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High school moved to east site



The Plymouth-Canton school board Monday reversed its August decision to place the new high school at the corner of Joy and Beck roads. Some were pleased with the move, others voiced opposition.

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By a 5-2 vote, school board members decided Monday to place Plymouth-Canton's new high school at the so-called east site.
The vote reverses the board's Aug. 24 decision that would've located the school at Joy and Beck roads. Trustee

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Mark Slavens voiced the strongest opposition to the move.
"We have a lot of voter trust loss," he said. "I'm afraid we may be adding to that tonight. I think representations were made to the voters that it would be at Beck and Joy."

Steve Guile said the east site, which is just west of Plymouth Salem's baseball and softball fields, is more economical and a better long-term investment.
"It's always been my contention that this money could be better used at a closer site," the trustee commented. "It will provide the flexibility that we're going to need in the future to provide the highest quality of education for this district."

Packed chambers

More than 100 people packed the board's chambers Monday. Parents spoke mainly in favor of the west site.
Tammy Guido said the sheer size of

Centennial Educational Park allows children to fall through the cracks. She told board members just one other district nationally had a similar campus-style arrangement.

"It's a concept that looks good on paper," said Guido, "but it doesn't work well. If it's such a wonderful system, why hasn't it been duplicated by anyone else in our country?"

Marion Krutty said bigger schools with more class alternatives don't necessarily produce better students.

"I think the job of public education is to make the best scenario for the great-

Please see HIGH SCHOOL, A6



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Interviewing: School board members (from right) Sue Davis, Roland Thomas and Steve Guile listen to superintendent candidate Larry Thomas during the first interview session Tuesday.

Finalists face board

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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Even before interviews began, the field of candidates seeking the post of Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent has been narrowed by one.

James Harris from the Buffalo (N.Y.) Schools notified district officials he's decided to take his name out of the running after accepting the superintendent's job in Traverse City.

That leaves five remaining finalists, all of whom are being interviewed this week by the Board of Education and 25 members of the Superintendent's Search Committee, made up of staff and community representatives.

Tuesday night the group met with Larry Thomas, educational consultant to, and former superintendent of, the Wayne-Westland school district.

"I have a passion for excellence and urgency."

Please see SUPERINTENDENT, A2



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Craft items: Virginia Brown holds two handmade Cabbage Patch dolls while sitting in front of several styrofoam standups of Santa, Christmas trees and an angel at Sheldon Place in Canton.

Seniors sale: 'Tis the season

Seniors from Sheldon Place Apartments will hold their annual crafts and bake sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the high rise building on Sheldon at Ford Road. In addition to the variety of baked goods and the crafts pictured here, there will be candleholders, door hangings and wreaths, tissue box covers, dolls, pillows, hand-made afghans, homemade jewelry, ornaments, aprons, picture frames, floral arrangements and more seasonal items. Seniors living in the adjacent Canton Place building will hold their sale on Saturday, Nov. 13.



A tisket, a tasket... These gingerbread baskets will be available at Saturday's sale.

State champs

Band brings back 6th trophy from Silverdome

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band rocked the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday and brought a sizable portion of the day's 15,000-20,000 spectators to their feet at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championships.

For the sixth year in a row, the PCEP marchers captured the number-one spot among the state's 40 top bands with the highest overall score. They also seized the Flight I first place trophy and all three captions for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect in Flight I with a score of 94.15 out of a possible 100 points.

"I was very happy with their performance," said a pleased David McGrath, PCEP band director. "If they keep working as hard as they have been, we'll be in good shape for nationals in two weeks."

Greg Rinehart, assistant band director, said he felt "very good" about the band's performance. "I can tell you that, as staff, we are all excited and thinking that everyone's hard work is paying off better than ever before. It is a more mature band than ever, more educated. I think they know how to get more out of themselves than ever before."

The band's nine-minute show, "Thought crime: Music for an Orwellian Era," a dramatization of the loss of individuality in society, is exceptionally fast-paced in music

Please see CHAMPS, A3

Conservatory files for bankruptcy, may move

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton's legal battle with the Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory is heating up.

Township attorneys have filed a motion with 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald seeking an eviction order against SMAC, which currently occupies the Arnoldt Williams Music Store.

"We feel we have a right to take the action," Canton attorney Ronald Witthoff said.

A lawsuit was filed against the conservatory and its director, Jeffrey Myers, in August by Canton. The township is trying to collect more than \$40,000 in back rent it claims SMAC owes.

Supervisor Tom Yack said problems with the conservatory began shortly after its opening in June 1998. Myers, he added, didn't make a good faith effort to pay delinquent rent to the township.

"A whole string of promises, decep-

tions and failures-to-act-occurred," said Yack.

Myers disagreed. He said the township was unwilling to work with him to resolve the issue.

"We thought the township really wanted to make the conservatory happen," said Myers. "We are shocked by the lack of cooperation the conservatory received from the township."

Canton leased the building, which sits just north of Ford Road and west of Canton Center, from the Williams family from Aug. 1, 1998, to July 31 of this year for \$150,000.

As part of an agreement with SMAC, the township agreed to pay half the lease. Myers was responsible for the balance in a graduated monthly payment system, Yack said.

While the Williams family has been paid in full, Canton's Board of Trustees authorized a lawsuit against SMAC in late August to recover \$42,000.

Additionally, the township planned to evict the conservatory on Oct. 5. But Myers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Please see CONSERVATORY, A6

Manslaughter hearing set for driver in freeway crash

A Canton Township woman is to appear in Livonia's 16th District Court Monday for a preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter.

Sarah Elizabeth Cappuccitti, 20, is charged in the death of a friend, 17-year-old Alisha Roberson, also of Canton, in a Sept. 20 accident on Schoolcraft Road.

Cappuccitti was at the wheel of a 1988 Ford Tempo that was heading east on I-96, west of Wayne Road, when the crash occurred. The car left the freeway, traveled up the embankment, crossed the service drive and crashed into a tree, landing upside down. Roberson, the front-seat passenger, died en route to the University of

Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Cappuccitti and two back-seat passengers were injured in the crash.

Cappuccitti was arraigned on the manslaughter charge Oct. 25. She stood mute to the charge, and Judge Kathleen McCann entered a not-guilty plea for her.

Bond was set at \$5,000, and Cappuccitti was released after posting 10 percent, or \$500. She is not supposed to drive while out on bond.

An exam had been scheduled for Tuesday, but was rescheduled. It will take place before Judge Robert Brzezinski.

Police: Arson likely in deck fire

A 45-year-old Canton man was the victim of arson at his Fair Oaks home Sunday.

"According to township police reports, scrapwood lying on his deck was intentionally set on fire at about 1 a.m. A passing motorist knocked on his door and alerted him. The man was then able to put the fire out himself, reports said.

"No damage estimate was given. Police have no suspects but believe the incident was arson, reports said.

Retail fraud

"A 17-year-old Canton youth was arrested Tuesday after trying to steal about \$150 worth of merchandise from Meijer on

COP CALLS

Police reports indicated that an unknown person took a stereo from his 1992 Chevy Beretta. Entry was gained through a smashed window. The stereo was estimated at \$300.

Obstructing justice

A unidentified teen was arrested Sunday for breaking a car window of a 49-year-old township man, then resisting arrest.

Police were called to a Merimac Street home shortly after 9 p.m. to investigate the incident. Upon their arrival, the teen fled the home.

Police chased him a short distance behind the home and took him into custody, according to reports. Once cuffed, the teen, whom reports described as being intoxicated, began screaming obscenities at the officers.

He was then transported to Canton's Police Department. Once inside, the teen banged his head on the walls and doors and told officers he wanted to die.

Officers placed him in a jail cell and removed his clothes to "keep him from hurting himself," reports said. The teen then began punching the cell door. Reports said he eventually stopped and fell asleep.

Police later discovered the teen had a warrant for his arrest out of Shelby Township.

Superintendent from page A1

Thomas told the group, "I have extremely high expectations of myself and my staff. I'm known as a motivator."

Thomas made it clear to the board and committee that "students are our customers, and we need to do everything to make them happy. All our energies need to be focused on the classroom, on teaching and learning."

Kathleen Boehler, superintendent of Berkley Schools, said her strengths include "my creativity and flexibility, and pursuing a

challenge that helps me grow."

Boehler said Plymouth-Canton was on her short list of districts where she wants to work.

"Plymouth-Canton is interesting to me," she said. "I want the opportunity to grow and stretch myself."

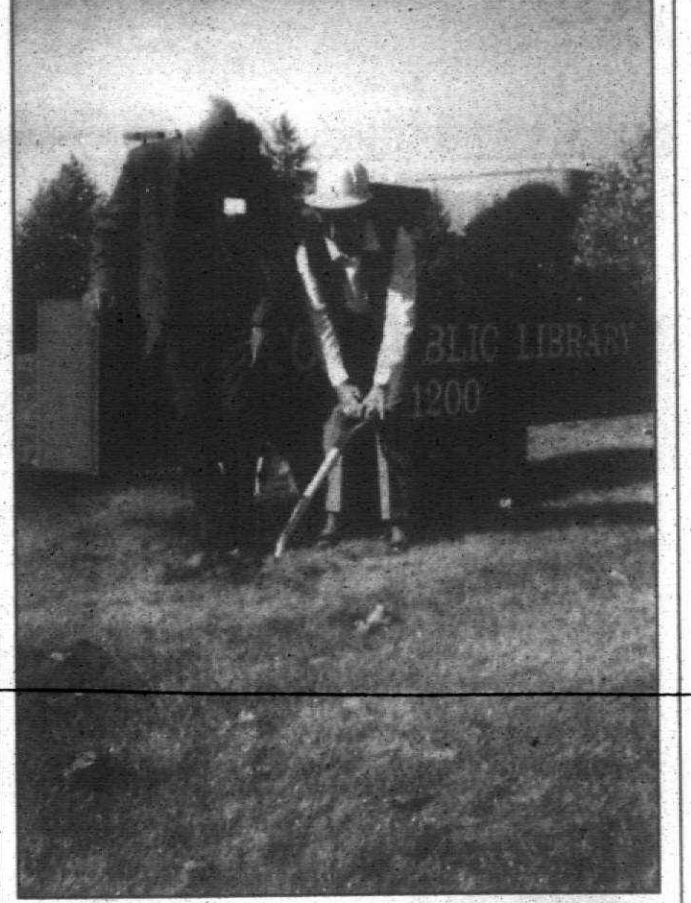
On Wednesday night, the candidates included William Weber, assistant superintendent of the South Redford school district, and Thomas Gay, superintendent of the Redford Union school district.

"I look at this job as an opportunity to give back to the community that has given to my family," said Weber, whose immediate family includes two Plymouth Salem graduates and four grandchildren currently attending the district. There are many challenges in this district, and I can be a big part in moving it forward."

Board president Sue Davis asked Gay, who has been superintendent in Redford Union for two years, why he's changed jobs so often and if he planned to stay in Plymouth-Canton if selected.

"I wanted to build my pyramid to be as strong as possible in all

Library will grow in 2000



Groundbreaking: Canton Public Library Director Jean Tubor (right) breaks ground for the library's \$6 million expansion Saturday. Standing beside her is David Oster, the architect overseeing the project. The library will add more than 22,000 square feet and its interior will be redesigned over the next 14 months.

Stations to host bowling event

WSDP-88.1 FM and WHFR-89.3 FM will host the Dennis Brown/II Charity Bowling Event from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Westland Bowl.

The bowling challenge will benefit the Oakwood Hospital Foundation Children's Fund. Each station's bowler must raise a minimum of \$20 for the hospital.

The stations will be represented by three teams of four members.

"We wanted to develop a fun way for our staffs to support the community," said Bill Keith, station manager for WSDP. "It's also a little friendly competition between the stations."

Champs from page A1

and marching.

"It is a tough show," said Assistant Music Director Rob Myers. "The minute you slack off in this show, you're in a lot of trouble so these kids are working awfully hard."

"Some of the music goes at 180 beats per minute, so it is extremely fast," said drum major Elliott Tackitt. "I think it was an exceptional performance on everybody's part. We worked really hard in the last couple months and it has all come together. I'm really proud of everybody."

Fellow band members agree. "I felt we did great," said Kevin Cooper, junior saxophonist. "It was one of our best performances."

Said Jessica McLellan, senior clarinetist: "I feel very good about our performance and it was great getting a standing ovation."

The PCEP performers completed the in-state season by gleaming every Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for best marching, music and general effect at all their Michigan competitions. Due to inclement weather Oct. 23 in Muskegon, the Plymouth-Canton staff decided on a standstill, which classified the band's performance as exhibition-only with no score.

At the Bands of America Regional Championships in Toledo this fall, the PCEP band placed second among 30 bands from six states, missing first by less than two-tenths of a point.

At the state contest on Saturday, top spots in other flights went to Mona Shores, Flight II champions with a score of 91.2; Farmington Harrison captured the Flight III championship title with a score of 81.2; and, with a score of 84.1, Durand took the Flight IV championship.

Other area schools included Westland's John Glenn with a 73.05 for seventh place in Flight I.

Tenth place in Flight I with a score of 67.95 went to West Bloomfield. Novi took third place with a score of 85.9 in Flight II and Dearborn/Ann Arbor captured third place in Flight IV with a score of 75.2.

Only the top 10-scoring bands in each flight can participate in the championship contest. There are more than 80 bands in the MCBA, said McGrath, who is also MCBA president.

The next two weeks leading up to the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis will mean some pretty intense practice sessions.

"We'll have a couple extended rehearsals next



Showtime: Members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band perform their show Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome. The band won the state competition for the sixth consecutive year.

week, as we normally do this time of the season," said McGrath. He is pleased that there are two weeks to work on cleaning and polishing the show before national championships.

"Last year we only had one week to make adjustments and once you hear and see it in a dome, you make adjustments that you never had to encounter before."

He pointed out there were some timing problems in the first half of the show until the kids got used to the echo environment of the dome. "Then they sort of settled in and played great the whole show," said McGrath.

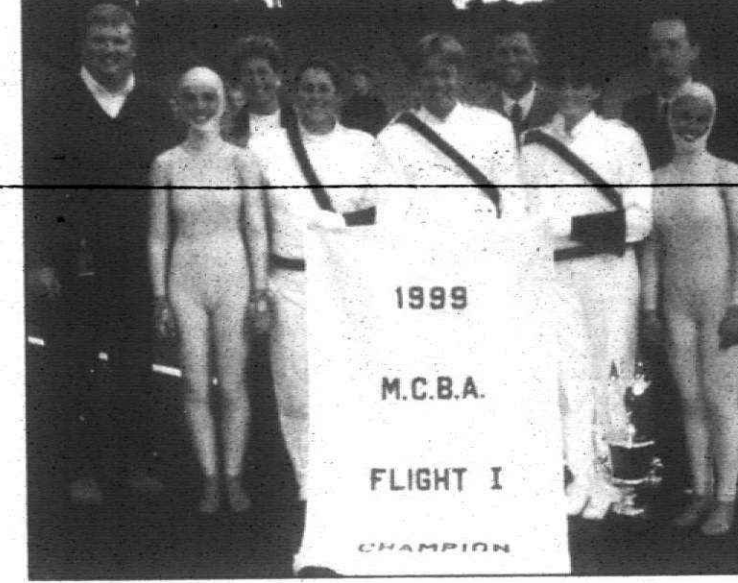
"We're going to have to do some things like rehearse with cotton in their ears just to get them used to that muffled sound that they'll hear."

And it is certain that some 400 band parents will be right there supporting their performers.

"The parents work really hard all through the year behind the scenes to raise the money and to make sure everything is in place so that when the season starts, we know we can put the show on the road," said Sharon Shemon, whose son Zack is a sophomore saxophone player.

"It makes me feel incredibly proud to see how hard they are willing to work at something they want to be good at," she said. "And then it makes me feel incredibly proud when I'm watching them perform and to see their hard work pay off."

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.



Celebration: Displaying their championship banner and new trophy are (front row, from left): Erin Konarske, Julie Scott, Elliott Tackitt, Crystal Neher and Marisa Violi. Behind them are MCBA officials, including Plymouth-Canton band director David McGrath (second from right).

Safety check planned

A free car seat safety check will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth Jeep on Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. The check is sponsored by Michigan SafeKids Coalition, Henry Ford Health Systems and Oakwood Health Care Center.

"We think this is an excellent opportunity for the community," said Diane Pawlica, manager of Henry Ford Medical Center of Canton. "I was shocked at the percentage of car seats that are used incorrectly," Pawlica said.

About 95 percent of car seats are used incorrectly, she said.

Child passenger safety specialists from the Michigan SafeKids Coalition will be on hand to make sure the seat is installed properly and securely, the seat is the correct one for each child and the seat has not been recalled. There are just a half-dozen trained safety specialists in Michigan.

Cleans and refreshments will be at the safety check. Cars should enter Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth Jeep from Lilley. The check should take no longer than 10 minutes, Pawlica said.

