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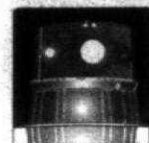
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Pedestrian, 57, killed in crash



A Canton woman was killed Tuesday night when she was hit by a car while she was out with her dog on Sheldon. The fatal accident was the third involving a pedestrian or bicyclist in Canton this year, police said.

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Dianne Alff loved to collect antiques, go to estate sales and work on her com-

puter.

She also loved her Dalmatian, Spot. The 57-year-old Canton resident was killed in a car-pedestrian accident on Sheldon Road at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday while she was out with her dog, police said.

"She was a beautiful person," daughter-in-law Dawn Dunleavy said. "I knew her for almost 20 years. She was very understanding."

Police said Alff was struck in the southbound lane of Sheldon, between Warren and Joy roads, by a 48-year-old Canton woman driving a 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix. The investigation was continuing Wednesday, although charges against the driver are unlikely, said Canton police Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The driver wasn't injured. Drugs or alcohol are not believed to be involved in the incident and the driver didn't appear to be speeding, police said.

Canton Rescue responded to the scene and transported Alff to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti where she was later pronounced dead.

"We don't know if she was chasing or walking the dog, or following it," Schemanske said Wednesday. The dog wasn't injured in the crash.

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Note worthy:

PCEP band marches home with national honors

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"They nailed one tonight!" said an elated Gregg Rinehart, associate director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. "They were at a new level this week."

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That new level earned the PCEP marchers the No. 2 spot at the Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 12-14. For the 11th consecutive year, the PCEP band placed among the top 10 bands in the country and last weekend's rating was the highest placement achieved since back-to-back national championships in 1990 and 1991.

More than 22,000 spectators watched 81 top high school bands

from 14 states, including eight from Michigan, perform during the three-day competition that narrowed the field down to 32 semifinalists, then to the 12 highest-scoring bands.

Other participating Michigan bands were Portage Central, Athens, Chesaning Union, Milford, Lakeland, Farmington Harrison and Jenison. Advancing to the semifinals with PCEP were Chesaning Union, Milford and Jenison. The PCEP band took third place in triple A schools after semi-finals.

Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to advance to the Saturday evening finals competition. They tied with first-place Lassiter High School from Marietta, Ga., in finals competition for the Outstanding Visual Performance award.

Plymouth-Canton achieved an exceptional finals score of 96.3, exceeded only by Lassiter's 97.55. Third place went to Indiana's Center

morning after road crews put in finishing touches, such as adding expansion joints, on the new surface.

The county will now begin to excavate the old northbound lane of Canton Center. Currently, the new portion of the road sits two to three feet lower than the old.

Roach said it was necessary to drop the road down for proper storm water drainage.

"Roads are usually built to the lowest level of the property," he explained.

Once excavation is complete, gravel will be laid. All of that work will be completed by the end of this construction season. Paving work on the northbound lane will begin next April and likely wrap up by June, Roach said.

The spokesman added that the project will stay within its \$3.5 million budget.

"It should definitely stay at that amount," Roach said.

Yack said the county's plan was "making the best out of a bad situation." But he thinks Canton Center as well as the Cherry Hill/Lilley Road intersection work should've been completed by now.

"Except for these two projects," the supervisor said, "our relationship with the county has been good. Many times they've gone above and beyond what was required of them. But these are two high-profile projects. It gives them

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Tops: Flutists Amy Dodge (above, left) and Courtney Rogers play amidst the color guards' "flaming" flags. At left, the band takes the field at the RCA Dome.

Grove High School with a 94.75.

"They were incredible!" said a thrilled David McGrath, PCEP band director. "I just couldn't be more proud of them. It's a tribute to all their hard work and their parents' and the staff's. It's a total team effort."

The band's show this year, "America, Land of the Free," was a dramatic and emotional portrayal of this country's journey through more than a century of struggle for civil rights.

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Canton Center widening delayed until spring

Roadwork detours profit for some business owners

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Motorists waiting for construct on relief on Canton Center Road will have to be patient well into next spring.

The Wayne County resurfacing and lane widening project, which runs from Ford Road south past Cherry Hill, won't be completed until late June, according to county spokesman John Roach.

That doesn't sit well with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"I think it would be fair to say everything that could've gone wrong has," he said. "It's not a good situation to tie up the road for that long. It could've and should've been done."

The project, which will take Canton Center from two to five lanes, began in August and was originally scheduled to be completed before Christmas. Delays in laying new sewer lines have pushed the completion date back, Roach said.

"Invariably," he added, "there'll be some delays."

Construction season for the county ends in late November or early December depending on weather, Roach said. Before that happens, however, two-way traffic will be shifted from the northbound lane to the southbound side.

"Basically, we'll be going from an old two-lane road to a new two-lane road for the winter," Roach said.

The change was in place Wednesday

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Rose's Restaurant co-owner Richard Costantino has kept his sense of humor about construction work on Canton Center Road.

"We tell our customers to be careful crossing the moat," he said of the dirt one-lane driveway that connects the eatery to the road.

Considering the effect construction has had on his business, Costantino's joviality is remarkable.

The popular restaurant, which sits just north of Cherry Hill, has seen its lunch rush dwindle by about 30 percent since road work began in August. Lunch accounts for one-third of Rose's business.

"I'm going to be happy when it's done," Costantino said. "It's progress, so what can you do? But I think it will be better for everyone in the long run."

Wayne County originally planned to have all work done by December. While new southbound lanes will open this week or next, the rest of the road

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSHMAN

Still open: Chris and Richard Costantino, co-owners of Rose's Italian Restaurant, with a sign they have mounted on a barricade outside of the business.

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won't be done until next June, county officials have said.

Canton Center Road businesses, meanwhile, are being affected.

Rose's Restaurant, which Constantino owns with brothers Ernie and Chris, has been open for nearly five years. Since then it has developed a reputation for excellent pasta, steaks and a host of other dishes.

As a result, most patrons have been willing to go the extra mile to get to the restaurant.

"I've got good loyal customers," said Constantino, who added that most don't mind construction work too much. "People go where they want to go."

Workers were digging up his driveway Tuesday to pour a new concrete entrance. It's a welcome sight after spending most of the fall watching patrons make do with a one-lane driveway.

Constantino said there have been few other problems. Work-

ers did break a gas line early in the construction process.

"We were only down for about four hours," he said.

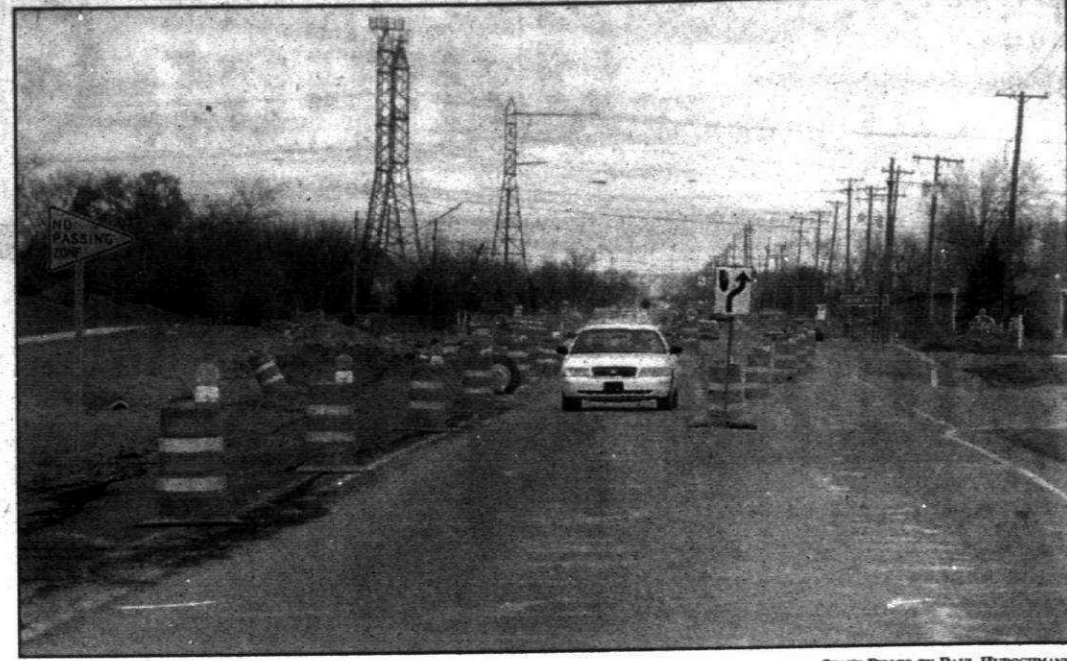
Other businesses have been affected less than Rose's.

McCabe Funeral Home, for example, has lost out on just "one or two" potential clients, General Manager Rick Garofola said.

Originally in Detroit, McCabe has been in business around the metropolitan area for more than 100 years. The company came to Canton a little more than four years ago.

McCabe averages about a dozen funerals per month. Fortunately, Garofola said, most services are held in the evening when heavy traffic on Canton Center is less of an issue.

So the fact that the funeral home currently has a one-lane entrance hasn't hurt, Garofola said. The biggest problem may come with the business' spring



Detour: A driver makes his way southbound on Canton Center Tuesday. Two-way traffic has been routed to the southbound side while construction is halted for the winter.

Hospice seeks area volunteers

Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteers in western Oakland and Wayne Counties to provide services for patients and their families.

Among the duties of hospice

volunteers are providing a break for family members and friends who are caring for a patient; offering transportation to a doctor's visit; writing letters and running errands; visiting with patients; helping prepare meals and assisting with other services to provide comfort to patients and their families.

The hospice scheduled periodic training programs for volunteers. The training covers such

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a black eye.

Turn lanes will be added in all four directions at the Lilley/Cherry Hill intersection. The \$400,000 project will be completed next year, according to Roach.

The county has several other road projects in Canton that will begin next year.

- Morton Taylor will be of that project while Yazaki Corporation will pick up the balance.
- Beck Road will be paved from Ford Road to Cherry Hill and from Geddes Road south to Michigan Avenue. That project will cost about \$1 million and should be completed next year, Roach said.
- Haggerty will be widened from two to four lanes from Warren Road to Ford, also at a cost of \$1.2 million. Roach said a federal grant will cover 80 percent

Party, sculpture usher in library's second decade

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Never let it be said that the Canton Public Library doesn't know how to throw a party.

More than 600 pieces of pizza and 500 hot dogs were served at last weekend's "Ten and Terrific" anniversary celebration. That's not even to mention the cookies and cake that were dished out.

"We had a wonderful crowd all weekend," Library Friends/Volunteer Coordinator Marcia Barker said. "Not a crumb of food was left." Figures for exactly how many people participated in the weekend event were unavailable.

Canton's library first opened in November of 1988, moving from quarters at the township administration building. The celebration marked the library's 10th anniversary.

"We wanted to thank the patrons," Barker said. "They're the reason the library is so successful."

A bronze sculpture, "Story Time" by New Mexico artist Gary Price, was unveiled to kick festivities off Friday evening. The work features a pair of children reading and will eventually be displayed in the library's lobby.

Dr. Jim Gillig was honored with a "Lifetime Friend" award.



Honoree: Jim Gillig of Canton looks at the new sculpture by Gary Price which was unveiled Friday at the Canton Library's 10th anniversary celebration. Gillig was honored with a lifetime Friends of the Library membership, as well as having the sculpture dedicated to him.

Local dignitaries, including Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, attended the event.

"He has been involved with the library before there was a library," Barker said of Gillig. "We like to say that he gave the library both roots and wings."

Story telling and performances by a barber shop quartet highlighted the Friday activities. Barker said tours were also given.

"People got to see behind the

scenes," she added. "They couldn't believe how big it was and how much work we do that they don't see."

On Saturday, trivia contests were held in the youth and adult departments. Gift certificates for local grocery stores and restaurants were among the awards given.

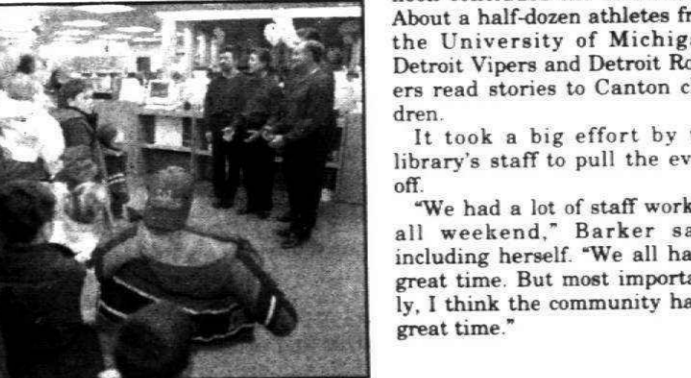
The Canton Senior Kitchen Band performed Saturday evening. A family concert was also held.

A rereadathon on Sunday afternoon concluded the celebration. About a half-dozen athletes from the University of Michigan, Detroit Vipers and Detroit Rockers read stories to Canton children.

It took a big effort by the library's staff to pull the event off.

"We had a lot of staff working all weekend," Barker said, including herself. "We all had a great time. But most importantly, I think the community had a great time."

Entertaining: Barbershop quartet WJBC performs for onlookers Friday night, Nov. 13, at the Canton Library's 10th Anniversary celebration.



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Saturday's performance culminated a stellar two-month competition season for the 205-member band that began practice before the last school year ended. Their efforts earned them every Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect, as well as all overall high score trophies in their four Michigan competitions and at the State Championships on Nov. 7 when they scored a 94.65.

"All year long, they have been working incredibly hard," said McGrath, and the three-day national competition was no exception. More than 12 hours of practice were sandwiched between the band's three BOA performances.

"Their shows were each progressively better," said Rinehart. "At this level it is totally about commitment and concentration

and training." Plus, he added, the adrenaline was pumping.

"When you are prepared for something, adrenaline will make it go over the top," he said. "When you are unprepared, it will work against you. They were definitely prepared. They gave it up and the kids and the staff were thrilled."

The staff and student reaction left little doubt of that. "Incredible, awesome," were the first words that alto saxophonist Steve McLain could think of to describe how he felt about his band's performance.

"It was the most amazing experience of my entire life," said senior color guard member Erica Davis.

Junior clarinetist Jessica McLellan said, "It was the best we've ever done."

"I feel great," said senior drum

major Kay Gallingier. "I think they could not have done any better. They put their heart and soul into it."

For senior percussionist Julie McGuire, the hard work paid off. "It was more than worth it. I would do it 80 times more. It's great when you see your instructors jumping 20 feet off the ground."

McGrath had nothing but kudos for those instructors, designers and arrangers who make up his staff. "They do incredible things," he said. "They are committed to excellence and maintaining a standard with the students in a very educationally sound way."

"If you talk to any one of the students, they'll say that all the sacrifices were worth it because that was 10 minutes of magic on the field tonight."

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Taking care of business



Calling card: Borton Baechler, 17 months, son of Plymouth Canton High School football coach Tim Baechler, makes some calls on his toy phone during half-time of a recent Canton vs. Salem girls basketball game.

