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Canton crime rate holds steady



Some categories of serious crime rose in Canton last year, but the township's overall crime rate was nearly identical to 1997. A comparative analysis shows Canton matching other communities in public safety.

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Overall crime rose by less than 1 percent in Canton last year from 1997. "Part I" offenses, which includes eight categories such as murder, larceny and burglary, have remained between 2,200 and 2,400 since 1993, according to Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"I think we tend to be in the mainstream of safe suburban communities," he said.

The department's four-year commitment to community policing, which assigns specific officers to specific sections of the township, has been a key

factor in keeping crime low, Santomauro said.

"The police officers on the street have done a tremendous job of taking community policing to new plateaus," he added.

Canton had 2,400 Part I crimes last year, just 22 more than 1997. Despite the overall rate's steadiness, individual categories did see increases.

The biggest jump came in robberies. That number climbed from 20 to 27 (35 percent) in 1998.

Arsons went from 26 to 33 (26.9 percent) and aggravated assaults from 55 to 66 (20 percent) last year. Burglaries

1997	1998	CRIME
2	0	Murder (Not shown on graph)
49	54	Rape
20	27	Robbery
55	66	Aggravated Assault
313	251	Burglary
1,738	1,752	Larceny
175	190	Motor Vehicle Theft
26	33	Arson

Source: Canton Police

Canton Crimes

A comparison of Part I Crimes in 1997 and 1998

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Heart of the matter: Danielle Mallia (left) and Kristina Crilley, both 8, look up at an oversized replica of the human heart, as they listen to Danielle's heartbeat on a special pulse monitor.

Explore!

Interactive health exhibit larger than life

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How many times does an average person's heart beat in a year? What effect does smoking have on the body? What is a nutritious meal?

These are just a few of the questions that are answered at St. Joseph Mercy's Health Exploration Station in Canton.

According to Coordinator Cheryl McInerney, the facility is designed to educate both children and adults through hands-on exhibits and classroom instruction from health professionals.

"One of our goals," she added, "is to empower people to make better choices for healthier lives."

St. Joe's will hold a grand opening for the HES Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton Health Building, Summit Parkway at Canton Center Road.

"Hats Off to Health" is theme for the celebration. Those creating and wearing a hat having to do with health or wellness will receive a

special gift, said McInerney.

Participants will also have an opportunity to tour the exhibit and attend a short health education class.

The Health Exploration Station, which cost about \$2 million to build, is one of only six in the country. McInerney said it took about a year to design the 3,500-square-foot facility and another five months to build.

Pilot classes began last May. A full load of classes and tours started last month.

Now, a staff of four helps operate the HES Monday through Friday. Tours are three times each day, said nurse and educator Janet Joyce.

She listed several reasons for switching from her work in pediatrics to the station.

"I love working with kids," she commented. "I thought it was so unique and would be a great way to educate kids."

There are plenty of opportunities to do just that, said McInerney.

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New choices fill township menu

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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Hungry?

Finding a new place to dine will be easy in coming months as several restaurants have expressed interest in coming to Canton.

Starbucks Coffee, Steak and Shake and Logan's Roadhouse, all national chains, are considering building restaurants along Ford Road.

"Restaurants are great generators of activity. They add vitality to a community," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said.

A Greek restaurant is said to be considering moving into the Mesquite Creek, also on Ford Road. Township officials said "it's a go" but were mum on the name of the restaurant.

Yack hopes that failed attempts by Olive Garden and Mountain Jack don't scare away other chains.

He points to the success of the Outback Steakhouse as proof positive that Canton can support quality restaurants.

"At one time, in 1988-89, we didn't have many options. We had Roman

Please see RESTAURANTS, A6

Officials get first-hand look at housing concept

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If seeing is believing, township officials are now convinced that large homes on small lots can work well in mega-development Cherry Hill Village.

Members of Canton's Board of Trustees and Planning Commission flew to Memphis, Tenn., Saturday for a

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE

tour of several residential communities. The trip was designed to give officials an up-close look at the large home/small lot concept.

It's an element that will comprise

Please see CHERRY HILL VILLAGE, A4

Area volunteers gearing up for Make a Difference Day

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Historic Kinyon Cemetery will be spiffed up next week, coincidentally, just in time for Halloween.

The graveyard cleaning is just one of the projects that will punctuate Make a Difference Day, a nationwide event on Oct. 23 that celebrates community and volunteers.

Canton civic organizations will gath-

er 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 23 at Freedom Park, at Palmer and Sheldon Roads, to collect donations and to organize clean up campaigns.

One of them will be the park itself. Volunteers will plant perennial greenery at the new township recreation area.

Non-perishable foods, disposable dia-

Please see MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A3

A noteworthy day at Miller



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Stringing them along: A Plymouth Symphony Chamber Quartet performs for third graders in Ned Aloe and Lynn Smith's classes Monday at Miller Elementary School in Canton. The symphony annually participates in the music educational outreach program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Fisher set to appeal parole board denial

BY SCOTT NEINIS
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Charles Fisher, a former Canton resident now in prison for killing his wife, is appealing a recent parole board decision to keep him in prison.

Roman Skypakewych, a defense attorney from Warren, is preparing a brief that will probably go to Wayne County Circuit Judge Vera Massey Jones urging the court to review and overturn the parole board's decision.

"We have a good issue," Skypakewych said. "Fisher's parole eligibility score is by far the highest I've ever seen as a prisoner get without being paroled."

George Ward, chief assistant

prosecutor for Wayne County, will file an opposing brief.

"His chances are almost nil," Ward said. "I'd give him a one-half-percent chance."

Fisher, 59, is serving a 12-1/2 to 19-year prison term at the Muskegon Temporary Correctional Facility.

In 1997, he pleaded no contest to second-degree murder charges stemming from the death of Ella Maria Mercado-Fisher, who was found suffocating in her home, bound with duct tape, on July 15, 1984. She later died.

Fisher is credited with more than 10 years served on his sentence.

He was up for parole for the first time earlier this month, but

the parole board rejected his plea, stating that he was "unwilling to accept responsibility for (his wife's) death."

Skypakewych said he has a letter written by Fisher to the parole board in which Fisher "fully admitted responsibility."

Unlike most cases of this nature, Fisher's attorney is being paid by an individual, rather than being court ordered.

Skypakewych wouldn't say who retained him.

"Fisher is a brilliant man with friends who want him back in the workplace," Skypakewych said.

Fisher will be eligible for parole next in September 2001.

Shelter gets \$200,000 appropriation

First Step recently received \$200,507 from United Way Community Services to provide services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families for the 1999-2000 year.

The allocation was announced by Judy Ellis, First Step executive director, and Al Lucarelli, chairman of the United Way

Community Services Fund Disbursement Committee. The money was raised during the United Way Torch Drive, which provides allocation to 130 health and human service agencies helping more than 1.5 million people throughout Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

Major First Step services are:

Counseling; group support; children's programming; child care; transportation; legal clinics and other information; in-court advocacy; and training on domestic violence and sexual assault for mental health, criminal justice, medical and legal professionals.

The 24-hour services include a 365-day staffed 42-bed residential shelter for women and children, the "Help-Line" crisis intervention services, and assault response teams. First Step also provides an extensive education and prevention program for the community at large and schools.

'Chemical reaction' at PCEP



Cross-creek rivals: Salem Spirit Club Chief Officer Stephanie Watson (left, center), and Junior Representative Melissa Brockie face off in their Canton vs. Salem rivalry T-shirts Tuesday as co-advisers Kathy Smiley (far left) and Brenda Belanger show the backs of the shirts. The two schools' football teams will match up Friday in the annual cross-creek rivalry. The Salem Spirit Club designed these T-shirts, which combine chemical names from the periodic table along with the phrase, "Some Chemicals Should Not Be Mixed." They screen-printed 144 of the shirts, and all but two had been sold by Monday afternoon.

Canton company at remodeling show

The Gingerbread Trim Co. of Canton will be a featured exhibitor at the seventh annual Fall Remodeling Show that runs through Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Novi Expo Center.

The Gingerbread Trim Co.

will feature architectural plastic foam shapes, columns and moldings.

For a special highlight of the show, Michael Colibello, master artisan and home improvement expert from Britain, turns walls

and ceilings into works of art with his texturing and faux finishing techniques as seen on CNBC, Lifetime and HGTV.

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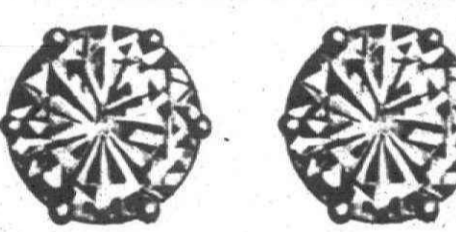
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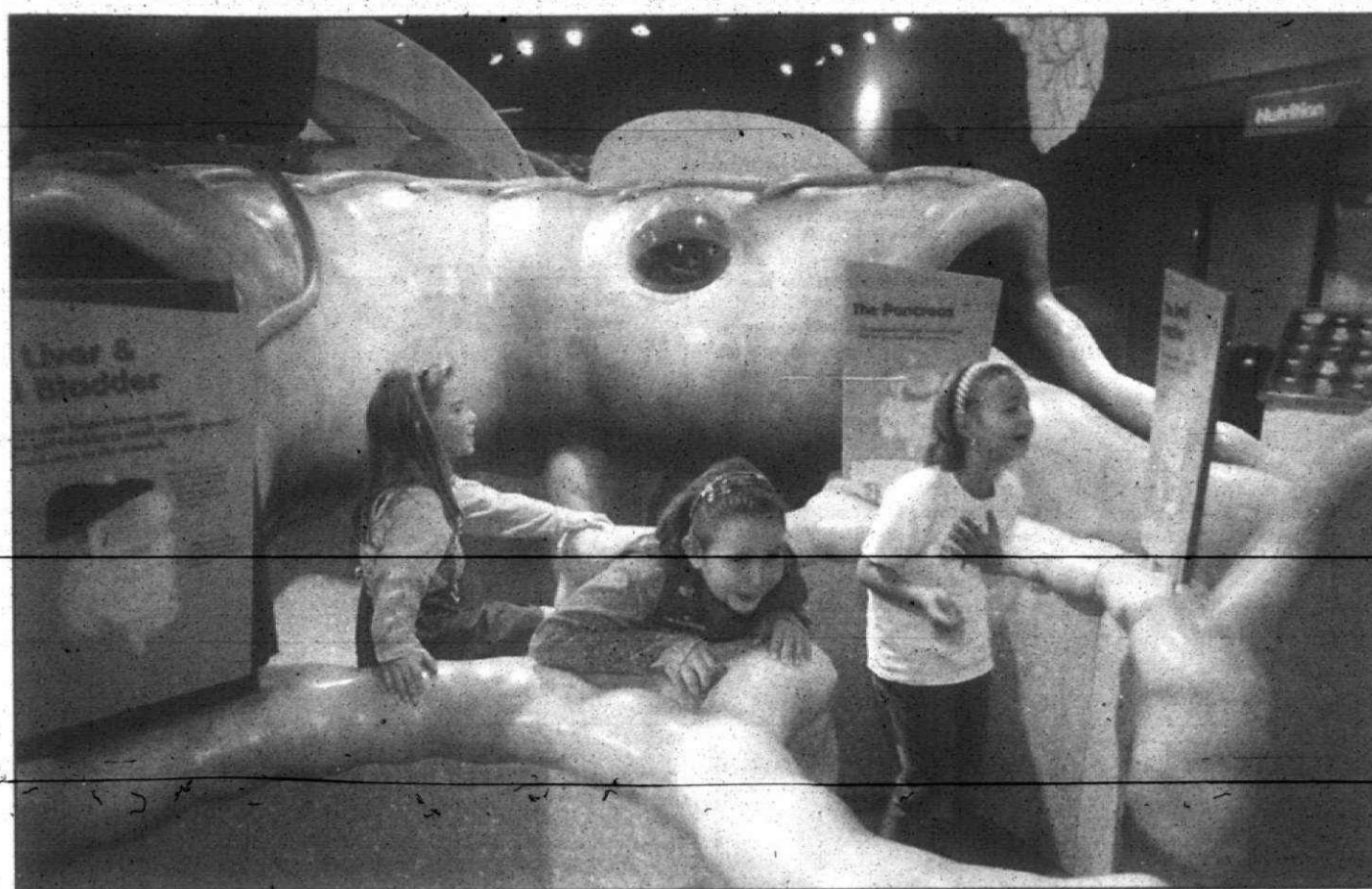
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Sights and sounds: Jessica Dunn, 8 1/2, from left, Alyssa Spooner, 8 1/2, and her sister Kara, 7, crack up as they listen to gastric sounds while playing in an oversized replica of the human digestive system. The girls are members of Brownie Troop 913, based at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth.

Health exhibit from page A1

Classes from local elementary schools are frequent visitors.

A variety of other groups tour the HES.

Girl Scout Troop 913 from Plymouth recently visited. More than a dozen 8- and 9-year-olds spent about an hour at the facility.

McInerney quizzed the eager group about their senses. One

exercise had children pass around a small, which was stored in a small container, and identified it.

"It hurts my nose," said one of the scouts in describing a banana.

After a 20-minute presentation by McInerney, scouts investigated the exhibit area. There was plenty to see, too.

A fitness area tested balance, strength, endurance and jumping ability. The heart and lungs display measured blood pressure and gave youngsters a chance to listen to their own heart on an amplified speaker system.

A large climb-through model of the human digestive tract was featured as well. Scouts also took time to take a nutritional

quiz via computer.

"We've tried to make it an interactive educational program," McInerney said.

For more information on the Health Exploration System or to make a reservation for your class, please call (734) 398-7518.

Police: Driver confronted in robbery

A 27-year-old Dearborn Heights woman was the victim of a strong-arm robbery Friday.

According to township police reports, the woman was west-bound on Cherry Hill Road at about noon. She came up to a four-way stop at Beck Road.

After a moment, she proceeded through the intersection. Police reports said a 1988 Mercury Cougar heading north on Beck didn't stop.

The Dearborn Heights woman avoided being hit by pulling off the road onto Beck. Reports said the man, described as a black male in his mid 40s, 6-foot-1 and about 185 pounds, pulled in front of her Ranger truck.

He got out of his car and went up to her window. Reports said he told the 27-year-old, "you little white b---, you need to learn how to drive."

The man then struck her several times in the face. Reports said he grabbed a gold necklace from around her neck, then

reached over her to take \$40 in cash from the Ranger's console.

The man then left. The Dearborn Heights woman went to her job and reported the incident to police.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton police at (734) 397-5344.

Home Invasion

An 84-year-old Canton woman was the victim of a home invasion Saturday.

Police reports said \$400 cash was stolen from the Lilley Pointe home between 4 and 7 p.m. Entry to the home was gained through a front window.

Reports said the woman returned home from church to find several wallets lying on bedroom dressers. Nothing else was missing from the home.

A neighbor saw a young male

ing to police reports. After concealing the items, which totaled about \$60, the teen was stopped by loss prevention officers before he exited the store. The incident occurred at 12:20 p.m.

Fugitive

Canton police apprehended a 35-year-old fugitive Saturday.

A township officer responded to a Michigan Avenue hotel at 6 p.m. to assist in taking the Romulus man, described as a white male, 5-foot-10 and 185 pounds, into custody.

The officer ordered him to stop, but the man ran off into the adjacent woods, reports said. After a short chase, the Romulus man fell and the Canton officer was able to tackle him.

He was wanted on six counts, including domestic violence, obstructing justice and improper plates. Canton police also charged the 35-year-old with resisting arrest, according to reports.

Make a difference from page A1

pers, new women's and children's socks and underwear and personal hygiene items will be collected at the park by organization representatives.

The Canton Civitans are coordinating the cemetery clean up, which will consist of raking leaves and some general tidying.

"A lot of people don't even know it's there, but it's a jewel of the community that the Civitans have kind of adopted," said Maureen Karby, Canton's volunteer coordinator.

Brigitte Warner, a Girl Scout organizer, said a contingent of area troops is being organized for sprucing up the graveyard.

"You feel like you're part of something big," Warner said. "All over the country, people are improving their communities. That's a good message for the girls."

The Canton Goodfellows, Salvation Army, First Step shelter and the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America are among the community groups that will be represented at Freedom Park.

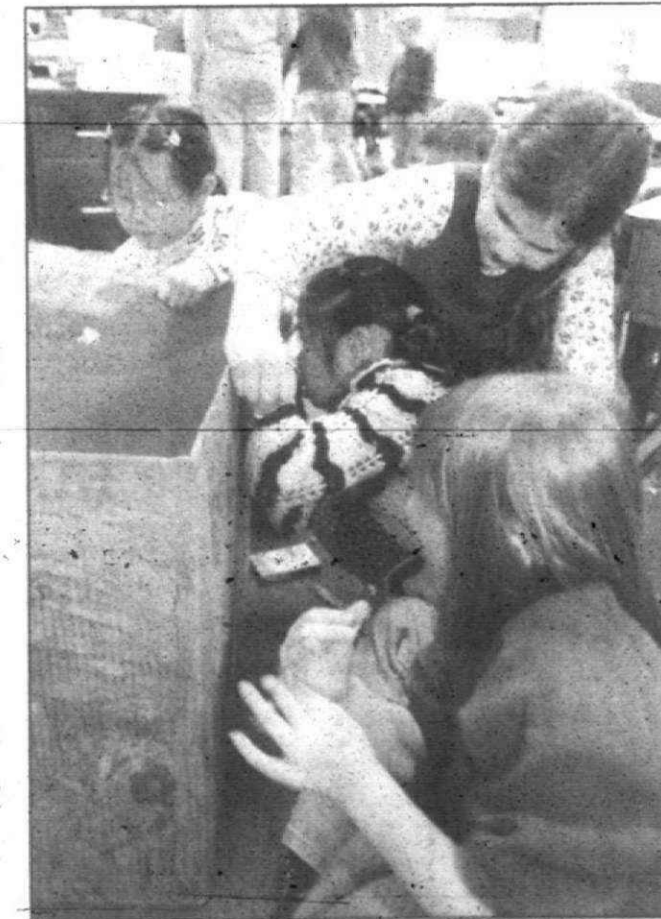
"This community is fortunate to have the support of many wonderful service organizations that work throughout the year to help those less fortunate," Karby said. "We hope that individuals and families will take part in the planned activities."

Karby said 125 volunteers attended last year's event, held at Heritage Park.

"We had such a wonderful response with donations to community organizations that we're doing it again," Karby said.

Students who require community service hours can participate and get credit for their work. Karby can be reached at 397-6450.

More information is available on community projects at the township's Web site: www.canton-mi.org.



Getting ready: Miller Elementary third-graders (clockwise, from left) Linda Pan, Meredith Citkowski, Amy Chen and Caitlin Beer decorate collection boxes to be used for donations on Make a Difference Day. The donations collected by students in teacher Andrea Thomas' class will go to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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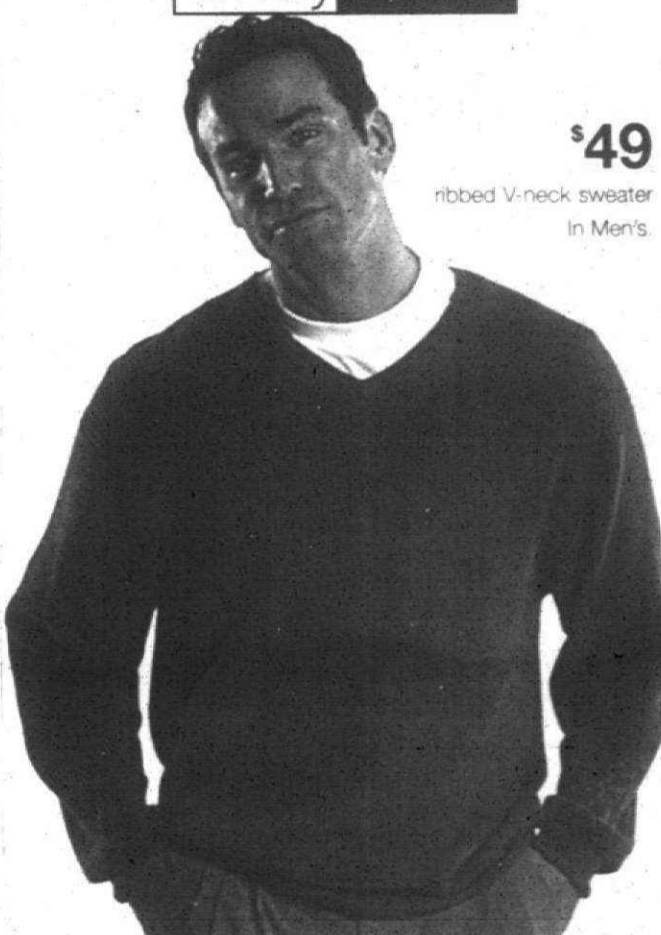


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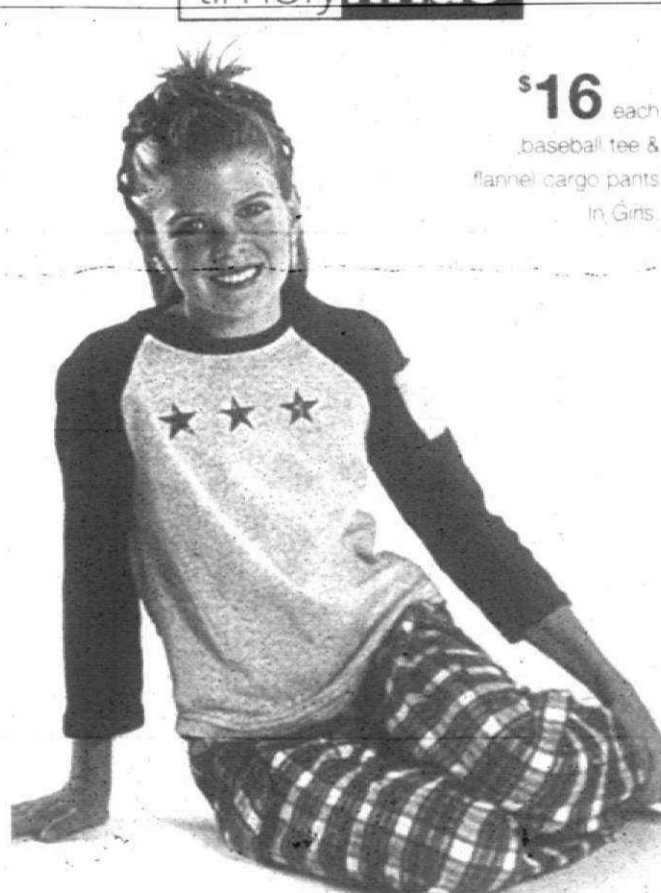
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Crime rate from page A1

dropped 19.8 percent from 313 to 251 and murders fell from two to zero in 1998.