Discovery of the tomb of Egypt's child-king

The discovery of the tomb of Egypt's child-king, Tutankhamen, who became pharaoh at the age of 9 and died when he was 19. The only ancient Egyptian royal tomb to have escaped plundering by grave robbers was discovered more than 3,000 years after Tut's death by English archaeologist Howard Carter. The priceless relics yielded by King Tut's tomb were placed in Egypt's National Museum at Cairo.

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

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

- www.michigan.org
- www.fatcatcafe.com
- www.soprano.com
- www.kachinaweb.com
- www.simplenet.com

Old mysteries

Readers who enjoy historical fiction with a mysterious touch will find these selections interesting:

- "Masquerade" by Walter Sa Herthwait
- "The Problem of the Missing Miss" by Robert Bly
- "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr
- "Flying Blind" by Max Collins
- "The Detective and Mr. Dickens" by William J. Palmer

Hot topic of the week

Canton Project ARTS and the Canton Public Library announce a bookmark contest for children in grades 1-5 to celebrate Children's Book Week (Nov. 15-21). Entry forms are available in the Youth Department. All entries are due by Saturday, Nov. 6. Winning bookmarks will be printed and prizes will be awarded.

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

Q & A

Q: Who discovered King Tut's tomb and when?

A: On Nov. 4, 1922, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of modern times occurred at Luxor, Egypt. It was

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

GOFF/JOHNSON FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 130 99 0005 000. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

CANTON TOWNSHIP INITIATED FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (4 UNITS/ACRE) FOR THE SOUTH 860 FEET OF MEADOW VILLAGE SUBDIVISION #2, AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 129 99 0009 000, 131 99 0001 000, 131 99 0002 000, 131 99 0003 000, 131 99 0004 000, 131 99 0005 000, 131 99 0006 000, 131 99 0007 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0011 000, 131 99 0012 000, 131 99 0013 000, 131 99 0014 000, AND 131 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

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This hearing is rescheduled from September 13, 1999.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, December 2, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Physical Therapy UPDATE

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WOMEN'S EDGE

Women can outperform men in ultra-endurance events because they are able to more readily draw energy reserves of fat. Now, recent research indicates that estrogen may provide women with the advantage of being less prone to soreness after exercise. As fitness enthusiasts know, dull pain and stiffness often set in 6 to 12 hours after exercise. The soreness generally speaks 24 to 36 hours later and causes a loss of strength and mobility. It is thought to be due to exercise-induced micro-tears in the muscle tissue. Preliminary research shows that estrogen may help women avoid this damage by protecting muscle. This may provide an edge that helps women endure longer, exercise sessions than men.

Unfortunately, many women tend to ignore pain and soreness until significant damage has occurred. If you're experiencing discomfort before, during, or immediately after exercise, or find that even low levels of pain and stiffness have become a constant in your life, ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, or call 453-3375 to schedule an evaluation. We offer a supportive staff of physical therapy professionals, and are located in Plymouth, at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20.

P.S. Muscle soreness also provides a positive indication that muscles have been stimulated to grow stronger and fitter. Telephone 951-0202.

William Gornush, PT
Rick Bergstrom, PT
Bob Schaeffer, PT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Acceptance of Agenda

1. Kristin Peltz, 38718 Deepwood St. Canton, MI 48188 (734-397-7234), requesting a variance of Fence Ordinance #103 Section 8 D, Fence installation in front yard area.
Parcel #093-02-0288-000 A (Building)
(Approval of October 14, 1999 minutes)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Veterinary Notes

by **Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.**

DOGS & THUNDER

Approximately 19 percent of all dogs suffer from thunder phobia, an anxiety disorder that can be very serious. The sounds, flashes, and change in barometric pressure are the three elements of thunderstorms that cause dogs to panic. The reasons for thunder phobia are still unclear. Some experts claim that the dog experienced a scare during a previous thunderstorm, such as a tree falling on a roof or car, and continues to link the fear to storms. The phobia could also be genetic. Most dogs do not outgrow their thunder phobia, but get more anxious about storms as they age. Desensitization training, which involves acclimating the dog to the taped sounds of thunder, is one option for treating thunder phobia.

If you would like more information about canine behavior, please contact **PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC**. Our knowledgeable staff will gladly explain normal habits and routine care procedures. Bring your canine friend here for a complete health check-up and preventative care, such as inoculations, neutering and spaying. Visit either of our two locations at **41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week.**

P.S. The drugs clomipramine and amitriptyline are also used to treat thunder phobia.

True Stories for Teens

Here are some non-fiction selections for young adult readers.

- "Love Ya Like a Sister: From the Journals of Katie Ours" by Julie Johnson
- "I Was My Mother's Bridesmaid" by Erica and Vanessa Carlisle
- "Diary of a Junior Year Vol ume I"

Q & A

Q: Who discovered King Tut's tomb and when?

A: On Nov. 4, 1922, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of modern times occurred at Luxor, Egypt. It was

Gallery offers shopping spree

Native West in downtown Plymouth is celebrating its 10th anniversary and one lucky customer will win a \$500 shopping spree... Everyone at Native West is eager to share the special meaning and/or legends behind the many art pieces they sell. The store also brings in Native American artists to share their culture and art with customers.

Grill owner in it for the 'people'

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net



Restaurateur: George Smith is ready for today's opening of his new venture, 4 Friends Bar & Grill, on Warren Road east of Sheldon. The eatery has been remodeled from a restaurant formerly specializing in Indian cuisine.

Good food, reasonable prices and excellent service are the hallmarks of a good restaurant, according to George Smith. And he should know. He's been in the business in one way or another, most of his life.

Smith's latest venture, 4 Friends Bar and Grill: The New Taste of Canton, opens today at 44282 Warren Road, just east of Sheldon.

"You've got to like people in this business," said Smith, "because there's not a lot of money in it. The main thing is that I like to get involved with people. That's how I was brought up."

The restaurant will feature a traditional American menu with half-pound burgers, a wide selection of sandwiches, soups and salads. Steak, ribs and several Tex-Mex items highlight dinner offerings.

Township to take advantage of the township's continued growth. "It's the kind of place I want to be," he commented.

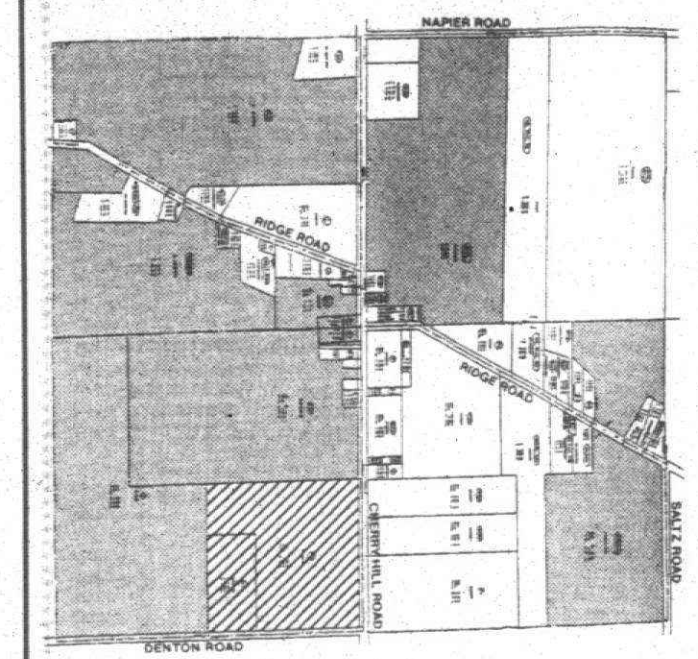
coat of paint and a good cleaning were needed. "It was in pretty good shape," said Smith.

\$3.25 for a grilled cheese to \$6.95 for steak. Appetizers include wing dings, chicken tenders, jalapeño poppers and cheese sticks, all for \$4.95.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1945 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 15, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FINAL PLAN CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PART OF PARCEL NO. 071 99 0002 001 AND ALL OF PARCEL NOS. 071 99 0006 000, 072 99 0005 003, 073 99 0001 001, 073 99 0001 002, 073 99 0002 000, 073 99 0005 002, 073 99 0009 000, 074 99 0001 000, 074 99 0002 000, 074 99 0003 000, 074 99 0010 000. Property is located north and south of Cherry Hill Road between Denton and Napier. Second Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Wednesday, November 10, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman. Publish: October 21 and November 4, 1999.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton, Public Works, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 P.M. December 3, 1999 for the following described project: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design and construction follow-up of a new vehicle maintenance facility for Canton Township along with parking, landscaping, lighting, storm drainage, and other utilities. Requests for Proposal Documents are available to be picked up on the 2nd Floor, Public Works at the address above.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., November 18, 1999 for the following: PURCHASE OF BULK SALT 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 number, 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. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk. Publish: November 3, 1999.

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CARROLL L. MUNSHAW Services for Carroll L. Munshaw, 87, of Chelsea will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

HANNA ELIZABETH STRASEN Services for Hanna Elizabeth Strasen, 97, of Frankenmuth (formerly of Plymouth) were held Nov. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Charles F. Boeger officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

KATHLEEN ROWLINGS Services for Kathleen Rowlings, 64, of Canton were held Nov. 1 at Grand Lawn Cemetery with the Rev. Alberto Bondy of St. Michael Church officiating. She was born April 30, 1935, in Detroit and died Oct. 29, 1999, a homemaker.

HELENA L. WALKLEY Services for Helena L. Walkley, 91, of Bradenton, Fla., (formerly of Farmington) were held Oct. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James Braid. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

MARY ROSE DREW Services for Mary Rose Drew, 77, of Plymouth were held Oct. 28 in the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Father Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

SHIRLEY KONDOR Services for Shirley Kondor, 47, of Canton will be held Nov. 5 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

She was born Jan. 27, 1952, in Detroit and died Nov. 2. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John Neumann Church.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter Robert Taylor, and one daughter. Survivors include her husband, Allen Kondor; one son, Scott of Canton; one daughter, Sonya of Canton; two sisters, Wanda Sue Charles and Peggy Louise Cadle; and one brother, Howard Donald Taylor.

Old Village to spotlight its businesses at fest

A Village Business Fest will showcase Old Village shops and restaurants on Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The first-ever event is co-sponsored by the Old Village Development Authority and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

VFW reinstates Friday fish fry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 in Plymouth will once again be holding a Friday night fish fry to raise money for the veterans' group.

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High school from page A1

est number of children," she added. "If I can come from a small town with a class of 68 and go to Michigan State and be at the very top of my class, then we don't have necessarily to keep every elective that's out there." Joanne Lamar had a different take. She thinks PCEP does work well. "I think the park concept is a wonderful concept," Lamar said. "I think a lot of the decisions about the west were made out of fear. If you give teenagers a little freedom and a lot of guidance they'll do very well. We have nothing to fear." Trustee Elizabeth Givens agreed. "Random selection that means children are placed in classrooms with people that, if they lived in other districts, they might never be in classes with," she said. "That integration is one of the things that makes this community tick."

Conservatory from page A1

protection to stop the move. "They forced our hand," said Myers. "It's not something we wanted to do." The filing was also to protect conservatory students, he added. "We feel that the Plymouth-

ondary curriculum, support services and programs, supported by the district budget. Investigate models of leadership that will enhance the ability of the three schools to function as one yet remain distinctive. Implement an ongoing process for students to be more closely connected with a single adult who would serve as their staff mentor for at least one year. Continue to implement and enforce a strong code of conduct. The changes as described will become an accountable element of administrative position objectives for meeting timelines of implementation. Develop a specific and completed budget, and future projections need accompanying support data. The district's central administration signed off on the mandates and a special meeting was held Monday for the re-vote. School board President Sue

Myers would like SMAC to remain at its current location until the end of its semester in December. He plans to then move the conservatory to a permanent location in Canton. "We will be signing a seven-year lease on a building on Canton Center south of Hanford," said Myers. "The director said he'll move

our schools what our public wants." Added costs Monday's vote didn't specify an exact location for the high school. The building must be within a 10-minute walking distance from Salem and Canton. School Business and Operations Director John Birchler said. That calculation will determine an exact location. The district will incur added costs to develop the site. Relocating Salem's athletic fields will cost approximately \$250,000, said Birchler. An additional \$150,000 will be spent on the building's foundation and footings because of looser soil conditions, he added. Thomas believes the expenditures are a small price to pay. "It's a one-time cost to make sure we have the flexibility to operate those schools independently as three individual

ly amazing to me," he added. "We were there as a guardian angel in the beginning. He wants to make us look bad when he hasn't fulfilled his obligations." Myers has no one to blame but himself for SMAC's financial troubles, Yack said. "To lay this at our feet is total-

Dems, GOP offer dueling tax holiday proposals

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net Republicans and Democrats alike want to give Michigan residents a "holiday" from sales taxes. But differing proposals have sparked a war of words in Lansing. When House Taxation Committee Chair Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) unveiled plans for a two-week sales tax holiday on clothing during the back-to-school shopping season, Minority Leader Michael Hanley (D-Saginaw) criticized it as a drain on the state school aid fund. Proposal A, after all, shifted the tax burden away from property taxes and replaced the money with an increase in sales taxes, the hike being dedicated to the state school fund. "If Rep. Hanley is going to put a shot across the bow, it would be nice if he were aware of what members of his own caucus - 19 of them - are up to," Cassis fired back. She was referring to a plan by Rep. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas III

and Florida. House Bill 4650 would allow one day off from sales taxes on all items. The state budget is expected to produce a surplus of \$380 million in the current fiscal year. Extra funds in school aid money are expected to reach \$500 million next year. The budget surplus has members on both sides of the aisle looking for breaks to return money to taxpayers. The bills will not likely be considered until early next year. House Bill 4662 would exempt clothing from sales taxes for one week before and one week after the Labor Day holiday. The exemption would be capped at \$500 per individual article of clothing - amounts over that would be subject to Michigan's 6 percent sales tax. She said similar plans have been adopted in New York, New Jersey, Texas

CAPITAL CAPSULES

It's no longer science fiction - medical science can determine the likelihood that an individual will fall victim to one of about 4,000 different diseases through genetic testing. And health insurance companies in Michigan have already begun the practice of screening customers based on genetic testing, according to state Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. "Don't let them kid you," he said, "they are already doing it." But the practice will have to end under legislation, an eight bill package led by Senate Bill 815, sponsored by Schwarz and approved by the senate Wednesday, Oct. 27, in a 37-0 vote. Schwarz believes the testing would make it impossible for some, with genes that make them susceptible to certain diseases, to get insurance. If insurers argue testing would save money by weeding out those likely to file costly claims, Schwarz is unsympathetic. "What is the definition of insurance - it's share risk," he said. The bills would prohibit genetic testing for insurance, require destruction records of genetic tests, and insure the privacy of genetic tests. All local senators voted in favor of the bills. Only Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Ann Arbor, objected. While voting for the bills, she said she felt they did not go far enough. "It is my concern that this backdoor approach, rather than going through the complete umbrella protection offered by the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, does indeed limit the protections available for all of Michigan citizens," said Smith and Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, earlier proposed prohibitions to genetic testing under the civil rights act, which the senate did not accept.

SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE The balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS Portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance becomes effective November 4, 1999 after publication of the second reading. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 12th day of October, 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. A true and complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk's office. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the budget amendment in the General Fund to reclassify the debt service payment budget line items from the Canton Softball Center Division budget to the Transfers Division budget.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION SECTION 20. Ordinance No. 30 (N) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows: 112.200. Section 20. RATES. 1. WATER A. Consumption Rate - \$1.91 per 1,000 gallons B. Water Capital Charge - \$1,000.00 - Per REU Capital Charge - \$1,000.00 C. Water Construction Charges - Minimum Water Construction Charge - \$50.00 - Per REU Construction Charge - \$50.00 D. Water Front Footage Charge - \$15.00 per foot of property service by the water line E. Water Connection - Township Tap: 1 inch tap - \$250.00 2 inch tap - \$2,500.00 (plus \$12.00 per lineal foot over 15 feet) Over 2 inch line will be installed at a cost approved by Township Board. F. Water Connection - Applicant Tap: 1/2 inch tap - \$1,350.00 3 inch taps - \$1,700.00 4 inch taps - \$2,500.00 6 inch taps - \$3,925.00 2 inch tap for irrigation system - \$ 604.00 G. There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a 3/4 inch by-pass meter. The 3/4 inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the Township and installed by the Owner. The charge for the 3/4 inch by-pass meter and Township inspection shall be \$175.00. 2. SEWER A. Sewage Treatment Rate - \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons of water used B. Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle - \$112.20 C. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to Township water system, per bi-monthly reading cycle - \$20.00 per REU Sewer Capital Charge - Minimum - \$3,500.00 - Per REU Capital Charge - \$3,500.00 D. Sewer Front Footage Charge - \$20.00 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line E. Connection Charge - \$500.00 F. Inspection fee - \$50.00 G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates: Meter Size Meter Rate \$/Month 5/8 3.73 3/4 5.89 1 9.44 1 1/2 20.50 2 29.82 3 44.05 4 75.00 6 112.82 8 196.37 10 280.92

SECTION 7. INCREASE (DECREASE) APPROPRIATIONS Bond Principal \$101,755-991-0000 (\$200,000) Bond Interest 101,755-996-0000 (74,378) Bond Agent Fees 101,755-996-0000 (750) Transfers to Bldg Authority Debt Fund 101-859-965-3690 (275,128) Total - All Funds \$ - 0 - This budget amendment decreases the Canton Softball Center Division budget from \$1,292,825 to \$1,654,700, increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2,385,356 to \$2,660,454, and does not increase or decrease the General Fund budget. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Fund for the FY 1999 transfers from the General Fund and debt service payments for the Canton Softball Center bond issue. Increase Revenue Contributions from General Fund #369-000-676-1010 \$275,128 Increase Appropriations Debt, Principal #269-000-991-0000 \$200,000 Debt, Interest 369-000-996-0000 74,378 Paving Agent Fees 369-000-998-0000 750 Total \$275,128 This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Fund budget from \$1,382,614 to \$1,657,742. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the amended resolution of the May 25, 1999 Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton granting special land use for Belle Tire. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Belle Tire. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution for the tentative approval of the preliminary plan for Central Park Subdivision No. 2. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve awarding the bid for purchase of one (1) Toro Backmaster 3100 Sideliner Model #03201 Trim Mower from Spartan Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$17,137.00 which includes a \$3,000 trade-in allowance for Fellows Club Golf Club. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve awarding the bid for the exterior painting of the Canton Softball Center restaurant/office building to the low bidder, B & B Painting in the amount of \$7,000, and establish a contingency fund of \$700 for a total of \$7,700. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the creation and filling of the position of GIS Mapping Specialist with a hire date projected for January 2000. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the award of bid for tree planting for Canton Center Road Tree Planting and Windsor Park Subdivision No. 1 Street Tree Program for an amount not to exceed \$122,405.00, plus a \$55.00 contingency for a total cost not to exceed \$122,905.00. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve additional design fees for Orchard, Hiltz & McClement, Inc. for the Beck Road Paving Project, Cherry Hill to Ford, in the amount of \$24,000.00 and to have these funds transferred from account 403-506-903-0000 to Purchase Order 13568. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of a vehicle exhaust system from Hasting Energy, Wayne, Michigan, at a cost not to exceed \$39,505.75, and to approve prepayment of this purchase. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. All ayes present. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Oct. 26, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Nov. 9, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Publish, November 4, 1999

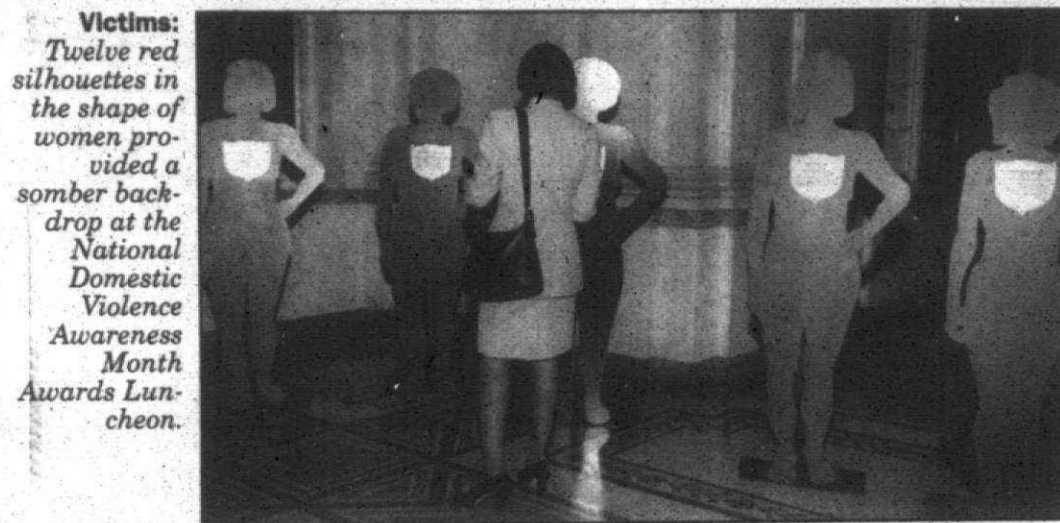
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Victims:
Twelve red silhouettes in the shape of women provided a somber backdrop at the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awards Luncheon.

Silhouettes tell grim story at domestic violence lunch

Twelve red silhouettes in the shape of women provided a somber backdrop at the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Awards Luncheon on Oct. 20.

Presented by the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence, the luncheon honored people and organizations who have made a difference in the lives of survivors of family violence in Wayne County.

Held at the Wayne County Building in Detroit, the event also served as an acknowledgment of National Domestic Violence Month.

The life-sized silhouettes, part of a traveling "Silent Witness" exhibit, depicted family violence homicide victims ranging in ages from 12 to 23 and included written biographies of each victim.

"These silhouettes serve as reminders of the brutality these victims endured at the hands of their attackers," said Nancy Diehl, chair of the WCCAFV and one of the event organizers.

Women of all cultures, races, occupations, income levels and ages are battered, statistics show, by husbands, boyfriends, lovers and partners.

"Every week, headlines tell us how violence continues to pervade our society," said Michael Duggan, Wayne County deputy county executive and one of the speakers for the event. "We must continue to focus attention on the problem of violence in families and work toward its prevention."

Special Spirit awards were given to individuals who made significant contributions of time and energy to the prevention of family violence. The recipients were Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Halloran; Andrea Solak, chief of special operations; Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Karen Porter, associate director, First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Lt. Gwen Brown, commander, Domestic Violence Task Force, Detroit Police Department and



Awarded: The Wayne County Council Against Family Violence (WCCAFV) gave special Spirit awards to individuals who made significant contributions of time and energy to the prevention of family violence. The recipients were (from left) Andrea Solak, chief of special operations in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; Sandra Tomlin, coordinator of community affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield; Karen Porter, associate director, First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Lt. Guendolyn Brown, commanding officer, Domestic Violence Task Force, Detroit Police Department; Circuit Judge Richard Halloran and past WCCAFV co-chair, and Chuck Spindler, of AirTouch Cellular.

new vice chair of WCCAFV and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and AirTouch Cellular.

Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored the printing of Wayne County's handbook on family violence prevention. "They accepted the challenge of addressing family violence in our county," said Lynda Baker, director of the WCCAFV. "We are so grateful for this. They really came to our rescue."

One of the victims of family violence described her ordeal with family violence and she expressed a great appreciation to corporate sponsor, AirTouch Cellular, which provided her and other victims with cellular phones programmed to call 911. Greg Haller, AirTouch regional director of sales, accepted the

award for AirTouch. "This is not something we have to do, this is the right thing to do," Haller said.

Solak said the award "reflects the real passion and commitment of the community." Also in attendance were John O'Hair, Wayne County prosecutor; Detroit Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey; Circuit Judge Mary Waterstone and Nancy Diehl, deputy chief of the Wayne County prosecutor's office, director of the child and family abuse bureau and new chair of WCCAFV.

Anyone interested in learning more about the council or Wayne County's family violence programs or materials should call (313) 224-5454.

County: Winter road service will improve

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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Cameron "Kim" Priebe is convinced the county roads division will do a better job this winter at snow removal.

After a year of meetings with community leaders, purchasing radios and new equipment and working with other road officials, Priebe, the director of the Wayne County Department of Public Services, and other county officials believe they have taken enough steps to improve snow removal operations.

They don't want a repeat of the now-infamous snowstorm of Jan. 2 that dropped 10 inches of snow, followed by 40 mph winds, then freezing temperatures. Many roads in western Wayne County remained snow covered after several days.

Dropped the ball

"We just dropped the ball in that district of your (Observer) coverage area," Priebe said.

The roads division had many new supervisors on the job last year. "We got our training last year," Priebe said.

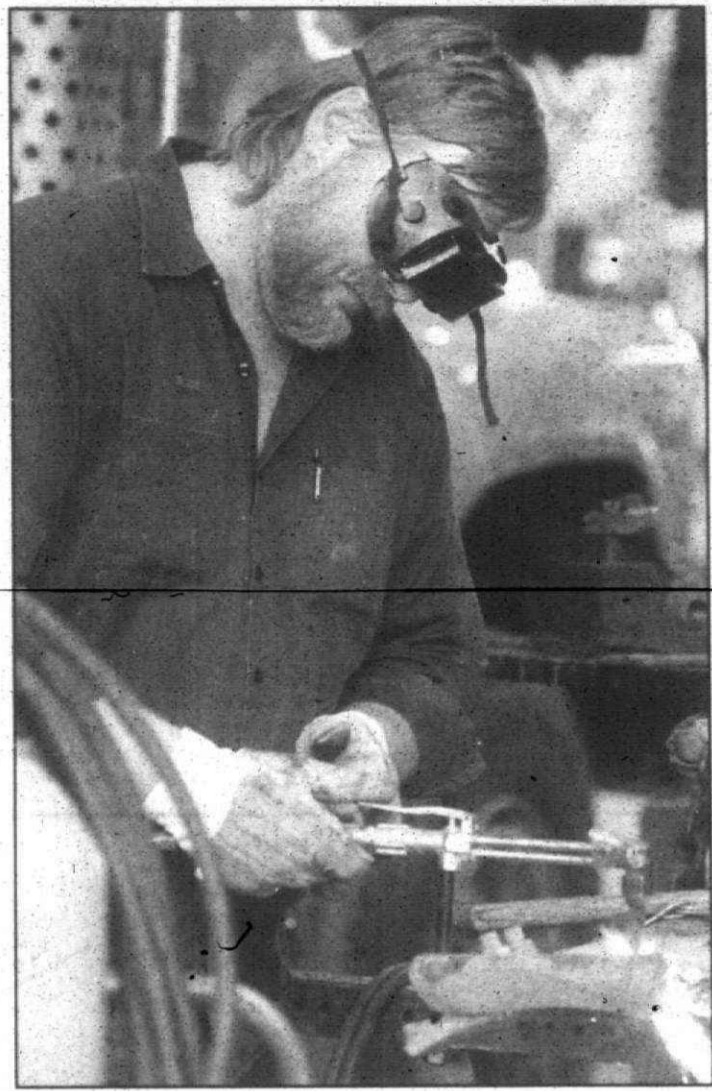
But this week work crews were placing plows on trucks and checking blades on graders at the central maintenance yard adjacent to Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport to prepare for winter's snow.

That equipment will help Wayne County maintain 462 miles of state trunklines and freeways, 719 miles of county primary roads and 721 miles of county local roads.

Many improvements

Priebe cited many improvements in the county's road division of the Department of Public Services:

- Improved communications. New phone lines were installed at county yards for local city and township officials to contact supervisors on unlisted phone numbers.
- New radios for trucks. Earlier this year, county commission-



Cameron Priebe

Wayne County Public Services Director Cameron Priebe said the county "dropped the ball" in western Wayne County last winter. He hopes new equipment, better organization and a fresh resolve will enhance service this winter. He doesn't want to repeat the aftermath of the 10-inch snow last January when western Wayne County roads were clogged with snow for weeks.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Bring on the snow: At left, Kenny Rodgers works on getting a truck ready for winter work. Above, new trucks await installation of snow plows.

Fine tuning

Routes also were "fine-tuned," with roads in proximity to hospitals and fire station taking a higher priority. But road officials have focused on improving communications.

"Area engineers will have phones and radios," Priebe said. They will communicate better with foreman and yard supervisors to coordinate snow removal trucks to areas and roads that may need attention, county officials said.

It's a beauty

Last winter the county purchased a \$90,000 Oshkosh SNoGo from Houghton County,

state. Prices can vary. Last year Wayne County paid between \$30 and \$32 a ton. Oakland County just received salt at \$20 per ton.

Wayne County inventories about 80,000 tons of salt. An average winter's usage ranges between 120,000 and 125,000 tons.

Trucks aren't the only equipment Wayne County uses for snow removal.

"This equipment can go onto the shoulder and blow onto a freeway embankment, and snow can travel at least 100 feet or it can be loaded into a truck."

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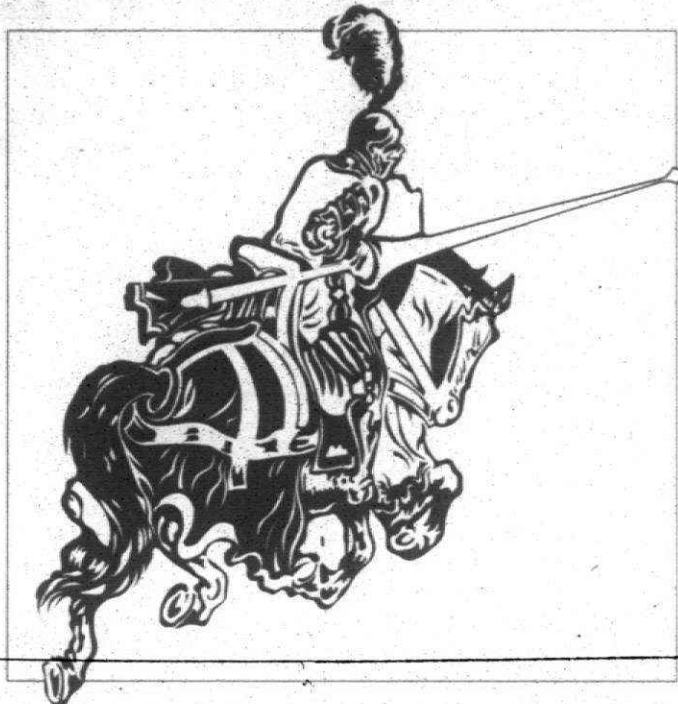
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"If you are in possession of body armor, that's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at," State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) says. "If you're a felon, it's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at because you are planning to commit a crime."

As a result, Peters has introduced legislation to outlaw possession of bulletproof vests and other body armor by anyone previously convicted of a violent crime.

It's not just logic that leads Peters to such conclusions. He cites a growing number of recent incidents, locally and across the nation, in which violent offenders have turned to body armor for protection.

Oak Park police Officer Kurt Skarjune, speaking on behalf of the bill in a press conference Wednesday, Oct. 27, said he has encountered four suspects who were wearing body armor, one of whom was also carrying guns and drugs. He's chased one gun-toting robber who was later



found to be wearing a vest. Skarjune has been campaigning since 1994, when he saw vests available for sale in the catalog of a well-known national retailer, to get a national ban on

mail order sales of body armor. Although he's had no luck in Congress, he said state governments have been more receptive to the idea of banning body armor for felons.

Detroit police have found gang members wearing vests during the commission of violent crimes. In June, a man who was attempting to rob a Rochester Hills bank of \$12,000 was found to be wearing a bulletproof vest.

And of course, Peters noted, it was body armor that allowed robbers in North Hollywood, Calif., to engage in a gun battle with more than 100 police officers while they tried to walk away from the scene earlier this year. It took some 22 direct hits by police to bring the perpetrators down, the senator said.

There is more evidence that body armor sales are going up. Peters' staff cited U.S. News and World Report stories which stated that the sale of body armor to civilians — as opposed to the police or the military — has become a \$100 million a year market.

Southfield police Sgt. David Daughenbaugh said his depart-

ment has not yet faced criminals with bulletproof vests, but they have confronted criminals who have automatic weapons.

"In those cases, you are already out gunned, you don't want to have to deal with body armor, too ... You don't want to go up against a Sherman tank when all you have is a revolver," Daughenbaugh said.

"Body armor on a criminal puts police at a dangerous disadvantage," Peters said.

It is already illegal for someone to wear a bulletproof vest during the commission of a violent crime, but Peters' bill would outlaw possession at any time for a felon. Just having body armor could get the convict four more years in jail or a \$2,000 fine, under the proposed legislation.

But the senator said he recognizes vests may be good protection for law abiding citizens who have received death threats or otherwise have reason to believe they may be in danger. So the bill would not prohibit possession for those who do not have criminal records.

And even felons could apply to the local sheriff or police chief for permission to own body armor if their lives are in danger. The bill includes an exemption allowing sheriffs and police chiefs to grant that permission if there is a legitimate need, such as a death threat, and if the police believe the armor will be used lawfully.

Along with Peters' Senate Bill 838, Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) introduced supporting legislation in Senate Bill 839, adding possession of body armor by a felon to Michigan's criminal code.

The bills were referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for review, but Peters said he anticipates fast approval by Legislature, perhaps in as little as two weeks.

He said all the major police organizations in the state, including the Fraternal Order of Police and the Michigan Sheriffs Association, support the bill. He cited polls that show 83 percent of Americans favor outlawing possession of body armor by felons. And, he said, he anticipates no opposition to passage.