Funeral home offers Dec. 1 grief seminar

McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Hope For the Holidays: A Free Bereavement Seminar" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

"We know that the holidays are the most difficult time for families to go through after the death of a loved one," said Kevin

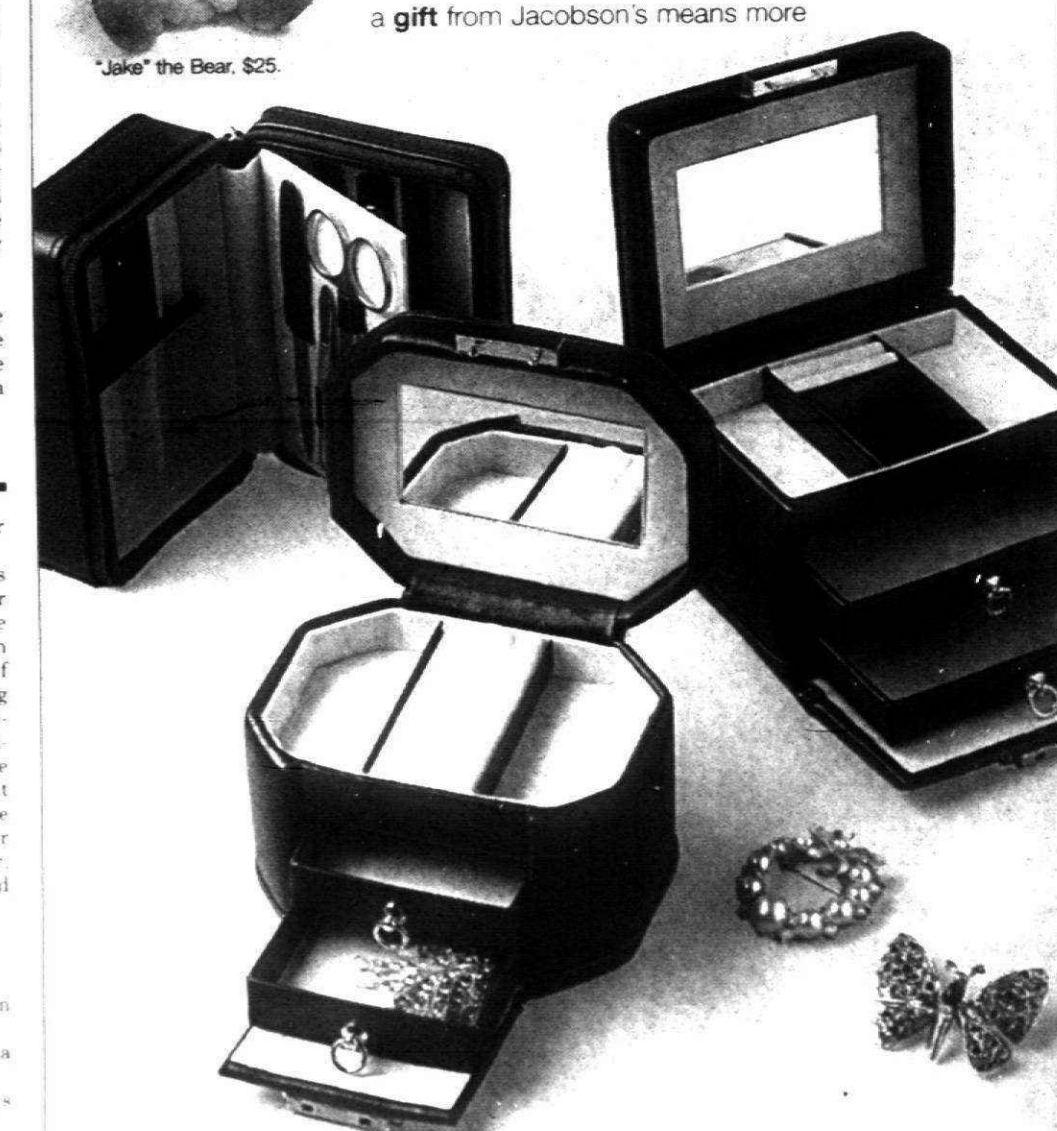
McCabe, chief executive officer of McCabe Funeral Homes. "We hope that by offering this service, we can reduce some of the stress these families endure."

Allison Brzenchek, a social worker at Community Hospice and Homecare Services in Plymouth and Westland, will conduct the free seminar. The seminar will involve discussions on basic steps people can take to get through difficult times and cope with the death of loved ones. Brzenchek, who has provided grief support services to many families in the Detroit area, will offer suggestions and ideas on how to cope with loss.

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Q & A:

Man faces charges after tangle with wife, cops

A Canton man was arrested Nov. 16 on charges of domestic violence and resisting arrest, according to police reports.

Police responded to a home in the 44000 block of Gordon at about 9:30 p.m. Officers interviewed the alleged victim, who confirmed that man, her husband, had grabbed her just below the throat.

Police attempted to arrest the man, but he resisted. For about five minutes, two officers wrestled with the man. Reports said one of the officers got the man under control after striking him twice in the left leg with his baton.

Larceny

A 39-year-old Canton man reported his laptop computer stolen on Nov. 11.

The computer, which was valued at \$2,000, was stolen from his dining room between Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, reports said. There were no signs of forced entry into the Stuart Drive home.

Embezzlement

More than \$350 was stolen from a Canton gas station on Nov. 7.

Police reports indicated that an employee of the station would

ring customers up, collect their money then void the transaction after they left the store. The suspect then would allegedly purchase a small piece of candy to get the cash register open then take money out and pocket it.

A store surveillance tape and cash register records were taken as evidence against the employee, reports said.

Numbers

Police received 303 calls for service from the weekend of Nov. 13-15. That included 37 false alarms, 17 larcenies and civil complaints and 15 traffic crashes, among others.

Vehicle theft

A \$35,000 backhoe was stolen from a Hagerly Road construction site Nov. 10, according to police reports.

The machine was discovered missing by an employee of the La-Z-Boy furniture warehouse early Wednesday morning. The employee had parked the backhoe inside of the locked building at about 3 p.m.

Police reports said the thief

drove the machine out of the building sometime Nov. 10-11.

Embezzlement

A female former employee of Super K on Ford Road allegedly stole more than \$700 worth of jewelry, police reports indicated.

A store loss prevention officer watched on video camera as the woman took several pieces of jewelry Nov. 10. Reports said the woman admitted to taking the jewelry after the loss prevention officer confronted her. Evidently, the ex-employee, a clerk, had been stealing jewelry since October.

Domestic violence

A 19-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence Nov. 10.

The incident occurred in the 46000 block of Geddes Road at about 1 p.m. An argument between the woman and the father of her daughter began when she told him he didn't need to watch the child.

The woman had been working midnights, but her shift was changed to afternoons.

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Schemanske said the area is very dark, with only a few businesses and the backs of homes facing Sheldon Road. Officers had to return to the scene after dawn Wednesday to complete their measurements and gather other evidence, he said.

It isn't the first time tragedy has struck the family.

A little more than five years ago, Alf's husband, William Sr., died of a heart attack. Son Michael, 15, suffered serious burns a few years ago as the result of an accident.

It's more than any family should have to deal with in such a short time, Dawn Dunleavy said.

"This is too fast," she added. "Way too fast."

Schemanske, who knows the family, said Alf was still devastated by the loss of her husband. "This was a lady in total disarray."

It's the third fatal crash in Canton this year where a pedestrian or bicyclist was involved, police said.

Ronald Cowan was killed in a hit-and-run crash Jan. 4 while riding his bike on Michigan Avenue near Beck. The driver in that accident hasn't been identified and police are still seeking information.

Leona Iardi was killed Feb. 4 while crossing the street on Lilley Road north of Cherry Hill.

In addition to Michael, Alf is survived by two other sons, Steven Dunleavy, 36, of Livonia

and William Jr., 17; her mother, Florence Ayotte of Canton; a brother, Albert (Carol) Ayotte of Shoreview, Minn.; and a sister, Carolyn Clark of Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her father, Albert Paul Ayotte.

She was a homemaker who came to Canton from Detroit in 1977.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday from Schrader-Howell Home in Plymouth and St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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Trust fund donations up, local councils get more aid

More Michigan taxpayers put their money where their hearts are - to support programs and services for child abuse and neglect prevention through the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) - than ever before. CTF Executive Director Deborah Strong announced that donations to the organization made through the Michigan State Income Tax Form Checkoff for the 1997 tax season were up by more than \$140,000 from the previous year and still climbing.

"Four thousand more Michigan residents donated to CTF

through the checkoff than during the previous year, bringing total donations for this checkoff season to over \$800,000," Strong said.

Children's Trust Fund uses the money donated through the checkoff to provide funding to 69 local child abuse and neglect councils across the state.

"People are beginning to understand the need for prevention programming and support services and are willing to help support those efforts. Dollars donated to CTF through the

checkoff are used to provide funding for services in the donor's own community," Strong said.

According to Strong, the donations to CTF through checkoff have been on a steady decline over the last few years. "We attribute the increase to heightened awareness of the need for prevention and to the understanding of the work that CTF does to protect Michigan's children, and increased campaign efforts" she said.

Money from donations goes to

support many prevention efforts including the recently launched "Never Shake A Baby" Campaign, a statewide awareness and education initiative designed to reduce the numbers of deaths and injury to infants and small children due to shaking.

As CTF enters the upcoming tax season, Strong sees the need to continue outreach efforts to encourage taxpayers to support prevention of child abuse and neglect through the checkoff.

"In spite of the increase in

checkoff participation, less than 3 percent of all tax filers contributed to the Trust Fund; we still have room to grow. We are proud of the increase, but we see so much more need that only increased funding will help," she said.

As part of the many CTF initiatives, the organization solicits requests for proposals from organizations around the state that have or are putting in place direct programs and services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

"This past granting cycle, we

were able to fund \$373,000 in new programs, in addition to the \$641,000 of continuation grants to programs we already fund. Yet we received over \$2 million in requests."

Additional funding through the checkoff and other direct donations from individuals and corporations will make it possible for CTF to provide more services to children and families in Michigan. Since 1982, CTF has provided funding to programs that have touched the lives of more than 2.5 million children and 500,000 families.

Tutoring center takes new students

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its winter term, which begins Monday, Jan. 25.

Applications should be completed as soon as possible to allow time for an assessment of each student.

The tutorial sessions are designed for children from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and its related skills. Individual or group instruction is available.

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Awarded: Evelyn Mason, a first-grade teacher at Gallimore Elementary, received the Extra Miler Award by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. She is pictured here with husband Roy.

Gallimore teacher cited by district

Gallimore first-grade teacher Evelyn Mason received the Extra Miler Award at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Oct. 13.

Mason is described as a caring, compassionate teacher who is there every morning with heartfelt hugs, welcoming all the children into her classroom. She has a natural desire to continue to learn and experience new things. This love is passed along to her students year after year.

One parent describes her as possessing a gift not only in her ability to make learning fun, but also understanding the unique nature of each of her children. She nurtures them as individuals allowing them to gain confidence in themselves, love for each other and respect for their teacher.

A fellow teacher describes Mason as a concerned educator who calls all of the parents of her incoming classes in the fall to discuss with them each child's needs so that each child's transition from kindergarten to first grade will be a successful one.

Pat Denstaedt, a parent at Gallimore, said, "As a parent, I have appreciated feeling welcome when I volunteer in her class or visit. Evelyn Mason is warm and open to your viewpoint. She recognizes that educating children needs to be a joint effort and makes the parents feel involved with what the students are doing each day."

George Dodson, who has served as interim principal at Gallimore, said, "Evelyn is a quality teacher in all aspects of her profession. She is dedicated, interactive and hard-working. She is deserving in every aspect of the Extra Miler Award."

Evelyn Mason received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by board member Carrie Blamer.

County waits for Lansing to act on revenue sharing

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Revenue sharing, utility deregulation and juvenile justice block grant funds may be tackled by state lawmakers in the six session days left this year.

Robert Morris, lobbyist for Wayne County, and Dennis Cawthorne, a consultant with Cawthorne, McCollough and Cavanagh, told county commissioners Tuesday that lawmakers didn't have much time to act.

"Whether it can be done in six session days, I have some serious doubts," Morris said.

Revenue sharing is money distributed to Michigan cities, villages and townships generated by the state sales tax. State Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, wants to revise the distribution formula's current base on population and "relative tax effort," to one that combines population, property value and need.

The Republican-controlled Senate in June passed a bill that cuts Detroit's share and gives more to growing suburban cities and townships (SB 1181). The House has passed HB 5989, giving Detroit \$62.5 million a year for the next six years.

Author of the Senate bill is Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids. "For a quarter century, Michigan's cities, townships and villages have been shortchanged by a revenue sharing formula that is biased toward one city - Detroit," said Steil.

The Senate approved 30-6 Steil's new formula for sharing \$1.4 billion with local units. It limits any local unit to 8 percent in one year. Most importantly, it crimps the "relative tax effort" standard, a formula that benefited units with already high taxes - namely, Detroit.

Wayne County would take a cut of \$46 million, or 9.1 percent; Detroit would lose \$306 million, or 7.5 percent. Due for the full 8 percent increases are Livonia, Northville Township, Garden City and Westland.

Detroit won't be the only loser, according to Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit. Once SB 1181 is fully phased in, South Lyon, Southfield and even Northville would lose significant chunks of aid down the road.

The Senate Fiscal Agency said the next year's pot will be up 2.5 percent from the current year and estimates future annual increases at 3 percent.

On Tuesday, county commissioners sent a resolution introduced by Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, to its full commission for action today (Thursday).

Another issue - regional transportation - was not expected to be discussed this year. Cawthorne said he didn't expect discussion on funds for the Detroit Department of Transportation and Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

"Next spring the (House) Appropriations Committee may introduce the issue again in Lansing," Cawthorne said.

Road info wanted

At least one county commissioner wants to include road construction in a new geographic information system in Wayne County.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Rodford, believes a database including road information in the new GIS will allow county commissioners and other county officials to tell residents quickly how much money is spent in their districts on roads.

Husk's resolution stated the GIS presents "an ideal opportunity to capture and analyze road work order and contract expenditure data on a systematic basis."

"Needless controversy could be better avoided and public policy on such expenditures could be more intelligently framed if all persons knew reliably how road funds are expended on a geographic basis," Husk wrote.

The commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services sent a proposed resolution to the commission's legal counsel Ben Washburn to redraft.

"I think it will make Wayne County accountable for how it spends road dollars," Husk said.

Daniels narrates 'Legend of Sleeping Bear'

An animated version of one of Michigan's most cherished tales, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," will air at 7 p.m. Saturday on WDIV-Channel 4.

"The Legend of Sleeping Bear" is one of a mother's as a children's book earlier this year. Written by Kathy-Jo Wargin and illustrated by Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen, the book received an official title when the House of Representatives passed Resolution No. 286 commemorating "The Legend of Sleeping Bear" as the official state of Michigan children's book. Oscar-winning actor Jeff Daniels will narrate the animated version, which will air nationally next month on PBS stations across the county.



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The Remembrance Tree is dedicated to all the victims of alcohol and substance abuse related traffic accidents. The event is free.

Madonna University's Psychology Club and Social Work Student Association are sponsoring the event and will be distributing ribbons provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving at the event.

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Foreign students enjoy school sports scene

BY LILLY A. EVANS
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever wonder how it would be to live in another country or to go to high school abroad? Exchange students from all over the world come to western Wayne County high schools, and one of the first things they notice is sports. Many schools in other countries don't have sports at all or, if they do, it is to foster school spirit and not competition. The exchange students who come here are encouraged by their host families to get involved in sports to make friends.

Johannes Brauer of Sweden, who is a senior and a tight end/linebacker for the Plymouth Salem football team, says they don't have sports or American football at his high school in Sweden.

"Sports is not as big as it is here. You can play for extra credit, but it is not affiliated with the school," he explained.

Steffi Graber of Germany, a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia, has won first in singles and second in doubles for the varsity tennis team. She said she would not have this opportunity at school in Germany.

the regional for the varsity tennis team. She had similar comments about her school curriculum.

"We take 15 or 18 subjects a week in Sweden," she said.

She also said they wear straight-legged pants at home; bell-bottomed jeans are out of style.

Graber said she wanted to come here as an exchange student for new experiences and to meet new people.

"Everybody wants to come here (to the United States). We see American movies, MTV and we have American products like Tommy Hilfinger," she said.

Neco Do Couto of Brazil, a senior at Churchill in Livonia, said there's more freedom here with the exception of having a curfew.

"My friends here have to be home at 12:30 (a.m.) At home we don't have curfews and stores stay open all night," he said.

Do Couto adds that here students may have just a few friends, while in Brazil you may have five or six best friends.

Holidays also differ from country to country.

Competition here

"We don't have teams at school, you would have to join a private club. It's very competitive here," she added.

She also has noticed a difference in school curriculum.

"In Germany everything is required. It is more diverse. Here you decide on your own path for the job you are preparing for and you don't take extra languages," she said.

Sara Derfalk of Sweden, a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, won first in singles in



Foreign students: Gideon and Lynne Levenbach (not pictured) of Plymouth Township hosted a Halloween party for exchange students at the Colony Farms Meeting House. It was a special treat for the students who come from countries that don't mark Halloween. Pictured are (from left): Mariana Aydos of Brazil (Westland John Glenn), Fernanda Leite of Brazil (Churchill), Elisa Zamojda of Poland (Poland), Jana Doroshko of Estonia (Salem), Sara Derfalk of Sweden (Stevenson), Steffi Graber of Germany (Churchill), Ramiro Ortiz of Brazil (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Neco Do Couto of Brazil (Churchill).

New experience

Last month, nine of the 16 exchange students from area

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S'craft registers for winter semester

Schoolcraft College students can enroll for winter classes, which begin Saturday, Jan. 9.

Registration forms are available in winter schedules, which have been mailed, or call the College's Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426 and ask to have a schedule sent to your home. New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Students may complete and mail in a registration form through Nov. 25.

Students with a touch-tone phone and credit card can telephone in their registration by dialing (734) 462-4800. Winter phone-in registration continues through Jan. 7 during the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Walk-in registration begins Dec. 7 and continues through Jan. 15, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. The college will be open for registration during the December holiday break, Dec. 28, 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in registration at the Radcliff Center takes place Wednesday, Dec. 9 between 1 and 7 p.m.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

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high schools gathered with Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high school students to go trick-or-treating for the first time. All of the exchange students said Halloween is not celebrated in their countries.

Brauer said the only holiday they wear costumes for is Easter, when young people dress up like witches and wizards. It is not considered a religious holiday.

Jana Doroshko of Estonia, a junior attending Plymouth Salem High School, said they wear costumes to celebrate the New Year.

Even though there are differences between the schools and cultures here, area exchange student coordinators find similarities and match the students

with families where they think the newcomers will be most comfortable.