"When you look at the numbers we have," said Santomauro, "I can't speculate as to why some are up or down a little."

Yearly fluctuations in categories that have very few numbers mean little, he said.

"The numbers are not indicative of anything," he added.

A more meaningful statistic, in the director's opinion, is the Part I crime rate per resident.

Canton's population stood at an estimated 75,040 last year. That gives the township a rate of one crime per 31 residents.

It's a mark that compares favorably to similar communities.

Farmington Hills, which had 74,652 residents, had a ratio of 1/26 last year. Clinton Township had a ratio of 1/25 with a population of 85,866.

"We are affected more by national trends than anything else," Santomauro said in terms of the crime rate. "If the economy is good, crime stays down. If the economy is bad, it goes up."

Community crime rates are also affected by demographics and philosophy of policing, he explained.

Towns with higher levels of commercial development and multi-family housing tend to have more crime, said Santomauro. Canton is dominated by single family housing.

In that respect, he said Canton

is like its neighbors Plymouth and Northville townships. While population is significantly less in those communities, its crime per resident rates are similar at 1/36 and 1/33, respectively.

"Single family residential doesn't place a high demand on police," Santomauro said.

The department's philosophy of keeping its work force on the streets is another key, he said.

Canton keeps roughly 80 percent of its officers in the community, Santomauro said that's much higher than towns like Farmington Hills, where only 58 percent are on the streets, and Dearborn Heights with 49 percent.

"We firmly believe you put your resources on the streets," he commented.

Santomauro disagrees with a study that says police visibility doesn't equal low crime.

"I think when you see police officers in uniform and have marked police cars visible, it is a deterrent," he said.

Holding specialization to a minimum helps keep officers on the street.

Canton is in a consortium of departments for areas such as narcotics, auto theft and special operations. It allows for adequate service in those areas with a minimum of Canton manpower.

"We avoid specialization as much as possible," Santomauro said.

Crime statistics				
A 1997/1998 comparison of crimes by community				
COMMUNITY	POPULATION	1997 PART I CRIMES PER RESIDENT	1998 PART I CRIMES PER RESIDENT	1997 PART I CRIMES PER RESIDENT
CANTON	75,040	2,400	1/31	2,578
CLINTON TWP.	85,866	3,395	1/25	N/A
FARMINGTON HILLS	74,652	2,831	1/26	2,744
PLYMOUTH	9,560	179	1/53	N/A
PLYMOUTH TWP.	23,648	661	1/36	529
NORTHVILLE	9,226	47	1/132	N/A
NORTHVILLE TWP.	17,313	552	1/32	578
ST. CLAIR SHORES	98,307	2,121	1/32	N/A
SOUTHFIELD	75,728	6,341	1/12	7,715
TAYLOR	70,811	4,593	1/15	5,098
TROY	72,884	4,023	1/24	3,378
VAN BUREN	21,010	809	1/26	862
WESTLAND	85,724	3,901	1/24	N/A

Part I Crimes: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson
Source: Michigan Crime Report

Cherry Hill Village from page A1

about 20 percent of Cherry Hill Village, a massive development that will include more than 1,400 homes on 380 acres on the township's far west end.

"We all came back with a lot of excitement, anticipation and a greater understanding of things," said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

Clerk Terry Bennett agreed. "I was impressed," she said of the homes at "Harbor Town," an urban island development with high-density housing. "I had the sense of having just as much privacy as I do on my 10 acres on Denton Road."

Supervisor Tom Yack was a bit surprised at what he found. "I couldn't believe it," he said. "These 30-foot lots were very nice."

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, trustees Phil LaJoy, planning commission chairman Vic Gustafson, member Bob Wade and community planner Jeff Grotel also made the Tennessee trip.

Airfare and hotel accommodations were about \$300 per person. Money from conference

accounts of each appropriate department will pay for the trip, Yack said earlier.

According to McLaughlin, the trip was particularly impressed with patio areas of the homes. McLaughlin said they gave a feeling of privacy and added space.

"They really didn't feel confined," she said of the small-lot homes. "They felt cozy and pleasant."

Because of the homes were less than 10 feet from the street, architectural detail was, said McLaughlin. Not having homes on ground level also made a big difference.

"The houses were raised two to three feet off the street," she said. "It was stunning how having them raised gave them a greater presence on the street."

Yack agreed. He said similar homes at ground level, which were seen later on the tour, didn't work as well.

"It makes the house look more prominent," said Yack.

A small amount of landscaping in front yards of the homes went a long way, he added.

"I think one of the benefits of a small lot is that you can create a lush setting for very little," Yack said.

Detailed architecture and landscaping as well as functional outside spaces will all be key design elements in Cherry Hill Village, said McLaughlin.

But, she added, she wants those details to reflect the community and its history.

"I don't want to see something that will look like it should be in Massachusetts or Florida," McLaughlin said. "I want it to have a strong Midwest feel."

Bennett said she saw an example of that in Memphis' "Midtown" development.

The federal government had planned to put a highway through the area and cleared out many old or abandoned homes. Those plans eventually were scrapped and new homes developed.

Architecture and styles were done to match existing homes — just like what will happen in Cherry Hill Village, said Bennett.

"You couldn't tell what was new and what was old," she said. "New housing can look traditional and be high-quality."

Troy-based Biltmore Properties is Cherry Hill Village's developer. Final plans are being reviewed and should go in front of Canton trustees next month. Groundbreaking could come as early as next spring.



On trip: Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said she was "impressed" with the Harbor Town development in Memphis, Tenn.

ing them raised gave them a greater presence on the street."

Yack agreed. He said similar homes at ground level, which were seen later on the tour, didn't work as well.

"It makes the house look more prominent," said Yack.

A small amount of landscaping in front yards of the homes went a long way, he added.

"I think one of the benefits of a small lot is that you can create a lush setting for very little," Yack said.

Detailed architecture and landscaping as well as functional outside spaces will all be key design elements in Cherry Hill Village, said McLaughlin.

But, she added, she wants those details to reflect the community and its history.

"I don't want to see something that will look like it should be in Massachusetts or Florida," McLaughlin said. "I want it to have a strong Midwest feel."

Bennett said she saw an example of that in Memphis' "Midtown" development.

The federal government had planned to put a highway through the area and cleared out many old or abandoned homes. Those plans eventually were scrapped and new homes developed.

Architecture and styles were done to match existing homes — just like what will happen in Cherry Hill Village, said Bennett.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS CORRECTION

The legal notice published September 2, 1999, requesting release of \$20,000 CDBG housing rehabilitation funds from the Department of HUD pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-383) contained an error. The statement, with correction underlined, should read:

PROJECT: Housing Rehabilitation, for income-qualified owner-occupied single-family detached housing; FY 1999, \$20,000. (Continuing Relevance)

The Department of HUD has determined that the error is not substantive and will not result in delay of release of funds. Questions or comments may be directed to: Resource Development Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

TERRY BENNETT
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Clearing the aisle

Bill proposes fines for drivers who block handicapped ramps

By MIKE MALOTT
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RoAnne Chaney of East Lansing once spent two hours sitting in her wheelchair in a freezing rain because a driver had parked too close to her van to allow her to operate the lift she needed to get in.

Police who responded to her call couldn't back the van up for her, because they were unfamiliar with the special controls she uses to drive.

Still, the officers were reluctant to issue a ticket because, at present, state law doesn't specifically say it's illegal to park in the access aisle located next to handicapped parking spaces.

"If you ask most drivers what yellow stripes on the pavement mean, most recognize that means 'no parking.' But if you ask them what the blue stripes mean, they don't have a clue," Dearborn resident Chris Mageli said, explaining he believes drivers need to be better educated about handicapped parking rules.

Some of the worst offenders, Mageli said, are drivers who have handicapped parking placards, themselves, but don't realize the purpose of the blue-striped access area.

Blue stripes designate wheelchair access aisles, intended to give wheelchair users the room they need to operate lifts to get in and out of their vans.

Legislation that would make it illegal to park in an access aisle, whether the driver holds a handicapped parking placard or not, was introduced last week by Michigan Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

The bill, which has so far received 54 co-sponsorships, would levy a fine up to \$100 for anyone who parks in those access aisles, or blocks a curb cut or a wheelchair ramp.

Those cities have waited for power to be restored.

Communities have to be more involved in assisting residents, Keen McCarthy said. "I think we have to look for some formalized ways to make the commission aware of our problems," she said.

The committee was still being formed and may meet later this month. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chairs the CWW, said Livonia collects complaints from residents, then checks on Edison's response to their complaints and whether the problem was corrected.

"That's what the committee will investigate and they may be an expansion of that," Kirksey said.

CWW aims at power outages

Residents who have complaints about power outages soon may have a sounding board in the Conference of Western Wayne.

Officials from the CWW, a legislative consortium of western Wayne County communities, will be creating an ad hoc committee of community leaders to discuss ways to help residents who complain about power outages and Detroit Edison's response to them.

The CWW includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The committee may even collect complaints from residents, then submit them to the state.

"It will give the (Michigan) Public Service Commission something to look at rather than a single business or homeowner complaining," said Kathleen Keen McCarthy, supervisor of Plymouth Township who suggested to CWW members earlier this month that the CWW create the committee.

Detroit Edison has had to fend off criticism from communities such as Livonia and Farmington Hills this year for the occasions

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There are currently no penalties in Michigan law for individuals who block or park in wheelchair access aisles.

Laura Toy
—state representative

Representatives from almost 30 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer students' questions, explain the admission process and share information on programs, costs, financial aid and housing.

Participating institutions include the following colleges: Adrian, Cleary, Detroit College of Business, Marygrove, Saint Mary's, Savannah College of Art and Design, Walsh and William Tyndale. Universities include Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley State,

Fair offers students transfer information

Students planning to transfer from one college or university to another have two chances to get updated information today at the Schoolcraft College Transfer Fair.

The representatives will be available from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. in room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For more information, call Jan Munday at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275.

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Restaurants from page A1

Forum, Johnson's and Bob Evans. Then Outback came here and did gangbuster numbers. The whole industry learned that Canton is a great place to operate a restaurant," Yack said.

Talks with Starbucks are in preliminary stages, but the mainstream coffee house giant might locate on Ford Road between Sheldon and Lilley where Pinters Flowerland, closed since summer, is now.

The free-standing facility would probably have a drive-through window.

Steak and Shake, which recently opened restaurants in Livonia and Ypsilanti, wants to expand into Canton as well.

The 24-hour fast food/diner serves burgers, fries and shakes on china dishes with a full wait-staff.

"We've gotten hundreds of letters from people in the area who want us to come there," marketing vice president Vic Yendel



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

To go: The rebuilt Taco Bell on Ford Road is one of several new restaurants open or in the planning stages. Dining choices will range from fast-food to more formal, sit-down restaurants.

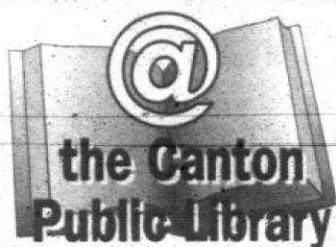
said. "We believe we've got a niche that no one else can fill." Township Planner Jeff Goulet said discussions are under way although his department has yet to receive site plan applications.

The fast-food steak chain is reportedly looking to occupy an out parcel in the Meijer parking lot at Ford and Canton Center Road, where Sagebrush used to be. Tennessee-based Logan's

Roadhouse is eyeing a site on Ford Road east of Lotz. The dining establishment is applying for a liquor license.

Already open is the rebuilt Taco Bell on Ford Road near Lilley.

Yack praised the new structure. "It's one of the best looking fast-food establishments I've seen in a long time," he said.



Did you know?

Teens can make their own makeup at the Canton Public Library 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21? Call Stefanie at 397-0999 for more information.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, marks the anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825? The first major man-made waterway provided a water route from Lake Erie to the Hudson River.

For your listening pleasure: Here are some books on audio tape available from the library:

- "The Life of Thomas More" by Peter Ackroyd
- "The Lost World" by Michael Crichton
- "The Midnight Hour" by Karen Robards
- "Moo" by Jane Smiley
- "Mr. Midshipman" by C.S.

Forester

Children's bookshelf

Here are some selections for young readers:
■ "Ramona's World" - Cleary
■ "The Birchbark House" - Erdrich
■ "Bunnicula Strikes Again!" - Howe
■ "The King's Swift Rider" - Hunter

Q & A

Q: What was the longest softball game ever played?

A: On Aug. 14-15, 1976, the Gagers' Diner softball team played the Bend 'n Elbow Tavern team in a 365-inning softball game. Starting at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14, the game was called because of rain and fog at 4 p.m. Aug. 15. The 70 players, including 20 women, raised \$4,000 for construction of a new softball field and for the Monticello, N.Y., Community General Hospital. The Gagers beat the Elbows 491-467. To date, this remains the longest softball game on record.

The source for this information is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of Events."

Teen series

Teens will find these selections interesting:
■ "The Misfits" by Mark

Delany (mystery)

■ "Enchanted Hearts" (romance)
■ "Net Force" by Tom Clancy (science fiction)
■ "Out of Time" by David Brin (science fiction)
■ "EverWorld" by K.A. Applegate (fantasy)

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:
■ www.mjhnc.org
■ www.museum.cl.msu.edu/barn
■ www.gmn.com

Hot topic of the week

Be sure to check out the parenting section of the Youth Department, conveniently located next to the puppet stage. Find useable, up-to-date books on a variety of topics such as toilet training, reading readiness and helping your child deal with grief, as well as learning activities designed to stimulate your youngster. New titles include books on Phonemic Awareness, ADD/ADHD and preparing your child for kindergarten.

The Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.

Old Country Buffet stages MADD fund-raiser

Canton Township officials and other area "celebrities" will serve as dining room attendants 5-8 p.m. today at the Old Country Buffet restaurant as part of a fund-raiser for the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Driving Drunk.

Guests will be encouraged to tip celebrity servers as they tend

to cleaning the tables and other chores at the restaurant in the Harvard Square Shopping Center, Sheldon north of Ford Road. Tipping isn't normally required at the restaurant.

All tips and donations given to the celebrity servers will benefit the Wayne County MADD chapter, said Jenny Lozano, chapter

administrator. The restaurant mascot, O.C. Bee, will make an appearance at the fund-raiser as well.

For more information call Michael Long, restaurant general manager, or Elaine Murad, the restaurant's community representative, at (734) 207-8373.

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EPA 'strongly endorses' stormwater permit plans for Rouge communities

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Environmental Protection Agency "strongly endorses" the voluntary general stormwater permit program used by more than 40 communities in the Rouge River watershed to improve the river's water quality.

That endorsement — outlined in a letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality — was encouraging news to elected officials who feared the EPA would hand down stricter guidelines. City and township leaders in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties had wondered whether their proposed cleanup activities in their permit applications were enough in the EPA's view to improve water quality in that agency's interpretation of the Clean Water Act.

"By applying for coverage under the voluntary ... general permit and complying with the

■ 'By applying for coverage under the voluntary ... general permit and complying with the conditions of the permit, communities will be able to meet their Clean Water Act requirements.'

Francis Lyons
—regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, in letter outlining EPA support of stormwater permits

conditions of the permit, communities will be able to meet their Clean Water Act requirements," wrote Francis Lyons, regional EPA administrator, in a letter to MDEQ Director Russell Harding.

State, county and community officials learned about the EPA letter at a federal court hearing on Oct. 14.

Permit applicants — communities, counties and agencies — must identify illicit discharges and illicit connections in a plan, and minimize infiltration of seepage from sanitary sewers and septic systems into the applicant's stormwater drainage sys-

tem. The permits also include a public education plan.

The program is unique in that communities — with the help of the DEQ — have written their own pollution prevention plans in the permits. They met in sub-watershed groups of communities and applied voluntarily for the permits before the EPA handed down guidelines, possibly more stringent ones.

The DEQ has approved about 35 stormwater permit applications from the 48 communities in the watershed, including the

See EPA, A8

County plans more work on roads in Canton, Plymouth and Redford

Work will begin in the next few days on Inkster Road between I-96 and Five Mile in Redford Township. If all goes well, extensive pavement repairs will be completed and the first layer of new asphalt should be in place by the end of the construction season.

This means a smooth ride through the winter, until resurfacing can be completed in the spring. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times and the road will be fully open during the winter.

Also, the long-awaited construction of a new one-mile stretch of Morton Taylor Road in

Canton Township will undergo preliminary earth work in the next couple of weeks. This is a new road segment between Ford and Warren roads that will help alleviate traffic congestion in Canton. Actual paving will take place in the spring.

In Plymouth Township, the paving of Ridge Road (currently gravel) between M-14 and Powell will begin in the next week or so, as soon as the contractor can begin. Most of the earth work and grade establishment will take place this fall, while paving should occur in the spring. Ridge will be closed to through-traffic

during construction. A detour will be posted.

This puts Wayne County past the 70-mile mark for this construction season, meaning nearly one in every 10 miles of its primary roads will have undergone a major, long-term improvement in 1999 alone. The extra work is possible thanks to a \$60-million bond program Wayne County announced two years ago.

The final \$10 million worth of projects is expected to be spent in 2000, then it will be back to the usual share of state and federal gas tax money.

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Five apply for board vacancy

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Five applicants are seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Schoolcraft College board of trustees, including two who sought election to the board earlier this year.

The five have applied for the unexpired term of Steve Ragan, who resigned.

Richard Reaume of Plymouth Township and Michael Novak of Westland, the former board candidates, joined Fred Bolden of Canton Township, Tod J. Kilroy of Westland and Fred Libbing of Plymouth in applying before Monday's deadline.

Bolden also has sought public office. He ran in last year's primary election as a Democrat for the 11th District Wayne County Commission seat, a position eventually won by John Sullivan, D-Wayne.

A sixth applicant, Robert Nastase of Livonia, has withdrawn from consideration.

Schoolcraft trustees are to review the applicant list next

Wednesday, with applicants being interviewed in early November, according to college President Dick McDowell's office.

The appointee will be seated Nov. 17 for the remainder of the term through June 30, 2001. A trustee election is slated that month.

Reaume, 49, who has three foster children, is owner of Worldwide Express, an overnight shipper. He has worked in mainframe and personal computer technical sales and has a bachelor's degree in finance from Wayne State University and a master's in business administration from the University of Texas.

Novak, 33, of Westland is a Livonia police officer and assistant coordinator with the police academy at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

He holds a bachelor's in criminal justice from Madonna University and an associate's from Henry Ford Community College. He is working on a master's in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Bolden also has a bachelor's in

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criminal justice, with a master's in computer information science from the University of Detroit.

Kilroy, 58, has been city planner of Westland six years. Married and the father of six and grandfather of nine, he holds a degree in urban planning from Michigan State University and a master's in public administration from Oakland University.

Libbing, 60, plans to retire in June after 30 years as a counselor at Plymouth-Canton High School. He and his wife have two

children and a grandson. He has a bachelor's in education from EMU and a master's in counseling from the University of Michigan.

In addition to the Plymouth-Canton area and the northern part of Westland that is in the Livonia public school district, Schoolcraft College's district includes Garden City, Clarenceville, Northville and part of the Novi school district.

Learn about teaching Tuesday

Those interested in a teaching career can learn about teacher training programs, getting a job and teaching itself at a Schoolcraft College seminar Tuesday, Oct. 26. The seminar begins at 6 p.m. in room 200 of

the McDowell Center. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments.

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

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step will be to clarify the rules in the law. After that, he hopes to convince the Secretary of State's office to include questions about handicapped parking in drivers license tests, to assure that all drivers will be informed of the rules surrounding handicapped parking areas.

Mageli, himself a wheelchair user as a result of a 1993 shooting that severed his spinal cord, tells a similar story of being stuck in the rain when a driver blocked in his van. He said police are reluctant to write tickets if

the errant driver holds a handicapped placard.

Chaney, operations director for the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, who also depends on a wheelchair to get around — the result of her struggle with juvenile arthritis — said that while the loophole in the law often leaves officers unwilling to act, she sees an increasing number of violations in access aisles. She comes across the problem herself regularly, she said, about twice a week.

Library receives \$50,000 gift

The Wayne County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has received a donation of nearly \$50,000 from a person who wished to remain anonymous.

The gift, which came in the form of cash and stock certificates, was given in memory of a blind Livonia resident and his wife, who both used the Library's Talking Book services for many years.

The Wayne County Regional

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 30555 Michigan Ave. in Westland, serves residents of Wayne County who are unable to read conventional print because of physical limitations. Hundreds of books on tape are mailed from the library each day at no expense to people who qualify. The library also makes available about 60 recorded magazines.

To learn more about the library, call (734) 727-7300.

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Wayne County communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland. In Oakland County, municipalities that received certification were Auburn Hills, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Lathrup Village, Pontiac, Southfield, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township and Wixom.

Lyons stated MDEQ's approach "offers the opportunity to realize significant environmental benefits, particularly with respect to pollutant reductions." A watershed approach also can address multiple sources of pollutants, including those not typically addressed under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, the federal permit required for discharges to surface water, Lyons said.

The first phase oversaw the remediation of combined sewer overflows, which called for sewer separation and the construction of retention basins to drastically reduce the overflow from combined sanitary and storm sewers. The second phase covers stormwater runoff.

"We strongly endorse this (permit) approach," Lyons said. "We are very interested in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the voluntary general permit in achieving these goals during the first permit term of the Phase II stormwater program."

Communities originally feared the EPA would establish stricter guidelines for a deadline of the second phase of 2002, which is why a handful of cities in Oakland County hesitated in applying for the permit. The evaluation of the first term of the second phase is expected to be completed in 2006, which will allow the MDEQ and EPA to decide on the future use of a voluntary permit program in Michigan, Lyons said.

Cathy Bean, the remedial action plan coordinator of the Rouge River for the MDEQ, who processes the permit applications, said the letter and EPA support represented a "big day" for the communities.

"We're real happy with that (letter)," Bean said. "People are making a good effort with the permits, and we're happy that they're not going to make us do something else."

Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, said the Michigan permits program has characteristics the national program doesn't have — namely allowing communities to evaluate all of its water quality improvement efforts in various phases.

That gives communities a chance to see how effective Phase I efforts, such as retention basins' control of sewage overflows, will improve water quality before communities commit to spend money for Phase II on any more basins.

Murray expects the final EPA rules to be issued Oct. 29.

Bob Beckley, director of Livonia's public services, believes the endorsement will encourage communities that have hesitated to apply for permits, but that it affects very little of what Livonia and other communities have outlined in its permit.

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I-275 PAVING THE WAY I-275

When freeway traffic backed up, construction crews shifted gears

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Earlier this year, traffic backed up for miles onto westbound I-696 from that freeway's ramp to southbound I-275.

