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## 2 principals for east site

Both Plymouth-Canton high school principals back a revote on the site of a third high school.

Gerald Ostoin (Salem High) and Pat Patton (Canton High) support the east site, the one closest to the two existing schools.

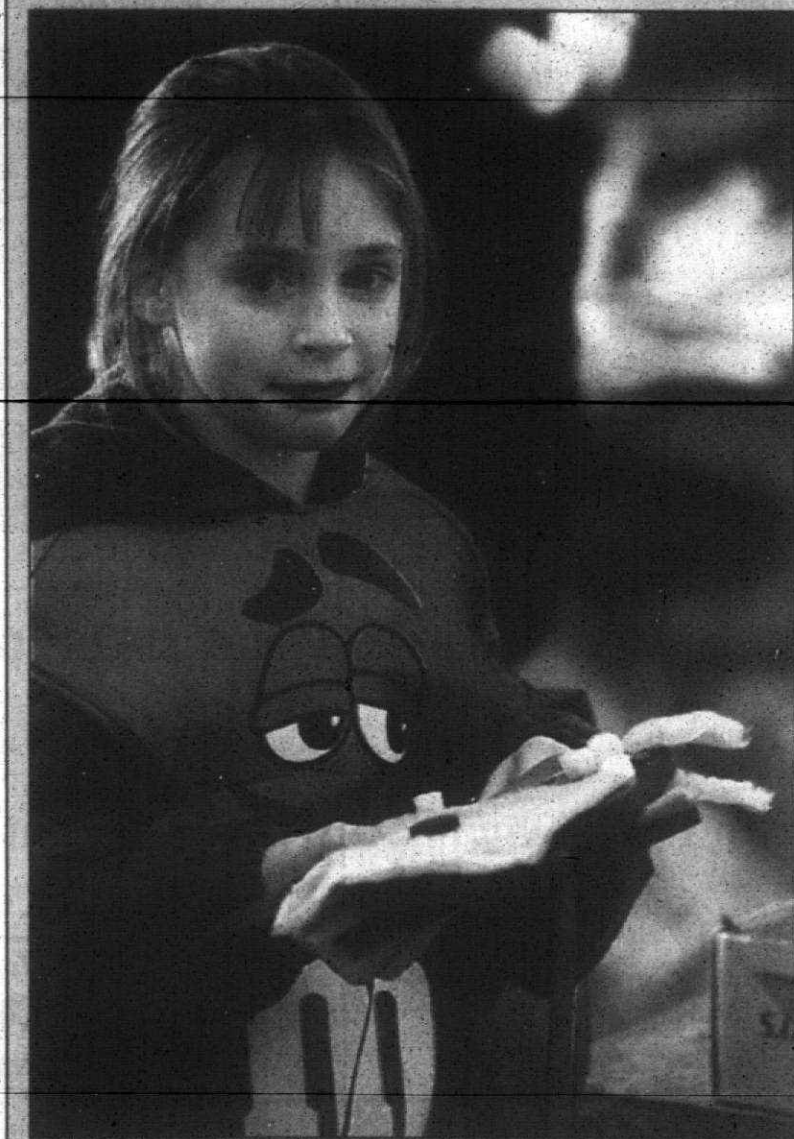
The board had voted earlier this fall for a site further away, the "west site."

The board had asked various parties to sign off on a list of items before a revote or a reopening of the issue could take place.

"We endorse the east site," Ostoin said. "We are willing to work with

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## Plain or peanut?



**Dressed for fest:** Lauren Grant of Canton, 10, poses as half of the famous duo in her M&M costume during Saturday's Octoberfest activities in Heritage Park. For more photos from the annual event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

## Money, equality top school forum

■ MEAP scores and vouchers got some play, but closing the gap between rich and poor school districts was the No. 1 topic on the minds of educators and legislators Monday night at Salem High School.

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More than 350 parents, public school administrators and school board members heard state legislators discuss issues — especially financing — that affect public education. The meeting was Monday night in the Plymouth Salem High School cafeteria.

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The second annual Statewide Summit on Public Education, billed as "a forum for a nonpartisan, substantive discussion on educational issues," featured 15 state legislators and drew people from across the state.

It covered a wide range of topics but primarily sought answers to what many see as inequity in state financing of schools.

Ken Walcott, acting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, keynoted the program by showing how Proposition A and its Foundation Grant is keeping P-CCS well below such other nearby districts as Farmington-Farmington Hills, Livonia, Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills.

During his 13 years in school, a P-CCS student brings the district \$80,860 in Proposition A/ Foundation money. A Bloomfield Hills student brings in \$144,950; a Farmington student \$120,419 and Ann Arbor student

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### Per pupil in Michigan spending ranges from \$11,090.91 to...

(PER PUPIL)

	* Bloomfield Hills \$11,090.91
Farmington Public	\$9,173.69
Grosse Pointe	\$8,996.77
Ann Arbor	\$8,327.49
Troy	\$8,124.12
Melvindale	
Northern Allen Park	\$7,859.03
Dearborn	\$7,676.61
Grosse Ile	\$7,668.39
East Lansing	\$7,207.96
Livonia	\$7,179.88
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Saline	\$6,261.28
Plymouth-Canton	\$6,220.04
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Chippewa Valley	\$5,799.06
Rockford	\$5,696.00

... just over \$5,696.00 (PER PUPIL)

Source: Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding

## Superintendent search down to 6

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A slate of six candidates for superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools was presented Tuesday night to the district school board.

Four are from metro Detroit school districts, including two from Redford Township, although from different districts. The other two finalists are from Ohio and New York state.

The six were culled from a field of 45

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

by The Bickert Group, which was appointed by the board to solicit nominations and prepare a slate.

The six will be interviewed separately by the school board Nov. 2-4, with a new superintendent to be chosen by Dec. 14, according to the district. They are, in alphabetical order, Kathleen E. Booher, Berkley School District; James

Harris, Buffalo (N.Y.) Schools; Thomas Gay, Redford Union District; Larry J. Thomas, Wayne-Westland Schools; William F. Weber, South Redford District; and Phyllis Wilson, Columbus (Ohio) Public Schools.

All six are either current or former superintendents or assistant superintendents. All hold doctoral degrees.

Following are brief profiles of each:  
■ Booher — Doctorate in education from Rutgers University; superintendent of the 4,350-student Berkley district six years; \$32 million annual district budget; \$111,000 annual salary.

■ Harris — Ph. D. from the University of Michigan; superintendent of the 48,000-student Buffalo (N.Y.) Schools four years; \$456 million budget; \$140,000 annual salary; a music major

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## Library to break ground on expansion Saturday

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Canton's Public Library will break ground on its \$6 million expansion Saturday.

The 10-year-old facility will nearly double in size and undergo major renovations over the next 14 months, according to Director Jean Tabor.

Ceremonies to mark the event will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served and children will receive small gifts.

Groundbreaking was originally slated for last summer.

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"I think the delay has been time well spent," said Tabor, who noted that plans have been scrapped since. "It will be worth the wait."

Work on the project will begin by mid-November. The most immediate impact on patrons will be the closing of the west parking lot. It will be removed to accommodate equipment and a construction road, said Tabor. She hopes work will be completed on that area in

two months.

In order to cut the demand for parking spots, Tabor said library programming will be scaled back. The library's community room will close Nov. 1 as well to help ease parking needs.

Patrons will be allowed to park behind the adjacent township administration building if parking spaces are needed, said Tabor.

Work will continue through the winter months. Tabor hopes everything will be completed by March 2001.

"Our goal is to keep things up and running as much as possible until

then," she said.

Patrons will see a vastly different library when construction is completed. It will jump in size from 31,500 to 53,000 square feet. A technology training room will be added as well as a quiet study area for children.

Other rooms, such as young adult, will expand while the circulation and reference desks will be redesigned for better service.

Tabor is particularly proud of how additional technology will be incorporated into the library.

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## Canton volunteers reach out to 'Make a Difference'

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Despite cold temperatures and rain Saturday, "Make A Difference Day" was a success in Canton, according to Township Volunteer Coordinator Maureen Karby.

Canned goods were collected, flowers planted and Historic Kenyan Cemetery cleaned up by workers. Karby said raising awareness was just one of many goals for the event.

"The goal was to get people out as a community," she added. "We wanted everyone to feel they were doing something valuable."

Make a Difference Day is a nationwide event that celebrates community and volunteerism.

The day's focus changes from year to year depending on community needs, said Karby. She added that she had lots of help picking a theme for this year.

"We had a focus group meeting in August of nine or 10 groups," Karby said.

The best turnout Saturday was at Kenyan. More than 70 boy and girl scouts as well as others from the community helped rake leaves and clear brush, said Karby.

The work was done with the Canton Civitans coordinating.

"The Civitans have really adopted that cemetery," Karby said.

A planting party was held at Freedom Park, which is the township's newest recreational facility.

A host of perennials and other bulbs were planted on the park's disc golf course. Work focused on the first three holes of the course, said Karby.

Canned goods and clothing were also collected at Freedom Park.

The Canton Goodfellows, Salvation Army, First Step shelter and the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America all benefited. A good number of donations were collected, but Karby thought even more would have come in with better weather.

"The weather didn't help," she said, "but all in all we had a nice time."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

**Food drive:** Fifth-graders from Jodi Ring's class carry boxes filled with canned goods and other non-perishable items to a Salvation Army van at Hulsing Elementary Friday. Salvation Army Lt. Jim Spencer looks on (left) with Ring (right, rear).



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## New charge filed in June shooting

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A charge of assault with intent to murder was added to the list of offenses leveled against a suspect in a June 25 Canton Township shooting.

Timothy Regan Boater, 22, was arraigned Oct. 20 on the charge at 55th District Court in Plymouth. He's already facing three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm.

Zachary Scott Woodyby, 21, is currently undergoing a forensic exam. He faces five felony charges including assault with intent to murder, felony firearm and three counts of firearms discharge at a building.

Both men will be in Wayne County Circuit Dec. 20 on front of Judge George W. Crockett III. A trial date should be set at the hearing.

"I don't see a trial starting until after the first of the year," said Plymouth-based attorney Gerald Conley, Boater's attorney.

Plymouth District Court Judge John MacDonal continued Boater's \$50,000 bond at a Monday preliminary exam. He's currently free on bail.

"I don't know why they waited this long to bring an additional charge," Conley said.

Canton Police Det. Steve Miller, who has handled the case since it began, failed to return

Observer phone calls.

Woodyby, meanwhile, has been in the Wayne County Jail since the incident.

The shooting took place at about 2:30 a.m. on June 25.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Township police said as many as 11 shots fired from an AK-47 military assault rifle hit Davis' Chrysler LeBaron.

Police originally thought Woodyby was responsible for firing each of the shots. Conley said last week's charge against Boater indicates a change in that assumption.

The attorney maintains that Boater fired one shotgun round

into the air and shot Davis. Despite the number of shots fired at close range at Davis, 22, she emerged from the car virtually unharmed. She suffered a scratch-like wound to her lower leg from a bullet and a few cuts from flying glass.

Davis fled from her car when the bullets stopped flying and made it over to the shoulder of the road. She stopped a passerby, who then gave her a ride to the Canton Police station.

Canton officers apprehended Woodyby and Boater minutes after the shooting on Michigan Avenue where they had crashed into a 1989 Ford minivan heading westbound, police reports said.

## Club manager reports assault

### COP CALLS

A 38-year-old Canton man was the victim of a felonious assault Saturday night at the Shark Club on Ford Road.

According to township police reports, a 39-year-old Westland man entered the bar at about 7:30 p.m. He sat down and began eating Chinese food he had brought into the bar.

A waitress notified the Canton man, a manager at the bar. Reports said he then approached the Westland man and told him he couldn't eat the food inside the bar.

The Westland man refused to leave saying that he had given the Shark Club "a lot of business," reports said. The manager eventually took his food and minutes later went into a bathroom.

Reports said the Westland man entered the bathroom and struck the bar employee over the head with a beer bottle. The Canton man was also struck twice in the face.

He suffered cuts to his face and ear, reports indicated. Canton police were unable to locate the man, who was an employee of a business near the bar. The case is under investigation.

### Home investigation

A 33-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested for breaking into a home in the Westpointe Mobile Home Park Saturday.

Police reports said the man fled the scene of an accident near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road at about 1 a.m. He then broke into the home minutes later. A witness saw the man knock out a bedroom window and enter the home, according to reports.

Canton police arrived at the home minutes later and apprehended the man.

Assault and battery

A 32-year-old Ypsilanti woman was the victim of an assault at Super Kmart on Ford Road early Sunday morn-

### Bomb

A small bomb was exploded near a 39-year-old Canton woman's home either late Saturday or early Sunday.

The Larchmont Street resident went outside early Sunday and found an exploded plastic pop bottle in her driveway, said reports. Pieces of aluminum were found in her yard and an empty can of Drano was found near the street.

Police determined that a "Drano" bomb had been exploded. Remains of the bomb were dusted for fingerprints, but none were found. Police have no suspects.

### Retail fraud

A 41-year-old Novi man was arrested for retail fraud Friday at Super Kmart.

A loss prevention officer told Canton police the man took a \$100 VCR without paying. They stopped him before he left the building and held him until authorities arrived.

## Former Westland fire chief named WCCC trustee

Former Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy has been appointed to the Wayne County Community College District

Board of Trustees.

Reddy, 56, replaces Ted Scott, board chairman, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

Scott is also a retired Westland fire chief.

"Ted and I have become very close friends over the years,"

Reddy said in a WCCC press release. "I don't expect to fill his shoes, but I do promise to serve this area to the best of my ability."

## Halloween treats can be X-rayed at 2 Canton locations Sunday

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will be X-raying Halloween candy from 5-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

This free service utilizes X-ray

equipment that is designed to detect metallic foreign objects. Refreshments will be available and there will be a free gift for the children.

For more information, call the Canton Facility at (734) 398-7557.

Meanwhile, Canton Police will scan treats at the McDonald's restaurant, 44900 Michigan Avenue, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday.

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In Heritage Park: OctoberFest guests included (clockwise, from above) Anissa Brooks of Dearborn Heights, 1, in her bumblebee costume; Grant Davis of Canton, 2, in his Cowardly Lion costume looking at Kristen Dillenbeck of Canton, 16, as she paints a design on his right paw; Hope Kaminski of Wayne, 7, tasting some soup while wearing her bug hat, made earlier in the crafts tent; and Paige Slominski of Canton, 2, in her red Pooh costume sitting on her dad John's lap while watching the magic act of Gordon Russ.

**Celebration**  
OctoberFest wraps fall, Halloween into one party

Hundreds of Canton families braved Saturday's chilly temperatures and overcast skies to attend the fourth annual OctoberFest in Heritage Park.

The festival combines traditional fall activities with an early Halloween celebration. Many kids donned costumes for the afternoon.

In addition, there was an art workshop with a Halloween theme, rides, refreshments and performances by entertainers including Gordon Russ Magic, the Just Joshin' Variety Show and Shawn Jacobs.

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## On Call: Civil Air cadets are prepared for disaster

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For Civil Air Patrol cadets, the telephone call to take part in a rescue mission can come any time, day or night.

On one Thursday last January, the call to cadets came from the CAP's Livonia commander, Major David Cotton, in the middle of the night. A small airplane had disappeared in white-out conditions near the Pellston Regional Airport in Northern Michigan. Three people were missing. Rescue workers from throughout Michigan were needed to walk the winter woods in knee-deep snow, looking in rugged terrain for an airplane that most likely had crashed.

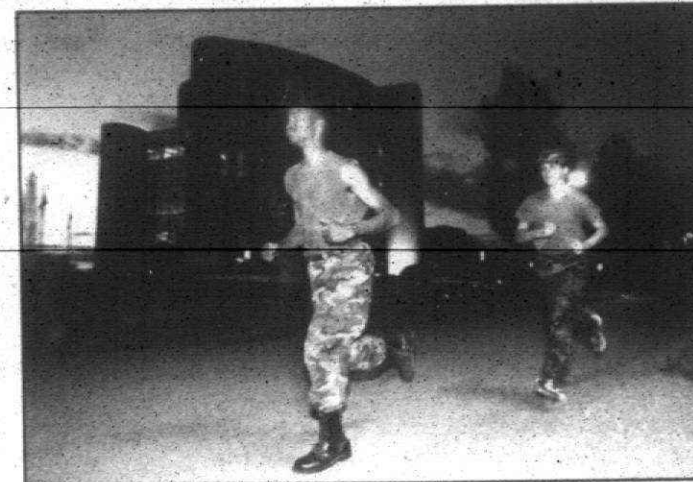
Cotton, a Redford resident, wasted no time placing the calls to get four of his squadron's best cadets out of bed: Jacob Holloway, 16, Blake Van Baalen, 17, and Terry Miller, 18, all of Livonia; and Richard Wilson, 15, of Canton.

Within an hour the four teens and their commander were northbound on an icy I-75. Within hours they had arrived at the Pellston airport. By mid-Friday, they were knee-deep in snow in their boots, walking side-by-side in a line, scouring every foot of the wooded area south of the airport.

On that snowy winter January weekend earlier this year, Livonia's Thunderbolt's Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol once again fulfilled one of its main missions, providing emergency help for someone in Michigan in trouble.

Every Tuesday all year long, cadets as young as the age of 11 hone their rescue and military skills in the basement of the Livonia Police Department.

Throughout the year, in brown and green military fatigues, they keep physically fit by exercising, marching and running on the grounds near Livonia City Hall.



Training: Airforce Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol cadet major Richard Wilson, 15, of Canton (left) takes part in physical training exercises with the other cadets in the parking lot near Livonia City Hall.

The Thunderbolts are one of about 50 CAP units in Michigan, all formed to be a volunteer auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force. Many of the cadets in Livonia's 6-year-old squadron eventually join one of the branches of the military.

Miller, a 1999 graduate of Churchill High, recently joined the Air Force and leaves this month for active service.

When a land rescue mission takes place in the U.S., CAP cadets and commanders take their place beside local police, firefighters, Coast Guard, Red Cross and other rescue agencies in providing aid.

On this frigid January weekend in the snow-covered forests of Northern Michigan, the four cadets put into practice much of what they had learned in the classroom.

At the airport, Wilson, a Plymouth-Canton student, came face to face for the first time in his life with families immersed in grief.

"I saw the victims' families waiting, just waiting at the airport. It was something I won't forget, seeing people's reaction to a tragedy."

The cadets and Cotton first walked through the deep snow in boots. Then they snared some snowshoes.

Altogether, they spent about five hours trudging southward from the airport until they finally hit a main road.

"We were standing on the road, taking a break, catching our breath, when we got a radio call to return to the base," Cotton remarked. "We thought, 'They must have found the airplane.'"

The wreckage had been spotted by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter about three miles south-east of the airport, about a mile away from where the cadets and Cotton had searched, on private land about one-half mile from a main road.

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**Education summit:** Several hundred concerned parents, educators, legislators and media folks gathered Monday night in the Plymouth Salem High School cafeteria for a statewide education summit sponsored by Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

## Library from page A1

About 50 new computer work stations will be added. Each will provide Internet access as well as other traditional library services. A bank of four computers will be set aside for word processing, too.

The children's area will also take on a new look. Kids will even have their own library entrance with doors built to their size.

"The room will be bright, colorful and attractive to children," Tabor added. "We have so many young families using the library, we want to try to keep it exciting and unique."

The library will be teaming with Project Arts to help design another kids area. An outdoor story cube will feature tiles designed by Canton children, said Tabor.

The young adult area will grow as well. Teens will have a choice of many activities including games, said Tabor.

"We think it's going to be very exciting," she said.

The library plans to keep patrons informed about construction progress. Daily updates will be posted on the Web and in the library foyer, said Tabor.

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## Forum from page A1

\$109,590; and a Livonia student \$94,913.

When compared to projected Foundation Grant figures per pupil in 12 other area districts for 1999-2000, P-CCS at \$6,220 a year ranks ahead of only Wayne-Westland (\$6,117 per pupil) and South Lyon (\$5,952).

Kenneth Pile, executive director of the 7D Coordinating Council of the Michigan Education Association, was in the audience. "The shift to sales tax (Proposition A) from property tax makes for a volatile situation if we go into a recession, which we have done periodically in Michigan."

"Revenues are going to drop," he said, raising the what-to-do question that has teachers, administrators and parents worried.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included MEAP testing, charter schools, vouchers and education tax credits. The forum was frequently interrupted by applause and cheers from the audience.

Although the initial panel discussion featured three Democratic state legislators — Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Hills, and Reps. George Mans, D-Troy, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland — plus Dorothy Beardmore, State Board of Education president, the panel was expanded by 11 more governmental officials, including five Republicans, to take written questions from the audience.

The GOP members were veteran Rep. Gerald Law of Plymouth, Patricia Godchaux of Birmingham and GOP state-house newcomers Sen. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Reps. Bruce Patterson of Canton and John Pappageorge of Troy.

The evening's panel moderator, WWJ Radio's Lansing correspondent Tim Skubick, kept things rolling with a mix of humor and straight-forward questioning.

The Michigan State University graduate drew a big laugh when he asked University of Michigan grads in the audience to leave, claiming that will "raise the intellectual level."

Peters was cheered when he said no to abolishing the controversial Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) testing, calling it a diagnostic tool that has come to be used as a political tool by politicians.



Superintendent Ken Walcott

from different school districts. However, when Skubick asked the audience to applaud for or against continuing the MEAP he drew a near-equal response.

