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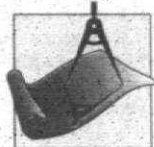
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Summit to grow with new grant



A \$750,000 Clean Michigan grant will help pave the way for a \$1.5-\$2 million expansion of Summit on the Park. Bigger fitness facilities and other improvements are planned at the community center.

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Grant money for a Summit on the Park expansion appears to be on the way.

Canton is set to receive \$750,000 as part of the "Clean Michigan" initiative

passed by voters in 1998. The act put \$50 million aside for recreation grants.

Michigan's House of Representatives was expected to pass the bill Wednesday and release an official list of communities receiving grant money, including Canton.

State Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton)

expects a vote in his legislative chamber by Thanksgiving.

"I'm not anticipating any changes in the list," he commented.

"I'm very optimistic," said State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) regarding the township receiving the grant. "This is something Sen. Bennett and I have been working on for a long time."

Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack would like work on the Summit to begin as soon as possible.

"If we're awarded the grant," Durack said Monday, "we'll be getting final

plans together and going out for bids this winter."

Canton applied for the grant on March 30 of this year. Resource Development Manager Mike Ager said \$750,000 represents the maximum award amount from Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, which is administering the grant.

"It will be the largest grant our recreation department has received from them," he added.

The project is expected to cost \$1.5

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New middle school will mean first boundary change in years

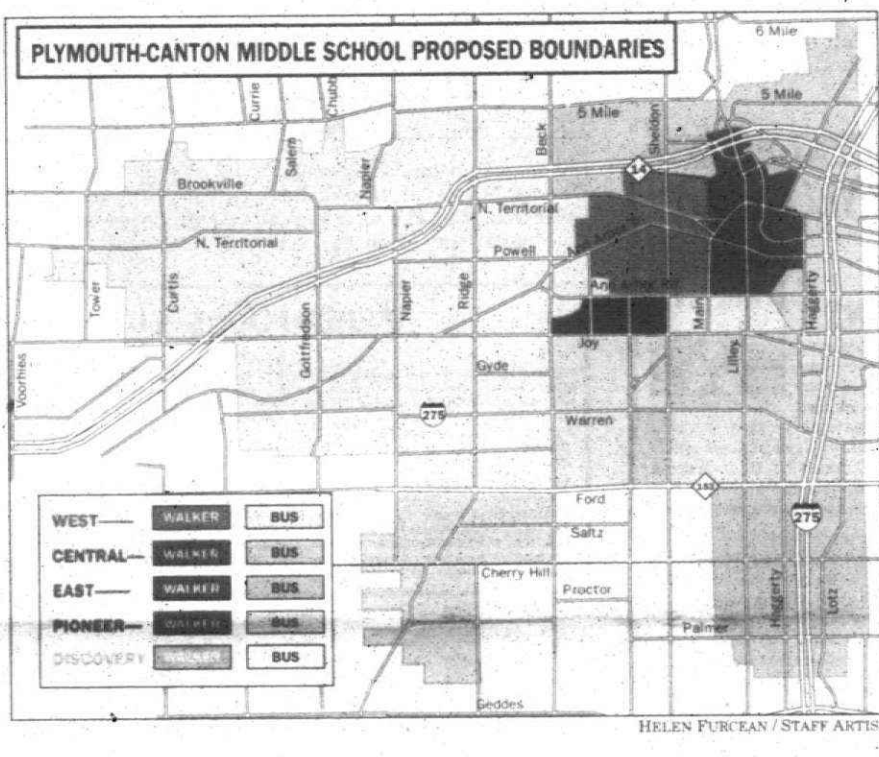
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Approximately 800 Plymouth-Canton middle school students will change buildings next year when Discovery Middle School opens in August.

That's the recommendation of the Housing and Facility Committee after spending the past several years developing new school boundaries as the district loses the lease on Lowell Middle School and opens Discovery. It's the first boundary change in the school district in 20 years.

The boundary changes were made, in part, as a result of 598 responses to a community-wide survey conducted by the committee. One of the mandates, by a majority of those surveyed, said "keeping neighborhoods and elementary school populations together are more

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HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

45 seek school chief job

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The search for a permanent Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent has resulted in approximately 45 candidates vying for the district's top administrative position.

However, none of the resumes received thus far by consultants handling the search are from administrators already working in the 16,000-student district.

"While our time frame was to have resumes in by Oct. 8, we are still accepting applications if they come in," said Ron Barnes, managing director of The Bickert Group, Ltd., from his office in Deerfield, Ill. "The information I have right now is that nobody from within the Plymouth-Canton school district has applied."

Barnes said generally 75 percent of most resumes in a superintendent search come from the home state or a state which borders it. He said that general assessment hasn't wavered in this case, though Barnes notes one

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Going mobile

Firefighters help woman achieve independence

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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Alisa Pool has taught her last class, but hardly her last lesson.

Pool fights two chronic illnesses tooth-and-nail while bringing up a daughter and giving back to the community at the same time.

"Now, the community is giving back to her."

Volunteers from the Canton Township Fire Department built a wheelchair ramp at Pool's home over the weekend.

"It will give me my independence back," Pool said from her home in the Wagon Wheel mobile home park on Mott Road. "Before, I had to be practically carried out of my house."

Pool is a fighter. She was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a painful muscle disease, last year.

At one point, Pool was paralyzed from the waist down. She battled her way back to where now she can some-

times get by with only a cane.

But, after several falls that have cost her half her teeth, she admits she should be in a wheelchair.

With winter coming, she'll have no choice.

"I'll have to use the wheelchair because I can't," she pauses, "I hate the word 'can't. I have difficulty moving on damp days."

Each day is a struggle for Pool. On days that care workers don't visit, Alisa's daughter, Faith, helps her mother dress, does her hair and cooks for her.

"It's a great responsibility for someone her age to take care of me," Pool said. "Now we can spend more quality time together."

Before the structure was built, Pool came and went from her home only as often as neighbors could help her.

Friendly as they were, Pool relished the idea of being able to come and go without relying on others.

Please see **MOBILE**, A16



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Helping hands: Canton firefighters Dennis Draplin (left) and Jim Davison nail down decking for a handicapped ramp, as trailer owner Alisa Pool watches Monday. The firefighters' union donated supplies and volunteered their time to build the ramp for the homebound township resident.

Water-sewer rates up 6.8 percent in Canton

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Water and sewer rates will jump 6.8 percent in Canton next year.

The higher rate, which takes effect on Jan. 1, is due to increases from the City of Detroit and the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority, Township Finance Director Tony Minghine said.

"It's also our attempt to get the (sewer) rates to be self-sufficient," he added.

An average Canton home owner can expect to pay about \$35 more next year for water and sewer service, said Minghine.

The township receives water from Detroit. Waste flows go to Wayne

County's Rouge Valley Sewer System and YCUA.

Canton plans to raise the water rate 5 cents from last year, from \$1.86 per thousand gallons to \$1.91. About 60 percent of that raise is needed to cover higher charges from Detroit, said Minghine.

The township's sewer rate will go from \$2.40 per thousand gallons to \$2.64 – a 10 percent increase. Less than a third of that is need to cover higher Detroit and YCUA rates.

The other portion will help get Canton's sewer fund to the point of self-efficiency, said Minghine.

Similar increases can be expected through 2002. The sewer rate, Ming-

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Police seeking suspects in robbery of dope, cash

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A 28-year-old Canton woman and her son were robbed at gunpoint in their Michigan Avenue home Tuesday afternoon.

Township police are looking for two men, who are described as African-American, 20 to 30 years old, about 5-foot 9-inches tall and 150 pounds, in connection with the incident. No shots were fired and no injuries reported.

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said an investigation is ongoing. Several other local police agencies, whom he declined to name,

are also involved.

The two men broke into the Sherwood Mobil Home trailer at about 3:20 p.m.

"They were there earlier in the day and later forced their way in," said Schemanske.

One of the men pulled a handgun and threatened to kill the 28-year-old if she didn't turn over an unspecified amount of marijuana, he added. Moments later the woman was taken to her bedroom and tied up with electrical tape.

Her 11-year-old son was tied up as well, Schemanske said. Both were repeatedly threatened.

Please see **ROBBERY**, A4

District judges to meet public in series of forums next week

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The 35th District Court is reaching out to the five communities it serves as part of an effort to promote a better understanding of the criminal justice system and the court's mission.

Court staff - including Judges John McDonald and Ron Lowe - will hold a series of public forums next week in Plymouth, Northville Township and Canton Township to explain court procedures and get feedback from local residents.

The staff will also distribute a comprehensive survey throughout the five communities in coming weeks that asks questions about experiences and perceptions of the court.

"Of the three branches of government, the judicial branch is least understood by the public," Lowe said. "These meetings will give our constituents the opportunity to learn more about how the court operates as well as providing us with suggestions to better serve the re-

resented communities.

"With the new court-house under construction, we thought this would be a good time to hear from the public," he added.

McDonald said he hoped the forums "will increase the amount of trust the public has in the criminal justice system."

Kerry Erdman, court administrator, said the forums are a first attempt to directly involve the public in the court operations.

"We're moving to a new facility. There are going to be lots of changes and we want people to understand they have a stake" in court operations, Erdman said.

The court used a suggestion box and other avenues in its previous location at the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, he said.

Court forums

Community forums for the 35th District Court are scheduled for:

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Canton Township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

But there hasn't been a lot of time or space to work with in the temporary courthouse on the northwest corner of Plymouth and Haggerty, the court's home since the city's new building was destroyed in a July 1997 fire.

The new courthouse - under construction on the footprint of the former building - is expected to be completed by next spring.

Traditional court outreach programs, such as those on Law Day each May, are aimed at students, Erdman said. Court staffers felt a need to solicit comments from other segments of the community as well.

The 35th District Court program is being modeled after a similar forum in Novi.

Lowe said the staff scrapped

the original idea of a single program at one location in favor of the three local forums to better serve the geographically diverse communities. "We wanted to make it as convenient as possible for people to attend," he said.

The court serves the cities of Plymouth and Northville; and Plymouth, Northville and Canton Townships.

The agenda wasn't completed last week but Lowe said the bulk of each evening is likely to be an informal question-and-answer session. There will be a moderator, he said.

The survey will be available at the forums, at the courthouse and hopefully throughout other avenues in the community, Lowe said. It includes multiple choice questions, questions that ask for comment and some optional, personal questions.

The questionnaire is confidential and may be returned by mail or dropped off after the forum or at the courthouse, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

For more information call the court, (734) 459-4740.

Teens ticketed in cruelty case

COP CALLS

Two Canton teens were cited for animal cruelty Sunday after allegedly shooting and trying to blow up a skunk.

The incident was reported to township police by a 29-year-old Redford man who was at a home on Canterbury Circle shortly after 3 p.m. He told police a group of teenagers was throwing fireworks at the animal.

Reports said a 16-year-old Canton boy shot the skunk with a BB gun. The animal was also reportedly kicked in the head.

Three teens were cited in the incident. Each was issued a Nov. 10 court date at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Assault and battery

Two children were assaulted Saturday evening while on a church scavenger hunt in Canton.

According to township police reports, the incident occurred at about 9 p.m. More than two dozen children were participating in the hunt at Calvary Baptist on Joy Road.

Reports said a 17-to-21-year-old male dressed in black attacked two girls during the hunt, which was held in an adjacent wooded area. Both girls were pulled to the ground by their hair.

Reports didn't indicate the age of the girls or any possible motive for the attacks. Canton police responded and searched the area with a K-9 unit but were unable to find the man.

Theft
More than \$5,000 worth of materials and equipment were stolen from a Canton home under construction between Friday and Sunday.

An unknown person entered the Creeksend Street home and stole ceramic tile, hardwood flooring and a saw, among other items. A Dearborn Heights man, who reported the incident, said both the garage and house doors were wide open when he arrived Sunday morning.

Property destruction

About \$2,000 worth of damage was done to a 24-year-old Plymouth man's vehicle early Sunday morning.

The man's 1995 Dodge truck was "keyed" on the hood, driver side door and front fender. Reports said the Plymouth man was visiting his girlfriend's home in the 1500 block of Stafford in Canton.

Larceny

About \$700 worth of musical equipment was stolen from an 18-year-old Canton woman's vehicle Monday morning.

Police reports said a stereo and assorted compact discs were stolen from the car, which was parked near her home in the 4000 block of Fair Oaks. A door window (\$100 damage) was busted out in the incident. Police have no suspects.

Area man wins lottery game

A Plymouth man is planning to celebrate his 41st wedding anniversary in style, thanks to the \$100,000 top prize he received in the Michigan Lottery's Cash 5 game.

The 60-year old winner, who requested anonymity, matched all five numbers in the Sept. 29 drawing: 3, 7, 17, 22 and 38. The winning Cash 5 ticket was purchased at Bill's Market, 584 Starkweather, Plymouth.

Prime time

3 Canton Community Television shows honored with national awards

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Canton Community Television may never challenge NBC or CBS in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

But with a solid stable of informational shows, seamless coverage of township meetings and special events, the station does a good job of providing an essential public service, according to the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

Canton recently won three awards from the association:

■ Second place for "Canton This Month" in the magazine format series category.

■ Second place for a "Duck Derby" in public service announcements.

■ Third place for "Canton Contact" in the interview/talk show category.

"We're very, very proud," said Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager, who oversees CCTV. "It's only our second year. We're competing with communities that have been programming for 10 years."

More than 700 municipalities from around the country competed for the NATOA awards.

Canton's real launch in the television world came almost three years ago. That's when a state-of-the-art broadcasting facility was completed at Summit on the Park.

Grants from Media One and Ameritech helped pay for the studio, which cost about \$1 million to build and equip.

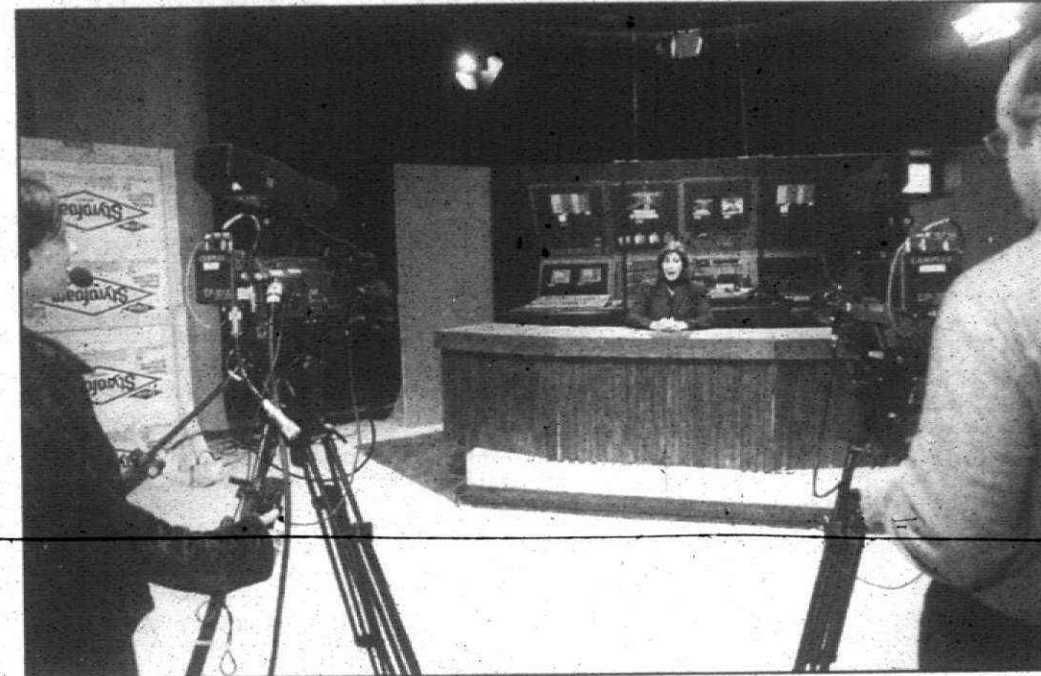
A staff of seven does all of the behind the scenes work. Cable Television Specialist Scott Zuchlewski manages the group.

"TV is a team thing," he said. "We all have to operate as a team."

That's an understatement. CCTV provides about 10 hours of programming each day with all of its shows airing twice.

"Canton This Month" is the "most labor intensive" of all the station's programs, Zuchlewski said. The show is similar to "20/20" or "Dateline" in format.

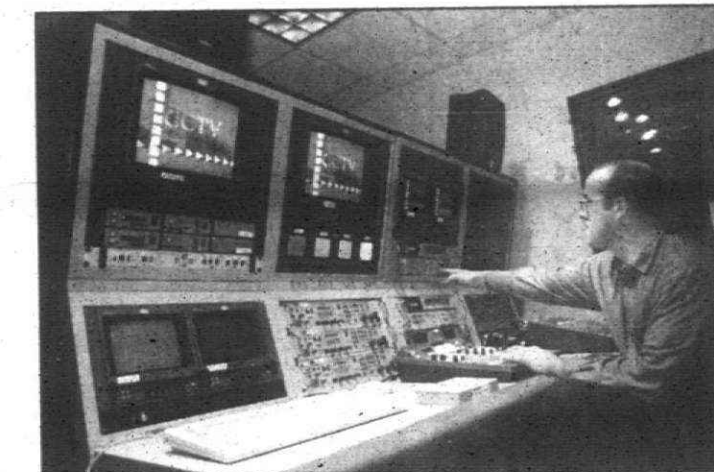
Producing one 30-minute show takes 100 to 120 hours of staff time, said Zuchlewski. Scripts



Lights, camera ... Janet Frenkel rehearses a telecast (center), while camera operators Allyson Wainstock (left) and Dave Hartman record the moment in the CCTV studios at Summit on the Park.

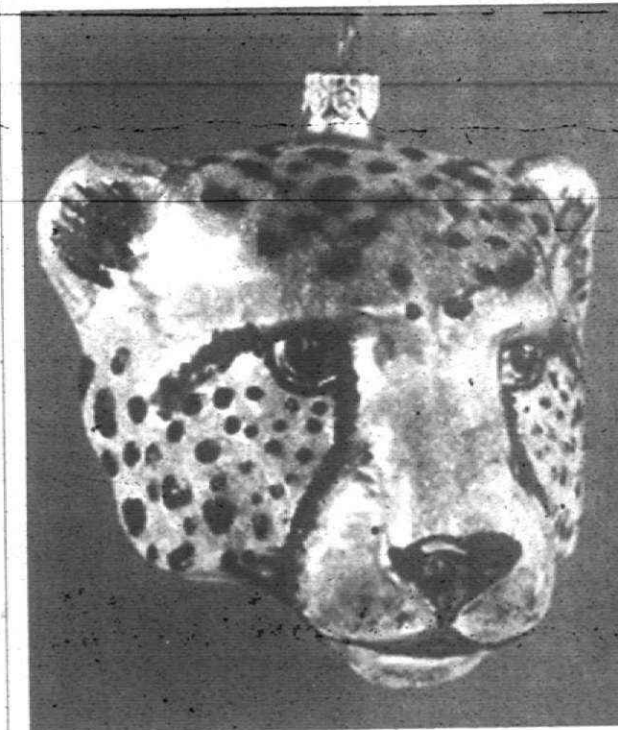


Editing room: Mary Sidick watches over the shoulder as Scott Zuchlewski edits a piece Sidick recently taped at Casino Windsor with the Canton Community seniors.



At the board: Dave Hartman works the control console in the studio.

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PCEP marchers take second place

HURON VALLEY INVITATIONAL

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

It was another Flight I grand sweep for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band at the Huron Valley Invitational held at Milford High School on Oct. 9.

The PCEP performers netted the Flight I first-place trophy and all three Flight I captions for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect with a score of 84.35 for their show "Thought Crime: Music for an Orwellian Era."

But for the first time in eight years the band didn't capture the Grand Champion Trophy for the highest-scoring band at the competition. That went to Flight II Mona Shores, which squeaked by Plymouth-Canton with a score of 85.2.

Coming in third place overall was Flight III Farmington Harrison with a score of 73.95.

"The way I look at this is that it is just a bit of a wake-up call," said PCEP Band Director David McGrath. "It is good for them to see there are other good bands out there. In a way, it is healthy."

He said the staff fully expected a dip in the performance level last week after a spectacular second-place showing at the Bands of America Regional Championships Oct. 2. The competition among 30 bands from six states ended with the PCEP band at a score of 88.85, sliding behind first-place Centerville, Ohio, by less than two-tenths of a point.

The reason for the dip last week, explained McGrath, was all the time spent in learning an ending and only two hours spent rehearsing the rest of the show. It was a bit of a departure from their usual format of adding a portion of the show and then perfecting the entire performance before moving on.

"We are doing things a little differently because of the demand level of the show this year," McGrath said. "We decided that in the long term, having five weeks of a completed show instead of four (before nationals) was needed to make the long-term objectives of the season more obtainable."

While the performers appreciate the objectives, they too could tell they weren't up to par at Milford. Even freshman saxophonist Nicholas Krupansky felt it.

"We just gave enough to get by," he said. "We were lazy and weren't giving it all we could."

He said there will be a lot of cleaning up this week, lots of hard work. But he added, "the Toledo regionals showed me it is really worth all the hard work."

Junior drum major Julie Scott added, "There are kinks that still need to be worked out. What happened, happened and we'll move on. It will give us more incentive to work harder."

Junior color guard member Kristin Putnam said of the band's Milford performance, "I thought it was pretty good. I just thought we were missing the feeling we usually have. I think we were tired and worn out. We spent the whole week doing the closer and we took a pause from the rest of the show."

And what does she anticipate for upcoming practices?

"This week we really need to push and we need to question why we are there and do the best we can," she said.

McGrath has no doubt they will do just that.

"It was a tough week on the kids and I told them I was really proud of what they accomplished this week," he said. "Sometimes you take a step forward and two back. That is just the nature of the activity."

The PCEP Marching Band performance can be seen on Oct. 16 at the Great Lakes Invitational at the PCEP stadium. The competition among 30 top bands from across the state begins at 1:15 p.m. with final awards at 10 p.m. The PCEP band will play in exhibition at 9:45 p.m.

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POSTPARTUM MOOD DISORDERS

Postpartum mood disorders are among the most common obstetric complications. There are three general categories: Postpartum blues, affecting an estimated 70% of women during the first week after delivery, consists of a weepy, irritable episode lasting several days that usually goes away after a few days of rest and support. On the other end of the spectrum, postpartum psychosis progresses quickly from irritability to irrationality. This condition, which affects about 1 woman in 1,000, most often in the first 4 weeks after delivery, requires immediate medical attention. Postpartum depression, which lies between blues and depression and typically begins in the first 3 months after birth, requires medical attention if it lasts more than 2 weeks.

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Canton man, 23, charged in gas station hold-up

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A Canton man is being charged with unarmed robbery after holding up a Lilley Road gas station early Sunday morning.

Steven Paul Pitcher, 23, was arraigned Monday on one count of unarmed robbery, a potential 15-year felony. He's accused of stealing an unspecified amount of cash from an Amoco station at the southwest corner of Warren Road at Lilley, shortly before 1:30 a.m.

No injuries were reported in the incident. Pitcher now faces an Oct. 22 hearing date at 35th District Court in Plymouth. He was remanded to the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

Elizabeth Kmiecik, 19, was the Amoco clerk on duty during the robbery. She said Pitcher frequented the station and often purchased inexpensive items such as candy. Pitcher, she added, lives in the Carriage Cove Apartment complex adjacent to the station on Lilley.

Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske said the depart-

ment knew the suspect's identity shortly after the robbery. An investigation led to Monday's arrest, he added.

The incident began at about 1:10 a.m. Sunday morning. Kmiecik said a man came into the station shortly after her shift began.

He was there for a few minutes before he came to the counter. He then tried to purchase cigarettes.

"I could tell that he didn't have the money," Kmiecik said.

The man came around the counter moments later, put his hand in his pocket and implied

that he had a gun.

"He never said 'this is a robbery,'" Kmiecik said. "He said he needed money for his kids."

He told her there would be "trouble" if she didn't give him money by his count of 10. Kmiecik refused and tried to push him out of the cash register area.

The man, however, pushed her out of the way and grabbed the cash box, Kmiecik said. Amoco Manager Heather Gibbs said the robber caused more than \$2,000 damage to the computerized cash register system.

After taking the box, the man

left the store. Kmiecik ran behind him to get his vehicle's license plate number.

At that point, she said, the man's girlfriend tried to stop him by taking the keys out of the car's ignition.

"She was trying to get him not to do it," said Kmiecik, who noted that the woman was not with him initially. "He beat her up, took the keys back and left."

The man was driving a 1997 Plymouth Breeze, according to police reports. Schemanske said area police departments were notified shortly after the incident.

Inkster Police spotted the vehicle and a man matching the 23-year-old's description at about 1:45 a.m., reports said.

Besides Kmiecik's eyewitness account, police have several other key pieces of evidence including a video surveillance tape and finger prints.

It's the first robbery at the station since it changed ownership earlier this year, said Gibbs.

"Even though this has happened," she added, "we won't let it affect us in any way."

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Finally, the woman surrendered the marijuana and an unspecified amount of cash to the men. Neighbors called Canton police minutes later after the suspects fled the home.

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million-\$2 million. Canton will pay its share of the bill by issuing bonds, said Durack.

An expanded fitness room heads the list of improvements planned for the Summit. The room's current north wall will be knocked out. The fitness room, which features weight training equipment, will nearly double in size when work is complete.

A renovation goal is to have fitness and aerobic activities centralized, said Durack. Currently, aerobics classes are held

in the Summit's multi-purpose room.

An expanded family locker room and additional meeting/activity rooms are also planned. One of the facility's two current racquetball courts will likely be converted to the family locker room.

Canton's Board of Trustees made expansion possible in February by voting unanimously to amend the township's recreation master plan.

The move was first presented to trustees in a December 1998 study session. A steady increase

in the number of users at the Summit since it opened in late 1995 is cited as the reason for the expansion.

"We don't have enough room in the fitness area at peak times," Durack told the Observer in February. "We want to do this to keep the customers we have."

An architectural firm, TMP of Bloomfield Hills, will design the expansion. Durack said the firm is very experienced in buildings like the Summit.

He was unsure of exactly when the work would begin and conclude.

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resume came from a U.S. Defense Department worker in Saudi Arabia.

"I don't play the numbers game, but the amount of resumes are generally lower dur-

ing a January search than they are for someone who would be expected to start July 1," added Barnes. "In optimum cases we can find someone. However, the board has said on numerous occasions that if they can't find a suitable candidate to start by second semester then it will wait to make a choice."

Barnes said most of the candidates who responded to ads in Education Weekly and more than 700 mailings are current superintendents or deputy superintendents from a variety of school districts, ranging from those in major cities to some with student populations of 2,000.

David Hendrix, senior associate with The Bickert Group, said the consulting firm has begun looking at the applications in an effort to identify 15 elite candidates. The consultants then will narrow that down to six top candidates by the Oct. 26 meeting with the school board and the Superintendent's Selection Committee. Those two groups will then review the job specifications, develop questions for candidates and set up interviews, which are slated for Nov. 2-4.

"We're pleased with the number of responses and the quality of responses we've received in this search," said Hendrix.

School board members are expecting to make site visits with a consultant Nov. 30 to Dec. 3, with the appointment of a new superintendent currently planned for Dec. 14.

Superintendent Chuck Little resigned the \$120,000-a-year position in July to take a position at Indiana University. The school board then hired Ken Walcott to serve as interim superintendent at \$10,000 a month until their search for a permanent replacement is complete.

SMART plans major upgrade of bus fleet over 5 years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Dan Dirks believes the SMART linehaul buses log some of the longest passenger commutes in the country.