Gideon and Lynne Levenbach of Plymouth Township have been placing exchange students with host families in the Wayne County area for 10 years and have hosted an exchange student in their home. Gideon says they work very hard to match the students with the right families.

Brauer's host brother is Rob Welch, a senior at Plymouth Salem and the tri-captain of the football team. Welch notices a match with his new brother.

"I think they did a great job of pairing us up. He fits into our family, fits into the football team and the school," he said. "We have so much pop culture in common."

"I think of Brauer as a brother, and once in a while I even catch myself saying 'Mom wants us home at a certain time,'" he said.

Another difference for the exchange students are the houses.

"Eighty to 90 percent of the exchange students live in flats, not single-family houses with yards," said Gideon Levenbach.

Enjoys the changes

Host parent Jim Pratt of Westland has welcomed Mariana Aydos of Brazil into his home. Pratt recommends hosting to all families.

"We enjoy the change in the house. She is the daughter my wife always wanted. I think everybody should try it (hosting)." Pratt added that hosting is not a big expense.

The Levenbachs are always looking for host families. For the exchange of room and board, Gideon Levenbach says a family "will have an experience they will never forget." The students come with their own medical insurance and pay for their own toiletries, vacations, restaurant meals, stamps and phone calls.

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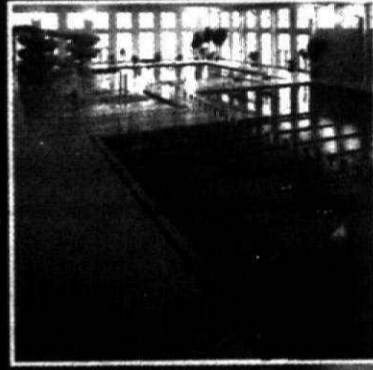
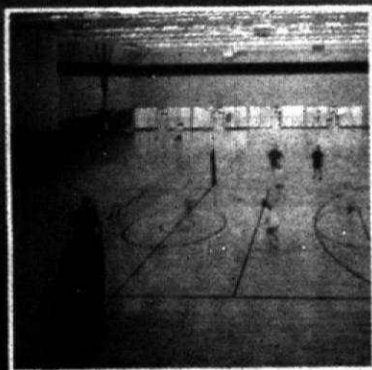
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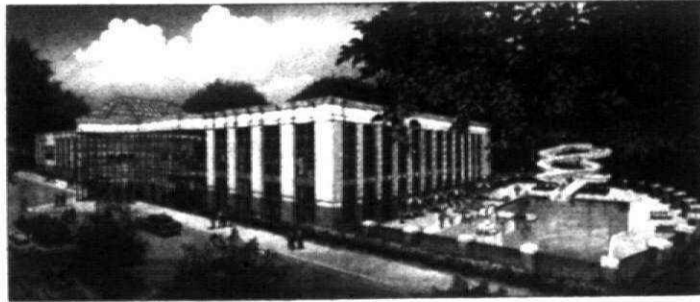
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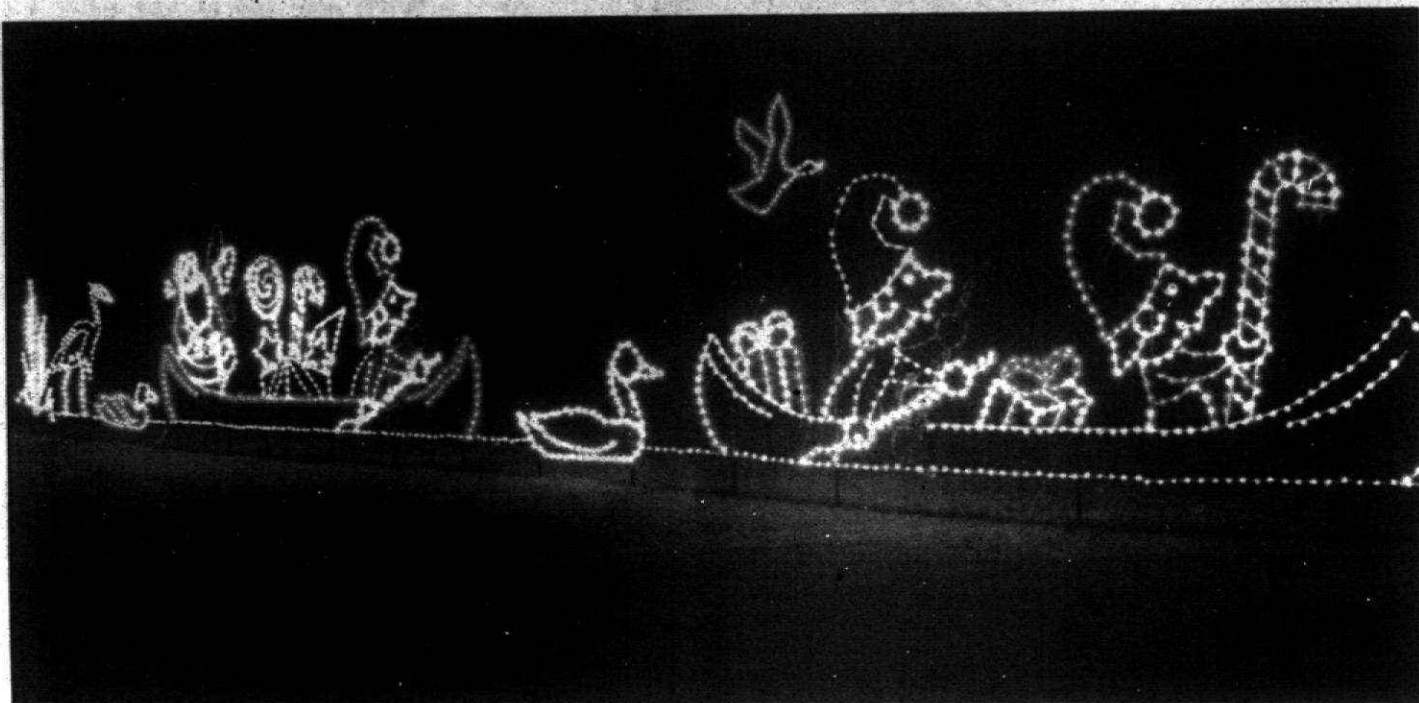
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Wayne County LightFest billed as "the Midwest's largest holiday show" features 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights.

This year four new displays have been added: Santa's Canoe, Santa's Colossal Sleigh, a toy soldier shooting a cannon and Santa's Flight School with Parachuting Reindeer.

In its sixth year, the Wayne County LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., now through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day, along 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights.

Each display features animation, and this year children can expect to see a ball being shot across Inkster Bridge.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping, and, after Nov. 25, they can get a picture taken with Santa Claus.

A \$5-per-car donation helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses, whose operators are encouraged to register in advance. Discount coupons are available at Hudson's and Tar-

Hines Drive will be closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly to ensure it is clear for motorists to see the LightFest. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman.

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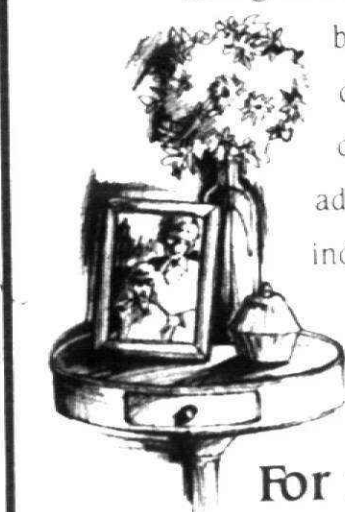
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Holiday travel advice: Arrive early

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
kabracyk@oe.homecomm.net

Officials at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport are expecting 100,000 travelers to arrive or depart from the airport on Wednesday, and also on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Their advice to travelers: Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time.

Doing little things like filling out identification cards on luggage at home before arriving at the airport can save time and is one less thing to worry about before leaving town, said Brian Lassaline, airport spokesman.

"If you are traveling on a domestic flight, you also should arrive at the airport at least two hours before your departure time, and if you fly an international flight, you should be here three hours before the flight leaves," Lassaline said.

Last year Detroit Metro serviced 31.6 million passengers, up 3 percent from 1996. That makes Metro the eighth busiest North American airport, according to passenger traffic statistics.

Metro officials continue to work to improve Metro's reputation and customer service. In the past

year, the curbside space near the Davey Terminal in front of the Northwest facility has been tripled to allow for more vehicles for relatives and friends to drop off air travelers.

"Commercial vehicles now park on the outer lane, and private vehicles can use the inner lane for dropoff and pickups, which will help family and friends for dropoffs and pickups of passengers," Lassaline said.

Travelers can call the airport's 24-hour parking hotline at (800) 642-1978.

Travelers will notice green-vested customer service agents, who are Wayne County employees available to answer questions and give directions to gates. A new information center was opened between Concourse C and D to assist travelers.

U.S. Customs, Immigration and Agriculture can now process 1,200 travelers an hour after 30,000 square feet of space was added to the Berry International Terminal.

Improvements also include an extension of Concourse C, which includes the construction of six additional gates and a rampside shuttle stop. Between Concourses C and D, a new moving walkway was added to ease passenger travel.

A new rampside shuttle bus service will help passengers with connecting flights.

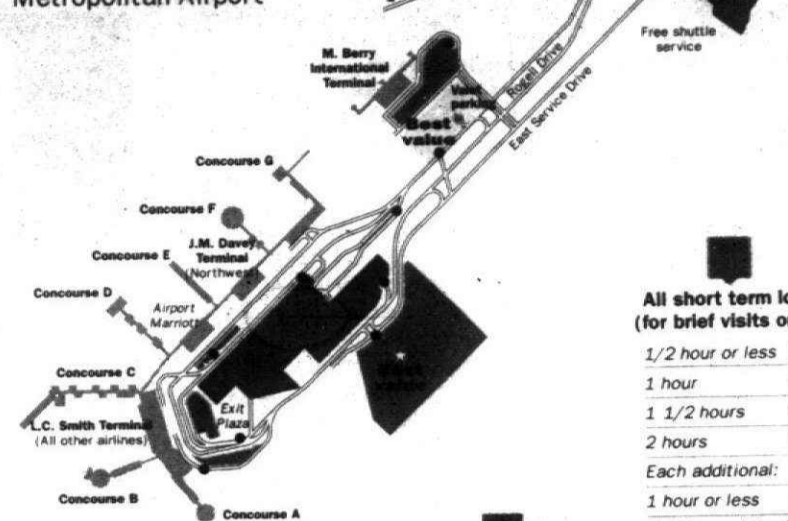
Twenty of the airport's 65 restrooms have been renovated. "Fixtures, faucets and sinks have been replaced," Lassaline said.

Lassaline advises people to call their airlines to confirm arrival and departure times. Travelers can call the airport's 24-hour parking hotline at 1-800-642-1978. Detroit Metro houses about 12,000 parking spaces.

"While most people are pleasure travelers at this time of year and will be using curbside dropoffs, it's always good to call ahead if they are parking there," Lassaline said. "They can talk to a live person."

If travelers are transporting holiday gifts, they should not wrap them until they arrive at their destination, Lassaline said. Jewelry, money, passports and cameras should be packed on carry-on luggage, he added.

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JACK GLADDEN

Tracking down traditions of Thanksgiving

The Feminist is moving into her Thanksgiving mode. This is her holiday. I make the cornbread for the stuffing, help her load the turkey into the roaster, take it out when it's done and make a valiant (and usually bumbling) effort at carving the bird.

But she does everything else: the stuffing, the assorted veggie dishes, the odd combination of potatoes and parsnips, the something with cranberries (it varies from year to year) and the pies, always pumpkin and then a couple of others like apple or apple/cranberry. This year she's thinking about adding a sweet potato pie to the menu.

It's her holiday and she's welcome to it. Two or three days of prep cooking beforehand, getting up at 5 or 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day and working steadily in the kitchen until the dinner is served around 3 or 4 o'clock. Half an hour at the dinner table, then back to the kitchen for the cleanup.

Why does she do it? It's a tradition. An American Thanksgiving tradition. And I'm not complaining one bit. But where, I wondered, do these Thanksgiving traditions come from? After all The Feminist's ancestors were still in Poland when the Pilgrims were chowing down on the first Thanksgiving turkeys.

Please see GLADDEN, B4

Sweet-tempered Santa returns

■ The twinkling white lights of Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas display illuminate a portion of Ann Arbor Road on cold, dreary winter nights. The warm and fuzzy feeling extends inside where the kindness of Mike Beal, a 45-year Santa Claus, embraces children.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Meet Mike Beal of Plymouth Township. Every year during the holiday season, Beal - sorry, we mean Santa Claus - can be seen at Cornwell Pool and Patio's Christmas Center in Plymouth surrounded by children with long wish lists.

It all started 45 years ago when Beal, then a skinny 18-year-old, saw a sign in J.L. Hudson's in downtown Detroit for a two-week Santa training school, uniform provided.

"I had a yearning to do this," he said. "I used to go around to the kids in the neighborhood a few days before Christmas Eve and bring them candy." Besides, his father was a Santa.

Beal graduated from Santa school with flying colors (but no reindeer), and the rest is history. He's marched in hundreds of parades, visited countless nursing homes, and hoisted thousands of children onto his lap at Kmart and Kresge's.

"I'd never get paid for it," Beal said of department store Santa days. "They'd pull out a big 10-pound box of candy and say thanks for being Santa."

For the last 17 years, he's been the Cornwell Pool Santa. He will be visiting the store, at 874 W. Ann Arbor Road (at Main Street) in Plymouth, Fridays through Sundays beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

Beal shared his secret of being an authentic Santa: "Oh, I am Santa Claus. I have to say to myself I am Santa Claus. And you have to love children. And you have to listen. You also have to know what the hot toys are or else they won't believe you."

And you have to create belief.

Beal recalled a young girl named Donna who used to visit him every

year until she became "too big" for the Santa scene. When she was 17, she came back. "She said she had decided she wasn't going to believe in Santa Claus. I'm sorry I did that. There's no one who's more Santa than you. I'll be back," she told me.

Beal says he never gets upset or cross with children. And he always has an extra suit with him in case some kid throws up or has a bladder problem. He's also careful about what he promises. "I never promise kids I'll bring them everything. I always tell them I'll bring them something special. I tell them I'll call mom or dad."

Preserving his Santa identity can be difficult at times. His mustache is real, but his beard and wig are fake. He's developed a technique for discouraging sticky fingers: "When they see you pull your mustache, they won't bother you with your beard."

One time a curious 3-year-old girl managed to peek under Beal's wig. Only his quick reply saved the day. "I told her one is my summer hair and the other is my winter hair."

His closest call came one year when his son, then 7 or 8 years old, climbed up on his lap. Beal survived the scrutiny until his son spied his watch and remarked it was the same as his dad's.

Beal, who volunteers at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, has done a little bit of just about everything in his life. His mother wanted him to be an actor, and he even attended the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Art. Since then, he's been a dog catcher, an ambulance driver, a make-up artist, and the lead singer in his own band, The Dukes of Detroit.

"All my life I've been preparing myself to be Santa Claus," he said of his varied career.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Sneak peek: Samantha, 4, and Madeline Fuoco, 2, of Canton Township shared their Christmas wishes with Santa (also known as Mike Beal of Plymouth Township) early this year at Cornwell Pool and Patio in Plymouth. Santa arrives at the store the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 27.

Being Santa is in Beal's genes. His father, Russell, 83, who lives in Tampa, Fla., is still a Santa. His brother in Kansas also is a Santa. Beal plans to be Santa until it no longer snows in Michigan.

"This is what I want to do. I want to be Santa Claus."