### 'Take action'

Another panelist, Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, got applause for saying school buildings "are literally falling down on our children's heads and we darn well-better take some action."

Canton's Patterson drew a laugh when he said he voted in favor of a four-day Labor Day weekend because "you (state Sen. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne) voted against it."

John Stewart of the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding (MCFPSF), one of the sponsors of Monday's program, said Patterson has given the group his time despite his not serving on state legislative education committees.

Beardmore, the state school board president, drew applause when she called on the legislature to "take account" of charter schools and tighten controls by making charter schools more accountable for their attendance figures and curriculum.

DeHart of Westland was cheered when she said if charter schools don't meet basic state standards in curriculum, then "they don't get state money."

However, the legislators separated on financing issues. Audience member Bill Weber, assistant superintendent of the South Redford School District, said "the split shows the difficulty" in getting legislation passed.

Gary Jackson of Canton praised the freshman legislators for their willingness to learn the education issues.

Neil Oldham of Plymouth Township said he didn't think



Tim Skubick

"any issues were decided" at the forum. But Chris Northcross, a Pontiac school board member and engineer at the Livonia Ford plant, said he liked that "the legislators are still looking at Proposal A."

### Not recognizing

Nevertheless, P-C school board member Roland Thomas said he doesn't think "the legislators recognize we have a problem."

"I'm tired of hearing 'because we can't' from them when it comes to financing solutions; There has got to be a way to resolve the problems," he said.

He and fellow board member Mark Slavens both said they were surprised at the applause opposing school vouchers.

Also on the evening's panel were Democratic state Reps. Douglas Bovin of Gladstone, John Hansen of Dexter, RuthAnn Jamnick of Ypsilanti and Lynne Martinez of Lansing.

The bulk of the crowd in the cafeteria came from Plymouth and Canton, but metropolitan Detroit and outstate districts also were represented. A goodly turnout came from the Livonia Public Schools district and from both Redford Township school districts.

Also represented were the Detroit, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Northville, Rockwood, Westland, Wyandotte, Southgate, Grosse Ile, Ecorse and Trenton districts in Wayne County; Oakland County districts Southfield, Farmington, Berkley, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Holly; Macomb districts Warren, Clinton Township and Chippewa Valley and Washtenaw County districts Ann Arbor, Pinckney, Willow Run, Huron Valley and Brighton.

# MEAP move to Treasury seen as Engler power play

BY TIM RICHARD  
SPECIAL WRITER

A politically-controlled board in the state Treasury Department will take charge of the MEAP tests under Gov. John Engler's latest executive order, alarmed members of the state board of education say.

Engler's order transfers administration and even approval of the tests, which allow students to earn up to \$3,000 a piece in scholarship money, from the Department of Education to Treasury. The governor also pulled adult education and public school vocational training out of the new Department of Career Development.

"No one has ever suggested lay people can write a test. We've got a test with credibility problems," said Sharon Gire, a Macomb County Democrat elected to the state board in 1998. "It's a disaster, illogical, irrational."

Governors don't like it that there's one department (Education) they can't control," said board president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, "but this (governor) is the only one who has gone after it."

Beardmore and board vice president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, referred to Engler's order as "dismantling" the Department of Education.

"I don't think it has enhanced public education," said Straus. "I can't make sense of this — removing assessment from Education to Treasury. It's beyond me. I'm terribly dismayed and distressed."

Board member Herb Meyer, D-Temperance, asked Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis, "To what degree did the governor consult you, and what advice did you give?"

"I won't reveal my discussions with the governor," said Ellis, admitting only that he had known about the governor's plans for months. "There were other versions you would have liked less than this."

MEAP stands for Michigan Educational Assessment Program. There are three sets, the last administered in 11th grade covering reading, writing, math and science, with social studies to be added in the near future.

Students who pass all the high school tests can be awarded \$2,500 by Engler's new merit award board, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class. In later years, students who pass middle-grades tests can pick up an additional \$500.

The last paragraph of an Engler press release noted, "Because the law requires that the Michigan Merit Award Board review and approve the assessment tests before they may be used to determine eligibility under the scholarship program, the responsibility for the administration of MEAP is transferred to the Department of Treasury."

About 60 education employees are being transferred to the other two departments.

"The MEAP office is in a state of suspense," said Beardmore. "This all takes effect the first of the year."

Of the seven members of the merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray of Treasury, Barbara Bolin, director of career development, Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors, Clark Durant, recently resigned state board member who has openly advocated abolishing the state board; Isaiah (Ike) MacKinnon, former Detroit police chief who teaches part time at a private university, and one person yet to be named.

None has any background in K-12 administration or trusteeship. The seventh member is Ellis, who, though appointed by the state board, is considered an Engler loyalist because he once headed the Commerce Department.

In an interview, Beardmore quoted Ellis as saying, "I don't want to reign over the dismantling of the department." Straus told almost exactly the same anecdote.

Control of the MEAP tests amounts to control over most of public education and likely a strong influence over private education.

MEAP is an outcome-type test that is supposed to drive the school curriculum. The state board of education learned at a recent meeting in Cadillac that MEAP tests are influencing teacher preparation in the 15

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state universities, too.

And there are signs that private and parochial school operators will either administer the MEAP tests to their students or send their students to public schools when the tests are administered so they can become eligible for the \$3,000 scholarships, good at any public or private college in Michigan and good for \$1,000 at a non-Michigan public or private college.

State board members have two ways — theoretically — to battle Engler's order. One is to get the Legislature to override it by a two-thirds vote in each chamber. That's unlikely given Republican control of both chambers by Engler loyalists.

The other method is a court challenge. That's even less likely to succeed, given that Democrat-controlled courts have upheld three challenges to his orders, the last by Straus and state board Democrats.

Moreover, the court as of Oct.

I has a 5-2 majority of Republicans who are members of the Federalist Society and even less likely to agree with the governor who led two of them to victory and appointed three of them.

Michael David Warren Jr., R-Beverly Hills, Engler's appointee to replace Durant on the state board, didn't defend the executive order but noted the governor's order still "maintains policy-making authority" in the state board, as required by the Michigan Constitution.

"We ought to aggressively protect that power," Warren said,

"though it would be easier if the administrative authority were in the Education Department."

Easier said than done, said Straus. Education administration is now fragmented over three departments, and two of them "aren't used to reporting to a board."

Straus also noted that the Constitution and Open Meetings Act give the public access only to the elected state board, not to the heads of the Treasury and Career Development departments who report to Engler.



Dorothy Beardmore

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# Crier files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The Plymouth-Canton Community Crier intends to file a reorganization plan in federal court to protect itself from creditors.

In a press release, Community Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover said the newspaper "filed Thursday, Oct. 21, for the opportunity to reorganize business operations as allowed by state law under Chapter 11."

"We're going to reorganize and protect ourselves against lawsuits and other debts," said Wendover. "All debts will be put on hold, including legal issues."

"It's no secret that our compa-

ny and its employees, friends and family have been the target of several harassment lawsuits recently. This course of action provides us a defense against that costly litigation."

Wendover declined to list the legal issues and debts. However, Carl Berry, former Plymouth Township police chief who is assisting Wendover, said the reorganization will help ward off a number of debts, including the cost associated with the \$100 million harassment lawsuit filed

Carl Berry,  
Crier spokesman

by Dr. Tom Prose of Plymouth against the Crier and City of Plymouth, and a \$76,000 debt owed to Michigan Web Press for printing the Crier.

"Ed will still be the publisher," said Berry. "It's our intention to pay the debts."

By filing with the bankruptcy court, Wendover will need to come up with a plan to pay his creditors.

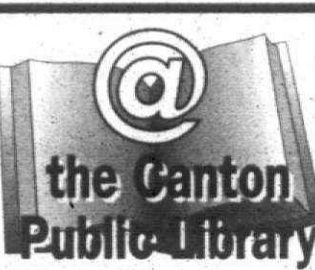
The Thursday filing in bankruptcy court came one day before Michigan Web Press was

set to take action to collect a debt which is now at \$76,768, according to Southfield attorney Marc Fishman.

"Michigan Web Press was to receive \$76,419 plus interest by 5 p.m. Friday from an arbitration award," said Fishman. "We could have begun taking action Monday, such as garnishment or seizing property."

Fishman did not note the bankruptcy court filing doesn't eradicate the debt, but allows Wendover to come up with a reorganization plan which can be accepted or rejected by the court.

"Right now Mr. Wendover is forestalling creditors," said Fishman. "We'll be watching him like a hawk."



## Did you know?

■ The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Oct. 28, 1886.

■ Friday marks the 70th anniversary of the crash of the New York Stock Exchange in 1929.

■ Mount Rushmore was completed after 14 years of work on Oct. 31, 1941.

■ Daylight savings time ends and standard time resumes on Sunday, Oct. 31? Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour!

## For your listening pleasure

Here are some books on audio tape available from the library:

■ "Murder on the Iditarod Trail" by Sue Henry

■ "A New Song" by Jan Karon

■ "Notes from a Small Island" by Bill Bryson

■ "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck

■ "Other Worlds" by Barbara Michaels

Children's bookshelf

Here are some selections for young readers:

■ "The Ashwater Experiment" - Kees

■ "The Good Liar" - Maguire

■ "A Fairy Called Hilary" - Strauss

■ "Regular Guy" - Weeks

Q & A

Q: Who invented the hockey goal's mask?

A: Tired of stopping hockey pucks with his face, Montreal Canadiens goalie Jacques Plante invented the mask in

1959. Having received another wound, he re-emerged from the locker room with seven new stitches and a face mask he made from fiberglass and plastic resin. Although Cliff Benedict had tried a leather mask back in the '20s, the idea didn't catch on. After Plante wore his mask, goalies throughout the NHL began wearing protective plastic face shields.

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

## Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

■ www.internetstats.com

■ www.newhomemaker.com

■ www.consumerreview.com

## Outer limits

Science fiction fans will find these selections interesting:

■ "Darwin's Radio" by Greg Bear

■ "A Civil Campaign" by Lois McMaster Bujold

■ "Ender's Shadow" by Orson Scott Card

■ "I, Q" by John De Lancie

■ "Avalon" by Steve Lawhead

## Hot topic of the week

■ Halloween! An ancient celebration combining Druid autumn festival and Christian customs. Halloween is the beginning of All Saints (Nov. 1) and the Feast of All Souls (Nov. 2). The observance, dating from the sixth of seventh centuries, has long been associated with thoughts of the dead, spirits, witches, ghosts and devils.

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# Rouge group wants county septic education programs

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A Rouge River advisory group wants county health departments to develop an education program about septic systems for owners of homes with septic.

The group also recommended that such programs in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties should explore funding sources for residents who experience "financial hardship" when repairing septic or making sewer connections.

The Rouge River Remedial Action Plan advisory council approved a resolution Oct. 20 that contained language revisions to the ordinance less restrictive for communities than a previous version. The resolution was forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The council advises MDEQ and federal agencies on plans to clean the Rouge River and serves as a public forum on the Rouge River restoration. It meets bimonthly and the meetings are open to the public.

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# Expect lots of (road construction) orange in the coming year

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Orange, the traditional color of fall, is likely to be the hue of spring and summer, too, next year in western Wayne County.

"Let your readers know we're going to be bringing plenty of orange their way next year," said Gary G. Naeyaert, Michigan Department of Transportation communications director.

He was referring to the orange trucks, paving equipment and orange-vested workers that will be seen by tens of thousands of motorists in over a half-dozen Observer communities as the state repairs or rebuilds deteriorating sections of four major roads.

The roads, part of the state's record-setting \$1.4-billion Build Michigan II road repair plan for the year 2000, are Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads, both also known as Old M-14, Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Owners of three businesses likely to be affected by the roadwork support the projects, but with reservations.

"The roads need to be fixed periodically - it's a fact of life," said Tom North, co-owner with brother, Doug, of North Brothers Ford Inc. on Ford Road in Westland.

But, he said, "We hope that they complete it as quickly as humanly possible and don't inconvenience our customers."



One way, he suggested, would be by doing as much as possible at night or on weekends. Ford Road carries 38,000 vehicles per day.

Julie Baechler, assistant manager of Pilgrim Motorsports on Ann Arbor Road in the City of Plymouth, echoed North when she said, "Just like anything" else in life, "the means to get to the end is not what you want, but the end result is going to benefit us."

However, Angelo Barile, owner of the Pizza Man Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia, wondered why the road will be torn up after sprinklers have been installed between the sidewalks and the road.

He said the sprinklers, as well as new lampposts, are a Plymouth Road Development Authority project done in conjunction with the state.

There are new lights and everything up on Plymouth Road. It looks nice," he said. "If such things

should be done, they should have been done the other way around."

## Not the best

He said the scraping and resurfacing, which he believes was done about eight years ago, isn't the best fix.

"The problem is, the base of the road is not solid. It doesn't matter how many times they patch it up, it doesn't last. But it does make it look better for five, six years," Barile said.

State Transportation Director James DeSana, vowed to "continue doing everything possible in order to minimize motorist inconvenience while repairing roads and bridges at a record pace" when the program was announced earlier this month.

He said MDOT would continue to spread out the construction season, award contracts based on price and timeliness, provide financial incentives for early completion and keep as many lanes open as possible throughout the year.

"Our strategy of fixing the worst roads first is working," DeSana said.

## Western Wayne projects:

■ the milling and resurfacing of 3.01 miles of **Plymouth Road** between Inkster and Farmington Roads in Livonia (31,900 motorists affected per day).

■ the reconstruction of 1.51 miles of **Ann Arbor Road** between Lilley and Canton Center roads

in Plymouth and Plymouth Township (31,700 motorists affected per day).

■ the milling and resurfacing of 1.26 miles of **Ford Road** between Venoy and Wayne roads in Garden City and Westland.

■ the reconstruction of 4.6 miles of **Michigan Ave.** (26,200 motorists affected per day) from its intersection with Canton Center and Belleville Roads west to the Wayne County line.

Exact dates and project costs won't be known until contracts are awarded each month between April 1 and November, Naeyaert said. He estimated the Old M-14 repair costs at \$10 million and said the Michigan Avenue project would be the most expensive, at around \$11 million.

Another Wayne County project includes the milling and resurfacing of Telegraph Road between Eight Mile Road and Grand River in Detroit. That project will run about \$4 million, Naeyaert said.

The \$1.379 billion total, a state-record investment, will repair and rebuild 1,400 miles of road and rehabilitate 265 bridges in the state highway system, according to Gov. John Engler.

"Our commitment to Michigan's motorists is to fix the right roads, with the right fix, at the right time, and we're delivering on that promise," he said when the project was announced.

"The aggressive pace of road and

bridgework we've seen these past few years will continue, and the (Year 2000) projects will bring us closer to having nine out of 10 roads and bridges in good condition by the year 2007."

He added that MDOT was able to deliver 93 percent of the 1999

road and bridge construction projects.

Naeyaert said "a big grouping of bridge projects" is planned throughout Wayne County, including a \$3 million asphalt overlay on the Telegraph Road bridge over the Rouge River.

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**Sign of the Z:** (Top photo) Zorro, Christopher Syros, 5 of Dearborn Heights, enjoys the hayrides. (Above) Clown Bear Stephanie Cameron, 3 1/2 of Canton, joined in the parade of costumes.



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**Chilly scares:** "Little Devil," Brandon Dick, 12 months old from Dearborn, bundles up for the cold with his mother Heather. A few hundred children attended the spooky fun of games, activities, live entertainment and a hayride.

BOO!



**Witchy show:** The show "Witchy-Poo Revue" was performed for the children. Above, Jessica Suer, 3 1/2 of Livonia, participates with Witchy-Poo Elizabeth Wingert.

## Halloweenfest brings out pint-size goblins

The weather was frightfully cold for October, but youngsters braved the winds and rains Saturday at Wayne County Parks' Halloweenfest.

Despite temperatures in the 30s, nearly 300 people converged on Nankin Mills in Westland to enjoy live entertainment provided by Ben Spitzer and the Witchy-poo Revue. Youngsters lined up for trick-or-

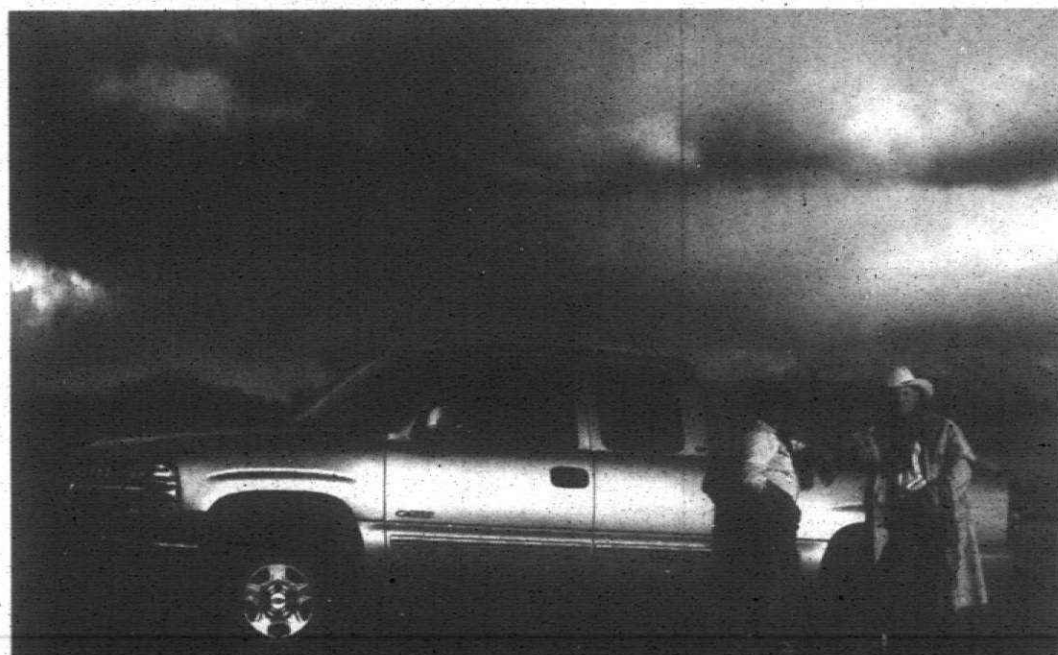
treating at a tent, where the county parks staff distributed candy. The remainder of the 20 pounds of candy was donated to Highland Park.

Children enjoyed hay rides and played games put on by the county parks staff, including hoop shoot, bean bag toss, ring toss and pin the nose on the jack-o'-lantern. They also guessed how many pieces of candy were in a jar.

The Halloweenfest represents one of the last events of 1999 presented by the county parks staff. The third annual Wayne County LightFest 8K Fun Run is scheduled at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, along Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights, while the holiday LightFest is scheduled to open to the public two days later along that same road. County officials call the LightFest

the Midwest's largest holiday light show. It will be open through the holidays. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., Nov. 18 through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day, along 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Merriam Road in Westland to Dearborn Heights.

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in college.

■ **Gay** - Ph.D. from the University of Dayton; superintendent of the 5,000-student Redford Union district two years; \$35 million budget; \$100,000 salary.

■ **Thomas** - Ed. D. from Wayne State University; educational consultant to, and former superintendent of, the 15,500-student Wayne-Westland district seven years; \$190 million budget; \$125,000 salary.

■ **Weber** - Ph.D. from the University of Michigan; assistant superintendent of the 3,450-student South Redford District 23 years; \$25 million budget; \$118,283 annual salary; Plymouth Township resident 27 years.

■ **Wilson** - Ph.D. from The Ohio State University; deputy superintendent of the 65,054-student Columbus (Ohio) Public

Schools 12 years; \$585 million budget; \$110,720 annual salary. One of the six also is a candidate for the Traverse City superintendent's position.

The PCS board plans to narrow the field to three semifinalists, from which the finalist will be selected.

Eighteen of the 45 original candidates were from Michigan, four from Ohio.

Of them, 24 were superintendents and six were associate or assistant superintendents.

The Bickert Group worked with teachers, support staff, students, administrators and Plymouth-Canton district residents in assembling the initial field of candidates, then did background checks on the several who were invited for screening interviews in October.

"These (six) persons, in our judgment, best meet the leader-

ship characteristics and criteria published by the PCS board in its vacancy announcement "and will best fit the profile of leadership as drawn from" discussions with district personnel and residents, said David Hendrix and Ronald E. Barnes of The Bickert Group.

"They are the tip of the iceberg... (but are) well-qualified, the best of the best we looked at," Barnes said.

He told the school board that Michigan's Open Meetings law, which restricts closed meetings by public officials, hampers the selection process.

"Several candidates withdrew" from the field when they learned the state would be made public, Barnes said.

"This will continue to happen until" the law is repealed, he said.

## Principals from page A1

them; the east site is fiscally more responsible."

In a prepared release, Ostoin and Patton seemed to be agreeing with the board's request in spirit but not the board's exact wording of seven mandates the trustees say must be met before a revote.

The mandates call for changes such as restricting movement of students - especially freshman and sophomores - between buildings; an external curriculum audit; enhancing the ability

of the three schools to remain distinctive; and stronger emphasis on character issues.

"We, too, endorse personalized learning, curriculum review, and many other initiatives that will enable us to respond to the needs of our students who are entering the 21st century," Patton said.

"We are eager to be in partnership with the Board of education and support their road map for change. We look forward to

working with our board to create a plan that maximizes achievement and provides positive, safe learning environments for students," she said.