With an average of nine miles per passenger, the buses are also logging 55,000 miles a year over Detroit's suburban sprawl, which means the larger buses used on SMART's main routes on primary roads are ready for "retirement" at a younger age, said Dirks, general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

"Our buses are getting close to the end of their useful life," Dirks said.

SMART expects a new contract in place by January to purchase up to 280 buses over the next five years, but that number is contingent on federal and state funding availability. Each bus will cost approximately \$265,000.

Dirks expects SMART to purchase between 200 and 300 buses. "The problem is it takes up to two years to get them,"



Dan Dirks: SMART general manager.

Dirks said. "The new buses aren't the only issues Dirks must deal with. Dirks also has discussed with Detroit officials how SMART can coordinate routes with the Detroit Department of Transportation and lobbied state law-

makers against state funding cuts.

For Dirks and SMART, the new buses represent part of the promises of the 1995 tax campaign: redesigning fixed routes, eliminating a deficit and developing partnerships with communities for more local service.

Dirks highlighted some of SMART's accomplishments:

- Ridership on SMART buses has increased for 40 consecutive months up to about 225,000 riders a week. Ten new routes covering 250 miles provide public transportation where previously none existed. Dirks said ridership grew 5 to 10 percent on one linehaul route that was extended to a Technicolor firm at Newburgh and Palmer.

New routes were added to Telegraph Road and seven other roads.

- Partnering with local communities through increased community transit; using a fleet of smaller buses for transportation within a community or to adjacent communities.

- A budget deficit of \$20 million SMART says was created by

cuts in federal funding is expected to be eliminated this fiscal year.

With the new buses, Dirks hopes to better assist the disabled. Many SMART buses currently use hydraulic lifts, which work better on a flat surface, but are difficult to use when the bus is more than 6 inches or less than 2 inches from the curb. If the wheelchair lift is broken, the disabled cannot be picked up.

"It's a complicated piece of machinery that doesn't work that well," Dirks said.

The new "low floor" buses use a floor that is aligned to the curb, so passengers boarding the bus don't have to step up. Passengers in wheelchairs board the bus on a motorized ramp instead of a hydraulic lift.

"If the electronic ramp doesn't work, the driver can manually operate the ramp," Dirks said.

"Once those get on the road, the disabled will never be denied service."

With the new buses, SMART will be standardizing the bus fleet. Currently five different vehicle manufacturers provide buses. "That means there is five separate sets of parts," Dirks said. "What we're looking at is one manufacturer." Dirks expects to save in training costs for maintenance workers.

"We really are a suburban carrier and our fleet needs to reflect that," Dirks said.

While the major routes have shown growth, the community-based partnerships are growing the fastest, Dirks said. "We have people from the local community making decisions on local transportation," Dirks said.

Each community can determine what services to control that will benefit their residents

the most. That program has grown to more than 60 community-based programs.

In Livonia, a pilot program recently was started for "remote scheduling" to coordinate schedules from one community to another in using the connector buses. Someone can call Livonia to check SMART's computer system in Troy to schedule a ride in Warren for a relative who needs the transportation.

Communities can come up with innovative ways to use SMART, Dirks said. Harrison Township used the buses this summer to transport people between restaurants and Metro Beach.

"That's why we like these community-based programs," Dirks said. "In a million years, I never would have thought of that."

Dirks emphasizes coordination of Detroit, suburban bus lines

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Dan Dirks is confident the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and Detroit Department of Transportation can provide better service to its customers by coordinating routes.

As for any merger of the two bus systems, Dirks, SMART general manager, isn't predicting what a consulting firm will find when its report is released soon.

"Three things have to happen," Dirks said. "The quality of ser-

vice has to improve, the quantity of service has to improve and if it costs more money, how can you convince the public it's the way to go?"

But Dirks is encouraged with the coordination between SMART and DDOT. Dirks outlined the following strategies:

- Both systems will begin to use a joint software package for linehaul scheduling, allowing for improved connections at locations where two or more routes intersect.
- Improve radio systems and install Automatic Vehicle Loca-

tors. Dispatchers soon will be able to talk with drivers from both systems through a radio interface.

- Join with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for a joint bus stop identification project, using global positioning equipment to "geo code" bus stops into the computer mapping system.

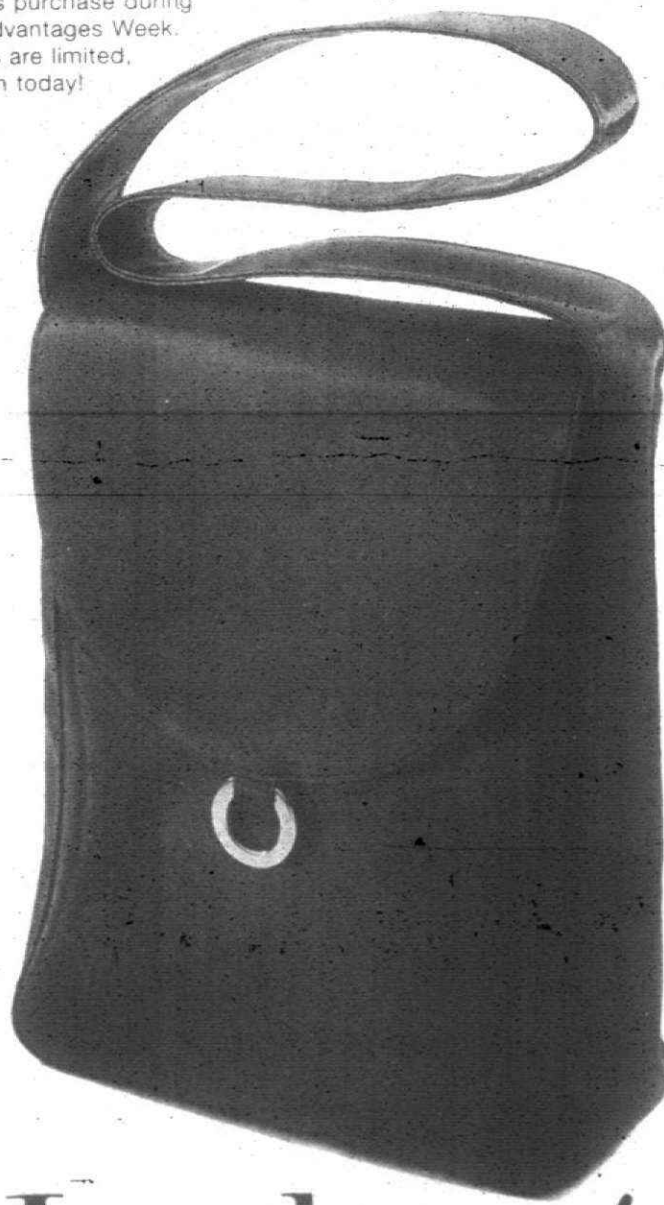
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through courses and seminars taught by global trade experts. Sessions will focus on developing entrepreneurs and translating international business strategy into long-term goals.

The series will begin Oct. 26 and 28 with International Marketing. It continues with International Finance, Nov. 2 and 4; International Logistics, Nov. 9 and 11; Cross Cultural Commu-

nication, Nov. 16; Foreign Government Sales, Nov. 23, and Trade Agreements, Nov. 30. All classes are offered in afternoon sessions between 1 and 4 p.m. and evening sessions between 6 and 9 p.m.

The program includes country-specific seminars for China on Nov. 13, India on Nov. 20, Canada/Mexico on Dec. 4 and Brazil on Dec. 11. All sessions last from 9 a.m. until noon. Persons

attending all core classes plus one country-specific seminar will receive a certificate of achievement.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448, Ext. 5572. All seminars will be on the Schoolcraft campus.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Meeting tonight on injection well

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A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Romulus High School on an injection well in Romulus that would house liquid hazardous wastes.

Environmental Disposal Systems has applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrus Drive in Romulus, near I-94 and Inkster Road.

The Hazardous Waste Site Review Board, a 10-member panel of state and local appointees, will meet to organize and hear about the proposed project. A public hearing is expected to be scheduled in November.

The board was established to evaluate proposals for new hazardous waste management facilities. EDS' application was referred to the board for evaluation.

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan (D-Wayne), who serves as an alternate on the board for board member and County Commissioner Ed Boike (D-Taylor), expects members of the public will show up tonight to express their opposition. The meeting is not considered a public hearing but is open to the public.

The board has until April 2000 to recommend whether the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality should issue or deny a construction permit for the facility.

The board will meet in the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus.

For additional information, please contact Commissioner John Sullivan at (313) 224-0944.

Commissioner sponsors coffees for constituents

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan, who represents Canton Township, Romulus, Wayne and Belleville, invites constituents to join him for coffee and conversation regarding Wayne County government.

The sessions are:

■ 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Bob Evans on Ford Road just west of I-275 in Canton.

■ 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Romulus House Restaurant on the northwest corner of Wayne Road and Wick in Romulus.

■ 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Wayne Restaurant in the Metro Place Mall in downtown Wayne.

■ 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the Red Apple Restaurant on Main Street in Belleville.

For additional information, please contact Commissioner John Sullivan at (313) 224-0944.

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funding from the Federal Transit Administration for "Access to Jobs" funding.

Both started a reciprocal fare agreement that allows for joint tickets, system passes and transfers, and scheduled information forums for minority businesses to work with the two systems.

Other improvements include joint telephone information for both systems, regional route maps, training and coordinated Web sites.

Dirks believed the biggest key to coordinating the two systems thus far was the gathering of the Big Four — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Commission Chairman John Hertel — earlier this year to discuss the two systems.

"When it got elevated to the Big Four level, that was encouraging," Dirks said.

Warren is appointed to replace Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe, who resigned. He will complete Durant's term on the board, which expires Jan. 1, 2003.

Warren has been an associate in the corporate department of the law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit since 1997. From 1995 to 1997, he served as the administrative assistant for school code reform for the State Board of Education, during which time he chaired a Department of Education task force that developed an annual

House grants tax exemption on Holocaust settlements

An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 Michigan residents are expected to receive payment soon as a result of an international lawsuit over assets lost by victims of the Holocaust during World War II.

And those settlements will be tax free, according to a bill approved by the state House last week. Representatives voted

103-0 Wednesday, Oct. 6, to approve House Bill 4796, sponsored by Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. All local lawmakers voted for the legislation.

"Nothing can erase the horror of the Holocaust as one of the darkest periods in human history," Shulman said, "but the passage of this bill is a realization that the pain and suffering these people have endured is tax enough."

Senate passage is expected to be swift, as is a signature from the governor.

"A tax already has been paid on these items," Gov. John Engler said, "and survivors of Nazi persecution have more than earned the right to enjoy the full benefits of their return."

Similar legislation is expected

to win approval at the federal level.

At issue in the lawsuit are assets — bank deposits, artwork, insurance proceeds — left by Jewish families with companies in Switzerland between 1920 and 1945. Some 120 Swiss companies have been identified as possessing an estimated \$1.25 billion in

assets from victims of the Holocaust. Six Swiss banks have found 50,000 unclaimed bank accounts left behind by victims of Nazi persecution.

The international suit seeks to recover those assets for survivors or the heirs of those who died. A proposed settlement is now

under review by a Swiss commission, which is expected to issue its report in November, after which payments could begin.

Some survivors or heirs are expected to receive as much as \$200,000, producing a significant tax liability unless exempted from taxation by these proposals.

Engler makes board appointments

Several area residents have been appointed to state boards and commissions recently by Gov. John Engler, including:

■ Robert Hall, of Livonia, is an attorney for the law firm of Rock and Borgeit, P.C. He is appointed to represent attorneys.

■ Michael David Warren, Jr. of Beverly Hills was named to the State Board of Education. Warren is appointed to replace Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe, who resigned. He will complete Durant's term on the board, which expires Jan. 1, 2003.

Warren has been an associate in the corporate department of the law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit since 1997. From 1995 to 1997, he served as the administrative assistant for school code reform for the State Board of Education, during which time he chaired a Department of Education task force that developed an annual

education report for taxpayers and also chaired the Governor's Red Tape Task Force regarding charter schools. Warren was a candidate for the State Senate in 1994 and is a member of the Federalist Society of Michigan.

■ Claudia R. Gabay, of Southfield, was appointed to the Electrical Administrative Board, which makes recommendations for electrical code rules, grants annual licenses and certificates to qualified applicants. His term expires Aug. 10, 2002. Gabay is the principal lighting consultant/facilitator of projects for Detroit Edison. She was appointed to replace Ronald Spees, of Jackson, and to represent energy producing utilities.

■ Ronald A. Swartz, of Clarkston, to the Advisory Council on Deafness, which advises the Family Independence Agency's Division on Deafness on matters pertaining to hearing-impaired persons. His term expires Jan. 18, 2002. Swartz is a senior project engineer at General Motors Truck Group. He is reappointed to represent the deaf community.

Fourteen individuals were also reappointed to the state's Site Review Board, which reviews and decides on final approval for each hazardous waste management facility construction permit referred to it by the Department of Environmental Quality. Terms expire Dec. 13, 2001. The following local residents were among those named:

■ Dr. Eugene Perrin, of Huntington Woods, is an adjunct professor of anthropology, pediatrics and pathology at Wayne State University. He is reappointed to represent toxicologists.

■ Thomas Vogel, of East Lansing, is a professor in the Department of Science at Michigan State University. He is reappointed to represent geologists.

Metro Airport breaks passenger records

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has broken all-time passenger records in 68 of the past 73 consecutive months. August figures show:

■ Total passengers through August 1999: 22,894,154
Total passengers through August 1998: 21,929,985
Increase: 4.4 percent

Total international passengers through August 1998: 2,119,695
Increase: 11.3 percent

■ Total passengers handled month of August 1999: 3,126,621
Total passengers handled month of August 1998: 2,841,265
Increase: 10 percent

Increase: 1.7 percent

■ Aircraft landings and takeoffs month of August 1999: 49,934
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Prosecutor, police honored for closing Melody theater

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair's office received more than 1,000 pieces of mail from people who appreciated the efforts of O'Hair's and other law enforcement agencies to shut down and demolish the Melody Theater in Inkster.

"We had more communications in that case than I have in any

other situation in the last 16 years I've been in this office," O'Hair said.

While some of those letters and cards were an organized effort from an Americans for Decency organization, most were from the Inkster area and surrounding Wayne County communities.

For his efforts, O'Hair was among several law enforcement officials who were honored with

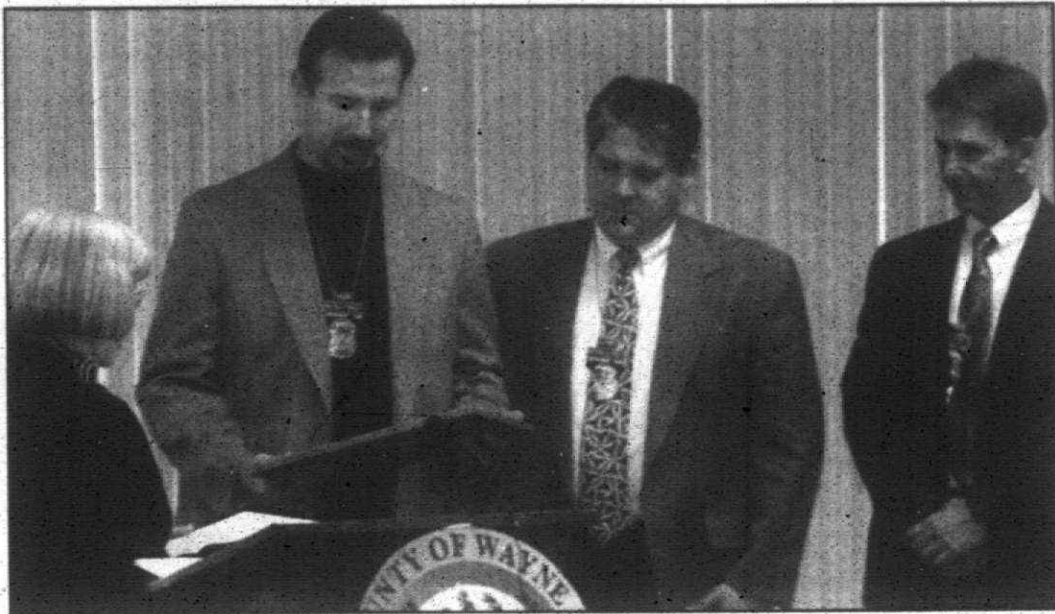
resolutions Oct. 7 from Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard (D-Westland).

Garden City, Inkster, Wayne and Westland police officers who participated in the investigation were also honored as members of the Metro Street Enforcement Team. Also honored were Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy and accountant Grant Alberts for their assistance.

The Metro Street Enforcement Team investigated the theater after it was described on a Web site as a location for males to find sex, according to prosecutors. During visits to the theater, plainclothes officers reported witnessing sexual acts inside the theater on Michigan Avenue between Middlebelt and Inkster.

"(The theater) caused great anguish, not just for the City of Inkster, but the surrounding communities as well," said Beard. Beard's district includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland.

The four police departments are expected to receive \$225,000 each — their shares of the forfeiture stemming from a plea agreement reached with the theater owner, who pleaded no contest to a charge of conspiracy to admit persons to a place where lewd conduct occurred. O'Hair's office will receive \$100,000.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Recognition: Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard gives awards to Westland police Lt. Gary Fikorski (from left) Sgt. James Ridener and Officer Steve Borsch.

Honorees included Garden City Police Chief David Harvey and Officer Kevin Nowak; Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell and Officer Kevin Smith; Wayne Police Chief Michael Sumeracki and Officer Terri Webb; Westland Police Chief Emery Price, Lt. Gary Fikorski,

Sgt. James Ridener and Officer Steve Borsch and Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, Deputy Chief Raymond Walsh and prosecuting attorneys Larry Roberts, Maria Petito and Kenneth Frazier.

Beard also recognized two certified public accountants who

assisted in the court case on racketeering: Alberts, a citizen who volunteered his time to wade through boxes of confiscated documents, and Dunleavy, who testified about the theater's business records.



Good work: Kay Beard awards Garden City police Officer Kevin Nowak (left) and Chief David Harvey for their work in helping close down the notorious Melody Theater.

I-275 ramp to 6 Mile may reopen Saturday

State road officials expect the new northbound I-275 exit ramp to Six Mile Road may reopen Saturday, but they caution that with rain in the forecast through the end of the week, that opening may be delayed.

The Six Mile entrance ramp to northbound I-275 may open by next Wednesday, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Although I-275 now has removed traffic barriers and

opened northbound lanes for traffic, the Michigan State Police reminds motorists to be aware that the freeway remains a construction zone with speed limits of 50 mph. That speed limit will be strictly enforced, according to Sgt. David Robertson.

Enhanced patrols will continue during high traffic periods. Patrols will be concentrating on aggressive drivers, speeders and occupants violating the safety belt laws, Robertson said.

Madonna tapes TV programs

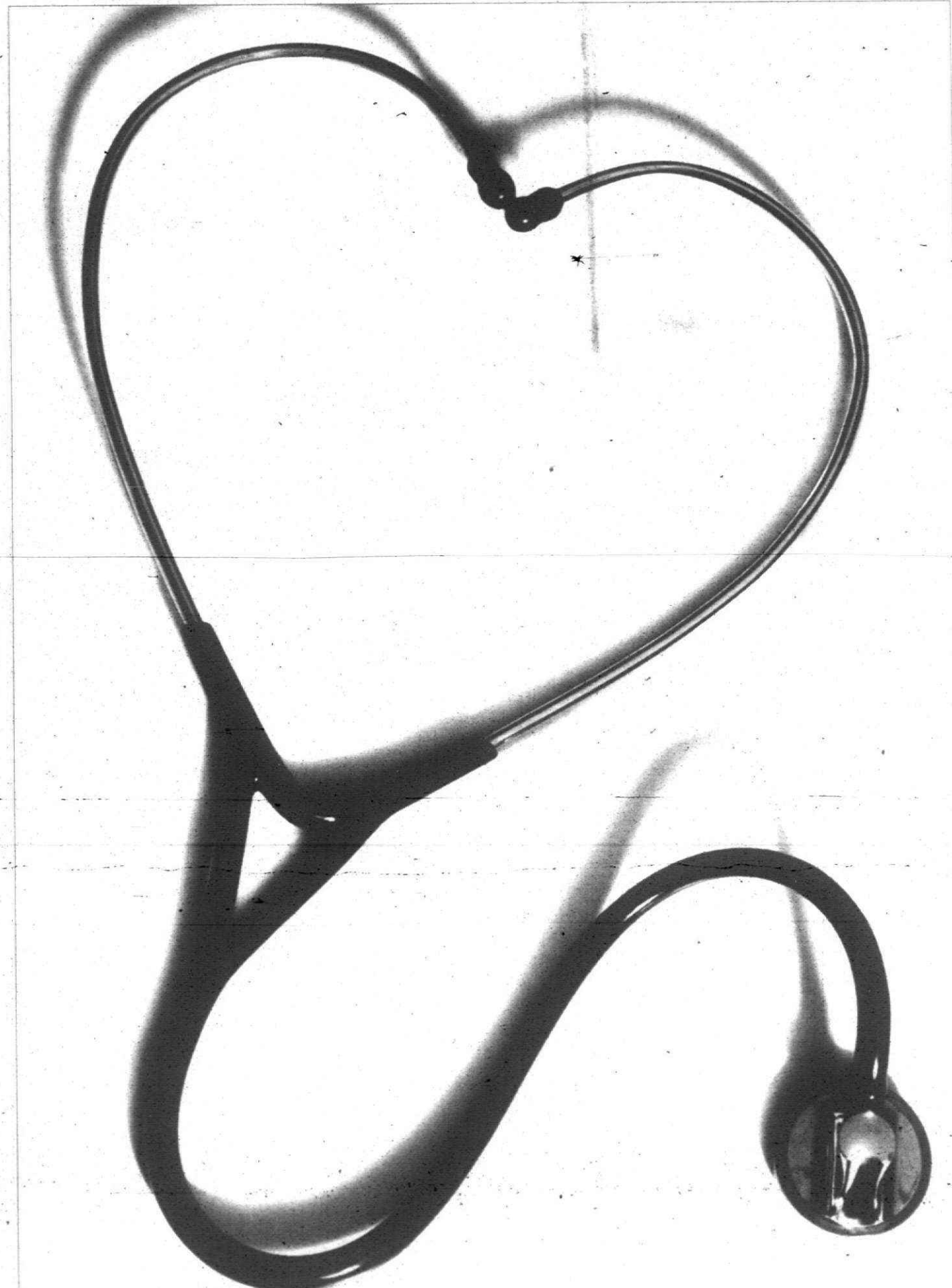
Madonna Magazine is a weekly television show that is produced by Madonna University staff and students. The show is taped every other Wednesday and the public is welcome to attend, free of charge.

Two shows will be taped Nov. 3 at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. The first episode highlights Michale Monroe the illustrator of the book *M is for Mitten - Michigan Alphabet* and other Sleeping Bear Press publications.

The second taping will focus

on gambling addiction. Pat Sweeting, who will become part of the Madonna University social work faculty beginning in the winter 2000 term, will discuss what gambling addiction is, how to identify it, and the steps that need to be taken to conquer the problem.

For more information about these shows or to reserve a seat for the taping, call Sue Boyd at (734) 432-5578. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.



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Life-saving helicopters

S'craft police recruits learn to bring them in for safe landing

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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On a grayish fall afternoon last week, 46 police recruits assembled in the parking lot of Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City as the wind kicked dust into their eyes and plastered their clothing against their bodies.

It was no tornado drill; instead, the future police officers, who take classes at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at the Radcliff Center, were helping guide a medical evacuation helicopter to a safe landing.

Officials say such training is not available at any other police academy in the state.

Hovering above them was a

Midwest Medflight helicopter from St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Several orange cones marking off the landing space blew across the parking lot as the helicopter landed, signaling just one of the dangers involved with such rescue missions.

"It is very dangerous, especially at night," said Sgt. Doug Lowe of the Dearborn Police Department, an assistant coordinator at the academy.

Police are often the first to arrive at an accident scene. They must assess the accident's severity, contact air rescue and map out a landing zone for the helicopter. They alert the helicopter pilot to overhanging wires, trees, and ditches.

Waiting for firefighters and emergency medical technicians

can use up valuable time. "A police officer has to use his ingenuity," said Lowe.

Medflight pilot Dennis Small said most landings occur on highways in more rural areas and involve motorcycles and cars involved in "T-bone" collisions at intersections. Medical helicopters also are used in boating accidents and train collisions.

On congested city freeways, it is better to "scoop and run to the nearest local hospital," said Small. Almost every hospital has a helicopter pad or a nearby field for quick transfers.

Dangers

Once landed, helicopters must be approached with care, warned Small. "The rear propeller turns at an ungodly rpm, faster than the speed of sound."

The propeller, which spins vertically, sets about six feet off the ground, even lower if the helicopter lands on rough ground. It could slice through someone's head or torso like a buzz saw.

Medflight nurse and paramedic Pat Leutheuser said such accidents have happened. "Anybody who's ever walked into it hasn't survived."

The main rotary blades also present a potential hazard, said Leutheuser. They're flexible and may bow down as the blades cease spinning after landing. In addition, "rotor wash" can be dangerous to unprotected eyes.

The lesson: Always approach the helicopter bent over with head bowed.

In addition to learning about impeding power wires and trees and how to use police car spotlights as landing guides, the recruits were drilled about their most important function: crowd control. A medical helicopter needs an area of 100 feet by 100 feet to land, and the curious are often all too curious.

During the Medflight exercise, a young boy on a bike began to



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Powerful spin: The propeller and the major rotary blade on a rescue helicopter are potentially very dangerous. Extreme caution is always required.

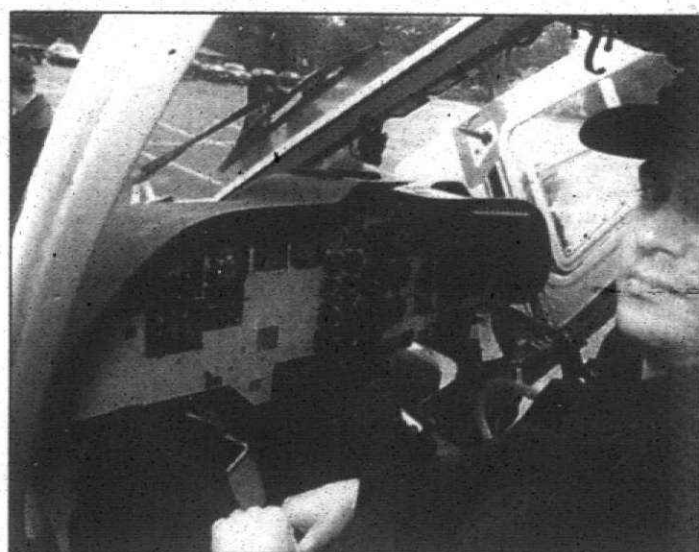
edge up to the helicopter zone. An officer quickly broke rank, flailed her arms and directed the boy to a safer area.

Invaluable training

The Medflight helicopter, which is used 15 percent of the time for on-scene rescues and 85 percent for hospital transfers, carries both a nurse-paramedic and a paramedic. It is a flying mini ICU and emergency room and can transport two victims.