Work crews from construction contractor John Carlo had closed one of the ramp's two lanes for reconstruction, but when it was apparent that the closure created a long backup of motorists, plans were revised.

Within days a detour was created on a turn-around ramp along the Haggerty Connector south of 12 Mile Road, and both lanes of the I-696 ramp were closed.

"That helped the traveling public overnight," said Dennis Hanley, project manager for John Carlo. "It took some ingenuity to create the detour, and to some, it seemed to be a maze, but traffic flowed a lot smoother after that change."

Hanley and the Michigan Department of Transportation credit the "design-build" concept used by John Carlo in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation and subcontractor Wilcox Engineering of Farmington Hills in allowing for flexibility and quick changes in the contract.

Gary Naeyaert, MDOT's spokesperson, said MDOT was going to be flexible and open to changes. The design-build concept allows a building contractor and project designers to bid a project together, said Naeyaert.

"The most significant advantage is it moves it from the discussion stage to the construction phase much faster than it does



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Speedy recovery: At left, northbound I-275 traffic travels down four new lanes of pavement, looking north from the Six Mile Road bridge spanning the freeway. Below, a construction worker grades dirt before concrete is poured to widen a new entrance ramp from Six Mile Road onto northbound I-275, which opened Wednesday.

in a traditional sense," Naeyaert said. "From concept to construction in 13 months, that is very fast. Very fast."

Mike Donohoe, vice president of construction for John Carlo, said design-build speeds up the process. "The private sector is more responsive because it is

driven differently," Donohoe said.

Motorists complained

In 1997, motorists complained more often about I-275's potholes than any other Michigan freeway.

"It was a poster child for repairs and road construction," Naeyaert said.

Michigan Department of Transportation pegged early estimates for the six miles of freeway and ramp reconstruction at \$80 million over a two-year period. John Carlo's \$49 million bid later was revised to include a complete reconstruction of the bridges of I-275 over Eight Mile Road and other repairs to bring the bill to approximately \$54 million.

Tests on the bridges showed they would need repair in approximately five years, so MDOT decided to repair them now while crews were already on site. Even with that extra cost, John Carlo was the low bid, Naeyaert said.

Hanley said the project marked the first time "the Intimidator," a large paving spreader,

was used in Michigan. The equipment poured concrete that measured about 36 feet wide or about three lanes. Traditionally freeway concrete has been poured one or two lanes at a time, so John Carlo crews could pave the freeway in two sweeps, rather than three.

The machinery allowed for John Carlo to bid on job completion in one year.

Naeyaert said John Carlo's original bid pleased state officials. "It was at half the time to take to build, and at nearly half the money," Naeyaert said.

MDOT has traditionally used its own staff for design, but now is incorporating private contractors, Hanley said. John Carlo hired Wilcox, and thus paid them for their work, so it gave the contractor control over the project and the consultant an incentive, Hanley said.

"They'll put any number of people on a problem that needs to be resolved quickly and immediately," Hanley said.

The estimated cost of the project is currently \$54.2 million, but that will change because John Carlo will receive about

\$1.25 million more for the estimated 25 days it finished early on the freeway itself. Crews were still working on the Six Mile ramps this week.

A better road

MDOT's specifications called for the use of aggregate in the concrete, specifying "no slag." Slag was described by Naeyaert as a foamy byproduct of iron. MDOT wanted to use stone, which MDOT believes will be more effective, instead of slag in the road's new surface.

Contractors believe the freeway's base will help prevent water from collecting in and under the 12-inch concrete and prevent the freeze-thaw cycles

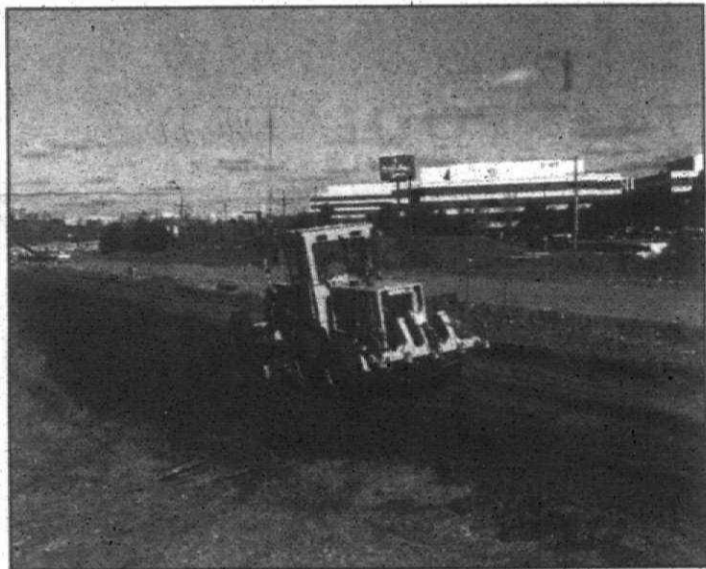
that traditionally damage pavement in winters and spring.

The road's base contains a 4-inch draining coarse under the concrete on a plastic vapor barrier. That fabric sits on a slope which helps draw moisture away from the concrete.

MDOT inspected the cement mix at John Carlo's temporary plant and the job site. "No road-way is poured that doesn't meet specifications," Naeyaert said.

The construction has a five-year warranty, which Donohoe said MDOT wanted in the contract. The five-year length is something new for highway construction, he added.

"We're willing to stand behind our work," Donohoe said.



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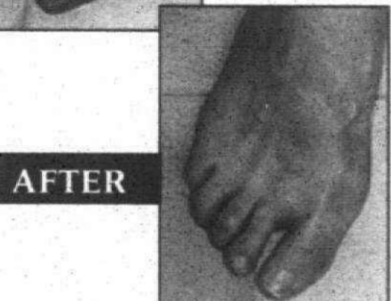
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Salon Trio Creates New Look for the Millennium



Take a drive down Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village and you will see one of Western Wayne County's finest full-service salons getting a makeover of it's own. Owners of Salon Trio, Jacinda Reed and Melissa Montagnano are celebrating their 5th successful year in business by updating the look of the building outside and the look and feel of the salon inside.

Jacinda and Melissa are constantly educating the "teams" at Salon Trio. To keep up on the latest trends in the industry, Jacinda conducts local seminars and both Jacinda and Melissa are taking eight of their staff members to a National Toni & Guy Millennium Hair Show in Dallas, Texas and look forward to bringing the newest styles back to the Detroit area.

Salon Trio invites all to take advantage of the 20% discount on all hair products during the month of December. "We want to show our appreciation to our clients for their business and invite all to stop in and see the new salon," says Melissa.



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Saluting... Women in Business

Michael's Angel Attic

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

Lisa Reed, owner of this little slice of heaven, re-located to this charming abode just over 2 years ago, from her previous location just two blocks away. "I am so blessed to be here! The character of this old home really lends itself to the inviting ambience that I have created. I want my customers to feel warm and welcome: as if they were entering my own home," commented Reed.

Michael's Angel Attic is much, much more than a business to this busy mother of two active earth angels. This whimsy little shop is dedicated to her real angel, Michael. Reed's three year old son died eight years ago of a sudden illness. Shortly after Michael's death, Reed, began studying the role of angels, and collecting them as well.

This led her to pursue the dream of having her own business and honoring her beloved son.

"Having a corporate business background and being blessed with a creative edge, I have

combined my passion for both the arts and angels. I have put my energies toward something positive: what could be more positive than angels!" explains Reed.

Aside from being a fun and unique place to shop, ("I travel the different markets to bring an eclectic blend of unusual items"), says Reed, Michael's Angel Attic is also a place where people come to connect, in search of a bit of tranquility from their hectic lives. With some customers, Reed's relationship transcends business. "Many of my customers have also lost a child, or knows someone who has. They come not only to shop, but to share. There's a bond that only another bereaved parent can understand," says Reed.

Reed attributes her growing success not only to selling such a positive and extremely popular product as the angels, but also to the support she has with her customers, and the continued support of the surrounding communities as well. In giving back, Reed is a generous supporter and involved in several community organizations: hospice, churches, schools (including Livonia Schools' Business Buddy Program) and Childrens Hospital: a place Reed holds very close to her heart.

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Left to right: Anne Miller of New York, Christine Drury of Birmingham, Mich., Dorothy Steenberg of W. Bloomfield and Patti Leebow of Birmingham shopping at "Nicole's Revival" the largest resale shop chain in Paris.



From September 30 to October 7, Nicole Christ and a group of more than 30 founded the streets of Europe, experiencing secondhand shopping at its finest. Offered by Christ, owner of the successful "Nicole's Revival" in Westland and Carolyn Schneider, author of *The Ultimate Consignment & Thrift Store Guide* in New Jersey, travelers were given the chance to feel the excitement, while saving thousands, exploring the racks of Dior, Chanel and many more in Paris' finest resale shops. The group included individuals from the communities of Royal Oak, Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Detroit, Oak Park and Westland and from as far away as the states of New York and Florida.

Christ realized her calling years ago while shopping and set a goal: to keep shoppers out of malls. "My girlfriend made me visit a resale shop where I saw a Donna Karan suit in a store for \$100 that I'd seen in Bloomingdale's not too long before for \$1,000, and I knew I'd found my calling. In fact, within the first year of opening her doors, Christ had doubled the size of the store, merchandise and income. Now a 3,000 square foot resale shop, she sells everything from 10 cent books to \$1200 Chanel Jackets with original price tags over \$4,000.

Nicole's low prices, in store fashion shows, garage

sales and 3 year old Internet site (www.nicolesrevival.com) draws customers from countries such as Japan, China and South Africa and continues to keep her business thriving. In addition, every year she is an exhibitor at the Michigan International Woman's Show held at the Novi Expo Center, featuring local celebrities in her New York style fashion shows.

Her success has allowed her the opportunity to be a coordinator and donor to various churches and shelters from Detroit, Westland, Farmington Hills, Canton, Honduras and Africa. She also gladly opened the doors of her business to Marketing students at Oakland University who studied the way she markets her merchandise and were astonished at her incredible dedication and clever work ethics. This tops her list of memberships throughout the area, including the National Association of Resale and Thrift Stores, Michigan Professional Women Network, Business and Professional Women.

Michigan Retailers Association and the Westland Chamber of Commerce (where she was recently nominated for the Business Person of the Year).

So, as Christ nears her seventh year in business she states, "Look at my location - I am in a near empty strip mall in the middle of nowhere and I am still in business. In the end, I have built a loyal following and they always come back to me."

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Nicole Riccardi, owner, established The Village Peddler in 1998 with the help of her parents, Marino & Yvonne Riccardi and her mentor, Denise Klingbiel. Her goal is to stock the store with beautiful merchandise not found elsewhere. Nicole states, "I am always keeping in mind the good taste of my customers. I want customers to feel good shopping here and will do whatever I can to make their visit pleasant and convenient. I will special order items, wrap gifts or schedule shipping for them."

The Holidays are a special time at the Village Peddler. Customers visit to see the beautiful displays and get ideas for gifts and home decorating. Nicole is proud to celebrate her 2nd year in business and wishes to thank all her customers for their business.



The Village Peddler is located at 470 Forest Avenue in beautiful Downtown Plymouth. Nicole can be reached at (734) 416-0955 for further information. The Village Peddler is open for business Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. Stop in and find something beautiful for yourself or someone special for the Holidays.

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The staff of Personalized Hearing Care includes: Sandy Hardesty, office manager; Leona Michalik, office assistant; Kim Carnicom, Certified Audiologist; Roz Leiser, Certified Audiologist and Licensed Hearing Aid Dealer; and Dewight Deron, Licensed Hearing Aid Dealer.

In addition to a broad selection of hearing aid styles and technologies, Barbara provides aural rehabilitation - working with patients to help them get used to hearing again. To help ensure a successful experience, she encourages family members of patients to participate in the hearing care process. Since opening its doors in the Westland Professional Building just south of Westland Shopping Center more than six years ago, PHC has steadily grown its patient base -

mainly by word-of-mouth and through satisfied patients who enthusiastically recommended PHC to their family and friends. Barbara and her staff have provided patients ranging from infants to centenarians - with hearing aids, hearing protection for musicians and hunters, swim plugs, hearing aid batteries and assistive devices, such as amplified phones and vibrating alarm clocks.

Many patients come from the surrounding area's senior residences and union locals, which Barbara personally visits regularly to check and clean hearing aids and to talk about today's hearing options.



Audiologist Barbara Douglas, owner of Personalized Hearing Care, shows Gerald Cummings a selection of digital programmable hearing aids.

participation in the Westland community helps promote hearing awareness as well as her audiology practice. She is a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Leads Club, the Westland Rotary, the Westland Breakfast Lions Club, the Westland Business Owners Association and St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Barbara's work in helping to start a Westland chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People is just one of the ways in which she has earned her two awards in 1999 - the national SHHH Professional Advisor Award and the Michigan SHHH Outstanding Audiologist Award. Like all audiologists, Barbara holds an advanced degree in audiology and has special training in the prevention, identification, assessment and non-medical treatment of hearing disorders. She has practiced audiology for more than 15 years and is Certified Clinically Competent (CCC) as having met standards set by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association. Personalized Hearing Care is located at 55557 W. Warren. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays and evenings by appointment, and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment or to receive PHC's quarterly newsletter, call (734) 467-5100.

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Meet Our Newest Physician- Amy Rothberg M.D.

Dr. Mark Lindley is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Amy Rothberg to the Plymouth Associates in Internal Medicine Team. The Plymouth Associates in Internal Medicine offices is one of four locations for this well established primary care practice. The other partner offices are located in Ann Arbor and Canton and staffed by Drs. Brenner, Durfee, Major, Papo, Peppin, Reza, Stankewitz, Tai, and Winston.

The Plymouth Associates in Internal Medicine practice has been servicing the community for well over ten years. Dr. Rothberg's addition to the Plymouth practice complements the team of Jodi Lambert, nurse practitioner and Dr. Mark Lindley in their commitment to high quality personal care. The combination of knowledge, experience and rich array of skills enables this team to be responsive and attentive to patient concerns and needs. In addition to the providers, the support staff shares this commitment to high quality personal care and dedication to assist patients in all of

their health concerns. The reconstruction of the office has enabled us to better service our patients and the development of a nurse triage system allows us to respond quickly to urgent and daily concerns.

Dr. Rothberg is a Wayne State University medical school graduate and completed her residency at the University of Michigan. Dr. Rothberg brings to our practice the highest level of clinical skills in internal medicine and a friendly, enthusiastic practice style. Her patients and colleagues describe her as "thorough, detailed and responsive". Beyond her interest in women's health issues and geriatrics, patients will benefit from her balanced mature perspective and ideas for achieving and maintaining optimum health in today's modern world.

Dr. Amy Rothberg is accepting new patients at the Plymouth office location at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 207 and appointments can be scheduled at (734) 457-1020.

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INTEGRATED HEALTH ASSOCIATES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 12, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Kirchgatter
Staff Present: Abbott, Machnik, Minghine, Rorabacher, Santomaro, Zevulink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt the agenda as presented with the removal of items #G-5, Award Bid For Purchase of Trim Mower for Fellows Creek Golf Club and #D-8 Award Bid For Painting Exterior of the Canton Softball Center Restroom/Office Building. Motion carried. All ayes present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of September 28, 1999. Motion carried. All ayes present.

AYES: Bennett, Burdick, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
ABSENT: Kirchgatter
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to approve the Minutes of the study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of October 5, 1999. Motion carried.

AYES: Bennett, Burdick, Lajoie, Yack
ABSENT: McLaughlin, Shefferly, Kirchgatter

CITIZENS NON-AGENDA COMMENTS None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$ 391,138.52
Fire Fund	206	36,920.56
Police Fund	207	92,512.96
Community Center Fund	208	74,449.12
Golf Course Fund	211	8,451.06
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,695.63
Cable TV Fund	230	2,282.71
Community Improvement Fund	246	1,943.10
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	314.65
Special Investigative Fund	267	1,048.46
State Projects Fund	469	252.90
Downtown Development Auth.	294	58,726.73
Retiree Benefits	296	9,630.56
Cap Projects-Road Paving Fund	403	42,762.48
Building Auth. Construction Fund	409	13,062.50
Water & Sewer Fund	948	482,929.98
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,881.00
		\$1,705,444.85

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DU-PLAST L.L.C.
Supervisor Jack declared the Public Hearing open at 7:05 P.M.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried. All ayes present.

Moved by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt a resolution granting a fifty (50%) per cent tax abatement for DU-PLAST, L.L.C. on real and personal property located at 7121 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Motion carried. All ayes present.

RESOLUTION

Application Approval of Du-Plast L.L.C. Industrial Facilities

Exemption Certificate For Real and Personal Property

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Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoie to adopt a resolution granting a fifty (50%) per cent tax abatement for UNI BORING COMPANY, INC. on real and personal property located at 7261 Commerce Blvd., Canton, Michigan 48187. Motion carried. All ayes present.

RESOLUTION

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ITEM 3. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR UNI BORING COMPANY, INC.
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Development Goal should be balancing act

Township officials aren't doing anything to stop commercial developers from devouring Canton. That's a complaint we hear with increasing regularity from local residents.

But those who espouse a no-more-growth policy for Canton are misguided in their thinking about its perceived benefits and their own role in the township's increasingly urban character. In addition, it shows a lack of understanding of the township board's mission — which is to strike a balance between industrial, commercial and residential development and encourage growth in step with services demanded by all taxpayers.

Recent commercial projects that have spurred complaints are the Home Depot store planned for Michigan Avenue and the Farmer Jack supermarket going up on Canton Center at Cherry Hill.

About two dozen Canton residents turned out last week to urge the township board to require a fence around the Home Depot store to shield neighboring homes in the Kimberly Meadows subdivision. The store will constitute about half of a planned 300,000-square-foot retail center.

Residents said they weren't opposed to the development itself but wanted more insulation from noise, traffic and other intrusions the development was bound to bring. "Security is my No. 1 concern. We need a fence," said homeowner Darrel Williams.

Board members, noting that township ordinances require a fence or berm, sided with the developer in calling for a 7-foot-3-inch berm with trees or shrubs.

Last week's protest was mild compared to homeowners who sought for more than a year to block the Farmer Jack store. We were reminded of that bitter fight by a recent letter chastising Canton officials for caving in to developers and allowing "a strip mall" to

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replace "the pastoral greenery that was once on Canton Center."

In truth, the pastoral greenery began to disappear from southwest Canton about the time new subdivisions went before township planners. It's residential developments that beget commercial projects — which come only when there are enough residents living nearby to support them. The realistic conclusion here is that residents, even those inclined to protest, will use the services offered by new retailers and benefit from their convenient location.

Township officials have been responsive to desire for preservation of open land. Their efforts have led to creation of more municipal parkland and to tradeoffs with developers that freed up additional green space within project boundaries. True, it's not exactly the hundred-acre wood or the cornfields that once dominated Canton. But it's a practical alternative in the face of the residential boom that has added an estimated 20,000 residents to the township population in the last decade.

The goal for township planners and board members is to ensure the different types of land users coexist so they form an attractive, vital community. We believe they are — for the most part — meeting that objective.

While the Observer remains committed to strategies that will contain urban sprawl in all areas, the choices for Canton have already been made — by its current residents. The time to fight off encroaching development here has long since passed. The best option lies in continuing to promote a well-balanced tax base along with municipal services that meet the needs of local residents and businesses.

Freeway rebuild a smooth job

With the removal of protective barrier walls over the weekend, contractors have just about completed this year's construction of I-275.

For the nearly 200,000 motorists who use the state's second busiest freeway each day, it is wonderful news. They now have four new traffic lanes on the northbound and southbound sides between the M-14/I-96 interchange and the I-696 interchange. The estimated \$49 million price tag jumped to about \$54 million because construction crews discovered that a bridge deck needed to be completely rebuilt rather than just resurfaced; but even with the cost for that extra item, John Carlo, the construction contractor, remained the lowest bidder, according to Michigan Department of Transportation officials.

John Carlo employed the "Intimidator," a piece of equipment which pours concrete for three lanes at a time. Traditional equipment poured two. That allowed company crews to complete the project in one year, not two as originally planned by MDOT. That means next year commuters will not have to deal with another freeway crossover, lane closures or traffic delays due to construction.

MDOT also used traditional contractual incentives with John Carlo for finishing early, while penalizing them if they finished late, at \$50,000 a day.

Some Farmington Hills residents received little relief from the construction and traffic

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noise. While they didn't get the asphalt they originally wanted, they received tining on the concrete's surface to help reduce traffic noise. State officials said the asphalt would not survive the freeze-thaw cycles the way the concrete would. Other motorists traveling to conduct business in western Wayne and Oakland counties always needed to allow extra time to arrive at meetings or luncheons.

Still, it was quite an extensive project to complete in about six months. Along with the new freeway lanes in each direction, new entrance and exit ramps for Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads and bridge decks were constructed, and the overpasses to I-696 on both the northbound and southbound sides were rebuilt. The work also has a five-year warranty.

Contractors, engineers and MDOT appear to have worked well together. As many of us use that freeway daily, we're pleased that it's done early. With the construction compressed into one year, we're even happier that we don't need to deal with more construction delays next year.



LETTERS

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Angry at display

I wish to thank the Plymouth-Canton School Board for calling for the dismantling of the showcases at West and Salem concerning Gay History Month. Perhaps only a few parents complained, but I want to let it be known that there are many, many more who are angry at the very vocal few gay activists who are pushing their agenda more and more openly in our schools. We've been accused of being bigoted, right-wing, politically incorrect, etc., but the majority of people in this country are still Christians, and the majority of Christians still hold with God's word on the sinfulness of homosexuality.

Guiding so-called "gay" students through a "coming-out" process is not a part of this school district's curriculum. Many of us feel, to the contrary, that young people are being lied to and led astray by those trying to justify their own chosen behaviors. Sadly, they're dragging many teens down whose parents may have been trying to teach them right from wrong.

I agree with Mr. Salbenblatt that there is little more frightening than active ignorance, but it's ignorance of right and wrong which has made our country a terrifying place to live for many students. Schools complain that parents aren't doing their jobs. How should parents who are attempting to nurture Christian values feel when their children go to school and receive a different message?

Please don't sit quietly by and allow your children to become confused with these varied messages, perhaps to the point of making choices which will affect them the rest of their lives.

C. Shumaker
Plymouth

Favors east site

I vote for the East Site, nearest the current facilities, for the construction of the new high school.

Reasons:
■ We cannot afford to build a comprehensive high school which will necessitate large, permanent costs for transportation.
■ It is likely that many outstanding programs will have to be cut or reduced in order to save money.