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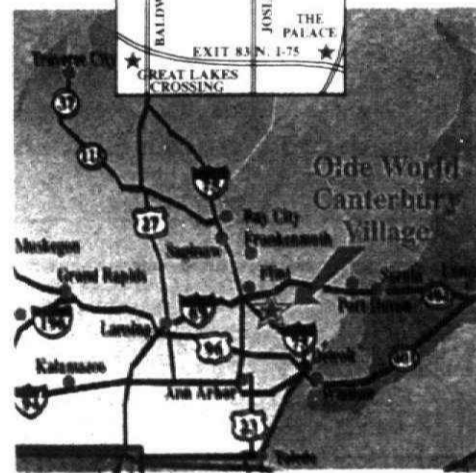
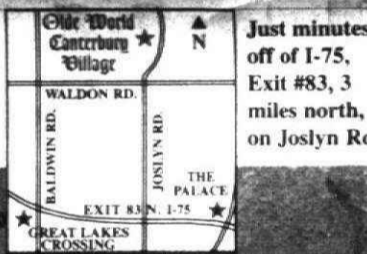
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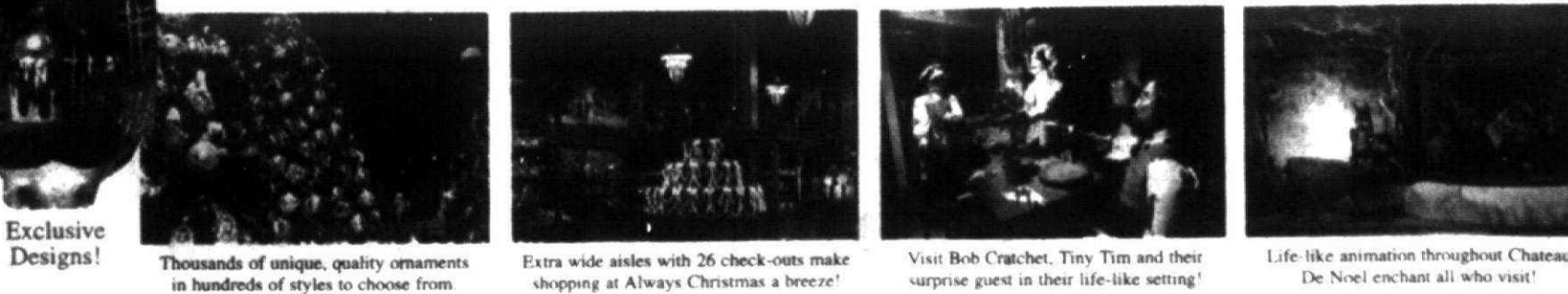


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Garden City church readies for 'hot time'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
HomeComm.net

Doug Weber figured he had to "prime the pump," so he came up with items for Garden City United Methodist Church's third annual "A Hot Time at the Auction Tonight."

The chairman of the auction committee, Weber kicked in a selection of autographed memorabilia bearing the names of some very recognizable sports celebs like Detroit Red Wing Kris Draper and ex-University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler.

"When there was an opportunity to get an autograph, I went and got them," said Weber. "You have to prime the pump somehow."

'Mary Denning has been very supportive. She was the first one to call the very first year we did this.'

Sue Weber
Auction committee member

Westland and Livonia Chambers of Commerce and using Crain's Detroit as a reference on restaurants began putting the new auction together "as soon as last year's ended," said Sue Weber.

"After last year, we decided we needed to do something different," she said. "It had worn out its usefulness."

By mid-November, the donations covered two pieces of paper and included:

- A hot air balloon ride for two donated by the Michigan Balloon Corporation.
- Two round-trip air fares for two to anywhere served by Pro Air.
- Sapphire and diamond ring, diamond brooch and Swarovski classic angel, all donated by Orin Jewelers.
- A complete set of the 1998 Teenie Beanie Babies donated by Jeff Walsh.
- A basket with the Beanie Babies - Erin, Princess, Glory, Spooky and Valentino, an anonymous donation.
- Brunch for two at The Whitney, donated by The Whitney.
- A one-night stay for two with breakfast at the Dearborn Inn, donated by the Dearborn Inn.
- Two gift baskets from Mary

Denning's Cake Shoppe.

"Mary Denning has been very supportive," said Sue. "She was the first one to call the very first year we did this."

There's also gift certificates to the Fire Academy in Westland, Amantea Restaurant and dinner for two at Genitti's Hole in the Wall and tickets for Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers (Tiger Den) from Mike and Marian Ilich.

Church members also have donated. A hot item is the eight hours of handyman services from John Sullivan, but there's also a handmade mantle scarf from Linda Hanson and Delta Allard, handmade basket with place mats and napkins from Carol Middell and Lucia Symphony tickets from Leo Bahoric.

"The donations have been very good and very encouraging," said Weber.

The committee, which includes Sue Weber, Carol Middell, the Rev. Jerry Smith, Jan Humphrey, Ron Showalter and Carolyn Riley, is hoping to surpass the \$2,500 that's been raised at the last two auctions. Weber's personal goal is "upward of \$5,000."

"That would be wonderful," said Smith.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet and music by the Ernie Matchulat jazz quartet. Tickets cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple and are available in advance by calling the church at (734) 421-8628. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The auction originally was held in conjunction with the church's fall homecoming event. Held at the church as a church activity, it helped to raise money for the Methodist church's worldwide mission work.

The decision was to go public with a bigger and better event and solicit donations from outside the church community. Working with the Garden City

Hospice group aims at young adults

Arbor Hospice's Bereavement Services in December will begin a group for young adults ages 19-24 who are grieving after the death of a family member.

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Teter-Mathison

Laura Catherine Mathison and James David Teter were married May 23 in Roswell, Ga. Malcolm Mathison, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Patricia Jones and Tommy Mathison, all of Florida. The groom is the son of David and Cheryl Teter of Garden City.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Florida with a master's degree in accounting. She is employed as a certified public accountant by DeWood and Richardson in Palm Beach County, Fla.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a certified public accountant by Ernst and Young LLP in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The bride asked Aimee Mathison to serve as maid of honor with Cathy Gagliardo as bridesmaid.



The groom asked Don Emerson, Joe Shroat, Tom Flannery and Steve Clay to serve as his best men.

The couple received guests at the historic Naylor Hall in Roswell before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Bora Bora and Moorea in French Polynesia.

They are making their home in south Florida.

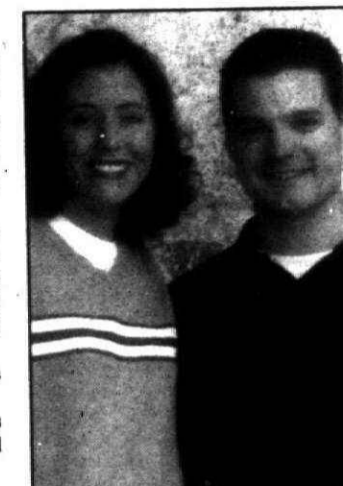
Kindl-Zylik

William and Elaine Kindl of Downingtown, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jessica, to Richard Dominik Zylik, the son of Henry Zylik of Stockbridge and Phyllis Zylik of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1992. She is employed at Compuware as an administrative assistant. Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

He works at Detroit Edison as a Peoplesoft consultant.

A July 1999 wedding is planned at Our Savior National Polish Catholic Church.



Harrison-Carlisle

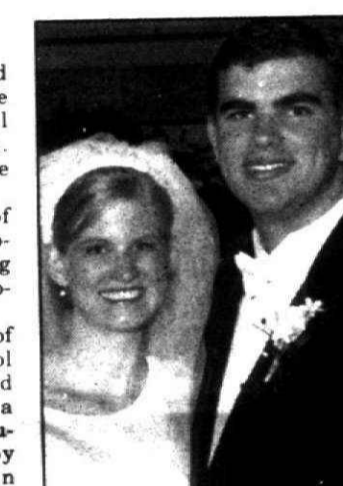
Karin Anne Carlisle and Stephen Russell Harrison were married July 18 at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. Mike Hazelton performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Cyndi Carlisle of Livonia. The groom is the son of Greg and Judy Harrison, also of Livonia.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in psychology/special education. She is employed by Kirksville Public Schools in Kirksville, Mo.

The groom also is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He currently is a student at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The bride asked Kara McCall to serve as matron of honor, with bridesmaids Kelly Carlisle, Christine Carlisle, Debbie Harrison and Amy Harrison.



Roy-Treff

Thomas and Barbara L. Roy of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sara, to Robert Michael Treff, the son of John and Debbie Treff of Farmington Hills and Jeanne Treff of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed at Varnum Riddering Schmidt and Howlett in Grand Rapids as a computer trainer.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed at First Union National Bank in Charlotte, N.C., as a financial specialist.

An August wedding is planned at the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.



Rich-Gum

Robert and Mary Rich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to Stephen Matthew Gum, the son of John and Christine Gum of Madison Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Agatha High School, the University of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed by Botoford Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lamphere High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by EDS.

An April wedding is planned at St. Scholastica Church in Detroit.



Davis-Rich

Donald and Marlene Davis of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Patti Jo, to Kevin John Rich, the son of Robert and Mary Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lakeview High School in Battle Creek and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary special education.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Federal Mogul.

A June wedding in Battle Creek is planned.



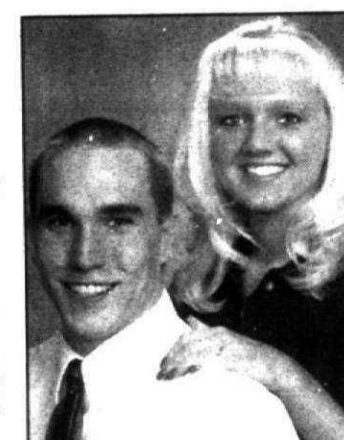
Gora-Richardson

Robert and Judy Gora of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Therese, to James Boyd Richardson III, the son of James and Theresa Richardson II, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed at the accounting firm of Follmer, Rudzewicz and Co.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed by Consolidated Freight Co.

A June 2000 wedding is planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.



Zylka-Tetiourenko

Mark Matthew Zylka and Alexandra Djosan Tetiounenko were married July 25 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. The Rev. David Woody performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Milenti and Lydia Djosan of Moldova. The groom is the son of Zygmund Jr. and Arleen Zylka of Canton.

The bride has a bachelor of science degree in education from Kiev State University in the Ukraine and an associate's degree in vehicle design from Macomb Community College. She is employed by Belcan Engineering in Ohio.

The groom has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is studying law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Before moving to Ohio, he was employed by General Dynamics-Land Systems in Warren.

The bride asked Charlotte Mack to be her maid of honor with Stacey Mason serving as the bridesmaid. Flower girls were Courtney Simpson and Elizabeth Schmieding.



Clark-Tomer

John and Sharon Figue of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Clark, to Robert Raymond Tomer, the son of Raymond and Charlotte Tomer of Allison Park, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration and a master of administration degrees in accounting. She is employed at Arthur Andersen LLP in Detroit as a certified public accountant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa., with a bachelor of science degree in human resource management. He is employed at Allstate as a service center manager.

A May wedding is planned at the University of Detroit Mercy Chapel.



Hayes-O'Neil

Sharlene Marie O'Neil and Kenneth Paul Hayes were married Nov. 6 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The Rev. Willard E. Toller officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dan O'Neil of Canton and Shirley O'Neil of Garden City. The groom is the son of Ronald and Mary Hayes of South Lyon.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is employed at Electro-matic Products Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Embest Inc.

Jennifer Bergman served as maid of honor with Shaun Hayes as best man.



Reception and honeymoon

The reception and honeymoon were in Las Vegas.



Eyeing the merchandise: Doug Weber (left) and the Rev. Jerry Smith peruse the merchandise that will be available at "A Hot Time at the Auction Tonight" on Dec. 5. Proceeds benefit the Methodist church's worldwide mission work.

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We've all been taught that story: Pilgrims and Indians feasting at the Plymouth Colony in 1621. But what did they really eat? And just how much do we know about that first Thanksgiving? Or subsequent ones, for that matter. Not a great deal, I discovered.

According to the historians at Plimoth Plantation, the living history museum in Plymouth, Mass., there are only two references to that 1621 celebration, and the only surviving description of the event itself is in a letter from Edward Winslow in which he noted that the settlers and the Indians feasted for three days on wild fowl and venison.

The rest of the menu has been "extrapolated," based on general knowledge of the type of food available to the settlers. That's sort of like assuming that I must have a supply of dandelion wine on hand since I happen to have a yard full of dandelions every spring.

The correct date So we're not sure what they ate, but we do know when the first Thanksgiving took place. Right? Well, not exactly. The folks at Plimoth Plantation think the 1621 event wasn't a "Thanksgiving" at all, but just a secular harvest celebration that

Supporting children means being involved

Supporting children is often misconstrued, according to Dr. Diane Treadwell-Deering, medical director of the Pediatric Psychopharmacology Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital and assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at Baylor College of Medicine. "Some people think that supporting your children means praising them, regardless of what they do," she said. "But it really means taking an active role in your child's life - enriching him or her with activities and experiences, encouraging academics and peer relationships, and setting limits."

Treadwell-Deering offers these tips on supportive parenting:

- Care about and show interest in what your children do.
- Monitor their TV viewing, be willing to sit down and help them with a school report.
- Ask them about their friends and their interests.
- Be sure to give them chores and responsibilities. Maybe it's writing their grandmother a thank you note or setting the table.
- Set limits. For example, they should come home at the appointed time.
- And if you are too tired to take them shopping, you can say so.
- Give praise - but only for a job well done. Kids know the difference. If they have done something sloppily and you praise them for it, it devalues that praise," Treadwell-Deering said.

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was never repeated. The first documented Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony in 1623. We know that because of an extant proclamation issued by Governor William Bradford proclaiming Thursday, Nov. 29, 1623, as a day for "ye Pilgrims (who) landed on ye Plymouth Rock" to gather and "listen to ye Pastor and render Thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings."

But the historians say that, while such a celebration did occur in 1623, it took place in the summer, not November, and that the Bradford proclamation appears to be a hoax probably produced in the 20th century. They note that Plymouth Colony had no pastor at the time Bradford allegedly referred to him "anachronistic" terms such as "vegetables," "Pilgrims" and "Plymouth Rock," terms that came into use long after the document was supposed to have been written.

Changing traditions In 1939, FDR declared Nov. 23, the next-to-the-last Thursday, to be Thanksgiving, a departure from custom that outraged traditionalists. When he

did the same thing in 1940, declaring Nov. 21 to be the date of the observance, his critics labeled the day "Franksgiving."

In 1941, Roosevelt was presented with a congressional resolution, which he signed on Nov. 26, establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the official Thanksgiving holiday. And it's stayed there ever since.

But what about the cranberries, the turkey and the pumpkin pie? The Pilgrims may have feasted on wild turkey along with the venison, they did apparently grow pumpkins (called "pompon" in those 17th century cookbooks) and cranberries probably grew in New England at the time. But how did they get on the list of Thanksgiving traditions?

The authority on the subject, the Hallmark "Holiday Handbook," answers that question with one sentence: "It is not known how these foods came to be identified with Thanksgiving."

But we do know one thing: it's a turnip, please. Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township. If you have a question or comment, e-mail him at jgladden@ec.homecomm.net.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robesky Frank and Donna Robesky of Canton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a dinner with family and friends at the Leather Bottle Restaurant in Livonia. The couple married Sept. 21, 1973, at Dearborn City Hall. She is the former Donna Dec. They have two children, Kevin Taylor and Kimberly Khatib and husband Sam, and one grandson, Billy. He is employed at the General Motors Poletown Plant. She is a homemaker. He enjoys carpentry and



mechanics. Her hobbies include ceramics and crafts. They also enjoy decorating their home.

Stokes Wayne and Margaret Stokes of Plymouth celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family gathering that included four generations, in Plymouth. The couple married on Oct. 14, 1933, in Detroit. She is the former Margaret Spindelman. They have lived in the Plymouth area since 1981. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Retired for more than 30 years, he worked at Ford Motor Co. in the Foundry Division for 47 years.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

BLOOD DONATION Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

US CONCERT Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is hosting an concert by the acoustic guitar duo US, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. Tickets are \$2 per person or \$5 per family. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

NEWSBOYS' CONCERT The Newsboys with special guests Third Day and The Waiting are performing as part of "Teen Mania" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$20 reserved. Groups of 10 or more receive \$5 off. Tickets also are on sale now for the Gaither Christmas Homecoming featuring the Gaither Vocal Band, Janet Paschal, Larry Ford, The Happy Goodmans, Anthony Burger, The Martins and others, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$17.50 reserved and \$24.50 for Superfan seating. Seniors ages 60 and older receive \$3 off reserved seating and children ages 12 and younger receive \$8 off reserved seating. Group rates are also

available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacetent.com>. **OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR** First United Methodist Church in Plymouth is hosting a "Walk Thru the Old Testament" seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Using interactive learning techniques - "mapping" the room with key Bible locations, hand movements and group recitations - this international seminar program helps people absorb and remember key characters, geography and major themes of the entire Old Testament. Separate seminars will be held for adults (seventh grade and up) and children (age 5 through sixth grade). The fee is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children. Materials are included. Participants may bring a sack lunch for the mid-day break. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

THE GAYLORDS St. Edith Parish will present The Gaylords in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in the church's multipurpose building, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Tickets cost \$20 for the fundraising event. For more information, call Dale at (734) 464-1250 or (734) 464-1678.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will meet for Mass and a pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Parish, Hagerly Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$5. The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass

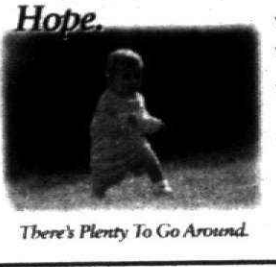
-10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325. **CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH** The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold its first annual "Bowling Bash and Bite" 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Drakehire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. A dinner will follow 6-8 p.m. at the synagogue. The catering will be by the Pizza Cooking Chef from the TV cooking channel. The charge is \$15 per person. For more information, call (248) 477-8974. The Sisterhood will also meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be Hanukkah presentations and \$5 grab bag. Refreshments will be served.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE The Plymouth Community Thanksgiving week worship will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in the chapel at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beek Road, between Five Mile and Six Mile (follow the signs of New Life Lutheran Church, the host congregation). The message will be delivered by the Rev. Karen C. Lewis, assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church. Special music include a combined choir of Plymouth church members. Worshipers are encouraged to bring food and/or monetary contributions for The Salvation

Army food shelves to be used locally during the holiday seasons. A reception for worshippers and participants, hosted by New Life Lutheran Church, will follow the service. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-1381. A worship service of praise and thanksgiving will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-0675. A cluster Thanksgiving service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Rice Memorial United Methodist Church of Redford. The Rev. Tom Badley of Newburg United Methodist Church will deliver the message. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or visit www.gbgm-umc.org/newburgumc. First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have its Thanksgiving Day church service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Members and visitors are welcome.