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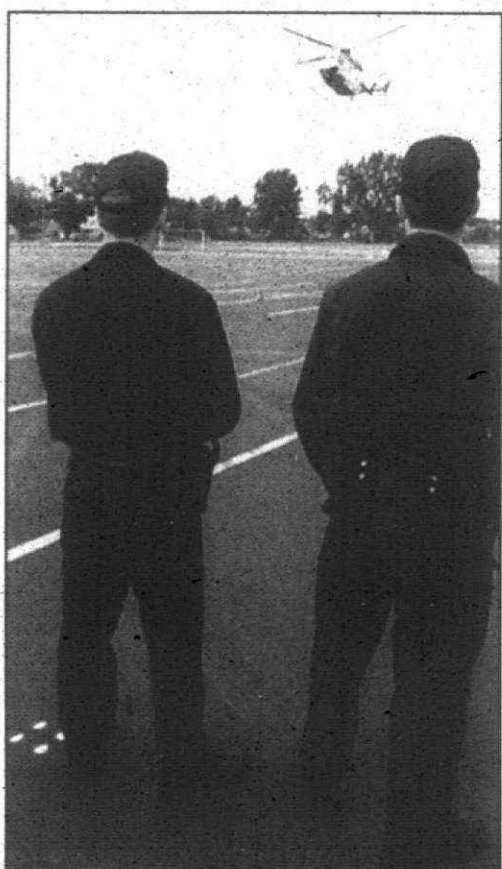
Leutheuser spoke about the "golden hour," the most critical component of trauma. "We work



Cockpit view: Midwest Medflight technician Matt Gonzalez sits behind the controls of the rescue helicopter.

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Learning to guide: Two Schoolcraft police students prepare to lead a helicopter to a safe landing.



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important than having a child remain in their current middle school."

The committee tried to "feed" elementary school populations to as few middle schools as possible in the boundary recommendations. For example, Allen Elementary currently sends its students to three middle schools. Under the new plan, all of Allen's fifth graders will begin sixth grade at Central Middle School.

The Housing Committee not only had to consider the number of fifth-, sixth- and seventh-

grade students in the district, but also projected the number of students living in new subdivisions throughout Canton and Plymouth townships when Discovery opens next school year.

"It was very difficult to come up with the new boundaries, but trying to affect as few students as possible was our main priority throughout the process," said Marcy Staley, housing committee member. "We believe this is what's best for the children today and the children of tomorrow as the community continues to grow."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on October 28, 1999, for the following:

PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BACKHOE ATTACHMENT AND ONE (1) GREENS AERATOR
Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Backhoe Attachment, Greens Aerator" and include name, address and phone number of the company submitting the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Creative Technology Services for an Industrial Facilities Elevation Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 7444 N. Haggerty Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

That part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 1, T.25S., R. 8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road, said point being distant S. 88° 45' 59" W., 1374.30 feet along the South line of Section 1, No. 02° 16' 47" W., 531.54 feet measured (531.33 feet recorded) and N. 88° 40' 04" E., 64.59 feet and N. 02° 25' 19" W., 233.10 feet along the East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence N. 02° 25' 19" W., 306.90 feet along said East right-of-way line of Haggerty Road, thence N. 88° 40' 04" E., 472.85 feet to a point on the Western right-of-way line of I-275 Expressway (322.00 feet wide); thence along said right-of-way line, 555.50 feet along the arc of a curve to the left (radius 11,656.16 feet, central angle 02° 43' 50", chord length of 555.47 feet) thence S. 12° 13' 47" W., 165.40 feet and N. 88° 40' 04" E., 167.18 feet along the North line of "Mid Point Industrial Subdivision," as recorded in Liber 101, Pages 1 and 2, Wayne County Records; thence N. 88° 40' 04" E., 165.40 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.10 acres of land and being subject to all easements of records.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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The 800 students who will be moved to new middle schools next year is 25 percent of the district's student population. That doesn't include nearly half of Lowell's 775 students who will transfer with the staff to Discovery next year.

Combining the boundary changes and the current number of fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade students, Central will continue to be the largest middle school with a projected 814 students. Discovery, the first middle school in Canton, is projected to have 781 students. Next in line are East, 761; West, 721; and Pioneer, 652.

The committee did not change the district policy that middle school students living within 1-1/2 miles of school will walk,

depending on such factors as crossing major streets, contiguous sidewalks, and traffic lights. The committee also didn't change any of the walking areas for the four existing middle schools.

Crossing a major street is one reason students who live west of Canton Center (across the street from Discovery) will not attend the new school. School officials say there are no plans to build an overpass for students.

"Building walkways are expensive and take years to get approval and constructed," said Judy Evola, director of community relations.

The Housing Committee presented the changes to the school board at Tuesday's meeting. "Our downfall has been that

all the middle schools are concentrated together, and not at the population centers of the district," said Sue Davis, school board president. "Nothing is ideal, but I'm glad to see that elementary kids will be moving with their friends to middle school."

Two public forums on the boundary changes will be held at Pioneer Middle School. Information also will be on the district's Web site and at all school buildings. The school board is expected to vote on the changes in November.

If all goes well, students will receive a letter notifying them of next year's middle school assignments in December.

Boundary Information

■ Maps of the proposed boundary changes are on display at each of the district's school buildings.

■ You can find information on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

■ Community information meetings will be held at Pioneer Middle School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

Rate increase from A1

ine said, had been artificially low for years.

Canton's growth as a community, however, has allowed township officials not to dramatically raise sewer rates to make up for the shortfall. Money from water and sewer connection fees, among others, have traditionally made up for sewer fund deficiencies, said

Minghine.

In order to raise rates, the township must amend its Water Supply and Sewer System ordinance.

A first reading of that amendment was made Tuesday at Canton's Board of Trustees meeting. The board will then vote on the increases Oct. 26.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 5, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at Canton Softball Center, 46555 Michigan Avenue. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, Yack
Members Absent: McLaughlin, Shefferly

Staff Present: Bradley, Cann, Carravall, Durack, Fogarty, Gouin, Mills, Wrublewski

Item 1 - Canton Softball Center Update
Mr. Gouin conducted a tour of the center's building and grounds which were acquired by the township in December, 1998. Many improvements were made in 1999 to the playing fields, signage, lighting, parking lot and grounds. Field maintenance vehicles and equipment were displayed for the board. Following the tour of the Center discussion was held with respect to ways to meet the needs of the Center and staff for the best operation and utilization of the facility for the Canton community.

Item 2 - Parks Update
The board was updated on current status and plans for Heritage, Freedom, Independence, Flodin and Griffin Parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.
The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on October 5, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on October 12, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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Students win scholarships

Eight students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been named "Commended Students" in the 2000 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of commendation from National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented to these students.

Receiving honors from Salem High School are Ben Bartlett, Timothy Bodnar, Alicia Christoff, Erin Harleton, Adrienne Muncy, and Nathan Roller. Honors received by Canton High School students included Wesley

G. Farrow and Benjamin J. Heller.

About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the competition for merit scholarship awards to be offered next spring, "Commended Students" placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2000 Merit Program by taking the 1998 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 28, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

CEMENT REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT AT FIRE STA #1

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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HERBERT E. CONANT

Private services were held for Herbert E. Conant, 94, of Plymouth (formerly of Denton) Oct. 13 at Denton Cemetery.

He was born May 5, 1905, in Denton. He died Oct. 10 at Saline Community Hospital.

Mr. Conant was a decedent of a Michigan pioneer family. His grandfather, Samuel Y. Denton established the town of Denton. He later moved his family from the Willow Run Airport area to Plymouth. The original home is registered with the Register of Historical Houses.

Mr. Conant was a member of the Michigan Botanical Club, Salem Farmer's Club and Salem Area Historical Society. He was the Market Master for the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market from the late 1960s to 1973. He graduated in 1920 from Michigan Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) with a teaching certificate. He later attended Michigan

State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in botany and also doing graduate work in botany. He was a substitute teacher for Plymouth Junior High and Plymouth High School. Survivors include his wife, Olivia (Neubauer) Conant; four children, John Conant of Plymouth, Bruce (Susan) Conant of Alaska, James Conant of Calif., and Cynthia Shake of Plymouth; and two grandchildren, Tamra Conant and Colleen Conant.

Memorials may be made to the Salem Area Historical Society for restoration of Stone School, P.O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175.

Local arrangements were made by the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

WALTER V. ZDANOWICZ

Services for Walter V. Zdanowicz, 79, of Plymouth Township were held Oct. 12 at St. Linus Catholic Church with the Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial

was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Feb. 14, 1920, in Hamtramck. He died Oct. 8 in Plymouth Township. He was a mechanic for the City of Detroit for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1983 from East Detroit. Mr. Zdanowicz was a member of St. Linus Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights. He was a veteran of the Armed Services during World War II. He enjoyed vacationing at a cottage in Port Austin, Mich., where he loved to fish.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline Zdanowicz of Plymouth Township; two daughters, Beverly (Dan) Feliks of Northville and Renee (Jim) Ochmanek of Dearborn Heights; one brother, Joe (Jean) Zdanowicz; two sisters, Phyllis Lipiec and Gene (Richard) Greff; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Community Hospice Services or

American Lung Association.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

EDWARD M. SZMANSKY

Services for Edward M. Szmansky, 53, of Plymouth took place Oct. 12 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. David Thomas officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He was born July 19, 1946 in Ypsilanti. He died Oct. 8 in Plymouth. He was a hi-lo driver at General Motors Corp. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict and was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 112 of Westland.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, Edward M. and Carrie B. Szmansky. Survivors include his wife, Judy A. Szmansky of Plymouth; one son, Michael S. Szmansky of Lake Orion; one daughter, Michelle A. Szmansky of Plymouth; two sisters, Sherry (Timothy) L. Potts of Westland and Christine (Jerry) G. Ochs of Belleville; and one brother, John (Robin) D. Szmansky of New Port Richey, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

FRANCES M. SCHULTZ

Services for Frances M. Schultz, 71, of Canton were held Oct. 9 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born March 9, 1928 in Detroit. She died Oct. 7 in Livonia. She was an assembly person and a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna Sikora. Survivors include her two daughters, Darlene L. Owens of Clarkston and Diana L. Schultz-Martin of Clarkston; one sister, Angeline Miller of Anna, Ill.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Gay displays

Issues need to be out in open

The national news has focused on gay rights lately. In Wyoming Aaron McKinney, 22, is on trial for the brutal killing of an openly gay college student. If convicted, McKinney faces the death penalty.

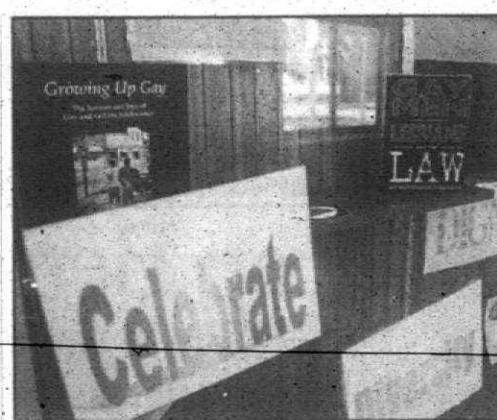
Opening arguments in the trial began Monday, which also coincided with National Coming Out Day for gays and lesbians. October has been designated Gay and Lesbian History Month.

It's not an issue that is going away, although many have closed their eyes to it, especially here in the Plymouth-Canton area. Last week Plymouth-Canton Community Schools made a decision that smacks of discrimination, particularly at a time when more awareness and acceptance of homosexuality is needed.

Two teachers - Mike Chiumento, a music teacher at West Middle School, and Tom Salenblatt, a math teacher at Salem - were ordered by Superintendent Ken Walcott to take down displays of books and other literature supporting gay history after a handful of parents complained.

Whether gay history should be added to the curriculum at the middle school is one debate, but it's not the controversy here. In our view, a silent showcase of gay history that presents the issue in a positive manner is reinforcement against harassment and hate crimes. It's about acceptance and tolerance.

The Observer believes students should be made aware of alternative lifestyles as a way to learn acceptance of diversity. Some may say middle school students are too young to deal with such a complex subject. We disagree. For



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Alternative lifestyles: A closeup view of the display case at West Middle School shows two books about gays and tolerance.

years youngsters on the playground have used slang terminology to describe gays. It's not an unknown subject matter for middle school students, and even children who are much younger. The negative comments about homosexuality are tolerated because it's an issue most parents and educators don't want to discuss. So, the negative feelings and hostility toward homosexuals continues.

For some this may be a religious issue and we can understand that belief. However, by closing our eyes to homosexuality it does not make it go away. The display at West Middle School simply acknowledged that alternative lifestyles do exist. It's a fact of life everyone is aware of whether they accept it or not.

Curtailing AG is wrong move

Legislative bills were recently introduced that would make opinions issued by the state attorney general nonbinding on state departments and prohibit the office from siding against the state in a court case.

One bill would limit opinions on law questions on an "advisory" basis - that is, not binding - on the executive branch of government unless the opinion had been requested by a state officer on behalf of a state department or agency, and the opinion related to that department or agency, its jurisdiction or enforcement authority. Another would prohibit the attorney general from taking, prosecuting or intervening in any action against the state.

Republicans who introduced the bills said the measures only sought to clarify separation of powers for the office of attorney general. One state senator was quoted in a published report as saying the idea that one opinion "trumps everybody else in state government ... is ridiculous."

While the Republicans who introduced the bills insisted the issue is not political, it certainly appears that way. We wonder how John Smetanka or another Republican candidate won the 1998 election whether there would be such a furor surrounding the attorney general's office and opinions. (Of course, we wonder whether Smetanka would have defended consumer rights like the previous attorney general, Frank Kelley, did.)

Under a 1971 Michigan Supreme Court decision, an attorney general's opinion "is not binding interpretation of law which courts must follow but does command allegiance of state agencies." By law, the attorney general is required to give his or her opinion on all

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questions of law when asked by either branch of the Legislature, the governor, the auditor general, the treasurer or any other state officer. At the request of the governor, secretary of state, treasurer or auditor general, the attorney general must prosecute and defend all lawsuits relating to matters connected to their departments.

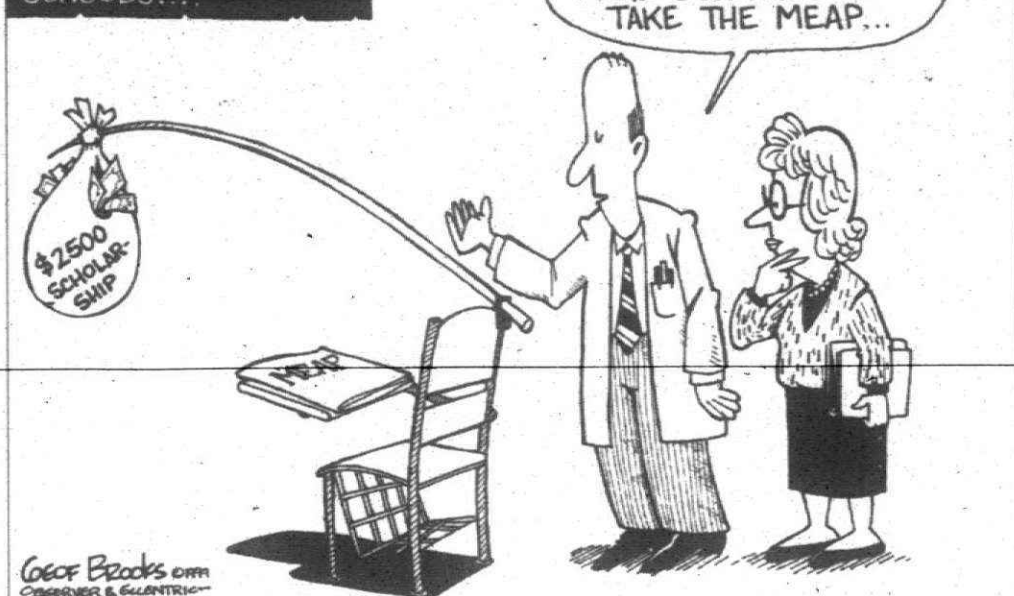
Attorney general opinions often guide the conduct of state departments. Legal questions on the duties of these department officials are often raised and answered by the attorney general on what can and cannot be done.

We have a few questions for the Republicans: Who oversees state government agencies and departments when attorney general opinions are considered "advisory" only? How is the public protected from government? How are consumers protected if the attorney general is quieted and her opinions rendered meaningless?

We doubt that this clarification on "separation of powers" really helps Michigan residents. We hope legislators wise up and let these bills die.

Geof Brooks

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LETTERS

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School district commended

I commend the Plymouth-Canton school administration for their recent order which forced two teachers to take down their displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

In a day and age in which one is said to be "homophobic" and "bigoted" for stating that homosexuality is unnatural and not a practice to be commended, the Plymouth-Canton school administration should receive many thanks for having enough courage to say no to the display of material that honors such perverse behavior.

In my eyes, fear of homosexuals is not what motivates my stance against the unnatural behavior. Nor do I feel that the vast majority of those who view homosexual practice as being wrong, do so out of fear and ignorance of homosexuals. Rather homosexuality is wrong because first of all it is contrary to God's created order of one man and one woman, and secondly, by reason of this created order, it is quite obviously biologically unnatural.

And until those men and women who promote the homosexual lifestyle as being normal and natural, can convince me of the biological evidence supporting their assertion, I will continue to declare homosexual behavior as being a perversion of God's intended design of one man and one woman.

Schools should be a place of higher learning where one is educated in the traditional disciplines, grounding students in the basics while stimulating them to think for themselves and aspire to great things. It should never be turned into a place of indoctrination regarding one's sexual preferences and practices.

Jim Gorski
Plymouth

Narrow minded decision

It is regrettable that the Plymouth-Canton School District has decided to send its students the message that only certain forms of diversity are acceptable.

It is equally regrettable that this decision was apparently based on the complaints of a few anonymous individuals.

Diversity is Diversity. Period. The students deserve better than this narrow-minded lesson.

Jean Sullivan
Canton

Teach academics, honesty

Re: The two teachers who filed grievances because the school officials had gay info removed from two schools, showcase, and display.

These teachers need to ask themselves: Is our agenda to promote gay pride more important than our agenda to educate? They say "there are gay kids at the high school, isolated, verbally abused and assaulted." This may be true. There are all kinds of unfortunate situations among the students. A teacher is not equipped to effectively handle every social concern.

Nor is the school administration equipped to address every social issue. Teachers are certified to teach academics. If, as they say, kids are abused and assaulted due to their sexual preferences, do the teachers have a clinical certificate in social services or psychology?

Did the teachers forget? We have limited resources, and limited time. Not to mention, the school has the core academic curriculum to fulfill.

The best way to help the student. Teach them. The agenda should be to educate according to the curriculum standards i.e. reading, writing and arithmetic. When the students can compute, write and reason at a standard that will employ them as successful adults. After this, then, if there is any time or money left the teachers who have clinical certificates or psychological expertise can delve into peripheral social issues such as sexual preferences. Whether it is homosexual or heterosexual. There are as many complex issues as a heterosexual as there are as a homosexual.

As far as the slogan, "Dignity and Respect" that you say the school has adopted, start by being honest about your agenda.

The act of being honest is not monetary or time consuming. Honesty is the only way to teach dignity and respect.

Dr. Robert L. Merliss
Plymouth

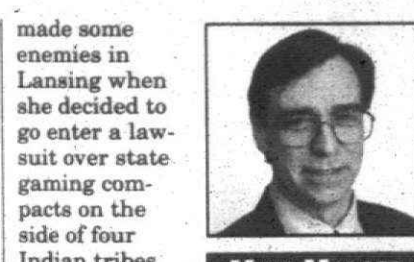
Limiting AG's authority would undercut people's rights

The politics of it are fascinating enough. Republicans control much of state government - the House, the Senate, the governor's office. The one piece they don't control is the attorney general's office.

And now they want to limit the attorney general's powers. A series of bills sponsored by Sen. Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) in the Senate and Reps. Andrew Richner (R-Grosse Pointe Park) and Clark Bisbee (R-Jackson) in the House would significantly reduce her powers.

For one, opinions of the AG would no longer carry the weight they do now. On matters of state law, attorney general opinions are presently seen as having the force of law until and unless overturned by a court. For another, the AG would no longer be able to take on the state government in court unless she gets approval from the governor.

Jennifer Granholm, Michigan's new attorney general and the first female to hold that office, apparently



MIKE MALOTT

made some enemies in Lansing when she decided to go enter a lawsuit over state gaming compacts on the side of four Indian tribes and against the state of Michigan. And Republicans are feeling that they shouldn't have to worry that the attorney general - the state's own lawyer in their view - is going to come after the state itself.

Granholm herself has been quick to point out the political ramifications of the bills, but what has been missing from the discussion so far is the effect on the average state resident. Reduce the authority of the attorney general's office and Joe and Josephine Q. Public will lose a powerful ally in their dealings with Michigan's largest and most powerful corporations, and perhaps

most importantly in their dealings with the state government itself.

No matter how well intentioned the folks who inhabit our bureaucracies may be, be they state or corporate, there are times when they don't operate in our best interests. And when that happens, Mr. and Mrs. Average have only a few choices as to how to handle the matter.

On the one hand, they can pony up the legal fees needed to hire their own attorney. If they do, they had better be prepared to spend big bucks, because the state government and corporations have vast resources they can tap to defend themselves.

Residents can go to the attorney general and try to enlist the support of that office. It does not come automatically. When the AG's office gets a request from a citizen, it reviews it first to see if it is meritorious and whether there is a significant question of state law.

And that is precisely why having the attorney general on your side is

such an attention-getter.

"Someone has to speak for the little guy," said Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield). He comes to the issue from a unique perspective. For one, he's a freshman legislator and a Republican, but he is also an alumnus of the attorney general's office. A lawyer, he worked there for 16 years under Granholm's predecessor, Frank Kelley.

Shulman said he sees nothing wrong with the way the attorney general's office is operating currently. Other lawyers and the courts seem to keep the AG and its opinions in the proper perspective, he said. If there is concern that the attorney general can legislate from her office, the courts have traditionally looked past AG opinions to the intent of the senators and representatives, he said.

There are legitimate issues about the attorney general's office, Shulman argues. He suggests there may be legitimate concern about the amount it can spend hiring independent coun-

sel. Often, the office will contract with an outside law firm to conduct its work on a given legal matter. And if the attorney general's office decides to take on a major corporation, the legal fees could run fairly high.

So perhaps there should be a limitation to, say, require Granholm to get legislative approval before she takes on a case, using an outside law firm, in which the legal fees are expected to exceed \$100,000. After all, it is the Legislature that is supposed to set the state budget.

Now that's a fair issue. But politics aside, if lawmakers put serious curbs on the AG's ability to act in matters on the state and in the area of consumer protection, it will be the residents of Michigan who lose out.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219, or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

They're wrecking Canton

Your recent editorial "Stay informed" (Canton Observer, Sept. 23) discussed how new technology can keep us informed with local government decisions. It ended with the comment "many people are likely to remain apathetic about their government."

I can be placed in that seemingly "apathetic" group. The reality is that many neighbors I know are like me: a working professional, married to the same, involved with our children's after-school activities, involved in church, helping at the school and sometimes taking mandatory classes to remain current in our respective fields. Within that mix, our parents and sometimes grandparents need us.

We rely on our elected officials to represent us. I watch the government cable channel and feel angst over the

beauty that drew me to this community turning to brick, pavement and commercialism (another Home Depot?).

I attended the planning commission meetings regarding the Farmer Jack strip mall replacing the pastoral greenery that was once on Canton Center. We expressed our concerns that Canton is losing its aesthetic beauty, the grocery store is not needed, the roads are far behind the development, etc. Many, many people expressed these concerns. It was amazingly futile. Developers saw profit and Canton government officials complimented them on the wonderful architecture they planned for the strip mall.

Canton officials continue to approve hundreds and hundreds of building permits, unlike any other town in Wayne or Oakland counties. We, "the apathetic," are in reality the

concerned who are sadly watching.

Sharlot Cerullo
Canton

Columnist was right

I agree with the column by Mary Rodrique in the Canton Observer (Sept. 30) 100 percent regarding the location of the third high school.

Personally, I feel we should have the third high school as far away from the other two as possible. Having had a daughter graduate from Plymouth Canton in 1997 and another son supposed to graduate in 2000 (who knows if he will as he is "slipping through the cracks"), I can attest to students being lost in the shuffle. I have two more coming up through the ranks (one is in third grade, the other in first grade categorical classroom, i.e. special ed).

My daughter had been an honor student through middle school. Upon arriving at the high school, her grades started slipping in 10th grade. She quit sports - too competitive, too many girls - she was on track and cross country, tried out for basketball and volleyball - last one out and was tormented by other students during the long walks between schools. After my intervention, at least she graduated and is attending Wayne State University.

My son, on the other hand, became a number and has become lost in the shuffle. After conferences in ninth grade with an assistant principal, a social worker, a psychologist, and a counselor (all he cares about are his seniors), there wasn't any way to get him help with school other than to classify him as ADHD or learning impaired. He fights with others who start fights during passing time to the

two schools, he never arrives at class on time (six minutes is not enough). My daughter had this problem too, and when too many juries come up, will skip class.

Now with no accountability with the attendance unless the parent calls to find the cumulative absences and tardies, we don't need this!

I feel that the smaller school setting, which everyone screams about in the elementary level (i.e. classroom size) is what is at hand here - a separate high school away from the other two. This is the same type of issue! Too many children, not enough accountability, personalization, and learning/teaching environment.

I agree with you.

Kathie Maxwell

Driving stipulations clear as mud

To: C. R. Thelen, Director
Program Support and Testing Division
Michigan Department of State
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I recently received from you a letter addressed to my son, Nathan Power. Nathan is 17 years old. He has a level 2 Michigan graduated driving license. Although Nathan disagrees with me, I think the graduated license program is a fine idea because it sets up an incentive for new drivers to drive safely for a period before they get an unrestricted license.

Nathan is a good case in point. The speeding ticket (45 mph in a 40 zone) he got in August is his third since he started driving. Both Nathan and I realized at the time that he was going to have to wait a while longer before getting an unrestricted license.

I believe your letter has to do with this violation, although I must say it's hard to tell because of the way it's written.

It starts: "Your level 2 license is now extended through 08/21/2000 and your probationary period is now scheduled to end on 06/17/2000." The extension to Aug. 21, 2000 seems reasonable; that's a year after his speeding ticket. But why does the probationary period end on June 17? Doesn't that just confuse things?

Your letter goes on to say that before Nathan can get a level 3 license, he "must drive 12 consecutive months prior to your eligibility date without any of the events shown in the shaded area posted to your record. Your current probationary level 2 will be extended until these requirements are met or until you reach the age of 18, whichever is sooner."

I take it you mean that Nathan must have a clean driving record for a year before he gets an unrestricted license. But the new term, "probationary level 2" throws me. Is this an entirely new category? Or is it just a typo meaning probationary?

The events in the shaded area (why it should be shaded is not clear to me) are also confusing. "Receive a traffic conviction/civil infraction or probate court disposition" is probably understandable by a practicing lawyer, but to a 17-year-old?

"An accident in which you are cited for a hazardous action" seems relatively clear, but "violation of your graduated licensing permit?" I thought the shaded area included things that were violations of the graduated licensing permit.

The sentence above the shaded area reads:



PHIL POWER

"The probationary period is extended each time one of the events shown in the shaded area is posted during the last 10 months of the three-year probationary period."

By how much is the probationary period extended? A year? Ten months? And what is so significant about the last 10 months of the probationary ("probationary") period? The last sentence of the letter was the clearest: "If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the nearest Secretary of State branch office."

Now don't get me wrong. I'm fairly cross at Nathan's driving record, and we've had some strong words about it. But Nathan understands that the consequence of his speeding is delay of his unrestricted license. He's learning to drive better and he's learning something about accepting the consequences of his own behavior. That's great.

But I'd hope that a letter from your office hammering in that valuable message could be written in simple, clear English that makes these points in a way understandable to a 17-year-old.