Ostoin said in the release the east site is much more flexible especially if the district wants to be "responsive to rapidly changing needs and new challenges."

Among other things, that would make scheduling students in all three buildings easier, Ostoin feels.

## Grant pays for lumber yard cleanup

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has allocated \$125,000 to Romulus to clean up an abandoned lumberyard and tear down dilapidated buildings located at 35600 Goddard, according to state Sen.

Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

The Clean Michigan Initiative funds will pay for demolishing existing structures and removing any hazardous waste. A study will be conducted to see if any further action is needed to

promote redevelopment, Bennett said in a prepared statement.

"The lumberyard no longer provides any local revenue or jobs and has become a burden on taxpayers," said Bennett.

## STATE APPOINTMENTS

Area residents have been appointed to filled a number of state posts by Gov. John Engler, including:

■ **Stephen M. Conley** of Canton was appointed to the State Board of Accountancy, which provides for the certification and regulation of certified public accountants.

Conley is a manager of Price-waterhouseCoopers, L.L.P. He is appointed to replace Donald Disimke of Plymouth and to represent public accountants for a term expiring June 30, 2002.

■ **W. John O'Neil** of Walled Lake; **Walter Reckinger III** of Dearborn; **Gerald W. Richards** of Mason; and **Garry L. Sanchez** of Westland, were appointed to the Board of Mechanical Rules, which makes recommendations for mechanical code rules, issues mechanical contractor's licenses and enforces state mechanic code rules. Terms expire Oct. 1, 2001.

■ **ONeil** is president of the W.J. O'Neil Co. He is reappointed to represent hydronic, heating and cooling. Reckinger is president of Reckinger Heating and Cooling Co. He is reappointed to represent ductwork. Richards is a senior engineer for Consumers Energy. He is reappointed to represent energy producing utilities. Sanchez is president of Motor City Ventilation Inc. He is reappointed to represent specialty work.

■ **Alice Gustafson** of Auburn Hills was appointed to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, which supervises all aeronautics within the state and is empowered to make rules about the location, design, building, equipping and operating of all airports within the state.

Gustafson is president of Hubert Distributors Inc. and has held a commercial pilot's license for more than 20 years. She is reappointed for a term ending May 27, 2003.

■ **Henry E. Beckmeyer**, D.O. of East Lansing; **Sister Mary Giovanni Monge** of Livonia; **Vildan Mullin**, M.D., of Whitmore Lake; **Gregg K. VandeKieft**, M.D., of Okemos; and **Steven Weiner**, M.D., of West Bloomfield, were appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management. The

committee is developing a model curriculum for doctors on pain and symptom management. It also develops recommendations on integrating pain and symptom management into health care. All terms expire July 1, 2001.

Beckmeyer is a professor of anesthesiology and pain management in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU.

■ **Sister Monge** is president and CEO of Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. She is appointed to represent hospice organizations.

Mullin is director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center and an associate professor in the U-M School of Medicine. He is appointed to represent the U-M School of Medicine.

■ **VandeKieft** is an associate professor for the Department of Family Practice in the MSU College of Human Medicine and assistant director of program and palliative care for the MSU Cancer Service. He is appointed to represent the MSU College of Human Medicine.

Weiner is medical director of Huron Valley Pain Management. He is appointed to represent the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

■ **Frank Fitzgerald** of Grand Ledge was reappointed as commissioner of insurance in Michigan for a term expiring Oct. 11, 2003.

Fitzgerald served as a state representative from 1987 through 1998. He served as the speaker pro tem from 1992 to 1996, and served on the House Insurance Committee for a total of eight years.

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## Bennett says union bill misrepresented

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State Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) says he's frustrated with the way the opposition is playing his proposal to prohibit school building principals from joining unions.

"They can use the five-second one-liner to scare everybody into thinking their rights are being taken away," he said. "It would take me five minutes at the kitchen table to thoroughly explain what this bill is really going to do."

For example, some opponents say the bill would also bar school secretaries and janitors from unionization. Not so, according to Bennett. "Confidential assistants" would, under the verbiage of the bill, be blocked from joining unions, but not all secretaries could be given that title, he said.

For each staffer given that title - and therefore barred from

unionization under the legislation - a hearing would have to be held before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. And MERC would not allow all secretaries within a school district office to be given that title.

Janitors wouldn't be prohibited from unionizing just because they may occasionally oversee the work of fellow janitors on a given day. Only those with a "truly supervisory capacity, with personnel decision-making authority" would be kept from unionization.

Bennett introduced Senate Bill 663 in reaction to the Detroit teacher strike where he said principals joined teachers on the picket lines.

His bill, he said, would amend Michigan law to follow federal

law, which makes a clear distinction between management and labor.

"This is a very simple concept," he said. "The federal government has said that organizations work best where there is a strong, definite distinction between management and labor. Where there is strong management and strong labor, that organization will be successful."

Among the opposition is Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), who said he sees the bill as overriding local control.

In many school districts, superintendents have encouraged building principals to bargain for pay and benefits as a group.

"If it is working for them, who are we to say they can't do," Law said. "I don't see that this is a problem in my district. It's not a problem in Northville. It's only a problem in Detroit - but then everything is a problem in Detroit. I think it is an ill-advised bill."

Although management is typically barred from unionization in the private sector, Law said public employees are different and have been treated differently as a tradition. There are other areas in the public sector where supervisory personnel are allowed to unionize, such as in police and fire departments.

"And I have no qualms about it in those areas, because it is working," Bennett said. "I only have qualms about it where it is not working."

Senate Bill 663 cleared the Senate in a 21-17 vote.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), and Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) voted yes.

Sens. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio), George Z. Hart (D-Deerborn), Theodore McCotter (R-Livonia), and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) voted no.

### JOSEPH R. BROVAGE II

Services for Joseph R. Brovage II, 33, of Plymouth will be 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with visiting hours from 5:30 p.m. until service.

He was born Feb. 22, 1966 in Detroit. He died Oct. 21 in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1992 from Livonia. For the past seven months he was employed as a baker for Breadsmith in Plymouth. He had a great love for music and played the guitar. He also was a talented artist.

Survivors include his wife, Tracey of Plymouth; parents, Joseph and Carol Brovage of Canton; a sister, Juliet (John) Buffing of Canton; a brother, Jeremy (Rebecca) Brovage of

Wyandotte; two grandmothers, Mary Mobley of Clinton Township and Thelma Gibson of Detroit; a nephew, Ian; and a niece, Catelyn.

### MARY VAUGHN

Services for Mary Vaughn, 82, of Plymouth were Oct. 22 at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia with the Rev. Henry Roodbeen officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born July 16, 1917 in Pionning, Mich. She died Oct. 18 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Aubrey Vaughn; a daughter, Sharon (Robert) Broo of Rosewell, Ga.; a brother, Harry Kopko of Farmington; two sisters, Eva Foco of Bay City and Kathryn Buchalski of Bay City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Local arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### KEVIN KENNETH BAILEY

Services for Kevin Kenneth Bailey, 36, of Northville were Oct. 25 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Oct. 25, 1962, in Detroit. He died Oct. 20 in Detroit. He was an insurance salesman for Allstate in Livonia. He came to the community three years ago from Arizona. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was a Dale Carnegie Instructor in Livonia. He served in the

Air Force. He received his bachelor's degree from Oakland University, his master's from the University of Phoenix in Arizona, and was working on his doctorate degree. He was an Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Beverly Bailey of Plymouth; a brother, Gregory (Pippa) Bailey of Kingwood, Texas; a sister, Christine (David) Drabicki of Plymouth; four nieces, Morgan Bailey, Jessica Bailey, Samantha Bailey, Rachel Drabicki; and a nephew, Taylor Bailey.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Local arrangements were

made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

### ELIZABETH IRENE MCCLURE

Services for Elizabeth Irene McClure, 91, of Plymouth were Oct. 27 at the Riverside Park Church of God with the Rev. Ralph Anderson officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

She was born March 22, 1908, in Cleat Fork, W.Va. She died Oct. 24 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from West Virginia. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, where she served as president several times. She was a volunteer at Ridgewood Hospital in Ypsilanti as well as Garden City Hospital and Northville State Hospital. She

loved to crochet afghans and lap robes for nursing homes. She loved to cook and bake and enjoyed family gatherings.

Survivors include her son, Sidney (Jackie) McClure of North Carolina; two daughters, Lola (Bob) Fahnestock of Weidman, Mich., and Doris Miller of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Jim Johnson of Westland, Judy Poland of Royal Oak, Lisa Harthun of Livonia, Charmaine Ostrom of Virginia; two brothers, Wallace Morgan of Utah, Oscar Belcher of West Virginia; two brothers, Wallace Morgan of Utah, Oscar Belcher of West Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

■ **HUGH ALDEN BURLEY** Services for Hugh Alden Burley, 85, of Ann Arbor were Oct. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Edward Cooley and the Rev. Larry Mattis officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township.

He was born April 23, 1914, in Peck, Mich. He died Oct. 23 in Livonia. He was a postal clerk at the main Ann Arbor Post Office. After his retirement he worked for Jacobson's. He went to the Superior Township community in 1948 from Detroit. He loved art, music, and gardening. Mr. Burley built his own home in 1948. Many of Mr. Burley's paintings are of Australia. They are displayed at many Ann Arbor street fairs. He has worked at D&M Art Studios in Plymouth and has had his art displayed at the Plymouth Community Arts Council shows. Articles on his paintings were published in local newspapers.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Burley of Ann Arbor, and a son, David Burley of Ann Arbor.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

■ **MAYME OSBORNE** Services for Mayme Osborne, 94, of Plymouth were Oct. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Bruce Meyer officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

She was born July 19, 1905, in Ashbury, Mo. She died Oct. 23 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry. Survivors include many nieces and nephews; and friends, William (Mary) Stout of Plymouth, and Beverly (James) Hotham of Bloomfield Hills.

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handle on how big the fraud problem is," said Wisner, a one-time Ohio State Highway Patrol officer who handles southeastern Michigan and northwest Ohio. "In the last year we've seen a tremendous number of fraudulent stolen-vehicle claims on over-mileaged leased vehicles."

### Community concern

Granholt, speaking both as attorney general and a mother of three, counseled halting auto thefts by teaching youngsters a sense of community and responsibility - and of remorse for wrongdoing.

If no remorse is taught a child very early for hitting or taking others' things, Granholt said, the youngster likely will continue without regret or shame.

"If we don't focus on that (child's) level, we will spend \$30,000 on the backside" to maintain that person in jail each year, she said.

In the meantime, "Turn up the HEAT for another year," she urged the assembled professionals.

The Detroit Police Department's six-member Commercial Auto Theft Metro Squad repeated as HEAT Investigative Unit of the Year for populations over 500,000 while the Genesee County Auto Investigation Network team repeated for smaller areas.

HEAT, which is paid for by property and casualty insurance companies in Michigan, pays up to \$1,000 for the arrest and prosecution of individual suspected car thieves and up to \$10,000 for the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft-ringing members and/or chop shop operators.

It also pays up to \$2,000 for a tip resulting in a warrant being issued for a carjacking suspect. Tipsters' identities are kept secret.

HEAT's Martin, who hopes to spread the program across the state, said she wants the public to know there is a problem and how they can avoid being victimized by it.

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## School finance Republicans shortchange forum

By refusing to fully and candidly participate in Monday's statewide Summit on Public Education, local Republican legislators not only shortchanged constituents — they also effectively sabotaged the discussion, turning it into a partisan round-table that was at times entertaining but shed no new light on school finance reform and will have little impact on further debate of education issues in Lansing.

That's too bad. For Plymouth-Canton and other under-funded, rapid-growth districts, there has to be a political solution coming out of the Republican-led, Michigan legislature. The forum, which drew about 350 people to Plymouth Salem High School was the perfect chance for legislators to engage in give-and-take with educators, parents and the public. Instead, the audience heard a lopsided "debate" during the first hour and saw mostly by a show of hands who favored what — vouchers, lifting the cap on charter schools, changing Proposal A — during the second hour.

The forum was the second put together by Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public Education, a group of Plymouth-Canton residents with an interest in public schools. Tim Skubick, WWJ-AM radio Lansing bureau chief, moderated a panel discussion with state Sen. Gary Peters, House members George Mans and Eileen DeHart — all Democrats — and Dorothy Beardmore of the state Board of Education.

Ten other legislators — including the Republicans — awkwardly joined the discussion about halfway through the session to field written questions from the audience.

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, made their way to the podium but were uncharacteristically quiet. State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, skipped the event.

We've never known Patterson to be shy about offering his opinion on anything. Yet there he was Monday pleading ignorance because he sits on neither the House Education nor Appropriations Committees. Of course, he did promulgate some of his wisdom in a five-page written statement passed out to reporters that was entitled "Remarks offered at the Education Summit..." None of these "remarks" found their way to the microphone however.

Ditto McCotter, who said he was there to "listen and learn." McCotter did make one

brief attempt to add to the discussion, explaining his interest in using tuition tax credits for parents to send their children to private school but not the current voucher plan.

Among the Republicans, only Plymouth's Gerald Law, in his final House term, had much to contribute.

Monday's event was certainly different in tone from the March 1998 summit, where Republicans Bennett and then state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, had much to say. Times have changed in Lansing with the Republicans now controlling both houses as well as the executive branch.

The issue of interdistrict disparities in funding is not new.

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled before on the question in opinions in lawsuits brought under the 14th Amendment (equal protection). In a landmark 1973 Texas case, *Rodriguez v. San Antonio*, the top jurists, while admitting the Texas system was unequal, held that equity in funding is not within the limited category of rights recognized by the Court, as guaranteed by the Constitution.

In other words, state systems may be imperfect but there is no absolute guarantee of equal dollars behind each student in the U.S. Constitution.

Only if states provided no education to students in poor districts would there be a question of constitutionality.

Equity in funding, therefore, becomes a state problem and all 50 states give state lawmakers the power to fund education, and to do it equally.

State supreme courts get involved when politicians and other various interest groups can't agree. In recent years many state supreme courts have issued rulings for and against funding equity. Ohio has suffered through a long series of state supreme court battles that aren't over yet.

We are not a big fan of this issue going before the Michigan Supreme Court. For one thing, court-ordered solutions take far too long and cost too much in legal fees.

When Oakland County districts like Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield get \$4,000 and \$5,000 more per pupil than Plymouth-Canton, the seductive rhetoric of tax reform and funding equity implicit in Proposal A rings hollow indeed.

Buried on the fourth page of Patterson's statement is this nugget: "What I would like to hear at some point tonight is the purpose of our gathering. This is not an election year, but this type of meeting is more akin to a political event, than a brainstorming workshop. And I am concerned about that. I do not want to be involved with the politicizing of education."

Our sentiments exactly.

## Scare tactics: Selling Halloween

No, those aren't orange Christmas lights you see adorning your neighbor's roof. And if some of your colleagues at work start looking like clowns or vampires, you're probably not hallucinating.

If you find yourself stumbling over bins of miniature chocolate bars at the neighborhood drugstore, or the aisles of the local supermarket are jammed with displays of Count Chocula cereal among the gourds and pumpkins, and the freezer section seems to have doubled its supply of Tombstone Pizzas, there's a reason for it.

It's Halloween. Or, at least, it's almost Halloween. And it isn't just for children anymore.

According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween has grown into a \$5 billion a year industry. Sales of those miniature chocolate bars rise 200 percent in the pre-Halloween weeks and the NRF predicts that total candy sales will reach \$1.8 billion, with costume sales amounting to \$1.5 billion.

Kraft Foods says that last year its sales of Tombstone Pizza increased by 32 percent during the last week of October.

Sales of home decorations, greeting cards, pumpkins and other seasonal items are expected to reach \$2.5 billion.

The NRF thinks such spending is due in part to the newfound popularity of the holiday among adults. A poll conducted by the organization found that 52.2 percent of U.S. workers said their employers would allow them to celebrate Halloween in the workplace. Whatever the reason for the spending surge, Halloween is now second only to Christmas in holiday-related sales.

Some consumer analysts credit (or blame) the transformation of what was once a children's holiday into an adult spending blitz on baby boomers feeling nostalgic for their youth. And when baby boomers get nostalgic, they spend money.

It may be good for the economy, but we sort of miss the days when the only Halloween decorations were witches cut out of black construction paper and adults stayed at home on Halloween night passing out Necco wafers and Tootsie Rolls to little goblins dressed in costumes made from pillow cases and old bed sheets.

Geof Brooks



## LETTERS

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### Wrong message sent

I am concerned that the showcase at West Middle School celebrating gays and lesbians was removed. For years I did showcases celebrating women, blacks, native peoples, Hispanics, Asian Americans, Jews, various religious groups, various ethnic groups, and gays. These displays were in keeping with the school themes of celebrating diversity, mutual respect for all, being positive, seeing value in all peoples. No one ever questioned these displays; no one asked me to remove them.

What message is this removal sending to West students or the community at large? Gays are bad and straights are good? It is fine to be prejudiced against a particular minority, and we know it is because the administration had this showcase removed.

Before I retired last June, I asked various people to carry on projects I felt were important. I asked Mr. Michael Chiumento to do the gay showcase for me. He did.

Schools need to provide a safe environment for all staff and students. Black kids should never suffer the indignities of being called nigger; gay kids or those who are perceived as gay should never have to hear "fag" or "queer." Kids should not fear the playground, where bullies will harass them for skin color, weight or religious beliefs.

I taught for 38 years, 32 of them in Plymouth at West. I do not feel the Plymouth-Canton Schools have done the best job in truly celebrating diversity and protecting minorities from verbal and sometimes physical abuse. See what Seattle has done with the Safe Schools Coalition.

Tonight after I had written the above, I turned on the Channel 7 news as a (straight, since we are keeping track) former student contacted me to watch as there would be a segment about the West and Salem showcases/bulletin boards. I was very upset to see Mr. Wolcott, the interim superintendent, say that these showcases/bulletin boards were promoting a lifestyle. Someone of his educational background and experience should be able to see that those of us gay or straight, of various colors, religions who are out there in education promoting diversity and appreciation for all people are doing it to improve life for all our parents, kids, and community.

Judith Pavitt  
retired West media specialist

### Thankful for 'censorship'

When will our schools (and our nation) realize that their very existence depends on occasional "censorship" when it applies to moral issues. Is everything and anything really OK? If we define tolerance as acceptance and promotion of all forms of unhealthy and deviant behavior, such as violence, drug abuse, and promotion of the gay lifestyle, we will find the next generation standing on a heap of rubble with a sign posted, "...But we were tolerant of everything..."

We were upset when our child at Salem was forced to participate in an impromptu homosexual tele-conference with a Close-Up class. (This was against the letter we had previously filed with the principal's office). Now, we applaud the school district for asking the two teachers not to use their influence to promote homosexuality with our kids. I wonder if Mr. Salzenblatt and Mr. Chiumento would support equal time for Christian teachers to express the Biblical view of homosexuality on their bulletin boards?

The media and society already do enough to tear down the institution of the family. We don't need our tax dollars to tear down the family as well.

Name withheld  
upon request

### 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

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## POINTS OF VIEW

# Education alternatives, not location, is focus of debate

On Aug. 25, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education voted for a new high school separate from, but close to, the existing complex of schools. The new school is planned to be a full-service high school with classrooms, art rooms, computer labs, music rooms, etc. (minus a pool and large auditorium).

This vote set off a debate that continues to this day. Those in favor of building the new school next to the current high schools cite many reasons for wanting to expand the existing complex. What is this debate all about? I offer my views and insights as a board of education member and an advocate for change.

It is the interests of students that guide my thoughts on the new high school. The numbers and technical jargon that surround this debate do not tell the story about what is being decided. Here is what tells the story for me.

I walk down my neighborhood street and I see homes where kids live who have grown and thrived at our high school complex. Down that same street I also see homes where kids live who found the same high school experience overwhelming, got lost in the crowd and dropped out or were taken out by their parents and put in private schools. Most

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heard countless concerns from parents regarding the size of our current high school complex and the impact that had on their children.

Many parents have shared their concerns and desires for a smaller high school environment where a more personalized educational experience is offered, one where every student is known and connected with an adult.

As far back as the community forums held prior to the bond campaign in 1997, community members came together to plan what they wanted in their new high school — to create a smaller school environment separate from the other two. Many parents do

not consider sending their children to our current high school complex because of its size. They quietly move on or send their children to private school. Many tell me they wish for a smaller school where they can be assured their child will receive personalized attention.

Many of these students are not the stars but part of the vast middle. One parent told me that at high school orientation a counselor told her, "If your child is at the top or the bottom, I will know them. Do not expect me to know them if your child is average." That child was quietly enrolled in a private high school.

In an effort to resolve the current debate, all but one of the board members drafted a proposal that, if agreed to by the district and high school leadership, could lead to a new vote on the location. The premise of this plan was that the school's location wasn't the central issue — rather change and the commitment of our district and high school administrators to change.

Excerpts of the plan include among other points: conducting a comprehensive evaluation of our secondary education program led by an outside consultant in collaboration with a board appointed panel; significantly restrict-

ing student movement between buildings to eliminate the elements of the current "college campus" atmosphere; implementing an ongoing process for students to be more closely connected with a single adult who would serve as their mentor; and continue to implement a strong code of conduct, including Character Counts, and strong dress and behavioral codes.