Edison takes bids on megawatts

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ — Detroit Edison opened the second round of bidding for another 225 megawatts (MW) of capacity as part of Michigan's Electric Choice program, designed to allow the state's electricity users to choose their electricity supplier.

The first phase was fully subscribed with bids awarded in residential, commercial and industrial customer groups. In the phased-in program, participants bid for capacity rights on Detroit Edison's transmission and distribution systems. Bidders can include other power producers, marketers, aggregators or customers.

"As we get into the second phase of Electric Choice, we'll continue to learn more about the dynamics of competition, who's interested in participating and whether there are things we can do to make the process smoother," said James J. Gessner, Detroit Edison manager, Electric Choice. "Detroit Edison is voluntarily implementing the Michigan Public Service Commission's order and we're excited about the possibilities that competition will bring to the state's electric industry."

The second phase, the last in 1999, will continue through Nov. 19. Each of the five phases will make 225 MW of capacity available to all customers, for a total of 1,125 MW of Detroit Edison's system capacity. Beginning Jan. 1, 2002, all Michigan customers will have the option to participate in Electric Choice.

Secretary of State offices closed holidays

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A Distorted View

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK • PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Students see effects of alcohol through impairment goggles

Joe Zitterman walks slowly across the stage, then wobbles while looking at his feet.

Jason Jones reaches for a set of keys on the floor. He leans over, stretches his arm out, once, twice, then three times before he can grab them.

Aaron Butcher is told to walk toward the open hand of a Wayne County sheriff, but it takes a few steps for him to line himself up.

These three Garden City High School students had difficulty performing simple physical tasks Tuesday because they wore impairment goggles, courtesy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. The specially designed eyeglasses distort vision, simulating the visual effect of two alcoholic drinks, so students could see first-hand how drinking affects their vision and perception.

"Youngsters have an attitude that nothing will happen to them," said Sheriff Robert Ficano. "They think they are invincible, that they can control their reflexes even if they are drinking or

doing drugs. "We try to show the reality of it."

The program is part of the sheriff's Adopt-A-School program, and the goggles made their first appearance this year at an area high school. "We want to make sure (students) understand the law, and we want to build trust," Ficano said.

Ficano reminded the students from a Street Law class - which taught them about the criminal justice system, civil rights and consumer law - that drinking by minors that leads to impaired or drunken driving can result not only in death and serious injury, but the suspension or revocation of driver licenses and jail time.

About 3,000 inmates are currently housed in the county jail, Ficano said. "Anyone know what they had in common? They broke the law. They all thought they were smarter than the system."

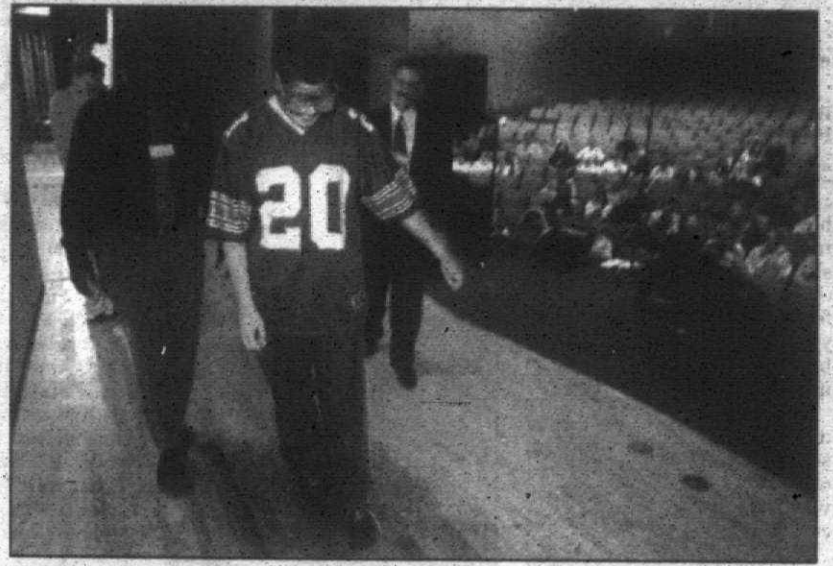
Once police officers arrest offenders and they are jailed, their lives change,

Ficano said. "Once you get in there, we control your life," Ficano said. "We tell you when you get up, when you eat and when you have recreation. You get mail, but guess what? We get to read it."

DeWayne Hayes, a community service program coordinator with the Sheriff's Department, showed the students slides from accidents involving drunken drivers from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office and a video of Wayne County victims of drunken drivers, featuring families traumatized by the loss of loved ones and others disabled from auto accidents.

Hayes also relayed a story about his own personal experiences. When Hayes first learned to drive, he ran into a police car while transporting a few friends to a party. His father let him drive again, but he was involved in another accident, and his license was suspended.

"It was a bad feeling to lose that privilege," Hayes said. "Sometimes we lose our freedom to do things, and when we



Toe the line: Joe Zitterman tries to walk a straight line with his impairment goggles for Officer DeWayne Hayes and Sheriff Robert Ficano.

do, it bothers us.

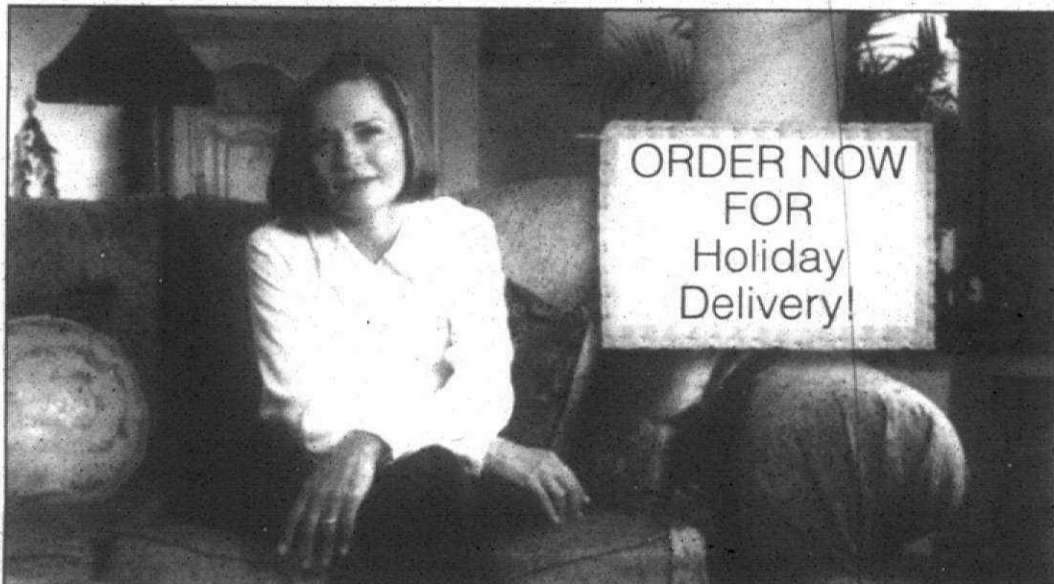
"If you go to proms or parties, we want you to enjoy yourselves without alcohol."

The three students who demonstrated the goggles for other students believe the program was effective.

Jason Jones, a junior, said the goggles made him feel dizzy. "I think I can do everything, but I don't feel normal," Jones said of wearing glasses.

Aaron Butcher, also a junior, thought the glasses were a good demonstration for the students to deter them from drinking and driving. "I realized that when I couldn't walk around," Butcher said.

Joe Zitterman, a freshman, said the glasses made him "impaired." "They made me fall all over," Zitterman said.



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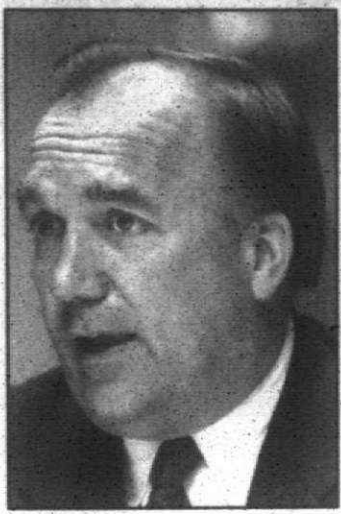
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Some question qualifications of new MEAP board

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Barbara Bolin, executive director of Michigan's Department of Career Development, devised competency tests at Austin Community College in Texas. She also devised "WorkKeys" analyses for an Austin corporation, says Jim Karshner, communications director for that department. So Bolin, he says, has "extensive experience" in preparation for her new role as a member of Michigan's Merit Award Board.

The board has been assigned to oversee Michigan Education Assessment Program testing in the future rather than the State Board of Education, as a result of orders issued recently by Gov. John Engler.



Making big changes: Gov. John Engler has taken charge of MEAP.

But that appears to be the closest thing to direct experience. Other appointed members of the board — state Treasurer Mark Murray, Munder Capital Management Vice President Clark Durant, General Motors Human Resources Director Kathleen Barclay, and former Detroit police chief Isaiah McK-

Does that matter?

Views differ

Yes, according to State Board of Education President Dorothy Beardmore. Assessment test design is a highly specialized field, best left to professionals. She notes that even when the MEAP was under the guidance of the state board, members did not review the test or test questions before they were given to students. That was considered a responsibility of educators and department of education staff who had special expertise in the field.

But Maureen McNulty Saxton, spokesperson for Murray and the Treasury Department, said Merit Board members don't need experience in test design. While the board will review the test ahead of time, members will not actually be drafting questions. That will be left to the same educators and staff members who have been doing it all along.

Like other oversight panels, expertise in the field is not required, she contended. She noted that expertise in assessment testing also is not required

'There's a slew of questions that need to be answered.'

Maureen Saxton
Treasury Department spokesperson

of State Board of Education members before they can run for election to their posts.

State board member Kathleen Straus, though one of the most vocal critics of the transfer ordered by the governor, agreed that prior experience isn't necessary. Despite the review by the Merit Board, she expects the panel will take its cue from educators and test writers who do have expertise in the field.

Straus — who is still considering legal action over the governor's order moving MEAP testing to the Treasury Department based on what she considers a violation of the state Constitution — raised another question about the Merit Board's role in reviewing the test.

The State Board of Education, when it was responsible for oversight, did not review the tests before they were given because

of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Once before the public body as a subject of discussion, the test, the questions included on it and the answers would be considered public documents under the Open Meetings Act. That would allow students to cheat by reading the test questions and answers before taking it.

"I assume the Merit Board would follow the Open Meetings Act," Straus said. If the board does indeed review the tests ahead of time, it will make the test public documents.

Other concerns

Those are just some examples of the concerns being raised in response to the governor's order in October transferring administration of MEAP testing to the Department of Education to the Department of Treasury. To provide oversight, the Michigan Merit Award Board was

installed. Shortly after issuing the transfer order, Engler announced the names of three members he had appointed to sit on the Merit Award Board.

According to Saxton, the seventh member of the board has yet to be named. And, she said, there is an executive director of the Merit Award program who has yet to be appointed. Although interviews are being conducted, she said, the governor has not made a selection.

That means it is still early in the formation of the board and much has yet to be determined about how it will operate. Those newly appointed are saying little about their role or qualifications. Bolin, for instance, declined comment because the board has not yet had its first meeting. According to Karshner, how it will operate and what its role will be in the creation of the MEAP test has largely not yet been determined.

"There's a slew of questions that need to be answered," Saxton said. "But there are other issues that make it even more confusing. Beardmore, for instance, contends the Michigan Constitution gives the State Board of Education responsibility for setting policy regarding the test. And that would mean two panels would be charged with overseeing how the tests are to be conducted."

"I'm glad the state board is interested and it should be interested in assessment testing," Saxton responded. But where the distinction is between the state board's policy-setting role and the Merit Award Board's oversight role isn't clear.

Saxton went on to say that the move "will help the state board focus totally on education. The state has moved a lot of things away from the State Board of Education that have nothing to do with the quality of education. This will help the state board by refining and focusing its mission on developing curriculum and setting core standards."

John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. Engler, said the state board has not done much policy setting with regard to the MEAP in the past anyway.

Straus strongly disagrees. "He just doesn't know," she said. "For example, Treasury is saying it is going to release old versions of the test so the public can see what the tests are like. What Truscott doesn't know is that we (the state board) made that decision months ago."

In any case, the qualifications of the Merit Board are being debated. Engler says its members are "distinguished professionals who have the necessary experience and leadership for this important duty."

Critics say the lack of apparent experience with assessment testing is a concern.

Board members

Durant, a resident of Grosse Pointe, was a member of the state board who resigned after missing numerous sessions. He was elected to the Michigan State Board of Education in 1994 and resigned in September. Durant once served as an attorney for the law firm of Timmis and Inman in Detroit.

He has practiced law for 23 years in civil, criminal and corporate matters. He is president of the Genesis Foundation, chairman of the board of the Cornerstone Schools, corporate secretary and a board member for Detroit Mortgage and Realty and a board member for William Tyndale College.

Durant ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate and the Michigan Supreme Court.

Barclay, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is vice president of human resources for General Motors and president of General Motors University. She has also worked in retail management with the Southland Corp. in Chicago and Reno, Nev., and as a human resources compensation manager for the Allen-Bradley Co. in Milwaukee.

Barclay is a member of the MIT Board of Governors, the MSU Alumni Board of Directors, the Conference Board's Global Human Resources Council, and the Detroit Women's Economic Club.

McKinnon retired as chief of police in Detroit in 1998. He is now an adjunct professor of criminal justice for the University of Detroit Mercy. McKinnon has been in law enforcement for 29 years, serving as a police inspector, lieutenant and sergeant.

United Way nears fund-raising goal

PRNewswire — United Way Community Services announced that \$45,917,820 or 63.3 percent of this year's combined goal of \$72.5 million, has been raised. The announcement was made by James F. Holden, president of DaimlerChrysler and general chair of the 1999 United Way campaign, at United Way's mid-report luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

More than 500 volunteers gathered to hear the results to-date in this year's campaign. Highlighted at the luncheon were 1999 totals from the "Big Three Automakers"; the Auto Challenge Match for new business and the Leadership Giving Challenge Match. The \$72.5 million combined goal includes contributions received for New Detroit, Inc. and United Way of Oakland County.

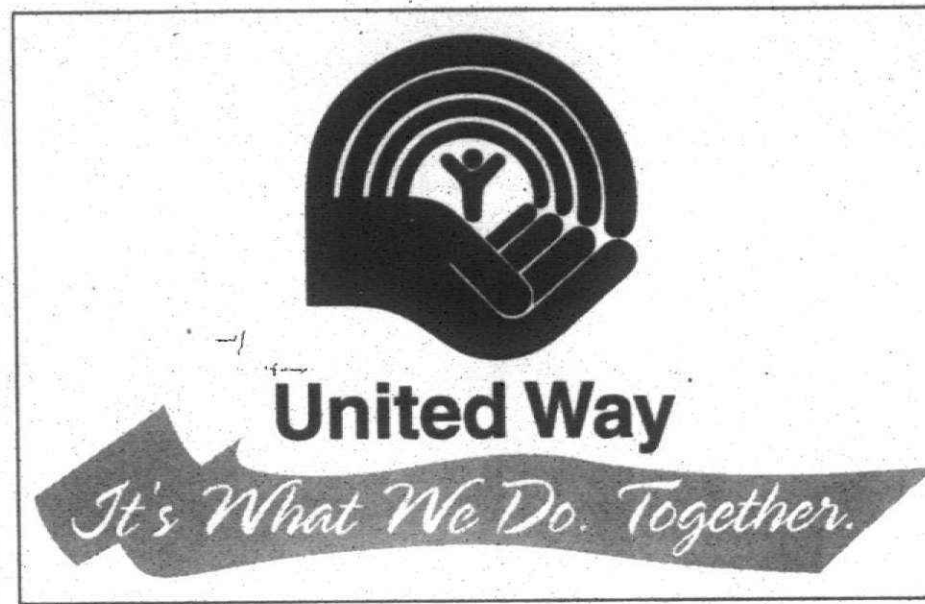
Again this year, two challenge match commitments have been made to encourage campaign participation. They are the "Auto New Business Challenge Match" by DaimlerChrysler Corp., General Motors and Ford Motor Co., which is an incentive for companies to run United Way employee campaigns or give a corporate gift for the first time; and the "Leadership Giving Challenge Match," provided by Ford Motor Co. Fund and a select group of Ford senior executives, which encourages new and increased leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more.

"Reaching a stretch goal of \$72.5 million takes a tremendous effort and commitment by everyone," said Holden. "When we say United Way... It's what we do... Together, we mean that literally. I would like to thank the members of our campaign leadership and the thousands of dedicated volunteers who have helped us get this far in the campaign. But, we're not through yet."

Holden added, "We need to keep the momentum to raise as much money as we can to continue serving the more than 1.5 million people in southeastern Michigan whose lives have been touched thanks to your contribution to United Way."