I fear the lawyers in your office have got hold of a perfectly reasonable policy and gummed it up with incomprehensible legalisms. Don't feel badly, though. This problem affects virtually all communications citizens receive from their government.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at ppower@homecomm.net or at (734) 665-4081.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
How do you think the Red Wings will do this season?



George Klah
Canton



Julie Dieken
Canton



Mary Salata
Canton



Heather Thornton
Westland

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.

"If they stay healthy they should do it."

"I don't think they're going to do too well. They don't seem like they're into it."

"They're going to win it all. I have no question. I live and die for them."

"I think they'll do well. But it will depend on teamwork."

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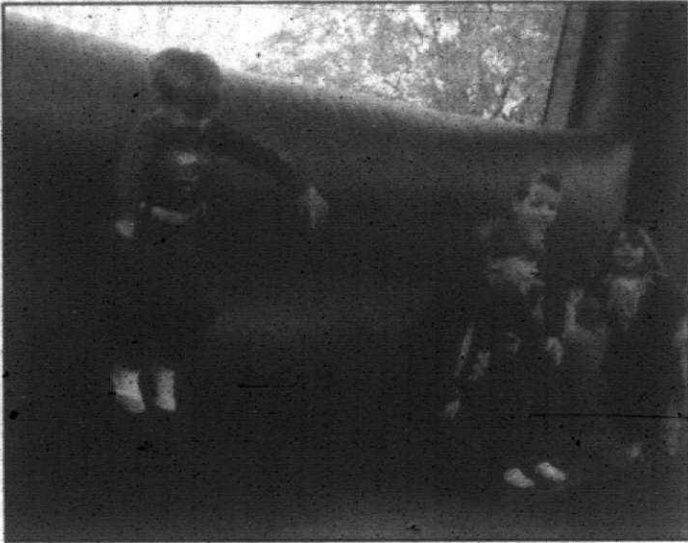
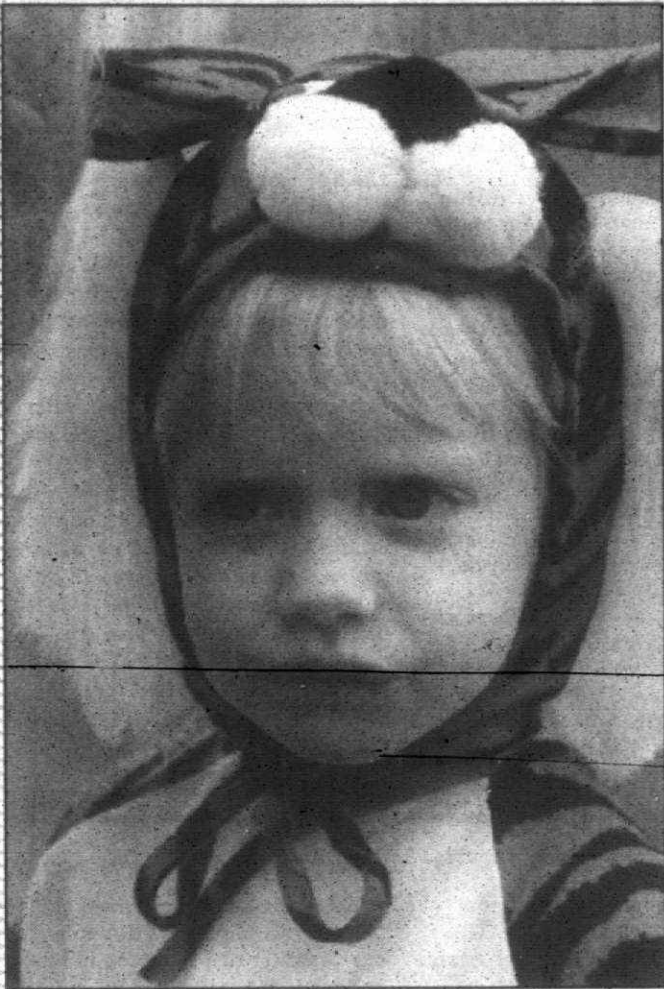
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Brookside Village puts on a block party



First party: Callum Parnell, 6 months, attended the party dressed up snugly in a knitted duck suit. His sister, Alexandra, 5, (not pictured) was a pink Crayola crayon.

All dressed up: Shannon Kozlowski, 3, dressed as a tiger, checks out the Canton Fire Department trucks at Saturday's block party in the Brookside Village subdivision. Firefighters let kids sit in the cabs during their visit. Many of the children were dressed in Halloween costumes for the annual event. Pictured above right, Superman, a.k.a. Jake Kuhn, 6, is flying - or rather bouncing - in the moon walk. He is accompanied by Mitchell Linden, Brittany Kuhn, 5, and an unidentified moon walker.

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"I'll go outside more often," she said. "My daughter is so happy now, I can go to the bus stop with her in the morning."

Pool believes a divine power will help her overcome the disease which has no cure.

"I'm gonna make it through this. I have to, I have a 12-year-old daughter to raise," she said.

It's hard for Pool herself to believe that just two years ago, she was teaching special education at Haggerty Elementary in Belleville.

"Look at me here, this was two years ago," she says, taking out a picture frame with her and her daughter inside. "Look how much this has aged me."

"I'll explain (fibromyalgia) this way: You know when you wake up in the morning with a crick in your neck, you turn your head from side to side and the pain you feel going from your neck to your shoulder? Try having that pain all day. Or when you stretch your legs and get a charley horse? Imagine having that pain with you all day long," Pool said.

Pool also has narcolepsy, a sleep disorder caused by irregular breathing patterns at night that cuts off oxygen to the brain.

In the daytime, sometimes during meals or even phone conversations, Pool will "pass out."

"I'm actually just falling asleep," she says. "I've fallen face-down into a plate of food."

A small group of firefighters have donated their time and effort to build the access ramp.

Lieutenant Jim Davidson said the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation learned of Pool's situation through the township's volunteer coordinator, Maureen Karby.

Home Depot donated the wood for the project.

"It's worthwhile, especially after talking to Mrs. Pool," Davidson said. "She's very appreciative of what we're doing for her."

A proficient typist and writer, Pool uses her talents to help out fellow teachers and schools.

A \$600,000 grant proposal she wrote for Crescent Academy was recently approved. Pool did the work voluntarily.

"Giving is what we're here for. God just gives it back. What the firefighters and Home Depot are doing is a perfect example," Pool said.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET

Veterinary Notes

by
Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

KENNEL COUGH

Kennel cough, or infectious tracheobronchitis, is an upper respiratory disease that is common in unvaccinated dogs. Most often caused by the parainfluenza virus and bordetella bacteria, it is very contagious and can be picked up at grooming shops, public parks, veterinary clinics, or any place where dogs interact. Symptoms result from inflammation and irritation of the trachea, throat, and nasal passages. The disease starts as a dry, hacking cough and often develops into a severe, honking-type cough. Sneezing and nasal discharge usually accompany the cough. Sudden bouts of uncontrolled coughing are also common, and the dog may expel a white, frothy fluid from the trachea or other air passages. Dogs should be vaccinated annually to protect against kennel cough.

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JACK GLADDEN

Courteous driving starts with parking

The other evening I dropped The Teenager off for a class at a bowling alley. It's a big alley, pretty much surrounded by parking lots. And the lots are usually jammed.

The main entrance is on the east side of the building. There's a two-lane drive that runs along that side of the building, with parking places on both sides of the drive.

The Teenager's class was scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m., and she didn't want to be late. We got to the bowling alley a couple of minutes after six. It was raining. I pulled around the building so I could get in the south-bound lane, stop briefly in front of the main entrance, let her out and go on.

A van was stopped directly in front of the entrance, and two other cars were stopped behind the van. I pulled up behind the last car and stopped.

The Teenager and I both figured the drivers were dropping off their kids and as soon as they got out and the cars moved on, I'd pull forward, let her out as close to the entrance as possible and move out of the way myself, so the cars that were starting to line up behind me could do the same thing.

But the cars in front of me didn't move. They just sat there.

"You know," I said to The Teenager, "there's another class that starts at four and lets out at six. I'll bet these people are waiting to pick up their kids. But they're parked in a traffic lane."

Wait no longer

She didn't want to wait any longer, so she got out and walked the remaining distance to the entrance in the rain. I started to pull into the north-bound lane, go around the cars that were stopped in front of me and get out of there.

But just as I started to pull out, a couple of other cars showed up in the northbound lanes (going north), so I had to wait for them to pass.

They went through. I started my maneuver again when a little red car shows up northbound. This one pulls just even with the van - and stops! The driver had her window rolled down, and for a minute I thought she was in conversation with the driver of the van.

I finally realized that she, too, was parked - presumably waiting to pick someone up. Now both traffic lanes are completely blocked, and I (and the people in back of me) couldn't go anywhere. Someone behind me starts leaning on the horn. Then someone else. Then I joined in. The parked cars just sat there.

By now other teenagers are starting to come out of the bowling alley, looking around and getting into cars, some of which are actually parked in parking places. Someone got into the van in front of the entrance and it drove off. The woman driving the northbound red car opens her door, steps out of the car and starts looking toward the entrance.

Where's she going?

Then the woman in the car directly in front of me gets out of her car (keys in her hand) and goes up the steps toward the entrance. Behind me horns are blaring.

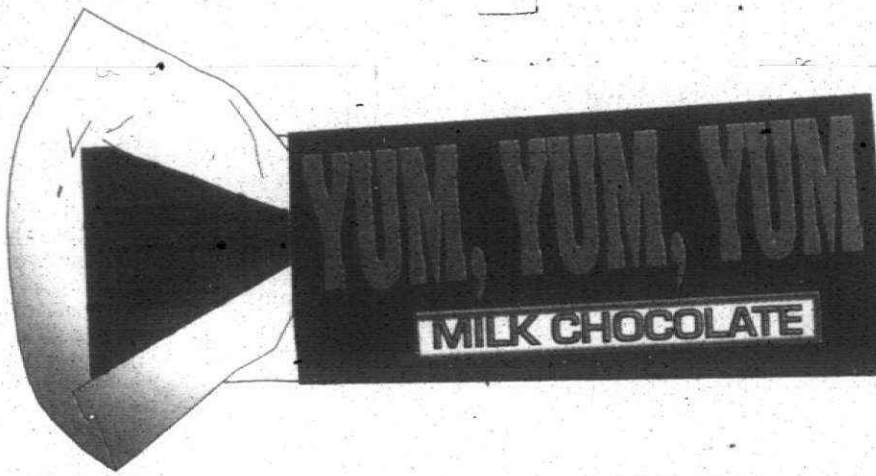
Finally, a couple of teens come out of the building, get in the northbound red car and it starts to move out of the way. About the same time the woman in front of me returns to her car (a couple of kids in tow) and starts shaking her fist at me.

She's parked in a traffic lane, keeping a row of traffic from being able to get out of the parking lot and she's ticked because we are honking at her. She's really ticked.

Well, you might sniff haughtily, what do you expect at a bowling alley?

But the bowling alley was merely the location. It has a couple of meeting rooms inside, and that was where the driver's training classes were meeting.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
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Joe Gerlach wishes he could say that owning his own business is a piece of cake.

But since he bought Garden City Bakery in Garden City and Ideal Cakes in Canton, Gerlach discovered that being his own boss doesn't necessarily coincide with the sense of freedom some people might associate with it. It takes all the right ingredients.

"You have to be everything when you own your own business," he said. "I have to be a mechanic, an accountant, human resources," he said.

Gerlach and his wife, Tina, ventured into their own bakery business just over a month ago, to furnish Wayne County with specialty cakes and sweet treats. He said the most difficult part of this decision is "trying to meet everyone's needs on a daily basis."

But he wakes up each morning and goes to work in the hopes that someday he'll be able to pass the business on to his children.

"It's a lot of hard work ... this is something I've been doing for most of my life," he said. "I would like to have a father and son sign someday that says 'Established in 1999.'"

For now he's relying on his own skill and experience to get it started. In college, he changed his major from forestry to restaurant management. That education led him to work at Hyatt Hotels and later Ford Motor Company's food service division.

Garden City Bakery and Ideal Cakes were purchased together. Tina took a leave of absence from her career as a registered nurse to support her husband in this venture.

"He made our wedding cake," she said. "He had always wanted to start his own business, so we did."

Although the tempting smell of sugar and icing permeates the air at Ideal Cakes, the baked goods are actually made by Joe at the Garden City Bakery and delivered to the shop twice daily.

Cakes are always on hand in the Canton store, and all employees are

Cake walk:

Joe Gerlach dreamed of starting his own business and got his chance when he and his wife Tina recently bought the Garden City Bakery and Ideal Cakes.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

By the slice: Knife in hand, Denise Picard cuts a freshly made batch of peanut butter fudge for customers at Grunwald's Fudge Shoppe. Picard runs the store, making and keeping the sweets organized and displayed in the Plymouth shop.

specially trained in cake decorating and personalizing.

Working at the store has given Tina a new appreciation for her husband's work.

"I never really got into it before," she said. "It is an art. Wedding cakes are special."

Wedding cakes should be ordered three to six months in advance, she said. The biggest rush is in the spring, but Valentine's Day can be a hectic time as well.

The rest of the store is dedicated to the customers' baking needs. To make it easier, Ideal Cakes sells its fresh vanilla and chocolate buttercream

frostings and raspberry filling at the store.

More than just cakes

Cakes aren't the only desserts available. Candy-making tools can be purchased as well. Molds for chocolates are popular around the holidays, according to Tina. This time of year the store is selling a lot of football-shaped molds and Halloween-related items.

Coming from a nursing background, Tina enjoys dealing with customers, who always seem to be in a cheerful mood.

"I'm not dealing with people who are depressed, sick or dying," she said. "Everyone walks out happy. It's a fun atmosphere."

Another place that puts a smile on the faces of its customers, Grunwald's Fudge Shoppe, has been serving sweet toothed patrons in downtown Plymouth for 17 years.

Known for being a successful family-owned business and for providing quality fudges, brittles and candy treats since the start, the shop began as Leonard and Peggy Grunwald's wholesale business in 1981.

The couple worked together making, packaging, selling and distributing the fudge. Leonard, who died in 1995, had a background in fudge-making and used it to the family's

benefit after he and his wife were both laid off from their jobs.

"This was something he knew how to do," said Peggy. "He worked for another company for several years and learned how to do it."

Using his own knowledge of making Mackinac Island-style fudge, Leonard set out to learn about how climate and setting all effect the product. His own recipe became a creamy blend of time, experience and know-how.

Just after Thanksgiving Day 1982, the Grunwalds decided to open the store in Plymouth. Their daughter, Darla Getschman, a Howell resident, said she had always had an affinity for the area.

"It was a big treat," she said. "I just loved this shop, this area."

Her mother agrees.

"We looked at places from Birmingham to Canton; it was like there wasn't even a choice," Peggy said. "This was where we wanted to be."

Opening the shop gave them constant contact with their customers and greater control over the product, which remains important today.

"Every one says our fudge just melts in your mouth," said Peggy with a smile. "It's always the same recipe. I have a candy book (that reads) fudge is the most exacting of

Please see SWEETS, B2

Pumpkin sales fuel employment program

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Pumpkins sold outside a Redford church don't have smiles carved on them yet, but customers will know they're making a lot of people happy with their purchases.

Proceeds from the orange squash sale go to a Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, N.M. The area has a 50 percent unemployment rate.

In 1997 non-profit organizations throughout the United States raised more than \$1 million for programs, projects and salaries for Native-Americans involved with this project.

This is the second year Rice Memorial United Methodist Church on Beech Daly south of Eight Mile will take part in the fall fund-raiser.

"I think it really drew the people together and gave them more of a sense that we need to be more active and doing things for others," said the Rev. Greg Rowe, pastor of Rice Memorial.

Rice Memorial also takes part in the Redford Inter-faith Relief Food Pantry, provid-

ing food to needy people in the township, as well as the annual CROP Walk, for local and world hunger relief efforts. In fact, Rowe is the Redford CROP Walk chairperson.

"It really helps us to have connections with people somewhere else in our country," Rowe said.

In 1998 members of Rice Memorial worked shifts, selling 700 pumpkins and earning \$2,389 for Pumpkin Patch Fund-raisers Inc, which grows pumpkins, Indian corn and gourds on 950 acres at the reservation. The pumpkins are shipped to non-profit organizations, primarily churches in 40 states.

About 300 Navajo Indians are employed as a result of this project. Their average yearly income is between \$2,000 and \$6,000.

"Last year we had a very positive response to the sale," Rowe said. "People were coming in realizing it was for missions and helping other people and they cheerfully bought it from the church. Some bought a few and came back and bought a few more."

Please see PUMPKINS, B2



Pumpkin time: Guilia Bernardini couldn't help but strike a pose in front of the decorations at last year's Pumpkin Festival at Rice Memorial United Methodist Church in Redford.

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all the culinary arts. It's sensitive to climate, changes in humidity, how far up the ceiling is. Everything has an effect on it. You can't just do it the same every time."

That is knowledge the Grunwald family holds true. Getschman, who owns the shop, says it takes approximately one hour to make a batch of 25 pounds of Grunwald's fudge. Basic ingredients include sugar, corn syrup and butter, added to a flavor.

After weighing the ingredients, the mixture is cooked in a giant copper kettle. Once the mixture reaches the desired temperature, it is poured into a metal frame to cool.

The 'instinct'

That's where the fudge-making "instinct" comes into play. Once cooled, Getschman uses a spatula to separate the fudge from the pan and places it on a marble table top to cool, working the fudge with a spatula the whole time. They make five-six batches daily, and almost double that amount around the holidays.

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS
7:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Special Meeting was called to order at 7:43 a.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Karen M. Woodside
Agenda adopted.
Emergency Sewer Repairs - approved.
The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

THOMAS J. YACK
Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE FOR
KEY PLASTICS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Key Plastics, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The request covers the cost of new machinery and equipment for their facility located at 40300 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Telephone number 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
201 S. MAIN STREET
Plymouth, MI 48170
CITY LEAD & COPPER TESTING NOTICE

The City of Plymouth is required to collect five (5) routine water samples every six months or monitoring period and have them analyzed for the presence of lead and copper contaminants to determine compliance with the state drinking water standard. The City has been notified by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that it has violated state regulations for monitoring its drinking water for lead and copper contaminants. No samples were collected from the City of Plymouth water system during the first six-month monitoring period of 1999. The violation does not pose a threat to the quality of the water supply. Residents do not need to seek alternative water supplies.

The City of Plymouth is currently making arrangements to collect the required water samples for the current testing period. City Staff will be making contact with the selected residents to arrange for the collection of water samples for testing.

Again, the testing is routine and all previous test results have shown that the City's Lead & Copper contaminants are below the action level and require no further action by the City or the user.

Water Customers with questions regarding the lead and copper-testing program should call 734-453-1234 extension 502.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAR
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF
CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That the Planning Commission has received a request from VHM Associates, L.L.C. for Approval of the Cluster Housing Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83, as amended. The subject property is located on the west side of Ridge Road, south of Temple Baptist Church and north of Forest Road and west of Plymouth Township. The subject property is located on the west side of Ridge Road, south of Temple Baptist Church and north of Forest Road and west of Plymouth Township. The subject property is located on the west side of Ridge Road, south of Temple Baptist Church and north of Forest Road and west of Plymouth Township.

Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Division of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The address for the meeting is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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the responsibilities at Grunwald's House of Fudge. But being surrounded by enticing treats took a little getting used to, according to Getschman.

A sweet tooth

By working at the store, she admits she's definitely become "more of a sweet tooth." In the beginning she said she "couldn't stop eating it." Her mother attributes that to the quality of the product.

"It's natural and it's good stuff, the aroma is clean," she said.

Grunwald's is seeking an addition to its staff. Each one is considered family.

"When people work for us, they don't walk away and forget us," said Peggy.

And they are not forgotten. Getschman, Grunwald and Picard make constant references to former employees they still keep in touch with, restating the obvious - Grunwald's is more than a family business, it's a vital and constant component of the Plymouth community.

Joe and Tina Gerlach seem to be headed in the same direction.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, October 28, 1999 for the following:

City Tree Removal, Stump Grinding & Tree Pruning Services

Specifications and Proposal Forms are available at the Office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR BID POLICE VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

The Charter Township of Plymouth Police Department is seeking bids for repair and maintenance service for its fleet of approximately twenty-four (24) vehicles. The contract period will run from approximately February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

The Police Department utilizes all American made vehicles consisting of General Motors, Chrysler Corporation and Ford Motor Company products. The successful bidder must meet and comply with the Township of Plymouth Affirmative Action Ordinance.

Bid packets containing specifics may be obtained from the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids must be received by 4 P.M. on December 3, 1999.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential
TO REZONE TO: VP, Vehicular Parking
DATE OF HEARING: October 20, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "Single Family Residential" District, to VP, "Vehicular Parking". Containing 0.55 acres, more or less.

Application #1591

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Lots 174, 265, 269 and 270 including vacated Oakview R.O.W. Wide Green Meadows Subdivision, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Liber 61 Page 84, Wayne County.

ORDINANCE NO. 83
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 113
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
EFFECTIVE DATE _____

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

The Redford Suburban League's 26th annual Festival of Fashion 99 craft show will start at 10 a.m., Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecom.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

ST. DAMIAN
St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 16 at the school, 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads, Westland. There will be 70 crafters featured, and admission will be \$1.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore Catholic Church's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free. There will be a variety of crafts available, hourly door prizes, raffle and refreshments and baked goods for sale.

ST. AIDAN
The women of St. Aidan Catholic Church will have a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will be a bake sale, craft raffle and hot lunches.

REDFORD SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Pumpkins from page B1

Excited about last year's successful sales, this year the church has requested a shipment of more than 1,000 pumpkins and is hoping to raise about \$3,500.

The pumpkins are sold by the pound and will be available daily "from morning until dark" through Halloween Day, Rowe said.

"It's a pretty nice time to sit out in the fresh air and talk to the people who stop by to buy pumpkins," Rowe said.

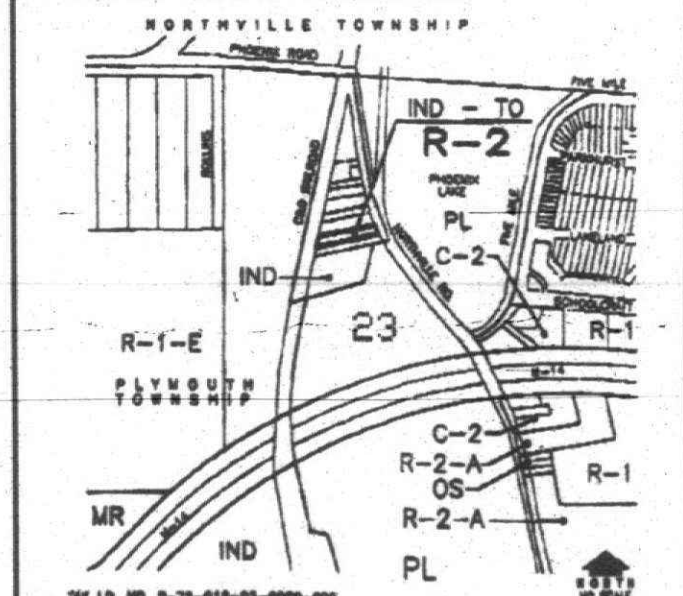
The prices may not be the cheapest, Rowe added, but people will know that their money is going for a good cause. They're also a better quality than a lot of other retail stores, because the pumpkins at United Methodist Church are rotated daily by members of the congregation to prevent them from getting mushy.

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO REZONE FROM: IND - INDUSTRIAL
TO REZONE TO: R-2 - TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DATE OF HEARING: OCTOBER 20, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from IND, "INDUSTRIAL" District, to R-2, "TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL". Containing 0.37 acres, more or less.

Application #1599



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Westfal-Harrington

Gerald and Paulette Westfal of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Michael Wayne Harrington of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design and psychology and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree in clinical behavioral psychology and graduate certificate in gerontology. She is employed at Behavioral Healthcare Group of Southfield and Heigra Programs as a therapist.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Washenaw Community College with an associate of applied science degree in nursing. He is employed as a registered nurse at Glacier Hills Nursing Center.

A November wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



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Toppall-Salter

Arlene and Harold Salter of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Howard Alan, to Elaine Ruth Toppall, the daughter of Harold and Marcia Toppall of Silver Spring, Md.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ithaca College. She works in the public relations department at The American College of Emergency Physicians in Washington, D.C.

Her fiancé is a Central Michigan University graduate. He works for public affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C.

A November wedding in Baltimore is being planned.



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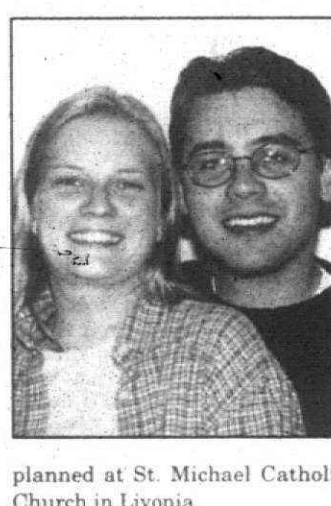
Byrne-Collins

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Byrne of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, to Michael Collins Jr., the son of Michael Collins Sr. of Georgia and Sharon Pachota of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Ladywood High School and a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

A November wedding is planned at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.



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ENGAGEMENTS

Gajor-Larkins

Wally and Kaye Gajor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynn, to Scott Matthew Larkins, the son of Scott and Sharon Larkins of Harper Woods.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently a second-grade teacher in Clarkston.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Harper Woods High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a telecommunications consultant for BCS Networks.

A June wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.



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Pritchard-Veldman

Clifford Pritchard of Waterford and Lisa Geluso of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Dawn Pritchard, to Cory Donald Veldman, the son of David and Jean Veldman of Plymouth, Wisc.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Parkview Baptist Academy and is a senior at Pensacola Christian College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth High School and is a senior at Pensacola Christian College.

A July wedding is planned at Parkview Baptist Church.



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Baynal-Tyrpak

Stephen Baynal of Dearborn Heights announces the engagement of his daughter, Angie, to Chris Tyrpak, the son of David and Carol Tyrpak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is teaching the fourth-grade in the Allen Park Public Schools.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is teaching sixth grade in the Novi Community Schools.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.



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BEAR COMES TO EDUCATION EXPO!

BEAR in the BIG BLUE HOUSE

FROM Jim Henson TELEVISION

Special appearance by Bear from Disney Channel's Bear in the Big Blue House.

TICKETS ARE FREE! EXTREMELY LIMITED SEATING! Tickets available only at Ed Expo and will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

Ticket distribution times:
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1:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
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Take The KidsWorld Challenge featuring an obstacle course full of athletic thrills.

Buy-out at Kids' Kraft Corner and create a free insect craft.

Got Milk? Have a "milk moustache" picture taken.

Learn how to build healthy habits at The Healthy Kids Corner.

Learn how to stay street smart and home safe at The Safety Zone.

BIA Remodelors Council presents...

Meet The Experts At The

of Remodeling

A panel of experts will tell you what you need to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, home additions, baths and financing.

Ask the experts:
Moderator: Michael Gordon - Moiseev Gordon Associates, Inc.
• Eric Brakke - Remodelors Council Chairperson
• Fred I. Capaldi - Capaldi Building Company
• Mike Harris - Harris Group Construction
• Charlene Hill - Cornish Zack Hill
• Dave Kellett, Sr. - Kellett Construction
• Sam Kreis - Countrywide Home Loans
• John Newmyer - Newmyer, Inc.

Bring A Picture Of Your Home And Get Ideas For A Whole New Look!

