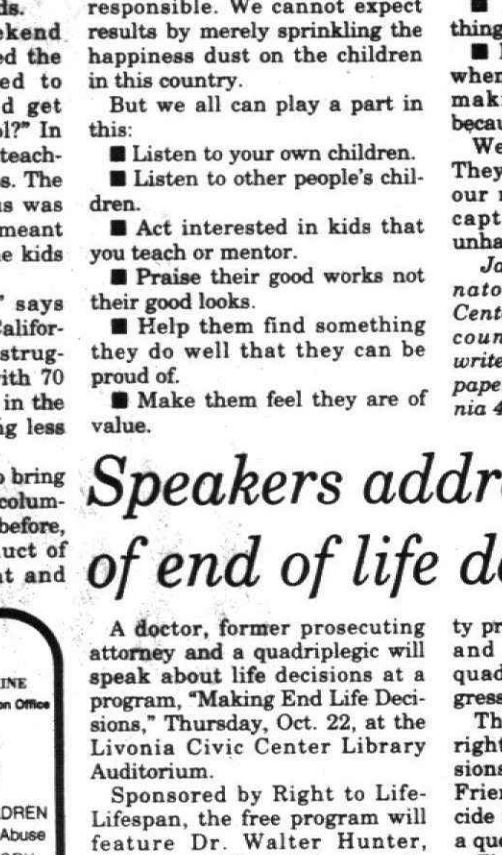
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IN Africa: It was Karen Shaw of Livonia who joined Noreen Owens on a Rivers of the World mission trip to the Congo this summer. At one village, the team visited, Shaw hoisted a stalk of bananas on her head and took off on a two-mile walk like the villagers do.



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Top prize will be a one-week vacation for four: at Cypress Pointe Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., near Walt Disney World, \$600 for travel expenses and tickets and passes to attractions like Planet Hollywood and Splendid China Theme Park.

Second prize will be a 14-karat white gold necklace and bracelet set, donated by Kramar Jewelry Inc., while the third prize will be a one-week vacation for four in Branson, Mo. The prize includes lodging at The Plantation in Fall Creek, \$200 for travel expenses and tickets and passes to such attractions as the Amy Williams Moon River and Jim Stafford theaters.

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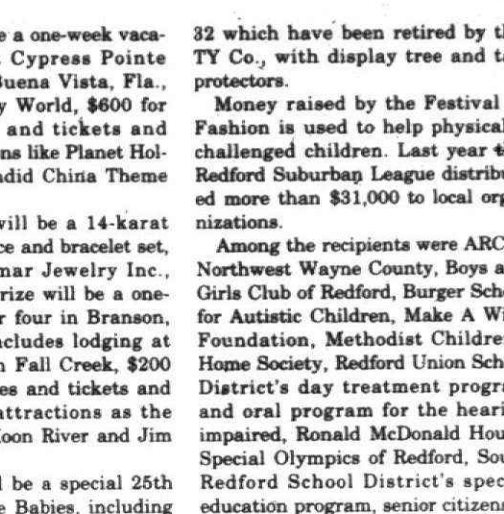
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Doris Biscoe



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32 which have been retired by the TY Co., with display tree and tag protectors.

Money raised by the Festival of Fashion is used to help physically challenged children. Last year the Redford Suburban League distributed more than \$31,000 to local organizations.

Among the recipients were ARC of Northwest Wayne County, Boys and Girls Club of Redford, Burger School for Autistic Children, Make A Wish Foundation, Methodist Children's Home Society, Redford Union School District's day treatment program and oral program for the hearing impaired, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics of Redford, South Redford School District's special education program, senior citizens of Redford, St. Christine's Soup Kitchen, St. Louis Center, Suburban West Community Center, Redford Township Library and the Western Wayne Skills Center.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available by calling (313) 937-3156 or (734) 414-8841.

Table sponsorships also are available at \$50 per table by calling (313) 535-3081.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

St. Andrew hosts healing mission

The Rev. Canon Mark Pearson will lead a healing mission Saturday, Oct. 24, at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard...

Pearson also will preach at the three worship services at 5 p.m. Saturday and 7-45 and 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

He regularly leads healing services and spent several years as regional warden for the Order of St. Luke...

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue...

Groundbreaking for the Michigan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held on Saturday, Oct. 10...

Rummage Sale St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 15-16...

Square Dance The Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a beef barbecue and square dance Friday, Oct. 16...

Single Point Single Point Ministries members will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17...

Harvest Dinner The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have their Harvest Dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16...

Pumpkin Patch Festival Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its Pumpkin Patch Festival Friday, Oct. 16...

Consecration Sunday St. John's Lutheran Church will celebrate Consecration Sunday, Oct. 18...

Road Rally St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will host a "Ski for Light" road rally at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17...

and bake sale, pony rides, petting farm, moon walk, storytelling and face painting 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 24.

The Church of the Holy Spirit hosts a fall festival 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road...

All the best home party shows will be at one location 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17...

Single Point also offers Talk It Over 7-9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Knox Hall...

St. John's Lutheran Church will celebrate Consecration Sunday, Oct. 18, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford...

are developmentally disabled and blind to attend a weekend ski trip this winter. For more information, or to make reservations, call the church at (734) 427-0135...

Prayer Luncheon A prayer luncheon will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Sweden House...

YOUTH RALLY A youth rally will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Community Free Will Baptist Church...

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Town Center GM to speak at annual achievement lunch

One of the area's most distinguished businesswomen will be the speaker at the seventh annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon Friday, Nov. 6.

Luncheon-goers will hear from Aj D Jennison, general manager of the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn at the 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

The principal fund-raising event of the YWCA of Western Wayne County, the annual event honors six distinguished women of western Wayne County in the field of arts/communications, business/industry, government/law, the professions, volunteerism and service by a young woman.

Tickets cost \$25 each (\$10 is tax-deductible) and are available by sending a check to the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster 48141.

For more information about the luncheon, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

of Western Wayne County Board of Trustees, is an active member of the American Business Women's Association and the Leadership Detroit Board of Trustees.

She was honored as one of the Most Influential Black Women in Metropolitan Detroit in 1997 and received the Option for Excellence Mentoring "Heart of Gold" Award and the 1998 Business Women of the Years Award.

She also has served as co-chair of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration and on the Detroit Urban League committee for the Salute to Distinguished Warriors Dinner.

Through a partnership with the Ford Motor Co., she helped create the Fairlane Community Education Program, a school-to-work project which provides middle school students with knowledge about retail industry job opportunities.

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She came to Michigan in 1993 to accept position with the Taubman Company, serving as operations manager at Fairlane for three years before becoming the general manager in 1996.

Jennison serves on the YWCA

RAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue...

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN Church will have its annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 35300 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

ST. ELIZABETH St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 West Chicago...

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DIA is topic of Friends' presentation

Friends of Livonia Libraries will sponsor a program, "Rise of a Great Museum," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Advertisement for Sweetest Day Saturday, October 17th, featuring a list of florists and their services in various locations like Livonia, Dearborn, and Farmington Hills.

Large advertisement for Ann Arbor Antiques Market 30th Anniversary Year 1968-1998. Includes address 5055 Ann Arbor - Saline Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a grid of images of various antique items for sale.

Advertisement for Cancer is a Journey. Includes a large image of a person in a forest and text promoting support and information for cancer patients. Contact information: Cancer AnswerLine: 1-800-865-1125.

Dancers prove they're best in 'Quest for Best' competition

Gina Piazza of Livonia and Marilyn Esper of Farmington Hills have a good reason to celebrate. Their Piazza Dance Company in Northville Township captured top honors at the recent three-day "Quest for the Best" dance competition at the fifth annual Starquest National Performing Arts Competition.

Starquest was held in Orlando, Fla., and attracted entries from throughout the United States and Canada. To qualify for the national competition, all of the routines earned top honors at the state competition, held at Clarendonville High School. The winning routines were a musical theater number, "So Long, Dearie," and a junior large group/jazz number, "Rhythm Nation."

"So Long, Dearie" was performed by Alison Hedke, 11, of Northville and Angelina Grima, 12, and Brienne Duzniowski, 13, both of Livonia.