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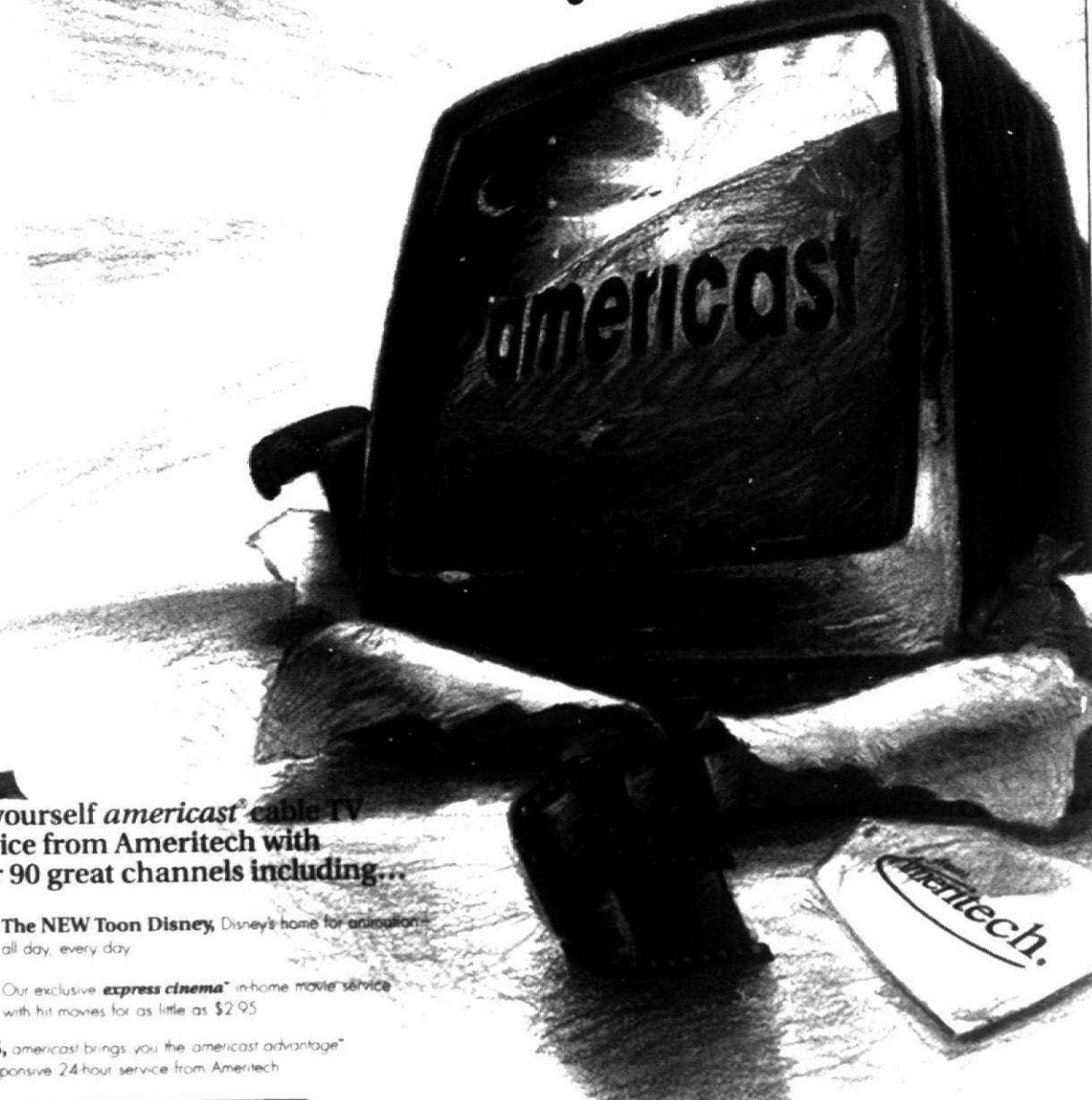
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St. Andrew's Day service and dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 26350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford.

Ruth M. Favor of Angela Hospice will present "A Remembering Time," a worship service of Hope for the Holidays, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church's sanctuary, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Trinity Presbyterian Church will have an Advent Bible study. "Meet the Son of God," 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, in the library of the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia.

Mainstay Church Resources will present Adventure Training Conference at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Nativity United Church of Christ will hold a Christmas program. "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays Dec. 4, 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 6, 12-13 and 19-20.

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program. "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays Dec. 4, 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 6, 12-13 and 19-20.

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Choi is a professor and associate dean at North Carolina Central University, past president of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, a member and past moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly Council.

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit - West is holding its Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Founder's Room and University Chapel in the Residence Hall on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia.

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NEW VOICES

Sandy Pedersen of Garden City announces the birth of Jacob Wayne July 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandmother is Marilyn Pedersen of Garden City. Wilhelma Michael and Gina Lynn Hartmann of Westland announce the birth of Andrew M. July 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Wilhelm and Auguste Hartmann of Austria and Adelita B. Maranan of the Philippines. John and Lynn Steelick of Livonia announce the birth of Dylan John July 28 at Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He joins a brother, Jake, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Ralph and Virginia Steelick of Livonia, Ellen Johnston of Northville and the late Robert Johnston. Troy Bunting and Trina Henderson of Redford announce the birth of Trey Anthony Henderson July 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Angela, 9, Tamara, 8, and Todd, 17 months. Grandparents are Linda Henderson of Redford and Fred T. Henderson of Livonia. Gary and Karen Williams of Livonia announce the birth of Logan Michael July 21 at Huron Valley Hospital of Commerce. He joins a sister, Bailey Rose, 4 1/2, and a brother, Douglas James, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Leona Vogt of Livonia, James Williams of Livonia and Patrice Nestra of Clarkston. Thomas and Michelle Raymond of Westland announce the birth of Ashlynn Rose July 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister,

Kayla, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Shirley Bowling and Mark and Diane Sierra, all of Westland. Bernice and Lucy O'Meara of Livonia announce the birth of Connor Joseph July 8 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Richard and Marlene O'Meara of Livonia and Dominic and Angelina Savona of Allen Park. Great-grandfather is Giovanni Santarelli of Buenos Aires, Argentina. David and Mary Geiger of Detroit announce the birth of Briana Kathryn June 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, David Paul, 8, and a sister, Toni, 5. Grandparents are Ina Geiger of Inkster and Jerry and Dorothy Brewer of Redford. Michael Fochler and Corrie Boston of Canton announce the birth of Chase Michael Fochler Aug. 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Frederick and Joan Fochler and Clark and Diane Boston, all of Westland. David A. and Christine S. Price of Westland announce the birth of Mathieu Daniel July 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, David A. Fullerton, 6, and Joseph R. Price, 4. Grandparents are David Price of North Carolina and James Fullerton of Lincoln Park. Vincent and Rebecca Griffioen of Westland announce the birth of Chelsea Renee July 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sidney Lynn, 1 1/2. Grandparents are James and Linda Collier of Belleville and Perry and Wanda

Griffioen of Good Hope, Ga. 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 May Forkel of Novi, Elnora E. Miller of Napa, Calif., and Robert and Violet Cates of Gainesville, Fla. John Patrick Connelley and Tina Marie McMillan of Westland announce the birth of Justin Tyler July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John Pitt Connelley, Jeanne Marie Chalifoux, Dale Booterbaugh and Joanne McMillan. Scott and Mary Beth Mathery of Livonia announce the birth of Gunnar Robert Aug. 3. He joins a brother, Carl, 6, and a sister, Virginia, 3. Ron Flaga and Shonna Skrzpiec of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Michelle Flaga July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tim and Laura Murray of Canton and Carol Collins of Ypsilanti. Ricardo and Kimberly Hernandez of Livonia announce the birth of Carlos Enrique Aug. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Juan Jose and Sonia Hernandez of San Pedro Sula, Honduras and Thomas and Theresa Speck of Canton. Great-grandfather is John Speck of Kansas City, Mo. John and Peggy Zassady of Redford Township announce the birth of Brittany Louise July 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, James, 8, and

Michael G. Grandparents are Frank and Barbra Zassady and Kathleen Templin, all of Detroit. James Charest and JoAnn Rayburn of Livonia announce the birth of Austin James May 8 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He joins a sister, Carey Charest, 10. Grandparents are Clarence Charest of Livonia and Delphine Charest of Grayling and Bob and Betty Rayburn of Haines City, Fla. Robert E. and Laura Hoef of Ecorse announce the birth of Alyssa Marie July 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three siblings, Christopher, 3, Nikolie, 1, and Robert III, 19. Grandparents are Georgia Hoover of Kingman, Ariz., and Florence Grace of Garden City. Clayton and Mary Beth Lawler of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Amy Christine Sept. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Patricia Markle of Hastings, Mich., and Elizabeth and Raymond Mielke of Marshall, Mich. Michael Hayes and Michele Prusak of Garden City announce the birth of Jalen Michael Prusak July 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Jordan Prusak, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Jeff and Lynn Willis of Garden City. Doug and Kris Topolski of Westland announce the birth of Corinne Nicole Sept. 14 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Joe and Priscilla Hite of Northville, the late Stephen Amador of Plymouth, Camille Topolski of Dearborn Heights and the late David Topolski. Great-grandparents are Josephine Topolski of Westland and Miriam Forbes of Glen Rock, N.J. David Mullikin and Robin Padgett of Redford announce the birth of Cameron Reese Mullikin July 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Cameron joins siblings Shane Padgett, 11, and Jessica and Dylan Mullikin, 10 and 7, respectively. Grandparents are Bill and Judy Padgett of Dearborn Heights and Kathy Williams of Freeland. Shane and Laura Steffen of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Marie Aug. 28 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a brother, Justin, 3. Grandparents are Earl and Virginia Sadowski of Westland and Cecil and Helene Firtha of Dearborn Heights. James E. and Sally J. Bashaw of Canton announce the birth of Samantha Leann July 31 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Tyler James, 3. Grandparents are James L. and Dorothy Bashaw, and Douglas Vogel, all of Pinckney. Bruce and Karen Lambert of Livonia announce the birth of Jacob Charles Oct. 10 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Charles and Ann Myland of LaSalle, Sandra and Edward Karamol of Bay City and Edward and Delores Lambert of Bay City.

Remembering veterans

'Stars and Stripes Forever' celebration honors seniors who served

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Nearly 100 veterans of World War II and the Korean War stood to be recognized at the second annual 'Stars and Stripes Forever' salute Nov. 6 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The center was transformed into a USO Canteen, complete with live Big Band music, American flags and banners, balloons and flower centerpieces and an extensive poster display of World War II battles. The event was cosponsored by the senior center and American House retirement residence of Farmington Hills. Looking at the posters, Arnold

J. Weingart, 78, of Livonia was transported back to another era. Weingart, a former U.S. Marine who served from 1942-46, recalled in vivid detail various aspects of his tour of duty. "I drove an amphibious truck, transporting ammo, food and medical supplies," he said. "We'd also bring the wounded back to the hospital ship. I was mostly in Guam and Okinawa."

Weingart recalled how the Japanese would shoot the amphibious vehicles out of the water. "If the pumps don't work, you're dead," Livonia residents Ken Bussler and his wife, Dolores, also enjoyed the display of posters from the National Archives. "I was in the Navy in 1945-46, on an aircraft carrier," Bussler said. The poster collection was provided courtesy of active local World War II Navy veteran Jack Curd.

"I started my personal collection for the 50th anniversary commemoration of World War II," Curd said. "The Defense Department sent some of them. I went to Washington and they gave me a lot. Some I received as gifts and others I purchased from the National Archives."

The display was mounted on a stars and stripes background by senior activities program director Nora Dolan, who dreamed up the idea for the grand scale Veteran's Day salute last year. It has now become an official annual event. "After last year's program I heard from many veterans that they were thanked for their role in World War II," said Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, who served as an interpreter during the war. "All of our veterans deserve our undying gratitude."

Sgt. Mike Cannon, commander of the American Legion U.S. Air Force ROTC program at Livonia Churchill Hill School presented a color guard of four cadets to carry the U.S. and Air Force flags and lead the "Pledge of Allegiance." According to Cannon, the average age of the veteran who died in battle was 19 years. May Arvo, active in the Farmington Musicals, sang "God Bless America."

John and Ann Whitworth of Farmington Hills enjoyed the Stars and Stripes program last year so much that they brought along their friends Bob and Betty Andersen of Garden City this time. John, a native of England, served in the Royal Air Force as a gunner on B-24s from 1943-46. Ann, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland was drafted into the British Women's Army and served 1942-46. "I was a plotter, plotting enemy aircraft from occupied France using radar, which was brand new then and highly secret," she said. "We were stationed in southeast England and were a mobile unit."

Wearing headphones, she would pick up on radar the location of V-1 missiles targeting England. Using long sticks, she would move miniature planes on a map from where they were picked up on radar. When the war ended, her commanding officer selected her to march in the victory parade in London. She remembers marching before Winston Churchill, King George and Lord Mountbatten. She and John met on military leave. In 1950, they emigrated to the U.S. and have lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years. John's friend, Bob Andersen, served in the Signal Corps Airway Command 1944-46. Both men served in India and China and it was that connection that led to their friendship today. "We met at the Masonic Lodge 35 years ago and connected because of our war experience," Andersen said. "We hunt and fish together."



In step: Betty Weingarten and Leroy Papineau enjoyed dancing to the music popular during the war.

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Tea for thee



For special ladies: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church recognized its "special ladies" at an Oct. 11 tea at the church. Honored were Ella Phillips, Sybil Walker, Juanita Smith, Ella Berry, Marion McCreadie, Elizabeth McCreadie and Barbara Wedding.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131. NEW REDFORD HALL New Redford Hall's holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 592-8519. PRUCIA SYRENA The PRUCIA Syrena Parents Club will have its holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly. Table rentals are \$20 and \$23. For more information, call (313) 383-1821 or (313) 563-1761. ST. VALENTINE The Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's seventh annual holiday craft shop will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the activities building, Hope Street at Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. There also will be two holiday raffles, one with prizes of a 27-inch television and Detroit Red Wings tickets, and a separate Beanie Baby raffle. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-8825. HARRIS-KEHRER VWF The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VWF Post 3323 will have its annual arts and crafts bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be a bake sale, raffle and snack bar. Proceeds will go to cancer aid and research. Table space is available. For more information, call P.J. at (734) 721-6304. GOOD SHEPHERD Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225. LIVONIA FRANKLIN The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the school, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those 5 years and older. Space rental is \$50 for a 10-by-6-foot space. For more information, call (734) 522-5287. PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. SENIOR HOUSE Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the retirement home, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Ply-

McFarlane issues new action figures

Plymouth Township-based McFarlane Toys returns to its comic book roots this month with the release of action figures from "Spawn," called Spawn Series 12. ToyFare Magazine has hailed the line as "a monumental toy-making achievement." The new series offers the Gruesome Twosome - Top Gun and Bottom Line - two figures that fit together to form one large robotic figure. The Creech from Greg Capullo's comic book of the same name, is a genetically engineered super-soldier gone awry and has a monstrous physique with nine bendable tentacles and snap-on guns. The Heap, recently reintroduced in the Spawn comic book, is a menacing mound of garbage. A deluxe boxed figure, Cy-Gor 2, features interchangeable hands, real chains and a removable chest cavity that reveals a cyber-chimp. In February, McFarlane released the Marv action figure from Frank Miller's award-winning Sin City comic book. "We wanted to come out with an all-star team," explained Beau Smith, executive director of publishing for Todd McFarlane Productions. "Why not start out with Frank Miller who is not only an innovator of creative rights, but also a crusader for the direct market?" The line continues in May with Joe Linner's Dawn action figure and in July with four figures from J. Scott Campbell's top-selling Danger Girl comic book.