DATE: Wednesday, October 27, 1999
TIME: 6:00 p.m. Registration & Table Tops
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Program
LOCATION: Bloomfield Township Library
1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills
(southeast corner of Lone Pine/
17 Mile Road at Telegraph Road)
COST: FREE

CALL (248) 737-4477 To Register

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

PLYMOUTH ORCHARDS

The Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers hayrides with story telling to families on Friday and Saturday nights in October. Award-winning story teller Debra Christian weaves tales for the fall season. Hayrides include the story telling performance, cider, and doughnuts. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$7 for children ages 4-12, and \$3 for children under 3. Hayrides run the last four weekends of October at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. For reservations, call (734) 451-1128.

DINNER SOCIAL

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singles will host its next dinner social at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the City Limits Grill (formerly the Water Club Grill), 38500 Ann Arbor Road, 1/4 mile off I-275. Adults ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities, please write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singles, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

D & M will be holding a "Halloween Ceramics Workshop," Saturday, Oct. 16 at D & M Studios located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton. For more information on this workshop or classes, call the Studio at (734) 453-3710.

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

The Plymouth Canton High School Cheerleaders will teach cheers, side jumps, cart wheels, tumbling techniques and more. The clinic is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in Summit on the Park gymnasium, for youngsters in grades four through eight. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents. Participants will have a chance to perform what they have learned at a high school game. Lunch and a snack will be provided, and all participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

WORKSHOP

Keller & Stein will be having a fresh arrangement workshop using a real pumpkin Saturday, Oct. 23 at 42158 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Fee is \$10. Reservation in advance is a must. For more information, call Terri at (734) 397-0800. Class fill fast.

AROUND TOWN

COURT FORUM

The 35th District Court will hold three community forums for local residents to talk about the criminal justice system, review the court's performance and offer suggestions on how the court can better serve the public. The meetings are scheduled for: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Plymouth City Hall; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at

Northville Township Hall

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Canton Township administration building. The data gathered at these meetings will be published and provided back to the communities as part of an annual report, and helpful ideas will be implemented into the court's operations.

BNI MEETING

The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

SHOW AND TELL

The Canton Historical Society will host a "Show and Tell" meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the museum on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Everyone is asked to bring an antique, interesting artifact or one or two items of something they collect to share. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Parking is at the rear of the building.

DAR MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter DAR will meet for a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, Oct. 18, at the home of Sandy Rakoczy. The program is titled "Bringing Our Veterans Home," and collection for the Veterans Christmas and Christmas nut orders will be taken. For more information, call (734) 455-5525.

NACW

The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$15 for members and \$22 for non-members. The featured speaker will be Ann Musson of Gabriela's. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

SPELLING BEE

The Community Literacy Council Inc., will hold its annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Summit on the Park in Canton to raise awareness and money for its literacy program. To reserve space for your team or for more information about the Community Literacy Council, call Kimberly Black at (734) 416-4906.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 26th "Festival of Fashion '99" beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3738.

U-M honors area student

Jamie Vergari of Plymouth has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Michigan.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service. For more information, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in Washington, D.C., at (202) 234-5295; or visit the Society's web page at www.nscs.org.



Jamie Vergari

Madonna University

is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase," 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday, or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

OCTOBERFEST

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 4th annual "Octoberfest" for children of all ages from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. This spectacular event will be held under tents and around the Heritage Park Picnic Pavilions. There will be continuous stage entertainment by Gordon Russ Magic Halloween show, Shawn Jacobs children's variety show, and the "Just Joshin'" show. In addition, strolling entertainment includes balloon animal makers, Cool Cat, Hamburger, Clowns, Face Painters, the Invisible Man, and Applebee's Restaurants Characters. In addition, there will be prizes, giveaways throughout the day as well as an Art Workshop in which kids can make and take home a theme art project. Miniature train rides will be touring the park and several inflatable attractions will also be on site. New for this year will be a six Horse Carousel for the

kids. Refreshments (cider and doughnuts) will be available on site, thanks to Holiday Marker. Children are encouraged to come in costume. No registration necessary. This free event is for anyone. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

FORUM

Meet with senators and representatives for "Michigan Summit on School Equity," moderated by WWJ Lansing Correspondent, Tim Skubick. This forum will provide for a discussion of the issues regarding public education from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at the Plymouth Salem High School Cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road, Canton (near the corner of Canton Center Road and Joy Road). Time for audience participation will be provided. For more information, call Mark Slavens at (734) 421-5210.

EVENT

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a workshop "Women Who Give Love Too Much," from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. This workshop, addresses this difficult and common pitfall in women. It is geared toward gaining awareness in the areas of self-esteem, co-dependency, depression and family management.

MOPS MEETING

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child-care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join us for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Friday of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for the fall session. Registration can be done over the phone with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 453-2904, or in person at the Y office at 248 S. Union, Plymouth. Some of the classes offered are Step Aerobics, Yoga, Youth and Adult Golf, Youth and Adult Karate, "Y" Preschool, T-Ball Leagues for ages 5-6, Coach Pitch League for ages 7-8, Flag Football Instructional League for ages 8-13, Outdoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Hodge Podge Sports for ages 3-5, Tykes T-Ball, ages 3-5, Bumble Bee Soc-

cer for ages 3-5, Driver Education and other classes.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

D&M STUDIOS

In cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation, is offering fine art classes for preschoolers through adult. Classes include Preschool sessions, Homeschoolers, Student and Teen Drawing & Painting, Cartooning, Student and Teen Studio Art, High School Portfolio Preparation, adult Pastels, adult Oil/Acrylic/Watercolor, or Basic and Advanced Drawing Skills, and Adult Charcoal and Ceramics for children and adults. For more information call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts & music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies & TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing these topics, or even just some of them is invited to join the "Shooting the Breeze" group. A small donation of \$5 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For additional information and to register, call Dianne Neithen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The new Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Chorus to support its educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants, hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. For more information, call (734) 459-6829.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. You can also pick-up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 519 Penman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

Chorus is raising money by selling the Ultimate Entertainment Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50-percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more. The books are \$40, with

the proceeds going to the chorus' educational and charitable activities. For more information or to order books, call Stan (734) 459-6829, or books are available through Carlson Wagonlit Travel, 44427 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

They have seven children - Fred, Kathy, David, Donald, Kenneth, Sharon and Ronald - and 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He retired nine years ago from a job with the Detroit Board of Education. She retired four years ago from Schoolcraft College.

Active at St. William's Parish

in Milford, their interests include bowling, card playing, dancing and singing. He plays the guitar. They also are former members of the Moose Lodge in Redford.

Jack and Marion Brown

of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows

on Oct. 1, 1949, at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Marion Kennedy.

They have four children -

Sharon Snyder of Livonia, Jack or Travers City, Rick of Manistee and Lynn McClure of Diamond Lake - and 10 grandchildren. He is a retired teacher, having worked in the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools.

Wojtowicz

Louis and Ellen Wojtowicz of Livonia were the guests of honor at a surprise party at the Commerce Township home of their son Keith and his wife Donna.

Friends and family members

enjoyed a pig roast and a live band. Attending were the couple's maid of honor, Patricia Burkholder of Northville, and best man, Ray Taraski of Mt. Clemens.

The couple exchanged vows on

July 2, 1949, at St. John Vianney Church in Highland Park.

She is the former Ellen Eckler.

In addition to Keith, they are the parents of Randy who lives with wife Mary in Detroit, Kevin of Novi, Lisa who lives with husband Ron in Dearborn Heights and Glenn of Livonia. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired from Mark Chevrolet

in Wayne, he enjoys camping, golfing and bowling. Her hobbies include camping, bowling, short trips and going to Las Vegas.

still active in the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association.

The couple enjoy traveling.

ANNIVERSARIES

Smith

Harvey and Loretta Smith of Milford were the guests of honor at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party, held Sept. 24 at the Stitt Post of the American Legion in Dearborn Heights.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 1, 1949 at St. Francis Church in Detroit. She is the former Loretta Papow.

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Jack and Marion Brown of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 1, 1949, at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Marion Kennedy.

They have four children - Sharon Snyder of Livonia, Jack or Travers City, Rick of Manistee and Lynn McClure of Diamond Lake - and 10 grandchildren. He is a retired teacher, having worked in the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools.

Wojtowicz

Louis and Ellen Wojtowicz of Livonia were the guests of honor at a surprise party at the Commerce Township home of their son Keith and his wife Donna.

Friends and family members enjoyed a pig roast and a live band. Attending were the couple's maid of honor, Patricia Burkholder of Northville, and best man, Ray Taraski of Mt. Clemens.

The couple exchanged vows on

July 2, 1949, at St. John Vianney Church in Highland Park.

She is the former Ellen Eckler.

In addition to Keith, they are the parents of Randy who lives with wife Mary in Detroit, Kevin of Novi, Lisa who lives with husband Ron in Dearborn Heights and Glenn of Livonia. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired from Mark Chevrolet

in Wayne, he enjoys camping, golfing and bowling. Her hobbies include camping, bowling, short trips and going to Las Vegas.

Mitchell

Millard (Mel) and Phyllis Mitchell of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special Mass, celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church by the Rev. John Sullivan, and at a celebration for family and close friends.

The couple exchanged vows on

Oct. 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. She is the former Phyllis LaVerne.

They have two daughters,

Michele Mitchell-LaMotte and Annette Frederick, and five grandchildren. He worked for Twin Pines for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He is a golf enthusiast, an antique collector and a voracious reader. She taught third grade at Fiegel Elementary in Canton for 21 years, retiring in 1988. She is



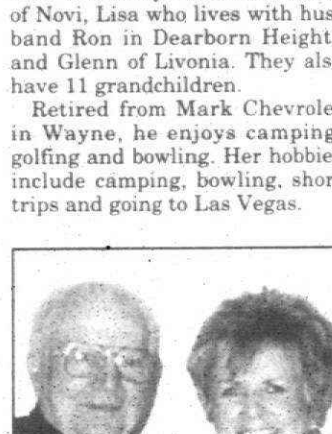
Harvey and Loretta Smith of Milford were the guests of honor at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party, held Sept. 24 at the Stitt Post of the American Legion in Dearborn Heights.



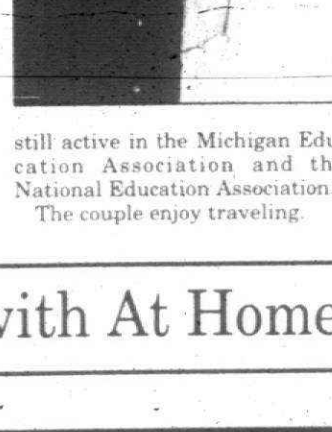
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Top honors

YWCA picks Women of Achievement

The decisions have been made and come Friday, Nov. 5, six outstanding women will be honored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County as its 1999 Women of Achievement.

The eighth annual awards luncheon will be held at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the featured speaker, with Monica Gayle, anchor for WJBK FOX 2 News as the mistress of ceremony.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 each and are available by calling the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to support programs offered by the YWCA.

Recognized for their demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County are:

■ Marnette Perry of Northville, president of Kroger Co. of Michigan, honored in the business/industry category and nominated by Michael Layne of Marx Layne and Co.

Perry, who is Kroger's first female president, is a trustee of the YWCA of Western Wayne County and active in numerous organizations including the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council, Children's Charity, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Junior Achievement.

■ Joan Dyer-Zinner of Southgate, editor of The View, honored in the arts/communications category and nominated by Margo Dewey of In-Focus Productions Inc.

A journalist, Dyer-Zinner utilizes her skills to publicize positive achievements in the community, focusing her attention on

such things as women's and children's issues, anti-drug and anti-violence programs.

She is president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the YWCA of Western Wayne County board of directors, a member of the Tri-Community Substance Abuse Task Force and is involved in the Oct. 23 YWCA Week Without Violence rally.

■ Karen Fort Hood of Detroit, presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, Criminal Division, honored in the government/law category and nominated by Karen Woodside of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

As presiding judge, she handles administrative duties related to the court and presides over the entire domestic violence docket for the court along with hearing other criminal cases.

■ William M. Miller of Detroit,

a communications specialist in the Canton department of public safety, selected as the Young Woman honoree. She was nominated by her sister, Brenda Krupp.

A member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, she embodies the "American work ethic." She completely financed her studies at Michigan State University by working two or more jobs while carrying a full course load. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism. Presently, she handles two part-time jobs in addition to her public safety position.

■ Mary Bugiea of Dearborn, editor of "The Voter," nominated by Betty Baume of Real Estate One-Deardorn Heights and Eleanor Wright of the League of Women Voters.

■ Catherine Cooper of Inkster, a Robichaud High School student and site director for the YWCA of Western Wayne County, nominated by Julie Pietzen, YWCA program director.

■ Marietta Edge of Inkster, a U-M student, nominated by Please see NOMINATIONS, B5

Nominations honor excellence, leadership

Twenty-seven women were nominated for the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 1999 Women of Achievement Awards. In addition to the six winners, also nominated were:

■ Doretha Armstrong of Belleville; owner of Armstrong's Funland, nominated by the Detroit Chapter of Charns Inc.

■ Dentist Patricia Boyle of Detroit, nominated by Taylor City Councilwoman Mary Ann Riley.

■ Livonia City Councilman Maureen Miller Brosnan, nominated by Rich Rainville, executive director of the Livonia YMCA.

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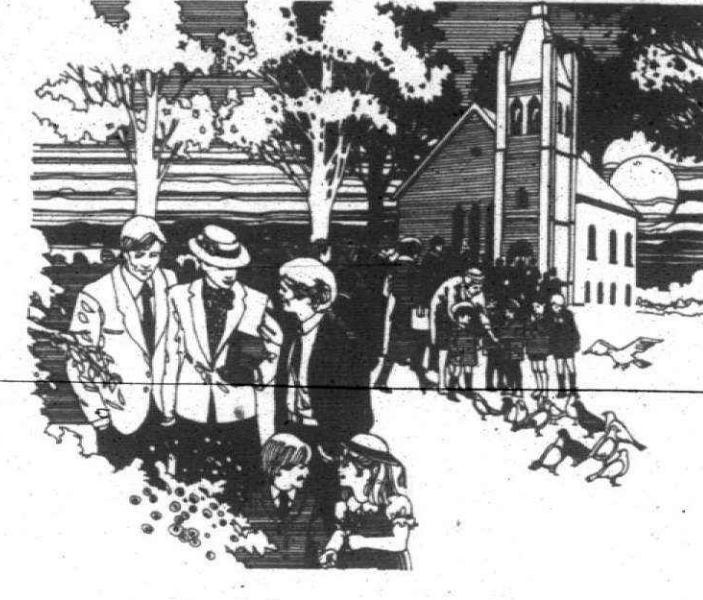
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BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
 Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will sponsor eight-week divorce recovery workshop 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 15-Dec. 10 (no session Nov. 26) in the meeting room at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on Westfield, south of West Chicago and east of Inkster Road, Redford. Marie Patricia a clinical social worker with Catholic Social Services of Wayne County will be the instructor. The cost is \$40 and includes the textbook. For more information, call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

The group also will have a financial seminar for retirement planning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. Kenneth's Church Hall, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. The speaker will be Brian Maxson, vice-president of Merrill Lynch. Refreshments will be served.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Bedford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, 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 Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia - call Mary at (734) 729-2612 - and for a dance the first Saturday of the month at 8 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, West Chicago and Inkster Road in Redford. The \$8 charge includes

refreshments, proper attire requested. For more information, call Diane at (734) 471-4553 or Bill at (734) 421-3011.

RUMMAGE SALE
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Oct. 14-15, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the church, 20605 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Baked goods an light lunches will be available. St. Genevieve School will sponsor a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Oct. 22-23, at the school, 28933 Jamieson, east of Middlebelt and south of Five Mile Road. Tools, clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, electronics, sports and exercise items will be for sale.

DISCIPLES OF LOVE
 St. Edith's prayer group, Disciples of Love, is sponsoring a "Life in the Spirit" seminar 7:30-8:30 p.m. for five consecutive Thursdays, beginning Oct. 14, at

the church, 15089 Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call Paul and Anne Petraitis at (734) 462-0344 or Cecile Boucher at (734) 591-3247.

CARD PARTY
 St. Simon and Jude Church will have a Halloween card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50/50 raffle, light meal and snacks. Tickets cost \$6 and are available by calling (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds will benefit The Building Fund.

COUPON BOOKS
 The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C, Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books now through Oct. 15. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-2290 or visit its Web site at www.timothyilivonia.com.

OKTOBERFEST
 St. Sabina Church will have an Oktoberfest 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads.

DOOR PRIZES
 There will be musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski, and hot dogs and chips will be sold. The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer and set-ups. For tickets or more information, call the parish office at (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski at (313) 277-5973.

VICTORIAN TEA
 Reservations can be made through Sunday, Oct. 17, for St. Matthew's United Methodist Women's Victorian Tea 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Lynette Brown will portray 19th century women's activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. A nursery will be provided. Tickets cost \$5. For reservations call (734) 522-4723.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
 Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a brunch at noon Sunday, Oct. 17, at the synagogue, 31840

day, Oct. 16, in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. Door prizes of \$500. There will be musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski, and hot dogs and chips will be sold. The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer and set-ups. For tickets or more information, call the parish office at (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski at (313) 277-5973.

W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A
 concert, featuring the voices of Cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan, will follow. The donation is \$12 per person and reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE
 Berean Baptist Church will have its annual missions conference at 7 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Oct. 17-22, at the church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. The theme this year will be "The Old Message for a New Millennium." Each night will feature different missionary speakers, presentations and special music. Nursery care will be available. For more information, call (248) 477-6365.

A.R.K. ANGELS NIGHT
 The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have A.R.K. Angels Night Halloween Party 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the church 3 Town Square, Wayne. There will be games, crafts, snacks and "Trunk-R-Treat." Kids can dress in their favorite Halloween character and join in the fun.

Adults decorate the trunks of their cars (lights, accessories, pumpkins) and park in the church's south parking lot where the children will parade around and go trunk-R-treating. Adults should gather in the lot at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

MOPS GROUP
 The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their children, kindergarten age and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534.

Risen Lord celebrates anniversary

Members of the Church of the Risen Lord in Westland are collectively saying, "Wow!" The church is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its founding on Oct. 16, 1994, when a small group of people met for worship in the room of a home in Canton.

Since then membership has grown from eight to more than 60 people, and gone from worshipping at Griffith Funeral Home in Canton, Madonia University and the Disabled American Veterans Hall in Livonia to the existing church building at 821 Newburgh Road, Westland.

The congregation will observe the occasion with an ice cream social following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the church. An invitation is extended to the community to visit, worship and celebrate with the congregation.

The stated purpose of the church is to be a "healing and worshipping community of Christians who are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit." A part of the International

Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, renew their love for each other Oct. 15-17 and Nov. 12-14 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.re.net/detroit/wmwe.

TLC STORYTIME
 Timothy Lutheran Church will have a TLC Storytime for children and their parents 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There will be Christian stories, crafts and snacks. The books will be children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-2290 or visit its Web site at www.timothyilivonia.com.

OKTOBERFEST
 St. Sabina Church will have an Oktoberfest 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads.

DOOR PRIZES
 There will be musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski, and hot dogs and chips will be sold. The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer and set-ups. For tickets or more information, call the parish office at (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski at (313) 277-5973.

VICTORIAN TEA
 Reservations can be made through Sunday, Oct. 17, for St. Matthew's United Methodist Women's Victorian Tea 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Lynette Brown will portray 19th century women's activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. A nursery will be provided. Tickets cost \$5. For reservations call (734) 522-4723.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
 Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a brunch at noon Sunday, Oct. 17, at the synagogue, 31840

day, Oct. 16, in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. Door prizes of \$500. There will be musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski, and hot dogs and chips will be sold. The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer and set-ups. For tickets or more information, call the parish office at (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski at (313) 277-5973.

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE
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A.R.K. ANGELS NIGHT
 The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have A.R.K. Angels Night Halloween Party 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the church 3 Town Square, Wayne. There will be games, crafts, snacks and "Trunk-R-Treat." Kids can dress in their favorite Halloween character and join in the fun.

Adults decorate the trunks of their cars (lights, accessories, pumpkins) and park in the church's south parking lot where the children will parade around and go trunk-R-treating. Adults should gather in the lot at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

MOPS GROUP
 The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their children, kindergarten age and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care is provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534.

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Memorial Church of Christ hosts Celebration weekend

A father and son will team up to lead Memorial Church of Christ's Faith Celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 29-31.

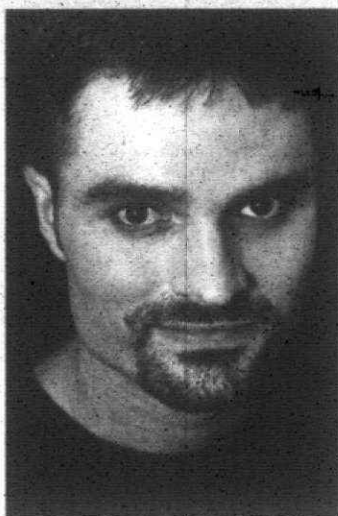
Traveling evangelist and storyteller Tommy Oaks will join his son, Thomas (J.T.) Oaks, an accomplished solo artist and composer, for the event.

The Faith Celebration will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, with a dinner theater production of "Star Queen," a musical drama based on the life of the biblical Queen Esther, presented by the Oakses. Written by J.T., the drama had its world premiere at the 1998 Lees McRae Summer Theater.

A prayer breakfast for the entire family will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, with activities closing that day with a message by the father and son at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, the celebration will conclude with preaching by Tommy and music by J.T. at the 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Tommy Oaks has spent the last 15 years traveling the country as an evangelist. He is a graduate of Johnson Bible Col-



J.T. Oaks

lege and has been preaching for 30 years.

A gifted storyteller, he was the first person in the world to graduate with a master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee University. He has made presentations to churches, civic clubs, storytelling festivals and conven-

tions.

J.T. Oaks has produced several albums of original music and performs across the country as a solo artist at revivals, retreats and concerts. Currently, he is pursuing a career in musical theater and is a member of the BMI Musical Theater Workshop.

In addition to writing "Star Queen," he is involved in several original projects, including "Sunny," a modern day version of the Bible story of the prodigal son; "Love Austin," a country music showcase; and "Way Back When," a musical based on the story of Genesis.

All activities are free, with reservations strongly encouraged for the Friday and Saturday events. Child care, for children 4 and under, will be available Friday and Saturday. A nursery and Bible school program for children of all ages will be offered on Sunday morning.

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to make reservations, call (734) 464-6722.

Reading Room has reprints

In response to strong public interest, the Christian Science Sentinel, a national weekly magazine, is making available a special reprint of "Cancer Healed," a collection of reports of individuals healed of cancer solely through prayer.

The special Christian Science Sentinel reprints can be purchased at the Christian Science Reading Room, 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

"The healings reported in this collection reflect each person's natural ability to heal through prayer," said Sharon Rea, librarian at the Reading Room. "These true accounts offer real encouragement to anyone dealing with a similar physical challenge."

The Christian Science Sentinel was founded in 1898 by Mary Baker Eddy, the author of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Each week the mag-

azine explores public issues, events and trends from a spiritual perspective, including verified accounts of healing through prayer.

The Sentinel is one of many publications available to visitors at the Reading Room. For more information about the reprint, call the Reading Room at (734) 453-1676.

Warren Berckmann, who had served as the member of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan, has been appointed to the first-ever Committee on Publication for the Internet.

For almost 90 years, the 90-plus Christian Science congregations in Michigan have sponsored on their own the Committee on Publication for Michigan to correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public concerning Christian Science and its

founder, Mary Baker Eddy.

Berckmann served in that capacity for five years and will continue his committee work on a worldwide basis. Appointed to replace him as the new Committee on Publication for Michigan by the Michigan churches is Robert Jeffrey.

He is a former member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, and for more than 20 years, has been in the public practice of healing through prayer. He plans to continue his ministry of Christian healing in addition to his committee work.

With his appointment, the committee office has moved from Grand Rapids to 300 Town Center, Suite 1345, Southfield. For more information, he can be reached at (800) 886-1212, (248) 350-0004 or by e-mail at micompub@aol.com.

Nominations from page B5

Renee Micou, president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.;

■ M. Jeannie Fields of Oak Park, Inkster Weed and Seed project director, nominated by Mary Wooten, YWCA program director;

■ Linda Hallick of Dearborn, a Salina Elementary School teacher, nominated by Ismael Ahmed, A.C.C.E.S.S. director;

■ Dr. Patricia Johnson of Wixom, technical support partner at Wayne State University, nominated by Viola Dougherty of the Detroit Chapter of Charms Inc.;

■ Jeane Lee of Orchard Lake, a Ford Motor Co. retiree, nominated by the Detroit Chapter of Charms Inc.;

■ Vera (Dolly) Lieberman of Canton, Canton Township precinct chair, nominated by Maureen Karby, volunteer coordinator for Canton Community;

■ Willia Miller, a retired Wayne County Health Department nurse, nominated by Renee Micou, president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.;

■ Nancy Remick of Plymouth, a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, nominated by Sandy Luoma, CFNP-Westland program director;

■ Sheila Sasser of Taylor, pub-

lisher and chief editor of Sassco Gram, nominated by Sandy Thompson, retail sales manager for Awrey Bakeries.

■ Joy Squire of Taylor, director of the Taylor dance program, nominated by Taylor City Councilwoman Mary Ann Riley;

■ Beth Stanton of Southgate, senior librarian and vice-president of Comerica Inc., nominated by Paulette Wilson, past president of the Exchange Club of Trenton;

■ Laura Toy of Livonia, 19th District state representative, nominated by Patricia Coughlin of the Suburban Republican Woman;

■ Margaret Watson of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Senior Services coordinator, nominated by her friends Joanne D'Arcy;

■ Dorothy West of Taylor, the Taylor city clerk, nominated by Taylor City Councilwomen Mary Ann Riley and Jacklyn Molner;

■ Cynthia Wishart of Livonia, vice-president of Aon Risk Services Inc. of Michigan, nominated by her sister Deborah Miller;

■ Sarah Young of Inkster, president of the Friends of the Inkster Public Library, nominated by Naomi James of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority's Omega Chapter.

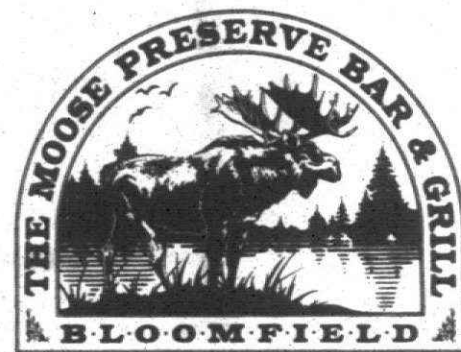
A classic time



A classic: Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have a classic car show 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Worship is at 9:30 and 11 a.m., followed by a free barbecue. Car show trophies will be presented at 2 p.m. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.