Ted Gomulka Jr.
Livonia

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— Philip Power

Education Summit a chance to question elected leaders

Everyone, please come. You are invited. There is a Statewide Education Summit being held at the Salem High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25.

The moderator is Tim Skubick, a 30-year capital correspondent for WWJ, who will initially question a four-member panel: Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton; Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township; Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; and Dorothy Beardmore, State Board of Education.

A dozen other legislators will be present, and the public will be invited to ask questions of the legislators.

On June 17 this year, former Gov. William G. Milliken wrote me and said: "(John) regarding the Educational Summit that you are organizing for Oct. 25, I can't think of a more timely and important topic and a subject which I feel very strongly about. Please

know that I am totally supportive of the effort in which you are engaged."

One hundred fifty-six new bills have been introduced in the state legislature in the last two weeks that would amend "public education" in Michigan. What are they trying to do to us? The better question is: "What are we going to let them try and get away with?"

The Oct. 25 Statewide Education Summit at Salem High school cafeteria offers everyone the opportunity to hear a substantive discussion of issues currently before us — from charter schools to voucher and tax credits, to class size, to adequate funding and to repairs for our school buildings.

More than 600 individuals from across the state attended the first summit in March of 1995.

I love kids, and one of the most important things that we can do is to develop the mind of a child.

See you at the summit in the Salem Cafeteria on Oct. 25.

Guest columnist John C. Stewart is a Plymouth attorney, and is a member for Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

GUEST COLUMNIST



JOHN STEWART

LETTERS

Applauds school chief

It is an oxymoron to say that people close their eyes to homosexuality if it is a fact of life and everyone knows it exists. The fact that it is not accepted as being morally correct is what homosexuals have a problem with. Adultery has been around as long as homosexuality, but no one has promoted that way of life or taught that in our classrooms as being an alternative lifestyle. I have not heard of a national coming-out day for adulterers or a national adultery history month.

No one celebrates that because, like homosexuality, it is immoral. The Constitution prohibits the government from promoting or preferring any one religion above another. Clearly paganism is the preferred and promoted religion in government schools today. I applaud superintendent Ken Walcott for standing up for what is morally right when doing so is not accepted or

tolerated in this society today.

Teresa Sardinha
Plymouth

Safety Issue

While it is great to see the early completion of the I-275 reconstruction, I can't believe the state did not have the contractor install a median barrier as part of this project.

The high speed and traffic volume combined with the narrower median greatly increase the chances for deadly crossover accidents.

The new median barrier on I-96 between Novi and US-23 has virtually eliminated these collisions. The state missed its best opportunity to make I-275 much safer as well as smoother.

Robert C Brown Jr.

Living wage may do more harm

Last November, voters in Detroit approved by a 4-1 margin a "living wage ordinance."

The measure requires all companies doing more than \$50,000 in business with the city or getting that much in tax breaks to pay their employees at a rate of 125 percent of the federal poverty level. As of now, that comes to \$8.23 per hour if workers get benefits or \$10.29 if they don't. (The current national minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour.)

Political wisdom at the time was that organized labor slipped the measure onto the ballot while Mayor Dennis Archer wasn't paying attention. Given the highly unionized electorate in the city, getting an ordinance entitled "living wage" onto the ballot was all it took.

Not surprisingly, business leaders went ballistic. They were joined by some Democrats who worried about the anti-growth consequences of local voters legislating wage levels. Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, for example, called the ordinance "disastrous" and "the greatest deterrent to economic development that's out there."

Gov. John Engler and House Speaker Chuck Perricone agreed. And, surprise, state Rep. Robert Gosselin, a conservative Republican from Troy, duly introduced HB 4777, which he called "The Job Creation and Regulatory Responsibility Act."

The bill — also called the "Destruction of Local Government Act" by opponents, some from organized labor and some local officials — would block local government units from setting policy in areas already addressed by state government. Because there are a bunch of state and federal laws already on the books dealing with minimum wages, HB 4777 would effectively nullify attempts by cities to dictate wages.

There's no doubt about it: living wage measures are popular with the voters. In Michigan, efforts are already under way to get similar measures on the ballot in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township, and liberals in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Lansing are beginning to beat the drums. The movement has a rational dimension, too, with a bunch of communities including Baltimore, Boston and San Jose already adopting similar ordinances.

Although the debate over the bill looks on the surface like state versus local control, in actual fact it's about economics and the workings of the free market system.

Supporters of living wage measures argue morality, saying it's just not fair for employers in a given city to be allowed to pay workers less than the poverty level for raising a family. Opponents ask how economic development and job creation can possibly be encouraged when countless local governments are ceaselessly

Space debate: Battle rages against handicapped tags

"I sure would love to have your parking space," a passer-by once said to Dearborn resident Chris Mageli as he pulled into a handicapped space.

"Sure," Mageli responded. "You give me your legs, it's yours."

"I've had a pretty good attitude about this since my accident." That's what Mageli calls the 1993 incident at Henry Ford Hospital in which a woman shot him from behind, at a distance of about a foot, severing his spinal cord. Now paraplegic, Mageli needs a wheelchair, and a van with a lift, to get around.

"When I woke up, I was just happy to be alive, happy to be able to see my kid graduate. Still, this is not a kind of life that anyone would choose. That's what people forget about these handicapped parking spaces; this is not a lifestyle anyone would choose."

Mageli, a member of the Commission on Disability Concerns, has been working with Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) on new legislation providing penalties for drivers who park where they block wheelchair ramps, curb cuts, or wheelchair access aisles, the blue-lined areas next to handicapped parking spaces that allow room for lifts in vans to lower wheelchairs to the ground. Toy introduced House Bill 4995 last week.

But according to Mageli, there is another issue on the horizon involving disabled people that is sure to be more controversial — just who is getting all those placards allowing them to park in handicapped parking spaces, and should they really have them?

"I've often thought it would be a good story for someone to go to the country club and follow those who park in the handicapped parking spaces to see how many of them walk 18 holes," Mageli suggested. "I bet you'd find quite a few."

Of course, he allows, not everyone with two working legs is perfectly healthy. There are heart and lung ailments that can leave sufferers unable to walk more than 20 feet without taking a rest. And clearly they should have the placards, he said.

But there is growing sentiment among disabled people that the placards are too easy to get. Some seem to get placards merely because they are overweight. Others seem to think that turning 60 entitles you to a handicapped parking sticker along with your senior citizens discount card. Handing out handicapped placards is something doctors can do at no cost, as a courtesy to patients, to assure their continued patronage, Mageli said.

RoAnne Chaney, operations director of East Lansing's Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, also said she has seen drivers park in handicapped spaces and "hop and skip to the door."

We've all seen it. I know one lady — who shall remain nameless here — who has a handicapped parking sticker. She's a nice lady, too, but for the life of me I can't figure out why she needs a placard. Is it so she can park close to the door when she goes square dancing?

I've given her no end of grief about it. Once, when she accused me of being particularly mean to her about it, she said her legs were sore and giving her trouble, so her sticker was definitely needed. I suggested that she could do without it, instead of walking from the parking lot to the store, she square danced to the door.

That is exactly why the issue is sure to be controversial.

But for those who really do need the spaces, it's a significant issue. When able-bodied people take up spaces, it makes a lot fewer spaces available for the truly handicapped.

How serious the problem is may be difficult to gauge, but Mageli offers one statistic that may prove enlightening. Along with handicapped parking placards, the state also hands out stickers allowing free parking in metered spaces for people whose mobility is so impaired they may have trouble feeding coins into the meters. Statewide, only about 5,000 free parking stickers have been issued, Mageli said. Compare that number to the 100,000 placards issued for parking in handicapped spaces.

Seems like the handicapped face pretty stiff competition these days.

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interfering with the workings of the labor market.

Aside from the ideology involved, I think there are compelling practical reasons to eliminate living wage ordinances.

First, pandering. Once you let one living wage ordinance onto the books, local politicians will find themselves falling over each other to set higher and higher required wage levels.

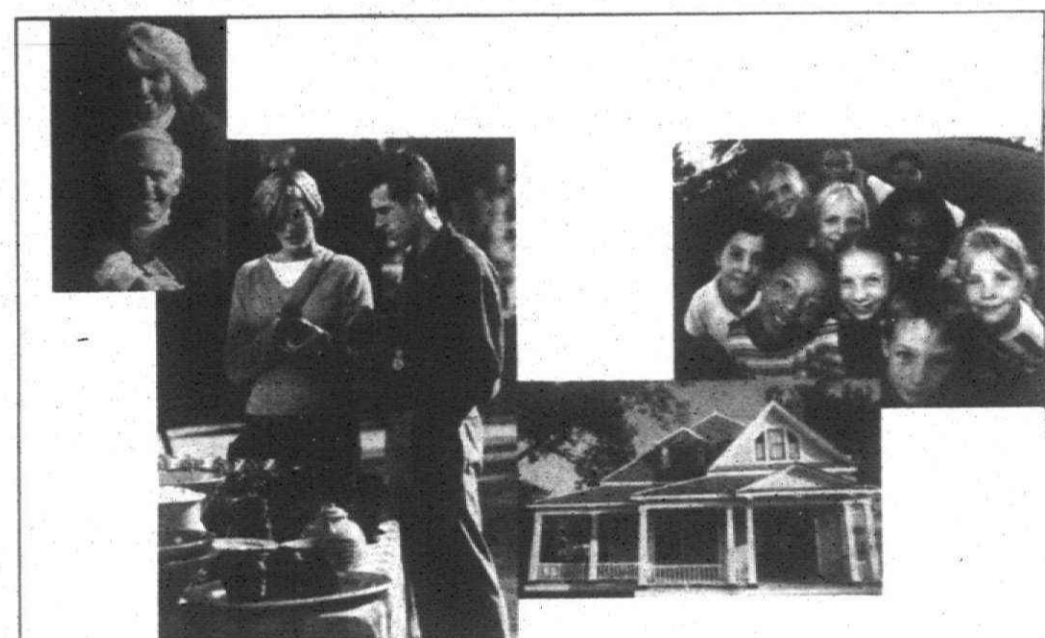
Second, migration. Manufacturing companies have for years migrated their plants out of state to find lower wage levels in Alabama or Mexico. Imagine what would happen if gas stations, party stores or dry cleaners started moving their businesses from community to community in response to varying living wage levels.

Mike Malott, the head of the statewide news service used by this newspaper, points out an interesting parallel to the living wage argument: tax abatements. In the 1970s and '80s, Malott writes, politicians got the bright idea that giving businesses 50-percent property tax breaks for 12 years was a neat way to lure new business and compete with other states. But smart-business people started shopping for the best deal, pitting state against state and community against community.

The quarrel now going on between Troy and Warren over tax breaks for General Motors will look like a polite conversation in Sunday school if living wage ordinances are enacted in all manner of Michigan communities and bidding wars erupt between local politicians pandering for votes and between communities trying to attract jobs and economic development.

Local government officials who worry that Gosselin's bill would destroy home rule would be well advised to work with him to narrow the bill down just to living wage issues.

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QUESTION:
Was the Plymouth-Canton school district right in taking down gay awareness displays at West Middle School and Salem High School?



"I don't think any school system would be right in taking that down."
Chad Harrison
Ann Arbor



"Gay people are out there; they shouldn't deny it."
Matt Hargraves
Canton



"I don't think it belongs in the schools."
Valerie Junod



"Students should learn about gay awareness at an early age."
Michelle Young
Plymouth

We asked this question Monday at the post office in downtown Plymouth.

New law eliminates veto of tax breaks

State lawmakers took quick action to eliminate a 1974 provision in Michigan's tax abatement law which allowed one community to veto tax breaks given in another community.

Just introduced as the Legislature returned to session in late September, the bill quickly won approval from House and Senate.

On Monday, Oct. 18, Gov. John Engler signed the bill into law at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren.

The change removed a provision requiring relocating companies to first obtain approval from the city they are leaving before taking advantage of tax abatements in the community they are moving to.

According to Engler, the provision had halted a \$1 billion project at the Tech Center when the Troy City Council voted against allowing General Motors to move workers from Troy to Warren. Warren had offered a \$91 million tax break for the project.

"Make no mistake, this provision was anti-competitive, anti-business and outdated," Engler said upon signing the bill. "But this law also had the unintended consequence of making an out-of-state move look more attractive for a company. As the only state in the nation with such a provision, Michigan has been at a distinct disadvantage."

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Engler said the purpose of the provision was to keep suburbs from stealing businesses from the city of Detroit. But since 1974, 15,000 applications for tax abatements have been approved by the state, creating 430,000 new jobs, retaining one million existing jobs and spurring more than \$65 billion worth of investments.

Opponents argued the bill will result in inter-community competition for businesses in Michigan, opening the door to pirating or raiding of communities for new businesses.

The votes of area representatives in the House of Representatives on the bill were: Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, voted no.

Votes of area senators were: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Board appointment

Philip Novell of Bloomfield Hills has been appointed to the

Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds Advisory Council.

The council, appointed by Gov. John Engler, oversees facilities and events at the state fairgrounds.

Novell is senior vice president of the Compass Group. Previously, he worked for 37 years at Ford.

4777 debate continues

The Salvation Army in Detroit, which does much of its work for the poor through minimum wage labor, might have to close up shop there as a result of the city's new "living wage" ordinance.

Already, according to Major Loren Carter, financial officer of the Detroit Chapter, the Salvation Army has canceled all contracts with the city of Detroit.

That fact came out in testimony given Wednesday, Oct. 13, before the Michigan House Employment Relations Committee. The panel was taking input on the controversial House Bill 4777.

Sponsored by Rep. Robert Goselin, R-Troy, HB 4777 would block local units from making laws in areas already addressed by the state. Lawmakers say they are taking testimony in hopes of narrowing the bill to those areas where it would be appropriate for the state to override local control.

Mayors and township supervisors have strongly objected to the plan.

But 4777 would override Detroit's living wage ordinance, which boosts minimum wages from \$5.15 per hour to \$8.23 per hour or more for businesses that contract with the city or get tax breaks.

And the Salvation Army says it can't afford to pay that much.

"It's interesting that this is opposed by the people whose job is to protect the poor," Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said in the hearing. When asked if he would want to set minimum wages at the city council level, Vagnozzi said he did not envision the "living wage" issue would come to Farmington Hills.

The city's attorney, John Donohue, explained his objection to 4777 is that it would make local ordinances more susceptible to legal challenges. Anytime an attorney challenges a local ordinance, he said, he expects the first argument would be, if 4777 is passed, that the local units are not allowed to address areas of law already addressed by the state government.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce testified that living wage ordinances have been passed in Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township, and a proposal is pending in Warren.



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Prevention programs help teens

Tina was 16. Her boyfriend of two months was 20. Tina's boyfriend had a violent streak in him and felt that it was his right to hurt her when he thought she was looking at other guys. In fact, he became so enraged one night that he took a hammer and slammed it into Tina's head.

"I told you I didn't like you hanging out at that place. I know those guys were flirting with you and you with them! ADMIT IT."

Although Tina didn't feel she had led anyone on, she wanted him to stop hitting her, so she said, "I promise it won't happen again."

Tina's story didn't come to light until the First Step Prevention Program came to her school. This unique group tailors its presentations to the needs of the audience.

Today's talk was on dating teen violence. They call it "Heart on a Chain." Trained advocates will come to schools, churches, synagogues, recreation and community centers for free and share with audiences what teens should and shouldn't expect when they begin dating.

Tina heard the message loud and clear. Nobody's anger should escalate to the point where the other person

feels unsafe.

■ His anger was out of control; he was possessive to the point where he felt it was his privilege to pummel her for what he believed to be her indiscretions, because she was 'his.'

Nor should anyone need to tolerate verbal, physical or sexual abuse or coercion.

As she sat there thinking about her boyfriend, the telltale signs were all present. His anger was out of control; he was possessive to the point where he felt it was his privilege to pummel her for what he believed to be

her indiscretions, because she was "his."

Tina felt violated and disrespected, not to mention fearful of his temper.

Upon hearing the talk, she wrote a note to the facilitator, asking about what to do. The people at First Step handled the situation promptly and confidentially as they helped her see that it was not her fault and how to put together a safety plan for herself.

Funded by organizations such as the Children's Trust Fund and Colina Foundation, these excellent prevention seminars can include topics such as resolving conflicts, communication skills, what goes on during spring break, keeping your body safe, reducing the risk of sexual assault (in the family and community) and the effects of violence on children.

If a child is in need of more intense counseling, First Step offers crisis intervention groups (3-8 sessions), teen support groups and "It's not your fault" groups.

Its programs and group interventions have helped more than 7,000 people in the three years they have been running.

If you or someone you love is affected by violence in any way, do them a favor and have them call the First Step 24-hour hotline at (888) 453-5900.

To schedule a presentation for your class or organization, just call the director of children's programs, Judith Barr, at (734) 955-3850. It could mean the difference between life and death for a child.

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It's a winner: Anastasios Manettas has plenty to smile about, considering his drawing of his favorite Detroit Red Wing, Steve Yzerman, was one of 30 entries selected from the Upper Deck "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest for its NHL MVP 2 trading card set.

Hockey hero

Yzerman drawing makes his an MVP

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Anastasios Manettas never knew his love of hockey, and knack for drawing might make him a winner, but it did.

The 8-year-old Canton resident was named a national winner in Upper Deck's "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest for his rendition of Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman going for a goal against a Toronto Maple Leaf goalie.

"I just drew it for fun," said Manettas of his work. "Then I saw the contest and I drew it again."

In September 1998, he and his father, Patrick, were looking through a pack of trading cards and saw information on the contest. It ran from September to December as an in-pack promotion.

They decided to enter the picture, sending in the original without making a copy.

When a letter came in the mail explaining that Anastasios won, no one really remembered what it was

he drew.

"I thought it was cool," said Anastasios with modesty. "And they gave me a hat."

His parents sounded more emotional about the experience.

"I was really excited," said his father.

"We are proud for Anastasios," added his mother, Stavroula.

Trading card collector

A collector of hockey trading cards, Anastasios has books filled with them. One of his favorites is a Chris Osgood MVP Metal Universe card which shines in metallic silver.

"Last Christmas my dad filled up my whole stocking with 'em," he said. "That's why I have so many."

Only one in that collection will be his very own — his card will be included in the NHL MVP 2 pack this fall.

Of 2,000 entries, 30 winners were chosen by Upper Deck product teams, based upon creativity, presentation and athlete likeness of the drawing. Anastasios won in the first age category, 5-8-year-olds.

He's the second western Wayne County youth to win an Upper Deck contest.

In July, Ashly Butkowski of Westland learned her drawing of ex-Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway was picked in the same age group for a subset of Upper Deck's 1999 MVP football set.

And while Anastasios enjoys drawing, he's also a sports fan.

"Usually, I like to play soccer and I like to watch football and hockey," he said. "Basketball is kind of boring to watch. Baseball is only fun to watch, if you're at a game. (Hockey) is more exciting than other sports."

Anastasios has his favorite brand of cards, no doubt about it.

"I usually get Upper Deck cards," he said. "You usually get better cards."

His hockey hero

Photographs of Yzerman decorate Anastasios' bedroom wall. He said he drew the picture because Yzerman is a good hockey player.

Anastasios chose to pit his hockey hero against the Toronto Maple

Leafs because "it was easy to draw."

"That's why I drew his back," he added about Yzerman, who's identified only by his uniform number, 19.

His mother said he enjoys drawing and she has framed several of his drawings for display in their home.

"He likes art," said Stavroula. "He likes to draw things."

Anastasios draws and colors pictures of scenes from memory. He doesn't trace or copy his work.

"I don't know where he got the talent," said his father.

Wherever it came from, his twin sisters, 5-year-olds Aspasia and Constantina, seem to have inherited it, too. They are all encouraged to draw, filling the family's home with original art.

Drawing isn't his only interest, said Anastasios.

"I like to play soccer and I like to write stories," he said. "I like reading because I'm good at it. And I like gym and art class."

When he started collecting hockey cards two years ago, he may never have guessed one of those packs would hold his very own drawing.

Hollywood classics set mood for Halloween

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Turn the lights off, light the jack-o'-lanterns, and set your sights on some spine-tingling flicks this Halloween season.

It all comes down to a matter of taste.

Horror movies can denote gore, campy classics or true edge-of-the-seat suspense. For a little help, consult an expert like Michael Hurley, manager of The Video Theatre, 1307 S. Main St., Plymouth.

"I bought every film in here," he said. "Selection's our strength."

Jill Bida, store clerk and Plymouth resident, added with conviction, "If you need to know any movie, he knows it."

Bida said she's been coming into the video store for years, long before she began working there. She said it's a "real personal type of store."

The staff offers friendly suggestions when asked about their films. And when Hurley buys films, he keeps them instead of selling them off years later — a formula conducive to the movie buff who seeks hard-to-find flicks.

"I believe Halloween is the only time of year you see families come in and pick out films together," said Hurley. "It's more of an event."

Parents try to show their children — who are intuned to movies like "Scream" — that 30 years ago "horror" was considered something very different.

Hurley said the classics do well around Halloween,

and are the best choice for younger viewers who seek a little scare. Most modern horror films are rated R and meant for a mature audience, so watch out for an abundance of violence, strong language and sexual content when choosing a horror movie.

"Years ago (horror films) did a lot better," said Hurley. He said people enjoy watching them because of the escapist qualities they possess.

The success of "Scream" and recent hits like "The Blair Witch Project" and "The Sixth Sense," he said, proves there is still a market for mystery and suspense. For anyone who missed it in theaters, "The Blair Witch Project" is available on video on Friday, Oct. 22.

"People just like to sit at the edge of their seat," said Hurley. Here are some available horror flicks sure to make most viewers scream with ghoulish delight:

■ "Killer Klowns from Outer Space," directed by Stephen Chiodo. This low-budget sci-fi flick proves just how scary clowns can be. (PG-13, 90 minutes, 1988)

■ "Parents," directed by Bob Balaban. This is the story of two cannibalistic parents and their strange relationship with their son. (R, 90 minutes, 1989)

■ "The Kiss," directed by Pen Dresher. Tells the story of a voodoo priestess who invades the life of her dead sister's family. (R, 105 minutes, 1988)

■ "After Midnight," directed by Ken and Jim Wheat, this film looks into the lives of university students studying fear and experiencing it firsthand. (PG-13, 98 minutes, 1989)

■ "Black Christmas," directed by Bob Clark. This film enters a sorority house of horrors that will turn a festive time of year upside-down. Stars Margot Kidder. (R, 99 minutes, 1975)

■ "Nightmare," directed by Vadim Jean, explores the life of a serial killer who uses dreams to reach his victims after he takes an experimental serum. Stars Elizabeth Hurley. (R, 89 minutes, 1993)

■ "Freaks," directed by Tod Browning, is a legendary horror film about a circus freak who marries a beautiful trapeze artist and nearly dies for his money. The freaks take their revenge. (Black and white, 64 minutes, 1932)

■ "Rosemary's Baby," directed by Roman Polanski. This film stars Mia Farrow as a wife unknowingly drawn into a circle of devil worshippers by her husband. Nothing is as it seems. (R, 136 minutes, 1968)

As for honorable mentions, pick a vampire flick like "Ravenous" or "Near Dark" or try a haunted house tale like "Dead of Night" or the now funnier-than-it-is-frightening "Amityville Horror."