Highlighted today were the 1999 contributions, which together total more than \$31,782,465 from DaimlerChrysler, Ford and GM. The vice chair for the Auto Unit is John F. Smith Jr., chairman and CEO, General Motors Corp., and results of the automotive employee campaigns are as follows:

DaimlerChrysler Corp.: Contributions totaled \$6,701,824 from DaimlerChrysler hourly and management employees in the metro Detroit area. The DaimlerChrysler Corporate Fund made a gift of \$1,100,000, bringing contributions from DaimlerChrysler and its employees to \$7,801,824. For the second year, DaimlerChrysler's campaign was chaired by Thomas W. Sidlik, executive vice president and general manager of Procurement and Supply, DaimlerChrysler Corp. Sidlik also announced DaimlerChrysler Southeast Michigan Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealers are adding \$100,000.



Ford Motor Co.: Contributions totaled \$13,110,279 from Ford Motor Company hourly and management employees in the metro Detroit area. The Ford Fund made a gift of \$2,190,000, bringing contributions from Ford and its employees to \$15,300,279. This represents the largest gift ever to a single United Way in the country. Ford's campaign was chaired by Roman J. Krygiel, vice president, Powertrain Operations; vice chair was Martin Zimmerman, vice president of Government Affairs.

General Motors Corp.: Contributions totaled \$7,273,877 from General Motors Corp. hourly and management employees. The General Motors Foundation made a gift of \$1,307,000, bringing contributions from GM and its employees to \$8,580,877. GM's campaign was chaired by Roderick D. Gillum, vice president of Corporate Relations and Diversity, Chairman and CEO, Jack Smith, led a special effort to significantly increase leadership giving.

The success of the automakers campaigns would not be possible without the full participation and leadership of rank-and-file members of organized labor. "The camaraderie that exists between United Way and the members of organized labor dates back to the very first Torch Drive in 1949," said Elizabeth Bunn, vice president, International Union, United Auto Workers and Labor Participation chair. "It was the UAW and Ford Motor Co. in the beginning that shaped the bond we now share — a partnership that has evolved to symbolize unity among givers, as well as unity between labor and management."

Other campaigns highlighted with results to-date included: Pacesetter Campaigns, \$1,484,565; Major and Mid-sized Account Units, \$10,471,244; and the Combined Fed-

eral Campaign, \$1,149,919. Just as community needs increase and challenges change, United Way continues to look at new ways of retaining its current supporters, and reaching out to new ones.

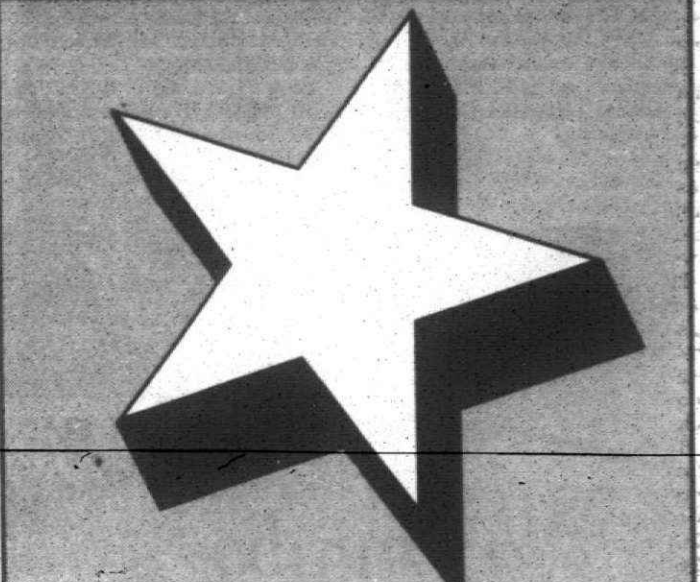
"In order to continue to provide needed services in an efficient and coordinated effort, we must raise more funds each year through establishing new partnerships," said Geneva J. Williams, chief operating officer, United Way Community Services. "United Way Community Services established the New Partners in Giving initiative to address the realities of the changing work environment by reaching out to the community in non-traditional ways."

"It is through this initiative, for the first time this year, WWJ Newsradio 950 and United Way have partnered to launch Internet Campaign '99 — an internet campaign that runs in conjunction with the United Way campaign. This partnership gives us the opportunity to offer and test new ways to communicate the services of United Way to small and medium sized businesses, including home-based businesses and the self-employed. The campaign also provides people a safe and easy way to make a donation to United Way, especially those business owners and individuals who do not have access to the traditional workplace campaign."

The 1999 United Way campaign runs through November 18. For more information on contributing to the campaign or to volunteer, call (313) 226-9200.

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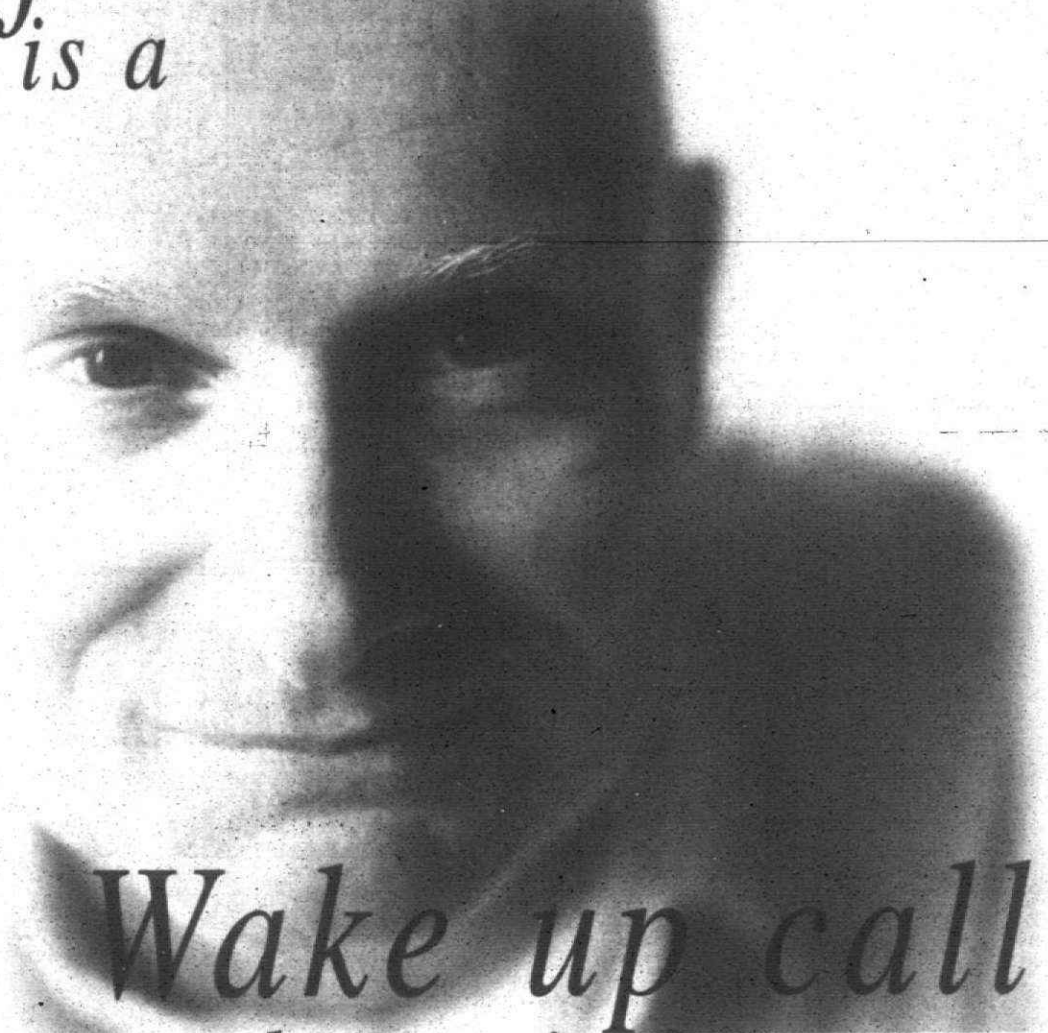
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Southeast Michigan growth rate takes an upswing

The seven-county region of Southeast Michigan, which began the 1990s with an annual population growth rate of 4 percent - less than half of Michigan's one percent annual growth rate - surpassed the state's growth rate in 1998 and is closing the decade with a growth rate of 7 percent, according to the 1999 Southeast Michigan Population and Household Estimates released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"Southeast Michigan has lagged behind the nation's annual population growth rate of one percent," said SEMCOG chief demographer Ed Limoges, "but now appears to be reaping some of the benefits of the surging economy. Instead of residents leaving the region for greener pastures, the 'pastures' in Southeast Michigan are becoming greener and greener." To mark the end of the millennium, SEMCOG's annual report, 1999 Southeast Michigan Popu-

lation and Household Estimates, debuted at the agency's General Assembly meeting on Oct. 28. This colorful 34-by-42 inch poster includes easy-to-read data, maps and graphs plotting population trends and posting current population and household estimates. "The poster gives users an opportunity to get a clear picture of population estimates in context with other data SEMCOG produces about growth in the region," Limoges said.

In addition to annual growth rate figures, SEMCOG's data also show a higher rate of growth in households over population. While Southeast Michigan's population has increased 4 percent since the 1990 census, the number of households in the region has increased 8.3 percent. There has been a continuing decline in household size since 1950, noted Limoges. The shrinkage reflects changes in household composition, including a declining percentage of house-

holds with children, fewer children in households with children, more single parent households, more "empty nester" households and more single adults living alone. SEMCOG estimates continue to place Detroit's population under 1 million at 965,351, a decrease of 62,623 since the 1990 census. "Our estimates are based on methods that are consistent with the traditional census. They do not fully address the under-

Madonna names 3 to its board of trustees

Three new trustees have been appointed to the Madonna University Board for three year terms. Bishop Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit; Michael Obloy, president of Special Drill & Reamer Corp. of Madison Heights; and Dr. Ernest Sorini, physician and president of Professional Emergency Care of Ann Arbor.

Anderson is a member of the Society of St. Edmund and a graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont where he majored in philosophy. He attended St. Edmund Seminary and then went on to earn a degree at St. Michael's and a master's degree in theology at Xavier University.

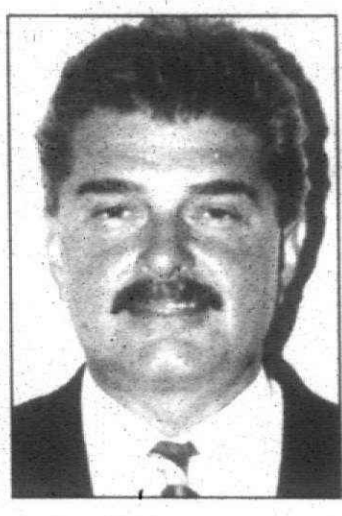
He was ordained a priest in 1958 and appointed auxiliary bishop of Detroit in 1982. He is pastor of Church of Precious Blood. He is a member of the Madonna President's Cabinet. Michael Obloy is also a mem-



Bishop Moses Anderson



Michael Obloy



Dr. Ernest Sorini

Obloy is the father of four children and lives in Troy. Sorini is a physician and president of Professional Emergency Care and Emergency Resources Inc., a medical service and staffing organization serving 200,000 Michigan residents annually. He also is a partner in a national organization, Simplified Employment Services. He earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He is the father of four sons and lives in Ann Arbor. The members of Madonna University's board offer assistance in determining priorities and policies with respect to reviewing programming, setting investment guidelines, planning and achieving resource development goals and approving operating budgets.

Telethon held to benefit ACCESS

A telethon to benefit an area community center will be broadcast Nov. 21 in Livonia, Redford and Westland. The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn will hold its 18th annual telethon from noon until 1 a.m. on MediaOne cable.

For almost 31 years, ACCESS has provided services to the Arab and non-Arab communities throughout the Detroit area, annually assisting more than 40,000 people. Money raised in this year's telethon will be used to build a Community Health Center. To pledge, call (313) 271-2211.

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CVS/pharmacy contributes to Senior Celebration Day

State Rep. Laura Toy and Sen. Thaddeus McCotter recently accepted a \$5,000 donation from CVS/pharmacy on behalf of Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, the Livonia nonprofit

group organizing Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day. "Since CVS/pharmacy is new to this area, customers may not be aware that we are actively involved in many local community efforts," said Susan DelMonico, director of community relations. "Our corporate giving program focuses on health care and education. This event is a great opportunity for seniors to get acquainted with our colleagues." Toy said she was pleased the pharmacy decided to get involved in Senior Celebration Day, especially since they are new to the community. "This donation makes

CVS/pharmacy the major sponsor for our event," said Toy, Livonia. "We are extremely thankful for what they have done for us, and delighted to include them in our celebration day. It's a good way for us to welcome them to our community." CVS is the largest retail provider of prescriptions in the nation. The company is the number one drugstore chain in the United States, with approximately 4,100 stores in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Midwest regions of the country. The Fifth Annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day was Friday, Oct. 15.

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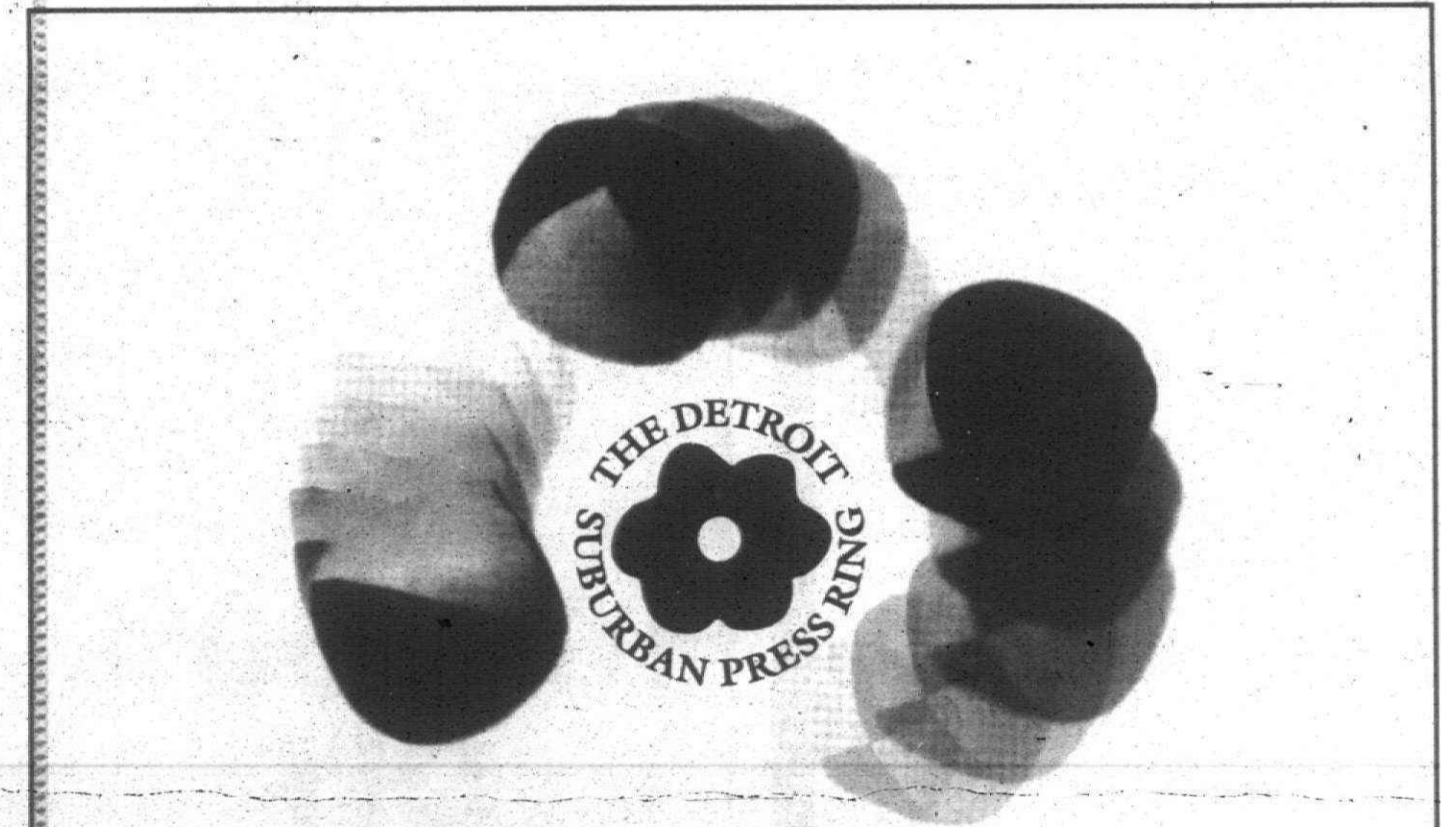
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Madonna program director co-authors paralegal textbook

Mary Meinzinger Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna University in Livonia, has released the second edition of the textbook, *West's Paralegal Today*. Urisko co-authored the book with well-known West Legal Studies author and attorney Roger LeRoy Miller. "The second edition has been modified to reflect the trends in technology which are impacting the legal arena," explained Urisko, a Detroit attorney.