The figures stand 6-1/2 inches to 8 inches tall and are highly detailed. Marv, which stands at 6-3/4 inches tall, comes with a pistol, hacksaw, hatchet and switchblade. Other Marv accessories include a gas can and a spore hand that holds a decapitated head. "Depending on your point of view, it's either horrifying or hilarious. By 'horrifying' I mean that it's a pretty scary-looking toy," Miller said. "But it's also 'hilarious' if you have the same kind of sick humor that Todd and I do. I'm really thrilled with the results." Each of the figures will be packaged in a diorama from the pages of their respective comic books and will be boxed in special packaging. Marv comes with a brick-wall background, creating a diorama from Sin City. McFarlane owns, writes, draws and publishes Spawn, the No.-1-selling comic book in the United States. McFarlane Toys is the fifth-largest action figure manufacturer in the United States. McFarlane recently won two major awards: an Emmy and a Gold DiVi award for the animated television series "Todd McFarlane's Spawn" and the "Spawn" motion picture DVD respectively.



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Jewelry expert set to speak

Janet Zapata will speak about "The Jewelry and Enamels of Louis Comfort Tiffany," "The Jewelry of Tiffany and Co.," and "American Silver Jewelry" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at Ernesto's Italian Eatery, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The event, sponsored by Joseph DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewellers, Gemologists, Auctioneers in Plymouth, begins at 6 p.m. with dinner. The \$45 tickets include dinner and the lecture. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 20. Call (734) 455-4555 to reserve a space. Zapata is an art historian, consultant and frequent lecturer who specializes in American jewelry and silver. As the former archivist for Tiffany and Co., she was involved in numerous projects for the firm. Zapata is the author of "The Jewelry and Enamels of Louis Comfort Tiffany."

Farmington OWL hosts holiday brunch, auction

The Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League will begin the holiday season with a festive brunch at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. The brunch will feature a silent auction and raffle of \$100 Shadowland gift certificate and handmade Christmas wreath. The Extension Chords, an ensemble from the award-winning Sweet Adelines Eastpointe Chorus, will provide the entertainment. Tickets cost \$20 and are available in advance through Nov. 29. For information, call (248) 478-2635 after 6 p.m. A principal fund-raiser for the chapter, proceeds enable the group to continue its work of advocating for a better quality of life for older women.

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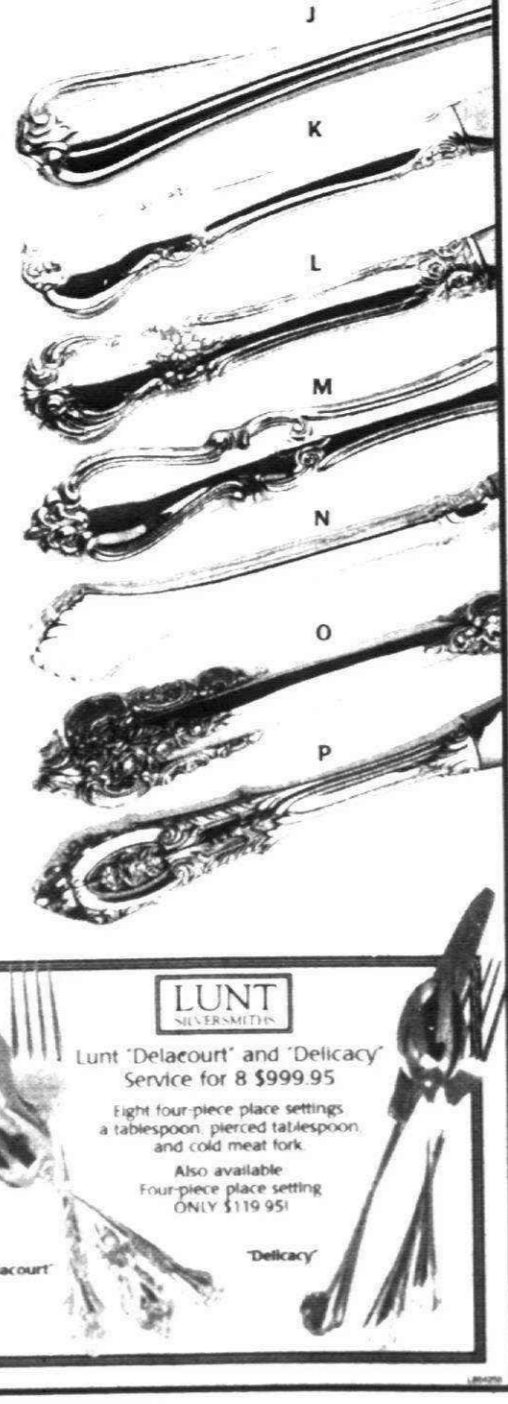
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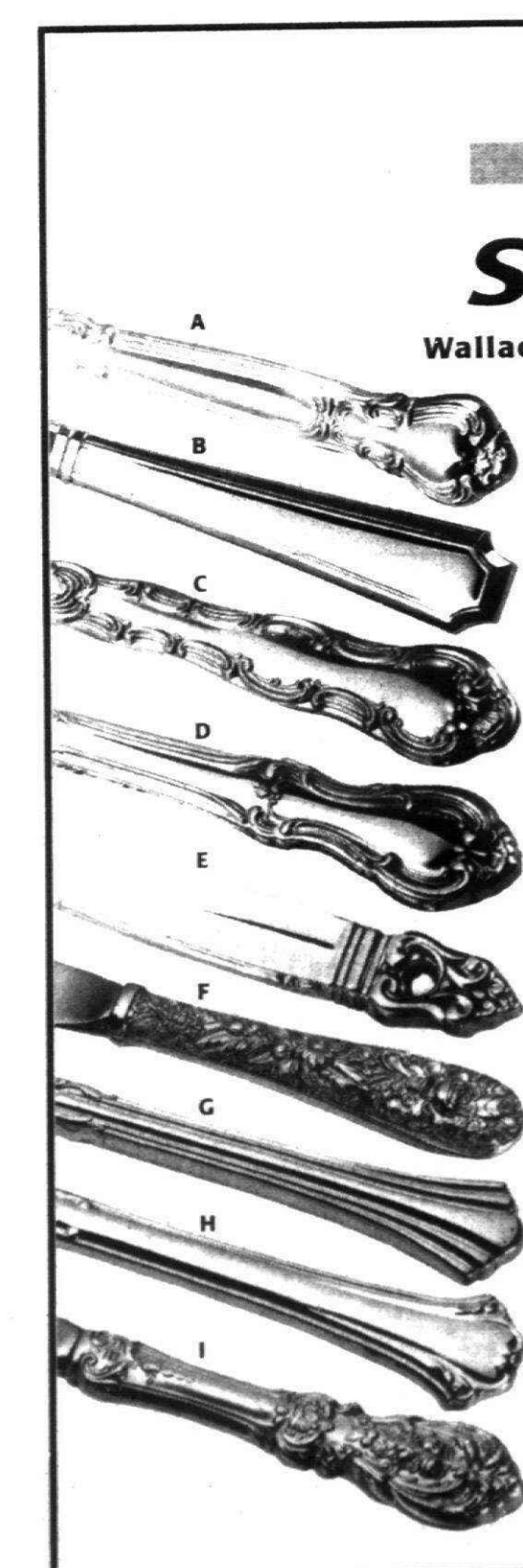
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Redford teen earns Gold Award

Redford resident Bridget McCann is one of 16 metro Detroit area girls to receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouting highest honor, according to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

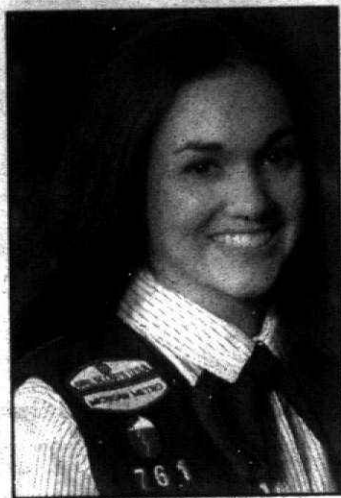
In earning her award, McCann recruited the help of community organizations to build and install habitat boxes for endangered eastern bluebirds.

A Girl Scout for 12 years and member of the Senior Girl Scout Troop 761, the 16-year-old McCann is a student at Thurston High School in Redford.

In explaining how the project affected her personally, McCann said: "My project allowed me to honor my grandfather who taught me about bluebirds and their houses."

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council also presented its Appreciation Pin to Kathy Tell of Livonia in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service.

Tell has been a Girl Scout volunteer for 11 years. She is an adviser for Livonia-area high school girls in Senior Girl Scout Troop 761. She also serves the metro Detroit area as a council trainer and program aide faci-



Bridget McCann



Kathy Tell

tator.

Employed by Ameritech, Tell was honored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Ameritech in April as a 1998 Corporate Volunteer of the Year.

"Girls are our future, and being able to help them to meet their goals is what I am here for," said Tell of her Girl Scout involvement. "I enjoy seeing the girls mature and become independent young women."

Tell credits her husband, Greg, and daughter, Quin, both of whom are registered Girl Scouts, for their active participation in Girl Scouting.

Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth-largest Girl Scout council in the United States. It provides leadership development opportunities for more than 40,000 girls in most of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Zonta of Northwest has new leaders

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County has a new slate of officers.

Leading the organization are Sally Randall of Livonia as president, Hasi Cisko of Westland as vice president, Barbara Mansfield of Livonia as secretary, Kathleen Diggs of Plymouth as treasurer and Evelyn Shuput of Highland, Mary Bowersock of Plymouth and Diane Oakley of Livonia as directors.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of women executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political and professional status of women.

Locally, Zonta of Northwest Wayne County supports Seedlings, Braille Books for Children, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Greenmead Historical Village, the Wayne County Shelter for Families, environmental projects and Zonta Leadership Camp in addition to international sponsorships, such as UNICEF and Amelia Earhart scholarships.

An upcoming fund-raiser includes the annual Koeze Nuts sale for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information on the fund-raisers, call Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374 or Candy Martin

at (248) 348-1410.

Three local club members are attending the international convention that will be held in Paris, France. Participating are Sylvia Vukmirovich, a counselor at Schoolcraft College, and Barbara Mansfield and Kathleen Diggs, club delegates.

For Young Women in Public Affairs, a candidate is selected based on a demonstrated commitment to their school, community or the world. The young women have not begun their careers, and their awards are based on accomplishments and plans.

Students become spiritual 'pioneers'

Three western Wayne County youths were among more than 1,500 college students and faculty members to gather in Boston, Mass., recently to consider their role as "Pioneers of the Spiritual Millennium."

The international university and college conference was sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and attracted participants from 39 countries.

Attending were Corey Rea and Matt Riley of Plymouth and Kyle Herrmann of Northville who accepted the conference's invitation to become pioneers in humanity's increasing search for spirituality.

"If the focus of the 20th century has been on outer space, the focus of this (new) century will be on inner space," George Gallup, chairman of Gallup International Institute, to the conference participants. "If our country and our world are less sexist, less racist, less polluted, more peace-loving and more technically minded, then we owe a lot to young people, because in surveys conducted over the last 20 years, it is young people who have been on the leading edge of all these encouraging trends."

For decades, secularism and materialism have actively pushed spirituality out of such disciplines as medicine, physics, education and ethics, but recent research shows that interest in spirituality is not only resurfacing, it is intensifying, hence the spiritual millennium, according to information brought out at the conference.

During talks, panel discussions, break-out sessions and question and answer periods, the students learned how to use their innate intuition, enthusiasm, ideals and faith to respond to humanity's search for spirituality.

Participants found that their most important tools are the same ones used by Jesus Christ - spiritual understanding, an ability to see God's presence in daily life, a willingness to help others to see it and an all-embracing love.

They also discussed how to sharpen their tools, making use of the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

Exploring Jesus' command to love one another, Olga Chaffee, a member of the Christian Science Board of Directors, told the gath-

ering that as important as a worldwide dialogue on spirituality, the most important responsibility is to love.

"That's the only hope this

world has," she said. "Until we get that straight, until we can look at each other and our hearts just melt in a puddle of love, we're not going to make much headway."

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Steelers win title

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team captured the Western Suburban Junior Football League championship Sunday with a 30-14 triumph over the Westland Meteors at Annapolis Field in Dearborn Heights. The victory allowed the Steelers finish their season unbeaten in 10 games.

The first half was a wide-open affair, with the Steelers dominating. Brandon Wilcox scored three first-half touchdowns, on runs of 22, 50 and 5 yards, and Steve Carter booted three two-point conversions to allow the Steelers to go up 24-8. Following a Larry Mitchell interception in the second half that gave the Plymouth-Canton team possession of the ball near midfield, Tony Stott capped the scoring with a 40-yard TD run.

Westland scored both of its touchdowns on kickoff returns. The Steeler defense dominated the Meteors, with Pat Calzone's fumble recovery setting up one of Wilcox's first-half touchdowns. Indeed, the only team to beat — or score against — the Westland team all season was the Steelers.

Lions JV falls in OT

The Canton Lions and the Ann Arbor Eagles took their junior varsity title game in the Western Suburban Junior Football League into double-overtime before a winner could be declared, with the Eagles prevailing 12-6 Sunday at Annapolis Field in Dearborn Heights.

The game ended in a scoreless tie after regulation, although the Lions dominated play. In the first overtime (each team gets possession at the opponent's 10-yard line), the Eagles scored first by recovering their own fumble in the end zone. David

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Miracle rally saves Salem

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No, Plymouth Salem did not look particularly good through the first three quarters of its state district basketball semifinal against Novi Wednesday at Plymouth Canton. But the Rocks were at least leading, 37-31.

And then, in the first 7 1/2 minutes of the last quarter, things really deteriorated. Turnovers, missed shots, missed free throws all combined to put the Rocks into a 41-37 hole with 32 seconds left. That's when Andrea Pruett's three-point shot missed — and Novi's fortunes changed.

Tiffany Grubaugh grabbed the offensive rebound for Salem and was fouled with 29 seconds remaining. She made both, narrowing the gap to two and setting up the key play of the game.

Novi's Kelly Bendernagel took the ensuing inbounds pass, but was trapped by a pair of Rocks in the corner. She tossed the ball to an open player under her own basket — who happened to be Salem's Christine Phillips. Phillips quickly converted and the score was knotted at 41-all.

Grubaugh then forced a turnover with 15 seconds left and Lindsay Klemmer grabbed the loose ball. Fouled with 10.8 seconds to play, Klemmer converted both free throws to save Salem, 43-41.

The Rocks, now 17-4, advance to the district final against Northville, a team Salem beat during the Western Lakes Activities Association season 50-38. Game time is 7 p.m. Friday at Canton.

"I thought we were in trouble when we went to the free-throw line (in the fourth quarter) and missed two one-and-ones," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had some great looks (down the stretch), we had some great opportunities, we just didn't convert."

"The clock was winding down, that's for sure. I'm just glad we got it done."

Salem should never have been in such a situation, but turnovers and mistakes kept the Rocks from pulling away. Still, they increased a 22-20 halftime lead to 37-31 after three periods, thanks mainly to Grubaugh. The junior led Salem with 19 points, 13 of those coming in the first half. Pruett and Phillips added 10 apiece.

Novi, which bowed out at 12-9, kept it close thanks to Kristen McGlennen's 13 points. In the



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What a relief! Salem's Andrea Pruett (right) is hugged by teammates Christine Phillips (left) and Tiffany Grubaugh after the Rocks used a fourth-quarter rally to edge Novi in Wednesday's district semifinal.

fourth quarter, however, it was Bendernagel who ignited the Wildcats' comeback by scoring seven-straight points. Beth Rice's two free throws with 48.8 seconds to go pushed Novi's lead to 41-37, setting the stage for the wild finish.

"(Bendernagel) caught the inbounds pass near the end line," said Novi coach Dennis Cichonski. "and we were hoping she'd get it up higher. It's too

easy to get trapped there. She saw a body under the basket and thought it was one of ours. And to be fair, we do run a press-breaker like that.

"It's such a shame to end the season on a play like that. It's tough to lose anyway, but on a play like that . . . I couldn't be prouder of our kids. They gave a tremendous effort."

Fate, however, favored Salem.

Long-range loss

Northville's 3s doom Canton

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Everything, it seemed, was going Plymouth Canton's way.

The Chiefs had expanded a nine-point lead after three quarters (27-18) to 11 early in the fourth, a gap so large it caused Northville to alter its defensive scheme from a box-and-one zone to a man-to-man.

"We attacked their box-and-one and made some nice shots off of it," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They went to a man and I thought we had them where we wanted them."

Think again. What didn't figure into the equation was diminutive sophomore guard Emily Carbott.

It might be easy to overlook the 5-foot-3 Carbott in the Mustangs' sizable lineup (two 6-2 starters), and that would be a mistake — which she made clear in Wednesday's girls basketball district semifinal, hosted by Canton. Carbott knocked down three consecutive three-pointers to fuel a fourth-quarter Northville rally that was capped by Janel Hasse's layup with three seconds remaining, giving the Mustangs a 35-34 victory over Canton.

The Chiefs bow out with a 16-6 record. Northville, now 14-7, advances to the district final opposite Plymouth Salem, a 43-41 winner over Novi in Wednesday's first game.