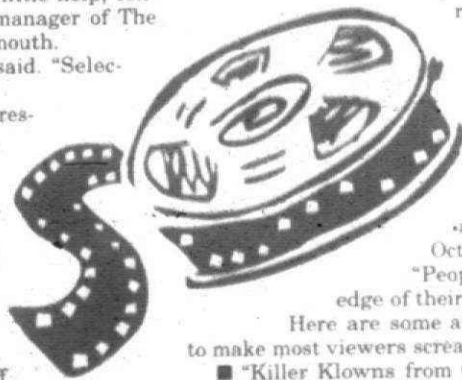
Other popular rentals at Halloween include "Evil Dead," "The Omen," "The Changeling" and "Dead Calm," which stars Nicole Kidman.

Film buffs can't go wrong with an Alfred Hitchcock film. Try "Psycho" or "Rear Window" for suspense.

Feel like leaving the house for a film fright? Try these sure-bets for Halloween:

■ "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Magic Bag's

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Bear in the Big Blue House highlights Education Expo

The lovable, lumbering Bear in the Big Blue House from Jim Henson television will guest host the Education Expo Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Southfield Civic Center in Southfield.

Bear, who is making a special appearance at "Snack Time," is one of many attractions at the annual education fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center on Evergreen Road between 10 and 12 Mile roads.

Three hundred children will get free tickets to snack with Bear from the popular Disney Channel program, courtesy of Borders Books. Seating for the event is limited, so participants should come early.

Another exhibit at the free expo is the KidsWorld Challenge, an obstacle course sponsored by the Beverly Hills Club.

A complimentary "tattoo" and bottled water will be presented to each athlete who finishes the course.

Southfield police, fire and parks officials also will have an exhibit, Safety Zone, that will teach street smarts and home safety through hands-on and interactive exhibits.

The United Dairy Industry of Michigan invites kids to have their own milk mustache photo taken while their parents bone up on nutrition and diet information. To promote strong bones and teeth through the milk and calcium message, free mini "Got Milk?" Frisbees and trucks will be given out to youngsters.

KinderCare will present the Kid's Kraft Korner where young

entomologists can learn about bugs and make a free insect project. Another corner for kids, staffed by Providence Hospital, will offer lessons on healthy habits and better bodies.

In the meantime, parents visiting the Education Expo can browse the booths of more than 100 vendors out to spread the word about their products and programs to help kids get ahead.

Parents will meet representatives from the leading local private and public schools, tutoring services, after-school, toy and book sellers, software components and financial advisors.

For more information, call (248) 352-0990.

Comedy night helps Harvest

Looking for a good laugh that will help the hungry?

Then mark Saturday, Nov. 13, on your calendar. Forgotten Harvest will present Comedy Night 8, "For Action Against Hunger," a benefit for hunger relief, at 8 p.m. at the Music Hall Theater in Detroit.

Sponsored by the Tim Allen and Laura Deibel Foundation and the estate of Sarah Morris, Comedy Night 8 will feature Kathleen Madigan (American Comedy Awards winner for best

female standup performer) and nationally known comedian Steve McGraw. WDIV-TV weatherman Chuck Gaidica will be the emcee.

Tickets for Comedy Night 8 cost \$25 each. Sponsorship packages and group discounts are available. To order tickets or for more information, call (248) 350-FOOD (3663) during regular business hours.

Established in August 1990, Forgotten Harvest collects surplus perishable food that would other-

wise go to waste from airlines, bakeries, caterers, dairies, hospitals, meat and produce distributors and other health department-approved establishments and transports it directly to area soup kitchens and shelters.

Forgotten Harvest transports 80,000 pounds of food each month, providing the equivalent of more than 960,000 meals a year to hungry men, women and children.

Open house promotes foster care, adoption

Methodist Children's Home Society is hosting a foster care and adoption information open house for people interested in providing love, stability, guid-

ance and structure to a special child.

The information open house is taking place until 6 p.m. today (Oct. 21) and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Can it be positive?: Cross Training Student Ministries at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth recently hosted at Wrestle Mania Fall Kickoff Event for middle and high school students. More than 120 students selected from Jell-O wrestling, Sumo Suit wrestling or wrestling on a log, stretched over a mud pit, and University of Michigan wrestler Frank Lodeserto shared his relationship with Christ with students. Cross Training offers "Conditioning" for senior high students 6-8 p.m. Sundays and "Half-time" for middle schoolers 6:45-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information about Cross Training Ministries, call (734) 459-9609.

Movies from page B1

Brew and View in Ferndale on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Doors open at 8 p.m. Film begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2. For information, call (248) 544-3030.

Brad and Janet are lost again. A classic campy horror-musical. Without it, no Halloween would be complete.

■ "The Blair Witch Project" at

the Magic Bag's Brew and View on Thursday, Oct. 28. Doors open at 8 p.m. Film begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2. For information, call (248) 544-3030.

Three curious filmmakers, two cameras and the legend of the Blair Witch. Mixed with the deep, dark woods in Maryland, and you have an unmistakable recipe for fear. Visionary film work.

■ "Dracula" and "Frankenstein," a double feature at the Historic Redford Theater in Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 29-30. An organ overture begins 7:30 p.m. A matinee performance will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, with overture at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50. Wear a costume and win a prize.

■ "Dracula," starring Bela Lugosi as Count Dracula, is based on Bram Stoker's classic story. The film, released in 1931, set standards for the future of horror films.

■ "Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff, made history once again by bringing life to Mary Shelley's monster, a character who evoked both sympathy and revulsion.

■ "Psycho," also at the Magic Bag's Brew and View, on Sunday, Oct. 31. Doors open at 8 p.m. Film begins at 9:30 p.m. This is a free Halloween show for those 21 years and older.

Alfred Hitchcock's brilliant horror story that made viewers cringe at the thought of showering. Take another visit to the Bates Motel. Norman's waiting for you.

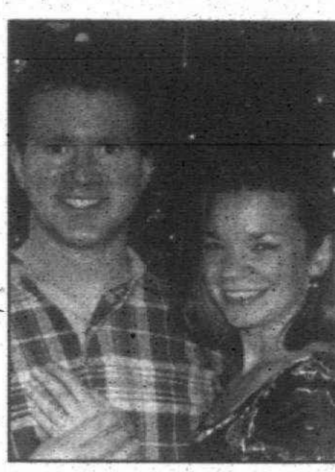
Happy fright-film night.

Pruett-Webert

Earl and Sandra Pruett of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Christine, to David Christopher Webert of the son of David Webert and Carol Teutsch of Portland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1994 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. as a paralegal.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Portland High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by General Motors as a mechanical engineer.



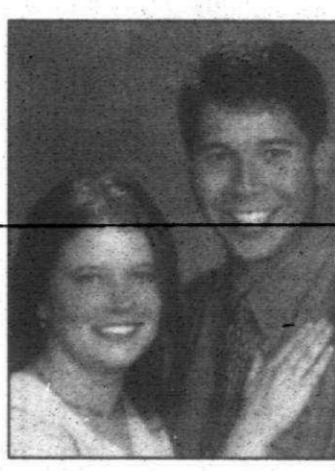
A February wedding in Livonia is being planned.

Malvitz-Brenner

Bill and Marie Malvitz of Pleasant Ridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Nicole, to Thomas William Brenner, the son of Fred Brenner of Plymouth and Carol Taylor of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ferndale High School, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Sterling Heights High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Toledo. He is employed at Novi High School.



An August wedding is planned at Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale.

Dorosh-Chamberlain

Jennie Dorosh and Daniel David Chamberlain were married June 7 at Memorial Church on the Harvard University campus in Boston, Mass. The Rev. Jory Agate officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Marilyn and Gene Dorosh of Gaithersburg, Md. The groom is the son of David and Lila Chamberlain of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Harvard University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is currently pursuing a master of fine arts program in film at the University of Southern California.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree. He is working toward a master of arts degree in communications at Georgetown University. He is employed by Capitol One in Vienna, Va.

The bride asked Emily Asofsky, Wynn Huang, Kathryn Peters, Ellen Adler and Nicole Sutton to serve as her attendants.



The groom asked Daryl Chamberlain, Christopher Freundt, Giuseppe Lipari, Milan Chheda and Ray Gunter to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the New England Aquarium. Following a honeymoon trip to south of France, they are making their home in Los Angeles, Calif.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Camiller-Parris

John, Camiller of Gibraltar and Joyce Battle of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherene Ann Camiller, to Ronald Bruce Parris, the son of Lewis and Ruby Parris of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1989 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Forest Post Products in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is employed by Nissan Research and Development in Farmington Hills as a noise and vibration specialist. He also is the president of PTO in Oxford.



A fall wedding is planned.

Wracan-Miller

Kathy Wracan of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Laura Ann, to John Joseph Miller Jr., the son of John Miller Sr. and Charlene Miller of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Madonna University with a degree in marketing. She is employed at the law firm of Schwartz and Jalkanen.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works at The Nailco Group as a graphics designer.

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



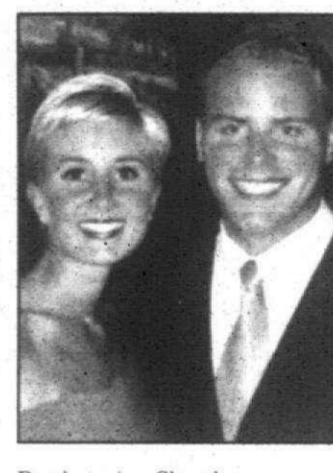
Candea-Morgan

Glenn and April Housley of Gross Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Leigh Candea, to Bradford Leland Morgan, the son of Donald and Elaine Morgan of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as an account executive for a Troy electronic data duplication company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a buyer for Isuzu Motors of America in Plymouth.

A September wedding is planned at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.



The groom asked Daryl Chamberlain, Christopher Freundt, Giuseppe Lipari, Milan Chheda and Ray Gunter to serve as his attendants.

Gosen-Easterwood

Joseph and Teresa Gosen of Saginaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Thomas E. Easterwood, the

son of Waymon and Caroline Easterwood of Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned at the Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Bridgeport.

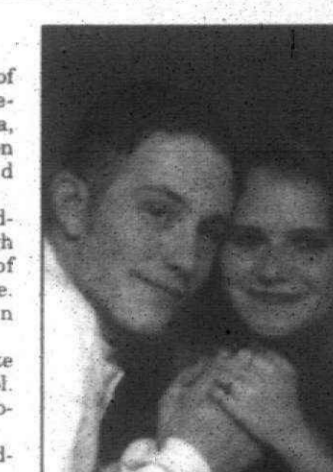
Kegler-Baldrige

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kegler of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Leanna, to Brian Lee Baldrige, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baldrige of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is employed at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed at Mark Chevrolet in Wayne.

The couple is planning a wedding in 2001.



Selle-Weber

Charles and Brenda Selle of Erie announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Kirk Matthew Weber, the son of Michael and Margaret Weber of Redford.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in criminology at Eastern Michigan University. She works as a supervisor of store detectives for Kroger.

Her fiancé is completing work on a degree in construction management at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at Timmer Construction in Farmington Hills.

A May wedding in Monroe is planned.



Horn-Halahan

Lewis Horn Jr. of Lambertville and Nancy Aubry of Temperance announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Brian David Halahan, the son of Dave Halahan and Denise Heuser, both of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bedford High School and Michigan State University. She is a legislative assistant for the Michigan State Senate.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University. He is the marketing director for American Collegiate Marketing.

A November wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Sylvania, Ohio.



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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit proposals for Technology Consulting Services, working with an Architectural/Engineering firm in the construction of two new schools. Please call Mr. John A. Birchler, Executive Director, Business & Operations at (734) 416-2742, for a copy of the Request for Proposal. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI. Sealed proposals are due on or before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 and should be directed to Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at the above address. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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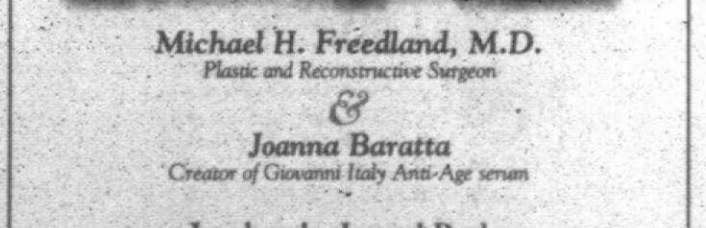
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of a Food Service - Point of Sale System (POS). Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI, or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Please contact Teresa Arnold, the PCCS Food Service Director at (734) 416-2953 for additional specification information. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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NEW VOICES

Donald and Debra Donaldson of Westland announce the birth of **Jack William** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Jenny, 17; Teri, 15; Danny, 12; Adam, 11; and Staci, 7. Grandparents include Ruth Hood of Westland.

Carlo and Hilda Ciaramitaro of Canton announce the birth of **Dominic Joseph** June 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He joins two brothers, Vincent, 4, and Nicholas, 3. Grandparents are Merrill and Aline Waldrop of Ypsilanti and Julian and Jean Ciaramitaro of Chesterfield Township.

Kenneth Viere of Belleville and Jaime Viere of Garden City announce the birth of **Nicole Renee Viere** June 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Luther and Darlene Viere and William and Cynthia Paterson.

Robert Nehring and Wendy Pellegrin of Detroit announce the birth of **Alexandra Jasmine Nehring** June 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, William Andrew, 15 months. Grandparents are Robert and Naomi Pellegrin of Redford, Robert and Natalie Nehring of Garden City and Robert and

Joan Nehring of Royal Oak. David and Brenda White of Garden City announce the birth of **Dylan Michael** July 1 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He has a sister, Chelsea. Grandparents are John and Pat Rowe of Redford, Jeannie White of Garden City and Jim Morawa of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Sam and Mae Cotter of Westland and Edgar and Irene White of Redford.

Troy O'Dell and Kelly Howie of Westland announce the birth of **Breona Drew O'Dell** July 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

She joins brother Kody Shane, 4. Grandparents are Ronald Flynn of Westland, Bob and Deb Fennelly of Belleville and Jeannie and Phil O'Dell of Issaquah, Wash.

Eric and Michelle Nelson of Redford announce the birth of **Mary Margaret** July 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings Carl, 10; Elaine, 7 and Monica, 3. Grandparents are Dean and Sandra Nelson of Davisburg and Allen and Monica Groven of Grafton, N.D.

James and Lauree-Lee Tudor of Westland announce the birth of **Dylan James** July 2 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are James and Maxine Tudor of Livonia and Barry and Barbara Kenahel of McGregor, Ontario, Canada.

Michael and Michele Belczak of Livonia announce the birth of **David Samuel** July 3 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins a brother, Danny, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Chuck and Mona Toma of Dearborn and Bernard and Josephine Belczak of Melvindale. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Toma of Dearborn and Francis and Mary Camilleri of Detroit.

Sean and Dianna Furlong of Plymouth announce the birth of **Nolan Gregory** July 3. He joins brothers Daniel, 5, and Keegan, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Charles and Dorothy Cain of Novi.

Chris and Mary Kay DeBrito of Canton announce the birth of **Elizabeth Faye** July 4 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins sisters Renee, 3, and Marianne, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Syl and Mary Noetzel of Canton and Joe and Marcia DeBrito of Monroe.

Doug and Deanna Doyle of Livonia announce the birth of **John Douglas** July 5 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are John and Linda Klotz, John and Annette Wise and Joyce Doyle, all of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Richard and Betty Wise of Petoskey, Richard and Betty Klotz of Redford and Elma Somrak of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Margarette Wise of Wayne and Lucille Harrison of Ypsilanti.

LaMonica Vaughn of Inkster announces the birth of **Darryl Anthony Lee Cherry** July 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Khari, 16; Stephanie, 8, and Takahla, 3. Grandparents are Helen Cherry and Ann Matsey of Westland.

Kevin and Beth Kral of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Natalie Anna** July 6 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She joins a sister, Rachel Elizabeth, 3. Grandparents are Cliff and Mary Mayes of Farmington Hills and Tom and Judy Kral of Plymouth.

Ronald Hamblin Jr. and Diane Blevins of Westland announce the birth of **Mitchell Ray Blevins** July 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings Christopher, 7 and Taylor, 5. Grandparents are Jean Clancy of Westland, Larry Blevins Sr. of Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blevins Sr. of Allen Park.

Courtney Butler and Joshua Lanning of Westland announce the birth of **Chloe Melinda Lanning** July 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Joni and Ron Rettman of Westland, Bill Butler of Wayne, Bob Lanning of Westland and Wilma Lanning of South Lyon.

Ed and Sandi Rosenquist of Plymouth announce the birth of **Natalie Emily** July 9 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Leo and Toni Ferrera of Livonia and Emily Rosenquist of Plymouth.

Jim and Janet Hejka of Canton announce the birth of **Samantha Marie** July 9 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has a brother, Joshua Ryan, 2. Grandparents are Jim and Connie Hejka of Westland, Larry Shepard of Glendale, Ariz., and Betty Shepard of Westland. Great-grandparents are Pete Galda and Mary Hejka, both of Detroit.

Thomas and Jeana Rea of Canton announce the birth of **Ashton Leah** July 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins brothers Ricky North and Justin Rea. Grandparents are Edwin and Juanita Rea of Westland and Clayton and Willadeen Jackson of Burton.

Ernest and Melanie Creasey of Taylor announce the birth of **Cindy Marie** July 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Veronica, 5. Grandparents are William and Mary Creasey of Westland and Dan Franks and Debbie Vickers of Taylor.

Joshua Parker and Shana Driscoll of Westland announce the birth of **Taylor Nicole Parker** July 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Jeannie and Terry Driscoll of Canton and Roger and Kay Rais of Westland.

Michael and Linda Slinder of Livonia announce the birth of **Victoria Eva** July 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins brothers Cyle, 7; Matthew, 5 1/2; and Nathan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Michael and Marion Rajter of Warren, Patricia Slinder of Livonia and Edward Slinder of Farmington.

St. Matthew's welcomes time change with tailgate party

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Last week it was the fall party sale, this week it's a Victorian tea, and next week it's a tailgate party to mark the end of daylight-saving time.

The Rev. Chuck Sonquist calls it "wild and crazy," but for those who don't want to cook there'll be hot and cold cider, coffee and doughnuts," Stevens said. "We even have someone directing to park the cars so the trunks face the right way."

Costumes optional

The "wild and crazy" part of the party is that tailgaters can come in costume (appropriate for church), since it is Halloween.

"We thought it would be fun," Stevens said. "The Methodist Church doesn't believe in All Saints Day, but it's part of our heritage. So Chuck will talk about All Saints Day and All Hallows Eve and the meaning of those days."

The party is the culmination of a busy two weeks. On Oct. 14-15, 17 church members, led by Margaret Northey, made 695 pasties to raise money for mission trips.

This is the 10th year of the sale, which raises about \$1,400 for the trips. On tap is one to Costa Rica in January and another for Habitat for Humanity in Georgia.

Northey got the idea from a Finnish Lutheran Church that made and sold pasties once a month. St. Matthew's limits its sale to once a year because it lacks adequate oven space.

"We have to borrow the ovens at Holy Cross Lutheran Church," said Northey. "When we first started making them, we thought it was wonderful when we raised \$200, and it's only gotten better."

Northey's crew makes three types of pasties - ready to freeze, frozen and ready to eat. This year, church members ordered more than 400 frozen pasties. Hot orders exceeded 150.

Northey is Cornish and learned to make pasties from her mother and mother-in-law, who

also is Cornish. But for the sale, she takes a few shortcuts - coarsely ground meat is combined with the onions, rutabaga, potatoes and carrots for the filling rather than layered into the crust.

The shortcuts haven't hurt the finished product, according to Stevens.

"They're as good as any you'd get in the Upper Peninsula," she said.

A busy time

In addition to the Victorian tea at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow (Oct. 22), which will feature special music and Lynette Brown portraying 19th century women's rights

activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the church also has Logos for youth in fifth grade through high school.

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Getting together: Warm jackets were a must for last year's early-morning tailgate party. Enjoying the cider, doughnuts and coffee were Claire Doty (left), Ann Stando and Drew Doty.

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MINISTRIES CONVENTION

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will host the 53rd annual Church Ministries Convention, "Preparing to Fulfill Your Destiny in the Next Millennium," Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23, at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

The convention, sponsored by the International Christian Education Association, will feature five general sessions, informative seminars and workshops, exhibits and day and evening children's activities.

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Henry Soles, chaplain of the Chicago Bulls basketball team and a Christian education writer, editor and presenter.

Registration is \$50 at the door, \$25 for one day and \$5 for teens. For more information, contact the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-

5526, by fax at (248) 557-6603 or by mail at 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield 48075.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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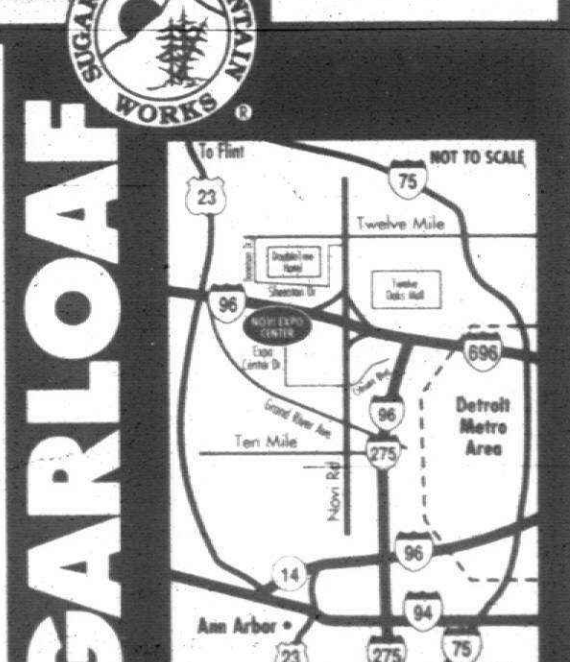
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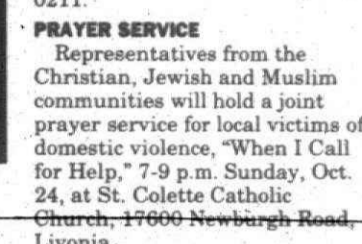
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ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have its 18th annual Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, 27110 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Admission will be \$1.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Delta Kappa Gamma will have its annual craft fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. More than 100 juried crafters will participate in the sale. Proceeds will fund scholarships for students who plan to become teachers.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School will have its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1.