West's Paralegal Today is used by paralegal students and features new information on computer-assisted research and environmental law, as well as discussion of career trends in the legal assistant field. Urisko and Judge Gene Schnelz of the Oakland County Circuit Court bench will be among the faculty teaching 14 legal assistant courses at Madonna University for the winter term.

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High school site Re-vote is a fair compromise

Much of the Plymouth-Canton school community got what it wanted Monday.

The school board reversed its 4-3 decision from last August and approved construction of a third high school on the so-called "east" site just south of Joy Road and McClumpha. The new direction will no doubt please interim Superintendent Ken Walcott, other central administrators and high school teachers who recommended a school that would fit in more easily with the existing PCEP campus.

Many parents and students in the district also prefer keeping the existing arrangement. Others sought more flexibility — and a chance to significantly change the environment Plymouth-Canton high school students have learned in for nearly 30 years.

The "east-west" debate has continued unabated and heated up this fall when the board agreed to reconsider what was a done deal — building on the west site near Beck Road. Plymouth-Canton trustees said they would take a second look at the school location if school administrators could "sign on" to a series of mandates including:

- Restricting student movement — particularly freshman and sophomores — between buildings;
- Conducting an external audit of the secondary curriculum;
- Enhancing the ability of the three schools to function as one, yet remain distinctive;
- Implementing a strong code of student conduct.

Most administrators agreed to the mandates, although Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin and Canton High Principal Pat Patton have voiced some reservations.

On Monday, trustees Darwin Watts, Sue Davis, Roland Thomas, Steve Guile and Elizabeth Givens voted for the east site. Davis and Watts reversed their earlier stance.

Trustees Mark Slavens and Judy Mardigan reiterated their previous vote for the west site.

The Observer supported the board's original vote and we still believe the west site provides the best opportunity for a personalized education in an environment that is more conducive to a broader range of students. We recognize the added costs but feel the benefits outweigh them.

We believe the conditions placed on the administration by the board represent a fair compromise. But the community would be well to remember several things:

- Even with the mandates, the east site will mean some students will be attending classes in three different buildings each day a logistical nightmare.
- School officials at least tacitly promised during the bond issue campaign that the school would be separate, on the west site. Granted, Superintendent Chuck Little left for another job and the board membership changed. But only about half (55 percent) of bond issues are currently passing in Michigan. Public confidence is a commodity that shouldn't be taken lightly.
- There's not much national support for big high schools. The American Association of School Administrators, based in Arlington, Va., warns against bigger-is-better. "A recent study shows that small schools are superior to large ones on almost every measure," said Dr. Paul Houston, the group's executive director.
- Administrators say the east site will save money because shuttle buses to the west site won't be required. Also, the east site offers scheduling flexibility. If the sole benefit coming from this change is that the schedulers' jobs are easier, then the school board has made a serious mistake.

We expect to hold everyone's feet to the fire. This board, future boards, the new superintendent — whoever he or she may be — and school administrators will have to justify the vote taken Monday night.

The Plymouth-Canton community is watching and waiting.

Organ donation is gift of life

The vital need for organ and tissue donations in this country was spotlighted this week with the passing of legendary football running back Walter Payton. The Hall of Famer they called "Sweetness" was diagnosed with a rare liver disease last winter and became a candidate for an organ transplant.

Payton used his name and celebrity status to bring the issue of organ and tissue donation to public attention — perhaps taking away from his personal woes and focusing his energies on saving others.

In the end it was cancer that robbed Payton of his opportunity to become an organ recipient, yet his enthusiasm for promoting such an important message never wavered.

In the state of Michigan alone, some 6,000 families are approached to become organ and tissue donors according to the Ann Arbor-based Gift of Life Agency. Sadly though, 10 people die each day in the United States due to the limited availability of organs.

This state has undertaken the task of improving its national per capita organ donation ranking with an aggressive campaign launched in July 1998. In just six months from the program's inauguration the number of state residents listed on the organ donor registry increased by 140 percent. The dramatic improvement came following the Secretary of State's decision to mail out organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver's licenses and personal identification cards.

"We've made it convenient for residents to make their personal wishes known," said Secretary of State Candice S. Miller earlier this year.

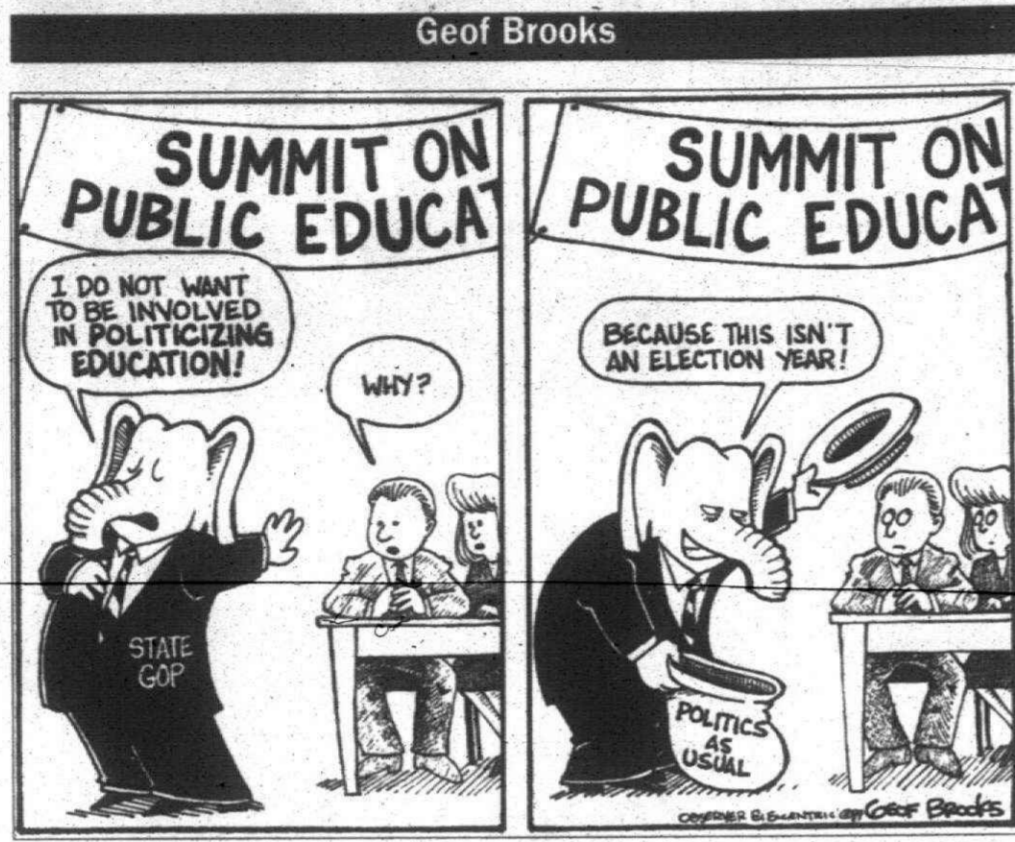
Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the registry only need to sign the enrollment card and place it in the provided, stamped and addressed envelope. The card is mailed to the Secretary of State's office where the information is then forwarded to Gift of Life.

Although the registry process has been simplified, the ultimate test lies with the individual who must communicate their wishes regarding organ donation with their family. According to GOL, a signature on the back of a driver's license is not a legally binding document and therefore the final decision remains with the family.

While the driver's license program can be one indication of the person's preference the more sure option would be to talk with your family members and loved ones in advance — the value of the conversation could mean the difference between life and death.

Don't wait until the death of a loved one is imminent to make a decision about organ donation. Carry on Walter Payton's and thousands of other individuals' message about the need for organ and tissue donation — give the gift of life.

Nov. 12-14 is Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend in Michigan. Members of the clergy will be sharing the importance of organ and tissue donation throughout their religious communities via special speakers, distribution of donor registry cards and as part of their sermons. If you would like more information about the Gift of Life Agency or the Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend, call (800) 482-4881.



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Restructuring boundary changes

As a resident of Canton Township and a parent of two students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I feel I need to comment on the article entitled "Middle school changes raise concern" (Canton Observer, Oct. 24).

I fully support the proposed boundary changes for the Plymouth-Canton middle schools. As a matter of fact, I hope Housing and Facilities Committee members will now look at the elementary schools and begin the process of proposing boundary changes.

I cannot believe that a former school board president would promise his neighbors they would be attending a new school. It is not up to one person to determine who goes to what school. The Housing and Facilities Committee did an excellent evaluation of the current situation, carefully reviewed future growth, and recommended the only plan that truly makes sense.

I also ask the parent who can see the school from his house this question: "Do you really want your child crossing a busy street when it is dark in the morning or during rush hour traffic?" and, "Will you feel compelled to drive your child to school and therefore cause a traffic concern around the school?" I would rather have the advantage of bus transportation to a school in close proximity to home (three miles is very acceptable).

A greater concern for me is the fact that my child in elementary school is on the bus for six miles (40 minutes with stops) and my child in middle school is on the bus for over seven miles (40 minutes with stops). On their way to and from school, each must pass several elementary and middle schools closer to home. The proposed boundary changes will greatly help us in the new growth section of Canton.

Thank you again, Housing and Facilities Committee, for a job well done.

Debbie Clark
Canton

Being gay not immoral

I find it interesting that the two people who opposed the showcase on homosexuality did so because "homosexuality is immoral." One didn't even have the nerve to sign the letter.

If a person wants to believe homosexual activity is immoral that is their choice. To believe that homosexual orientation is immoral is to claim the existence of an involuntary thought crime. Whether we like it or not, homosexual orientation is based on thought, and these thoughts are not chosen.

A more legitimate question to ask is what a person who is homosexual-oriented should do to live their lives in a more moral fashion. Denying the existence of homosexuality doesn't help these people make better decisions. If you want gays to act deviant, don't show them any other way.

If you want them to act normal, show them that it is possible to be gay and not be promiscuous, as just one example.

For those who think homosexuality is something that can be changed, please accept that while some claim they did, many others (including myself) tried for years and found it to be immutable. Don't convict people of immorality based on a thought crime.

Gary Rimar
Shelby Township

Homosexuality an 'abomination'

In the several articles written regarding the Gay History Month bulletin boards at Salem High School and West Middle School, the people of Plymouth-Canton were never made aware of the Christian's perspective or God's perspective on this issue, which is stated in Leviticus 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination."

To a Christian parent, this would be the same as a bulletin board that depicted lying or stealing as acceptable, which God has also condemned in His word. We should not judge homosexuality, for God has already judged it, and we as Christians must agree with God.

The Bible also states, "Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. How can Christian parents allow this to be depicted as acceptable, alternative behavior and be taught this in schools?

It is not with hate or malice that I write this, but with a firm conviction for speaking God's truth. If parents agree with God's word and these ideas, I would hope that they would express them to their children and their school.

Alison DeAngelis
Canton

Band is amazing

I would like to take a minute to recognize the hard work and devotion that the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has shown this season. I don't feel this terrifically talented group of people has been given the credit that is due.

I am the neighbor of a junior band member. I am amazed at the dedication that these young people put into marching band. I have written many, many checks to the band knowing that the money is going to allow the band member to participate in something she/he is very proud of and loves doing. Every student in the band is involved in raising their own funds for each band season. They sell everything from Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to candles and work food booths to receive a percentage of the sales in their own "band" account. If the set monetary goal is not met for the individual, then the parents usually provide the balance. This is not often the case, however. The kids are constantly trying to "pay their own way" to the next competition.

If you have never been to a marching band competition, you are missing out on an opportunity to see one of the best marching bands in the nation. The band has been ranked nationally for several years and they give a more impressive performance year after year. Understand that these "people" are 14-18 years old. The music that is played is not the typical marching band music that most are familiar with. It is music that requires hours and hours of rehearsal. The sound is phenomenal.

They perform field maneuvers that would make most observers dizzy and amazed. Because it is such an awesome performance, a silence usually hushes the stadium at the end of the show before thunderous applause is given. It takes a moment to realize that the spectator has just witnessed something spectacular on the field. This band always give a "no guts, no glory" performance.

I know that other "athletic" events draw huge crowds and praise. Please make no mistake... these band kids have as much stamina as cross country runners and as much robustness as an entire football team. Marching band is as demanding as any other sport. I feel that it is only fair for the community to rally behind the marching band, too.

Kudos to every band parent. They provide the support and love to keep the kids involved. They are as competitive and driven as their kids.

Mr. McGrath, the band director, is doing a superior job. Under his guidance, the band has a performance this year that is absolutely unbelievable. It is a thought-provoking and a very entertaining presentation.

I would like to wish all of the members and parents good luck at Nationals. Each of you has given your best and it shows every time on the field. I am a fan.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Weather forecasters are predicting a harsher winter than last year. What do you think?

Sharon Garland, Royal Oak
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"I think that we will have as much snow as last year. It will snow like crazy."

"I don't know. We just moved here from Charlotte, N.C. I hope it is nice and hot."

"I think that it will be a heavy winter because it is too nice right now."

"I heard just the opposite. I just got back from California. My friends heard that it will be a mild winter."

Bee is torture for a spelling-challenged writer

Ha, they probably thought, we're getting a ringer. Now we'll win the annual spelling bee for sure. Better order the champagne today. Call the White House to set up that congratulatory call from the president. Check into some possible endorsement deals. (Milton Bradley and "Scrabble" come to mind.)

After all, what team would lose with a journalist on board? Certainly not us. Not with a stellar lineup featuring Deborah Zambo Taracuk from the Community Literacy Council, Theresa Kehoe and, of course, a veteran newspaper editor.

The non-profit council stages the annual spelling bee to raise both awareness and money to promote literacy in the Plymouth and Canton communities. The organization offers free adult tutors to students who want to improve their reading, writing or math skills. "Improved literacy helps our students enrich the quality



TEDD SCHNEIDER

of their lives through better jobs, greater enjoyment of reading, and a sense of great personal accomplishment," the council says in its mission statement.

So it was as we strode to the podium at the Summit on a recent Wednesday evening with the idea that we were working for a noble cause and with great "c-o-n-f-i-d-e-n-c-e," our challenge of the moment. Turns out we could have used a little more "h-u-m-i-l-i-t-y," another word from the study list.

And so lose we did. Ingloriously going out in the second round. The first team to walk from the stage in crimson embarrassment, in fact. It turns out the aptly named "Born to BEE bad" trio really was.

Now, I can explain. We had the word spelled right in the huddle, we really did. But somehow it just came out wrong when we got to the microphone. We correctly spelled the word "confident" instead. Right root, wrong

drama that sometimes features conference calls and top-level secret meetings that would put the folks at the Pentagon to shame.

Just take a look at my desk. You'll find a dictionary with thumb prints on every other page; a thesaurus; a world almanac; and the Associated Press Stylebook. (OK, so it's 20 years old and contains no recent vernacular — I had to look that up.) Still, the spellchecker on my computer often goes into overdrive when I send a story through.

We also have talented people on our copy desk. Their job is to read and tweak until our not-so-elocquent prose both makes sense to readers and keeps the newspaper out of legal hot water.

But the fault here is mine. I perpetrated a fraud. I let our captain believe the team was getting a first-rate speller, someone who could recite endlessly from a list of words with ever-increasing difficulty that most of

us back away from in everyday speech.

If there was any consolation, it was in the fact that the team sponsored by a competing newspaper up the street went out shortly after ours. Teams sponsored by the friends groups of the Plymouth and Canton libraries spelled it out to the final round. The "Spelling Savants" — sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library and including captain Kathie Gladden, Ann Hoey and Mike Haddad — were the champs for the second consecutive year.

Librarians. Now there's a group of people who can really spell.

Tedd Schneider is the community editor of The Canton Observer. You can reach him at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at tschneider@homecomm.net. Just don't ask him to spell his name for you unless you have lots of time to sit on hold.

Change needed at PCEP

I am writing this letter to state that I support a change in the current setup at the high schools. Both of my children were attendees of the PCEP, and while my daughter did well there, my son was definitely "lost" at the park.

I knew instinctively as a parent that he would not flourish in such a big environment, with classes running between two schools. I let the counselors know my feelings, and they kept stating that he would "mature with time." When the counselors, after a couple of semesters, finally admitted he was not doing very well, they kept suggesting that it was in reaction to some sort of family dysfunction, and questioned my husband and me repeatedly about whether we were having marital problems or some other trauma had happened to our son. None of these things were happening, and no one seemed to admit that our predictions about his success were on target.

After four bumpy years at the park, he finally graduated and has entered the military. Things are going very well for him, but I can only wonder at what other opportunities he could have enjoyed had he not gotten lost in high school. I have heard of many other cases where this same situation has happened.

Who cares where the high school is built? The real issue here is the education of our children, not just the group that can adjust to the "park" but those that are at risk to fail even before they begin.