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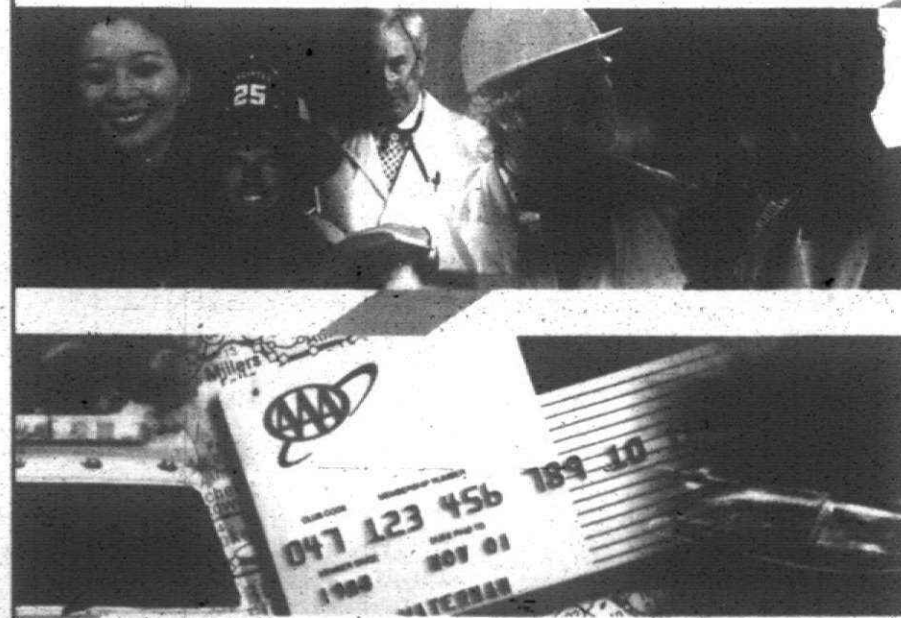
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Lions are rolling

The Canton Lions varsity team remained unbeaten in the Junior Football League after defeating the Farmington Rockets 34-22 Sunday. Drew Amble paced the offense against the Rockets, scoring on runs of 44, 31 and 4 yards. Matt Sammutt added a 54-yard touchdown run and Jason Kenison contributed a 2-yard plunge for six.

David Thomas added four points with two successful conversion kicks. Bobby Pollard and Kenison led the defense by recovering fumbles.

The Lions' varsity is 5-0.

The junior varsity Lions are also 5-0 after defeating the Farmington Rockets 28-6 Sunday. Julian Smith and Dominique Fischer each scored two touchdowns, Smith on runs of 8 and 19 yards and Fischer on a 44-yard run and a 46-yard pass from Chris Drabicki. Two Nathan Rzeppa pass receptions covering 24 and 32 yards set up two of the TDs.

An interception by Ryan Kilgore and the strong play of Jonathan Wood, Joe Clark and Tommy Freeman led the defense.

The Lions' freshmen team battled back from a 13-7 deficit with five minutes left in the game to edge Farmington, 14-13 Sunday. The game-winning touchdown was scored by Chris Fischer, who intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for the TD. Chris Hasse's extra point gave the Lions the lead.

But it took Tim Longeway to preserve it. Longeway knocked a Farmington running back out of bounds at the 1-yard line with 20 seconds left. Hasse scored Canton's first touchdown on a 48-yard run. Fischer, Jon Wilson and Greg Pollard — who had an interception and recovered an on-side kick — paced the defense.

Steelers' varsity wins

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers improved to 4-1 with a 50-38 shootout win over the Garden City Chargers Sunday. Corey Walser and Michael Kerul scored two touchdowns apiece for the Steelers, and Andy Case returned an interception 31 yards for another TD. Michael Jones and Bryan Bradley added long touchdown runs.

Ryan Runde and Ryan Harrison were key contributors defensively.

The Steeler junior varsity lost quarterback Chris Rusin to an injury in the third quarter and were unable to regroup, losing 6-0 to the Chargers. Steven Lebane and Chuck Schumacher were best on offense for the Steelers; David Kotlunchik (who had a fumble recovery) and Jeff Lake led the defense.

The freshmen Steelers fell to 3-2 with a 7-0 loss to the Garden City Chargers Sunday. Gary Waddle scored the only touchdown of the game, with Jack Anleinter getting the extra point. Devin Murphy and Troy Sutherland were defensive standouts for the Steelers; Deshon McClendon, Matthew Mouldin and Dalton Walser paced the offense.

Canton takes division

Plymouth Canton's junior varsity and freshmen football teams both earned Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division championships with victories over their Farmington Harrison counterparts last Thursday.

The Canton JV team beat Harrison 41-12 to improve to 6-0-1. The Chiefs' freshmen, led by Reggie Joyner's six touchdowns and two two-point conversions, posted a 44-29 triumph to run their record to 5-2.

OLGC advances

Our Lady of Good Counsel advanced to the Final Four in the Catholic Youth Organization's football playoffs with a 16-8 win over St. Veronica Sunday.

A 17-yard scoring pass from Brendon Buckley to Brian Kisabeth capped a 75-yard drive on Good Counsel's first possession. Nick Posa's two-point conversion kick made it 8-0.

St. Veronica tied it on a 3-yard run late in the first half, but Alex Wojcik's 6-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter — and another Posa two-point kick — gave OLGC the winning margin.

Good Counsel plays Our Lady of the Lakes at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame HS. The winner plays in the CYO championship game Oct. 23 in the Pontiac Silverdome.

On a tear 3rd-quarter surge powers Salem



Lighting them up: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh has been difficult to contain all season, and Tuesday at Farmington Harrison was no different. The senior forward led all scorers with 20 points.

BY C.J. RISAK
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Something happened. Or more accurately, a lot of somethings happened.

The first half of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball showdown between Plymouth Salem and Farmington Harrison was exactly what one would expect: even.

The second half was not.

The third quarter belonged to the Rocks, who expanded a two-point lead at halftime to a 17-point bulge eight minutes later — which was far too formidable for host-team Harrison to overcome.

The final: Salem 53, Harrison 41.

It was the second-straight league loss for the defending WLAA co-champion Hawks, who are now 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference. The Rocks are 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the WLAA.

So what did happen?

"I was thinking to myself at halftime that if we just play good, solid defense and slow it down on offense a bit, we'll be all right," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "What I said to them was, 'This is a great game. (Harrison) has to take us out to get into the (league) race.'"

"If anything, we said let's not try and make all the plays. Let's let them try and make the plays."

It was a challenge the Hawks weren't up to. With 34.4 seconds left in the first half, Kelly Taylor sank two free throws to put Harrison ahead, 20-19. It would be the last time the Hawks would lead.

Tiffany Grubaugh knocked down a three-pointer with eight seconds left in the half — one of six the Rocks would make in the game — to give Salem a 22-20 halftime lead.

In the first half, the Rocks had converted 10-of-17 floor shots (58.8 percent), superb shooting by any standard. In the third quarter they were even sharper, making 8-of-11 shots (72 percent), including three triples.

"I thought in the first few minutes of the second half, we weren't real aggressive," said Harrison coach Pete Mantyla, referring to his team's 2-1-2 zone defense. "We know they're really skilled. We're not running our defensive rules right when someone has that much time to catch and shoot."

"I thought we were more aggressive (in the first half). In the second half, we were more passive and they made us pay for it."

Certainly the Rocks' offensive prowess — in particular their perimeter shooting — took the Hawks out of

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Chiefs run away from Falcons

There's nothing like a 41-point half to make it smiles all around.

Plymouth Canton piled 41 points on Farmington in the first half of Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game and rolled to a 63-15 victory.

"Coach Bob Blohm had nothing but good things to say about the Falcons, however."

"Farmington played hard and really

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worked at it," he said. "Take their first quarter. They played physically tough and they competed hard."

"Scott (coach Lowe) is doing a really good job with them."

Anne Morrell scored 16 points for the Chiefs (7-5) as they improved to 4-2 in

the Western Division of the WLAA. Katie Schwartz added 11 and Amanda Lentz 10 for Canton, which made just 8-of-20 free throws (40 percent).

The visiting Falcons (2-10) made three of their four free throws and were led by Julie Kimmel, who had seven points. Farmington is 1-5 in the division.

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Churchill jolts Canton to win division

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Back when Livonia Churchill's soccer team was 0-5, the young men sat down with Coach Reid Friedrichs and had a little chat.

The re-dedication talk was paid in full Monday when Churchill defeated Plymouth Canton, 3-1, to win the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill played Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, but win or lose, will play for the WLAA title, 7 p.m. Wednesday at 15-1-1 Plymouth Salem.

"We got off to a tough start," Friedrichs said. "We had a team meeting after we were 0-5. We talked about what there was left to play for."

"We said there were three things that counted: your regular season record, the (WLAA) division and the (post-season) playoffs."

"We hadn't played any division games yet so there was that."

"This is tremendous. We were 2-8 two weeks ago and now we're 7-8. They just decided to keep playing. They've played hard."

"They've never stopped believing



Searching for an opening: Canton's Mike Zemanski tries to evade Churchill defenders Justin Parzuchowski and Ricky Strain.

they could be a good team."

Canton (11-4-1) scored 1:54 into the match when John Kaczmarek redirected a cross by Mike Zemanski.

The Chiefs carried the play throughout the remainder of the first half but were unable to get it by Eric Sicilia, who has been sensational in goal dur-

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Rocks get the state's top ranking

On Monday, Plymouth Salem's soccer team reached the top. The challenge now is to stay there.

The Rocks were made the No. 1-ranked team in the state in the coach's poll, and with good reason. Going into Wednesday's match against Plymouth Canton, they had won 12-straight games.

Among their victims this season: Troy Athens, Canton, Troy, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

On Tuesday, the Rocks put one more notch on their gun belt by blanking Warren DeLaSalle, 2-0 at Salem. That win pushed the Rocks' record to 16-1-1 overall; for the Pilots, it was just their second loss — they are 9-2-3 overall.

"It was really a fast-paced game," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It was one of the quickest games I've seen in quite a while."

The Rocks got two first-half goals to put DeLaSalle into a hole, then used its steadfast defense to keep the Pilots in check.

"DeLaSalle really carried the play in the second half," said McCarthy. "I think maybe we started to play a little more defensive, and at the same time they went more on the attack. They caught us on our heels a bit."

What has kept Salem nearly unbeatable this season has been their defense. McCarthy had to replace all four of his players (two of them all-stars) in the back and his keeper after last season.

The rebuilding process was done swiftly. The four juniors on defense — sweeper Keith Schenkel and marking backs Mike Harkins, Ben Wieleschowski and Dustin Drabek — and sophomore keeper Tavio Palazzolo have been exceptional.

"Normally, you need a senior cast to get a performance like that," said McCarthy.

Palazzolo collected his 11th shutout against DeLaSalle, setting a single-season school record. The defense has 12 shutouts this season.

Harkins scored the first goal against the Pilots 15 minutes into the match, with Sean Loewe assisting. With three minutes remaining in the first half, Jeff Haar made it 2-0 with an assist from Scott Duhl.

"The guys in the back defended well, but that doesn't change the fact that they carried the play," said McCarthy. "That's something we need to address before the (state) tournament starts."

The consistency and intensity Salem has shown throughout the season indicates all McCarthy needs to do is a bit of fine-tuning.

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ing the Chargers' run.

Churchill tied the score, 1-1, at 34:58 on a throw-in by Eric Scott that Dave Campbell put by T. J. Tomasso.

The Chargers got a big break at 31:39 when a Canton player, trying to kick the ball away from in front of Tomasso, instead deflected the ball into his own net to give Churchill a 2-1 lead.

It was just one of those things because the Chief had his leg high in the air and the ball skidded off the top of his shin instead of the front part and deflected backwards, not away from the goal.

That didn't cost the Chief the game, though.

The Chargers got the final score of the game with 5:25 left in the first half. Scott shot, a defender deflected the ball and Tim Kaminski drilled the loose ball home to make it 3-1.

Sicilia made three or four critical stops of Canton shots in the final 10 minutes of the first half as the Chiefs' unbeaten streak ended at nine games (8-0-1).

In the first minute of the second half,

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Draw boosts SC playoff hopes

It's that time of the season. The time when teams are truly defined. Playoffs are approaching, which ultimately is what teams in any sport are aiming to succeed in.

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team plays an entire regular season with just one goal: Get ready for the NJCAA Tournament. Thus far, the Lady Ocelots have done well doing just that.

Last weekend at SC, the Ocelots played Genesee CC College of Lake County in the Ocelot Classic Tournament. Saturday's match against Genesee wasn't too great a challenge: SC dominated play, out shooting Genesee 40-5 en route to a 5-1 victory.

Sunday's game against Lake County was a different matter. The two teams came into the game with 12-1 records, and both were ranked nationally — SC was seventh, Lake County was 12th.

So perhaps it was fitting that it ended in a 1-1 draw, after two 15-minute sudden-death overtime periods.

"That game on Sunday," said SC coach Bill Tolsted, "I enjoyed watching those teams play. Genesee — we definitely outclassed them. But the match against Lake County was well-played."

Not that the Ocelots didn't feel it was a game they could have won. "I feel, and the team feels, we

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definitely could beat them," Tolsted said. "That day, however, it was well-balanced."

Lake County got the game's first goal after a scoreless first half. Michele Baldori (Plymouth Canton) knotted it at 1-1, tucking in a cross from Kristina Seniech (Plymouth Salem).

The tie left both teams with a 12-1-2 overall record.

Against Genesee, SC got two first-half goals from Danielle Shaffer, with assists from Kelly Connell (Canton), Meghan Jannuzzi, Shannon Konarski and Nikki Vradenburg. Connell, Baldori and Emily Alford (Livonia Clarenceville) got goals in the second half.

Shannon Brooks, ranked seventh nationally in goals-against average (0.90 per game), was in goal for both matches.

SC still had six regular-season matches remaining (including yesterday's at St. Clair College in Windsor) before hosting the NJCAA District Tournament Nov. 5-7.

And, should Lake County emerge from its NJCAA Regional Tournament, there's a chance the

two teams could tangle again.

Madonna 4, Concordia 0: Kelly Delaney racked up two goals and one assist Tuesday as Madonna University (9-4-1, 6-3-1) captured its second straight Wolverine-Livonia Athletic Conference triumph at the expense of visiting Concordia (1-10, 1-9).

Megan Thiry added one goal and two assists for the victorious Lady Crusaders. Jill Gibson tallied the other Madonna goal.

Goalkeeper Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) made seven saves to earn the shutout.

Madonna 3, Cornerstone 1: Gibson scored her 10th and 11th goals of the season Friday as Madonna downed visiting Cornerstone (9-5, 5-4) in a soggy WIAC match.

Gibson also assisted on Thiry's sixth goal of the year at the 13-minute mark of the opening half.

Madonna led 2-0 at intermission before Cornerstone's Aime Krueger narrowed the lead to one at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

Gibson then put it away in the final minute on an assist from Thiry.



Big scorer: Plymouth Canton graduate Michele Baldori (left) collected two big goals for Schoolcraft last weekend.

Madonna standout named NAIA's top player

It was only a matter of time.

Sam Piraine, Madonna University's sophomore scoring sensation, has been almost impossible to stop this season. On Wednesday, it was announced that Piraine was named the NAIA's national men's soccer player of the week.

Piraine scored five goals in three Crusaders games last week, and he assisted on two others. His first of two goals scored in a

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

5-1 victory over Cornerstone University established a new single-season goal-scoring record for Madonna; he now has 24 for the season in just 13 matches.

With five assists, Piraine — a Dearborn Heights Crestwood graduate — has a total

of 53 points, putting him within reach of Scott Emmer's single-season record of 62 points. Piraine has either scored or assisted on 29 of Madonna's 37 goals this season.

In less than two seasons, Piraine has 89 points, placing him third on Madonna's career scoring list. He is second in the Crusaders' all-time goals scored ranking with 38.

The Crusaders are 7-5-1 overall.

Demergis' goal helps put SC alone at the top of Region 12

Schoolcraft College emerged the victor Saturday in a battle of the two top-ranked men's soccer teams in Region 12 of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Goals by Johnny Demergis (Plymouth Canton) and Gary Bell gave the Ocelots a 2-0 victory at Lakeland (Ohio).

SC is now 10-4-1 overall and 6-0-1 in Region 12, while Lakeland falls to 9-3-1 and 5-1-1.

"We could have converted a few more opportunities, but it was one of our best field games of the season," Schoolcraft coach Van Dimitriou said.

Demergis, who one-timed a shot on a short pass from Tony Maldonado, made it 1-0 at the 24-minute mark. It was his team-leading 12th goal of the season.

Bell then scored on a header at the 20-minute mark of the second half on a cross from Maldonado.

"We're a little too unselfish right now," Dimitriou said. "In

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practice today (Monday) we worked on making that run up the field and shooting more outside and taking our chances."

Defensively, stopper Joel Wizinaky, filling in for starter Andy Meyers (red carded in Oct. 6 loss to Macomb), stood out along with midfielder Sergio Mainella (Stevenson).

Goalkeeper Doug Koontz (Plymouth Canton), who faced just three shots, notched the shutout.

Madonna 5, Cornerstone 1: Sam Piraine tallied his 23rd and school-record 24th goal of the season Saturday as host Madonna University (7-5-1, 5-4-1) posted the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over the Golden Eagles (8-5-1, 5-3-1) at Heritage Park in Canton.

The two teams split the regular season series.

Keith Barber also scored twice as the Fighting Crusaders led 4-0 in the first 28 minutes. Joe Suchara (Livonia Stevenson) assisted on both Barber goals, while Brian Murphy got Madonna started the four-goal surge at the 15-minute mark on an assist from Piraine.

Henry Aiyenero had the lone goal for Cornerstone to make it 4-1 at half.

Murphy then assisted on Dave Hart, who had to make just one save, was the winning goalkeeper.

Piraine was also named WHAC Men's Player of the Week after scoring five goals and adding two assists in three games.

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The big games this week involve Farmington and Redford Catholic Central. Both will be playing for championships on the eighth weekend of the high school football season.

Farmington plays host to Walled Lake Western for the Western Lakes Activities Association title, and it will be a historic matchup.

It's the first time since the WLAA was organized in 1982 that neither Farmington Harrison nor Western and John Glenn will be among the combatants.

It will be Western's third appearance in the championship game, having won once in 1992 and lost in 1996. Both times the Warriors faced Glenn.

Farmington, the Lions Division co-champion with Livonia Stevenson, will play for the title a second time. It was the 1984 runner-up to Harrison.

A playoff berth is also at stake for the 5-2 Falcons, who need one more win to qualify, as do Redford Thurston, Garden City, Glenn and Redford St. Agatha. Catholic Central can't be

GRID PICKS

thinking about another appearance in the Prep Bowl just yet. If the Shamrocks don't win this week, they won't get a chance to defend their Catholic League title.

CC will face up-and-coming University of Detroit-Jesuit in a winner-take-all showdown for the Central-West Division championship Saturday night at Farmington High School.

The winner will play the Birmingham Brother Rice-Orchard Lake St. Mary's winner for the league title Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Silverdome.

In the grid prediction contest, both writers were 11-4 last week. Dan O'Meara leads with an overall record of 85-18; Brad Emmons is 78-25.

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Taylor Truman (2-3, 2-5) at Redford Union (1-4, 1-6), 7 p.m. The Panthers earned their first victory last week, beating Woodward in overtime, 32-26. RU can avoid tying Woodward for the Mega-White title with its second

straight win. Truman has dropped three in a row, including a 20-13 loss to Allen Park last week. **PICKS:** The Cougars end their losing streak.

Thurston (3-2, 5-2) at Romulus (5-0, 7-0), 7 p.m. It's the battle of the Eagles. Thurston has won four straight, including a 14-7 win Saturday over Taylor Kennedy, but it hasn't faced a team like unbeaten and state-ranked Romulus. Romulus has beaten Gibraltar Carlson (21-7) and Trenton (20-7) — the teams that beat Thurston — in its last two games. **PICKS:** Romulus ends Thurston's win streak while extending its own.

Ypsilanti (4-1, 5-2) at Wayne (0-5, 0-7), 7 p.m. The Braves are doing better than expected in their first year in the Mega-Red, beating Fordson, Dearborn and Belleville (29-7 last week) while losing only to Monroe in its last four games. Plymouth Canton must wonder where it would be if it played in the Mega-Red. **PICKS:** Wayne hopes for an upset that would provide some upside in a down year and deny Ypsi the magic sixth victory. **PICKS:** The Braves qualify for the playoffs.

Lincoln Park (3-4) at Garden City (5-2), 7 p.m. These teams appear to be headed in opposite directions. After winning their first victory last week, dropping two in a row, including a 7-0 loss Friday to Edsel Ford. Garden City needs to put Mike Sparks in the end zone and some spark back into its season.

Farm. Harrison (3-4) at Liv. Stevenson (6-1): Despite the records this should be an excellent game. Harrison, which is really 5-2 excluding forfeits, is fighting for its playoff life. The Hawks must win their last two games to even have a hope of getting in. It would be the 18th time in the playoffs for the Hawks if they do. Harrison defeated Stevenson three straight years (1994-96) in the WLAA crossover game, the first two of which decided the championship. The Spartans need to regroup after their loss to Farmington and build some momentum as they look toward the post-season. **PICKS:** Harrison stays alive in its playoff quest.

Ply. Canton (4-3) at John Glenn (5-2): The Rockets also need to get things turned around in a hurry, or their season will be shorter than expected. Glenn fell apart in the fourth quarter Friday, giving up 25 unanswered points in a 39-17 loss to Plymouth Salem. The Chiefs, who are coming off a loss to Harrison,

are in the same situation. They need to win their last two games to become an automatic playoff qualifier. **PICKS:** The Rockets end their losing streak.

Liv. Franklin (2-5) at Ply. Salem (2-5): The Rocks certainly have momentum on their side after their shocking, come-from-behind victory over John Glenn. After an 0-5 start, Salem showed it still has some fight left in it by winning its last two games. Gabe Coble seems to have made a difference since taking over at quarterback for Salem. After Patriots will try to pick themselves up after a 42-8 drubbing at the hands of Northville. **PICKS:** The Rocks make it three in a row.

Liv. Churchill (2-5) at N. Farmington (1-4): Neither team has won since the opening week of the season, if you exclude Churchill's forfeit victory over Harrison, and both hope to avoid the dubious distinction of being considered the last-place team in the WLAA. North Farmington lost another close game to Walled Lake Central, 14-6, while Churchill was on the short end of a 29-6 score with Western. **PICKS:** O'Meara gives the Raiders the edge. Emmons goes with Churchill.

Luth. Westland (0-6, 0-7) at Luth. N'west (3-3, 4-3): The game was switched from 11 a.m. Saturday, because the Crusaders are brining in portable lights for their homecoming game. Lutheran Westland continued to struggle Saturday, losing 35-0 to Harper Woods, but it was only the second the Warriors have been shut out. Northwest is having a superior season, considering its usual lack of success, and is coming off a 36-14 win over Cranbrook. **PICKS:** The Crusaders celebrate with a win.

Clarenceville (6-0, 7-0) at Cranbrook (3-4, 3-4): The Trojans passed their big test with flying colors Friday when they

whipped undefeated Liggett in a Metro Conference showdown, and their biggest opponent now could be over confidence. Plus, the Cranes are a decent team that won't be a pushover if the Trojans aren't ready to play another good game. If they are, Clarenceville's backfield duo of Tim Shaw and Steven Meadows should be unstoppable. **PICKS:** The Trojans stay undefeated.

St. Alphonsus (4-2, 4-3) at St. Agatha (4-2, 5-2): Third place in the Catholic League D-Division is at stake here. After starting 4-0 in the division, the Arrows have lost two in a row to Cardinal Mooney and Holy Redeemer. The Aggies, despite being beset by injuries, rebounded from losses to those teams with two straight wins, including a 9-0 win Friday over Detroit Lutheran. **PICKS:** The Forz puts Agatha's playoff plans on hold. Emmons goes with the Aggies.

Borgess (0-3, 2-5) at A.P. Cabrini (0-3, 0-7), 7 p.m. The winner will avoid finishing in the Catholic League Tri-Sectional cellar. Borgess has been shut out the last two weeks; the Spartans lost 28-0 to Riverview Richard Friday, but the Monarchs have scored just 24 points all season. Cabrini was throttled by Waterloo Park a week ago, 45-14. **PICKS:** Borgess avoids the basement.

Redford CC (3-0, 7-0) vs. UD-Jesuit (3-0, 6-1) at Ferndale, 7 p.m. A CC-Jesuit game usually ends in a rout for the Shamrocks, but this year's contest has big game appeal. The last time UD won a division title was 1968 when Tom Valente was the star back and the Cubs lost to Gary Danielson's Divine Child team in the Charity Bowl (championship game). The Cubs have been nothing less than surprising this year, winning their last six games after a season-opening loss to Country Day. CC edged DelaSalle in the Boys Bowl, 17-13, while UD beat Divine Child, 27-9. **PICKS:** The Shamrocks find a way to win.

SATURDAY GAMES
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Clarenceville (6-0, 7-0) at Cranbrook (3-4, 3-4): The Trojans passed their big test with flying colors Friday when they

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Whalers end skid



After losing two in a row at home, the Plymouth Whalers made the most of their trip Sunday to Windsor, beating the Spitfires 4-3 in an Ontario Hockey League game.

The win upped the Whalers' record to 3-4-1. Windsor fell to 2-3-1.

Randy Fitzgerald sparked the victory, collecting two goals and assisting on a third in the first two periods. Justin Williams got the Whalers' other goal; he also assisted on Fitzgerald's two scores.

Windsor rallied to narrow the deficit to 3-2 on a power-play goal by Ivan Rachunek at the 5:28 mark of the final period. But Plymouth retaliated with a fourth score, this one by Stephen Weiss at the 10:15 mark. Weiss also had two assists in the game.

His goal made Mark Ridout's goal, Windsor's third power-play

marker of the game, at the 14:58 mark inconsequential.

Rob Zepp was the winning goalie for Plymouth; he made 19 saves. Mark Leighton started in the net for Windsor and surrendered all four Whaler goals.

St. Michael's Majors 3, Plymouth 2: On Saturday at Compuware Arena, Toronto St. Michael's Majors captain Keith Delaney scored one goal and assisted on another in the second period, and goalie Dwayne Bate-man turned away 40 Whaler shots to pick up the victory.

St. Michael's was 3-6 through the weekend.

Shaun Fisher scored both Whaler goals. His first gave the Whalers the lead early in the first period; his second narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 5:06 remaining in the game. Both came on the power play.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the loss; he made 10 stops.

Other St. Michael goals were

scored by Steve Farquharson and George Nistas; Mark Popovic had two assists.

Brampton 4, Plymouth 1: The Whalers troubles in scoring goals were evident Friday against the visiting Brampton Battalion.

Damian Surma accounted for Plymouth's only goal, scored on the power play with 21 seconds left in the first period. That narrowed Brampton's lead to 2-1; Scott Thompson and Raffi Torres got first-period goals for the Battalion.

The score remained 2-1 until the third period, when Brampton got a power-play goal from Brad Woods and an empty-netter from Jay McClement.

The Whalers have scored 25 goals in eight games, but nine of those came in two games.

Rob Zepp made 12 saves for Plymouth. David Chant had 39 stops for Brampton, which was first in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 5-1-1 record.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ambassadors fall

The Compuware Ambassadors, led by Craig Kowalski's strong goaltending, reached the final of their own Compuware Fall Classic last weekend before losing in the final to the Cleveland Barons, 3-2.

Colin Shields scored the game-winning goal for the Barons against the Ambassadors with just 4:05 left in the game. Compuware was 3-1 in the tournament, giving up just three goals prior to the final. The Ambassadors thumped Springfield 5-1 in the semifinal.

Shields' performance (four goals, seven points in five games) earned him North American Hockey League player of the week honors.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Hockey Booster

Club will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parent of all students planning to attend tryouts are encouraged to attend.

Information will be available on the pay-to-participate program. Tryouts begin Nov. 1; the opening game between Canton and Salem will be Nov. 16 at the Cultural Center.

For further information on the Boosters, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

Rec basketball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is now registering returning and new teams for its adult men's basketball league. Upper division teams will play Wednesday nights; lower division teams will play Monday nights. All games will be at Central Middle School.

For further information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation at (734) 455-6620.