"Dearie" won the sole platinum-level trophy in the junior duet/trio category and a judges' special recognition award, "Triple Threat." The special

Golden honors: Winning a gold medal for their performance of "So Long, Dearie" in Starquest's "Quest for the Best" competition were Brienne Duzniowski (from left), Alison Hedke and Angelina Grima.



award qualified it for the "Quest for the Best" finals, where the girls won three top honors: high score in the junior duet/trio category, "The Complete Package," recognizing the combined effect of costume, choreography and performance to produce a successful result, and a choreography award, presented to Piazza for the routine.

Talent on display

"Rhythm Nation" was performed by Kim Baber, 11, Shana Baber, 13, Angelina Grima, Katie Mann, 11, Michele McClintock and Jackie Sinko, 10, all of Livonia, Emily Cummins, 13, Ashley Handley, 11, Alison Hedke, Carolyn Kirkman, 12, and Nicole Primo, all of Northville, and Stephanie Kinsman, 13, and Trisha Santoro, both of Novi.

The routine received the highest gold medal award during the first round of competition, making them one of the top five groups in the "Quest for the Best," junior large group/jazz category.

The group, minus an ill Jackie



Winning touch: Performing "Rhythm Nation" at the competition were Carolyn Kirkman (front row), Trisha Santoro (second row, from left), Ashley Handley, Kim Baber, Alison Hedke, Jackie Sinko, Shana Baber (third row, from left), Michele McClintock, Katie Mann, Emily Cummins (fourth row, from left), Megan Kemski, Stephanie Kinsman, Angelina Grima and Nicole Primo (not pictured).

■ Gold medal and seventh overall high score for "Sugar and Spice" in the junior small group/jazz. Performing were Kim Baber, Kendall Kosbe, 12, and Jackie Sinko, all of Livonia, and Rachelle Hadley, 8, and Renee Hadley, 10, both of Novi. Choreographer was Tina Garratt.

■ Gold medal and eighth overall high score for "North and South" in senior large group/jazz. Performing were Emily Cummins, 13, Ashley Handley, Carolyn Kirkman and Rachel Martin, 13, all of Northville, Brienne Duzniowski, Angelina Grima, Michele McClintock and Melanie Markarian, 13, all of Livonia, Stephanie Kinsman, 13, of Novi and Ashley Robinson, 13, of Detroit. Choreographer was Piazza.

■ Ninth overall high score and judges' special award for "A Clean and Sparkling Performance" for "Young Woman's Blues" in the senior small jazz group. Performing were Jennifer Chiroyan, 14, Rachel Martin, Candice Simons, 14, and Jessica Vartanian, 14, all of Northville, Brienne Duzniowski, Shelly Mitchell, 14, and Lisa Nowacki, 15, all of Livonia, Kristen Penk, 13, of Canton and Ashley Robinson. Choreographer was Esper.

■ Gold medal and judges' special award for "Wet Paint," a character routine performed by Brienne Duzniowski, Angelina Grima, Michele McClintock, Rachel Martin, Emily Cummins, Ashley Handley, Carolyn Kirkman, Stephanie Kinsman, Ashley Robinson, Jessica Vartanian and Megan Kemski, 13, of Novi. The choreographer was Piazza.

Workshops to focus on parenting teenagers

Parents of teenagers can get some systematic training for effective parenting at two workshops sponsored by the Family Resource Center.

The seven-week "Parenting the Teen" will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Oct. 19, at the Family Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, west of Venoy, south of Farmington Hills.

The seven-week "Parenting: The STEP Way" will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, beginning Oct. 17, at the Westland public library, 6125 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

The training will give participants a practical discipline method, guidelines for building self-esteem, better family communication and more satisfying relationships.

The workshop costs \$20 and includes the STEP book. Enrollment is limited to 18 people. To register, call the center at (734) 595-2279.

The center also is offering an ADD-ADHD Parent Support Group which meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the ABC Room of the Special Angels at P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 John Hix, south of Cherry Hill Road, Westland. The cost is \$3 and child care is free.

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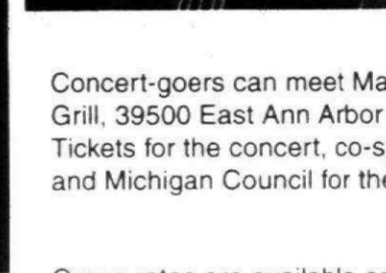
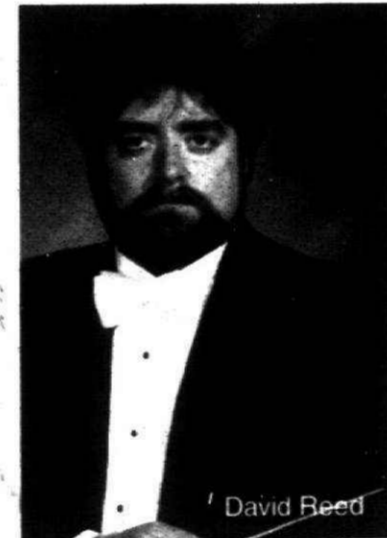
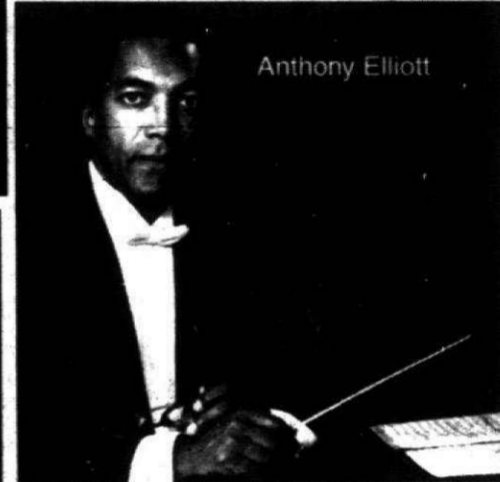
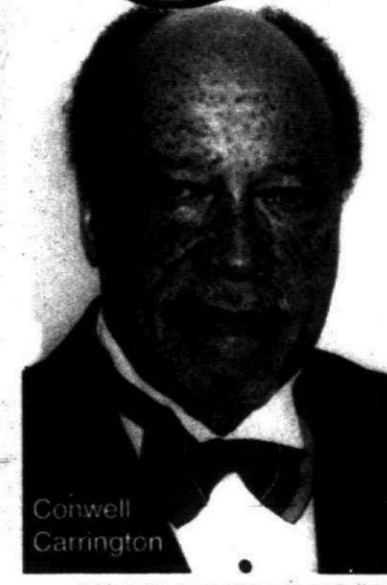
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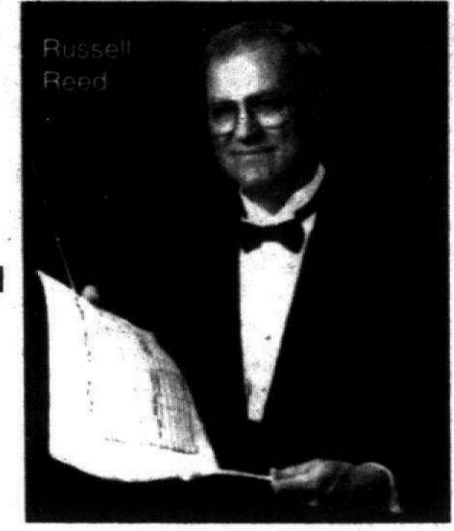
Due to popular demand, the Plymouth Symphony Educational Committee will once again present the series ON-STAGE. Scheduled at 7PM., this pre-concert lecture/discussion offers interesting insights into the evenings music, the composers and the performers. The preview is free and all concert-goers are welcome.

The next ON-STAGE will be 7PM. - November 21, 1998 at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University.

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GALA GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening Concert of this the 53rd Season of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is
Saturday, October 17, 1998
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Principal flutist, DEBORAH REBECK ASH, emerges from the orchestral woodwind section as the soloist in the *Pied Piper Fantasy*. Ms Ash, winner of the 1997 National Flute Association Professional Performer's Competition, holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Olivet College. A member of the PSO since 1981, Ms Ash also performs frequently with the Ann Arbor and Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestras. As an active flute teacher, Ms Ash directs the handbell choirs at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor.

The *Pied Piper Fantasy* by John Corigliano is a real theatrical happening with costumes and off stage flutes and drums. Ms Corigliano has most cleverly modified the story to include battle scenes between the Piper and the rats causing the soloist fingers to race! Also to be performed is the familiar classic, *Symphony No. 4 (Scottish)* by Felix Mendelssohn. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will open this festive concert with George Gershwin's, *Cuban Overture*. Originally title Rumba, the Overture was inspired by a pleasure trip Gershwin took to Havana.