Kathy Sequin
Canton

MEAP change is power grab

Gov. John Engler last week transferred responsibility for (a) adult and vocational education to the Department of Career Development and (b) state education assessment tests (MEAP) to the Department of Treasury. Both programs previously had been run by the Department of Education.

I thought the headline in The Macomb Daily caught it just right: "Is Engler power mad or just efficient?"

As evidence for the efficiency school of thought, consider the shift of career and technical services and adult education to the Department of Career Development.

I chaired the Job Training Coordinating Commission during the 1980s. In those days, responsibility for job training and career development was inefficiently splattered all over state government. That's why I thought it was right for Engler to create the new Department of Career Development; it concentrated responsibility and accountability for career-related programs and job training into one administrative unit.

Moving staff overseeing adult education and vocational schools, including vocational courses at community colleges, to the Career Development department makes sense for the same reason. It strategically links adult and vocational education with community colleges in one coherent part of state government. Given how important high skills are for Michigan kids and businesses alike, I can only applaud Engler's move.

As evidence supporting the power-mad charge, consider what the governor has done to the MEAP program.

MEAP stands for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, covering reading, writing, science and math, with social science to be added soon. Eleventh graders who pass all tests can be awarded \$2,500 Merit college scholarships, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class.

Responsibility for the MEAP test has been in the hands of the Department of Education for years. Under its leadership, the test has been one of the most powerful tools for school reform because it assesses what kids actually learn in school and provides solid evidence where individual schools need to do better.

Last year, however, in creating the Merit scholarship program and linking it to MEAP test results, the legislature created a new Michigan Merit Award Board. This provided a convenient rationale for moving oversight of MEAP tests from the education folks to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

As evidence for "power mad," consider that of the seven members of the Merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray, head of Treasury; Barbara Bolin, director of Career Develop-



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ment; Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors; Clark Durant, who recently resigned from the State Board of Education after missing the majority of its meetings during his last three years; Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon, former Detroit police chief, and one person yet to be named. (The seventh board member is Art Ellis, who gets his seat because he is Superintendent of Education.)

Excepting Ellis, who runs the Department of Education, none of the Merit Board members has any background in kindergarten-through-12th-grade administration, curriculum development or education reform. Murray, who chairs the Merit board, is widely regarded as a sane and thoughtful guy, but he doesn't know much about educational assessments.

Members of the State Board of Education, who are elected statewide (and, therefore, not under Engler's thumb) blasted the move.

"It makes no sense at all to pull responsibility for the MEAP test away from educators and give it to people who know nothing about testing," said member Sharon Gire, a former Democratic state representative. Dorothy Beardmore, a Republican member from Rochester, pointed out that "testing is very technical. It should be based on curriculum standards, which remain in the Department of Education. There is no logic at all in the MEAP move."

Forget all the hot air coming out of the governor's office about better coordination of the MEAP test with the Merit scholarship. The purpose of the MEAP test is not to determine who gets Merit scholarships; the purpose of the MEAP test is to improve education.

It's hard to see anything here other than a pure grab for power.

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Gas Customer Choice program begins 2nd enrollment period

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ — MichCon customers will get a second chance to choose an alternative natural gas supplier this week when the Gas Customer Choice program begins again. When the program was first introduced to customers in January, 70,000 enrolled and switched to a new supplier.

The Michigan Public Service Commission approved Gas Customer Choice in April 1998. The program allows up to 225,000 residential and small commercial customers to buy gas from another company by the year 2001. The way the program is designed, there are enrollment periods in each of the three years; the first ended on May 15, 1999.

The second enrollment period runs through Feb. 29, 2000. The program works on a voluntary, first come, first-served basis and up to 75,000 customers per year can switch to a new gas supplier. Therefore, as year two unfolds, up to 150,000 total customers can choose a new supplier.

"We fully expect to reach the cap for this program because it's what customers want," said Harold Gardner, vice president of marketing, sales and regulato-

'We fully expect to reach the cap for this program because it's what customers want.'

Harold Gardner

MichCon vice president for marketing

ry affairs at MichCon. "We listened to our customers and have tailored year two of this program to make it even better for customers and suppliers."

For customers who choose to remain with MichCon, a fixed rate of 29.5 cents per hundred cubic feet during the plan's duration is guaranteed. Rates will vary with suppliers. Either way, MichCon will continue to deliver the natural gas through its existing pipeline system, bill customers and respond to all emergencies.

Several changes have been made to the program effective for the second year to minimize any customer confusion. Among the changes:

The name of the program has been changed from "MichCon Select" to "Gas Customer Choice."

A single enrollment period from Nov. 1 through Feb. 29, 2000 replaces a two-phase enrollment period.

MichCon will distribute additional educational materials to customers through bill messages and bill inserts to alert customers to the opportunity to choose a new supplier.

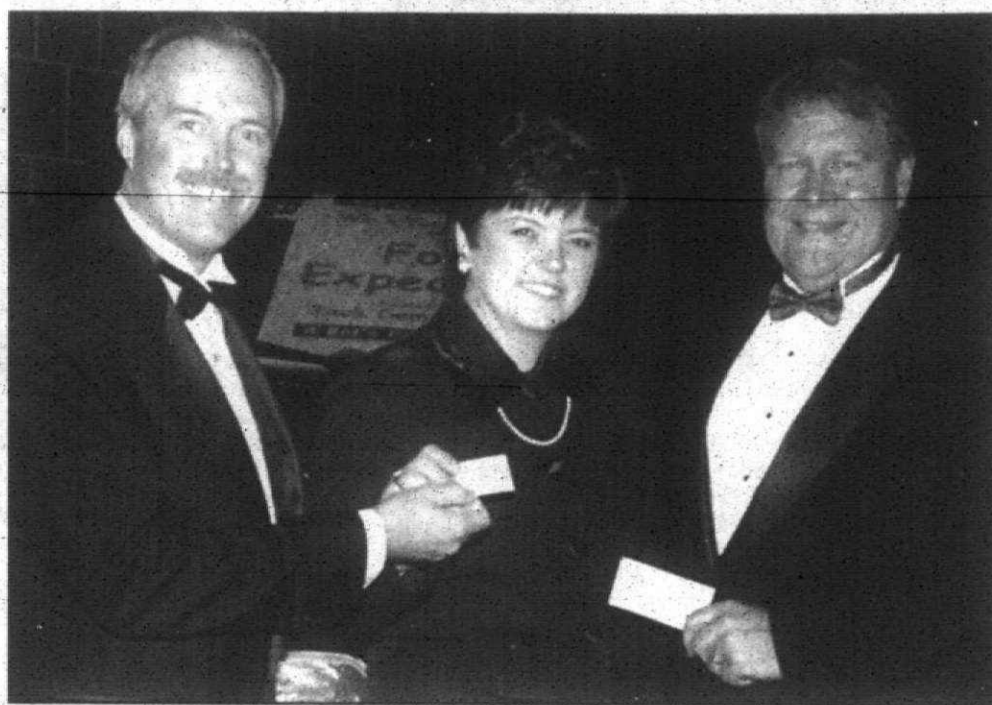
Customer protections have been installed; including a 30-day unconditional cancellation period (for residential customers only) following the signing of a contract with a new supplier.

Suppliers must clearly identify themselves on all solicitation materials and contracts and must leave materials and contracts with the customer to review.

MichCon customer service representatives are being retrained and provided with content-neutral information about the program.

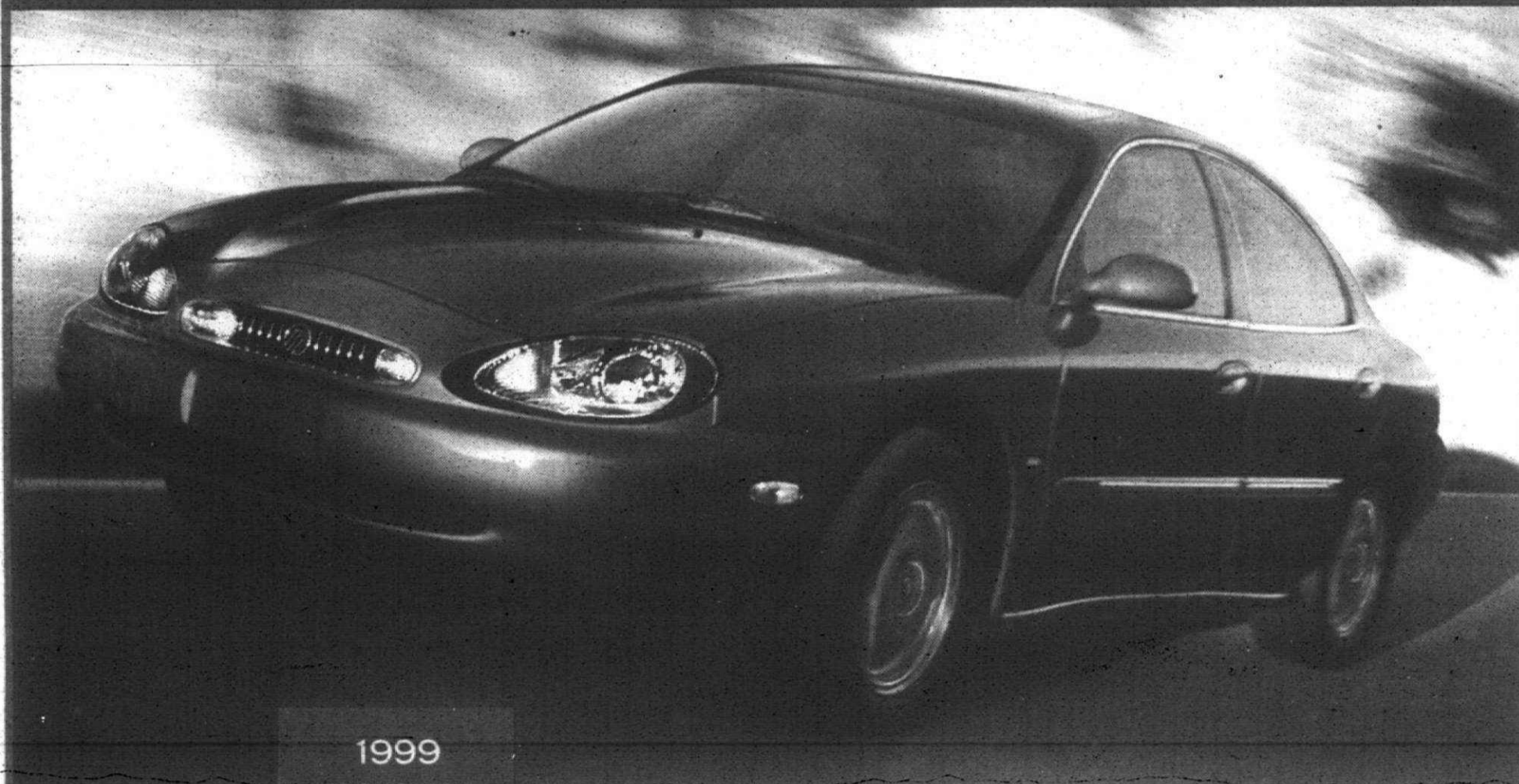
MichCon is one of the nation's largest natural gas distributors, with 1.2 million Michigan families and businesses relying on MichCon for their energy needs.

Bids for Kids



Clinic support: Oakwood Healthcare System's Bids For Kids, held recently at the Wayne Community Center, raised more than \$55,000. This was made possible in part through a contribution made by Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne and other local sponsors. Demmer donated a two-year lease on a Ford Expedition. Here, Jim Demmer (left) congratulates winners Barbara and David Ippel. Proceeds will help continue the support and future expansion of the Lincoln/Jefferson Elementary School-based Health Clinic in Westland. Basic clinic services include physicals, health screenings, immunization, treatment for minor illnesses or injuries and management of chronic illnesses.

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Sally (not her real name) came into the Family Resource Center looking a bit disheveled and pale. She plopped down in the chair, relieved that she was finally in a safe haven.

When asked what brought her in, she replied, "I'm at my wits end. Not only do I have a 15 year old who is acting up, but a new husband who dislikes her intensely. He practically breathes fire whenever she's around."

"I feel pulled in two directions and don't know what to do."

After getting a little more information about the situation, it came out that Sally's daughter hadn't healed emotionally from her biological dad's death three years earlier. And now, to add the "wicked stepfather" into the mix was more than she could bear.

Between his anger that *the kids get away with murder*, and Sally's anger at her daughter's surliness and disrespect, she sighed, "I could run away with the circus and have more happiness than I have right now."

The counselor spent the hour plotting a course that would get her the help she needed with both her marriage and her daughter. He prescribed several solutions and bundled them up into one package that included referrals for family counseling, grief and loss-support groups for mom and daughter and a parenting workshop for both Sally and the step-dad.

She walked away a different person, realizing that she had much

■ 'Your daughter is still in a lot of pain, and it is splashing out and over you and your husband. If she doesn't get the help she needs and deserves, bring her here for one visit ...'

more power and control of the situation than she originally thought.

As she stood at the door ready to leave, the counselor ended with "Your daughter is still in a lot of pain, and it is splashing out over you and your husband. If she doesn't get the help she needs and deserves, bring her here for one visit and we'll talk about it together."

The business of the Family Resource Center is to help families get answers. What do we help them with? You name it. We have answers.

Whether you are concerned about getting the basics - food, shelter, clothing - or less fundamental things such as substance abuse referrals, counseling, tutoring, child care, legal assistance, or parent workshops - the free-to-the-public service is there to assist you.

And to assist us in keeping the doors open, we invite you to the first Taste of the Arts event. If you like food, then you will enjoy an evening of grazing among some of your favorite restaurants. We will also be showcasing and selling student artwork through a silent auction.

When and where will you find this benefit night?

From 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 38315 Joy between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

Bring your families and show your support. This event is sponsored by International Minute Press, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Maui Travel, Hellenic Cultural Center, North Bros. Ford and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

It costs \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be bought at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford, or by calling (734) 326-7222.

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125 years and counting



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Past and present: Postulant Michele Marzicola (back row, left), Sister Michele Marie Bolda, Sister Toni Ann Marie Russo and Sister Angelette Marie Litchney gather with Sister Mary Ludmilla Stender who, at age 106, is the oldest sister at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia.

Sisters celebrate milestone

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

As Toni Ann Marie Russo, 38, reflects about giving up a thriving law practice in New Jersey to become a nun, in another part of the vast Felician Sisters' complex in Livonia, Sister Mary Ludmilla Stender, 106, recently celebrated 89 years since she entered the religious life.

These women, representing the past and future of the order, are part of the 125 years of service by thousands of Felician Sisters who have committed their lives to helping people, especially the young and the old, in communities around the world.

"I had my own practice in New Jersey," Russo said. "I felt that the Lord was giving me an option. I really felt strongly that he wanted me to teach his children. Given the option, knowing he would love me no matter what, I chose to pursue it and give up my law firm."

On 300 acres bounded by Schoolcraft, Five Mile, Levan and Newburgh roads, the institutions maintained by these dedicated religious are cornerstones of the community - Angela Hospice, Ladywood High School, Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Marywood Manor and Marybrook Nursing Care Center, Montessori Center of Our Lady and Senior Clergy Village. They also operate retreat centers in Jackson and Holly.

A 125th anniversary celebration will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7,

at the Felician Chapel in Livonia and will be officiated by Adam Cardinal Maida, leader of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. Eight bishops and more than 40 priests will concelebrate with hundreds of laity.

Tours of exhibits, including one highlighting the life of Felician founder Mary Angela Truszkowska, will be held in the provincial house immediately after the liturgy. A reception and dinner, planned by Felician provincial minister Sister Mary Dennis Glonek, will begin at 5 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, who leads the 2,300 sisters in the order worldwide, is the guest speaker. Reservations are required.

The Livonia province of the Felician order is made up of 230 members and grew out of a movement in Poland, Wis., in 1874 when Father Joseph Dabrowski invited five Felician Sisters to that rural village to teach the children of Polish immigrants.

Within a few years, the small Felician community attracted other members and began ministries in Michigan, Illinois and New York.

The sisters moved their central headquarters to Detroit in 1882 and in 1936 relocated to Livonia. It is the oldest Felician Sisters province in North America.

"It is also blessed with the most diverse set of ministries concentrated in one complex," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, the provincial secretary.

Felician Sisters are visible and active throughout the Midwest teaching in 26 elementary and high schools from Alpena and Clinton Township to South Bend, Ind., and Toledo, Ohio.

In addition to serving in parish schools in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, the Felician Sisters also work as principals, teachers, nurses, pastoral ministers, administrators, directors, librarians, tutors, aides, musicians, artists, counselors and combinations of these roles. Together they minister to more than half a million people annually.

The provincial house in Livonia was built under the leadership of Sister Mary DeSales Tocka, when the province's membership was more than 700 sisters. The massive building measures 250,000 square feet and

towers above a grove of trees.