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Volleyball leagues

A new adult co-ed reverse volleyball league is being formed by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department. Games will be played Friday nights at either Central Middle School or The Summit.

Also, registration is under way for returning teams for an adult co-ed volleyball league; new teams can begin registration Oct. 21. All games will be played Friday nights at Central Middle School or at The Summit.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation at (734) 455-6620.

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Hoop

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PCA 54, Baptist Park 23: Junior guards Kallie Gross and Laura Clark combined for 33 points Tuesday night to lead host Plymouth Christian Academy to its victory.

The Eagles held the Wildcats to two points in the first quarter while scoring 13 and cruised from there.

Gross scored 18 points while Clark added 15 and came up with six steals to help Plymouth Christian Academy improve to 4-8.

Baptist Park, 2-9 following the non-conference loss, got 13 points from sophomore guard Steph Demos.

PCA made half its 12 free throws and Baptist Park made 9-of-17.

Divine Child 60, Ladywood 40: The highly rated Falcons pressured the Blazers right out of the Detroit Catholic League game.

Livonia Ladywood trailed by nine at the half because of a 15-7 opening period but Dearborn Divine Child, the No. 1 ranked team in Class B, snuffed out its comeback hopes with a 21-11 third period.

The host Blazers sagged to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the Catholic League's Central Division, while the Falcons remained unbeaten at 12-0 overall, 7-0 in the Central.

Junior guard Maria Julian led Divine Child with 21 points, seven coming in the third quarter. She hit five three-point shots in the process.

Center Sarah Yaksich scored 12 and guard Kris Brewis 10.

Michelle Harakas led Ladywood with 14 points.

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Rocks 3rd, Chiefs 9th at Ypsi Invite

There is reason for optimism, after all.

Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team has been in pursuit of Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson for what must seem like an eternity. The Rocks had hoped to have closed the gap, but an 18-37 dual-meet loss dashed those dreams.

On Saturday at the Ypsilanti Braves Invitational, those hopes were re-established, at least somewhat. Salem placed all five scoring runners in the top 30 to finish second with 88 points — six behind overall winner Stevenson.

Plymouth Canton's girls had two runners medal in placing ninth.

"I was very pleased with the way we ran on Saturday," said

X-COUNTRY

Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Our goal of a conference title was dwindling after last week's debacle, but I think we now have it turned around in a positive manner."

"We are a very experienced team and I think the athletes know what it is going to take to accomplish our goal."

Kim Wood led Salem, placing eighth overall in 20:45. Next best for the Rocks was Rachel Jones in 10th (20:47).

Brynne Jensen in 14th (20:59), Rachael Moraitis in 27th (21:16) and Lisa Jasnowski in 29th (21:22).

Other Salem runners were Miranda White, 36th (21:45) and Heather Whittington, 55th

(22:37). Canton was paced by Stacie Griffin (21:09) and Sarah Rucin-ski (21:22), who earned medals by finishing in the top 30.

Other Chief finishers were Amy Dupuis (21:58), Mary Maloney (22:03), Terra Kubert (22:23), Erica Stoney (22:39) and Jamie Griffin (22:54).

The Rocks' junior varsity team, led by freshman Lauren Loftus' seventh-place finish (22:22), also finished second to Stevenson's JV. Canton's JV, with medalists Allison Mills (22:04), Jessica Levey (22:49) and Tonda Shimbo (23:13), finished fifth.

"We are starting to run smarter and race the competition, instead of just running hard," added Gerlach. "We are looking forward to an extremely

competitive conference meet next Friday (Oct. 22 at Kensington Metropark) where we believe there are five or six teams fighting for the top two spots."

Salem goes against WLAA foes North Farmington and Farmington at 4 p.m. today at Oakland CC. On Saturday, the Rocks run in the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Buhr Park in Ann Arbor.

Canton runs against Northville and Walled Lake Western at Western at 4 p.m. today. On Saturday, the Chiefs run in the Gabriel Richard Invitational, too, at Buhr Park in Ann Arbor.

Salem boys 3rd: Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team challenged but could not overtake Livonia Stevenson at Saturday's Ypsilanti

Invitational. The Spartans, led by Matt Isner's third-place finish (16:57), finished first with 87 points. Brighton was second with 88 and Salem took third with 92.

Best for the Rocks was Manvir Gill, who was fourth overall (17:09). Donnie Warner was next for Salem, placing sixth overall (17:17), followed by Rob Showalter, 21st (17:56), Greg Kubinski, 30th (18:13), and Kurt Sarsfield, 31st (18:16).

Other Rock runners were Mark Bolger, 58th (18:43) and Mike Carpenter, 58th (18:57).

Salem goes against Farmington and North Farmington at 4 p.m. today at Oakland CC in a WLAA double-dual meet. The Rocks are then idle until the WLAA Championship, Oct. 22 at Kensington Metropark.

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Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Financial Services Office in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Plymouth Canton 2:01.78

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 2:01.09)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.16
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Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:59.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.40
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:59.65
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Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 2:14.39
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:14.51
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:19.61
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50-YARD FREESTYLE
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Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.74
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Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.51
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.95
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.98
Amy Smith (Franklin) 25.99
Emily Howard (Mercy) 26.10

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Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 253.55
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Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
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Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 187.60
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 179.60
Amber Lysakowski (Canton) 176.40
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100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 1:02.29)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.04
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.08
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.20
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Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04
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Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:03.31

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Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.33
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.46
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 55.59
Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 55.95
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 56.10
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 56.31

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 5:25.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:03.01
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.22
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:17.25
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 5:19.66
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 5:19.97
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24

Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 5:23.96
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 5:25.02
Lauren Yagiela (Mercy) 5:29.54
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 5:30.75

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
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Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.43
Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17
Plymouth Salem 1:48.05
Plymouth Canton 1:50.28
North Farmington 1:50.40

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 1:02.79)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.67
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
Linda McElean (N. Farmington) 1:02.24
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:02.87
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:03.18
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38
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100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:11.29)

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Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:10.04
Linda McElean (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:14.16
Elizabeth Hurn (Stevenson) 1:14.20
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 1:14.72

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
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Farmington Hills Mercy 3:38.73
Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
North Farmington 3:55.42
Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

Twisters win, advance to league final

Overcoming a 16-0 first-quarter deficit, the Wayne County Twisters stormed back Saturday to beat the Lorain County (Ohio) Steelmen, 24-22, in the semifinals of the Lake Shore Football League playoffs at Devlin Stadium (Willow Run High School). The Twisters, thanks to a game-winning 21-yard field goal in the final quarter by Chuck Petitpas (Livonia), will face the

Central Ohio Lions for the LSFL title Saturday in London, Ohio. After falling behind by 16 points, the Twisters scored a pair of second-quarter touchdowns. Damon Frendo (Garden City) scored on a 4-yard plunge and Rob Elswick connected with Reggie Brandon on a 15-yard score. The Twisters took a 21-16 lead in the third quarter on a 31-yard

bootleg by Elswick, but the Steelmen regained the lead with a TD early in the final period. The Twisters put it away on Petitpas' field goal. Ferguson was the top rusher with 79 yards on eight carries, while Brandon had five catches for 96 yards. The defense was led by Bob Pensari (Canton), who had two sacks and six tackles.

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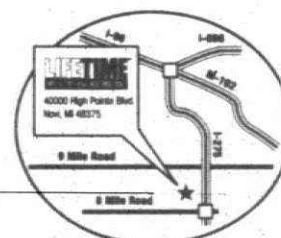
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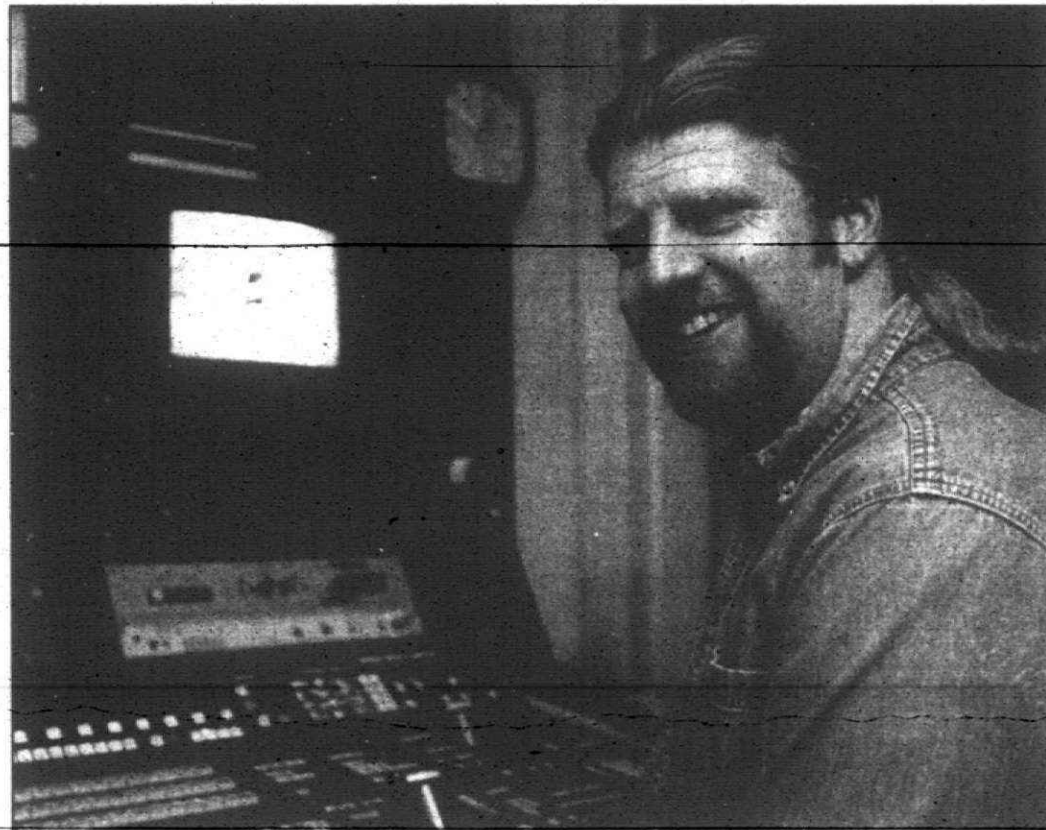
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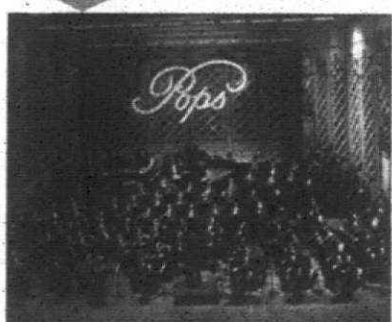
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Festival of the World in the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, features hundreds of ethnic performers, artists and vendors. The International Institute's Original World Market, Festival of the World, continues through Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 seniors/children. Call (313) 871-8600.

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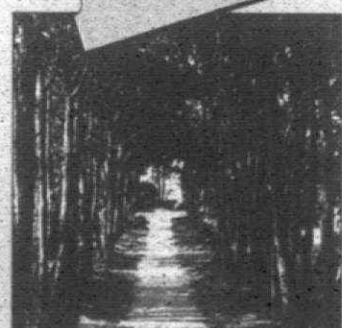
Erich Kunzel leads the Detroit Symphony Pops in a program of arrangements by Nelson Riddle, featuring performances by swing dancers and vocalist Michael Gough, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$14 to \$68. Call (313) 576-5111.

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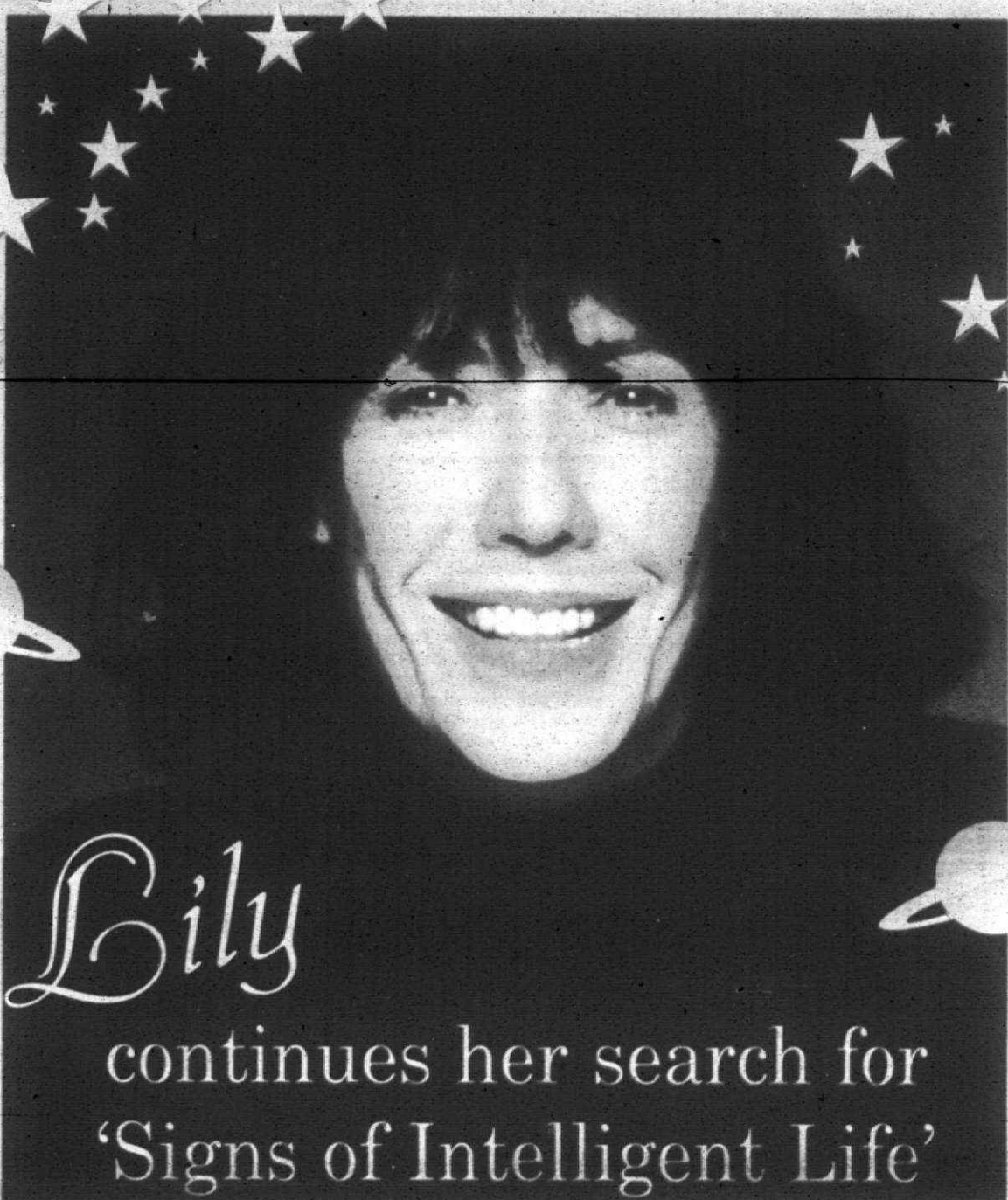


Jody Ellison and Greg Trzaskoma star in the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's presentation of "The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call (248) 788-2900.

HOT TICKET



David Whitman of Bloomfield Hills is one 163 artists from 65 communities throughout Michigan featured in the Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 14-17, at the Community House, 380 Bates St. in downtown Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Special artists' demonstrations will be held Thursday-Saturday. For more information, call (248) 644-5832.



Lily continues her search for 'Signs of Intelligent Life'

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

Thirteen years after she took home a Tony Award for Best Actress for "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," Lily Tomlin is back touring the universe — or at least 29 cities — with her one-woman show written by Jane Wagner, Tomlin's long-time collaborator and partner.

Tomlin and her multiple personalities — including Trudy, Chrissy, Kate, Agnus Angst and her parents, Marie and Lud; Paul the sperm donor; Tina, Brandy, Lyn, Edie and Marge — bring their cosmic insights to the Fisher Theatre stage Oct. 22-24 in Tomlin's hometown of Detroit.

"The Search" is more relevant to me now in looking back over the last dozen years or so," said Tomlin from her current home base of Los Angeles. "With all the division, polarization and hate between groups, the theme of connectivity between all of us as individuals seems more timely now than it ever has. Trudy, the bag lady and narrator throughout 'The Search' says, 'We all time share the same atoms.' One of my favorite quotes about 'The Search' appeared in a review: 'The audience was on its feet applauding its higher self.'"

Applause and accolades became official for Tomlin at a very early age. It was at Crosman Elementary School in Detroit where the then Mary Jean Tomlin won her first oratory contest.

Wonderful teacher

"Kay Pollock was a wonderful teacher," Tomlin recalls fondly. "She'd read broad dialect poems before we'd

go home on Fridays. They were poems that I'm sure would not be considered politically correct in schools today. I was just crazy for this stuff. They were written phonetically. She'd read these poems and I'd just be entranced because it was like creating this world with just her voice."

"I had no props and I wasn't in costume," says Kay Pollock Goldberg, who retired in 1976 after 33 years with the Detroit School system and now lives in Livonia with her husband, Donald. "Today you wouldn't dare do poems like that, and it's too bad because there's a lot of good literature that still should be read. I would read from James Whitcomb Riley, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and others and do Negro, Italian or, what I call, 'back woods dialects.'"

"Mary Jean was showing signs at an early age, when she won the poet-

ry contest, that she was going to get somewhere," Goldberg says. "I have been very touched by the fact that Mary Jean has been so gracious about remembering me. So many people, when they get where they want to be, or near the top, forget everybody else and she doesn't."

Nearly 50 years later, Tomlin still treasures her prize, the slim volume of poetry with the dark red cover and Kay Pollock's hand-written inscription.

"From Kay Goldberg's Friday afternoon poetry readings, I got an inkling of what it was and I suddenly saw a form for it when I performed socially topical bits for Wayne State University's annual variety show," says Tomlin, who permanently moved from Detroit in 1965.

"As a child, I'd make the other kids in my old apartment house at Hazelwood and Byron in Detroit be in my shows," Tomlin says.

"They'd walk off the stage or wouldn't show up, and here I was completely excited and devoted to it. When I was 10, I wrote this skit for two kids who had moved into our apartment house from Georgia who both had curly red hair and freckles. I'd make up sketches and I wanted them to be Howdy Doody and Arthur Godfrey because they looked like them. I would play the other characters like Holly Lokey, the Hawaiian dancer, and Princess Summerfallwinterspring."

Resourceful

A very resourceful Broadway pro-

ducer wannabe, Tomlin did everything she could to get a proper costume for her epic plays. She'd borrow

clothes from her mother's closet. She'd take her mom's blankets and make drapes.

"I wanted a stage. I wanted ticket buyers. I wanted an audience."

And now she's got it all.

"That's how it is when you really love something," Tomlin adds. "You do it unconsciously and voluntarily. I did it constantly."

Tomlin honed her skills at Crosman Elementary, Hutchins Intermediate School and Cass Tech, where she was the co-captain of the cheerleading team. But the turning point came at Wayne State University when she earned kudos improvising each night as the capitalist wife and mistress in the "Madwoman of Chailot" at the Bonstelle Theatre.

"The drama kids thought I was really funny and I thought, 'Well, gee, I have some natural knack for doing this.'"

With that revelation in mind, Tomlin chucked her medical school ambition for a life in the spotlights. And Mary Jean Tomlin gave way to Lily Tomlin.

"I changed my name one day at an audition in New York. I'd always loved my mother's name and, standing in line outside a club where I'd heard they were looking for English people for a review, I decided I would pretend I was English to get the job. And Lily Tomlin sounds English so, when my turn came, I said in a very British accent, 'My name is Lily Tomlin.'"

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Frightening fun: Keith Prusak (standing), Mario Razo and Ariana Prusak in a scene from SRO's production of "Dracula."

Scary plays, tales appeal to kids

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Don't get spooked this Halloween season. If haunted houses make your skin crawl and the sight of circling bats makes you cringe, seek a safer alternative this spooky season — and one more suitable for the kids. Try one of the following theatrical events with a Halloween theme.

The Marquis Theatre's production of "Halloween Soup," a comical melodrama set to music, has a cast of 20 children between the ages of 8 and 14. The theater is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

"Halloween Soup" tells the story of how a lawyer named Fleasom attempts

to evict the Ghouls family from their mountain retreat. To save their swampy home, Granny Ghouls tries to persuade the freaky lawyer to marry one of her daughters. But Fleasom is in love with another, the lovely granddaughter Ada Mae.

Carol Kuhlman, assistant producer of the show, said the production has been well-received in the past. "Halloween Soup" was last shown in 1996, but now includes new costumes and music. "These kids are so talented," she said.

Inge Zayti, producer of the show, agreed: "It is one of the best Halloween shows you can see," she said. "These kids are very polished. They can sing and act and they are very dedicated to the theater."

Children like to see other children on stage, added Zayti. Performances are 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays in October. Tickets are \$6. Group rates are available. Not appropriate for children under 3. Call (248) 349-8110 for information.

Dracula

More mature audiences can take an up-close and personal look at Dracula himself. SRO Productions presents "Dracula," a story adapted from the Bram Stoker novel by Robert Smyth and Kerry Meads. Hank Bennett directs a cast of seven for this October treat! Barbie Amann, Tamara Gries,

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She now had a new name, but not the part.

"Another producer was in the audience," said Tomlin, whose 85-year-old mother, Lillie Mae, lives in Palm Springs. "And I got cast in a mime show because I was doing Madame Lupe, the world's oldest living beauty expert, and she is an extremely physical character. In the mime show, 'World of Illusion,' I got my Equity card, and since I had signed up as Lily Tomlin, that's the name that stuck."

Of the 29-city tour, which will wrap up on Dec. 10 in Tempe, Ariz., Tomlin's Detroit stop is the

longest.

By day, she's got friends and family to see and old haunts and restaurants to visit.

"I used to live at Greektown," Tomlin laughs. "My girlfriend Jenny and I would always go down to Hella's from Wayne State. We would get that great wheat bread and a really big slice of feta covered in olive oil. And I loved those beets with the garlic sauce on them. I still love Greek food, I go all the time here in L.A."

But the "Search" continues in Motown.

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Alan Madeleine, Mario Pazo, Larry Pellicioni, Ariana and Keith Prusak.

"It's not your usual production of 'Dracula,'" said Bill Mandt, acting manager for the Southfield Adult Recreation Center. "It's a little bit more romanticized. This is more of an eerie, romantic (version). It's not your standard thing."

This is the first year SRO Productions has performed the classic story, though the Southfield-based organization tends to choose its heaviest shows during the month of October.

The show is close to the original text on which it is based, Mandt said. It switches from the

actors reading about what has happened to them — something akin to a journal — to acting the scene out.

"It's not your stereotypical windows flying open and bats flying out," said Mandt. "There are a few humorous moments, but it's fairly serious. It requires a lot of imagination from the audience."

Some scenery must be interpreted by the audience. The show does not include bloody or gory scenes, but does deal with the subject of death. Highlights of the show include the costuming and special effects provided by lights and fog. The auditorium holds about 70 people, providing an intimate setting for

the show.

"There is a universal theme," said Mandt. "It's the good of man triumphing over evil."

"Dracula" is presented 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 24 at Theburgh, a historic church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$8, \$7 for seniors and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information.

The show will be presented 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road in Independence Township. Call for information (248) 625-8811.

Tales From the Cranbrook Crypt

Cranbrook's Institute of Science hosts this weekend of spooky stories, trick-or-treating and a monster show 6-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23. Cranbrook is located at 1221 N. Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is \$6 or \$4 with a Target TreatSeat coupon. Reserve your spot today at (248) 645-3210.

The Frankenstein Follies

Presented by The Clarkston Village Players, this musical "spooktacular" is a treat for the family. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Spooky events everyone can enjoy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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It's the spooky season for children's events so hop in the car and seek out any of these family-friendly activities:

Concert

The Farmington Community Band will present its 14th annual "Spooktacular" Halloween concert 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Costick Activity Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 or visit the Web site www.mystery.com/fcb for more information.

This year's concert, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Target store, will include a parade of children in costume. Treats will be given to every child who attends.

All 60 band members will be wearing Halloween costumes. The concert, led by conductor Paul Barber, includes spine-tingling and haunting music for the occasion.

"It has become one of our most

popular performances over the years," said Ginny McDonald. "Having this year's concert at the Costick Center will allow more room and flexibility to do additional fun things like the children's parade. This is a great concert for the entire family."

Plymouth Orchards Hayrides and Storytelling

Award-winning story-teller Debra Christian tells fall tales at this family program. A hayride, cider and doughnuts are included. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$7 for kids age 4-12, \$3 for children under 3. Hayrides are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturdays in October at the Plymouth Orchards. Call (734) 451-1128 for reservations.

Pumpkin Hollow

Take a free ride to the pumpkin patch on the weekends at Pumpkin Hollow. Buy cider, doughnuts, caramel apples, popcorn. See the farm animals at the petting farm. 3-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sundays. Live entertainment by Spyder Joe, MerCin, Scott Rogers, and Pedro

Luis Martinez. Friendly Haunting Days rides through the forest depart between 2-5 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 17, 24. Tickets for the family rides are \$1.50 per person. Bunya Farms is at 7300 East Joy Road, west of Curtis Road in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 332-1971 for more information.

Haunted High School

Stroll through the spooky high school halls 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road in Livonia. Suitable for kindergarten through sixth grade. Cider and doughnuts will be served. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes are optional. Tickets \$3 per child. Call (734) 522-1791 for information or to register.

Halloween Festival

Pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds and straw, plus apple cider and doughnuts, will be for sale at the Livonia Barn, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, through Oct. 31. Weather permitting, pony and hay rides and a petting farm will be included. Saturdays and Sundays in October. Crafts booths will be set up in the barn, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., which is at Middle-

belt and West Chicago in Livonia. A Haunted Barn will be open for children 12 and under, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 22-30. Admission is 50 cents. Call (734) 427-4311.

Friendly Monsters

Youngsters who aren't ready for a real haunted house can visit "Friendly Monster Night," 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Livonia Jaycees' haunted house in the parking lot of Wal-Mart at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft. Cost is \$3.

Indian Springs: "Kids Halloween Party" welcomes first through fourth graders, and their parents, to an evening of skits, goodies, games and activities. Held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday Oct. 15 and 16, the party costs \$5 per child and \$2 per adult. Call (800) 625-7280 or locally (248) 625-7280 for more information or to register. Indian Springs is near White Lake Pumpkin Patch.

The Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, hosts a Pumpkin Patch Party, featuring trick-or-treating for developmentally disabled children 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. Call (734) 425-2246 to register.

Ben Folds Five ready to shine at Clutch Cargo

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Take note.

Two questions to avoid when speaking with Robert Sledge, bassist for the alterna-punk trio known as Ben Folds Five, are as follows: Why are you called Ben Folds Five if there are only three band members? When are you going to get a guitarist and become a "real" band?

Together since 1994, the Chapel Hill, N.C., three-piece hit stardom with their edgy gen-x anthem "The Battle of Who Could Care Less," and the sentimental "Brick." But piano-banging Ben Folds, Sledge, and drummer Darren Jessee strayed from their initial formula — known to dedicated followers as "punk rock for sissies" — to elaborate on deeper level with their latest release, "The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner."