Concert-goers can meet Maestro Reed, the orchestra and guest artist at the "After-Glow" to be held in John Cleveland's Water Club Grill, 39500 East Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth immediately following the concert. After -Glow tickets are \$5. Tickets for the concert, co-sponsored by Johnson Controls and Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, are:

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Youth Artist Competition

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Students must complete an application form and perform at the competition on Monday evening, December 14, 1998. To receive the necessary form, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

Soenen Optimistic about Upcoming Year

Donald Soenen, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society has definite ideas and goals. "The entire organization can be very proud of the past years accomplishments and we all look forward to our 53rd season." A few of the upcoming highlights are:

- To present enriching and fulfilling programs including a special collaboration with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company
- A heightened awareness in the community with the Plymouth

Symphony office in downtown Plymouth

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- To increase interaction with local arts organizations, particularly the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce
- \$40,000 in donor funding has been secured to execute our in-school demonstrations geared to all 3rd and 4th grade students. A daytime concert for all 1,200 4th graders is planned for February 1999.

Reed Retires

After 13 years with the Plymouth Symphony, Maestro Russell Reed will retire at the end of this concert season. Julia C. Kurtyka, an accomplished violinist, is the new Executive Director.

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Performances will be Friday, December 11 at 8 PM Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$17 for reserved seating and \$10 for children.

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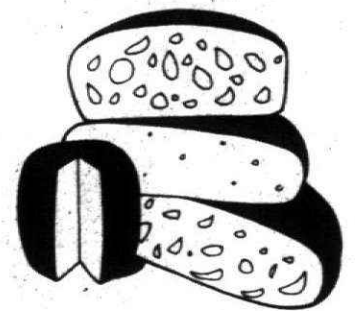
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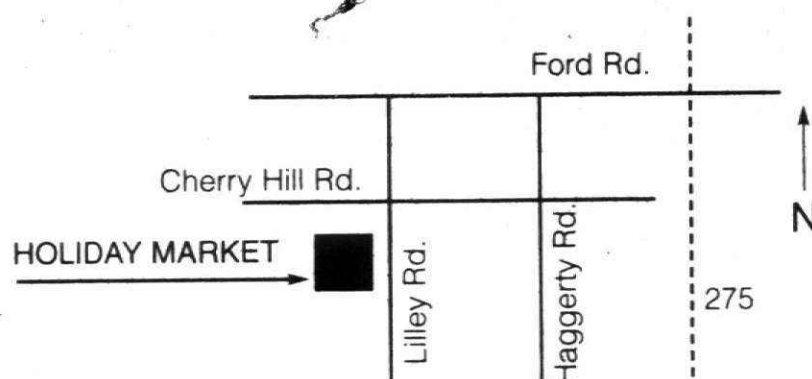
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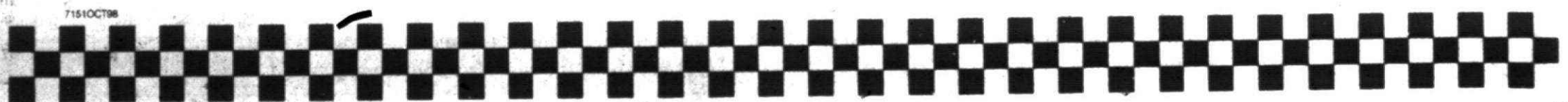
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FOOTBALL

Canton goes up against winless Pats

By Brad Emons Sports Writer... It's time to start thinking post-season...

GRID PICKS

Red, Thurston (4-2, 3-2) at Highland Park (2-4, 2-3)... Another strong possibility is Livonia...

FRIDAY'S GAMES... River Rouge (1-5, 0-5) at Redford Union (6-0, 4-0)...

to have quarterback Matt Rigley back in the lineup... F.H. Harrison (6-0, 4-0) at Liv. Churchill (2-4, 1-3)...

SATURDAY GAMES... Ply. Salem (3-3, 2-2) at Farmington (3-3, 3-1)... St. Agatha (5-1) at B.H. Cranbrook (2-4)...

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

Table with 3 columns: MHSAA Football Computer Rankings, Class AA Region 2, Class A Region 3, Class B Region 4, Class CC Region 4.

Harrison shuts out Chiefs

Junior running back Kevin Woods scored a pair of touchdowns... Canton's only win is a 27-7 triumph over Northville...

found the end zone again on a four-yard run at 8:20... He scored on a 74-yard run at 11:06...

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Cranes ruin Warriors' Homecoming

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna stopped at UM-Dearborn Tourney

The start was fast. Unfortunately, so was the finish. Madonna University's volleyball team won its first three matches at last weekend's University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament...

VOLLEYBALL

Madonna then went against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Spring Arbor and won, 15-10, 9-15, 15-4, 15-10...

After that, however, they began to slip. Mt. Vernon Nazarene topped Madonna 15-9, 13-15, 15-5, 13-15, 15-5, despite 15 kills, 12 digs, two solos and four block assists from Malewski...

On Tuesday, Wind was back in the lineup and Madonna was back to its winning ways, defeating WHAC rival Tri-State University 11-15, 15-8, 15-6, 15-8 at Madonna...

weekend wasn't too successful for Schoolcraft College. The Lady Ocelots lost all six of their matches, managing to win just two games in that span.

Crusaders still unbeaten in WHAC

Madonna University's men's soccer team solidified its No. 1 position in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a pair of 4-0 wins over league rivals Concordia College Monday and Aquinas College Saturday...

COLLEGE SOCCER

on an assist from Karen Kozlo, Jennifer Dumm and Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) split time in goal, Dumm making eight saves and Barker six, each surrendered a goal.

Shannon Lamb (Livonia Stevenson) scored the game's only goal, on an assist from Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) following a restart. Eric O'Neil (Livonia Stevenson) earned the shutout, his seventh of the season.

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Lady Crusaders fall... Once again, Madonna University's women's soccer team — playing its first season — came close, but couldn't collect a win.

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HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

CLUBS SOLAR The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets

at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

MEETINGS NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES WOODCOCK Woodcock season runs through Nov. 2 statewide. QUAIL Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

DEER The first half of the archery deer season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season opens Nov. 15-30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

SHOOTING RANGES BALD MOUNTAIN Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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DUCK The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 9 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10 - Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

ROUSE Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT/HARE Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide. SQUIRREL Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide. TURKEY The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state by special permit only. WOODCOCK

Ladywood jolts Bishop Borgess

In three years, Andrea Gorski has accomplished several feats as coach of the Livonia Ladywood basketball team. But one thing she had yet to do was lead the Blazers to victory over Redford Bishop Borgess.

That changed Tuesday as Ladywood defeated host Borgess 52-45 behind clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch. The Spartans had cut the Ladywood lead to 44-41 with 1:40 remaining, but two free throws by Michelle Harakas and four more by Erin Hayden staved off the Borgess comeback. "The team didn't panic and remained focused tonight," Gorski said. "We were able to limit our turnovers and we shot well from the free throw line. We were finally able to play a complete game."

Girls hoop from page C1

PCA's only loss is to state-ranked Oakland Christian. PCA took control of the game with a 10-0 second quarter advantage. "We changed our defense in the second quarter from a half-court man defense to a full-court zone press," PCA coach Rod Winkle said. "That confused them some and we were able to get several steals and easy baskets."

Golf preview from page C1

son. "If you make this trip, you want to play two days, you want to play 36 holes." Both teams have top guns who are at the top of their respective games. Salem is led by seniors Erik Krueger, who earned medalist honors at the WLAAs Tournament and tied for first (lost in a tiebreaker) at the regional, and Adam Wilson, who shot 79 at the regional and 76 at the WLAAs. For Canton, the scoring leaders are senior Ben Tucker and junior Jon Johnson, who have spurred the Chiefs' late-season run. "They've really stepped up — especially those two," said

BASKETBALL

"I've been telling the team that they will improve because there are so many young players on the team. We also have a favorable part of our schedule coming up with two straight home games." Harakas, a sophomore forward, tallied a game-high 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Hayden, a senior guard added 10 points. Perhaps the biggest spark of the game came from senior forward Elena Sventickas, who scored a career-high 12 points. She recorded two baskets and added a pair of free throws in a crucial third quarter stretch when the Blazers extended a 25-23 lead into a 40-33 advantage.