Since offering this compromise meetings have taken place between the high school leadership, central administration and board members on the infant and desires for the plan. We learned that there is much common ground among our views and ideas. To date, the board is still awaiting the written commitment from the high school leadership on the board's plan but has received written confirmation from central administration staff.

The desire for change isn't saying we have a bad system. I applaud the many successes of our high school students and our hard-working staff. But that success does not mean that a review of curricula and standard operating procedures necessitated by the new school is not in order. Any organization, no matter how good, can do better and can take advantage of new resources, ideas and opportunities. This will entail some

change and change can be scary.

But, if approached positively by all, change can be beneficial. Our current high school complex serves 4,824 students, the largest in Michigan and among the largest nationally. The research on benefits of small schools that offer smaller, more intimate learning communities is extensive and highly consistent in its findings.

Smaller schools have been found to increase student's academic achievement, sense of belonging, attendance, and participation in extracurricular activities. Security improves. Social disruption, violence, student alcohol and drug abuse, and drop out rates decrease. A joint policy statement issued by the Carnegie Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals recommended that high schools break into smaller units of no more than 600 students. No one has recommended high schools smaller than 300 or larger than 900 students.

No matter what the final decision on the location, I will continue to advocate for positive change, smaller schools and the principles embodied in the board's plan.

Judy L. Mardigian, is a Plymouth-Canton School Board of Education member.

## Room to read: Bigger library benefits new and traditional uses

At 1 p.m. Saturday, the Canton Public Library will host groundbreaking ceremonies for the expansion of the Canton Public Library facilities. The expansion of the township library building on Canton Center Road is a key component in the library board's drive to provide service for all of our patrons.

The Canton Public Library Board is faced with the challenge of planning to provide excellent service in an era of rapid and unceasing change. The information explosion that has resulted from the development of the Internet is transforming society. The involvement of the library with that information explosion lends a definite air of excitement to current library planning and operations.

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a substantial computer and Internet presence in the expanded library space. Substantial attention is being devoted to providing computer access and training for our library patrons and staff.

We do not overlook the important role that the traditional library collection will continue to play now and in the future. To that end, the planned expansion of the library includes a big push eastward on the site to provide space for a substantial expansion of our adult book collection. The expansion at the northwest quadrant of the library will similarly provide space to enhance our children's collection.

We believe it is important to continue to provide space for our patrons to meet in person to study, discuss and expand our understanding of ideas, both old and new. The northeast quadrant of the expanded library will include rooms for small group study and a new young adult section. We want to create a very welcoming and useful space where our

young adults can meet, study and help explore the problems and solutions to those problems for the 21st century.

Some things are difficult to improve upon so we have in some instances left well enough alone. Yes! You will still be able to spend a snowy evening in cozy comfort, curled up on a soft chair with a good book near the fireplace on the south side of the library. The expansion of the library on the south end was designed so as to minimize the disturbance of the existing view of that outdoor scene.

If this description of the expansion plans has captured your interest or if you just want to read a good book, then please join us for the groundbreaking on Saturday or stop in sometime soon. Plans and sketches of the expanded

library will be on display.

Finally, we welcome the participation of all of our community's patrons in the governance of the library. We invite you to attend the monthly meetings of the Canton Library Board. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. But don't look for us at the Canton Township municipal offices. An independent, publicly elected board of trustees governs the library.

Our meetings are held at the Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road and the meetings are open to all. We hope to meet you there.

Edward Zelmanski is chairman of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

## Blame term limits for AG fiasco

The sexiest story coming out of Lansing so far this fall was the attempt by the Republican-dominated Legislature to trim back the power of newly elected Attorney General, Democrat Jennifer Granholm.

L'affaire Granholm was clumsily handled in a very public way, leaving much egg on the collective faces of House Republicans, Gov. John Engler and his staff. Because the facts of the story have been the subject of endless spinning, I've spent some time working out what actually happened. It's a fascinating tale, revealing much about the inner dynamics of Michigan politics.

As with most stories, this one starts with a core of substance. It's by no means clear what precise authority Michigan's attorney general has over bills passed by the Legislature or over the workings of the executive branch. The Constitution is largely silent on this point, and during Frank Kelley's 37-year reign as the "Eternal General," nobody had the guts to raise the issue.

Enter John Engler, now in the middle of his third term as governor. An extremely able politician and competent manager of the executive branch, Engler is also, um, really into control.

Early on, he busted the Department of Natural Resources in two. He abolished the Labor Department and moved the Michigan Employment Security Commission first to the Jobs Commission and then to the newly-created Department of Career Development. He's been trying for years to do away with the independently elected State Board of Education; last week he signed an executive order moving administration of the Michigan Education Assessment Program test to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

But even a governor as into control as Engler didn't dare mess with Frank Kelley, at least not as long as he was in office. But when Granholm was elected in 1998, things changed.

Clearly, the governor's office — I suspect the governor himself, although I can't prove it — decided it was high time to clarify the powers of the attorney general and, conveniently, also trim the wings of Granholm, the only high-flying Democrat in Michigan.

Legal research on the project started as far back as mid-February, culminating in a four-page, July 21 memo from Engler's deputy counsel Lance Boldrey to chief counsel Lucille Taylor that concluded: "I submit that even making AG (attorney general) opinions binding on the requesting agency could undermine the governor's role as the head of the executive branch — here again, we would find the AG, an inferior executive officer, potentially trumping the governor."

Things moved rapidly thereafter. GOP lawmakers in late September introduced bills containing the devices proposed by the memo to cut back the attorney general's power. Freshman House Speaker Chuck Perricone pronounced the legislation on a fast track, at which point what had looked like a smoothly working scheme started to fall apart.



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The legislation was referred for hearing to the House Constitutional Law and Ethics committee, chaired by freshman Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester). The hearing turned out to be PR tragedy, played as political farce.

Although the hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5, Granholm's office wasn't informed about the details until late the previous Friday. She called it a violation of common courtesy. Democrats called it an "ambush."

Chairing the meeting, Bishop twice interrupted Granholm's passionate testimony in opposition to the legislation (once going so far as to cut off her microphone) because it was too "political." At one point, evidently with a straight face, Bishop asked Granholm whether she was an attorney.

Bishop also made Frank Kelley sit around for two hours waiting to testify before announcing the hearing had three minutes to go before adjournment. An angry Granholm spluttered that he had served as AG for 37 years and deserved more than three minutes to make his point.

Watching things unravel in the Legislature and reading the near-universal criticism on editorial pages around the state, Engler spokesman John Truscott started distancing his boss from the mess. "We were kind of surprised. I had no idea they were doing anything," he was quoted in the *Gongwer Michigan Report*.

Sure. House Republicans were left to take the heat. Not surprisingly, it's virtually certain it was somebody in the GOP House caucus who leaked the memoranda from Engler's legal staff to the *Detroit News*.

What are we to make of all this, other than the chorus of "yukes" from insider baseball fans? Just this: When you get the combination of an experienced, capable governor who is also a control freak and a term-limited, inexperienced and amateurish Legislature, something bad is almost certain to happen.

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

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What are you going to be for Halloween?

We asked this question of students at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

"I'm gonna be a genie. I like the colors of the costume." Kelly Filios, 7

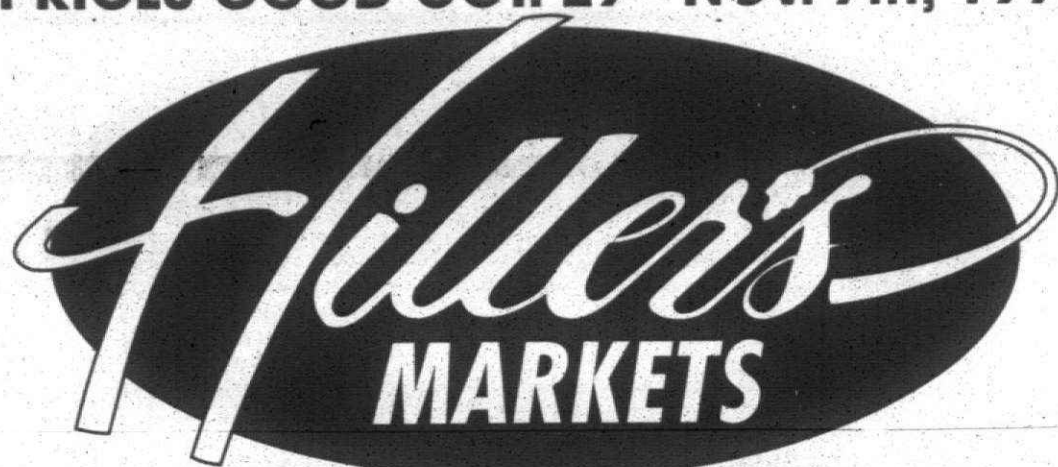
"I'm gonna be a kitten because I got a kitten for my birthday." Rachel Palgut, 8

"I'm going to be a Razer Ranger because my mom couldn't find anything else and it's a safe costume." Adam Harrison, 7½

"Obi Wan Kinobe from Star Wars. I like Star Wars and he's my favorite character." Sam Sonnega, 6½



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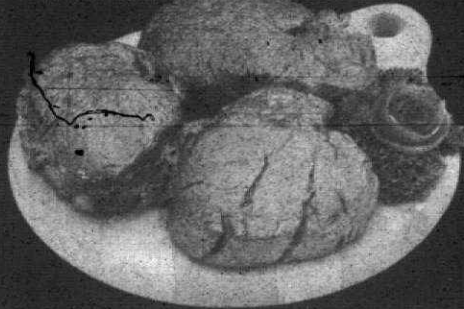


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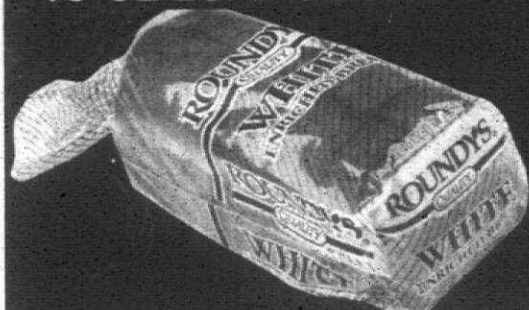
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## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

## Halloween ... kids are up to old tricks

When I was a kid, the youthful prank of TP-ing houses was not considered mischief.

Adults slid right past that category and labeled it "juvenile delinquency." It must have been to prevent that and other such apparently reprehensible acts at Halloween that we had an annual fair at Covington Grade School.

The funny thing is, no one in my family can remember rampant misdeeds being reported in local newspapers that necessitated having to "keep us off the streets," as adults were fond of saying.

The kids really didn't care why we were treated to this great yearly event. We just looked forward to it with relish. We bobbed for apples and, with a little help from the adults, hooked trinkets on the end of a fishing-pole line that we cast over a bedsheet-draped booth.

Lucky at the cakewalk, my sister, Regina, and I would bring home three cakes for our father's birthday.

Every year my mother made Regina, who was older, promise she would not let me go in the spook house - the boys' locker room, which glowed with eerie lights - because it scared the dickens out of me.

And just as predictably, I begged each year until Regina relented. I'd get no farther than the kid in the wet gorilla suit jumping out at me, and the fishbowl of painted, peeled grapes said to be witches' eyes before I was clamoring to get out.

### Their youthful pranks

It only occurred to me in later years that it probably wasn't any great mischief on our part that made the adults nervous enough to host the Halloween fair. It was more likely memories of their own youthful pranks that worried them.

Over the years, I've collected stories from folks who grew up in the early decades of the century. It seems that, whether in the city or country, these kids had their favorite tricks.

According to many now-responsible citizens, turning over outhouses was, indeed, common in farming communities - with or without an occupant. And high roofs of a one-room school or grange hall were popular places to relocate farmers' wagons.

Of course, I had to be long past my childhood to discover pranks my own parents played. My mother's favorite ploy was sticking pins in doorbells and taking off lickety-split.

"We'd go tearing through the neighborhood with a secret yell - a shriek, really," she recalls with glee. "The boys were really good at it because they could whistle better. People came to the door pretending they didn't know what it was. They did, of course, because we did it every year."

### Parents' 'mischief'

I find from my mother that my late father wasn't above Halloween mischief in the 1920s, either. He'd take a coarse sack filled with flour, slam it against a door and ring the bell. When the person answered the door, a feathery white cloud billowed in the air before settling as a fine powder. No doubt it was while having to sprint from the scene that he discovered skills which later earned him track medals.

He and his friends had an affinity for aerial antics, too. If the homeowner was foolish enough to leave something out, up it went on the roof.

The boys roamed the neighborhood for whatever was handy - a rocking chair from the porch, a wheelbarrow from the garden.

Interestingly, my parents did not grow up around here. They were raised far away in northern Quebec - a pure example of "kids will be kids."

As we look at traditions - which ones linger and which ones change - we notice new variations on old themes. The spook house of my childhood was reinvented in my children's

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Oh baby, baby, baby: Katie Landsberg (from left), Joseph Reimann, Josh Dunaitis, Drew Crisan, Lauren Wozniacki, Lindsay Drewes and Erin Sterling are pictured in January of 1984 not long after the "Make Room for Baby" group was initiated.



Sweet 16: All grown up, six of the original nine baby group babies gather for a reunion this past Labor Day - Josh Prusakiewicz (from left), Josh Dunaitis, Joseph Reimann, Douglas Pallister, Lindsay Drewes and Lauren Wozniacki.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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In 1983 nine women - all first time moms - gathered together to lend an ear and offer support to each other as they collectively entered into parenthood.

Sixteen years later the same group of women, a little older and a lot wiser, met again for a reunion of Providence Hospital: Southfield's "Make Room for Baby" group.

Unlike most post-partum support groups for new mothers, the original group continued to meet beyond the six weeks the formal hospital group did - gathering at homes, restaurants, gymnastic meets - anywhere they could to compare notes, share stories and offer one another the confidence they needed that they were "succeeding."

"Most of us were stay-at-home moms," said Sue Drewes, one of two moms responsible for the 16th birthday party/reunion of the baby group. "This was the first child for all of us and we needed the reassurance that

we were normal and that we weren't cracking up.

"Not only that but it was a chance for us to meet other women and to gain confidence. We were really doubtful of our abilities."

The nine original moms and their children were Vanessa Prusakiewicz (formerly Vanessa Prusakiewicz) and son, Josh Prusakiewicz; Marilyn Wozniacki and daughter, Lauren; Paula Reimann and son, Joe; Drewes and daughter, Lindsay; Cora Sterling and daughter, Erin; Thelma Dunaitis and son, Josh; Kathy Wight-Pallister and son, Doug; Serena Crisan and son, Drew; and Mary Kay Landsberg and daughter, Katie.

### Getting together

According to Drewes, the nine moms met frequently until 1988 when the addition of siblings and other activities made it too hard to coordinate schedules.

Get-togethers, sometimes included the participants spouses and consisted of dinners, birthday parties and holiday functions, said the Rochester Hills mom.

"We stayed in touch through Christmas cards and letters, but those eventually trailed off," said Wozniacki, a Livonia resident.

Wozniacki joined the baby group in the fall of 1983 after her daughter was born in August. After the first six-week support group ended, she signed up again and met the remainder of the original nine members.

"We were a unique group," said Wozniacki. "We came from different age groups and economic backgrounds, but we all had the same ideas about raising kids. When we got back together in September it was nice to know we were all still on the same page about things from cars to dating."

"It was like we never stopped meeting even though 10 years had passed."

Drewes said six of the nine women and their families were able to get together for a boathouse party on Lake Angelus near Pontiac over the Labor Day weekend. Drewes, who, in addition to Lindsay, has a daughter Marcy, 14, organized the reunion with Paula Reimann, mother of Joe,

Patrick, 14, Maureen, 11, and Michael, 8.

Ironically, Lindsay and Joe, two of the original "Make Room for Baby" babies are lab partners at Rochester Adams High School in Rochester Hills.

"I was so excited to re-meet people I knew a while back," said Joe. "I told most of my friends not to bother calling me on that Sunday because I had this awesome baby reunion to go to. They hadn't heard of anything like it before."

The 11th grader said he has some vague memories of the baby group and wasn't nervous to get back together with people who may have seemed like strangers after such a long absence.

"I wasn't nervous or anything. I mean, after all, I had known these people before and I'm not the kind of person that likes to sit around," he said. "It didn't take long for us to reintroduce each other. All of us had something to say and tell about what they are doing in life."

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## Sweet 16

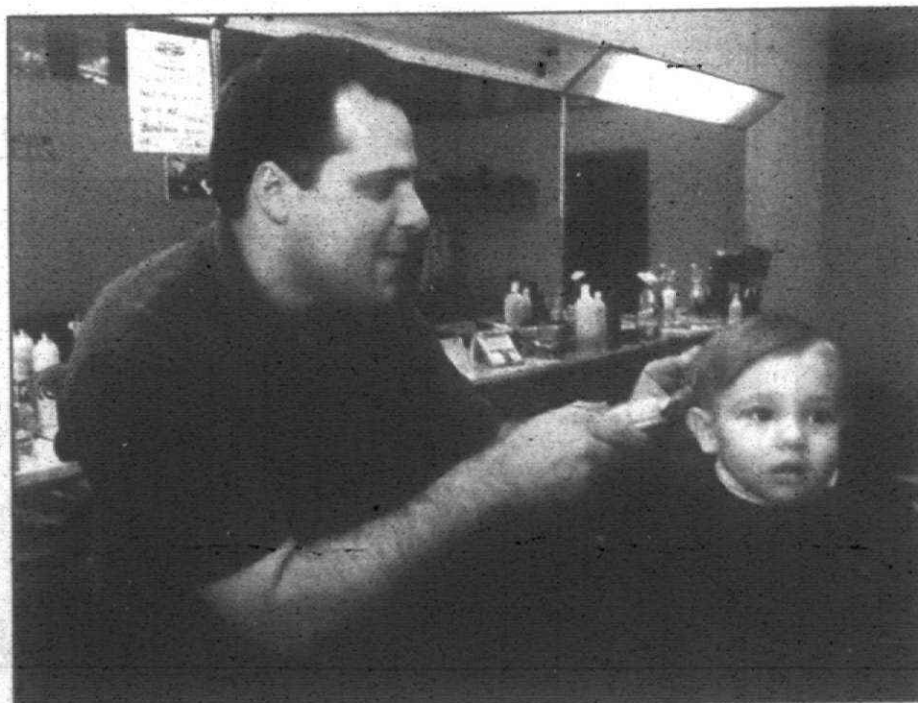


'Tis the season: Getting bigger, the group met at Christmas in 1995 and posed for this picture - Lauren Wozniacki (from left from the top), Erin Sterling, Joseph Reimann, Katie Landsberg, Josh Dunaitis, Douglas Pallister, Lindsay Drewes and Drew Crisan.

## 1st-time moms keep sharing milestones

## Son continues dad's legacy at Leo's Den

Clip Job: When it comes to getting a haircut, even family members like Zachary Favazza know where to go - to see John Favazza at Leo's Den in Livonia.



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

When John Favazza isn't snipping hair he's singing hymns.

"I enjoy serving people any way that I can," Favazza said.

He spends his days cutting hair at Leo's Den in Livonia, established 30 years ago by his father and mentor, Leo. Customers looking for flat tops, brush cuts and tapered styles have bolstered business despite the chain hair salons that have threatened to gobble up all the old time barber shops.

"The barber shops are kind of a vanishing thing," Favazza said. "I think mainly because the guys are getting into beauty schools and styling schools."

One of the main differences between hair salons and barber shops is that barbers tend to rely heavily on clippers and stylists often prefer scissors, Favazza said.

"I call myself a barber stylist," said Favazza, an Inkster resident who looks 28 instead of 38. "I like to take a head of hair that's out of shape and I like to shape it and make it look good. That brings me a lot of satisfaction."

Keeping some of his father's customers and honing his own, Favazza said he isn't intimidated by a Fantastic Sam's across the street and a BoRics within stone's throw from his front door, which sets him

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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## Haircut

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apart from the rest with an air brush painting of a lion by Canton artist John Dunayak.

Inside, it looks a lot like it might have 30 years ago when Leo Favazza opened the shop at Five Mile and Newburgh at a time when the area was considered country.

One recent afternoon, John Favazza was accompanied by the buzzing sound of his razor as he made small talk with a gray-haired man while a young boy and his mother waited. The man in the chair had been a long-time customer of Favazza's uncle, Nazim H. Hally, also known as "The Turk." In fact, The Turk still works limited hours at Leo's Lion's Den.

An appreciation for music and cutting must be an inherited trait, because Favazza also has an aunt, another uncle and a couple of cousins who also cut hair.

Once the elderly man in the chair was perfectly coiffed, Favazza invited the second grader to hop up, and he began talking to him as easily with the elementary school student.

Despite his religious devotion, Favazza isn't holding a razor in one hand and preaching gospel to a literally captive audience. Only customers who probe a little will hear some heartfelt preaching.

He was trained in the early 1980s at the Detroit Barber College in Dearborn and worked at a beauty salon where he learned how to color, perm and style hair. In fact, he still offers those services by appointment, which is something his father never did.

**A 'great influence'**

So much of the son's life followed the father who in his spare time sang and played saxophone, performing mostly at

weddings and anniversaries in a band called "Four of a Kind."

"My dad had a great influence on my life, making music and barbering," said Favazza, becoming misty eyed as he recalled Leo's death nearly six years ago.

Besides buying the family business, Favazza sings in the choir at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton. He also plays bass and sings with his three brothers in their band, "The Favazza Brothers," specializing in Christian music.