"If you can't handle really heavy punk rock, punk ideals, you probably

can handle Ben Folds Five," said Sledge, who's been playing bass guitar for 20 years. Sledge spoke about the new album, the weather, and the band's upcoming tour — which pits stops in Pontiac on Sunday Oct. 17 — during a phone interview from his North Carolina home. Here's what he had to say on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Sledge on ... The Weather

"We were spared," said Sledge of the recent bombardment by Hurricane Floyd and other tropical storms threatening the East Coast. "All we got was a lot of rain." Unfortunately other parts of the state were devastated by flooding, he said, which has spurred the band into planning a possible benefit show. He didn't have confirmed details yet, but hoped to set up a show in Raleigh to raise money for relief and reconstruction efforts. They'll have to work fast since Ben Folds Five is scheduled to go on the road for a North American tour in support of its latest album.

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'Dracula' stalks stage in SRO's production

SRO Productions presents "Dracula," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 24. "Dracula" is showing at Theburgh, corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$8, \$7 seniors/children under age 12. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

He's back! And just in time for Halloween.

"Dracula" is stalking the stage again in search of blood in SRO's spine-tingling production. The story of Count Dracula (original by Bram Stoker in 1897) has been retold many ways on stage and screen. Most take considerable artistic liberties with Stoker's tale. There are at least 12 movie versions. The 1931 film with Bela Lugosi in the title role made the Count a cultural icon. George Hamilton's somewhat silly "Love At First Bite" was a mild success in 1979. Francis Ford Coppola directed a superb

"Dracula" in 1992.

SRO's "Dracula" (adapted by Robert Smyth and Kerry Meads) is true to its origins. The play is presented as a series of journal entries from each character's diary. Director Hank Bennett, and his technical crew do a terrific job of creating the proper mood and setting ... the dark, misty world of howling wolves, blood-sucking vampires and frightened characters attempting to figure out what has gone wrong with their world. Sound and lighting effects were carried out with hardly a glitch. Especially well conceived is the scrim and tiny overhead spotlights that illuminate faces in an eerie, ghostly manner. The story itself, of course, is a battle between good and evil as Victorian England battles to maintain social and moral values. The details are known to most everyone. Dracula changes himself into other forms (usually a wolf or bat, but sometimes the mist itself) in order to feed off the blood of other living creatures. His aversions include mirrors,

garlic and sunlight. Only a stake through the heart can kill him.

What makes SRO's "Dracula" intoxicating are imaginative acting and staging. Keith Prusak in the role of Dracula is at once charming and forbidding — a decent sort of chap who may at any moment lunge for the large vein in your neck. As others fearfully ponder howling wolves, he says, "Listen to them - children of the night. What music they make."

Tamara Gries (Lucy) and Ariana Prusak (Mina) are tantalizing as lovely young ladies who fall into the grasp of Dracula. Alan Madeleine (Dr. Jonathan Seward) gives a splendid performance as a logical man of science who cannot come to grips with the supernatural power of Dracula. Larry Pellicioni (Dr. Van Helsing) is effective as a doctor who isn't afraid to face the awful truth of Dracula. Mario Razo looked every bit the part of a solicitor (Jonathan Harker) who arranges for Dracula's trip to London from Transylvania. At times Razo appears at

Sledge on ... The Motor City and "The Nuge"

Sledge had surprisingly vivid memories of the band's last performance at Clutch Cargo, in spring 1998. Fans packed the club to capacity to hear cult favorites like "Underground" and other hits from "Whatever and Ever Amen." Sledge recalled the comedic banter he and Folds engaged in during the show — which involved numerous references to Tommy Lee of Motley Crue and his then-wife Pamela Anderson Lee.

During the show, he tossed in a Ted Nugent tune for the Metro-area audience, but didn't get the energetic response he expected from "Free For All." Will the upcoming performance offer the same "madcap laughs" as last time? Fans can count on it.

Sledge on ... Reinhold Messner

Reinhold who? Reinhold Messner, the fictional character depicted on the liner notes in Ben Folds Five's latest disc, is a definite departure from previous work. "We were not necessarily out to make a

record of one very rushing pop song after another," said Sledge. "A lot of people think the arrangements are the key to this record. But there are less than (there were) on the previous record — 'Whatever and Ever Amen'."

The album is a body of work, strung together with a common thread of human emotions and aspirations. The first single, "Army," is the only track that bears true resemblance to the Ben Folds Five of years past. Some of Sledge's favorite tracks include "Regrets" and "Narcoplepsy."

"I think they were very un-formed songs. They just fell out of Ben's head and out of our hands really gracefully."

Sledge on ... Touring

"Everyone likes to have their stuff, pictures and personal stuff," he said. "You have none of that on tour. None of that exists. The comfort level gets real small."

"I like to move around, get set up in a new environment. We've toured America so much, I tend to know my way around

certain cities." Maybe he can cool around Chicago without getting lost, but don't expect Sledge to speak fluent Japanese. Despite his recent return from successful tour of the country, Sledge can only get by on the basics. "The language barrier is gigantic. It's really hard to learn Japanese."

Sledge on ... Songwriting

"Ben does 90 percent of it in the band, which I don't mind," he said. "I think my true talent is motivating the band. I've always been a real cheerleader for our music. I kinda felt useless after we succeeded. I didn't think we'd succeed. I thought 'What am I gonna do now?'"

The answer — plenty. Ben Folds Five will tour the States for the next few months and are likely to head into the recording studio in January. All band members are working on new material.

See Ben Folds Five, piano and all, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets cost \$17. Call (248) 333-2362.

CLARIFICATION

The picture caption with the war photo in the Thursday, Oct. 7, Entertainment section story about the PBS broadcast of "American Photography: A Century of Images" mistakenly said the picture was taken in during the Vietnam War.

The David Turnley picture was actually taken in 1991 in the Gulf War.

A wounded American soldier

of the Gulf war weeps after his friend was killed in the "friendly fire" he had just survived. His friend's body is on board the MASH evacuation helicopter; he had been the driver of their Bradley Fighting Vehicle when it was hit the day before the war's end.

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'Rosetta,' 'Limey' top films at Toronto film festival

BY MARTIN BANDYKER & KIM SILARSKI
SPECIAL WRITERS

It was yet another superlative selection of cinema's latest at the 24th Toronto International Film Festival, and already, some of the big titles featured there are playing in the metro Detroit area.

"American Beauty," the festival's People's Choice Award winner, is on screens here now. This scathing black comedy of middle class America starring Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening with a fine supporting cast is already generating Oscar buzz.

Critics were not as kind to "Mumford," the latest from University of Michigan alum Lawrence Kasdan. The writer/director's ensemble piece about a small town and an ersatz shrink both named Mum-

ford (there's no connection at all to the Detroit high school) fell flat with just about everyone. It too is already on screens here.

Kasdan stumped for "Mumford" in person in Toronto, as did Spacey and dozens of others, including Catherine Deneuve ("Est-Ouest"), Bruce Willis and Nick Nolte ("Breakfast of Champions"), Elton John (executive producer, "Women Talking Dirty"), Susan Sarandon ("Anywhere But Here") and dozens of others.

All of the films mentioned here should eventually make it to Detroit. "The Limey" opened at the Main Art Theatre on Oct. 8, while other titles may take much longer to open. Watch listings for the Detroit Film Theatre, The Main or The Maple.

Director Steven Soderbergh, who wowed us a decade ago with "sex, lies and videotape" and last year's "Out of Sight" with George Clooney, continues his winning streak with "The Limey." Veteran actor Terence Stamp portrays a tough, British ex-con trying to avenge his daughter's death in Los Angeles with Peter Fonda as a rich record producer who was her lover and had something to do with her demise. Stylish and entertaining, "The Limey" is a gritty, superbly acted crime drama that sports dazzling, arty camera work and editing — a stunner all the way around.

"Rosetta" was the controversial winner of the Palme d'Or, the top honor at this year's Cannes film festival and a hot ticket in Toronto. A jagged, uncompromis-

ing look into the desolate life of a teenager who struggles to support her alcoholic mother, this film features an exquisite performance by the young actress Emile Dequenne. The uncompromising "Rosetta" will continue to divide audiences but its strong, ultimately hopeful vision will reward those who are willing to take on this emotionally challenging film.

Canadian films made a particularly strong showing this year. Atom Egoyan's psychological thriller "Felicia's Journey" stars Bob Hoskins as a caterer with an ultra-dark secret who befriends newcomer Elaine Cassidy.

Jeremy Podeswa's "The Five Senses" follows a quintet of city dwellers who has each lost touch with one of their senses. Mary-Louise Parker walks off with the film in her role of a cake decorator who can't decide what to do with her hunky Italian boyfriend.



Ex-con: Terrence Stamp (left) and Peter Fonda in "The Limey" struck a chord with festival viewers.

most profound work to date. "Sweet and Lowdown" is a nice departure for Woody Allen, a low-key but thoroughly enjoyable look at the fictitious life of jazz guitarist Emmet Ray starring Sean Penn.

All the rest Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") brought his controversial religious satire "Dogma" to town, and the results were a mixed bag. Smith writes his usual potty-mouthed dialogue that belies a surprisingly profane message.

The script is something less than first-rate, with uneven performances from Ben Affleck, Chris Rock, Linda Fiorentino, Matt Damon and Alan Rickman. Slight but silly and good-natured is "Happy, Texas," which follows two prisoners (Steve Zahn and Jeremy Northam) who escape from jail and assume the identities of two beauty pageant producers who are gay lovers. One of few films to generate belly laughs at this festival, "American Movie" is a docu-

mentary about low-budget filmmaker Mark Borchardt's struggles to complete a cheesy horror flick called "Coven." Borchardt may have very little money and even less talent, but what he doesn't lack is determination. Funny at first, this one turned predictable quickly.

Three dark horses Seek these out. Just do it. "Spring Forward," which looks at the workaday lives of two municipal employees who clean parks, features excellent, heart-warming performances by Ned Beatty and Jeff Schreiber.

Werner Herzog's "My Best Fiend" is a hilarious, touching, sometimes shocking documentary about the late, crazed actor Klaus Kinski. Herzog directed Kinski in several films, including "Aguirre," "The Wrath of God" and "Fitzcarraldo." "The Wind Will Carry Us" is the latest enigmatic masterpiece by Iranian Abbas Kiarostami. This film may captivate you or leave you scratching your head, but you won't soon forget it.

'Guinevere' lacks passion

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Here's the picture: There's this young woman named Harper Sloane. She's played by Sarah Polley. She's a Calista Flockhart/Gwyneth Paltrow/Cate Blanchett/Claire Danes/Cameron Diaz type. Waifish, wispy, and fairly pretty, she looks, now and then, as if she might subvert on a strict diet of exotic butterflies.

She's sort of the odd-person-out in this family of well-to-do attorneys, all of whom have attained their law degrees at Harvard and all of whom are expecting Harper, now that the time has come, to do the very same.

Then, Harper meets this guy. His name is Connie Fitzpatrick and he's played by Stephen Rea. Connie is the photographer at her sister's wedding. He's Irish, he drinks too much, he's artsy, and he's 30 years older than Harper. First thing you know, these two are exchanging meaningful glances.

Next thing you know, they're exchanging much more than that. As time passes, he calls her things like "baby" and "my good girl" and "Guinevere." As time passes, she giggles and grins and an awful lot.

Jazz in the background. San Francisco as the backdrop. Soon, Harper wants to leave her household and snuggle in with Connie at his bohemian loft.

"You'll have to create something to stay here," he tells her. "You're mistaking me for someone with potential," she purrs.

Anyway, Harper moves in with Connie (surprise), starts to read Sartre, and gets to attend middle-to-highbrow discussions between Connie and his mostly-male intellectual buds. Just about everybody seems to find Harper just about as cute as a cookie, which, of course, she is.

But then, guess what happens. Harper learns she's only one in a long line of Guinevere girls (surprise again). Looks like that rascal, Connie, is afraid of commitment (surprise, surprise, surprise), especially if it's a commitment to anyone but his over 21 and just a tiny bit worldly-wise.

In a scene almost worth the price of admission, Jean Smart, playing Harper's glam, rich-bitch mother, practically steals this entire movie. Mrs. Sloane, it turns out, has some opinions on who her daughter has been hanging out with in the artsy loft, knows how to articulate these opinions, and does not hesitate to express them when she

pays the two of them a memorable visit. The lovers pretty much just sit there and listen as she dishes out the razor-sharp, made even sharper by the honeyed tones in which it is delivered.

After Mrs. Sloane walks out, this movie starts to hurtle downhill about as fast as a bike with no brakes in the knobby city of the bay. Not that it's gone much of anywhere in the first place, unfortunately.

Its lack of freshness, its predictability, and an ending so silly you don't know whether to laugh or cry don't really kill "Guinevere," however. Even with all that, this picture might have survived somehow, and taken on enough life to engage its audience. After all, it is a romance and what's more filled with possibility than romance?

What delivers the fatal blow here is the picture's lack of passion. Its stars (especially Stephen Rea) seem oddly unemotional, not just within themselves, but toward each other.

In a story that centers around passion and chemistry, passion and chemistry are hard to find. "Guinevere" seems a love story with very little heart. Consequently, it seems hardly anything at all.

MUSIC

BEAM to aid local musicians

BY STEPHANIE ANGELIN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

As the froptrom for the Smithereens, Pat DiNizio remembers what it was like to be in an emerging band.

Surviving 20 years in the music business as a successful artist, he also knows what struggling musicians need to get started: a place to rehearse, a way to connect to fans through the Internet, money to record and distribute a CD, and promotion.

DiNizio made a stop at Rochester's Hamlin Pub Thursday to let local musicians in on a new program designed to assist emerging talent in these areas. Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music, or BEAM, is funded by \$50,000 in grants, along with publicity and exposure to new talent.

"Our first record did not take long to put out," said DiNizio,

recalling Smithereens history. "The second record took three years of playing five nights a week and saving every penny. With a program like BEAM, we might've achieved what we achieved, earlier. Although it would've been nice to have some help."

DiNizio, the distinctive voice behind The Smithereens, has been known for his efforts helping other musicians strive for success. Through his Web site, www.psycholaborations.com, he's created the first interactive songwriting program. "People send me the words and I write the music," he said.

And in December, he'll start up an Internet radio station specifically made to highlight the work of unsigned and emerging talent. "Ninety-nine percent of the music that's being made is by non-professional musicians," Doug Schrock, manager of Hamlin Pub and a Rochester res-

ident, said he supports local music and sees a need for the type of assistance offered to BEAM winners. "I've been going to see local bands since I could," said Schrock. "I'm all for it. I hate to see someone in music give it up just for the (lack of) money or support."

The program touches on all genres of music, from modern rock, to country, jazz, blues and classical.

"BEAM has been involved with emerging artists for over a decade," said DiNizio. "We're trying to reach people in the Detroit area to go to the Web site. We'd be happy to give them some money. I could've just come out on a promotional tour, but I wanted to play as well."

DiNizio performed several sets, beginning at 9 p.m., which included Smithereens hits like "Girl Like You," "Blood and Roses," and the occasional cover.

Please See BEAM, E7

Len is bringing its 'sunshine' our way, finally



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If you ask Sharon Costanzo about the recent success of "Steal My Sunshine," a summer smash for the Toronto-based band, she'll tell you she had no idea it was going to be a hit.

The only female member of the Len, which blends old school hip hop with touches of electronic and rock, spoke openly while hanging out on the band's bus, just before heading out on tour.

During the Oct. 6 telephone interview, she spoke about the song, the new album and working alongside her little brother, Marc — known within the Len crew as The Burger Pimp.

"It was anybody's guess," she said of the song's success. "We had to find that song. We lost it."

"Sunshine" was a song The Burger Pimp wrote on his leg at a party. He came home, woke Sharon, and recorded it the same night. The tape was lost, and

eventually found under a bed. It wasn't made to be a hit. "We'd never performed it," she said. "The song was rolling before we were. I felt like I was doing a cover."

Despite the warm reception given to "You Can't Stop the Bum Rush," Sharon's quick to say that the band didn't exactly set out to be a success. In fact, they didn't think about much more than making music and having fun.

"We didn't set out to do anything," she said of Len, which formed in 1991. "We just got together to have a good time."

So far, that idea has worked pretty well. Sharon, Marc, DJ Moves, Drunkness Monster and D-Rock make up Len, a band simply named after a friend.

"Everyone's amazingly talented," said Sharon. "Everyone's got their own project." There's an independence within the band, she added. No one tells the other members what to do.

"Everyone's got their own energy. That makes it easy to party together. We've been friends for a decade. It's like a

family." For siblings Sharon and Marc, it is a family. "I wouldn't do it without him," she said. "There's no good reason I would be in this business without him. — I would still sing in the shower — but it wouldn't be any fun for me if he wasn't in the band."

"The only problem it does pose, if one of us in a bad mood, or the other goes down too. We're super close. We can really upset each other. We try to keep everything up. With family, the best thing is that you always know they'll be around."

Len's sound is somewhat difficult to describe, Sharon said. But she tried: "It's pretty up, kind of a party vibe. You ain't gonna sleep through a set."

While Len's been together as a band for eight years, the current line-up has only solidified over the past three. Success came almost too quickly.

Len's canceled two concert dates in the Detroit area over the past year, one as the proposed opening act for Bare Naked Ladies. But Sharon Costanzo promised, this time,

Len is on its way into the Motor City.

Last-minute scheduling of shows and a European press tour prevented the band from performing. And at the time, Costanzo said, Len wasn't ready to go from playing 20 minute sets on festival tours to a 50 minute headlining set.

"People were waiting for us," she said. "It was pretty upsetting for us, as much as it was someone else. We had to go to Europe. There were too many things going on at the same time."

In the midst of moving their home studio from Toronto to Vancouver, and heading out on tour, Len is ready to commence its first major U.S. tour. No more conflicts, no more teasing.

"I don't even know what day it is," said Sharon Costanzo, still reeling from all the wonderful chaos.

"You Can't Stop the Bum Rush" is the band's third album. Len independently released "Superstar" and "Get Your Legs Broken." In every case, the band invited guest musicians to perform, but with their latest work,

they sought out the sounds of old-school hip hop performers Big Markie and Curtis Blow.

"We've always had guests," said Costanzo. "We've always had people come in and do what they want to do. This time we could reach out to the people we couldn't reach out to before. We might not be able to do this again."

So the Len crew sat around thinking about who they would like to join them. A few phone calls and two weeks later Big Markie showed up at their home studio. The result was "Man of the Year" and "Beautiful Day," two strong tracks on the album, either of which could become a single. Curtis Blow contributed to "Cold Chillin'." Perhaps the most unlikely contributor to the album was none other than former Poison guitarist C.C. DeVille.

While in Los Angeles, the band sought a guitarist to fill an empty stretch in the song "Feelin' Alright." "We didn't want vocals," said Costanzo. "We decided we should pay some kind of respect to 80's

hair bands." While other candidates included Eddie VanHalen and Guns-N-Roses axe-slinger, Slash, C.C. DeVille was available, and a friend of the studio's receptionist.

"He shows up at the studio," said Costanzo. "He's actually a really normal guy. He didn't show up in zebra-striped lycra pants."

Not only did DeVille provide the guitar work, he traveled to Canada to appear in the video for "Feelin' Alright." Len's latest single. It was shot at the Costanzo's high school and should be taking over MTV's airwaves this week.

"Listen for the time when Len performs at Saint Andrews Hall on Oct. 15. And bring your friends. Sharon's going to. It's going to be a great show. We're heading your way."

Check out Len, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 at St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$15 day of the show. All ages are welcome. Call (248) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com.

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such as the Beatles "Hide Your Love Away." His national tour in support of the program hits major U.S. cities including Chicago, Seattle, New Orleans, Boston and Minneapolis.

Fans that filled the small pub commented on the opportunity to see DiNizio perform in such an intimate environment. "I missed him at Pine Knob, so I wanted to

see him here," said George Bowman, a Troy resident. "I like his music. He's a good singer. 'Blood and Roses' and 'Wall of Sleep' are rock classics."

Ken Abraham, a Rochester resident, caught The Smithereens show at PlanetFest this summer, so he came down to see DiNizio play a smaller venue. "He came and asked if he could sit down

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DINING

Little Tree Sushi Bar expands offerings in fun atmosphere

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Open for a year in its current, spacious Royal Oak Main Street location, Little Tree Sushi Bar was formerly squeezed into what is now Good Night Gracie's martini bar on Washington Street.

Back then, the menu was solely Japanese. Today, with expanded offerings, Little Tree headlines not only Japanese, but Thai and lesser-known (at least in this area) dishes from the Philippines. And of the tri-country cuisine, Filipino has been broadly embraced to the delightful surprise of president Lisa Rogers and general manager Del Kernohan.

Offering good service in a fun atmosphere, Little Tree is a unique addition to the growing number of eateries along Main Street.

The ambiance with straight wood-line design and plain walls is typical of a Japanese-style country home, designer/architect and builder Shepherd Spencer noted.

Seating at booths, illuminated by Asian-looking Tiffany lamps, is intimately cozy.

Food is also served at the large bar area at the front and sushi at the sushi-bar in back. There, entertainment is watching skilled sushi chefs at work. Larger groups are comfortable at one of the tables center floor with paper lantern globes bringing in ambient light.

Making up at home with his food is Filipino native Executive Chef Eddie Bautista, who learned his sushi-making skills from a master sushi chef in Seat-

Little Tree Sushi Bar

Where: 107 South Main St. (south of 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. (248) 586-0994.

Open: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until midnight Friday-Saturday; and 4:30-11 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Pacific Rim cuisine including Japanese, Thai, and Filipino specialties, plus a broad selection of sushi which can be eaten at the 15-seat sushi bar or brought to your table. Many meatless selections.

Cost: Sushi \$1.50-3.50 for nigiri and \$3.50-9 for rolls (6 pieces). Entrees \$9-14.

Reservations: Not accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full-service bar. All items available as carry-out.

Little Tree Uncorked

■ General Manager Del Kernohan suggests 1997 Zenato Pinot Grigio with mild nigiri sushi.

■ A 1997 Santa Rita Merlot, Chile, is best with spicy tuna or yellowtail and scallion sushi rolls.

■ Among sakes, chilled Momokawa Silver is a treat with chicken and beef dishes or Salmon Teriyaki.

tle, Washington. He impressed both Rogers and Spencer at area Japanese restaurants such as Nipponkai, Sho-Gun and Kyoto. They are delighted to have him on board directing the Little Tree kitchen.

Chef Eddie likes cooking Japanese because he says, "the whole philosophy of Japanese cuisine is that what a chef does comes from inside his person and that definitely shows on the plate."

Filipino is the food of his heritage.

"I like to present it edible to a diner's eyes," he noted.

"For Thai foods, the challenge is spicing properly to make dish-

es flavorful, not just hot. I want diners to taste the natural blend of fresh ingredients."

Experience shows at Little Tree. Del Kernohan is a 1982 Oakland Community College culinary department grad. He honed his skills working for the C.A. Muer Corp., luxury resorts in Texas and at 220 in Birmingham where he was restaurant and kitchen manager. "But I really like working in the dining room with the guests," he said.

And what has Kernohan noticed diners like most from the eclectic menu?

"Among the nigiri sushi, it's tuna, yellowtail and Eel River "because they have great flavor, aren't too fishy and are a safe

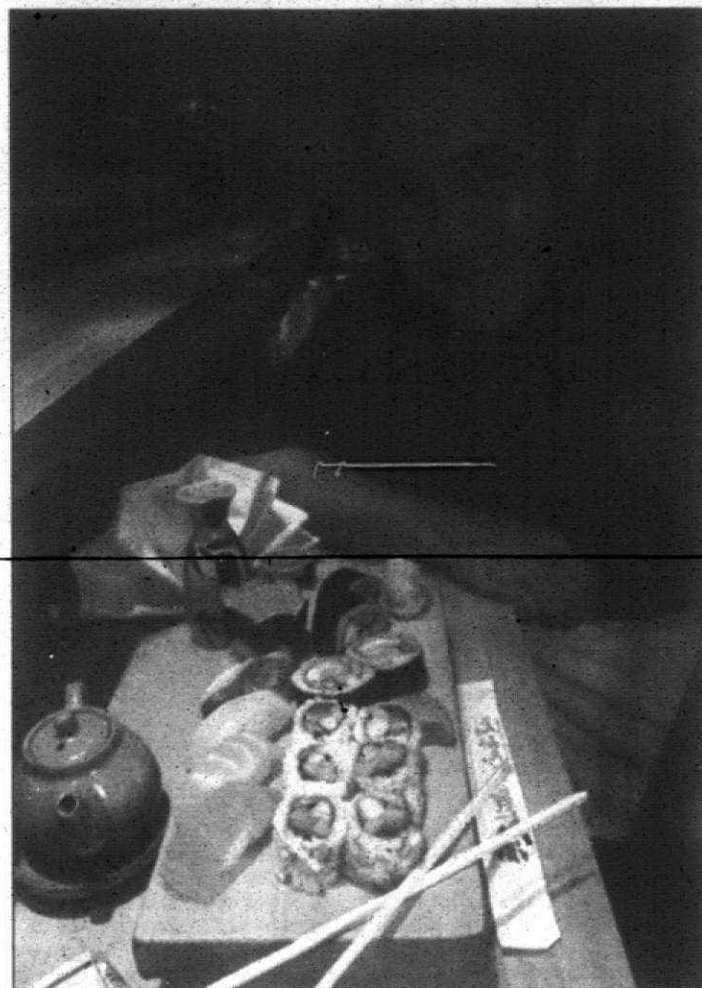
first try." Experienced sushi eaters go for Sweet Raw Shrimp, Octopus and Surf Clam. But for a kicked-up treat, order Spicy Tuna roll with chili, garlic sauce. A Chef Eddie original is Crispy Roll with salmon, mackerel, and tuna, tempura battered then quick-fried.

Filipino dishes have their base in the cooking of Spain, since Spaniards once occupied the islands. Most popular among these entrees are Chicken & Pork Adobo, where the poultry and meat are simmered together with onion and Filipino seasonings to make a delicious stew. Ginataang Seafood consists of shrimp, scallops, squid, and salmon sauteed with coconut milk, eggplant and garlic. Its attractive appearance is complemented by a delightful blend of flavors.

All Thai dishes can be spiced to preference, but most popular is the spicy Gang Gai, fresh eggplant, tender pea pods, bell peppers, baby corn, and shiitake mushrooms seasoned with red curry and coconut milk, then stir-fried with choice of chicken, beef or pork; scallops, shrimp or squid. Pad Thai is the favorite noodle dish.

Among Japanese dishes, two appetizers are a must: Wasabi Shumai and Gyoza. Roasted Duck Breast with Asian Plum Sauce and Nabeyaki Udon, a noodle dish served in a hot pot are not-to-be-missed main dishes.

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At your service: Little Tree Sushi Bar Executive Chef Eddie Bautista presents a variety of sushi selections including six vegetable rolls (right front). Behind the rolls is tutomaki. On the left (from back to right) are sashimi selections: tuna, salmon, yellowtail and mackerel. Salmon roe is pictured back left.

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ **Ritz Carlton Dearborn** — Oktoberfest, Beer and Wine Tasting 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 441-2100. Event offers an assortment of beers, wines and foods of Germany. Proceeds benefit C.A.T.C.H.

The Grill at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn will serve Taste! Ger-

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ticipate. At least 600 guests are expected to attend, paying \$20 a person for the chance to sample the best of area restaurant food. Tickets will cost \$25 at the door if you wait until the day of the event. Participating restaurants will be able to pass out coupons and promotional materials at their tables.

The Taste festival will raise funds for the Chamber and for the Family Resource Center in Westland. A silent auction of art will also be held. A drawing will be held for prizes which include

a trip for two to Las Vegas. Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (313) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate.

■ **Fifth anniversary dinner at Emily's**, 505 N. Center, Northville (248) 349-0505, 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 20. The cost is \$125.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity. Chef/proprietor Rick Halberg's dishes incorporating both black and white truffles will be accompanied by the

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