Whalers from page C1

Other goal scorers included Fisher, LaLonde, Smith and Kristina Vernasky, the Whalers' 1998 No. 1 pick. "Don Cherry's expansion team, the Mississauga IceDogs, fell Friday to host Plymouth, 9-1, as Colagiacomo had two goals and four assists, while Legwand, a first-round pick of the Nashville Predators, added two goals and three assists. In the midst of an 11-game road trip, the Ice Dogs fell to 0-5 in the OHL. The Whalers return to action against the Erie Otters Friday at home. They will also host Barrie on Saturday at CompuWare. Both game times are 7:30 p.m.

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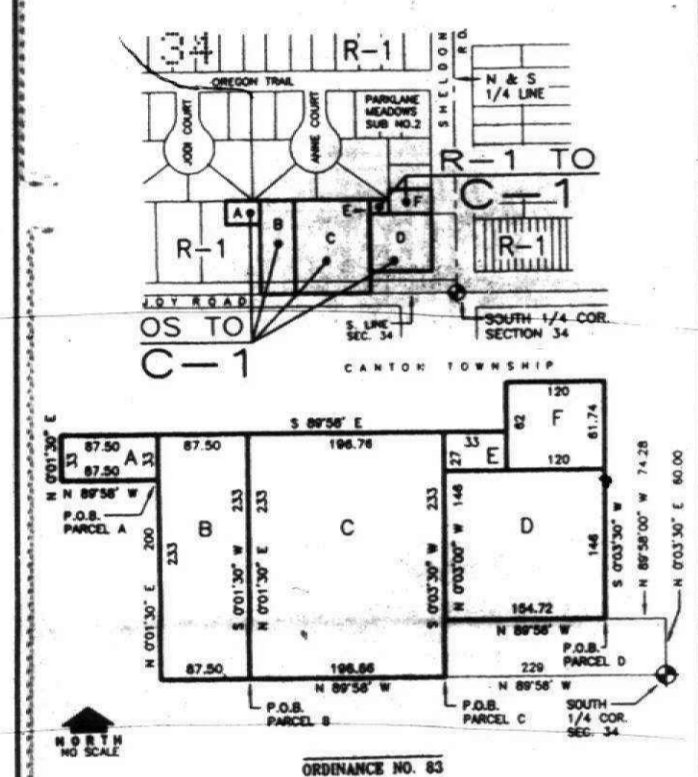
EDWARD ANDREW GRUCHALA - Services for Edward Andrew Gruchala, 82, of Canton were Oct. 1 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with the Rev. George Charney officiating...

MINNIE V. WALL - Services for Minnie V. Wall, 83, of Plymouth were Oct. 10 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating...

Hills. He served the company for 22 years. He came to the Livonia community 25 years ago from Plymouth. He was a very active member of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia...

Ridge, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews. Services for Evelyn A. Foster, 92, of Plymouth Township were Oct. 9 at the Neely-Turawski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel...

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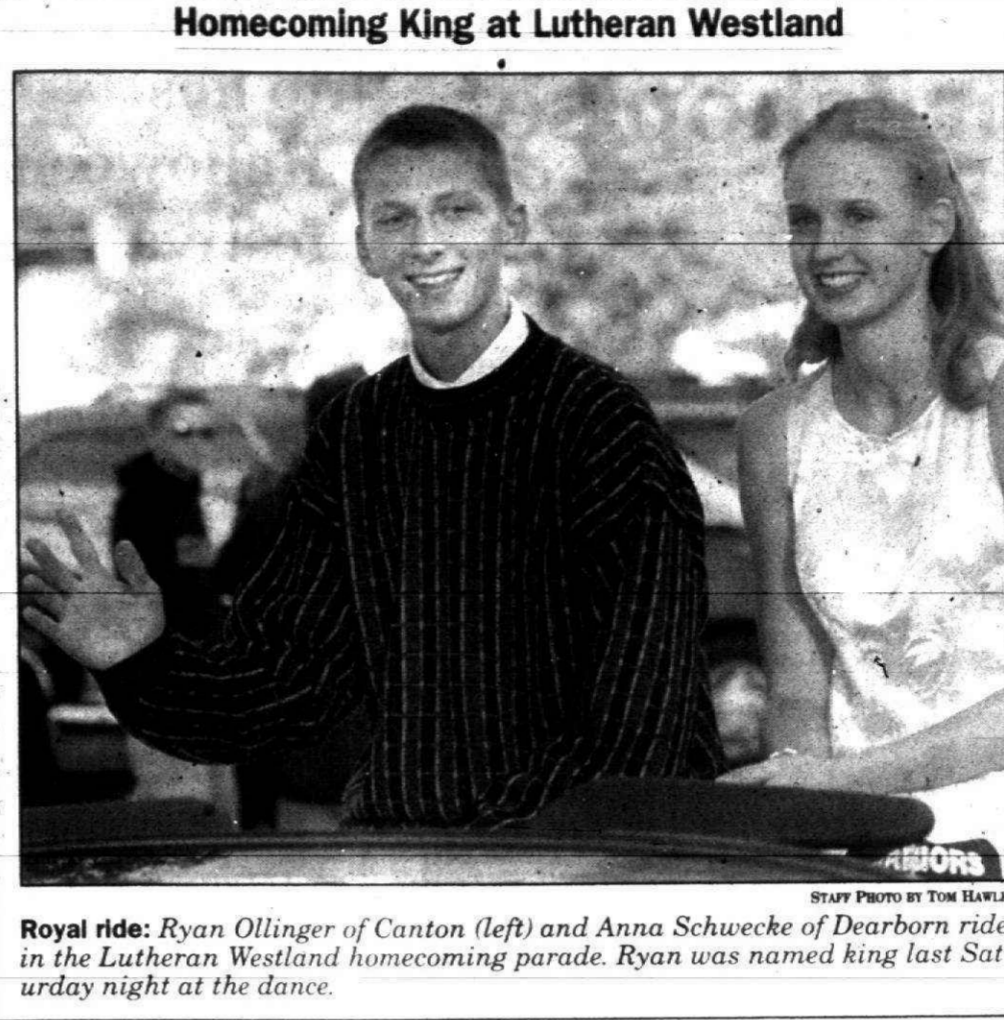
ROY FRANKLIN DYER - Services for Roy Franklin Dyer, 82, of Plymouth will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the V.F.W. Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth...

ELBA TROWBRIDGE - Services for Elba Trowbridge, 73, of Plymouth will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Richard Sullivan officiating...

SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE, Shirley A. of Plymouth; one son, Roy Franklin Dyer of Ypsilanti; one daughter, Leah Rachelle Haley of Westland; one step-daughter, Lisa Faye Kovula of Plymouth; three brothers, James Alvin Dyer of Plymouth, Herbert Daniel Dyer of Tiptonville, Tenn., Preston Gail Dyer of Gregory; three sisters, Eula Bell Smith of Florida, Dorothy Gryg of Memphis, Tenn., Virginia Ruth Hayes of Tennessee...

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998 Regular meeting call to order at 4:07 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woods, Kathleen Keen McCarthy...

HOME COMING KING AT LUTHERAN WESTLAND Royal ride: Ryan Ollinger of Canton (left) and Anna Schweche of Dearborn ride in the Lutheran Westland homecoming parade. Ryan was named king last Saturday night at the dance.



Homecoming King at Lutheran Westland

Cops nab alleged counterfeiter

Westland police Sunday arrested a woman suspected of spending hundreds of dollars in counterfeit \$20 bills at local businesses. Police Sgt. James Dexter said the 28-year-old Canton Township woman is accused of spending counterfeit money at Target, two Arby's drugstores and a Rite Aid before she was caught trying to buy \$150 in groceries from Kroger at Ford and Central City Parkway...