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Heartbreaker: Canton's loss was a moment of dejection for Amanda Lentz, who is consoled by her teammates.

"We had our opportunities," said Blohm. "We put ourselves in a position to win. But give (Northville) credit — they came back and won it at the buzzer."

For the first three quarters, the decision to play a box-and-one against Canton — which allowed Northville to double-team Janel Twietmeyer — didn't seem like a good move. The Chiefs took the lead early and kept it against the much bigger Mustangs, mostly by knocking down medium-range jumpers. Canton was up 8-3 after one

quarter and 16-12 at the half; the Chiefs increased that to 27-18 after three periods by making 5-of-8 third-quarter floor shots.

At that point, Canton was a solid 13-of-27 from the floor (48.1 percent) to Northville's 8-of-24 (33 percent). "We were counting on giving up some open shots to Canton by guarding Twietmeyer in our box-and-one," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "But after getting down nine after three quarters, we had to get after them."

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Chiefs too much for Churchill

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In the final quarter of its opening game in the Class A district tournament, Plymouth Canton was limited to just three points.

A recipe for disaster? Perhaps — but at a later date, not now. The Chiefs first-round opponent in this girls basketball district, which Canton hosted Monday,

was Livonia Churchill. And the simple truth is the Chargers, able to muster little offense beyond Kersten Conklin, could do little to crack the Canton defense.

Final score: Canton 41, Churchill 34. Churchill bows out at 10-11.

"They always play good man-to-man defense," said Charger coach Dave Balog. "We knew that. I can't take anything away

from their kids. They played hard. But so did we.

"After the first half, I was afraid we were facing a blowout. But we hung in there. We were still in it. We just gave them too much of a lead in the second quarter."

That quarter, indeed, was the difference in a game in which points were at a premium — just the style Canton likes to play.

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Fast afoot

CC, Salem runners lead Observer's pack

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

Cross country teams like to run in a pack, away from the competition, and Redford Catholic Central takes that to the extreme each preseason.

For a week each August the Shamrocks can't be found in the metro area because they're putting in their miles in Grand Bend, Ontario. CC coach Tony Magni has been taking teams there for 34 years, the last 21 at CC.

Being far away from home lets the Shamrocks improve camaraderie and think mostly about running without any distractions.

The Shamrocks run eight miles in the morning, six in the afternoon and finish the week with a 20 mile run.

"It's not too far away but it's not too close that the parents are there every minute," Magni said. "Some days (in the preseason), it's hot, some kids have to go babysit, some have to shop with their mother for clothes for school..."

High School in Detroit and the University of Detroit, Magni teaches history at CC.

His coaching career began at Grosse Pointe St. Paul and he also had a stint at Orchard Lake St. Mary's before arriving at CC. His cross country teams have won three state championships at CC, the last in 1989.

Magni likes getting his runners exposure which is why the Shamrocks compete at the Sturgis Invitational each year. During their two-day stay there, the Shamrocks bus over to South Bend, Ind. to tour the Notre Dame campus.

"Some kids even make appointments with counselors," Magni said.

"Behaving on the road is more important than where the Shamrocks finish in meets."

"If we go to a restaurant, I enjoy it when the waitress will say 'You have nice kids, well mannered,'" Magni said. "That's more important than the trophy. You run for only so long. You are nice the rest of your life."

Here is a profile of each runner on the All-Observer First Team:

FIRST TEAM

Nick Allen, Sr., Ply. Salem: The two-time All-Observer selection set a new school record for fastest time when he placed 14th in the team race at the Class A state meet in 15 minutes, 37 seconds.

That was Observerland's best finish at the state meet and he also took third place at the regional (16:01.03). Allen placed second at the WLA Meet as well as the Ypsilanti, West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor Pioneer invitations. He won the Jackson Invitational.

Allen and Jon Little, another Salem senior who made first-team All-Observer, were key members of the Rocks' state qualifying teams the last three years.

Salem finished eighth each of the last two years and 11th this year.

"Nick has a natural running form and through hard work has become one of the state's and Salem's best runners," Salem coach Baker said.

John DiGiovanni, Soph., Redford CC: DiGiovanni finished 14th in a personal best time of 15 minutes, 39 seconds at the Class A state meet to lead the Shamrocks to a third-place team finish.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Runner Name. Lists 1998 All-Observer Boys Cross Country First and Second Teams, and Coach of the Year.

He is one of the school's scholar athletes.

"Joe is a strong team leader, in practice and at meets," coach John Gores said. "He gives 100 percent effort whenever he runs. He works hard and sets his goals high."

Brian Klotz, Soph., Liv. Franklin: Klotz is no klutz in a pair of running shoes, capping a banner sophomore year with a 63rd place finish at the Class A state meet.

He placed 10th at the WLA Meet and 15th at the Class A regional. Klotz was fifth in the Lincoln Invitational and the Livonia City Meet and eighth at the Redford Union Invitational.

Brian moved from being a solid runner to an outstanding runner as he made steady progress all season.

Jim Curtiss, Soph., Redford CC: Curtiss is a repeat selection on the All-Observer first team although his list of accomplishments isn't as long as last year's.

Richmond last year was the Chargers' Most Valuable Runner after earning second-team All-Observer and WLA Western Division honors.

There is a direct connection between Jason's success and the improvement in Churchill's boys cross country program.

His best performance earlier in the year was a 13th place finish at the Sturgis Invitational (17:16).

Jim was one of our top runners last year and we had great expectations of what his talent would bring to the team this year.

Despite several setbacks during the season, Jim never lost his determination to get himself back on the varsity lineup.

The team is coached by Ron Rzeppa, Mitch Tucker, Tom Reaser, Bruce Amble and Mike Parmalee.

Team members are Tom Bonnell, Brian Clark, Tom Cooper, Sean Downey, Chris Drabick, D.J. Driscoll, Eric Fishwick, Tommy Freeman, C.J. Greenwell, Bobby Groat, Bobby Jastrzbski, Matt Kappler, Brandon Kilgore, Matt Ketting, Ryan Lewis, Colin Murphy, Nathan Rzeppa, Gabe Parmelee, David Scherbaty, Julian Smith, Justin Spieker, Dustin Steiner, Matt Trubulowski, Benjamin West and Jonathan Wood.

Canton semi

Carbott, who followed baskets by teammates Kelly Anderson and Hasse by nailing her three three's, finished with 12 points. Hasse led the Mustangs with 14. High scorer for Canton was Janine Guastella with eight.

Canton opener

The Chiefs led 13-10 after one period, then outscored Churchill 14-4 to carry a 27-14 advantage into halftime.

Whaler victory count rises

Two power-play goals in the first period gave the Plymouth Whalers a lead they would not lose Saturday in subduing the Kitchener Rangers 3-2 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Whalers had a chance to pad their lead when Damian Surma was awarded a penalty shot midway through the third period, but Gorman denied him.

On Friday in London, Plymouth got two goals apiece from Druken and Legwand to skate past the Knights, who were 8-13 through the weekend.

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The Eagles scored again, this time on a 5-yard run on fourth down, and that was the game-winner.

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Longtime playoff rivals battle for title berth

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Redford Catholic Central jumped to an early 14-0 lead over Sterling Heights Stevenson in last year's Class AA state semifinal football game.

"We started off pretty crappy and I remember thinking 'Is this going to be a mercy game or something?'" Stevenson coach Rick Bye said. "We came back, found some ways to move the ball. Then it just went back and forth the rest of the game."

The Titans led 17-14 with about 5 1/2 minutes left, leaving the Shamrocks feeling a sum of the desperation Bye had earlier. A fumbled punt was recovered by CC's Joe Sgroi and returned inside the Stevenson 5, leading to the winning touchdown and a 21-17 victory for the Shamrocks.

"Anytime you're ahead right up until

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the last minutes against a team as strong defensively as CC, you hate to see it disappear like that," Bye said.

When it comes to the state semifinals, it seems like these two teams keep reappearing.

CC and Stevenson, the east side power, will meet for the third time in the last four years in a Class AA semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium.

CC is a five-time state champion, winning four Class AA titles in the 1990s and losing once in the finals.

This is the sixth straight semifinal appearance for Stevenson, which lost in the 1996 state finals to Walled Lake Western. The Titans also lost in the 1986 state finals.

CC coach Tom Mach needs one win

for 300 in his career, which started in 1976 with the Shamrocks. Bye, at Stevenson since 1975, needs 11 wins to reach the same plateau.

The Titans are led by senior tailback Michael Tennessee, who has more than 2,000 yards rushing, including a high of 446 against Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley.

"If he gets shut down you have to go to someone else or keep trying him," Bye said. "With a team as good as CC, you can't put any number on anything. You don't know if you can do anything against that defense. Their defensive backs are big, strong kids, not midgets like our defensive backs."

Stevenson also has an outstanding senior quarterback, Kurt Hunsanger, and a durable wide receiver, Dave Dunlap.

Hunsanger also throws a lot to his fullback, junior Rod Hunsanger, and not

just because he's his brother.

As always, the Titans are big across the offensive and defensive lines and quick at the linebacker and secondary positions.

Sean Pavlik, a 6-5, 275-pound senior, leads the offensive line. Scott Martin, a 6-3, 265-pound senior, is a standout on the defensive line and at tight end.

"It looks like the same team," Mach said. "They have a great back — we definitely have to stop him — and one of the differences is the quarterback is a year older and a lot better. Defensively they're very similar to us. They have a tradition, consistency in their coaching staff and produce a great product."

Bye can't say enough about CC's versatile senior Dave Lusky, who plays quarterback and safety and also punts and handles most of the placekicking. Lusky had a big game last year against Stevenson, playing only in the defensive

backfield.

"The thing about Lusky was I noticed him last year as a free safety and I thought 'What an ideal size for a free safety,'" Bye said. "He can run, come up and hit you. We end up playing against him, and I'm thinking 'Wow this kid is really good.' Then I found out he's the heir apparent to quarterback and he's done a great job at quarterback."

He thinks junior tailback John Kava has been key to the Shamrocks' offensive attack and isn't sure how they'll defend senior tight end Nick Brzezinski. "Brzezinski's unbelievable," Bye said. "A tight end who can catch it is really tough to defend. Kava's been the guy who carries the mail, nickel and dime you."

CC senior linebacker Casey Rogowski has returned to 100 percent since suffering a preseason broken leg.

WHAC title puts Madonna 1 step from nationals

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As Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham put it, "So far, so good."

His Lady Crusaders took their first step in the post-season playoffs toward the NAIA National Tournament by beating Siena Heights 15-6, 8-15, 15-3, 9-15, 15-6 in the final of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament Saturday at Madonna.

The win earned the Crusaders (40-6 overall) an automatic berth and a No. 4 seed in the 12-team NAIA Great Lakes Regional, which runs today through Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Madonna opens in pool play

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at 8:15 p.m. today against Ohio Dominican on Friday, the Crusaders play Indiana Wesleyan at 12:15 p.m. and third-seeded Mount Vernon at 2:30 p.m.

The single-elimination round begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the regional semifinal slated for noon Saturday, with the championship at 4 p.m.

The regional champion advances to the 20-team NAIA Tournament, hosted Dec. 2-5 by Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Getting that far won't be easy, Abraham said. "We don't have an easy regional. We don't have an easy pool (in the regional), either."

"But we're playing some of our best volleyball right now. We've been serving very well and we've been passing very well. When we serve receive well, we have a lot of weapons to throw at you."

Those weapons begin with sophomore middle hitter Brady Malewski (from Redford Thurston). On a team that's centered around its power up front, Malewski is best — which is why she was named the WHAC player of the year.

In last weekend's four-team WHAC Tournament, Malewski totaled 27 kills, four service aces, 16 digs, two solo blocks and 18 block assists. She had 15 kills (a .387 percentage) and 12 block assists in the win over Siena Heights, and 12 kills in Madonna's 15-4, 15-5, 15-5 triumph in the semifinals over Tri-

State.

But as the number of Madonna players on the all-WHAC team indicates, it takes more than one player to create a team that's on a 17-match winning streak. Five Crusaders were selected to the first team and two more made the second team. Abraham was named the WHAC's coach of the year, too.

Madonna players, other than Malewski, chosen to the first team were outside hitter Rayna Vert, setter Deanne Helson, outside hitter Erin Cunningham and middle hitter Stephanie Uballo. Middle hitter Nicole Burns and outside hitter Jennifer Russell were named to the second team.

Vert, a senior, totaled 23 kills, 27 digs, four solo blocks and nine block assists in the tournament; Cunningham

collected 15 kills, four aces and 20 digs; Uballo had 14 kills, three solos and seven block assists; and Helson finished with 80 assists to kills, four aces, 25 digs, two solos and 10 block assists.

As well as the offense played against Siena Heights (54 kills with a 235 team kill percentage), the defense was even better, totaling 95 digs and 31.5 team blocks.

"We've played a tough, balanced schedule this season," said Abraham. "We're playing at a good, high level right now. We still have room for improvement, but we've been much more consistent lately."

Another strong showing just might be enough to propel Madonna into post-Thanksgiving Day play — at the NAIA Tournament.

Shamrocks hold off Troy to keep their playoff hopes alive

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Redford Catholic Central led 20-13 early in the fourth quarter and Troy faced a first down and 13 inside its own 1 yard line.

As Troy senior offensive tackle Brian Ottny dropped into a

three-point stance, all CC senior defensive tackle Lou Willoughby could think of was two points.

The Colts tried to run behind their all-state lineman but Willoughby and fellow lineman Marc Frohm fought off their blocks and smothered the ball-carrier for a two-point safety and

a 22-13 lead.

The play may have been the difference in the Shamrocks' 22-19 victory over the Colts in the Class AA football regional final on Saturday afternoon at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

Dave Lusky's 37-yard punt had pinned the Colts at their 4-

yard line and a holding call put the ball inside the 1.

"They had been running the little dive all game and Ottny got down in a loaded stance and I knew it was coming," Willoughby said. "All week long people said I had to handle Ottny. I didn't have the half we needed in the first half but I think I did my job in the second half."

The Shamrocks, who trailed 13-0 at one point, have become the Cardiac Kids of the football season, rallying to win their third-straight game by seven points or less.

The win sends CC, 10-0 overall, into the Class AA semifinals to face at 1 p.m. Saturday against familiar playoff foe Sterling Heights Stevenson at Port Huron Memorial Stadium.

Troy's Tim Fralick, who had 10 catches for 140 yards, made a leaping catch in the corner of the

end zone from 24 yards out with 2:58 left to cut the Colts' deficit to 22-19.

John Kava blocked his second extra point of the game to leave the margin at three and the attempted on-sides kick went out of bounds. The Shamrocks picked up a first down on three straight carries by Kava, who finished with 128 yards in 29 carries and one touchdown, and ran out the clock.

Lusky completed 5-of-7 passes for 84 yards and one touchdown and was sacked four times.

Troy led 13-7 at halftime but an interception by CC's Casey Rogowski led to a 56-yard, eight-play drive that put the Shamrocks ahead to stay.

A 26-yard TD pass from Lusky to Jason Woehke, followed by Lusky's extra point put the Shamrocks up 14-13 with 5:42 left in the third.

SC tumbles in semifinal

The fine season enjoyed by Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team wasn't enough to carry it past the NJCAA District semifinals.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked 12th in the NJCAA, ran into district host St. Louis-Meramec in Saturday's semi. After a fairly even first 60 minutes, the tide changed to favor fifth-ranked Meramec, which advanced to the championship game with a 3-0 blitz of SC.

The Ocelots finished with a 13-4-1 overall record. Meramec (19-3) went on to upset fourth-ranked Lewis and Clark CC 1-0 in the final to advance to the NJCAA Tournament in Trenton, N.J., today through Sunday.

"They were a wide-open, high-pressure team," was SC coach Bill Tolsted's descrip-

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tion of Meramec. "In the second half, they stepped up their pressure and we had a hard time clearing the ball effectively."

With the defense starting problems, the Ocelot midfielders started retreating to help out, which meant fewer offensive chances for SC and more for Meramec. "Our inability to clear resulted in too many (Meramec) scoring chances," Tolsted said. "I knew going in what our weaknesses were. I thought when we got to the tournament it could be a concern, and it was."

"I really thought we could have done better, but there are no complaints."

Meramec got what proved to be the only goal it would need 17 minutes into the second half. It was 2-0 when the final goal was scored with seven seconds remaining.

SC's best scoring chance came early in the second half, when in one flurry the Ocelots hit the post, knocked the rebound off the Meramec keeper, then drilled another shot off a defender.

"We were not as effective against that style of play as we had been," said Tolsted.

Players singled out for solid contributions in the game were Julie Majewski (from Plymouth Canton), Lisa Tolsted and Annie Hagenath. Those three, plus Dianna Dean, are in consideration for NJCAA All-American honors.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Another tournament, another indication that maybe that seemingly generous pre-season ranking Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team received wasn't so crazy after all.