"The No. 1 thing in my life is my relationship with Jesus," Favazza said. "I want my customers to know that I'm praying for them and that they come to know the Lord. I have everyone coming in here from Catholic priests to accountants and stockbrokers to the handicapped to senior citizens and preschoolers."

Favazza's interest in barbering started to bloom even as a kid

growing up in the City of Wayne when he practiced styles on his five brothers and sisters. His interest in music developed around the same time.

"When kids in the '70s would listen to the rock group Kiss, we would grab our tennis rackets and pretend we were musicians," Favazza said.

"The Favazza Brothers" started out as a neighborhood band, called themselves "Black Ace." They did so well they were first place in the City of Wayne's annual battle of the bands contest in the early 1980s.

Favazza laughs when he describes how the band returned the next year as a Christian band and didn't do nearly as well.

"We went and played and we took last place, but the great thing that came out of that was that the lead singer's mother converted that night."

crafts, silent auction, cookie walk, white elephant room and bake sale.

**ST. EDITH**  
St. Edith School will have its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. 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 roads, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, bake sale and raffle. Admission will be \$2 and baby-sitting will be available. No strollers permitted.

**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 space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when information is received). For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

## Halloween

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youth as the haunted house, often set up in homes slated for demolition. They draw crowds from far and wide, and profits from admission fees often benefit the sponsoring nonprofit organizations.

"When I was in college, hayrides were a popular autumn pastime. Less in vogue now, they are being replaced by mazes in haunted cornfields."

As for TP-ing houses ... it's inconvenient to clean up, especially after rain. However, it's a far cry from the vandalism of egging cars and blowing out windows on parked vehicles, which we rightly should condemn.

And depositing equipment and porch furniture on rooftops certainly pushed the envelope, given the potentially dangerous ramifications of that prank.

But those aren't shenanigans we can blame on today's kids; our sometimes-selectively-forgetful adult population owns those stories.

As far as harmless pranks go, the day after Halloween some poor grownups will undoubtedly be saddled with the lamentable task of cleaning soap off windows. An old trick? You bet.

"Oh yeah," my mother says,

without remorse, "we soaped windows."

One thing is clear. We may be on the brink of a new millennium, but, when it comes to Halloween, we can probably expect the same old tricks.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

**GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual bazaar 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City. A turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Nov. 12 and lunch on Nov. 13. There will be arts and

## Reunion

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"Of course, the mothers remembered us. It's been a while since they had seen us, but it didn't take long for the, 'Oh, how you've grown,' and the, 'I remember when you ...' phrases were being heard."

Lauren Wozniacki, a junior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, remembers having birthday parties and going to the beach with the baby group.

"I did have fun when I got

there," said Lauren who was somewhat apprehensive about the reunion.

"I told her everyone would only be strangers for a few minutes," said her mother. "And I was right. The kids just sort of gravitated to each other like the adults."

The reunion on the lake included a variety of water sport activities, lunch and a birthday cake for the 16-year-olds.

"I think what made our group so different and what brought us together beyond that six-week program was the confidence we gained from each other," she added. "We became fast friends and really valued each other's advice. I don't know who I would have asked those questions to if it weren't for the group."

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., November 10, 1999 for the following:

**OFFICE FURNITURE FOR FIRE STATION 2**

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

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003-99-0008-715 003-99-0008-716

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvement to the above property benefited therefrom:

Improvements for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment District consists of design and construction of a detention basin with a restricted outlet to the Tonquish Creek along with storm sewer to serve proposed industrial lots. There are estimated to be 741 feet of 72-inch storm sewer, 320 feet of 66-inch storm sewer, 685 feet of 54-inch storm sewer, 625 feet of 48-inch storm sewer, 352 feet of 36-inch storm sewer, and 353 feet of 18-inch storm sewer along with the detention basin, the restricted outlet and all appurtenances. Project also includes acquisition of land for the detention basin, 3% fee for selling bonds, and a contingency.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, the 31st day of November, 1999, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party with an interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the clerk by 2 p.m. on November 10, 1999 and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

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**PURCHASE OF NEW KITCHEN CABINETS, COUNTERTOPS, SINK, DISPOSAL AND MICROWAVE FOR FIRE STATION 2**

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

**PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2000 FORD XL, F450 4x2 DRW, REGULAR CAB UTILITY BODY**

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "2000 FORD XL UTILITY BODY" and include name, address and phone number of the Company submitting the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435  
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., November 10, 1999 for the following:

**PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HEAVY DUTY TILT TRAILER**

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

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#### 2000 HEAVY RESCUE VEHICLE

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

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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. McClelland 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

Bid Opening: 4:30 p.m.-Wednesday, November 10, 1999  
Board Review: November 23, 1999

Publish: October 28 and 29, 1999

### Kunec-Szydowski

Ann and Richard Kunec of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Ann, to Andrew Michael Szydowski, the son of Denise and Conrad Szydowski of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer.

A November wedding is planned at Ceremony Resurrection Catholic Church.

### Meadows-Sellers

Harry and Delores Meadows of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Lynn, to Robert Donald Sellers, the son of Bill and Ginny Sellers of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. He teaches pre-kindergarten while attending Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He also attended William D. Ford Vocational Center in Westland to receive certification as a certified auto body technician. He is currently working in that field.

An October 2001 wedding is

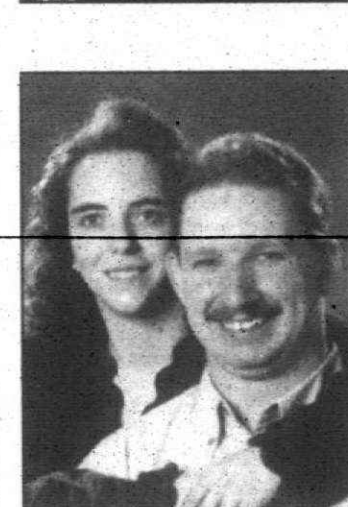
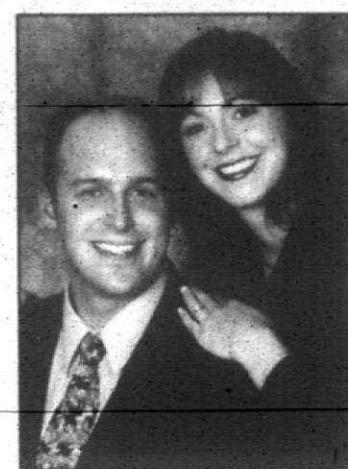
### Ferrell-Gresham

Stephen and Suzan Ferrell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Joel Gresham, the son of Jerry and Margaret Gresham of Coldwater.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is majoring in theater at Hillsdale College where she will graduate in May 2000.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Columbia Central High School in Brooklyn, Mich. He is an accounting major at International Business College and will graduate in February 2001.

A June wedding is planned at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.



## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Walters-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walters of Charleston, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Ann, to Shawn William Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Smith of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of the College of Charleston. She is a manager with Limited Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of the College of Charleston. He is employed by Prudential Real Estate.

### Jutte-Dominic

Theodore and Linda Jutte of Coldwater, Ohio, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lynne Marie Anne, to Anthony Louis Dominic, the son of Carl and Suzanne Giovanni of Canton.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Celina Senior High School, a 1992 graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a 1997 graduate of Wright with a master of science degree in higher education. She was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer from the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School in 1998. She is a personnel officer, assigned as section commander to the 5th Munitions Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer with a bachelor of science degree in astronautical engineering.

### Taratuta-Winquist

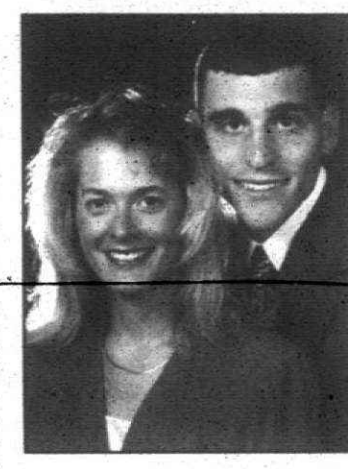
Leonard Taratuta of Cheboygan and Arvela Winquist of Mackinac Township, formerly of Livonia, were married Aug. 14. The Rev. Charles Hastie of Mackinac City officiated.

The bride's and groom's attendants were Jacquie and Frank Tolstyka of Aloha, Mullett Lake.

The outdoor ceremony and reception was held at the couple's home on the Straits of Mackinac.



A November wedding is planned in Charleston.



ing from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998. He is a security forces officer, assigned as flight commander to the 5th security forces squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

A November wedding is planned at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton.



### Marion-Porterfield

Todd Andrew Marion and Lisa Jean Porterfield were married at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville by the Rev. John Quigley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porterfield of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Marion of Durham, N.C.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed as a manager at Delphi Automotive Systems in Troy.

The groom also is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at the Orchard's Children's Services in Southfield.

The bride asked Stephanie Asmus to serve as matron of honor with Christine Bardelli, Jill Miller, Katie Prokop, Kristi Matyskowski and Laurel Ream as the bridesmaids.

Edward Bardelli served as best man with Brian Marion.

### Vance-DiVitto

Jason Andrew Vance and Lisa Marie DiVitto were married March 20 at Unity Church of Livonia by Gene Sorensen.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Patricia Makower of West Bloomfield. The groom is the son of Bruce and Laurie Vance of Flushing.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in accounting at Walsh College. She is employed by the law office of Mark F. Makower and Associates, P.C.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Huron High School and is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in early childhood education at Madonna University. He is currently a preschool teacher with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

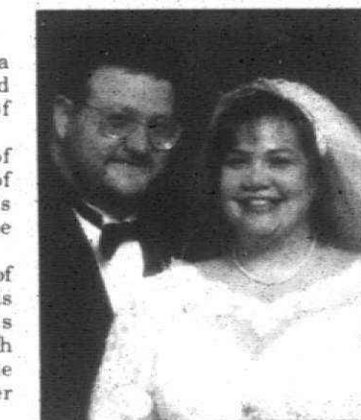
The bride asked Angel Lawrence to serve as matron of honor with Luann Houser, Renee Doss, Linda Paris and Vanessa Doss as bridesmaids. Megan Gregurich as junior bridesmaid and Nicole Fabiano as flower girl.

The couple received guests at a reception at Hawthorn Valley Country Club in Westland before leaving on a Caribbean Cruise. The couple making their home in Plymouth.



Robert J. Porterfield, Toby Broznowski, Robert Files and Alex Gagin as the groomsmen and Brandon Marion as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Following a honeymoon trip to Sandals Resort in Jamaica, the couple is residing in Birmingham.



Jason Hall served as best man with Dave Houser, Mark DiVitto, Tony Marselak and Christopher Gregurich as the groomsmen. Steve Rochowiak as junior groomsmen and Lucas Kasprzak as ring bearer.

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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 storyteller 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.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

■ Single Place First Presbyterian Church of Northville is having a Halloween Party from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton (three blocks west of Canton Center, between Ford and Warren). Costumes are optional. Cost is \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the door. There will be a live DJ, snacks, soda and coffee. Pizza will be served at midnight. B.Y.O.B. (beer/wine only). There will be a \$25 prize award for best costume. For more information, call Carol Richardson at (734) 453-4011.

### LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

■ The VFW No. 6695 Auxiliary will hold a luncheon and card party from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill, 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.

### X-RAY

■ Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will X-ray Halloween candy from 5-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center. This free service uses X-ray equipment that is designed to detect metallic foreign objects. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a free gift for the children. For more information, call the Canton facility at (734) 998-7557.

### PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

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

### SILENT AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op will host a silent auction Friday, Nov. 5, at the Divine Savior Parish Hall, on Cherry Hill just east of I-275. This is an annual fund-raiser for PCN. There are numerous

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items to bid on from local businesses as well as tickets, gift certificates and items from major corporations/stores. Tickets are \$5 each. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

### HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION

■ The Canton Historical Society will hold a harvest dinner and auction 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Cherry Hill School. For more information, call (734) 397-1561.

### BEANIE BABY SHOW

■ The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 are \$2. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. For more information, call R.R. promotions at (734) 455-2110.

### PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, please send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address.

## AROUND TOWN

### CANTON NEWCOMERS

■ The Canton Newcomers will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 45800 Hanford, Canton. The Canton Newcomers Club is a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint women with other women in the Canton area. For more information, call Elizabeth at (734) 451-5426.

### BNI MEETING

■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### STORY TIME

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

### FLU SHOTS

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation will be sponsoring flu shots to be given by Brighton Nurse Care from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Cost is \$12 for persons over 18, and seniors on Medicare, free. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (734) 455-6627.

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD

■ Plymouth Canton Community School's Community Education Department



Chili donation: Heather Wade, Kinetic's water treatment specialist for Plymouth and surrounding areas, presented more than \$200 to Annette Horn, organizer of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off held in downtown Plymouth on Oct. 3. This year's Chili Cook-Off raised money for the Salvation Army in Plymouth and Canton and for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Kinetic donated more than 200 bottles of reverse osmosis water, and 100 percent of its sale proceeds went to the two charities.

### CHIHCS

■ Community Hospice & Home Care Service Inc. (CHHCS) is offering "Connections," a six-week series to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and better work through the death of a loved one. The series will be Tuesdays at CHHCS' Westland office (on the northwest corner of Warren and Venoy roads) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. through Nov. 16. There is a \$20 registration fee, with sponsorships available as needed. For more information about "Connections" or any other services offered by CHHCS, call (734) 511-4244.

### COMPUTER CAMP

■ Canton Parks and Recreation will hold a "Holiday Fun Computer Camp," from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Summit on the Park Arts I Room in Canton. The camp is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$20 for annual pass holders, \$22 for residents and \$26 for non-residents. Students will have fun creating greeting cards, signs and letters while using a variety of print shop software. Class includes both on- and off-computer activities. For more information, call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

### NACW

■ The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women (NACW) will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Marcy Uday of Prism Performance Systems. The topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." Cost is \$18 for members, and \$22 for non-members. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracy M. Huff at (248) 347-3355.

### M.O.M. MEETING

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

### PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review will hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT and ACT test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton review to register for the strategy sessions. They may call to

## CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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### Date and Time:

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## DUTCH AUCTION

■ A Dutch auction is being held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as a fund-raiser for its programs. Local artist Charles Amone has made several art works available to the public. Any amount over the starting bid amount will be donated to the arts council. Stop by the JWH Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, to bid on one of Amone's original paintings. Simply register your name and bid with the office staff by noon on Monday, Nov. 1. For more information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4447.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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

## THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and other services for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. You can also pick up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

## COUNTRYPPOINT

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

## ANGELA HOSPICE

■ Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Faver, (734) 464-7810.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

### ANGEL CARE

■ Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information (313) 534-6496.

### HOSPICES OF HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM

■ Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

### WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL

■ William Beaumont Hospital is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8901.

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

■ The Department of Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System has a variety of summer volunteer opportunities available for students ages 12-19. Teens may help with patient transport, office support and information desk staffing. Call Beverly Leneski at (734) 781-7995.

### ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice is seeking a student corps of volunteers to help the agency during the summer months as it plans its annual "Charity Affair" fund-raiser. The agency is looking for people who can devote five or more hours per week, have transportation and would enjoy talking to local businesses and corporations. Call Betty Stremich at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 118.

## KIWANIS CLUB

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m.

# 19th-century women leave their mark on American art

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER  
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Artist Marion Wachtel exhibited her work in watercolors even though her oils were much better.

Impressionist artist Donna Schuster could have doubled the price of her work had she been a man.

Agnes Pelton didn't make a great living as an abstract artist, so she had a survival job painting portraits and landscapes.

Their art work and that of other female artists of the late 1800s and 1900s was the topic of conversation at the first of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's three-part fall luncheon series.

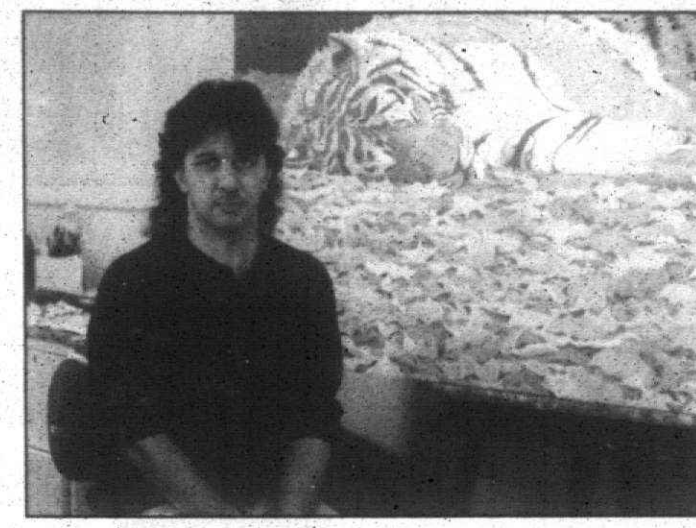
Chris Melikan of Melvindale, a professional artist, art critic and lecturer, introduced his audience to American women artists who delved into impressionist abstraction and realism but took a back seat to their male counterparts.

While the 20th century woman has aimed at equal status with her male counterpart, some of the artists chose a different route.

Marion Wachtel exhibited in watercolors because her oils were much better than her husband's, he explained. "And critics knew she would overshadow him."

Born in 1876, Wachtel joined with other artists from California in doing plein air - or outdoor - painting. A part of the California impressionist movement, her work had "a poetic feeling that set her apart" from others, Melikan said.

Another impressionist painter was Donna Schuster. Born in 1883, she graduated with honors from the Art Institute of Chicago and also studied at the Boston Museum School and with



Brush strokes: A professional artist, art critic and lecturer, Chris Melikan poses in front of his painting of a tiger in his studio.

## William Merritt Chase, the father of American impressionism

"She was a very, very good artist, one of my favorites," said Melikan. "She could find beauty in three red peppers on a table. She found the beauty of light touching a mundane scene. 'My Front Steps' was more about light than about her front porch."

Schuster didn't make a great living as an artist and "could have doubled the price of her work if she had been a man."

According to Melikan, she died in 1963, killed in a brush fire while trying to save her dogs. Born two years before Schuster, Agnes Pelton saw art in a different way. She favored abstracts that were "very radical and very full of symbolism."

"She was the lady who didn't get the recognition that Georgia O'Keeffe got," Melikan said. "Her oil paintings were such that they







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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Steelers roll

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers got 22 points from Michael Jones and two other touchdowns from Corey Walser in dispatching the Redskins in a Junior Football League game Sunday. Jones scored on a 75-yard run, returned a kickoff more than 50 yards for a TD, and was 5-for-5 on two-point conversion kicks.

Walser had a 55-yard scoring run, and Steve Howey added a TD run. Michael Kerul, Jones, Walser, Ryan Runde, Lester Booker, Andy Case and Jake Powers all played well defensively; Powers also shone brightly at quarterback for the Steelers, now 6-1.

The Steeler junior varsity played evenly with the unbeaten Redskins until late in the third quarter, when Walter Allen scored the game's first touchdown for the 'Skins.

That ultimately ignited them to a 19-0 victory over the Steelers, who got good performances offensively from Charles Schumacher and David Koltunich and strong defensive play from Matthew Czajkowski, Robert Kelly, Jeff Lake and Greg Marrone.

The Steeler freshmen got a second-half touchdown run of 30 yards from Deshon McClendon and the defense made it stand up in a 6-0 victory over the Redskins. Dalton Walser and Devin Murphy also had strong offensive games; Alex Neuman recovered a fumble late in the game to spark the defense.

Troy Sutherland, Paul Kanaan, Cameron Falsetti and Michael Bashawaty also played well defensively as the Steelers improved to 5-2.

### Ambassadors rally

A pair of disappointing losses earlier last week were avenged on Saturday by the Compuware Ambassadors, who ended Springfield's unbeaten status with a 4-3 triumph at the Nelson Center in Springfield, Ill. Andy Bozian's goal with 16 seconds left in regulation was the game-winner for the Ambassadors, who lost 4-1 to Springfield on Friday.

Craig Kowalski was in goal for the victory, collecting 20 saves. Compuware is 6-4 for the season.

### Lions blank Railsplitters

Led by a tenacious defensive effort, the Canton Lions varsity blanked the Lincoln Park Railsplitters 31-0 Sunday to improve their record to 7-0 in Junior Football League play.

The Lions, who clinched the division title with the win, were led defensively by Bobby Pollard, Aaron Bachand and Jason Kenison. Each had an interception. Tailback Drew Amble led the offensive charge, scoring on runs of 13 and 43 yards. Jensen Killgrove and Kenison also scored for the Lions.

The Lions close their regular season against their cross-town rivals, the Plymouth Steelers, Saturday.

The Lions junior varsity squad rolled to a 20-0 victory over the Railsplitters JV Sunday, improving its record to 7-0. Tailback Julian Smith scored all three Lion TD's, reaching paydirt from 26, 24 and 12 yards out.

Sean Downey and Eric Fishwick recovered fumbles for the Lions' defense. Johnathan Wood, Tom Freeman, Nathan Rzeppa, Chris Drabicki and Dominique Fischer also excelled defensively for the winners.

The Canton Lions freshmen contingent dropped a hard-fought 32-12 decision to the Railsplitters Sunday. The Lions fell behind 25-0 in the first quarter before outplaying the home team the final three quarters.

Chris Fischer scored the Lions' first TD on a 27-yard run while quarterback Darren DeFranceschi snuck over from the 1-yard line for the final tally. Other standouts for the Lions were Kevin Tykoski, Nick Dunleavy, John West and Brett Fennelly.