Snowmobile safety class set

Canton snowmobilers will have a chance to learn how to safely operate their machines on Saturday, Oct. 17. That's when the state Department of Natural Resources and the Snowmobilers Club want to train up to 200 people at the Snowmobile Safety Certificate Class from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novy Expo Center. Novy instructors will be available to answer questions within small groups. Children 19 or younger will be certified to operate a snowmobile without adult supervision. Children must be at least 12 by the end of the snowmobile season March 31, 1999 to be certified. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. The cost of the class is \$5. Participants should bring a lunch. To register for the class, call (248) 681-7429 weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. or (800) 451-9677 on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of the class is \$5. Participants should bring a lunch. To register for the class, call (248) 681-7429 weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. or (800) 451-9677 on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUSINESS BRIEF

Jeffery A. and Lisa Felthauer of the McDonald's restaurant located at 45510 Michigan Avenue in Canton, have been awarded a Bachelor of Hamburg...

Advertisement for Pennzoil featuring a truck, 'FREE Wiper Blades' offer, 'BRAND NEW SHOP' with hi-tech lube technology, and 'KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF SERVICE' with 10-minute service and various oil change options.

Large advertisement for 'THE GREAT HOME EQUITY LOAN SALE' at Old Kent, featuring a 7.99% APR rate, 'NO PAYMENTS FOR 3 MONTHS!', and a 'SALE ENDS Saturday' tag.

Pumpkin painting workshop set

Rows of round, ripe Halloween pumpkins will have new faces bestowed upon them as McFarland Florist of Farmington Hills and Detroit kicks off its Sixth Annual Halloween Pumpkin Painting Workshop Saturday.

Kids of all ages (adults too) are invited to the hands-on workshop at McFarland's, 28915 Grand River near Eight Mile (four blocks east of Middlebelt) in Farmington Hills.

Two sessions — at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — of painting are planned. Cost is \$5 for materials, pumpkin, painting lesson, supplies and goodies for each participant. The pumpkin paints are water-based, non-toxic acrylics and offer a selection of bright colors.

Mary Lore, McFarland's president and "artist-in-residence" will help participants create and paint personalized Halloween pumpkins. Before the painting begins, Lore presents a color chart and gives brief demonstration on creating custom colors.

"We don't use patterns or outlines for our pumpkins," says Lore. "We help participants visualize, then create their own unique pumpkin. Some children paint faces, others cover the entire pumpkin in paint. It's the anticipation of what they'll decide to do that makes it so exciting. We all have a great time."

Lore reminds participants to wear clothing appropriate for painting.

Reservations are required and groups are welcome. Call (248) 474-0750 for more information and to register for the workshop. McFarland, an award-winning florist and specialty garden shop in Farmington Hills, is celebrating its 70th year in business this year.



Young artists: Kids of all ages are invited to paint a pumpkin on Saturday at McFarland Florist, 28915 Grand River, four block east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Parks to host Halloween festival

On Saturday, Oct. 24, otherworldly visitors will arrive at Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area as children come dressed as ghouls, ghosts, monsters and goblins for Wayne County Parks Halloween Fest '98.

From 1-3 p.m. Wayne County will offer free games and activities including magicians, prizes and a candy hunt at 3 p.m. Hayrides will be available for 50 cents per person.

Parents are asked to register their children in advance for the festival by calling (734) 261-1990, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 19.

This year's festival will feature performances by ventriloquist Richard Paul and magical entertainer Chris Linn. From 1:30-2 p.m., Paul will delight children of all ages with side-kicks Headlee Lamar, the Talking Skull, and Wanda, the Absent-Minded Witch. From 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Linn combines magic, comedy and audience participation.

The Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Ozone Action days end

The Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan reports that the end of its 1998 season blew in Sept. 30, along with cool autumn weather. The lower temperatures and increased wind speeds of the season mean that the seven-county region's ground-level ozone concentrations will stay well below levels of concern for public health.

In 1998, a new, more-stringent air quality standard from the federal Environmental Protection Agency changed the way meteorologists identify "Ozone Action" days.

The revision set the acceptable level of ozone in the air at 85 parts per billion (ppb) over an eight-hour period, much tougher than the old standard of 125 ppb over a one-hour period. EPA sought to protect the most susceptible populations: children, elderly people and people with respiratory conditions.

"In terms of Ozone Action, the new standard means we have to work harder to achieve clean air," said Chuck Hersey, a spokesman for the coalition.

Southeast Michigan residents breathed in ozone at levels above the new standard on 17 days during the 1998 ozone monitoring season. The region exceeded the old standard on just three days. Still, Hersey said, the picture is not as grim as it may seem.

"Many individuals, businesses and industries care about the air and participate in Ozone Action," said Hersey.

Statistics from a recent "Ozone Action" survey showed that about 80 percent of southeast Michigan's households get involved in emissions reductions on action days. That number accounts for almost 1.5 million households and is up from 64 percent in 1995 and 35 percent in the program's first year, 1994.

"The people who participate know they are part of the problem, and Ozone Action is their commitment to being part of the solution," Hersey said.

The coalition brings "Ozone Action" into classrooms with teacher resource kits for grades kindergarten-five, six-eight and 9-12 as well as a free computer program for students.

Working with businesses, the coalition helps participants determine some of the most-effective opportunities for episodic pollution reductions.

Teachers and businesses interested in ordering program materials, scheduling speakers or getting more information can contact the Clean Air Coalition by calling program coordinator Eve Pidgeon at (313) 961-4266. Its e-mail address is www.ozoneactionsemcog.org.

Consumers unleash complaints at area PSC hearing

By TIM RICHARD
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Utility representatives sat in silence in the back of the room as consumers from suburban Oakland and Wayne counties unleashed a barrage of complaints about Ameritech and Detroit Edison to the state Public Service Commission.

"Nothing ever gets resolved," said Debra Zbovi, a 17-year Farmington Hills resident whose home suffered three power out-

ages totaling 20 hours in the last year and a half.

"Ameritech says, 'Tough. Michael Wayne, a Rochester Hills resident and president of a Troy Internet service provider called Meem."

The Oct. 6 hearing in Farmington Hills was conducted by John Strand, chair of the three-member PSC, which regulates utilities. Often Strand referred complaints to individual utility representatives. It was the fifth

in the PSC's 1998 series of six regional hearings.

Look in the woods

Zbovi, who lives near 12 Mile and Middlebelt, complained that Edison told her to "look in the woods" for a downed power line. "No way was I going to look," she said. When an Edison crew finally arrived, "they had it fixed in five minutes."

Wayne said Ameritech is constantly telling people to "put in another phone line — for

modems, for faxes — and it doesn't work. They're cramming more service onto existing (inadequate) facilities."

The public wasn't 100 percent down on utilities. Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said that since major storm damage three and a half years ago to power lines, "the service has improved. But there is still a concern about tree trimming. They should talk to homeowners (about tree trimming plans). And there is still a con-

cern about unexpected outages.

"My pet issue is that when there's a long delay — days or weeks — there should be some reimbursement, say, for food losses."

Chris Cesulski got "excellent cooperation from Ameritech" when his elderly father was "crammed." Cramming refers to a phone company's practice of billing a consumer for services never ordered.

"My father was crammed by a company called Integretel for an

incoming 800 number. He certainly didn't order this service but was billed \$4.95 for a service activation fee," Cesulski said.

The 800 number at Integretel produced no satisfaction. Finally Cesulski got the firm's number from the Florida PSC. Months later, he learned Integretel is merely a billing company for a third company called Telecom.

"I'd like to solve this on my own. I don't want the state's Please see COMPLAINTS, C15

County names community health deputy

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has named a new deputy director of health and community services.

Patricia Kukula will oversee community health programs including veterans affairs, the Wayne County library, cooperative extension, patient care management services, medical examiner's office and senior citizens services.

Kukula will shoulder two jobs, continuing in her current position as director of the county's Patient Care Management Services division, which includes the health care program, Health-Choice and PlusCare.

"Patti brings enthusiasm and new ideas to the job," McNamara said. "I know she's up to the challenge."

Kukula once served as director of physical rehabilitation for five years at the Westland Medical Center, directed Wayne County's Alternative Work Force program and served as a representative to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, a member of St. John Hospital's Urban and Community Health Community Advisory Council, and a graduate of Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit program.

Kukula graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy and master's degree in public administration. Kukula resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband, James Chylinski, a Wayne County circuit judge, and daughters Randi and Jaclyn.

NAACP hosts scholarship fund-raiser

The Western Wayne County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is sponsoring its annual Fight for Freedom and Scholarship Fund Dinner Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 8000 Merriman, Romulus.

A reception is set for 3 p.m. with dinner at 4 p.m. The keynote address will be delivered by Aj D. Jemison, general manager of Fairlane Towne Center. Master of ceremonies will be Pamela Morrison Kersey, treasurer, city of Romulus. Honorary chairman is Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano.