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN
St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church will have a Gift-A-Rama 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. There will be vendors, food and a raffle. For more information, call (734) 422-0010.

PRCUA SYRENA
The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will hold its holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. Table rentals are \$23 and \$25. For more information, call (313) 271-0201 or (313) 563-1761.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

FROST
The Frost Middle School PTSA will present its 23rd annual holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 6 at the school, 14041 Stark, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, a lunch room and bake sale. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.

ST. SABINA
Applications are being accepted from crafters for the St. Sabina School craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6, at the school, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. The fee is \$27 for an 8-foot table or space (a limited number are available) and \$25 for a 6-foot table or space. Applications and fees will be accepted through Oct. 6. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (734) 953-5914.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University will have its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus, Schoolcraft at Levan. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH
Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

CLARENCEVILLE
The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have its annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the high school, Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, bake sale and raffle. Admission will be \$2, and babysitting will be available. No strollers permitted.

DEARBORN HIGH
Dearborn High School will have its Arts and Crafts Extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13, at the school, 19501 Outer Dr., Dearborn. For an application or more information, call (313) 561-0402.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Table space is available - \$20 for a 5-foot round table or \$25 for an 8-foot-long table. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

HARRIS-KEHRER VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 is looking for crafters for its annual craft bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Rentals are \$20 for an 8-foot table and two chairs. For more information, call Pam at (734) 721-6304.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or

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its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Space is still available for the juried show which will feature more than 180 crafters. The fee is \$50 a 10-by-6-foot space. For table rental, call (734) 522-5287.

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Football playoffs still evade both Salem, Canton

Unless you've been in a coma or in another hemisphere for the past few weeks, this is not news.

The word is in: Neither Plymouth Salem nor Plymouth Canton will make the state high school football playoffs.

Again. Mind you, this is the expanded, win-six-and-you're-in version of the playoffs.

There will be 256 schools that make it this year. That comes out to more than one-out-of-three schools qualifying.

Salem and Canton won't be among them.

That makes it eight-straight years that neither school has been a part of the post season in football. Why? Is their enrollment too small? Not a big enough talent pool to draw from?

Not hardly. Salem and Canton both rank among the state's top five schools in size.

In the past, one could blame the toughness of the Western Lakes Activities Association. After all, what other league can boast six state champions in the '90s, with three others losing in the finals?

But that was in the day of computer points deciding who made it and who didn't. It's different now — all it takes is six wins to qualify. You don't have to be at the top of the WLAA; second or even third in your division would be good enough.

Why can't Salem and Canton manage it?

They should be playoff contenders, if not participants, every year. A cursory look at their programs would lead one to believe all the pieces are in place.

But they haven't made a playoff trip since early in this decade. Salem last made the playoffs in 1991 (its only trip prior to that was 1977); over the past eight regular seasons (not including this year) the Rocks' record was 40-32.

For Canton, its only state playoff trip was in 1990. The Chiefs are 37-44 over the past nine seasons.

Canton won its lone WLAA Western Division title in 1990. Salem, believe it or not, has the longest dry spell between division titles of any football team in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The Rocks won it just once, in 1982.

So it must be the coaching. Somebody has to take the blame, right? If a team doesn't succeed, the coach is at fault. Everyone knows that.

Sorry, but a change at the top will do nothing to alter the programs below. Salem has been coached by one man since the school opened: Tom Moshimer. At Canton, Tim Baechler took over for Bob Khoenle two years ago and has been rebuilding the program, and he's been doing it well.

If there was evidence that these teams were ill-prepared or lacking discipline, such a move could be considered. There isn't.

So what is it? Why can both schools succeed in every other sport, gaining state titles in some, but consistently fall short in football?

The coaches of the two schools believe there is a reason, and it does have to do with preparation. But this preparation dates back a few years.

"What's hurting our football program is no middle school football," said Baechler, without hesitation.

Moshimer agreed. "In my opinion, that's the No. 1 thing," he said. "We noticed a big difference from the era when we had it to when we didn't have it."

The numbers posted would back their arguments. Salem was the state co-champion in 1974 and averaged nearly seven wins a season until the middle school program was cancelled after a failed millage in the early '80s.

Taking into account the trickle-down affect, the high school programs began experiencing problems associ-

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Rocks reap WLAA crown

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Deflected high. Shot wide right. Drilled wide left.

That described Plymouth Salem's fortunes through the first 55 minutes of Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association soccer championship game against Livonia Churchill, played at Salem.

The Rocks had chances, plenty of them. They just couldn't capitalize.

Even when they did finally put it in the goal, it didn't count. That happened with 25:30 left in the second half; Scott Duhl took a restart from 40 yards out, knocking the ball to Brett Stinar. Stinar deflected the ball and bounced it into the net for an apparent goal.

However, the linesman ruled Drabek had hit it with his arm — the goal was disallowed.

It was becoming clear that anything Salem could get against the Chargers would be well-earned. It was — but it was also quickly-earned.

The ensuing free kick following the disallowed goal was won by the Rocks at midfield. In a matter of seconds, they were back in the Churchill end of the field, with Duhl again setting things up near the top of the box.

Duhl passed to Jeff Haar inside the box at the right post. Haar turned and got off a clean shot that beat Churchill keeper Eric Sicilia to the left side, and Salem had the only goal it would need — scored 23 seconds after the first goal was disallowed.

The 1-0 triumph gave the Rocks their first WLAA title since 1995; they tied Churchill in the championship game in 1997.

"We missed a lot of opportunities," admitted Salem coach Ed McCarthy after winning his first-ever outright WLAA title. "I was really happy with the way we played tonight. We did everything but put it in the net."

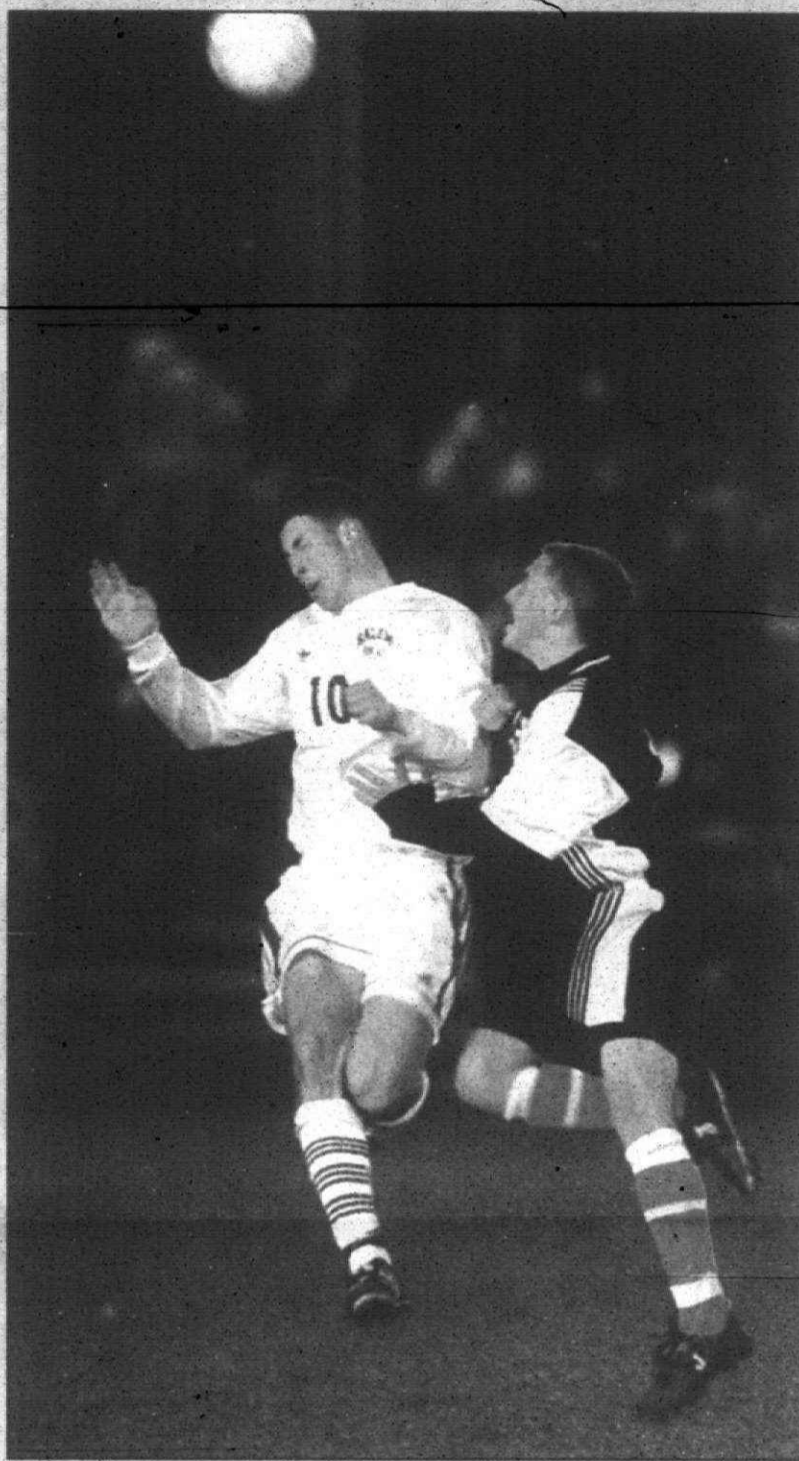
At least until Haar ended the scoring drought, which could be traced back a week to the Plymouth Canton match that ended in a scoreless draw.

"Duhl to Haar — that's happened a lot of times for us this season," said McCarthy.

"Normally that's not us. We usually finish really well."

Of course, Churchill had a lot to do with that. This Charger team was a longshot to finish in the top two in the WLAA's Western Division after the first month of the season. Churchill lost its first five matches and was 2-8 at one point.

But the Chargers first-year coach, Reid Friedrichs, got them turned about. They won all five of their divisional games, clinching the title with



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Loose ball: Salem's Jeff Haar (10) and Churchill's Brian Emerick battle for possession near midfield. Such skirmishes were won most often by the Rocks; so was the match, and the title.

a 3-1 win over Plymouth Canton Oct. 11.

"I told the kids they have nothing to be ashamed of," said Friedrichs. "I

can't ask more from them. They played as well as they could. Eric Sicilia stood on his head back there (in goal)."

Final quarter elevates Salem

BASKETBALL

Plymouth Salem hasn't been really tested too many times this season.

So with the Western Lakes Activities Association and state basketball tournaments coming up, Tuesday was a good night for a test.

The Rocks passed.

Salem hosted Northville and pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 57-45 victory that gave the Rocks a very firm grip on first place in the WLAA.

Plymouth Salem (13-1) improved to 8-0 in league play and shoved Northville (8-6) two games behind at 6-2.

"It was a great game," Rocks coach Fred Thomann said. "We had to come from behind. It was pretty intense."

The Mustangs started out to a 12-5 lead after the first quarter, using a 1-3-1 zone to bother the Rocks.

Salem came back and sliced four points off the margin with a 14-10 second quarter and outscored Northville, 14-13 in the third.

"We were finally able to bust it open in the fourth quarter," Thomann said of his team's 24-10 closing period. "They got out in the

passing lanes.

"It took until the end of the first half for us to get comfortable playing against it. But in the second half we got a lot better looks at the rim and got into a better rhythm shooting the basketball."

Tiffany Grubaugh led the Rocks with 15, hitting three triples, with Bree Pastalaniec contributing 11 points and Dawn Allen 10. Lindsay Klemmer scored seven points.

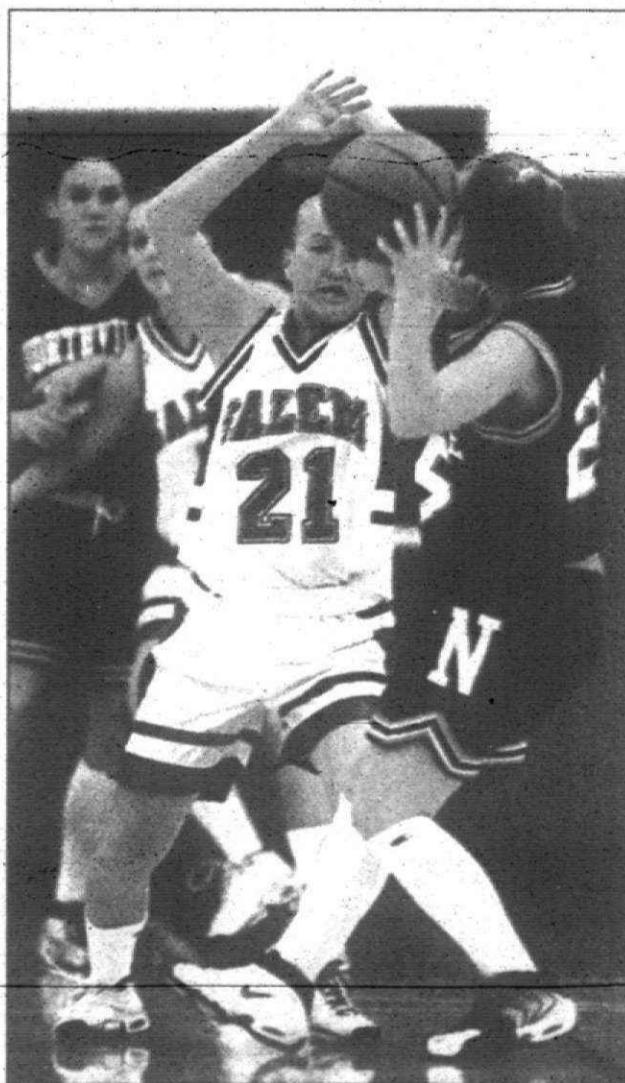
Klemmer hit a big three-point shot in the third period and Monica Mair knocked one down in the fourth quarter.

"We were down four when (Mair) took it," Thomann said. "If she misses and Northville rebounds, goes down and scores, we're down at least six."

"So that's a big swing right there. It was a huge shot — and her only points of the game."

Northville was led by Janel Hasse with 14. Kate Hammond scored 13 points and Meredith Hasse, Janel's twin sister, netted

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Defensive pressure: Tight defense applied by Salem throughout Tuesday's game, like that displayed by Kelly Jaskot (21), ruined Northville.

Barrie's 3rd period spree tops Whalers



2,206 fans at Compuware Arena.

Sheldon Keefe, the Colts' captain, put the game on ice by scoring twice in the third period after teammate Mike Christian had tied it at 3-all just 5:48 into the period.

Mike Jefferson got a goal and two assists, and Mike Henrich added a goal and an assist for Barrie, which leads the Ontario Hockey League's Central Division with an 8-4 record. Plymouth fell to 3-6-1 with its second-straight loss at home; the Whalers are fourth in the five-team West Division.

Denis Shvidki chipped in with two assists for the Colts.

The Whalers got power-play goals from Damian Surma and Kris Vernarsky in the opening period; Julian Smith's score in the final minute of the second period gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead. Scott Wray added two assists for the Whalers.

Aaron Molnar was in goal for Plymouth; he made 16 saves. Ben Vanderkirk had 24 saves for Barrie.

Malewski leads Madonna to win over Spring Arbor

Redford Thurston High product Brandy Malewski racked up 11 kills, 11 block-assists and 20 digs, leading the Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 15-11, 16-4, 15-8 win Tuesday over visiting Spring Arbor in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

Madonna lost to NCAA Division III power Washington University (Mo.), 6-15, 15-7, 16-9, 11-15, 8-15, and Evangel (Mo.), 9-15, 10-15, 15-3, 15-11, 15-8.

Madonna's WHAC Player-of-the-Week, averaged 3.7 kills, two blocks and 3.9 digs per game in her five matches last week.

Stephanie Uballa added 12 kills, and five blocks assists, while Nicole Burns added six kills and four aces.

Setter Jen Wing added 90 assists as the Lady Crusaders, rated No. 27 in the latest NAIA national poll, improved to 24-8 overall.

Spring Arbor, led by Andrea TenHove's six kills, fell to 2-22 and 1-8.

Madonna University's run for the border last weekend resulted in a 2-2 record at the Taco Bell Classic hosted by William Woods College in Fulton, Mo.

Wins were registered against host William Woods, 16-14, 9-15, 15-13, 3-15, 15-13, and Culver-Stocker (Mo.), 10-15, 16-15, 20-18.

Lady Crusaders trounce Tech

Still in the hunt. That's where Madonna University's women's soccer team finds itself after trouncing Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Indiana Tech 9-0 Tuesday at Livonia Ladywood HS.

The Lady Crusaders improved to 11-4-1 overall, 8-3-1 in the WHAC, good for third place behind Aquinas and Siena Heights. Indiana Tech is 0-12 in the WHAC, 2-15 overall.

Kelly Delaney, named WHAC player of the week for her performance last week (see related story below), scored three goals in the first half and assisted on a fourth as the Crusaders built a 5-0 lead. Delaney added another assist in the second half.

Other goals were scored by Melissa Jacobs, Emily Neien-

much. This time, SC routed their hosts 10-0 and, for the second-straight match, the Ocelots did not allow a shot on goal.

Sarah Gregory led the scoring barrage against Moraine Valley with three goals. Kelly Connell (from Plymouth Salem) scored twice and Shannon Konarski and Danielle Shaffer got one goal apiece.

Against William Rainey Harper, Marina Vazquez (Farmington) collected three goals and Shaffer had a goal and three assists. Other goal-scorers were Meghan Jannuzzi, Michele Baldori (Plymouth Salem), Konarski, Connell and Emily Alford (Redford Blue Stars).

Although the victories were satisfying, the injury situation for SC is not. Sandy Burdzialek and Niki Vradenburg were

forced out of action over the weekend with injuries, joining Kristina Benich (Plymouth Salem), who was hurt in the win over St. Clair College in Windsor last week.

SC coach Bill Tolstedt is hoping to get all three back in time for the NJCAA District Tournament.

The show gets under way at 6 p.m. Sunday with the pairings in all eight divisions announced.

This could provide more suspense than the annual NCAA tournament basketball draws.

We do know that these area teams are in: two-time defending state champion Redford Catholic Central (8-0), Metro Conference champ Livonia Clarenceville (8-0), Westland John Glenn (6-2), Livonia Stevenson (6-2), Garden City (6-2), Redford Thurston (6-2) and Redford St. Agatha (6-2).

Knocking on the door is Farmington (5-3), while the area's long shot to get into the 256-team field appears to be Farmington Hills Harrison (4-4).

As for the prediction race, things are a little more unclear.

The Lucky Irishman, Dan O'Meara, stubbed his toe slightly last week, going 1-6. But he still holds a commanding six-game lead over yours truly, who

GRID PICKS

Does every body have Fox Sports-Detroit?

Well, cable TV is the first place you're going to find out who and where your favorite Observerland-playoff bound football teams will play next week in the state playoffs.

Here is a look at this week's action:

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Red St. Agatha (6-2) vs. East Catholic (3-5), 3:30 p.m. at Detroit Derby: The Aggies, behind the running of Dan Boulter, earned their second straight playoff berth with a 23-10 win over Dearborn St. Ignaceus. Meanwhile, East Catholic defeated Detroit Loyola. PICKS: Go with the Aggies.

Lutheran Westland (4-0, 0-7) at Hamtramck (4-4, 4-3), 6 p.m.: The Warriors led 8-0 after a quarter last week before falling to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 30-16. Hamtramck, despite 225 yards by running back Aaron Brock, fell to Riverview Gabriel Richard, 45-28. PICKS: Hamtramck goes over the 500 mark on its terrific turf at Keyworth Stadium.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Bishop Borgess (3-5) at Britton-Deerfield (8-0), 7 p.m.: Britton-Deerfield (formerly Britton-Mac) is ranked No. 1 in Division VII. Last week, Justin Renshaw rushed for 154 yards and

quarterback Brad Maska threw for three touchdowns as Britton-Deerfield claimed the Tri-County Conference title with a 40-0 victory over Morenci. Borgess was also sharp last week, blanking Allen Park Cabrini, 30-0. PICKS: Britton-Deerfield (Macron), whatever.

Westland Glenn (6-2) at Wayne (0-6), 7 p.m.: Injuries and some close early season losses led to the Zetros' undoing this year. John Glenn got back on the winning track behind Eric Jones' single-game rushing record 263 yards in a 40-13 win over Plymouth Canton. Wayne, a 45-13 homecoming loser last week to Ypsilanti, hasn't beaten Glenn since 1992. PICKS: Glenn has its way.

Thurston (6-2) at Redford Union (2-6), 7 p.m.: Could be an interesting game. RU has won two straight, while Thurston is coming off an upset 21-14 victory over previously unbeaten Romulus to claim its first playoff berth in school history. PICKS: Emons says RU stuns the Eagles, but O'Meara favors Thurston.

Farmington (5-3) at Lakeland (0-8): Farmington lost a close battle to Novi in the season opener, 20-17, while White Lake Lakeland was destroyed last week by Novi, 42-7. The Falcons, who almost won the WAAA title last week, only to lose to Walpole Lake Western, 97, smell a playoff berth, for sure. PICKS: The Falcons fly into the postseason.

Ply. Salem (3-5) vs. Ply. Canton (4-4) at CEP: Maybe Salem should have invited the '74 undefeated team back for their reunion early this year because Rocks have been on a roll ever since, winning three straight. Canton couldn't

stop Glenn tailback Eric Jones last week in a 40-13 loss. PICKS: Give me some input, Shadow. Emons goes with the Chiefs. O'Meara thinks Salem is the better team at this point.

Liv. Stevenson (6-2) at Liv. Churchill (2-6): After winning their first six, the Spartans offense has sputtered in shutout losses to Farmington (13-0) and Farmington Hills Harrison (16-0). The defense has been steady. Meanwhile, Churchill could make amends for a disappointing season by upsetting their crosstown rival. PICKS: Stevenson gets ready for the playoffs.

Liv. Franklin (2-6) at Trenton (5-3): A victory by Trenton will put the Trojans in the playoffs. But Trenton looked anything like a playoff team in a 49-12 loss to 7-1 Gibraltar Carlson despite 240 yards passing and two TDs by quarterback Mike Fisher. Franklin, drubbed in its last two outings by a combined score of 79-0, hopes to play spoiler. PICKS: Trenton secures a playoff berth.

N. Farmington (2-6) at Howell (3-5): A member of the Kensington Valley Conference, Howell is coming off a 31-21 non-league loss to Ann Arbor Huron. The Highlanders finished 3-3 in the KVC. North, led by the offensive exploits of the Weiss brothers, pulled out a 27-22 win last week over Churchill. PICKS: Howell has its way.