### Good Counsel falls

Our Lady of Good Counsel's dream of a Catholic Youth Organization football title fell 25 seconds short when St. Anne's of Warren scored with that much time left to nip OLCG 22-16 in the CYO title game Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

OLCG finished 8-1; St. Anne's was 9-0.

OLCG built a 16-0 lead with a pair of second-quarter touchdowns, the first scored on a 35-yard Brendan Buckley-to-Bryan Kisabeth pass play and the second on a 46-yard interception return by Buckley. Nick Posa booted both two-point conversions.

## Salem secures WLAA championship

Last week were the final exams. This week is the icing for Plymouth Salem's basketball team, which wrapped up the WLAA championship by blasting Walled Lake Western Tuesday. Now comes the post-season.

Any time an undefeated team plays a team with one win, it should prevail. And to the credit of the Plymouth Salem girls basketball team, it did. Salem went to Walled Lake Western on Tuesday night and came home with a 49-30 victory.

"We had a pretty nice first half," Coach Fred Thomann of the Rocks said after his team scored 12 and 17 points

in the first two quarters while holding the Warriors to seven and three.

"We had an outstanding second quarter," Thomann said. "Then it was just a matter of closing out the game."

"We had balanced scoring across the board. Nine of our 10 players scored. It was a workman-like performance."

Mary Lou Liebaw led Salem (15-1) with 10 points, Tiffany Grubaugh scored eight and Monica Mair and

Kelly Jaskot each netted seven to help the Rocks win the WLAA title with a 10-0 record.

Walled Lake Western (3-13) got eight points each from Kristin Burgess and Carey Coomer as it lost for the ninth time in 10 WLAA outings.

**Canton 55, Stevenson 28:** Make that seven-straight.

Since opening the WLAA season at 1-2, Plymouth Canton has rattled off seven wins in a row — counting Tuesday's lopsided triumph over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The victory raised the Chiefs' record to 11-5 overall, 8-2 in the WLAA.

Stevenson is 6-8 overall, 4-6 in the WLAA.

Including tonight's final regular-season game at Walled Lake Western — the WLAA Tournament begins Tuesday — the last three weeks have not featured opponents who have been much of a challenge for Canton. Their average margin of victory in their last five games is 29 points.

But there is something to be gained, or so Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm believes.

"We're making real progress here," he said after his team's lopsided win over Stevenson. "I like what I see. Our defense is more consistent, we're

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## Rocks shut out Tigers

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For a lot of teams, objectives change come tournament time. For Plymouth Salem's soccer team, at this point of its run in the Division I state soccer tournament, the objective couldn't be any simpler.

**Survival.** At this point that might not sound like much of a challenge. The teams the Rocks are facing in the districts should be nothing more than fodder for one of the state's superior squads.

But nothing can be taken for granted in a single-loss elimination tournament. Ask Plymouth Canton, knocked out by Saline Monday. Indeed, Salem struggled to edge Ann Arbor Huron 1-0 in its district opener Monday.

On Wednesday against Belleville, the script was followed fairly closely: Two first-half goals by the Rocks, four more in the second half for a 6-0 victory and a berth in the district final against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-1 winners in overtime over Saline Wednesday.

The final will be at noon Saturday at Canton's field.

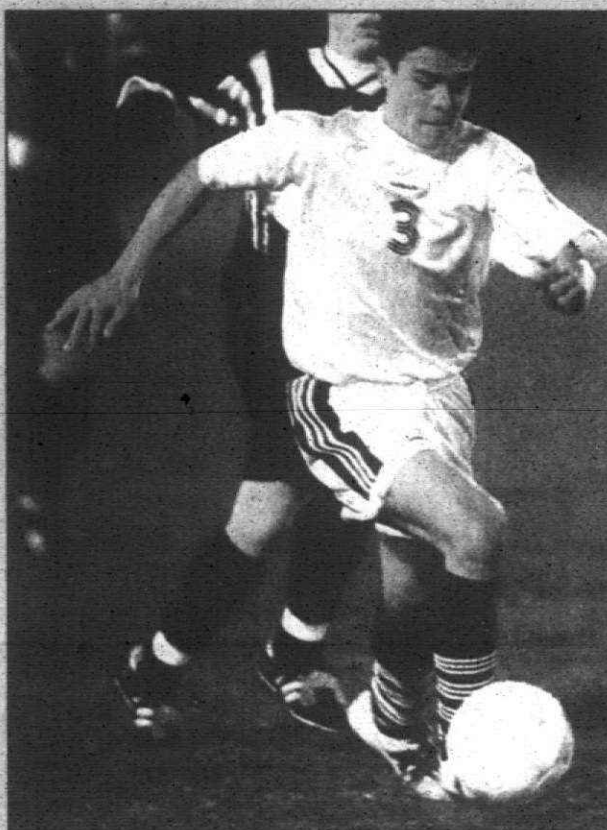
Brett Stinar took over offensively for the Rocks, and it was a good thing: In practice Tuesday, their top goal-scorer, Scott Duhl, sprained his ankle and was forced to watch the Belleville match from the sidelines on crutches. Duhl may be back Saturday.

"With Duhl out, I think we lacked some of our explosiveness," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "This was not an outstanding performance, but I'm satisfied with the results."

Stinar made certain there would be no ambushes. The senior midfielder scored three goals and assisted on another, helping offset the loss of their 20-goal producer.

Stinar netted both of Salem's first-half goals, the first coming with 4:54 elapsed (from Rob Ash) and the second with 1:34 remaining in the half (from Dan Longpre).

It remained that way until the second half was nearly half over. That's when the Rocks erupted, with Brian Popeney knocking home a cross from Jeff Haar with 20:57 left to make it 3-0; Ash scoring from Stinar with 18:21 remaining; Dan Amos putting in a pass from Popeney with 12:31 to go; and, with just three seconds left, Stinar bouncing a ball over Tiger keeper Jeff Keown (Jeff Bennett assisted).



**Taking over:** With leading goal-scorer Scott Duhl sidelined with an ankle sprain (below), Salem needed someone to step forward and take command offensively — and that's what Brett Stinar (left) did, scoring three goals.

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The win boosted Salem's record to 19-1-2, and was the Rocks seventh-straight shutout. Keeper Tavio Palazolo, who was challenged just once —

he stopped Belleville's Tony Rice from point-blank range late in the first half — recorded his school-record 15th shutout of the season.

## Canton jolted by Saline in opener

It's the magnification effect.

That's what a state tournament game can do to a team. Everything tends to be magnified, especially mistakes.

Plymouth Canton opened its tournament run by making several and the result was a 2-0 loss to a very-tough Saline squad Monday at Saline.

"We had plenty of scoring opportunities," said Canton coach Don Smith, whose young squad finished at 11-6-2, losing its last two by a combined score of 6-0. "We missed a penalty kick before they scored that their goalkeeper (Jeff Rust) made a nice save on."

"After they made that save, they only had two shots on us and they scored on both, so they did a nice job finishing."

Josh Perford got Saline's first goal early in the match. Eric Blaess was credited with the second,

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although the ball was knocked into the net by a Canton defender.

With the first half less than half over, the Hornets were up by a pair.

That proved good enough. Rust thwarted all other Canton thrusts, making 10 saves.

"The boys did a nice job, they scrapped all the way," Smith said of the Chiefs' effort. "They just couldn't get it done. We let them get too fired up."

Saline, now 14-2-3, hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer yesterday. The winner of that match meets Plymouth Salem for the district title at noon Saturday at Salem.

**PCA 2, A.A. Greenhills 1:** In a first-round Division IV district match, Plymouth Christian Academy overcame an early scare by Ann Arbor Greenhills to advance to the semifinals with a 2-1 victory Tuesday.

The Eagles will play at Southfield Christian today at 4 p.m. The winner advances to play in the district final at Dearborn Fairlane Christian at 3 p.m. Saturday.

David Carty helped PCA survive an early scare provided by the Gryphons, scoring twice in the opening half. John Sink assisted on both.

After that, it was up to keeper Travis Yonkman and a sturdy Eagle defense that limited Greenhills to three second-half shots. Yonkman made eight saves.

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## Crusaders set sights on WHAC title

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Rick Larson wasn't particularly happy.

Why should he be? Coaches expect either a victory or at the very least a solid effort searching for one, and Larson — in his second season as Madonna University's women's soccer coach — felt his team fell short in both departments Tuesday at Siena Heights.

However, some qualifications are required here.

First: Siena Heights is the best team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Second: This game, the final regular-season match for both squads, meant nothing in terms of the WHAC standings. The Saints were going to finish first and Madonna was going to place third.

Still, Larson wasn't pleased even though his team will take a 12-5-1 record into Saturday's WHAC Tour-

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nament (when it hosts Spring Arbor, time and site to be determined).

All this in the program's second year of existence.

"No it doesn't (mean anything)," Larson said of Tuesday's 3-0 loss at Siena Heights. "It just tested our big-game character."

He didn't like what he saw. He didn't like the preparation value the game provided.

Still, the Lady Crusaders take plenty of positives into the tournament. They had won five-straight games prior to that loss, outscoring their previous five opponents 23-1.

Last Saturday, they shutout Spring Arbor — their opponent this Saturday — 3-0 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Madonna's one-two scoring punch of Jill Gibson and Kelly Delaney combined for the Crusaders first

two goals, Gibson scoring them (giving her 14 for the season) and Delaney assisting on both.

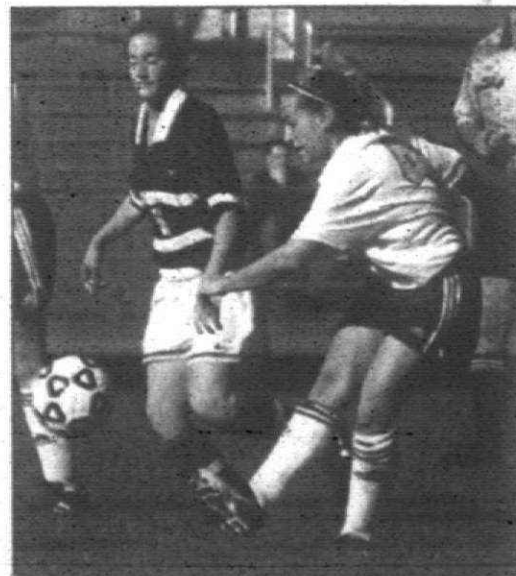
That made it 2-0 at the half, which is the way it stayed until Megan Thiry netted her eighth goal of the season with five minutes left, Delaney picking up her third assist of the match.

Jenny Barker, the sophomore keeper from Livonia Stevenson who has started in goal the past six matches, stopped all five shots in earning the shutout.

"Things have gone better than I expected," said Larson in summing up the season. "The kids get along well, they know what we're trying to do and they accept it."

"We've done a lot better job creating scoring chances since last season and even since the beginning of this season. So our creativity is better. The sophistication of our attack is better and our finishing is better."

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**Key player:** Melissa Jacobs (white jersey) is the anchor for Madonna's defense.



## Champion gymnast



Top scorer: Hillary Bracht, a 10-year-old Canton resident, was the top scorer in her division at the Level Six Sectional early-season qualifying meet for the state gymnastics final, held Oct. 10 at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland. Hillary, a fifth-grader at Bird Elementary, had the top all-around score in her division (36.45 points) and finished first in all four events: uneven parallel bars (9.35), balance beam (9.25), vault (8.95) and floor exercise (8.9). A member of the Twisters Gymnastics Club of Lansing, Hillary—who is coached by John Gedert—will move up to Level Seven or Level Eight after the state meet. She also plans on competing at the Bahama Mama Meet with her Twisters team in Nassau Jan. 13-16.

## Whalers win 2 of 3 on road trip



One second. That's all that separated the Plymouth Whalers from an undefeated week. Last Thursday they visited North Bay and handed the Centennials a 4-1 defeat in an Ontario Hockey League game.

On Friday the Whalers traveled to Sudbury to go up against the Wolves, a team struggling even more than Plymouth. And it seemed the Whalers would prolong those problems for the Wolves when Randy Fitzgerald scored with 2:49 left in the game, knotting the score at 2-2.

But it wasn't meant to be for Plymouth. Brian McGrattan scored his first goal of the season at the 19:59 mark—with one second left—to give Sudbury a 3-2 triumph.

The goal ruined a Whaler rally that saw them overcome an early 2-0 Wolves lead. Steven Morris narrowed the deficit to 2-1 with 25 seconds left in the first period, scoring a power-play goal set up by Shaun Fisher and Kevin Holdridge.

Fitzgerald's goal, his third of the season,

was unassisted. Rob Zepp made 29 stops in goal for Plymouth. Mike Gorman had the same number for Sudbury.

The Whalers didn't waste any time agonizing over the defeat. On Sunday, they traveled to Sault Ste. Marie to take on the Greyhounds in a game that could put the Whalers in first place in the OHL's West Division.

But Plymouth wasn't in a generous mood, not after that loss at Sudbury. Stephen Weiss scored two goals, giving him a team-high (together with Tomas Kurka) six for the season, to catapult the Whalers to a 3-1 triumph.

Plymouth carries a 5-7-1 record into this Friday's home game against the Sarnia Sting. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Sault Ste. Marie, which will have a rematch against the Whalers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware, fell to 7-4-1, one point behind the first-place Windsor Spitfires.

Damian Surma netted his fifth goal of the season at the 16:48 mark of the first period to put the Whalers up 1-0. Julian Smith assisted.

Weiss' first goal, unassisted, at the 12:06

mark of the second period increased Plymouth's advantage to 2-0. The Greyhounds' Cory Pecker narrowed the gap to 2-1 at the 10:01 mark of the final period, but it took Weiss just nine seconds to reestablish the Whalers' two-goal cushion with his second goal, assisted by Justin Williams.

Aaron Molnar earned his first victory in goal of the season, allowing one goal and making 24 stops for Plymouth. Jason Flick made 23 saves for Sault Ste. Marie.

Last Thursday at North Bay, the Whalers erupted with four unanswered goals in the second period to bury the Centennials. Zepp was in goal for Plymouth, but he faced just 12 shots. By comparison, North Bay goalie Alex Auld was pelted with 30 shots.

Kurka scored the Whalers' first goal, assisted by Williams, at the 3:38 mark. Surma made it 2-0 at 10:01, assisted by Smith and Steven Morris.

Smith's third goal of the season, assisted by Surma and Jamie LaLonde, and Kevin Holdridge's second, assisted by Kurka and Kristopher Vernarsky, increased the Whaler lead to 4-0. Lorne Misita raised Zepp's shutout bid early in the third period, scoring his first goal of the season.

## Shorthanded PCA 2nd at MIAC meet

Sometimes a team has to make do with what it has. And at Tuesday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys cross country meet at Case Benton, Plymouth Christian Academy had enough to do to earn well.

Of course, PCA cross country coach Steve Bauslaugh would have liked to have his entire team at his disposal, but five of his better runners are key members of the PCA soccer team, and the Eagles had a Division IV district tournament match Tuesday against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Still, PCA had enough to finish second in the five-team meet with 51 points. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian won the meet

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with 37; Bloomfield Hills Roper was third (59), followed by Southfield Christian (83) and Southfield Franklin Road (120).

"We wanted to go out and break up their front pack," Bauslaugh said in defining PCA's strategy. "Mike Huntsman did his job—he was in first place (overall) after one mile. But we couldn't quite manage it."

Huntsman finished fifth overall in 19:28. Next best for PCA was Nate Worley, seventh (19:46); Mark Varney, eighth

(19:49); Nic Roupas, 15th (20:52); and Mike Atkinson, 16th (21:12).

Other Eagle finishers were Jeff Crandall, 21st (22:21) and Andrew Cannon, 24th (22:41).

The meet's overall winner was Southfield Christian's Phil Jesson (18:17).

Oakland Christian's top three runners—Justin Joyner, Nathan Flood and Brett Darling—finished second, fourth and sixth, respectively.

"I know we're capable of beating Oakland Christian when we have everyone there," said Bauslaugh. "But when you have a

small school, these kinds of things happen. Your top athletes play two sports in the same season."

The PCA soccer team, by the way, beat Greenhills 2-1.

In the MIAC girls cross country meet, Southfield Christian prevailed, scoring 19 points. Jessie Lair led the winners, finishing first overall in 20:02. Oakland Christian was second with 47 points.

PCA did not have a team entry, but the single Eagle to run in the girls meet—Lauren Wheelock—finished seventh overall in 22:26.

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However, Larson warned it must improve even more if the Crusaders are to challenge for the WHAC crown. "We're going to have to play a lot more solid in the back, especially in the last third of the field," he said. "After the fact, after a team

makes a run at us, we know what we should have done. What we need to do is react immediately to make a situation better for us."

The youth of the Madonna squad is part of the concern. Melissa Jacobs (from Livonia

Stevenson) anchors the defense at middle back; she's joined by Emily Neienand (Plymouth Canton) and Susan Hill (Livonia Churchill).

If that defense comes together, Madonna might make some noise in the WHAC Tournament.

## Spartans seek Shamrocks' scalp

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## PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Livonia Stevenson and Redford Catholic Central met once before in the state football playoffs and the Shamrocks escaped with a 14-6 victory.

The two teams meet again in the first round of the Division I state playoffs at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hilbert Junior High.

As they were in 1995, the Shamrocks are heavy favorites, bringing a 9-0 record and No. 1 state ranking into the post-season.

The Spartans are 7-2 after a 6-0 start which included a 20-6 victory in week six against state playoff qualifier Westland John Glenn.

The Shamrocks rolled to a 31-12 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice in last Saturday's Prep Bowl at the Silverdome, but CC coach Tom Mach said there is no overlooking the Spartans. CC has a significant advantage in size across both lines but Stevenson's versatile offensive backfield and speed on defense has Mach concerned.

"They are very good defensively and get to the ball really well," Mach said. "They can cause a lot of problems with their defensive alignment. They put eight players in the box, sometimes nine, and we'll have to try to

loosen them up with the pass. Last week we played error free in the first half and technique wise executed very well. Hopefully that translates as momentum into the playoffs."

Though Stevenson plays in the Western Lakes Activities Association and CC in the Catholic League, this is a rivalry game of sorts as several players on each team know another.

"It's a local, school and kids know each other—both teams will be well prepared," Mach said. "That 1995 game was a real tough game and either team could have won. We know we're in for a real battle. They are well coached."

Stevenson's offensive backfield features fullback John Van Buren and tailback Dan Wilson.

"The tailback is quick and the fullback can come in and hurt you," Mach said. "CC's defense is led by tackle Mike Morris—a 6-foot-2, 275-pound senior, with 41-1/2 tackles, including 3 1/2 sacks. Senior defensive end Jeff Moore also has 3 1/2 sacks and junior defensive back Mark Willoughby leads

with six interceptions. The Shamrocks have three shutouts and have allowed only seven points per game.

"Once you get in the playoffs, games are won in the trenches," said Morris, an all-state candidate playing with a cast over a broken thumb.

Junior cornerback Mike Sgroi has a team-high 41 tackles and also has kicked six field goals, four of them over 40 with a best of 49.

CC senior John Kava, who leads the Shamrocks' ground game with 1,122 yards in 169 carries (6.6 average) with 12 touchdowns at tailback, has 39 tackles and one sack at linebacker.

Senior fullback Mike Wilk is averaging 3.9 yards per carry with 427 yards in 109 attempts and 11 TDs.

Senior quarterback John Hill had one of his better games passing last week, completing four of seven passes for 83 yards, including a 56-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Matt Loidas.

Hill has completed 23 of 63 passes for 296 yards, with five touchdowns and no interceptions.

"We hope to loosen them up with the pass—we hope to loosen everyone up with the pass," Mach said.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

## PREP FOOTBALL PREDICTED STATE PLAYOFF FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

## DIVISION I REGION II

Friday, Oct. 29  
John Glenn at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30  
Redford CC vs. Stevenson

at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m.

## DIVISION II REGION 3

Friday, Oct. 29  
Farmington at Novi, 7:30 p.m.

Wyandotte at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.

## DIVISION III REGION III

Friday, Oct. 29  
Thurston at Allen Park, 7:30 p.m.

## DIVISION III REGION IV

Saturday, Oct. 30  
B.H. Andover at Harrison, 1 p.m.

## DIVISION VI REGION IV

Friday, Oct. 29  
Clifton at Clarensville, 7:30 p.m.

## DIVISION VII REGION IV

Friday, Oct. 29  
St. Agatha vs. Bishop Gallagher at Riverside Memorial Field, 7:30 p.m.

## STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER PAIRINGS

DIVISION I  
PLYMOUTH CANTON (host)

Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at Canton, noon. (Winner to Kalamazoo Central vs. Grandville district champion).

## WAYNE MEMORIAL (host)

Friday, Oct. 29: Final at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Novi district champion).

## UNIV. OF DETROIT JESUIT (host)

Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at U-D Jesuit, 11 a.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Temperance-Bedford district champion).

## DIVISION II FARMINGTON HIGH (host)

Friday, Oct. 29: Final at Farmington High, 7 p.m. (Winner to Eaton Rapids regional vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern district champion).

## DIVISION IV D.H. FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN (host)

Thursday, Oct. 28: Final at D.H. Fairlane Christian, 4 p.m. (Winner to E.F. winner, 4:30 p.m.).

Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian, 3 p.m. (Winner to Southfield Christian regional vs. Lake Forest district champion).

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 28  
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.