Tickets are \$50 per person and including a one-year basic membership in the NAACP. For tickets, contact, Leonard Mungo, president, (313) 963-0407, Eugene Thompson, co-chair, (313) 563-8682, or January Bivens, co-chair, (313) 274-9333.

S'craft to host Halloween concert for kids

The annual Schoolcraft College Children's Halloween Concert will get under way 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, in the Community Room at Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Musicians will be in costume and concertgoers are encouraged to wear Halloween attire. There will be a costume parade. The concert is aimed at the entire family, especially children.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted at the door. For information, call (734) 462-4770.

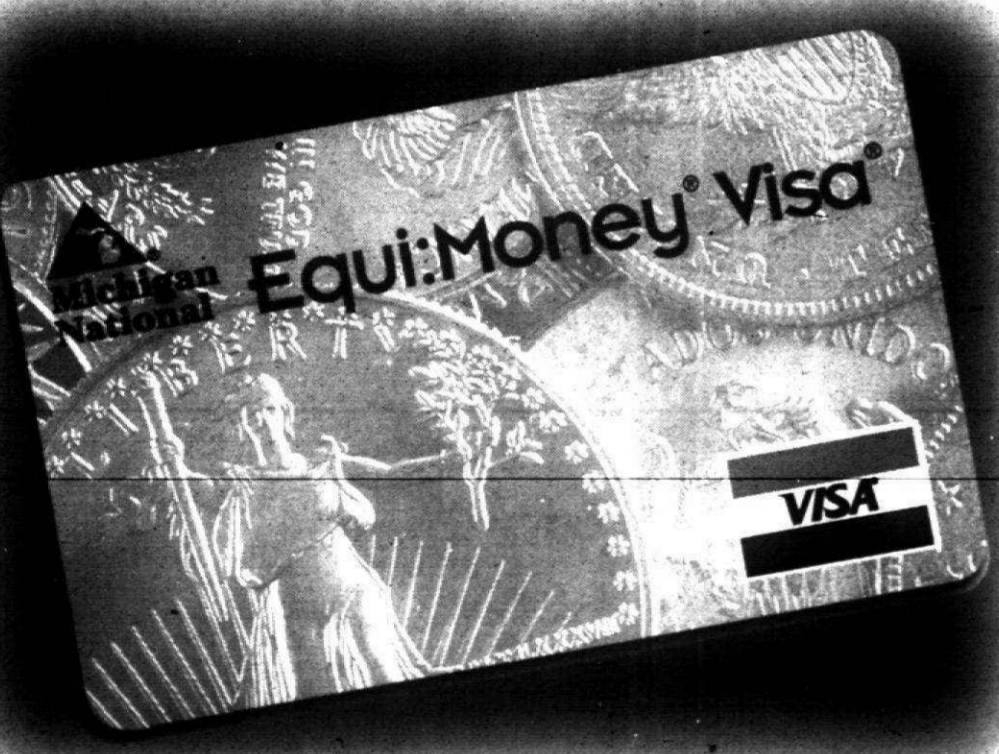
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Pretty birds all in a row



Pit stop: Observer photographer Paul Hurschmann snapped this photograph late afternoon outside the Observer Newspapers office at Schoolcraft and Levan. It's almost as if they were taking a break before heading south.

How to combat fraud

Esther Shapiro to keynote confab for older adults

Consumers lose an estimated \$40 billion each year to fraudulent telemarketers, and more than half of the victims are people 50 years or older.

For a \$5 registration fee, older adults can arm themselves against senior-targeted crime by attending "Scams, Schemes and Swindles: A Consumer Conference for Senior Adults and Those Working with Older Adults."

The conference, sponsored by

Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Sheriffs Association, will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Esther Shapiro, former director of consumer affairs for the city of Detroit, is the keynote speaker. Topics will include telemarketing scams, door-to-door and home repair schemes, financial exploitation and working with law enforcement agencies.

A recent American Association of Retired Persons survey showed that the majority of older telemarketing fraud victims regularly contact friends and family, remain in the workforce and participate in various social activities. In other words, they are intelligent people who made an unwise decision. While they may have experienced a recent trauma in their lives, they are not socially isolated nor

mentally impaired. This conference will offer senior adults invaluable tools for avoiding becoming victims of fraud.

The \$5 fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a free canvas tote bag with resource materials. Preregistration is required and must be completed by Tuesday, Oct. 20.

For more information or to register, call (734) 462-4448.

Complaints *from page C11*

help," Cesulski told Strand. "Shouldn't there be a name and address on the bill?"

save millions of dollars," she said.

David Baughman, Sy Kernicky and Al Seoud, all Farmington Hills residents, complained that tree trimming companies hired by Edison did excessive damage.

State Rep. Nancy Cassia, R- Novi, a member of the House Public Utilities Committee, said she would explore a bill to give utilities a tax incentive to bury power lines. "In the short run, it costs. In the long run, it will

One speaker asked Strand the status of state deregulation. The PSC chair said 2.5 percent of customers will become eligible to choose electricity suppliers a few weeks after the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approves the state plan, but "that has not begun yet." It will be phased in over several years. Gas deregulation has been in effect 10 years and has lowered rates 20-22 percent, he said.

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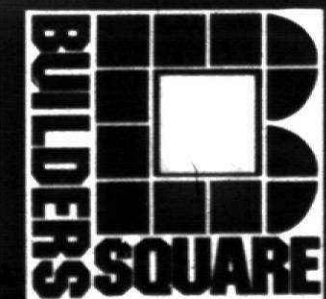
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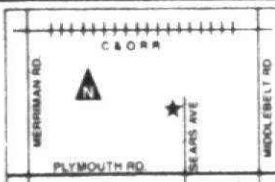
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SUNDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 1998-99 Pops Series with Grammy and Tony-award winning Marvin Hamlisch 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$17-\$45 (box seats \$65), call (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: William Lewis is just one of the many artists exhibiting works in the "Our Town Art Exhibition & Sale" through Sunday, Oct. 18 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832 for more information.

JET

THEATER

AT THE MORAL EDGE



On stage: Peggy Johns (left to right) and Phil Fox in a scene from JET's season opener "The Last Night of Ballyhoo."

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In the span of minutes, Evelyn Orbach runs through a gamut of roles that would stretch even the most diverse ensemble. After sitting through a play-review committee meeting, Orbach passes through the scent of sawdust in the intimate space at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. She critically eyes the progress on the construction of the new set for the season-opening play, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which premiered Wednesday.

Then, before rehearsal is to begin, she joins two of JET's most frequent faces - director Nick Calanni and actor/production assistant John Michael Manfredi - to talk about the last 10 years at the "little theater that could."

While finances and audiences may have been difficult to secure over the first decade, the irrepressible Orbach's energy and vision are hardly in short supply.

"You want to know my vision, I envision a whole lot of stuff," said Orbach with a broad, coy smile.

And in one long, uninterrupted breath, Orbach spells out a vision for JET to one day extend beyond its West Bloomfield location, and to become a touring ensemble that someday has a space to call its own, either inside or outside of its present site at the Jewish Community Center.

That's hardly a modest goal. Ten years ago, when Calanni directed JET's opening play, "Man in the Glass Booth," the objective was to merely mount plays and put together a season.

Since 1988, JET has been recognized for dozens of plays, including "The Prince," "Torch Song Trilogy," "The Diary of Anne Frank," and "Taking Sides."

In addition, JET produces an impressive range of children's plays that are seen by as many as 20,000 students at 110 schools each year. About 90 percent of those audiences, according to Orbach, are non Jewish.

Spotlight on issues

Over the last decade, JET has been one of the few local theaters to consistently challenge audiences with plays that pose moral and ethical dilemmas dealing with the Holocaust, racism and cultural identity.

"Theater is more than an opportunity to get on stage," said Orbach. "It's an important tool in society. It's a chance to put a spotlight on issues."



Dauntless: For the last 10 years, Evelyn Orbach (above), artistic director at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, has challenged, entertained and charmed audiences.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

At the time JET was established in 1988, Orbach recalled that many critics wondered if the theater's mission was too narrow. JET's mission, after all, is to produce plays with a Jewish theme.