Garden City (6-2) at Milford (3-5): The Cougars are resting easier this week after earning their first-ever playoff spot with a 28-13 win over Lincoln Park. Milford, 2-4 in the KVC, is coming off a 35-19 loss to conference co-champion Brighton. PICKS: Emons likes Milford. O'Meara is back on the Garden City bandwagon.

Lutheran North (5-3, 5-2) at Liv. Clarenceville (8-0, 7-0): The unbeaten Trojans were a little late defensively last week in a 41-35 victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, while North registered a 21-8 triumph over Harper Woods Lutheran East as John Blanchard rushed for 115 yards. PICKS: North tries to play spoiler, but Clarenceville caps an undefeated regular season.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Farm. Hills Harrison (4-4) at Beverly Hills-Dot. Country Day (6-2), 1 p.m.: This could be a playoff matchup as Country Day features one of the top receivers in the state, senior Jeremy Battier. The Yellow Jackets crushed St. Clair Shores Lakeview last week, 55-6, while Harrison turned back a good Livonia Stevenson squad, 10-0, behind the running off the bench of Chris Robertson. PICKS: Country Day pulls out a victory, according to Emons. O'Meara believes the Hawks will be 5-4 and have a real chance to make the playoffs as a wild-card team.

Redford CC (8-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (7-1), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome (Prep Bowl): Here we go again. CC rallied to beat Rice earlier this year, 14-10. Rice, behind the passing of quarterback Matt Baker, is coming off a wild 63-44 victory over previously unbeaten Orchard Lake St. Mary's CC, counting with bruising running of back John Kava and a defense which has been stubborn all season. The Shamrocks wrapped up a berth in the Prep Bowl with a 21-7 win over University of Detroit Jesuit. PICKS: Let's go with an upset, Emons says. It's a Rice-Ron, the San Francisco spread. CC is a solid team, a solid pick according to O'Meara.



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Twisters fall prey to Lions in title game

The dream of capturing the Lake Shore Football League championship and advancing to the American Football Association playoffs escaped the Wayne County Twisters when they fumbled away their final chance in the closing seconds of a 13-10 loss to the host Central Ohio Lions Saturday.

Trailing by three with a first down at their own 23 and 1:45 left to play, the Twisters drove 70 yards in 58 seconds to set up a first down at the heavily-favored Lions' 7-yard line. However, the Twisters fumbled on their first play from the 7 and the Lions recovered, sealing the verdict.

Quarterback Rob Elswick paced the Twister offense by passing for 117 yards and rushing seven times for 87 more. Leonard Morawa caught seven passes for 66 yards as the Twisters outgained the Lions, 305-201.

Matt Graca (from Garden City)-led the Twister defense with 21 tackles. Bob Pensari (Canton) and Aaron Brothers added eight tackles apiece (including one sack), and River Pollington (Westland) and James Chapman (Plymouth) contributed six tackles each.

Good Counsel advances

Our Lady of Good Counsel edged Our Lady of the Lakes 14-8 to advance to the Catholic Youth Organization championship game at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Alex Wojcik scored both touchdowns for Good Counsel following fumble recoveries, the first (a 26-yard run) following Ryan Keese's recovery and the second in the game's closing seconds after Dominic D'Aguzzo recovered a misplayed punt.

Good Counsel is now 8-0.

Salem, Canton get ready

So how tough is the Western Lakes Activities Association in girls' cross country?

At last Saturday's final invitational for those involved in a league meet the week after, 23 teams visited Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. In the final standings, five of the top nine finishers were from the WLAA.

Ann Arbor Pioneer managed to hold off Livonia Stevenson and take first place, scoring 52 points. Stevenson was second with 84 and Pinckney was third with 107, followed by Saline (154), Ann Arbor Huron (175), Livonia Churchill (188), Plymouth Salem (193), Plymouth Canton (259) and Livonia Franklin (266).

"All of the girls ran well against a very strong field of runners," said Canton coach John Venning.

Added Salem coach Dave Gerlach: "We would have liked to beat Churchill even with our depleted lineup, but we will have our shot on Friday (at the Western Lakes Activities Association Meet)."

Even though Gerlach rested

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his top four runners, the Rocks still put all five competitors in the top 51. Lauren Loftus, a freshman, was 24th with a personal-best time of 21:00; Lisa Jasnowski was 27th (21:07), Shae Potocki was 44th (21:50), Miranda White was 47th (21:53) and Aisha Chappell was 51st (21:58).

Other Rock runners were Jill Grey, 62nd (22:21); Kristen Kukhahn, 63rd (22:28); and Jessica Carlson (23:14).

For Canton, Sarah Rucinski placed 28th overall (21:08) with Stacie Griffin placing 30th (21:13). Next best for the Chiefs were Erica Stoney, 59th (22:16); Jamie Griffin, 72nd (22:44); Terra Kubert, 72nd (22:47); Sarah McCormack, 90th (23:33); and Mary Maloney (24:43).

"We hope our hard work and our hearts will carry us into Friday with our best performance as a team this year," said Gerlach, whose Salem team finished second to Stevenson in Lakes Division dual meet standings

this season and was second to the Spartans at last year's WLAA final.

That meet will be Friday at Kensington Metropark.

Canton boys struggle

Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team went into last Saturday's 19-team Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational missing just a few things — like five of the Chiefs' top eight runners.

Steve Debieen was injured, Brandon McClellan was sick, Scott Gillen and Ryan Stanko were taking the PSAT, and Jon Mikosz was not allowed to run.

Which explains why Canton placed 16th. Novi was first with 65 points.

Top for the Chiefs was Pat Pruitt, whose 18:26 was a personal best. Next was Ross O'Hara (18:39), followed by John Western (18:46), D.J. Berlin (19:52) — another personal best, Steve Kress (20:14), Jim O'Brien (21:26) and Mike Knight (21:44).

Canton competes at the WLAA Final Friday at Kensington Metropark.

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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 in October at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. For reservations, call (734) 451-1128.

CRAFT SHOW
Delta Kappa Gamma is sponsoring its annual craft fair 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at West Middle School in Plymouth. Over 100 juried crafters will participate in the sale. Admission is \$2 and lunch is available. Featured in the show are pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangements, dolls, hand-crafted jewelry, clothing, furniture, and baskets. The proceeds from the craft fair funds scholarships for students who are becoming teachers. West Middle School is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon.

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 fills fast.

LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY
The VFW #6695 Auxiliary is holding a luncheon and card party from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the VFW #6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$6. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Card playing will be until 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. This event is open to the public. For reservations or for more information, call Tillie at 416-0518 or Caroline at 455-2620.

TRICK OR TROT
Leukemia Research, Life Inc. (LRL) will hold its "First Annual Trick or Trot 5K Run-Walk" presented by Ford Motor Co. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Maybury State Park in Northville. Registration forms and entry fee information can be obtained by calling (734) 454-7341 or (248) 471-7213. You may also register on Friday, Oct. 29, between 4-7 p.m. at the Running Fit Shop in Northville. The run will feature a children's "Tot Trot" (1/2 mile loop) at 5:30 p.m. The "Trick or Trot 5K" will begin at 6 p.m.

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS
The Plymouth Goodfellows will hold their next meeting from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Plymouth Library, Main floor. Parking and entrance are in the rear. For more information, call Glenn Jimmerson at 416-9656 or Julie Petro at 414-7096.

FORUM
Meet with senators and representatives for "Michigan Summit on School Equity," moderated by WJW radio Lansing Correspondent Tim Skubick. This forum will provide for a discussion of the issues regarding public education from 7 to 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.

BOOSTER CLUB
The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High School hockey season is about to begin and the next Booster Club meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Cultural Center. Parents of all students planning to attend try-outs are encouraged to attend. Information will be given out regarding the Pay-To-Participate program. Try-outs begin Nov. 1 and the opening game between Salem and Canton is Nov. 16. For more information, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

EVENT
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a workshop "Women Who Give or Love Too Much," 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, codependency, depression and family management.

STORY TIME
Kindermusik presents "Story Time with Miss Karen," at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penman, downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 454-0178.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD
Plymouth Canton Community Schools Community Education Department announces plans to begin registration for a Plymouth-Canton Ski and Snowboard Club. The club will ski and snowboard on Friday and Saturday evenings except during holidays. Registration will be held from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Canton High School cafeteria. Cost for the Ski and Snowboard Club is \$95 per person. For more information, call 416-2937 for further details.

AROUND TOWN

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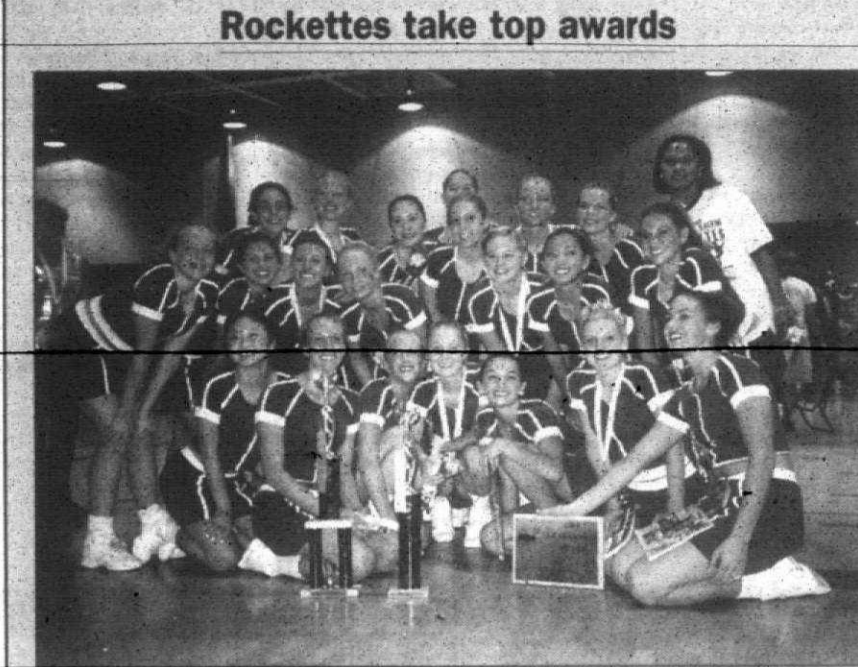
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The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discounts at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-2904, or in person at the "Y" office, 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, Dodge Podge Sports for ages 3-5, Tykes T-Ball, ages 3-5, Bumble Bee Soccer 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.

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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, 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.

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Hoops

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Canton 57, W.L. Central 30: Good consistent defense and balanced offense was the formula Plymouth Canton used to defeat Walled Lake Central Tuesday night. The Chiefs held the Vikings to five points in each of the first two quarters and four in the third to win the WLLA crossover.

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ated with no middle school football in the mid-1980s, with the first high school graduating classes that had no middle school programs. Neither team has been the same since. Two playoff trips between them since 1985 is proof enough. Well, a lot of people — myself included — would point at the junior football leagues and note how well the Canton Lions and Plymouth-Canton Steelers do, year in and year out. Don't they do what the middle school programs do?

The answer is no. Junior football leagues have weight limits; that means bigger players — the future linemen — can't play. Question: Where has Salem's football team struggled the past few years? Answer: In the line, finding players big enough to match up with the Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Westerns and Westland John Glenn.

By the way, the Farmington school district and the Walled Lake school district have middle school programs. Is it a wonder why the state football champs produced by the WLLA in the last decade have come from Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Western? So, what to do? Well, nothing. If you're satisfied with the current situation, with little interest created among potential players early on, with coaches starting the season with their teams trailing in the race by 20 yards. Canton and Salem won't catch up in football until they're playing on the same level as the WLLA's other teams, offering Football Tech classes and reinstating some sort of middle school program.

Until then... well, you can expect the local prep seasons to end like this one, nine days before Halloween, with green leaves still dangling from the trees. While a half-dozen other teams from nearby districts enjoy their extended seasons and the school-wide jubilation associated with it.

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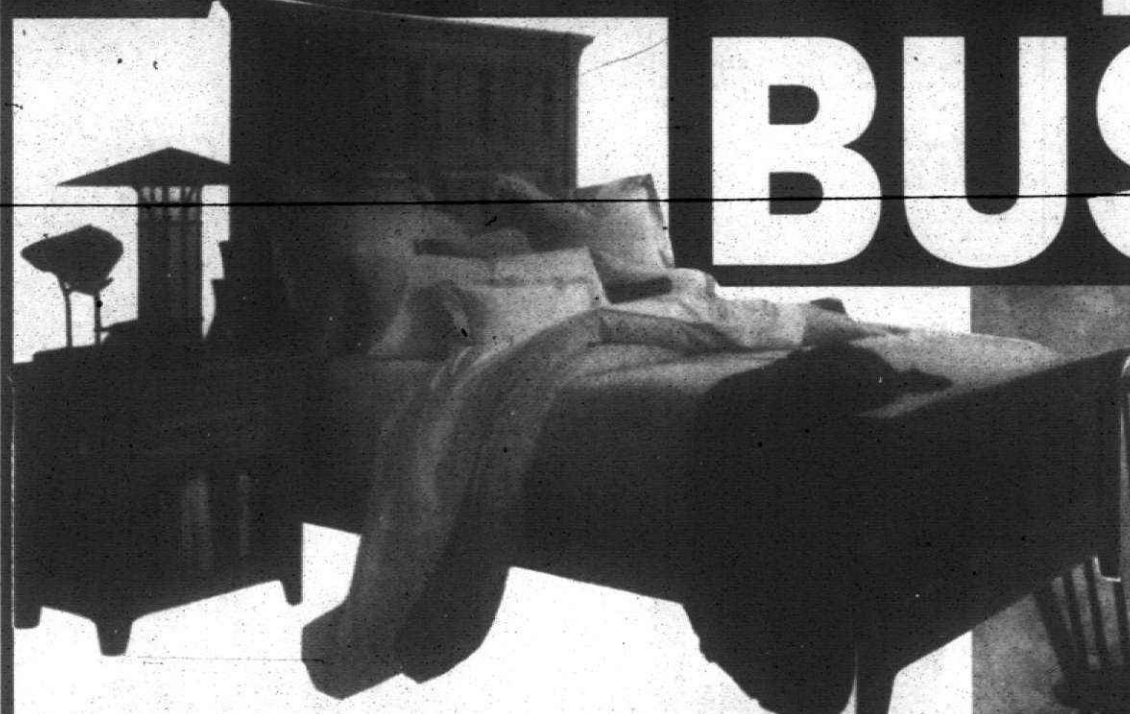
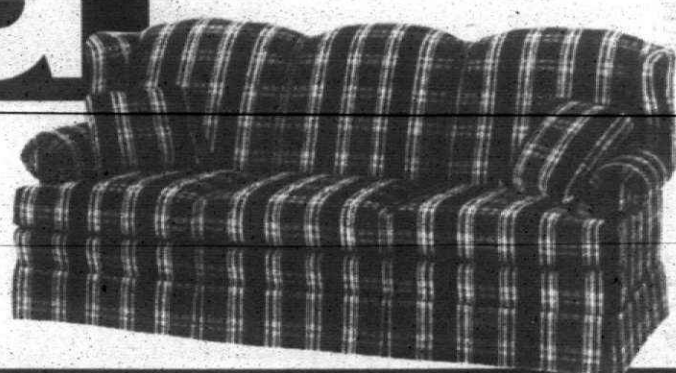
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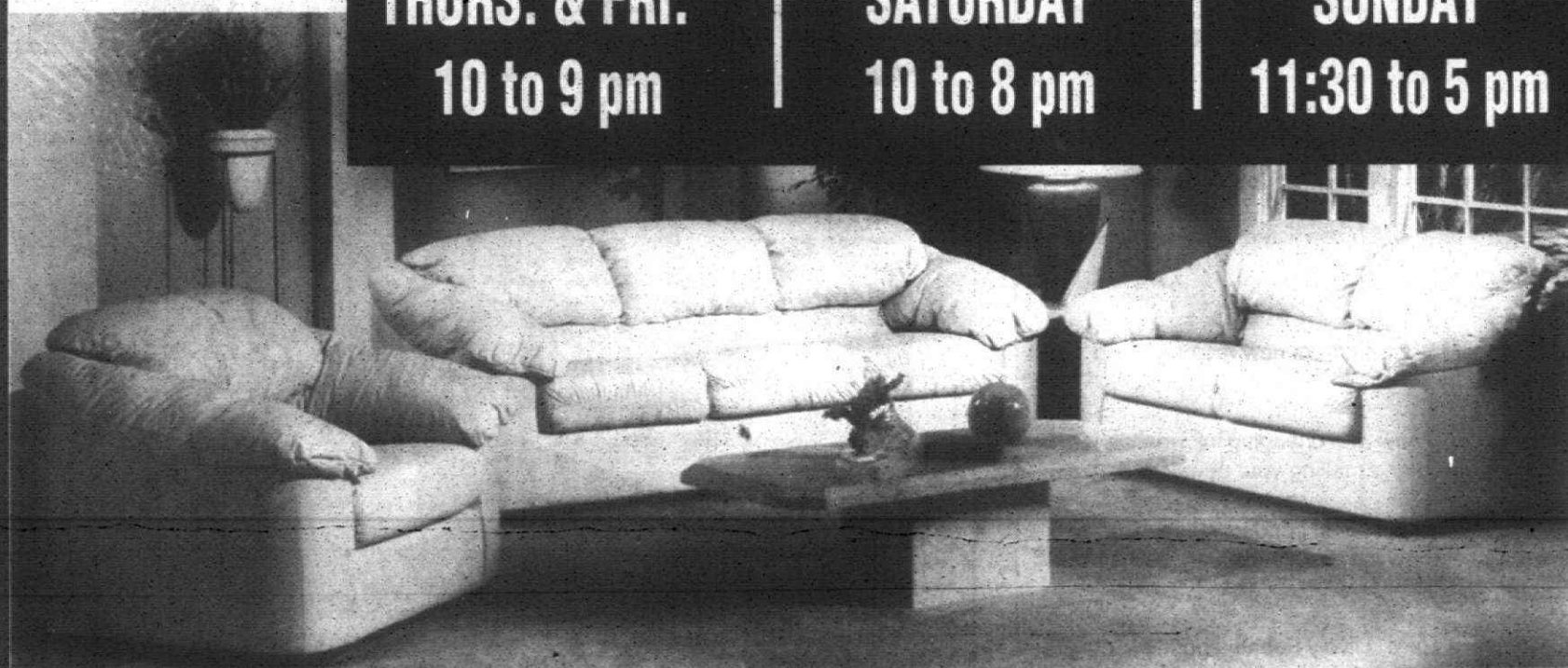


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Rising Stars present "Tales from the Brothers Grimm" 7:30 p.m. at the Andover High School auditorium in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3. Call (248) 433-0885.

SATURDAY



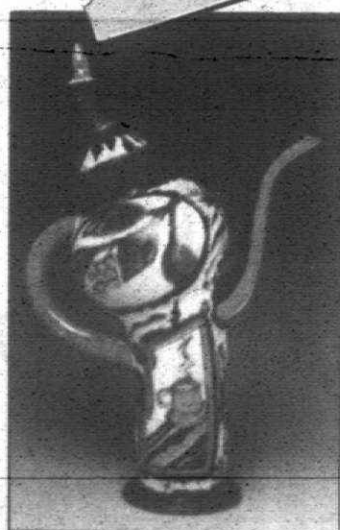
Kid Rock performs with Twisted Brown Truck, Powerman 5000, DDT and a special surprise guest, 8 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance, \$25 the day of show. Call (248) 377-0100.

SUNDAY



At 3 p.m. the Imperial Swing Orchestra takes the stage at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, to kick off the 20th season of the Concerts-at-the-Centre music series. Tickets are \$8 per person. Call (248) 424-9022.

HOT
TICKET



Hot Tix: The fifth annual Fall Sugarloaf Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24, at the Novi Expo Center, features 325 craft designers and fine artists from throughout the U.S. and Canada including Ohio potter Elaine Lamb. There will be craft demonstrations and entertainment. Admission is \$6, children under 12 and parking are free. Call (800) 210-9900 for more information.



Break: "The Heidi Chronicles" cast takes a break from rehearsal. Pictured (left to right, standing) are Scott MacDonald, Linda Parker Watson, Marnie H. Diehm, Jill Ross, and Nicole Stacey. In the (front row, left to right) are Chris Steinmayer, Amy Smith, and Joshua S. Dawson.

THE Heidi CHRONICLES

St. Dunstan's presents an insightful dramedy

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

Ten years after playwright Wendy Wasserstein won a Pulitzer Prize for "The Heidi Chronicles," St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook is opening its 1999/2000 season Friday, Oct. 29, with the insightful dramedy.

"I heard a lot of feminists saying they were not happy, and that was the impetus for this play," Wasserstein once said. "I wanted to parallel a political life with a personal life, to show how movements can influence a person's life."

Wasserstein does exactly that with Heidi Holland's odyssey over a quarter of a century, from 1965 through 1989. We meet Heidi, a very successful art historian, in 1989 at the opening of the play. Through a flashback, Heidi takes us through the '60s idealism, the McCarthy campaign and her feminist affirmation at an Ann Arbor consciousness-raising rap group to the career-minded have-it-all "Me Decade" and on to the rise of the yuppie in the '80s.

As in all of Wasserstein's plays — "Uncommon Women and Others," "Isn't it Romantic," "The Heidi

Chronicles," "The Sisters Rosensweig" and "An American Daughter" — it's all about choices.

And for Amy Lynn Smith of Birmingham, who takes on the title role in St. Dunstan's production, it was the easiest choice of all.

"Without a doubt, the first time that I saw this play, I wanted to play the part," said Smith, who's a writer by day, just like her alter ego Heidi.

"No one articulates the challenges of women better than Wasserstein, because she does it with insight and humor at the same time so it's never too heavy. Many of the experiences that Heidi had rang very true for me. There were things that I could specifically relate to in my life, whether it's been career or relationships. Certainly there are things about her that are different from me, and that's part of the challenge of acting."

With more than 20 roles on her resume, including her days at Cranbrook Theater School and Kingswood, Smith's getting the challenge down pat. When she's not acting at St. Dunstan's, she's directing plays there, including Wasserstein's "The Sisters Rosensweig," which was successfully mounted in March of 1996.

"There are a lot of similarities in the two plays and their messages," Smith said. "Having directed 'Sisters,' it gave me a really good foundation to start with of understanding Wasserstein's work and her point of view. A lot of critics consider 'The Sisters Rosensweig'

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What: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein.

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 29-30; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6.

Where: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater.

Tickets: Adults \$12, seniors and students \$10, call (248) 644-0527 for information.

THEATER

'Tintypes,' a musical recollection of innocent past

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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After the Civil War, and before the agony of two world wars and the Great Depression, the steady influx of immigrants into America gave heat to the term "cultural melting pot."