John Glenn vs. N. Farmington at Our Lady of Sorrows, 7 p.m.

## MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 30  
Rio Grande vs. Madonna at Livonia Ladywood, 2 p.m.

(NCAA Regional at Lakeland, Ohio)

Kellogg vs. Lakeland, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft vs. Cuyahoga vs. Cincinnati St. winner, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 31  
Final at Lakeland, (Ohio) 11 a.m.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 28  
Schoolcraft at Cornerstone, TBA.

Saturday, Oct. 30  
Schoolcraft at O.L. St. Mary's, 1 p.m.

Spring Arbor vs. Madonna, WHAC quarterfinal, TBA.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 28  
Wayne Coast Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 29  
(Big Game Classic at St. Francis, Ill.)

Madonna vs. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30  
(Big Game Classic at St. Francis, Ill.)

Madonna vs. Dordt College, 1:15 p.m.

Madonna vs. St. Francis, 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 30  
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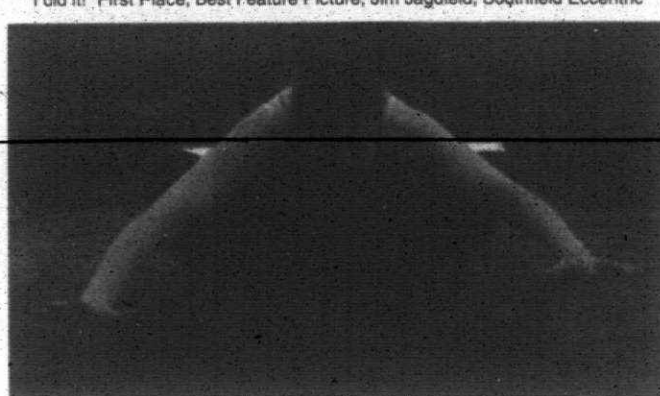
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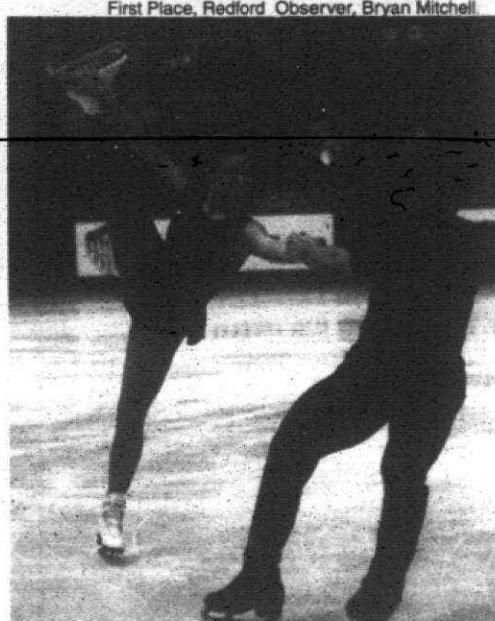
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Livonia Observer, Bryan Mitchell-----Second Place

#### Best Local News Reporting

Farmington Observer:

"Freeway Noise" by Larry O'Connor-----Honorable Mention

#### Best Enterprise Feature

Farmington Observer:

"Education Under Fire" by Tim Smith-----Honorable Mention

Observer Newspapers:

"A River's Revival" by Ken Abramczyk-----Honorable Mention

#### Best Editorial Page or Pages

Lake Orion Eccentric, Gerald Frawley-----First Place

Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Hermes Smith-----Second Place

#### Best Editorial Writing

West Bloomfield Eccentric, Greg Kowalski-----Third Place

#### Best Local Columns

Livonia Observer, Renee Skoglund-----First Place

#### Best Spot News Pictures

##### "Grief Stricken"

Bill Bresler, Farmington Observer-----First Place

##### "I did it"

Jim Jagdfeld, Southfield Eccentric-----First Place

#### Best Picture Story

##### "Everyone needs a hand sometimes"

Lawrence McKee, Oxford Eccentric-----Second Place

##### "Eeek"

West Bloomfield Eccentric, Tom Hoffmeyer-----Honorable Mention

#### Best Sports Picture

##### "Up and Over"

Bryan Mitchell, Redford Observer-----First Place

##### "Dirty Dandy"

Clarkston Eccentric, Lawrence McKee-----Second Place

##### "High Kicking"

Farmington Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie-----Third Place

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Farmington Observer, Dan O'Meara-----Second Place

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Oxford Eccentric, Brad Kadrich-----First Place

#### Best Lifestyle Section

Livonia Observer, Sue Mason-----Third Place

#### Best Special Section

West Bloomfield Eccentric:

FineLine, Suzy Parker, Joe Bauman-----First Place

#### General Excellence

Westland Observer-----First Place

#### Best Spot News Story

##### "Neighbors mourn death of boy"

Garden City Observer, Richard Pearl-----Third Place

#### Best Enterprise Feature

##### "School bus safety"

Plymouth Observer, Tony Bruscati-----First Place

#### Best Editorial Page or Pages

Plymouth Observer, Val Olander-----First Place

#### Best Feature Picture

##### "Partners"

Garden City Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place

#### Best Sports Picture

##### "Up and over"

Redford Observer, Bryan Mitchell-----First Place

#### Best Picture Story

##### "A Day in the Life of Danielle Hartsell"

Westland Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place

Plymouth Observer, Paul Hurschmann-----Third Place

#### Best Sports Column

Redford Observer, Steve Kowalski-----Second Place

#### Best Sports Section

Plymouth Observer, C.J. Risak-----First Place

#### General Excellence

Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Hermes Smith-----First Place

Birmingham Eccentric, Joe Bauman-----Third Place

## MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

### Retail and Classified Advertising Contest Winners

#### Best Real Estate Idea—Color

Real Estate Plus-----First Place

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Bill Brown Ford-----Second Place

Stark Hickey Ford-----Third Place

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Bill Brown Ford-----Second Place

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All the Best to You-----Second Place

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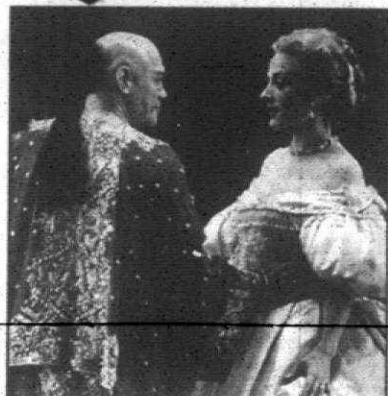
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Entries were submitted based on circulation class, therefore there may be several first, second, third, and honorable mention winners in the same category.



## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



See Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King & I" 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$45, (248) 433-1515.

### SATURDAY



The Marquis Theatre children present "Halloween Soup," a comical melodrama with music, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 135 E. Main St. in downtown Northville. Tickets \$6, (248) 349-8110.

### SUNDAY



Guitarist Kenny Burrell joins Ray Barretto and his ensemble New World Spirit for a Latin jazz tribute to Duke Ellington, 7:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$50, (313) 576-5111.

### TICKET



**Hot Tix:** The high-energy dance musical "Footloose" continues at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Nov. 14. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 to \$57.50, (248) 645-6666.



## What's up with her?

### Sandra Bernhard offers no excuses for being 'nice'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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Interviewing Sandra Bernhard isn't anything like advertised.

Rather, it's like preparing to fight Mike Tyson, then climbing into the ring and finding his proud mother. Go ahead, try taking a swing.

Then again, if Bernhard's in-your-face, no-b.s. attitude has revealed anything, it's to expect the unexpected. Want to spar with that vicious, raging on-stage persona that Bernhard whips out to incite and entertain? Forget it.

How about finding a warm, friendly and polite — yes, polite — mid-40s new mother, who sits in her New York City home and splits her time talking about her upcoming one-person show at the Music Hall, "I'm Still Here... Damn It!," and listening to the coos of her 15-month-old. Definitely unsettling.

### Save rage for the stage

For an actress-singer-author-comedienne who has been described by the New York press, no less, as "mean, bitter, jealous and cruel," a cordial conversation isn't supposed to be in the cards.

Please see SANDRA, E2

**What:** "Sandra Bernhard's 'I'm Still Here ... Damn It!'"

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Nov. 1-Nov. 4; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5; 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7

**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Tickets:** \$20-\$35, call (248) 645-6666

## THEATER

### Schoolcraft College updates Shakespeare's 'Merchant'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Ray VanHoeck made a riveting Shylock, mesmerizing the audience as he talked about loaning 3,000 ducats to the merchant Antonio. The Canton actor nearly salivated over the idea of taking a pound of flesh from the merchant if the money was not repaid on time.

The dress rehearsal was one of the last run-throughs before the newly-edited production of "The Merchant of Venice" opens Friday, Oct. 29, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Schoolcraft College Livonia campus.

Shakespeare probably would have been grateful to James R. Hartman for updating the language in the play. Hartman, a professor at Schoolcraft and the director of its theater program, spent two years breaking down lengthy

sentences and incorporating footnotes into this comedy that's slightly on the dark side.

"Doing Shakespeare is totally different than doing anything else," said Hartman, who's headed up the theater program at Schoolcraft since 1987. Hartman originally came to Michigan to work at Meadow Brook Theatre as an actor when Schoolcraft approached him to direct plays.

"The language — it's been 400 years since Shakespeare wrote the plays. That sometimes discourages people from seeing it. I have not made it modern speech but more understandable for modern audiences."

Hartman edited his first Shakespeare play, "Macbeth," four years ago. It took two years to edit the "Merchant."

"The Merchant of Venice" is as dynamic as characters and as exciting as plays get," said Hartman. "I was intrigued with the characterizations. Shylock, along with Othello, are two of the best villains ever written. The Merchant is also a good example of having double plots. It's fast-paced because all scenes are relatively short and is classified as a comedy, but is dark as well."

Jerri Doll, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who plays Portia in the production, thinks Hartman makes Shakespeare palatable. Doll,



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### Dark comedy:

John H. Abair, Jr. (left), Jerri Doll and Colleen Greenwell take to the stage for a Schoolcraft College production of "The Merchant of Venice."

who graduated in 1993 from Schoolcraft with an associate's degree in theater and went on to earn a bachelor's in theater from Eastern Michigan University, has worked in professional theater playing such venues as The Purple Rose Theatre and the Tibbets Opera House. This is the first full Shakespeare play she's done.

"For your common layperson who doesn't know Shakespeare, it will be easier and in keeping with the beauty of the language," said Doll, an Ann Arbor resident. "What always brings me back to work at Schoolcraft College

is that professor Hartman brings such truth to his staging. I really feel I grow. I always thought Shakespeare was the toughest. But Shakespeare's also very funny, very bawdy with a good sense of humor."

Doll plays the love interest in "The Merchant of Venice." Like all of Shakespeare's 38 plays, "Merchant" is viable more than 400 years later because of its universality.

"Portia's a free spirit, independent for her time and not afraid to speak her

Please see MERCHANT, E2



**The cast:** The Farmington Players, Stacey Duford of Bloomfield Hills (left to right, back row), Jacquie Pouillon, Lisa Currey of Waterford, Mary Ann Tweedie, Margaret Gilkes of Farmington Hills; Ellen Akins of Farmington Hills (middle row, left to right), Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield, and Marge Wetzel of Farmington Hills (front) star in "The Women."

### Farmington Players present benefit for 'The Women'

BY KEELY WYAGONIK  
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The Farmington Players have been in a serious fund-raising mode, intent on raising enough money to build a new theater.

"We plan to break ground in June or July," said organization president Cynthia Tupper. With their dream close to becoming a reality, the group is beginning its 1999-2000 season Friday, Nov. 5 with a benefit for the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

"It's a way of giving back to the community," explained Tupper. "We've been in this 'give us money, give us money mode.' It's time for us to think about what's important to the people who

Please see BENEFIT, E2

### On Stage

**What:** Farmington Players presents "The Women" by Clare Booth Luce.

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Show dates are Nov. 6-7; Nov. 12-14; Nov. 18-21; and Nov. 26-27.

**Where:** Farmington Players Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills.

**Tickets:** \$12. Season tickets for three shows, \$36. Call (248) 553-2955 for more information.

**Highlight:** Benefit performance of "The Women" 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Farmington Players Theatre, afterglow reception at 10 p.m. Event proceeds benefit the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Tickets \$50, which includes admission to the play and afterglow reception; \$100 includes priority seating, admission to the afterglow reception, recognition in the program and a breast cancer awareness pin. Call (313) 876-9259 for more information.

### Season schedule:

■ "Of Mice and Men" by Joseph Steinbeck opens Friday, Feb. 4. Show dates are Feb. 4-6; Feb. 11-13; Feb. 18-20; and Feb. 24-26.

■ "Kiss Me Kate" by Sam and Bella Spewack, music and lyrics by Cole Porter, opens May 5. Show dates May 5-7; May 11-14; May 18-21 and May 25-27.



## Sandra from page E1

Outrageous is the norm. Edgy is the sensibility. And irreverent is the aim.

"I love to turn on an audience," said Bernhard, who was born and lived until age 9 in Flint. "I save that rage for the stage."

That may sound a bit calculating for someone who has built a reputation for her blistering comments about celebrities such as Madonna, Tom Cruise, Mariah Carey, and Princess Di.

Her current show, which opened at the Booth Theater on Broadway last November, is apparently a reconstructive attempt to back away from her own celebrity status and move toward being more of a wicked ironist.

In "I'm Still Here... Damn It," Bernhard offers an eclectic blend of music, parodies and bitter —

sometimes raunchy — observations about sexuality, pop culture and Far Right attitudes on religion and propriety.

Think the male-bashing, icon-rattling, mean-spirited viper has mellowed since becoming a mother?

"No way," said Bernhard from her New York City home amid a hectic schedule of 10 interviews over two days with the local Detroit media.

"Let's just say that motherhood has expanded my capacity for affection."

That doesn't mean she's softened her barbs that hit with the force of a machete, slicing apart the male ego. Nor has she backed away from her less-than-subtle reminder to shovel back the crap that's being pushed along as American culture.

"I don't have to push buttons," she said. "I'm just trying to get people to realize that every button is being pushed their way, and they don't have to take it."

But try to provoke the provocateur and you'll be surprised at what you get.

Q: If you were a fine artist, what kind of art would you create with elephant dung?

Bernhard: I'm not a fine artist. I don't want to get into any of that.

Q: If you were consulting Monica Lewinsky during the impeachment trial, what would you have said to her?

Bernhard: I boycotted the whole thing. We have to take responsibility for all that nonsense. I won't even address it.

Q: What's the difference between a New York City and a

Midwestern audience?

Bernhard: Midwestern audiences aren't as self-indulgent. You have to be hardy to make it in the Midwest.

Self-indulgent? Hardy? Hmm. What happened to the snarling, lips-flapping-in-the-wind Sandra Bernhard who wise-cracked that her mother's an abstract artist and her father's a protologist, and that's how she looks at the world?

For a comedienne who claims to be following in the stinging satirical tradition of Lenny Bruce, not commenting on the state of American politics seems like a missed opportunity. Perhaps a sign that politics has descended so far that not even humor can resuscitate it. Or that

when it comes to anything deeper than the superficial subject of celebrities, maybe Bernhard has met her match.

Of course, Bernhard's element isn't polemics. It's abrasive put-downs. Her brand of humor is more like overhearing petty gossip among friends than the shrewd proclamations of Bruce, Lilly Tomlin or even Dennis Miller and Chris Rock-type comedians.

"My stuff comes from conversations with friends and from observing people," said Bernhard, whose friends include the famous and not so famous.

"I don't come from any point of view," she said. "I just want to get beyond the crap that's shoved our way."

Fair enough. But at times, it seems that Bernhard doesn't know the difference between "getting beyond the crap" and just moving around the piles.

Fifteen minutes after she called right on time, Bernhard notes that the allotted time is up. No time to ask about if the tiff with Madonna is still raging. No time to ask the actress who played on "Roseanne" about why she doesn't hide from being a lesbian but won't get involved in gay rights issues. And no time to ask where the real Sandra Bernhard is hiding.

Then just like that, she hangs up with an abrupt, "Nice talking to you."

Amazing. She didn't even take a swing.

## Benefit from page E1

come to our theater. We're also looking to get ourselves in front of new audiences — so many people have heard about us, but never seen us."

They picked "The Women" to open their season because it has a large cast — 18 women who play 32 different roles. "We've done all-female shows, (but) not this big," said Tupper. "There aren't many shows written for women. We have more women than men in our group. There's a broad range of roles, everything from early 20s to 50s."

In casting the show, the group did attract some new members, which was one of its goals.

Suzanne Rogers, who plays Sylvia Fowler in the show and works as a social worker for Henry Ford Health Systems, suggested doing the benefit performance. The group supported her idea.

"It's a show that's all about women," said Tupper. "It's a fairly light show, it's good for them and good for us. Henry Ford Health Systems was thrilled about it. It's what community collaboration is all about. By presenting the benefit we're exposing new people to our theater."

Written by Clare Boothe Luce, "The Women" opened in New York in 1936. In "The Women,"

Luce satirizes Park Avenue ladies who wasted their lives with affairs, malicious gossip and beauty salons, while having no empathy for women trapped in low-paying jobs.

Although there's some serious material in "The Women," Rogers said it's also funny and many people will see themselves and people they know in the characters. "It's going to be fun, a lot of laughs," she said. "Some people will think it's dated, but in a lot of ways things aren't so different. Women are still the ones who keep home and family going. Men will get a kick out of it."

## Merchant from page E1

mind," said Doll. "She's very much who I am. It's really been a fascination to connect with someone who found the independence and confidence when women were so suppressed."

This is also Jeremy Hargis' first time doing Shakespeare. At first, it was a little daunting for the 19-year-old Garden City student to play Old Gobbo. Hargis, who began acting in third grade, has appeared in Plymouth Theatre Guild productions.

"I have to play this older man physically and mentally so I

watched a couple of old English films," said Hargis. "Because it was Shakespeare, I was kind of intimidated to try out. But it's not as bad as I expected."

VanHoek drew upon his "many experiences witnessing theater" to create the villainous Shylock.

"The language was a challenge and the Jewish accent, but I gained an appreciation for Shakespeare," said VanHoek. "I had little involvement with Shakespeare and a great deal of understanding was lacking

before." Hartman thinks the audience will love "Merchant" because of the drama and the intriguing way Portia directs her questioning and presents her case on behalf of Antonio while dressed as a man.

Until Hartman took over the theater program, all of the actors had to be students. Hartman, opened it up to the community as well. "Now we have the young inexperienced work alongside experienced professionals," said Hartman. "The only thing we still need is a technical director."

## JET's 'Immigrant' lovely comedy based on true story

"The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik is playing at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and continues through Nov. 7. Show dates are Oct. 28-31, and Nov. 3-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday. Aaron DaRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 5600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Talk about your stranger in a strange land. Russian Jew Haskell Harelik was one of the millions of Europeans who arrived on these shores in the opening decade of the century, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. Somehow he made a left turn at the Statue of Liberty and ended up at the Port of Galveston, Texas. And that's where we meet him: "The Immigrant."

Peddling bananas from a

wheelbarrow to survive, he's taken in by a couple in nearby Hamilton (population 1,200). He not only survives but thrives.

He brings his wife over, starts a family and 80 years later his grandson writes a play about them. The "Roots"-like light comedy would be too improbable were it not for the fact that it's all true, and JET shows you the photos from Grandma's album to prove it.

Indeed, the subtitle of the play is "A Hamilton County Album," but we have some others we offer author Mark Harelik free of charge. How about "The Immigrant: Peddler on the Hoof?" Or "The Immigrant: Lone Jew in the Lone Star State." Or our personal favorite, "The Immigrant: Living La Vida Meshugga."

And crazy it is, this transplanted life Haskell has opted for. Looked on with suspicion and bewilderment, he meekly explains how his race came to be the chosen people: "There were a lot fewer people then, it was an easier choice."

JET and director John Michael Manfredi present an easy choice for a most delightful evening of warm smiles and personal reflection.

Greg Traskoma reaches right into each of our own photo albums for his Haskell, and his characterization is sensational. Spouting incomprehensible Yiddish as he meets banker Milton Perry (Paul Hopper) and his wife Ima (Mary Bremer), Haskell seems to them like he's from ~~there, not Minsk~~. Ima tries to make him feel at ease: "I'm not in' to be scared of; I'm a Christian."

Some comfort that is. Throughout the 33-year storyline, Traskoma never loses his lovability, or his reality. As he becomes Americanized, wife Leah (Jodie Kuhn Ellison) takes him to task for not adhering to their religious laws regarding food and such (keeping kosher). She thinks perhaps they should be with their own kind. The Jews have been wandering for thousands of years, he tells her; this

Jew has wandered enough. The play is a series of these cherished moments.

In their wonderful portrayals of the strong-willed Perrys, Hopper and Bremer evoke several sitcom comparisons. George and Louise Jefferson wouldn't be far off base, and if you close your eyes, you'll swear that Bremer's been inhabited by Mr. Haney from "Green Acres."

But that's just a grinning observation. More to the point, they are among our most honored actors in town and in these roles you won't wonder why.

It's Jodie Kuhn Ellison's job to hold onto the old ways and worry about the American citizen she's about to give birth to.



On the move: Greg Traskoma and Mary Bremer star in the JET Theatre's rendition of "The Immigrant."

## Restoring the work of local artists shows heart

BACKSTAGE  
PASS



ANN DELISI

Many of us become awestruck at the prospect of being exposed to treasures that have been revered for centuries. Viewing the works of artists we learned about as kids in an art appreciation class has an appeal that is undeniable.