Both Calanni and Manfredi, whose collaboration with Orbach began at the Attic Theater in Detroit, contend that JET plays have a universal theme. Neither Calanni nor Manfredi are Jewish.

"The Holocaust is not a Jewish issue, but a human issue," said Manfredi, who noted that several "talk back" sessions after some of the controversial plays grew into

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WHAT: "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," written by Alfred Uhry

WHEN: Wednesday & Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, through Nov. 15.

CURTAIN TIMES: 7 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Jewish Ensemble Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900; <http://comnet.org/jet>

JET'S 1998-99 SEASON

- Resident Alien, Dec. 2-Jan. 3
- Never the Sinner, Feb. 10-March 7
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- Dear Esther, March 10-14

WHO: Travis Tritt and Sawyer Brown
WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16
WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.
HOW: Tickets are \$22.50 and \$10 at The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>. For more information about Travis Tritt, visit <http://www.warnerbrosnashville.com>.

Travis Tritt has reason to celebrate

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Travis Tritt is surprisingly joyful. The Atlanta native - and diehard Braves fan - spent the previous evening witnessing his team lose to the San Diego Padres.

At the Oct. 8 game, national television showed Tritt shaking hands with Braves owner Ted Turner. When asked if Turner offered any secrets on how he might turn around the series, Tritt lost his breath laughing and said no.

"My whole life I've spent following the Braves. It was disappointing to see them lose. But there's a chance for them to come back. I have a lot of faith in our pitching staff and in our ball club," Tritt said.

Upon hearing that, hey, Detroit residents are perennially disappointed with the Detroit Tigers, he once again let out a hearty laugh.

"It's a tough thing to watch your ballclub not have a successful season year after year after year. I am very sympathetic to people who are going through that. You just have to get in there and constantly back your team."

Despite the Braves being down, Tritt still has reason to celebrate. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, he released his eighth album for Warner Bros., "No More Looking Over My Shoulder."

"I'm excited about it because this album is a throwback to what I did in the very beginning of my career. The early albums I did for Warner Bros. were a combination of all my influences which are pretty diverse - everything from real straight-ahead country like George Jones, Merle Haggard, to the real rockin' side of what I do - Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Allman Bros., ZZ Top, Aerosmith, and the Marshall Tucker Band," Tritt explained.

"Then there's the ballad side of what I do. All of those things combined are involved in the new album. This is exactly a throwback to all those

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New album: Country singer Travis Tritt released his latest album "No More Looking Over My Shoulder" on Tuesday, Oct. 13. He will play cuts from the album on Friday, Oct. 16, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

AT THE MOVIES

Winfrey brings 'Beloved' story to life

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Oprah Winfrey's "Beloved," based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Toni Morrison, is a "strong, stately film, that requires your attention."

Opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters, "Beloved," directed by Jonathan Demme, is Winfrey's labor of love. She fell in love with the story after reading Morrison's book and was determined to bring it to the big screen.

Frightening and disturbing, you won't recognize Winfrey who plays the part of Sethe, a runaway slave haunted by her past and by "Beloved," the baby she killed when Schoolteacher came to reclaim his property, which included Sethe, Beloved and her three other children. After experiencing 28 days of freedom as a runaway, Sethe is determined not to go back to Sweet Home planta-

tion, or let her children. "At least I stopped them," she says with the knife still in her hand. "She died soft as cream, being alive was the hardship."

But "Beloved" Thandie Newton comes back, disrupting the life Sethe has begun to build after the Civil War with Paul D. (Danny Glover), the "last of the Sweet Home men," a man with "something blessed in his manner," and her daughter, Denver (Kimberly Elise). Her sons run away.

"You need to be prepared," said Winfrey who met with reporters at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. "It takes awhile for people to settle into it. This is a movie that requires your attention, just as art does. There's not a leaf that falls that doesn't mean something."

"Beloved," Winfrey says, is about the past - "it will sit in your house, it will bleed you if you don't heal."

Unlike Winfrey, who was "born with hope," Sethe was not. "This is an experience," says Winfrey about the film. "It takes you in, it pulls you in. Bring an open mind. Don't try to predict it. Nobody can predict it, that's what I loved about the book and movie."

"Beloved," explains Winfrey, is about what slavery did to people. It's about how it drove people mad, forced people to make choices no human being should have to make, and what happens as a result of making those choices.

"It's the psychological and spiritual knowledge that you don't own yourself," said Winfrey. "One of my favorite lines is when Sethe says 'wake up in the morning and decide in the morning what I want to do with the day.'"

Sethe lives at 124 Bluestone Road in rural Ohio. The house takes on its own

Please see BELOVED, E2



Drama: Everything in Sethe's (Oprah Winfrey, right) life changes when a mysterious young woman who calls herself Beloved (Thandie Newton) appears at her home in "Beloved."

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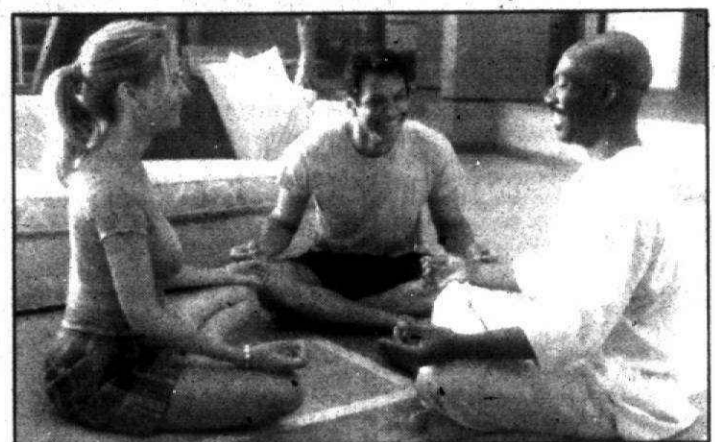
Eddie Murphy restrains himself in 'nice' 'Holy Man'

BY JON KATZ

SPECIAL WRITER

Where have you gone, Reggie Hammond and Axel Foley? Eddie Murphy's loose cannon characters from '48 Hours' and 'Beverly Hills Cop' figuratively strain beneath the sheets of his guru's garb to save 'Holy Man' from terminal niceness. They don't make it out, and therein is the film's failing.

And that's not the Eddie Murphy we love to love. His calmness is killing. He's like the large dog who brings home and begs mom to keep in their tiny apartment. We wait and wait for the revealing moment, confident that there's something more to G than what meets the camera's eye.



Prophet for profit: Eddie Murphy (right) with Jeff Goldblum (center) and Kelly Preston (left) in 'Holy Man.'

There are a few hopeful and satisfying signs along the way. He's a practical joker, allowing some hit-or-miss gags with Morgan Fairchild, Betty White, Florence Henderson, Soupy Sales, James Brown and Willard Scott. He deftly puts down the young Turk who would clean house at the network. And there's always Murphy's trademark grin. But the big moment never comes.

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STREET SCENE

New Orleans' Galactic takes its party on the road



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The New Orleans acid jazz/funk band Galactic has one goal in mind - to have fun. "When I was younger, I heard one of those jazz records where you could hear everyone yelling in the band. Everything was burnin', smokin', you know, I just really dug that. Everybody's having so much fun. It wasn't really one of those stuck-up straight-ahead jazz records," said bass player Robert Mercurio.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 16 'THE BIRDY' Based on the acclaimed novel by Rodman Philbrick, a funny, inspiring and adventurous tale of two young outsiders who set off on a mighty 'quest.' Stars Sharon Stone, Gene Reynolds.

and all these old cats. One from Medeski, Martin and Wood. We took it as an opportunity to record all our new tunes." "It was the first time we got to produce our own stuff. We just wrote in the studio. It was like spontaneous composition where we just picked a key and the drummer clicks his drumstick and we all just play. We got this really cool line."

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DINING

Pike Street now specializing in California cuisine

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Pontiac's Pike Street restaurant, housed in a National Register of Historic Places building dating from 1893, is both preserving history and making new tracks with trendy California-style cuisine.

After extensive remodeling, Pontiac's Pike Street Restaurant reopened at the end of September, taking on both a new food style and an updated open look.

The dining room has been painted in California scenes by Mike McGrath. Art, including works by Dale Chihuly, John Glick and Gerhardt Knodel, is prominent in the new decor.

As exciting as the new look is the menu now being orchestrated by a tri-chef concept including Chefs Jackie Williams, Steve Hubbell and Randy Garver. All three experienced chefs continue a California-fresh style of cooking introduced to Pike Street by former executive chef Kathleen Daelemans.