The story of early 20th century America is a tale whereby immigrants were both transformed upon arriving in the new world, and, in turn, transformed the cultural path of the country.

It's the spirit of high adventure, novelty and boundless patriotic pride that

resounds through the period musical, "Tintypes," which previews tonight and Friday at Meadow Brook Theatre.

On Saturday, the play opens a three-week run.

"Tintypes," a musical with star-spangled fervor and plenty of cheerful nostalgia about the country's ragtime past, is set in America from 1890-1917.

The musical, described as "unadulterated fun from the age of the nation's innocence," is an endless unfolding of songs, costumes and action.

Among the 50 songs are some standards, including "Meet Me In St. Louis, Louie," "The Wabash Cannonball," "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home?" And, of course, there's the patriotic standbys, "The Yankee Doodle Boy" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The play centers on five characters: President Teddy Roosevelt; a descendant of slaves; a prominent social activist; a musical hall star; and a vaudevillian performer named Charlie.

Through each character's perspective, an amalgamated view of America as the slumbering giant emerges. Through song and patriotic posturing, "Tintypes" conjures the shimmering, idealistic America of folklore and legend.

Like most nostalgic-laden endeavors, however, the broad theme often



Star-spangled musical: From left, Leisa Way (Anna), Stacy White (Emma), Bart Philip Williams (Charley), Christopher Howe (T.R.) and Lea Charisse Woods (Susannah) in a scene from "Tintypes."

obscure stark realities.

While the late 19th century might have been a time of "industrial innocence," the country was still reeling from the political divisiveness of the Civil War.

The days before mass media, sprawling urban centers and weapons of mass destruction are often inspirational because of their perceived simplicity and innocence. It's worth noting that the post Civil War days also saw some of the most heinous cases of raw racism

and economic inequities.

In "Tintypes," the African-American domestic servant, Susannah, is apparently a symbolic device to remind audiences that all that shines isn't stained.

But all in all, "Tintypes" is intended to be a smooth musical ride. A time to appreciate the boundless promise of the land of the free.

At the turn of the 21st century, Meadow Brook hopes the timing couldn't be better.

Happy Halloween haunts



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Are you seeking a spine-tingling way to celebrate the most frightful holiday of the year? Here's the guide to Halloween haunts, for both the squeamish and brave:

The Tunnel of Terror

The Rochester Area Jaycees host this haunted house 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday in October. It is at North Pine Street, one block west of University in downtown Rochester. Admission \$6, call (248) 852-7777.

Downtown Farmington Halloween Fun Fest

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority hosts this event 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in downtown Farmington area. Trick-or-treating, live entertainment and a costume contest are highlights, (248) 473-7276.

Halloween Magic

Hosted by Madonna University in Livonia, this event begins at noon Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Activities Center on campus. Free admission. Look out for games, prizes and refreshments that ensure safe, spooky fun. Call (734) 432-5425.

Halloween Concert

Featuring the music of Broadway, Hollywood, the movies and the '50s and '60s, dress up because the musicians will be in costume; also a children's costume parade, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Community Room, Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman roads, Garden City. No charge, but donations will be accepted. (734) 462-4770.

Halloween Musical Fun

A celebration of songs and puppets by Rita Kirsch, for ages 2-7 with a parent, wear a costume, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. \$4. Call (248) 644-5832 for reservations.

Hayrides/Storytelling

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday in October, at Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill \$12, \$7 ages 4-12, and \$3 under age 3, (734) 451-1128.

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 will include a parade of children in costume. Treats will be given to every child who attends.

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THEATER

Hilberry stages comedy about Golden Age of TV

The Hilberry, Wayne State University's graduate theater company, presents the Neil Simon comedy, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" in rotating repertory through Saturday, Dec. 11. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with selected 2 p.m. matinees Wednesday and Saturday. The Hilberry Theatre is at 4743 Cass, at Hancock, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. The play contains adult situations and language. For more information or to order tickets by phone, call (313) 577-2972.

By SUS SUCHYTA
Special Writer

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" is a semi-autobiographical comic romp through Neil Simon's early days as a writer on Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows." It's a high-strung but talented writers' throw in uncertain ratings, the Cold War and McCarthyism, and

season with Jewish humor, and the once liners come fast and furious.

A step above vaudeville, and the predecessors of Seinfeld and Billy Crystal, the humor is cerebral and somewhat dated, yet engaging and human.

Dallas Henry plays Lucas, Neil Simon's alter-ego, a newcomer to the writing team and the story's occasional narrator. Henry captured an interesting blend of insecurity and emerging confidence of a young man on the verge of making a mark for himself as a comedy writer. As the story progressed, the character Lucas became less of an observer and more of a co-conspirator in the pranks and subterfuges which were a byproduct of the tension of creating a consistently funny show week after week.

Mill, played by Christopher Yoder, is a high-strung, philan-

dering rake who unwittingly wears his insecurities as visibly as the loud clothing he adopts to capture attention. He alternates between being arrogant and needy. His berets and suits become jokes in of themselves. Vocationally he captures his character's tension with an edgy, staccato delivery.

Chad Smith portrays Val, the senior writer and supervisor, with a fatherly air, and captures the expatriate spirit of resignation, humor and outrage in a frumpy but self-possessed character. Likewise, Sean Ramey's tobacco addicted Brian, the only Christian in the bunch, is a feisty yet intellectually sharp Irishman with an ability to hold his own with his wit despite his unimposing physique.

Christopher Gilbert's portrayal of Kenny comes across as a politically smooth golden boy, the one who smooths things over with

the boss and tries to keep the other powder keg personalities from exploding. He carried himself with the conservative air of a secret service agent. Carol, played by Trisha Miller, portrays the lone woman writer with an interesting blend of ladylike behavior and pre-feminism moxy. She held her own with the fellows without being strident, and managed to keep up with the fast and further banter and verbal volleys.

In contrast, understudy Heidi Olson had fun with the role of the flighty secretary, Helen.

Fred Shahadi met the challenge of the intense and high-strung Max Prince well. He integrated the character's abuse of alcohol and prescription pills into the storyline with a black lists into the hearts of the entertainment community.

The set is the quintessential

fifties office: vinyl furniture, battered wood desks, and rotary phones, which — unfortunately — rang offstage and ruined the illusion. The New York skyline visible from the 23rd floor had a realistic three-dimensional look, but the sky was frozen in a permanent sunrise/sunset.

The women's costumes are much more fun visually than the men's, whose clothing really hasn't changed that much in fifty years other than to go casual. Lucas' character had the trademark bow tie, and Max Prince's Semitic Santa was metaphorical for his parting generosity to his cadre of writers.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" has the appeal of its time period: its humor is both cutting and cerebral, and it steers clear of the earthy and everyday jokes of today's half-hour situation comedy. It's humor with a human touch and an aura of class.

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as almost a continuation, even though they're different characters. It's sort of the next step after Heidi. There's a thematic connection between the two and I think it's true. They're the same kinds of issues of women trying to find where they belong.

"Something that I've noticed in both of these productions, and maybe it has to do with the nature of St. Dunstan's too, but Wasserstein really forces you — whether it's as a director or as an actor with her work — to really dig deep into yourself. I think you learn a lot about yourself as a person. I saw it with 'Sisters' and I see it in this show as well. And I think it speaks to her amazing talent. If the actors are discovering those things, hopefully the audience will take away some of that as well. It's a pretty wonderful experience to have."

To complete her roster at St. Dunstan's, Smith has just begun her first term as president. "We always welcome new members," she said.

Rounding out the cast is

Marnie H. Diehm of Huntington Woods, Scott MacDonald of Waterford, Chris Steinmayer of Waterford, Jill Ross of Huntington Woods, Linda Parker Watson of West Bloomfield, Nicole Stacey of Royal Oak and Joshua S. Dawson of Madison Heights. Mark Nathanson directs the ensemble and Nancy Teegenberg Wegeneke is the assistant director.

Following "The Heidi Chronicles," St. Dunstan's will present its Children's Theater Production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" Nov. 19-21.

Kicking off 2000 is Larry Shue's comedy "The Foreigner" Jan. 21-22, and Jan. 27-29, "Foxfire" captures the essence of life in the Appalachians, a loving tribute to the power of love, family and the human spirit, March 17-19 and March 23-25.

The Greek Theatre will have a lot of heart when the crowd-pleasing musical "Damn Yankees" is performed June 2-3 and 8-10. Call (248) 644-0527 for season ticket information.

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Constructing Success: Canton band signs on Indie label

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If Jesse Young could have anything he wanted, he'd ask for the ability to write lyrics like John Popper and play guitar like Dave Matthews.

The Canton resident may not be a Blues Traveler, but as a singer-songwriter for the five-piece band Under Construction he seems to be doing fine on his own terms. Young, along with Canton cohorts Adam Kastan (Latin drums), Eric Schuetzler (drums), Chad Stidham (guitar) and Ryan Ruiz (bass) formed the band in 1998 while still attending high school. Without skipping a beat, Under Construction signed with the independent label Statue Records in Santa Monica, Calif., in April.

When the band got its first gig, a variety show at Plymouth-Salem High School, the guys weren't quite ready to present themselves to an audience. In fact, they had spent all their time writing and rehearsing music and hadn't yet decided on a name. When asked what the name of the band was, 20-year-old Jesse Young replied "Just tell them the name's under construction." That statement sealed the band's fate, the name stuck.

As if moving fast-forward, Under Construction recorded a disc of six songs, titled "Dream Vision" within one month of com-

ing together as a band. "Some of those songs are still around," said Young. Another demo followed.

The band sent its music to Talent 2000, a company that shopped Under Construction around to various record labels. As a result, the band was hired to play in a showcase for emerging musicians in New York City. Not long after the show, Statue Records expressed interest in signing them.

Though it has only been two short years, Young said it took a lot of patience on the band's part. "A lot of us expected everything to happen right away."

David Sutherland, A Saline resident and fan, recalled seeing Under Construction perform at the former Library Pub in Westland about a year ago. He was most impressed by the band's talent.

"A lot of groups you hear, they don't sound that good," he said. "Under Construction is really polished and consistent."

Sutherland is anxiously awaiting the release of the debut album on Statue Records. "They're much different than your typical band."

Young compares Under Construction's style to Florida's algerna-pop sensation Matchbox 20. He names Dave Matthews Band as a major influence. But the band is not limited to the modern rock genre. On its indie



Latin drums: (left to right) Eric Schuetzler and Adam Kastan pound away as Under Construction's drum section.

debut, titled "Short Street," Young said listeners might detect New Orleans-flavored jazz.

The album was named for a street in East Lansing. Since three of the members are currently attending Michigan State University, several of the band's gigs have been college parties. Under Construction's first real gig was performed at a house party on Short Street, in some ways a place where the band got its start.

Young picked up the guitar his freshman year of high school, but didn't become serious about the

instrument until the band came together. Stidham also plays guitar and sings.

Schuetzler, Kastan and Young all played percussion in their high school marching band. But Stidham focused more football than music. He picked up the guitar just a few years ago and taught himself how to play. "He amazes me, how he figures out songs," said Young.

In the beginning, Under Construction was a band without a bassist. Two weeks after the band nabbed its record deal, that changed. Enter Ryan Ruiz, Eric's roommate at Michigan State. He

switched from guitar to bass and filled in the band's sound. "Ryan impresses me," said Young. "He's not been playing bass for long. He's so good."

One month later, Under Construction headed to Hollywood to spend some long days in the studio. Ten tracks and one hidden song later, Young and the boys are anxiously awaiting the release of "Short Street," the tangible result of their musical collaboration.

The trip wasn't all the band dreamt it would be. Their studio time was cut in half, due to sharing the studio with other performers. And the band was asked to cut its CD down to only 10 tracks.

Young's favorite track is "Cover Story." It conveys pieces of certain moments in his life and has no complete, or overall meaning. "When we play it really gets me going," he said. "It's about a bunch of things, whatever comes to my mind. It's not necessarily about any one thing."

"Chad and I write the lyrics for all the songs," said Young, admitting it's one of the most difficult aspects of his work. "We all write the music. I listen to as much music as I can, from Limp Bizkit to Fuel — that's different from the type of music we play — to Johnny Cash and John Prine. Ani DiFranco. I can draw from all those different styles."

Young named Garth Brooks,



Jesse Young

Godsmack and Days of the New as other favorites in popular music. "I listen to everything," he said.

Under Construction fans are bound to recognize at least one track on the soon-to-be released CD. "She's the One" may have been the first song the band

wrote, but it remains the most requested at Under Construction shows, said Young. "As a band, it's just so technically simple," he said. "As a band, we're just sort of past that." It appears on the disc regardless, to appease those fans who've been with the band since its start. Look for "Short Street" around Nov. 6. Check out the band's Web site at <http://listen.to/underconstruction> or e-mail them at u-construction@yahoo.com.

Check out local boys Under Construction Saturday, Oct. 23 at Espresso Royale Caffe, 322 S. State Street, Ann Arbor.

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Given his impressive background, one might think that

teaching would take a back seat to Kowalewski's next recording project or performance. It's clear, however, that his commitment to education is deep. In addition to serving as the instructor of a bass master class at Oakland University, he has his own studio and system of string bass and six-string bass guitar instruction. A book and accompanying CD are also being prepared to enhance the development of acoustic and electric players.

"I have always been eager to talk about music when anybody approaches me. Teaching is hard work, but I love the experience of working with a young student who is as enthusiastic about music as I am," said Kowalewski. There's another benefit for the

musician whose work encompasses contemporary jazz, Latin, classical and other styles.

"I make a point of finding out what my students are listening to and, though there are times that I don't particularly care for the sounds, it's a good way to keep my music fresh."

Kowalewski's current focus is an acoustic Brazilian sound, which is featured on a recently released CD and in a BACK-

STAGE PASS performance to air on Detroit Public TV 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

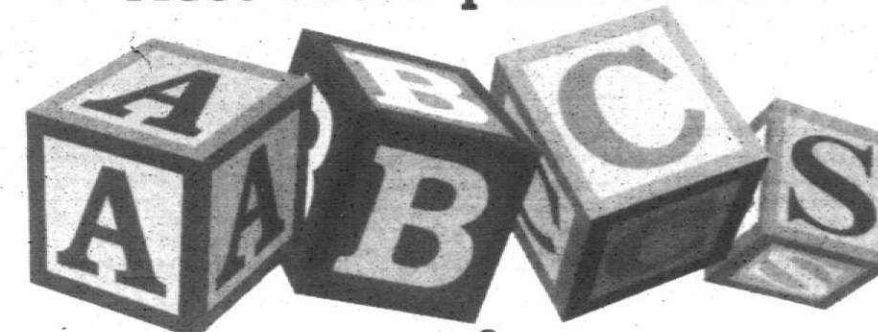
"Brazilian styles were popularized about 25-30 years ago by Stan Getz and seem to have a resurgence about every 10 years. Pop music artists like David Byrne and Sting have embraced the sound, and it's proven to be an excellent improvisational vehicle for jazz musicians."

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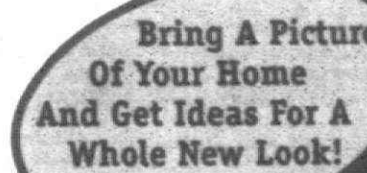
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MOVIES

'Bats' star talks about fear, filming the latest thriller

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Alfred Hitchcock had a knack for spooking his audience.

In 1963 he unveiled "The Birds," giving audiences a fright as our feathered friends sought a more substantial prey than just insects and berries.

The film remains just one among a dozen classic tales portraying humans as vulnerable prey for animals. Perhaps it strikes some innate fear. Perhaps it just makes for good film-making — especially around the spookiest time of year. Whatever the case, Director John Moore aims for that same natural reaction with "Bats." Scheduled for release Friday, Oct. 22, the story,

written by John Logan, is set in a sleepy Texas town where unexplained bat attacks have caused several grisly deaths. At nightfall, the bats transform the town into a place where no one is safe, and there is no where to hide.

"Bats" stars Lou Diamond Phillips as Sheriff Emmett Kinsey, Dina Meyer as Zoologist Sheila Casper, and Leon as her assistant, Leon. A New York City native, recently received acclaim for his role as David Ruffin in "The Temptations." Audiences may remember Leon as the saint who comes to life in Madonna's "Like a Prayer."

His big screen credits include the leading role in "Cool Runnings," and supporting characters in "Above the Rim," "Waiting to Exhale," and "Cliffhanger." On

Friday, Oct. 15, Leon spoke to Observer & Eccentric newspapers about his experience with "Bats" during a telephone interview.

Observer & Eccentric: How did you get involved with the film?

Leon: "When my manager gave me the script I really didn't think I would necessarily do the film. My manager thought the character would show off my acting ability... I thought it would be a crowd-pleaser."

O&E: Tell me about your character.

Leon: "I play Jimmy, a computer expert who works with Sheila, an expert on bats. Basically we're doing our thing when a helicopter comes and the Centers for Disease Control informed us they needed us in Texas to investigate

why animals as well as humans are being attacked by bats. It sounds very strange since bats don't attack. We got caught up in this and our best to rectify a government experiment gone awry."

O&E: Are you a fan of scary movies?

Leon: "If it's really scary. Usually it's hard to find movies that are really scary. Today you have 'Stigmata' and 'The Sixth Sense.' They're good movies, but they're more thought-provoking (than scary)."

O&E: Do you have a favorite horror movie?

Leon: "I don't really watch horror (on video). That's something that really should be a helicopter experience. We have a sound system and a screen that's so much

better. That can make a scene scare the hell out of you."

O&E: What was most difficult or challenging about filming "Bats"?

Leon: "It was all difficult. We shot pretty much all night in very remote locations, mountains, fields in Utah. It wasn't a lot of fun."

O&E: Do you think people have an inherent fear of bats and other such animals, particularly around Halloween?

Leon: "Bats are scary for some people. I don't think we know much about bats. We always fear the unknown."

O&E: Did you learn a lot about bats while making the film?

Leon: "Yes. People just don't realize how harmless they are.

They serve a great purpose in this world, as far as controlling insects."

O&E: What did you like most about your character?

Leon: "I'm pretty much the voice of the audience. If the audience says 'run,' I'm already running. I'm the one that says 'let's get out of here.'"

O&E: You're character must provide some comic relief as well?

Leon: "Most definitely. You'll definitely get a few chuckles."

Look for Leon in "Bats," opening this weekend, and his future projects like NBC's upcoming drama about the early years of rock 'n' roll "The Big Heat." He'll portray the role of Jackie Wilson.

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DINING

Legacy serves comfort food with a modern twist

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How far would you be willing to travel for homemade turkey croquettes?

Thanks to the recently opened Legacy of Livonia, you won't have to go too far. Turkey croquettes, salmon patties and liver and onions are coming attractions. They'll soon be on the list of daily specials owner Kole Zekaj is developing. His chefs are in the process of testing out customers' taste buds, he said.

Right now, call ahead to find out the daily specials.

Legacy's is an old-fashioned American-Greek-Italian restaurant that serves lots of comfort food with a modern twist. Its regular menu includes a variety of sandwiches, shish kabob, spaghetti and fish and chips.

"The menu is a little beyond the traditional family dining," says Mike Morgan, one of Legacy's two chefs. He recommends trying one of the specials. "After you eat them, you'll see they're different from other dishes. I have the best spices in the world."

Despite a busy opening day a few weeks ago, Morgan took time to display a plate of finely chopped celery and onions, basic ingredients for his beloved turkey croquettes, along with richly flavored turkey stock, a bit of flour and a dab of butter.

Morgan isn't above bragging about his specials. "When you come in at lunch or dinner, the

Legacy of Livonia
Where: 34110 Plymouth Road, east of Stark Road, Livonia (734) 513-7756.
Open: 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Sunday.
Menu: American and Greek, from appetizers, soups, salads and sandwiches to dinners and daily specials. Also features a variety of omelets and breakfast specials.
Cost: Very reasonable. Salads \$4.95-\$6.25; sandwiches \$2.95-\$5.25; dinners \$5.95-\$9.95. No credit cards accepted at this time.
Seating capacity: 125, mostly non-smoking.

regular menu will be a couple of cuts above, but if you have a special, you'll go hallelujah."

There is much to praise in this immaculate, bright, spacious restaurant besides its menu and Morgan's enthusiasm. It has comfortable booths, big windows, and a behind-the-counter glimpse of its busy kitchen.

Pride of ownership is everywhere, especially atop the flagpole in the front yard.

"We have the biggest flag in Livonia," says Zekaj, whose family immigrated to the United States from Kosovo more than 20 years ago. "That is my pride and joy to see that flag in the wind like that. It gives me hope, a sense of freedom, the freedom my people never had until now."

Zekaj opened Legacy with his brothers Tony, Mikel and Paul after a year-and-a-half of extensive renovations to the former Hardee's restaurant. "I was lucky I got it," he said of the prime location. "No one will come back and say 'that's one of the

Hardee's.' I want them to say, 'Oh, that's a beautiful building.'"

Legacy has a drive-thru window for pick-up orders, but it's not yet in operation. Zekaj said his staff has been too busy with new customers and call-in orders to adequately staff the window.

A restaurant is only as good as its food. I sampled a special of the day, a slightly spicy Chicken Monterey served with hearty black beans and a sprinkling of cheese. Delicious.

The people in the booth behind me also were enjoying their food.

"This is the best sausage I've had," said five-year-old Michael Calvas of Dearborn, who was attacking a plate of pancakes and sausage.

His grandfather, Alexander Andrews of Farmington Hills, said his chili dog was "great, real nice." And his grandmother, Mary Andrews, described her chicken salad sandwich as "real fresh and nice."

Calvas' baby brother, Teddy, enjoyed a bowl of clam chowder



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Brother power: The Zekaj brothers — Tony, (left), Mikel, Paul and Kole — show off a sampling of their restaurant's good home cooking. Legacy features American-Greek-Italian fare prepared with a special touch.

in his high chair. "He has no teeth," said Alexander Andrews.

As the Andrews and their grandchildren were leaving, Mary Andrews told Morgan she'd

like to try his salmon patties.

"OK, this Friday," he promised. "Whatever they're serving, every day is a good day to eat at Legacy of Livonia."

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Dinner theater at Schoolcraft College — Theater season opens with William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," 6:45 p.m. dinner Friday-Saturday, Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) in Livonia, followed by show at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets \$19. Theater only tickets \$8. Additional theater only performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13. Call (734) 462-4596.

Taste of the Arts — The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking restaurants to participate in the Taste of the Arts event scheduled 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Culture Center on Joy Road near Churchill High School. There is no charge for restaurants to participate. 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. Major sponsors include the Hellenic Center, International Minute Press, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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