Of course, it's still a bit early to say for certain; a No. 3 ranking in the NJCAA Division II national polls for a team that was 10-11 last year still seems overly optimistic. But last weekend marked the third time in three years the Lady Ocelots have won the Waubensee (Sugar Grove, Ill.) CC Tournament; they defeated Carl Sandburg (Galesburg, Ill.) CC 70-46 in Friday's semifinal, then knocked off the host team 61-45 in Saturday's final.

The Ocelots also got "good scoring balance," Laflata noted, with four of her players in each game reaching double figures in points.

In the win over Carl Sandburg, Denise Willis paced SC with 20 points and eight rebounds. Stacy Cavin added 14 points and seven boards, Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) had 12 points and Jamie Lewandowski collected 10 points and five assists.

Jill Grafton's 10 points topped Carl Sandburg.

In Saturday's final, improved free-throw shooting — SC was 5-of-11 (45 percent) from the line against Carl Sandburg, and 12-of-16 (75 percent) against Waubensee — made a difference. Again, Willis led offensively with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Washnock contributed 14 points and nine boards, Cavin had 10 points and eight rebounds, and Lewandowski collected 12 points and five assists.

Brenda Morris was best for Waubensee with 13 points.

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Ocelots wreck Lake Michigan

It's two-for-two in the early going for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The Ocelots ran their record to 2-0 with a 100-71 win over Lake Michigan in the Macomb Tip-Off Classic.

Detroit Cooley product Quentin Mitchell, a 6-foot-4 forward, led Schoolcraft with 22 points.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 13 points, while Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin) and Reggie Kirklund contributed 12 apiece.

The 6-8 Bauman led SC with six rebounds, while Mike Murray had eight assists.

As a team, Schoolcraft had 29 assists.

"We showed in this game we have a complete team because other guys stepped up and put the ball in the basket," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "But we still have to get better rebounding the basketball."

Despite a 110-79 win Friday over Muskegon, Schoolcraft was out rebounded 38-37. In Saturday's meeting, Lake Michigan outrebounded the Ocelots, 44-38.

But SC, which led 50-26 at intermission, shot 51.8 percent from the field (43-of-83) including eight-of-24 from three point range.

Lake Michigan (0-2) got a game-high 25 points from Dan Butler.

CRUSADERS SPLIT PAIR

Madonna University (1-2) fell to fellow Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference member Cornerstone, 86-72, in the finals Saturday of the University of Windsor Tournament.

Six Cornerstone players scored in double figures led by Mark Zickerman's 16 points. Mike Loong and Alan Gortmaker each added 14.

Mike Massey scored 14 for Madonna, while Mike Maryanski added 13. Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) and Jason Skoczylas each had 11. Hurley also had six assists.

MEN'S HOOPS

Cornerstone won despite making only 22 of 42 free throws, but was 29 of 60 from the floor.

Madonna was outrebounded 47-36 and made just 41 percent of its shots from the floor (28 of 63).

On Friday, Hurley scored a team-high 26 points, hitting 10 of 12 from the floor, as the Crusaders beat host Windsor, 82-79.

Four other Madonna players scored in double figures including Maryanski (14), Massey (12) and Narvin Russaw (11).

Steve Anderson scored a game-high 30 for Windsor, while Kwame Boamah added 19.

Madonna won despite being outrebounded 52-24.

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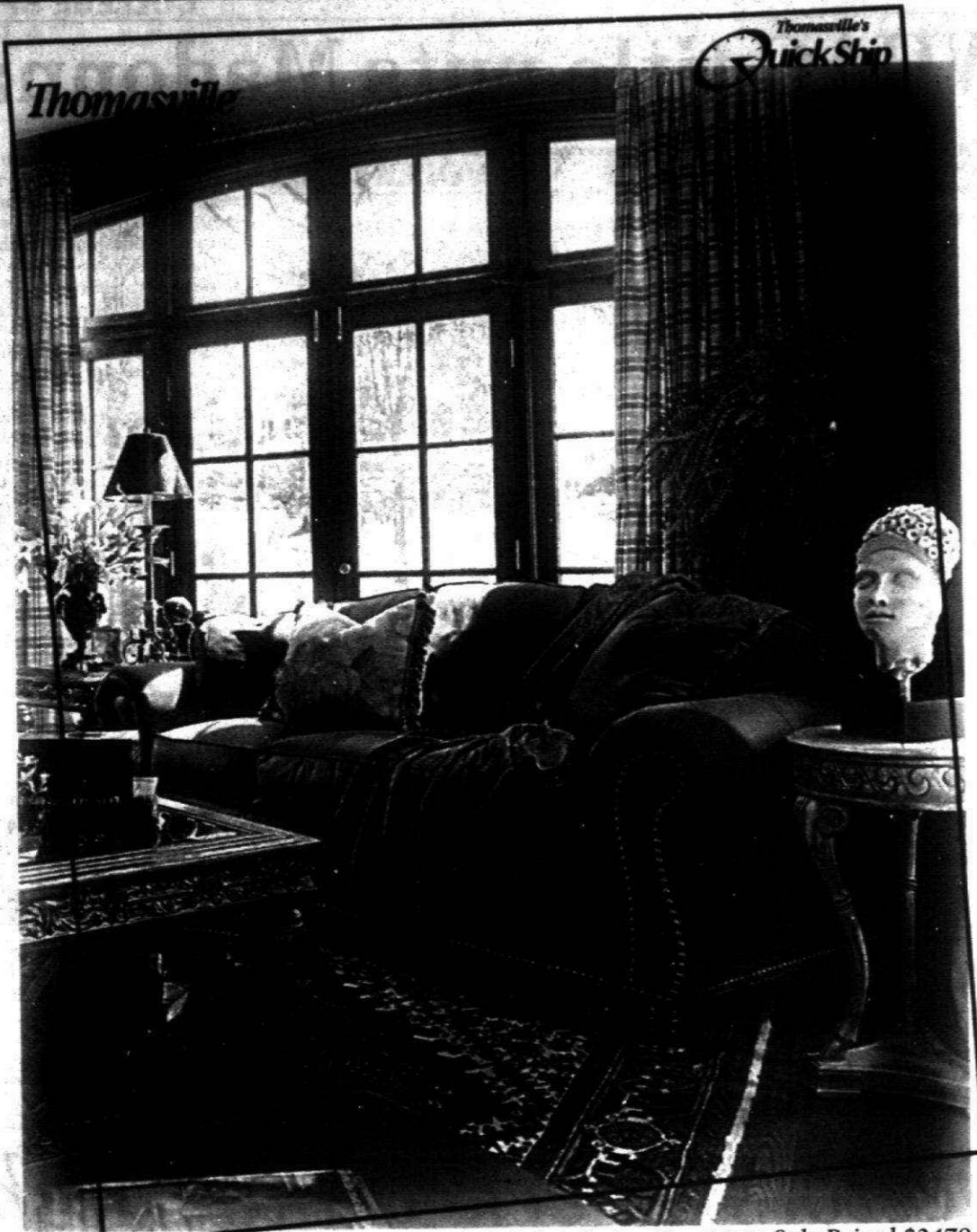
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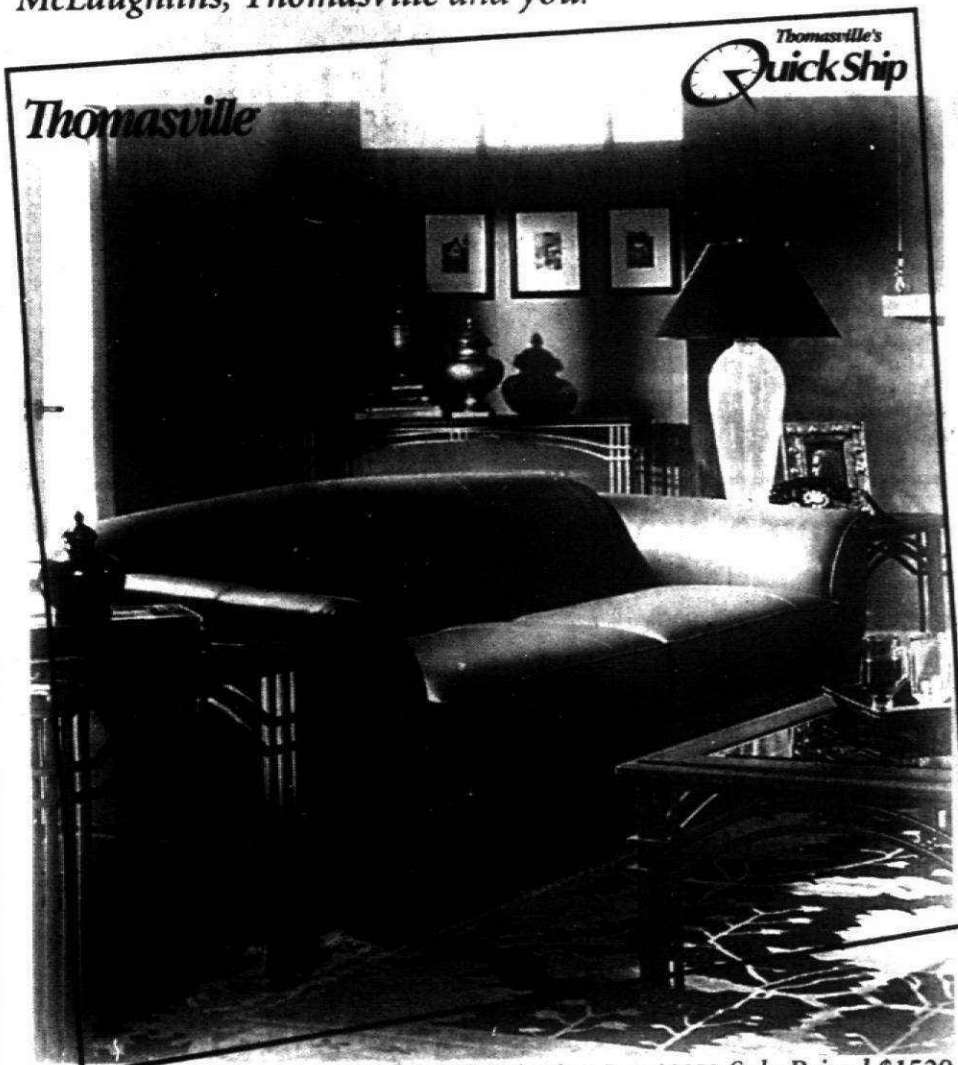
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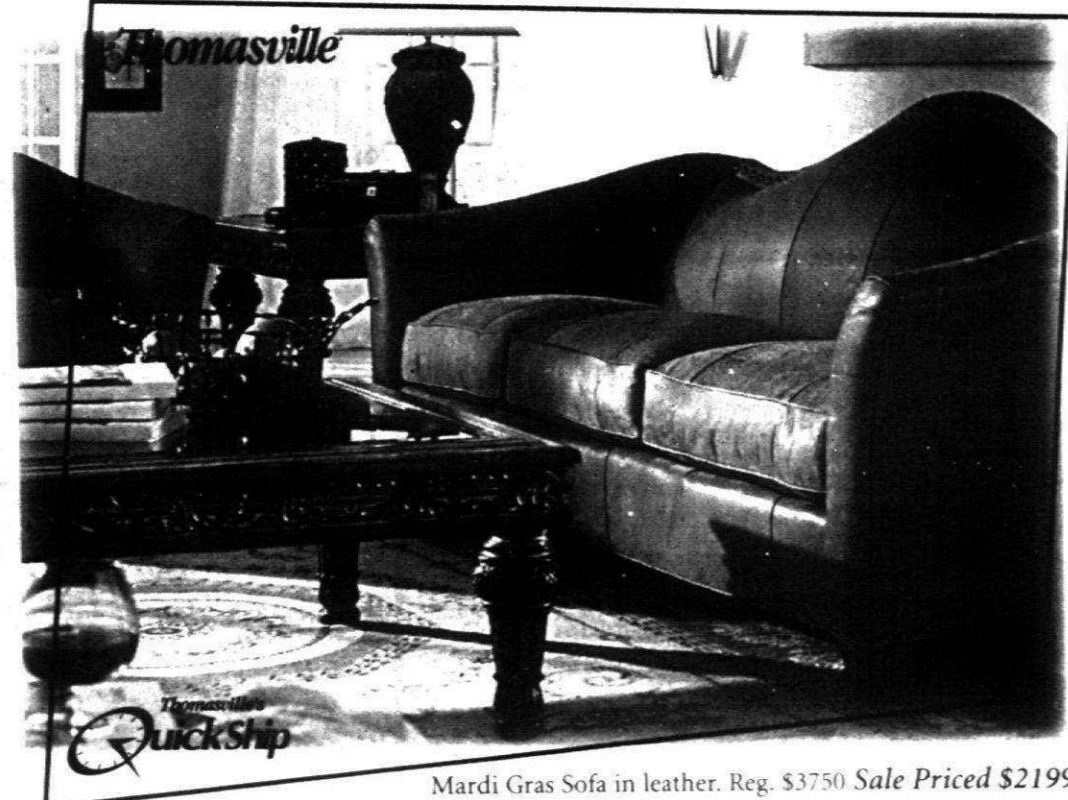
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Solid finish

The soccer career of Michigan State midfielder Jeff Fliss, a senior from Plymouth Canton, ended with Fliss as a solid contributor all four of his seasons. In his final season, Fliss tied for the team lead in assists with four; he also had two goals for a total of eight points. MSU was 7-12 this season overall, 1-4 in the Big Ten.

For his career, Fliss finished with 11 goals and nine assists for 31 points in 70 games. At the other end of the Spartan spectrum, Brett Konley, a Plymouth Salem graduate, concluded his first season at MSU with the same totals as Fliss. The freshman forward had two goals and four assists for eight points.

Used sports stuff

The annual used sports equipment sale, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at Pleasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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sell may drop off their items between 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Pleasant Run clubhouse. Sellers set their own prices; volunteers will handle all sales, with those dropping off items to be sold collecting the profits (minus 15 percent for the Parks and Rec department).

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Basketball leagues

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The men's league consists of 12 teams and the women's league has six teams. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30.

All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Crusaders are ousted, 4-0

SOCCER

Madonna University's most successful men's soccer season came to a grinding halt Saturday in the NAIA Great Lakes Region championship game played in Springfield, Ill.

The Crusaders gave up four second-half goals as the host University of Illinois-Springfield Prairie Stars advanced to the NAIA National Tournament with a 4-0 victory.

Last year, Illinois-Springfield eliminated the Fighting Crusaders, 6-0, in the Great Lakes Region semifinals.

"If you take a look at it, we took one more step this year," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander, whose team finished 20-3 overall. "This was our best record ever. Two of our three losses were to two top-25 teams in the nation. And we went unbeaten in our conference (Wolverine-Hoosier)."

Piper Lee scored what proved to be the game-winner with 42:42 left in the match on an assist from Bryan Spray.

Dan Butler's goal from Justin Stone with 29:04 remaining forced Madonna to push up into an offensive mode.

"Springfield is a very good team, but we had some opportunities," said Alexander, whose team fired off 14 shots. "We missed a breakaway, we missed the net on another, and they (Springfield) cleared three off the line with the ball already behind their keeper.

"But they (Springfield) capitalized on their opportunities. And the first two goals we gave up were mental mistakes — some miscommunication on our part."

Spray put it out of reach with 23:20 left on an assist from Ali Yigit. Chad Formea then scored on a penalty kick as the Prairie Stars (17-6-1) move on to the NAIA Nationals, Nov. 23 in Birmingham, Ala.

On Friday, Madonna avenged

a 2-1 regular season overtime loss to Rio Grande (Ohio) on a pair of goals from Sam Piraine (his 14th and 15th of the year).

Scott Emert also notched his 22nd. Lael Bryant also had an assist.

Simon Lowey scored for Rio Grande, which bowed out at 17-4-1 overall.

Madonna goalkeeper Dave Hart made a couple of key stops and center-back Ryan Mollien sparked the defense to preserve the victory.

Mollien, Emert, Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton),

Jason Hazinski (Redford Thurston) and Victor Rodopoulos (Livonia Franklin) all played their final games for Madonna.

"It was a tough loss," Alexander said. "We just came up 45 minutes short."

"But I'd say our performance this year was a little unexpected because we had lost 14 guys. But once they started clicking, they thought they could go to the nationals."

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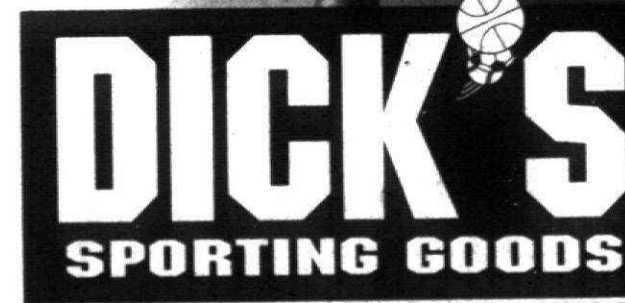


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