To augment a seasonally-fresh daily-dated menu, the chefs are buying organic produce from Michigan growers including Golden Toad Farms in Pontiac and Maple Creek Farm, Yale. Organic artisan breads are baked daily by Detroit's Avalon International Breads. Tied in with the California thrust are plans for rustic foods. To enhance this concept, a wood-burning grill has been added to Pike Street's kitchen.

Much of what Pike Street has become over the years is due to owner Jim Fitzpatrick, former controller for the Pontiac division of General Motors. After owning Pike Street for 15 years, he sold it in December 1997. He formed a company California LLC which bought it back in August 1998. The company name is fueling the California style from the new sign to land-

- **Pike Street:** 18 W. Pike Street, Pontiac (248) 334-7878 - Lunch Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dinner Monday to Thursday 5-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.
- **Howe's Bayou:** 22848 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 691-7145 - Open Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- **The Lark:** 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4499 - Dinner only Tuesday through Saturday

scaping, interior design and food emphasis.

"I've just come back from a trip to San Francisco where I ate at Zuni and Chez Panisse among others specializing in California style cuisine," Fitzpatrick said. "It's exciting for me to bring this food concept to Michigan."

Here's more of what's new on the metro Detroit dining scene:

Howe's Bayou

Tom Brandel's Oyster Bar reputation has spread from his original restaurant in Grosse Pointe Park to several Oakland County sites. Brandel, Corporate Chef Michael Houlihan and Director of Operations Ray Hanson have given hints of a new interest in "Nawlin's" dishes at every charity event where they've participated.

At the end of August, they opened Howe's Bayou on the east side of Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, north of Nine Mile Road. Real eatin' with specialties such as Opelousas Etouffe, Jambalaya, Atchafalaya Chicken or Bayou Crawdad Boil are reasonably priced under \$10.

Has Brandel abandoned the Tom's Oyster Bar concept? Not on your life. Opening plans are incomplete, but one's in the works for Northville.

East Side Mario's

Recognizing that banquet space is at a premium in the metro-Detroit area, East Side Mario's has added a banquet room to its Southfield Restau-

rant, 29267 Southfield Road, (between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center, with seating for up to 150 guests, call (248) 569-9454 for information.

Through the month of October, East Side Mario's is offering all wines for \$5 above cost. Guests can enjoy rich reds or crisp white wines while dining at any of the three Metro Detroit restaurants.

The three East Side Mario's locations in Metro Detroit are:

Rochester - 2273 Crooks Road at the northeast corner of M-59, (248) 853-9622.

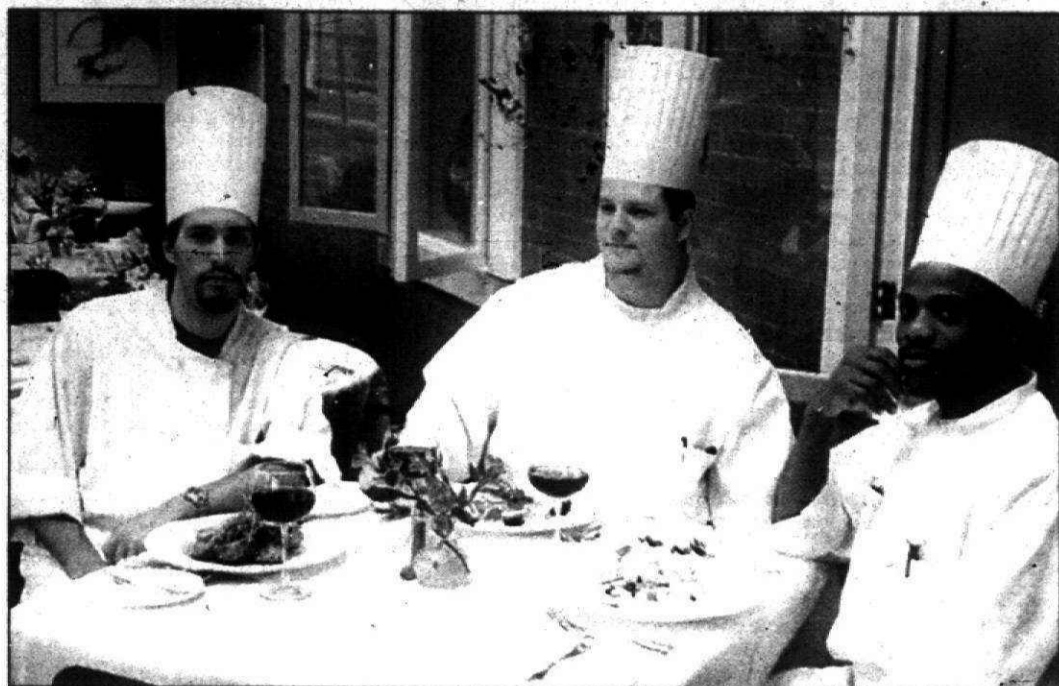
Livonia - 31630 Plymouth Road (just west of Merriman), (734) 513-8803. And Southfield, address/phone listed above.

East Side Mario's restaurants and lounges are open Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Lark

Gourmet magazine's top ranking was given again this year to Jim and Mary Lark's The Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield. A readers' poll conducted by the magazine not only put it at the top of the Detroit Metro area dining scene, but considered it best in five of 11 categories including service, presentation, food, special occasion dining and wine list.

"We treasure our ranking in Gourmet magazine more than any other rating," Jim Lark said. "I'm a firm believer in readers' polls because they offer more



Chefs in charge: Chefs Randy Garver (left to right), Steve Hubbell and Jackie Williams present some of new California-fresh style menu items being offered at Pike Street.

than one person's opinion. There are only two publications, *Gourmet*, that polls readers and the *Zagat Survey*, which tallies the opinions of numbers of people. A one person opinion is often a crapshoot. Thousands of people [Gourmet polled 26,300 readers randomly] is far more reliable to diners and rewarding to a restaurateur."

Following in order behind The Lark in the top 20 are: Tribute, Farmington Hills; Opus One, Detroit; Ritz-Carlton Grill, Dearborn; the Whitney, Detroit; Moveable Feast, Ann Arbor; Golden Mushroom, Southfield; Five Lakes Grill, Milford; Cousins Heritage Inn, Dexter; Rattlesnake Club, Detroit; Too Chez, Novi; Pike Street, Pontiac; Common Grill, Chelsea; MacKin-

non's, Northville; Zingerman's Delicatessen, Ann Arbor; Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth; Charley's Crab, Troy; the Earle, Ann Arbor; Andiamo Italia, Warren; and the Capital Grille, Troy.

The Lark is hosting a Gourmet Celebration Dinner to celebrate its Gourmet's Top Table Award 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26 and 27. The cost is \$85 per person, call the restaurant for details.

Little Daddy's

Royal Oak's Oakland Grill (32832 Woodward Ave.) closed Sept. 20. Its partners sold their lease to Jimmy Zazadinos, Tommy Peristeris and Rick Rogow, partners in Big Daddy's Parthenon. They plan to open a

Little Daddy's Parthenon & Coney Island in the former Oakland Grill location by the end of October.

"This Little Daddy's location will be a bit more upscale than the Little Daddy's in Applegate Square [Southfield]," Peristeris said. "We'll add ribs, barbecue chicken, lamb and pasta to the regular Little Daddy's menu. We'll be open for lunch, dinner and takeout service."

Over the last several years, the location has seen a number of restaurants come and go.

"We will be successful because we will have people in and out, particularly at lunch, in 25 minutes," Peristeris added. "We've been successful everywhere we've opened in the Detroit metro area."

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send items for Restaurant Specials to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail: kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

■ **Mr. Z's Steak House** - 27331 Five Mile Road (corner of Inkster) Redford, (313) 537-5600 is decorated for Halloween. They're offering dinner for two for \$16.95 (choice of entrees) on Sweetest Day, Saturday, Oct. 17.

Call for reservations/information.

■ **Farwell & Friends** - 8051 Middlebelt, Westland (734) 421-6990 is offering two Halloween parties for kids 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. Call for more

information.

■ **Too Chez** - 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi (248) 348-5555 will serve a carbo-loaded buffet lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The cost is \$7.50 per person, not including beverage, tax and gratuity.

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