The Rembrandt and Van Gogh collections may be great attractions that raise the profile of the esteemed institution, but it is the dedication shown to a restoration project of a local artist that pro-

vides a true measure of the DIA's heart. Miles and miles and miles of heart.

As impressive as it is to feature works from the finest collections around the globe, I consider it downright noble to exhibit the mode of transportation that also served as the neighborhood art of James "Slim" Thompson.

Until his death several years ago, Slim was a mainstay of Detroit's Cass Corridor, where he treated neighborhood residents and visitors to daily exhibitions of his body of work. It consisted solely of the ongoing artistic modifications of his bicycle, which became a traveling art show.

This fall, the DIA presented an unheralded installation that paid homage to his mobile art by displaying the bike that has been restored with the care worthy of a great master. His bike may never have the lure or value of a Rembrandt or Van Gogh, but the story behind Slim's art leaves a lasting impression on those who

take the time to hear it. Detroit Public TV peddles down Woodward to share the DIA's tribute with viewers in a BACKSTAGE PASS edition airing 5:30 p.m. Thursday and midnight on Friday.

While Slim's legion of admirers was concentrated in the Cass Corridor, the glass works of Jim Kahle have been appreciated in public and private collections in Europe, the Far East, and throughout North America. Jim probably worries about airline turbulence the way Slim worried about a flat tire. Sometimes, preservation of the arts is very precarious.

"We've learned to be very good packers," he says with a laugh when describing the method of international art transport of his prized glass works.

When traveling by land, Kahle's wheels remind me a bit of Slim's approach.

"We bought an old school bus to carry our works to each exhibit."

There's no mistaking us when we hit town because we've added plenty of artistic touches."

Kahle's appreciation for glass art goes all the way back to his days as an altar boy in Ohio, when the chalice used during the Mass was made of glass, not the usual precious metal. Years later, a trip to Colonial Williamsburg exposed him to more exceptional pieces, which eventually prompted him to take a class at the Toledo Museum of Art. Glass art became his full-time occupation in 1988.

Kahle's works will come to Detroit for an exhibition at Pang-born Design Gallery, with a grand opening event Nov. 10 to benefit Detroit Public TV. For tickets and information, call (313) 259-3400.

So, if you see an unusual vehicle on Detroit streets in early November, remember, that's Jim Kahle, not the Partridge Family on tour. C'mon, get happy ... and support the arts.

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"Escapade in the Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
"The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik, Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 27-31 and Nov. 3-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; Alcon DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, Westland. (313) 525-2245, (484) 788-2900

### OPERA

**MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE**  
"Werther" through Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 455-8202, (313) 237-5310

### COLLEGE

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
"The Merchant of Venice," Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5, 6 for dinner theater (\$19), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 for theater performance only (\$8), the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Hagerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

**WEDDING STUDIO THEATRE**  
Two one-act plays, "Rags and Old Iron" and "Day of Absence," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Nov. 6, downstairs at the Hillberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. 56-58, (313) 277-2932

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

**AVON PLAYERS**  
"The Merchant of Venice," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the Community, 1185 Tenien Road, Rochester Hills. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 7 and 8 p.m. Nov. 11-13. Tickets \$13. (248) 608-9077

**CLARKSON VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Nov. 11 and 18, (510), and 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5, 6, 12-13 and 19-20 (812), at the Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. 248-6255-8811

**FIRST THEATRE GUILD**  
"Brigadoon," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 30-31, and Sunday Nov. 7; and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 students and seniors. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. Seniors admitted free 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

**JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS**  
"Lancelotti, Lancelotti and Poets," an evening of scenes and monologues from plays by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at University of Michigan School of Music, 4600 East Main, 11th floor, east of Farmington, \$10, \$7 seniors/students, \$6 high school students. (734) 797-7937

**RIDGEWATER PLAYERS**  
"Just a Second," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5, 6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sundays, includes sandwich and afterglow. (248) 988-7049

**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
"Three Murders and It's Only Monday," by Pat Conroy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5, 6, 12-13, and Nov. 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Upstage Theatre, Tickets \$10, reserved, (313) 537-7758

**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK**  
"The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 29-30, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 404 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahar roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Adults \$12, seniors and students \$10. (248) 644-0927

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### DINNER THEATRE

**BACI THEATRE**  
"Fanny's War," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$25



**Cut loose: Broadway's newest musical "Footloose" is featured at the Fisher Theatre now through Sunday, Nov. 14. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$25-\$57.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 871-1132 for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call (313) 872-1000.**

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**YOUTH PRODUCTIONS**  
"Koolhaas," a Russian version of the well known Gingerbread Man story, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 30-31, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**GENIUS**  
"The Mystery in Fable's Forest," Saturday, Oct. 30, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$11, \$6, \$5 children includes luncheon. (248) 349-0522

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
"Halloween Spook" musical melodrama, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Tickets \$6, no children under age 3. (248) 349-8110

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**CREATIVE EXPO**  
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**TROIT PUPPET THEATRE**  
Maria Mikhayev singing Russian Romance Songs, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

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A Latin jazz tribute to the Duke with guitarist Kenny Burrell, also a conga player and bandleader Ray Barretto and his ensemble New World Spirit, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$15-\$50. (313) 576-5111

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8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 213-1393; and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Michael's on the River, 28828 Telegraph, Flat Rock. (734) 782-1401

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**ELDRADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
Ken Brown with JJ Washburn, Thursday-Friday, Oct. 28-29; Mark Still Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 at the club, on Pontiac Trail, west of Hagerty. (248) 645-2150

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Kirk Notland through Friday, Oct. 30, also Jim Hamlin and Tiffany Jones; Basile, Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 3-6, also J.R. Remick and special guest show 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the club on Kicker's All American Cir., 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays 155. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Darwin Hines, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30, also Jan McInnis; Dave Coulter, Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 28-29, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

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## MOVIES

## 'Three To Tango' takes a '90s look at love triangle

BY CARRIE COOPER  
SPECIAL WRITER

As the saying goes, "two's a company, three's a crowd." Anyone who has ever been involved in a love triangle knows that saying all too well. But that's only the half of it. Now imagine the person you're in love with mistakenly thinks you're gay.

That's the case in "Three To Tango," directed by Damon Santostefano (Nickelodeon's "The Adventures of Pete and Pete"), and produced by Bobby Newmyer and Jeffrey Silver ("The Santa Clause"), and Bettina Sofia Viviano (Schindler's List).

The film takes a look at what it's like to fall in love with some-

one you can't have.

This complex romantic comedy stars Matthew Perry ("Friends"), Neve Campbell ("Party of Five"), Dylan McDermott ("The Practice") and Oliver Platt ("Lake Placid"). The story goes like this: Oscar Novak (Perry) is a young architect who finds himself, along with his business partner Peter Steinberg (Platt), in a competition for the design of a multi-million dollar cultural center. Chicago tycoon Charles Newman (McDermott) has pushed them into the competition with their arch-rivals, Decker and Strauss. In order to gain an edge, Decker and Strauss start a rumor that Oscar and Peter are more than business partners. In actuality Peter is gay,

Oscar is not.

Charles, enjoying his little publicity, is obsessive and compulsive especially when it comes to his mistress Amy Post (Campbell). So Charles comes up with the idea of having someone who after Amy—someone who is dedicated, someone he has no need to be jealous of and someone who is gay. Someone like (he thinks) Oscar.

Knowing very well that if he turns Charles down he risks ruining his career, Oscar agrees to watch over Amy. What Oscar did not count on was meeting the woman of his dreams—the beautiful, independent Amy. It seems like they have a great deal in common and that Amy may be

attracted to him as well.

Amy is very casual about her relationship with Charles and when he can't be with her she keeps herself busy with her career as an artist. When Oscar stumbles into her life, she finds herself falling for a man she thinks is gay and involved with a married man, placing her at the center of the love triangle.

Oscar eventually realizes the only reason Charles asked him to watch over Amy was because he is overly jealous and he thinks Oscar is gay. But it gets worse. Not only does Amy think he is gay, so do his friends, his family and almost all of Chicago.

Oscar admits to having intimate issues with women in the past and thinks that by pretending to be gay he will be able to "really get to know Amy." Oscar goes with it. He becomes the most famous gay man in Chicago.

But when he is to be honored as

Chicago's Gay Professional of the year, it's the last straw. Now Oscar has to decide whether he should keep up the ruse to hold on to the job of a lifetime with Peter, or tell everyone the truth and risk ruining his career and his relationship with Amy.

Perry, best known for his role as Chandler Bing on NBC's "Friends," is no stranger to the silver screen. He recently starred in the comedy "Almost Heroes" and the romantic comedy "Pools of Blood." Being the veteran comic actor that he is, Perry was able to be funny yet very real and dramatic in the romance department. He has the ability to be intense, vulnerable and humorous all at the same time.

Campbell, known for her role as Julia Salinger on Fox's "Party of Five," would be called a "diva queen." She has recently starred in "Wild Things," "Scream," and "Scream 2." For Campbell, comedy

was a nice change of pace. She was able to give Amy a comedic side, as well as provide her with an "added intensity." McDermott, who is known for his role as attorney Bobby Donnell in ABC's "The Practice," has just the right look for a powerful industrialist. He is very handsome and incredibly smooth, which makes him convincing as a charming tycoon.

Platt, known as one of the busiest actors in Hollywood, has recently starred in "Lake Placid," "Bulworth" and "Dr. Doolittle." With a resume full of diverse parts, Platt is able to be funny, intimate and dramatic. He plays a very convincing gay man.

"Three To Tango" is an entertaining film with a unique cast of keeping the lead characters apart. Although slow at times and a little lacking on the comedic end, the film makes up for it with such an engaging ensemble cast.

Twisted triangle: Matthew Perry and Neve Campbell star in the offbeat, romantic comedy "Three To Tango."



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 29

**"HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILLS"**

Five strangers have been offered a million dollars each to spend one night in a house with a hideous past. Based on the 1958 classic horror film by William Castle, Stars Geoffrey Rush, Tye Duggs, Peter Gallagher.

**"MUSIC OF THE HEART"**

Abandoned by her husband, a woman begins a new life in Harlem giving kids hope and love through music. After 10 years of teaching, her program is slated to become a victim of budget cutbacks and she fights back. Stars Meryl Streep, Aidan Quinn.

**"BLACK CAT, WHITE CAT"**

Film surrounds two old friends who have survived each other in years, but are reconnected through strange circumstances after a heist goes awry.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 5

**"BEING JOHN MALKOVICH"**

Outrageous comedy about a puppeteer who finds a door in his office that allows him to enter the mind of, and literally become, the famous actor, John Malkovich. Stars John Cusack, Cameron Diaz.

**"THE BACHELOR"**

Romantic comedy surrounding a con-

firmed bachelor with 24 hours to find a

bride if he wishes to inherit \$120 million

from his grandfather. Stars Chris O'Don-

nell, Brooke Shields.

**"THE BONE COLLECTOR"**

Drama about a gruesomely mutilated corpse found near the railroad tracks in Spanish Harlem. This forces an independent street-smart policeman to team up with a brilliant, but bed-bound forensic expert in order to solve the murder. Stars Denzel Washington.

**"THE INSIDER"**

Factual drama based on Marie Brenner's Vanity Fair article "The Man Who Knew Too Much." A one-time corporate officer becomes a key witness in lung cancer cases against tobacco companies across the country. He tells his story to the investigative reporter who tries to get the piece aired even though his network refuses. Stars Al Pacino.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 12

**"ANYWHERE BUT HERE"**

Fleeing small-town boredom, a restless mother drags her reluctant teenage daughter to Beverly Hills and a new and sometimes difficult life. Stars Susan Sarandon.

**"THE BACHELOR"**

The latest battle in the eternal war

## MUSIC

## Blinker the Star shines on Pontiac

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Blinker the Star, the brain child of Canadian-born Jordan Zadorozny, touches down with its spacy, melancholy, psychedelically-pop at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron in downtown Pontiac, Friday, Oct. 29. The band is touring in support of its latest release "August Everywhere," which spawned the hit "Below the Sliding Doors."

The Observer-Eccentric Newspapers gave Zadorozny a ring on Wednesday, Oct. 20, to chat about the song, the album and growing up in a highly musical family. He was visiting his mother in Pembroke, Ontario, at the time, taking a week off before heading back out on the road.

Observer & Eccentric: Have you played the Detroit area before?  
Jordan Zadorozny: "We played there about a half a month ago and at the Shelter and three and half years ago at the same place. I really like Detroit. It wasn't what I thought. The people are pretty interesting."

O&E: What's the significance of the title "August Everywhere" and why is that your favorite time of year?  
Zadorozny: "I've always just

liked it. There's nothing too big or too deep behind it. The record wasn't planned to be called that. The last deadline to come up with a title came when I was in Saskatchewan, driving through an ice storm. I talked it out loud to myself. There actually was a preoccupation with that time of year and what it does to me. It just sort of very simply and gracefully summed up the record."

O&E: How has coming from a musical family influenced your own work?  
Zadorozny: "I'm encouraged to do music all the time. I've sort of taken something from both of my parents. My dad has so much patience. He builds violins. I still have part of that in me if I can work 12 hours straight (in the studio). My mom's kind of the opposite. She's pure inspiration, very unachieved in theory but she understands it. She's more of a pure musician."

O&E: How did you hook up with Hole and end up writing a song ("Reasons to Be Beautiful") with Courtney Love for the band's recent release?

Zadorozny: "Melissa (Auf Der Maur) from Hole, she and I were in a band called Tinker together. We've always remained very close ... I got a call from Melissa. She said, 'Do you want to come

## Motor City's Doll Rods set to demolish on Devil's Night



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Detroit's own Demolition Doll Rods have followed in the footsteps of those punks who came before them.

Margaret, Danny and Christine Doll Rod aren't all blood-related, but their souls are purely rock 'n' roll. Calling from their tour bus in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Doll Rods were entering their sixth week of touring and looking forward to the CD release party set for Devil's Night in their hometown.

"We like playing there," Danny said of the Magic Bag in Ferndale, where the party will be held. "They have good sound and we know the people."

Remember how the Ramones shared the same last name even though they weren't really related? Those tricky punk rockers.

Well, in at least one way, Rods have followed in the footsteps of those punks who came before them.

The album is a mix of in-your-face vocals, crunchy guitar riffs and tracks that make you want to scream along. Doll Rods' friend Don Jones played saxophone on two tracks, "Feast" and "I Look Good."

"I Look Good" happens to be Danny's favorite track. Christine or Thumper as she's come to be known—said she really likes "Foolin' Around." And Margaret's favorite is easily "Hey You." Listen for those at the show.

Margaret (singer and guitarist) and her sister Christine (drummer) hail from Rockford,

while Danny (guitar) is a Detroit native. The band signed with Matador Records (home to Pavement) last spring, proving itself a worthy competitor in the world of raunchy punk rock.

"They were interested in a band I used to be in a long time ago," said Danny of the label. "We were looking for a label and asked them if they were interested. They had already seen the band and really liked it." Some of the benefits of being part of the Matador family, he said, include better distribution and publicity.

Speaking of family, Margaret and Christine said they're getting along better than ever on tour. Well, at least Margaret thinks so. "We used to get pretty irritated by each other but now ..."

Christine cuts in from the back of the bus. "Five days a week is a lot for me to tolerate."

"At first it was pretty tough," Margaret continued. Now, we listen each other is funny."

Don't ask the Doll Rods to name musical influences. Margaret admitted she doesn't even know who Eminem is, forget that

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DINING

# PRICE GOUGING

Cost of eating prime escalates as Y2K nears

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

A new form of Y2K bug has hit restaurants. If your taste preferences lead to prime cuts of beef or top-of-the-line seafoods such as Alaskan king crab and lobster, you may be in for new millennium sticker shock at your favorite restaurant.

This spring, Alaskan King Crab was \$6 per pound at the wholesale level noted Matt Prentice, president of the United Restaurant Corporation, the area's largest restaurant group. It is now \$11. Forecasts for the wholesale price of warm water lobster tails in December are \$20 per pound. Today, cold water tails are \$29 per pound.

Two months ago, prime beef filets were \$16 per pound wholesale. Four weeks ago, it shot to \$21. This week it's almost \$30. Even prime New York strip steak has gone through the roof from \$9 per pound to \$16.62 whole-

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"Daily, the electronic and print media offer a millennium countdown," said Greg Goodman, chef/proprietor of Café Bon Homme in Plymouth. "I think

this has generated a frenzy attitude. It's cascading down and suppliers are taking advantage by raising prices two months before the peak holiday season. They're cleaning up and restaurateurs are being manipulated.

"It's pathetic and catastrophic. We have no choice, but to pass costs along to diners. We've told suppliers that this is not tolerable and their attitude is 'that's the price.' We realize that when diners pay the bill, the restaurant appears to be overcharging, but we're at the mercy of suppliers. There is no viable alternative.

"The market could correct before the New Year, but we have no way of knowing. Right now, restaurants have to raise prices on prime beef cuts, veal, and seafood."

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## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail [kwygonik@oe.homedomain.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homedomain.net). *What's Cooking* includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

**■ Fox Hills Country Club** — RJO Productions presents "Fox's Liar Dinner Theater" Saturdays through Nov. 13, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, followed by show, at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$29.95 per person, call (734) 453-7272.

**■ 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 are North Brothers Ford, the Hellenic Cen-

ter, International Minute Press, Maui Travel and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

**■ SoupCity** — Fund-raising event for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at the State Theater in Detroit. Thirty metro Detroit restaurants including Zoup!, Pike Street, Five Lakes Grill, and Union Street will prepare their signature soups and finger foods for the all-you-can-eat event. Cash bar, live music of Mud Puppy. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call (248) 645-6666.

**■ Detroit International Wine Auction** — 18th annual event sponsored by General Motors, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center Ballroom. To launch this year's event, Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills will host an intimate Winemaker Dinner 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 with honorary guests Jean-Michel Cazes of Chateau Lynch-Bages, Bordeaux, France and Sotherby's auctioneers, Serena Sutcliffe and Michael Davis. Limited seating available. Call (248) 664-7464 for ticket information.

**■ American Harvest Restaurant** — At Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) in Livonia is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday. The restaurant, operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned Culinary Arts Department, serves a variety of gourmet selections prepared and served by students who work under the supervision of four certified master chefs. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

International dinners are offered Thursday evenings throughout the fall. Dinners are \$26.95 per

person. Call (734) 462-4488 for information.

The Professor's Pantry offers fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads prepared by students, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Schoolcraft College is hosting a **Gourmet Wine Tasting** 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus. The event features five wines from Spain, complemented by gourmet cuisine. The cost is \$35 per person. Call (734) 462-4422 for information/reservations.

**Annual Madrigal Dinners** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11 in the Waterman Center. The cost is \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417 for information/reservations.

**■ Save A Heart, A Celebration of Wine and Food**, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 — at the Michigan League, 911 North University at Fletcher, Ann Arbor, to benefit the Michigan Congenital Heart Center at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Over 300 different wines will be available for

tasting, accompanied by food from Ann Arbor's most popular restaurants. General admission tickets are \$50 per person (\$35 of which is tax deductible) and Tasting from Private Cellars benefactor tickets are \$180 (\$125, tax deductible). Call (734) 936-9134.

**■ Epoch Restaurant Group's Millennium Celebration** — Guests dining at any of four Epoch restaurants (Tribute, Farmington Hills; Forté, Birmingham; Too Chez, Novi; and Latitude, Bay Harbor) between now and Nov. 24 will receive an entry form each time they dine, or simply upon request. A random drawing on Nov. 30 will determine the winner of a six-day gastronomic package for six beginning Dec. 28 and ending Jan. 2. The winner and guests will dine at each of Epoch's metro-area restaurants on successive evenings and be flown by private plane from Detroit to Harbor Springs on Dec. 31 for a new millennium celebration that includes two nights lodging in a three bedroom suite at the Inn

at Bay Harbor and dinner at Latitude.

**■ Chef Superstar comes to MotorCity Casino** — Michael Russell, one of only two Certified Master Chefs still active in the Michigan restaurant business, has left the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club to take the position of Executive Chef of the yet-to-open MotorCity Casino in Detroit. There he will oversee MotorCity's six food operations employing 300 food-service personnel, including 11 sous chefs and nearly 200 cooks — a far cry from the staff of 17 he headed at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Russell won't be pinned down on his food style except to say it's primarily American with Asian accents. His biggest challenge will be at the casino's signature restaurant Iridescence, scheduled to open when MotorCity casino opens. Inaugural menu items include a dish such as rack of wild boar with cider-pepper glaze, braised red cabbage, root vegetable puree, cinnamon-glazed apples, and vanilla-scent-

ed sweet potato puree.

**■ Andiamo Italia West** — The Platters featuring vocalist Sonny Turner and Sam Butera perform Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom, 7066 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren. Tickets \$30-\$35, call (810) 268-3200.

**■ The Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council** — is partnering with a number of Michigan restaurants and retailers in "Fall is a Cool Time for Michigan Wine." The promotion features Michigan wines in celebration of the harvest season and upcoming holidays. Participating metro-Detroit restaurants include Big Rock Chop & Brew House and The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham; Ernesto's, Plymouth; Hogan's Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills; Nordstrom, Troy; Tam O Shanter Country Club and El Nibble Nook in West Bloomfield.

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