Of the approximately 100 Felician Sisters who live at the complex, 60 are aged or ill.

The congregation's official name in North America is the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix, which was named after a Capuchin Franciscan, St. Felix of Cantalice, who lived during the 16th century.

Legacy continues

Nearly 400 years later, the legacy continues with people like Russo who has begun a two-year program that is required of every woman who intends to spend her life as a Felician Sister. Russo entered the order in June 1998 and recently moved to Livonia from New Jersey.

"It's a honeymoon with Jesus," Russo said. "Most friends and family thought I was out of my mind. I had a profitable law firm and was very happy in it. I could go on vacation at any time, I had a dream car, a dream house. Most people couldn't understand why I could give up all of that and become a sister."

"Right now I'm on a vacation to have Christ as my spouse and that's a dream for me."

Russo knew she wanted to enter the order while painting a picture of Jesus' mother, Mary.

While there aren't many women like Russo clambering to enter convents, the numbers have gone up

Please see SISTERS, B2



Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

Novice model proves a hit on the runway

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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I didn't trip even once. Despite the fact that the shoes I was given were at least one size too big, my nerves tingled up my spine, and I've never really modeled before, I didn't blunder. I didn't fall.

As a first-time model in the Redford Suburban League's 26th Annual Festival of Fashion show, held last month at Livonia's Burton Manor, I wasn't quite sure what I was getting myself into.

The theme, "Afternoon in Paris," gave a European air to the event, while focusing straight in on the familiar faces of metro Detroit. All I knew beforehand was that it involved shopping, new clothes, meeting a lot of new people, and would benefit children in need in Wayne and Oakland counties.

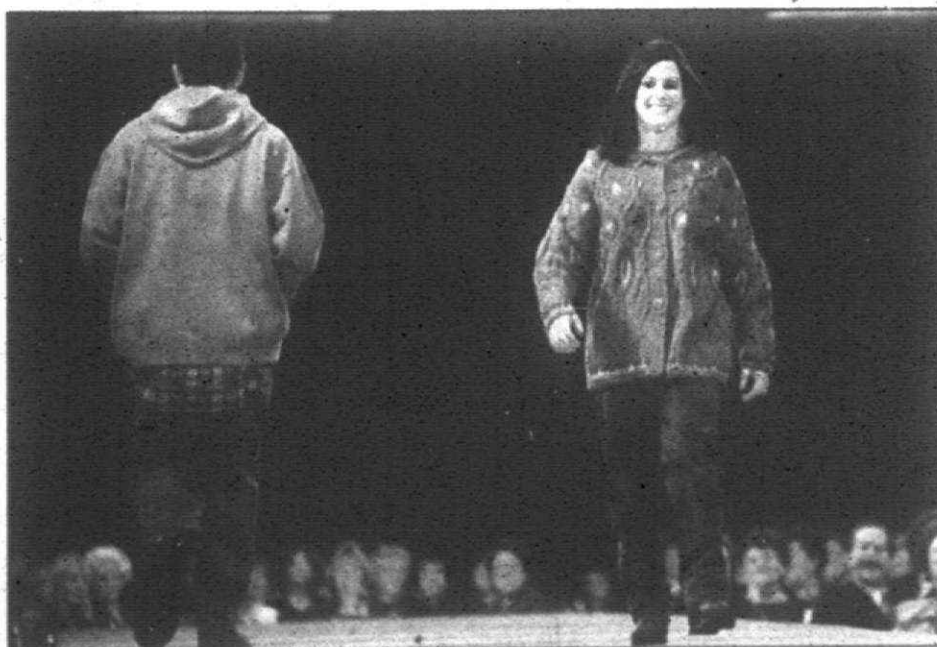
So, I signed up. I may be a community life and entertainment reporter, but how hard could it be to walk down a runway?

As I drove to the event filled with anticipation - and a little anxiety - I truly didn't know what to expect.

Noon - I arrived promptly and was guided into a changing room where the clothes I would model were clearly labeled and ready for me to try on. Parisian provided the fashions for this year's show.

I quickly fell in love with the slate gray suede pants, bulky hooded wool sweater and Timberland boots waiting for me in the changing room. Casual attire: nice fit, buttoned and ready for show. I was transformed from reporter back to college co-ed.

12:20 p.m. - By the time I hit the hair and makeup chair, I was already quite comfortably in "model-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

mode." With one quick look at my almost-black shoulder-length mane, the stylists decided on straight - we're talking ironed straight - hair. They might as well have read my mind.

So Amanda Evans, a stylist from The Works salon in Walled Lake heated up the iron and went to work.

With gentle tugging, plenty of hair potions and serious concentration, she did what I consider to be the impossible - she slicked my hair down into straight, shiny, soft locks. Sheer delight.

Please see MODEL, B2

Walk this way:

Strutting opposite Channel 7's Mike Huckman, Stephanie Angelyn Casola gets to know the runway at the Redford Suburban League's annual fashion show.

Model from page B1

Meanwhile, Dawn So, quality director and stylist at the salon, slathered some makeup on my face to even out my skin tone, and began to transform me into the model-for-a-day I was ready to become, or at least resemble.

Smoky gray shadow accented my eyes, a touch of shimmer highlighted my cheeks and a honey-colored gloss paired with brownish lip liner coated my lips.

Maybe I'm just ultra-girlie when it comes to beauty products, but there's nothing more relaxing than having your hair and makeup done for you, especially when you're being doted upon and complimented by the friendly stylists. I was in heaven.

12:45 p.m. - Spruced up and ready for the runway, I was bid-

ing time as other models rushed in and prepared. Rubbing elbows with television personalities like fashion show commentators Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe was another treat.

Clay Jamieson, league member and organizer of models for the show, made herself available for anyone who needed her. She was running a smooth show and doing so with ease.

Barb Stoner, organizer of special events at Parisian, was particularly helpful behind the scenes. It was something of a new experience for her as well.

"It's been a job and an education," said Stoner. "The celebrities were all pleasures to work with."

Fashions were selected from a "must-have" list of new arrivals

for the season that the store carries. Fashions ranged from hues of winter white to deep red and the occasional refreshing splash of color.

Around 1:15 p.m. - Models lined up in the tiny hall behind the stage. Paired male-female couples chatted in line awaiting their turn in the spotlight. Florence Mark, Miss Redford Che'Vonne Burton and ABC's weather-forecaster Kim Adams were only a few of the 33 models.

Romans novelist Shelly Thacker, a Redford resident, said she was surprised that the celebrities looked just like they do on television.

"It's fun for me to get a look at all these celebrities," she said, seeming to forget she's included in that group. Thacker's done the fashion show before and returned because she considers it to be a good cause. Proceeds from the show are donated to a variety of charities to aid disabled children.

Paired with broadcast reporter Mike Huckman, who was dressed suitably in Tommy Hilger casual wear, we took to the stage. Teased a bit about "what a nice couple we make" by our friendly commentators, I blushed uncontrollably down the runway.

The cheers from a roomful of almost 1,000 attendees quickened my pace. I just kept hoping I wouldn't fall down. Just as we stepped offstage, it was back to the dressing room for a quick change, makeup touchup before we got back in line to model evening wear.

Around 2 p.m. - Joyce Harner was another reason things ran so smoothly backstage. A Redford Suburban League member for five years and a Waterford resident, Harner said hers is an easy job. She's ready for a quick fix for any emergency.

If anyone pops a button or rips a sleeve, Harner would be right on the case. Luckily, she didn't seem to have many emergencies to tend to at this event.

While it was my first time participating in the fashion show,

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most models had the routine down pat. Colleen Burear, Detroit-area radio personality, said she comes back because of the people involved.

"I think there's a greater appreciation of the sacred and positive religious values," she said. "Felician Sisters recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska, who was a holy woman who never intended to found a community, but was intent about serving the people in need in her country."

Sister Mary Angela cared for the most vulnerable, the children and elderly, who suffered in war torn Poland. She started the Felician order by helping five children and five elderly people. Other women came to her aid.

"These women saw a need and wanted to help," Sister Kujawa said.

The order has spread to more than 20 countries on four continents.

Blessed pilgrimage

During September and October, 23 Felician Sisters from Michigan and Indiana, including Kujawa, flew to Warsaw to join more than 300 Felician sisters from around the world for a pilgrimage honoring the 100 year anniversary of their foundress' death.

"It really was an outstanding experience, because we were

able to walk in the foot steps of Blessed Mary Angela and appreciate the generous heart she had," Kujawa said.

The Felician Sisters of Livonia will join members of their order around the world in a 10-day pilgrimage this month to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the order. In the United States, the observance will be held Nov. 19-25 in parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and New York as Felician Sisters retrace their earliest beginnings in North America.

"The 10 days will also honor Father Dabrowski, who not only inspired the Felician Sisters to move to Detroit to expand their ministry, but founded a seminary, SS. Cyril and Methodius in Orchard Lake," Sr. Kujawa said. "The highlight of this trip will be the sisters visiting the cemetery where the five pioneers are buried, including the leader, Sr. Mary Monica Sybilski in Mt. Elliott Cemetery, and Sr. Mary Raphael in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, both in Detroit."

Two local masses will be held during the pilgrimage. One at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit and the other at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia. The public is welcome.

Gosen-Easterwood

Thomas Ellis Easterwood and Jennifer Jo Gosen were married May 1 at Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Bridgeport by the Rev. Daniel Nowak.

The bride is the daughter of Theresa and Joseph Gosen. The groom is the son of Caroline and Waymon Easterwood of Plymouth.

The bride asked Kimberly Leach to serve as matron of honor with Cheryl Markwood, Julie Boden, Jennie McNamara and Dawn Barber as bridesmaids. Janice Markwood was the junior bridesmaid, and Abbey Leach was the flower girl.

Dave Coleman served as best man with Brad Markwood, Paul Leach, Chris Osburn and John



Jednick as groomsmen and Andrew Farrand as the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Horizons Conference Center. Following a trip to Hawaii, they are making their home in Pinckney.

Darnall-Willert

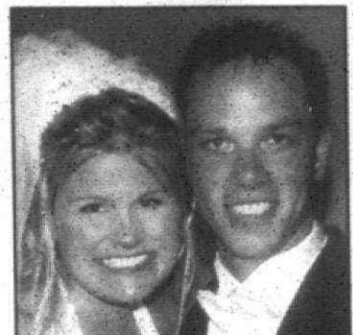
Jessica Lynn Willert and Ted Raymond Darnall were married Aug. 27 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Detroit by the Rev. Gabriel Grzesik.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy Chesser of St. Clair Shores and Roger Willert of Appleton, Wis. The groom is the son of Jerry and Karen Darnall of Redford.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Lakeview High School. She is employed by Village Green Co. as the leasing manager at Village Green of Rochester.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He is employed as a firefighter by the city of Dearborn.

The bride asked Angie Kaczynski to serve as her honor attendant, while Chris Chupa was the



The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Redford.

Abdo-Cotton

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Abdo Sr. of Davisburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie, to Bruce Anthony Cotton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford H. Cotton of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School and a graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. A June 2000 wedding is planned at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford.



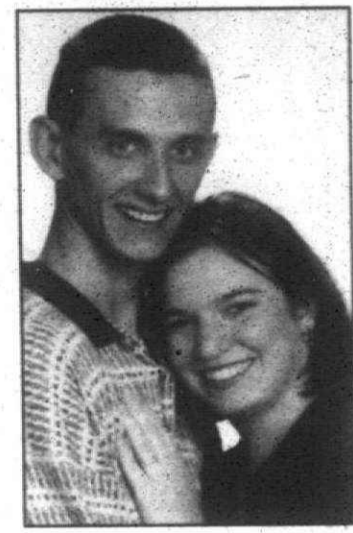
O'Daniel-Polanski

Pam and Scott Heumann of Livonia and Robert O'Daniel of Jackson announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Michelle, to Allen Michael Polanski Jr., the son of Allen and Sandy Polanski of Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and attended Arizona State University. She is employed at Wyndham Garden Hotel in Phoenix.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed at Special Touch Auto in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A May wedding in Scottsdale is being planned.



Fisher-Yesh

Richard and Dolores Yesh of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Steven, to Kathleen Ann Fisher, the daughter of Raymond and Grace Fisher of Austin, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Molloy College in Rockville Center, N.Y. She is employed as a financial analyst with Clear Commerce Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He is employed as a computer game animator by Origin Systems Inc.

A February wedding is planned in Austin.



their home in Northville.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Monday, November 15, 1999, at 210 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

SUN 450C ENGINE ANALYZER

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours. The City Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Address bid to:

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMCA/EA
PLYMOUTH CITY CLERK
201 S. MAIN
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

In a sealed envelope bearing the inscription: 450C Engine Analyzer For opening Monday, November 15, 1999

If you have any questions, please contact:

SCOTT A. BAKER
Assistant Director
Municipal Services
Department
(734) 453-7737

Published November 4, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request by the owners of the property located at 46201 Five Mile Road, Parcel C, Metro West Industrial Park Phase V1, in Plymouth Township to establish an Industrial Development District for the following described property:

Parcel C:
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, thence along the North line of Section 21 and the easterline of Five Mile Road, North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 644.83 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds East, 703.54 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds East, 785.83 feet; thence South 85 degrees 02 minutes 27 seconds West, 467.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds West, 421.77 feet; thence North 09 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds East, 467.80 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 1 South, Range 8 East; thence along the North line of Section 21 and the centerline of Five Mile Road, North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 580.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said line North 84 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds West, 821.54 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds West, 40.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 08 seconds West, 545.04 feet; thence North 33 degrees 22 minutes 50 seconds West, 23.40 feet; thence North 05 degrees 18 minutes 05 seconds West, 130.40 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax Item No's. 78-009-99-0004-000;
78-009-99-0005-000;
78-009-99-0006-000;
78-009-99-0007-000

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number: 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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For 64 Miles W. of 1275 - 81-1981
\$1.50 with Student ID after 4pm daily
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Kids, Seniors, & Everyone all day Tuesday
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MOVIE GUIDE

THE STORY OF US (R)
12:35, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
O HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (R)
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THREE TO TANGO (R)
10:30, 3:50, 5:50, 7:00, 9:00
O MATS (PG-13)
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SIXTH SENSE (R)
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, November 11, 1999 for the following:

DEICING PELLETS ROAD SALT

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE
Administrative Services Director

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

OAKWOOD CANTON
The Oakwood Canton Health Center will have its annual holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the center, 7900 Canton Center Road, Canton. Coffee will be served and there also will be a bake sale. For more information, call (734) 454-8001.

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) 462-8037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

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.

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Downtime.

Hilton Garden InnSM Plymouth 248-420-0001 \$85
Hilton Grand Rapids Airport 616-957-0100 \$69
Hilton Inn Southfield 248-357-1100 \$75-\$95
Hilton Northfield 248-879-2100 \$99
Hilton Novi 248-349-4000 \$89-\$95
Hilton Suites Auburn Hills 248-334-2272 \$99
Hilton Suites Detroit Metro Airport 734-728-9200 \$79
Hilton Toledo 216-447-1300 \$74
Hilton Toronto 416-869-3456 \$155-\$195 (Canadian)
Hilton Toronto Airport 905-677-9900 \$115 (Canadian)
Hilton Windsor 519-973-5555 \$129-\$139 (Canadian)

It happens at the Hilton.

We Need Your Help!

Did You See Our Great Grandmother on March 2nd of this year?

Her name was Helen Klocek. She was 84 years old, stood 4 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 135 pounds and walked with a limp.

She was last seen alive in Plymouth Township on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. She was later found in Detroit, MURDERED.

Her 1992 white Ford Escort 4-door hatchback (license plate number 831-HZC) was stolen.

If you saw her or her car on March 2, 1999 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., please call Detroit Homicide at **313-596-2260**

Paid for by the family of Helen Klocek

Parisian and the volunteers of your town invite you to attend **CHARITY DAY**

Four hours only! Saturday, November 6, 6:00 to 10:00 am
Continental Breakfast + \$500 Shopping Spree
Door Prize Drawings Every Hour

Tickets are \$5 and are available at all Parisian locations and through these organizations. Proceeds benefit these participating non-profit organizations.

Northwest Wayne County Zontas
Gaia Rehab Center
Parents Diabetes Network
Marywood Nursing Care Center
Community Opportunity Center
AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center
Cooper Elementary School
Our Lady of Victory School
Livonia PTA Council
Livonia Nursery Inc.
Oakley Park Elementary Science Club
MOPS/Mothers of Preschoolers
Harrison High School Band
SSS Ravanica
African American Association/PCEP
Active Friends of Homeless

Lauri Park Place 953-7600

P.A.R.I.S.I.A.N.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

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 items to bid on from local business, 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. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is \$5, \$2 for kids kids age 4-12. Vendors and collectors will sell 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 WHALERS

■ Skate with the Plymouth Whalers from 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth. Fans will skate in groups of 150, each group skates for one-half hour block. Cost is \$5 individual donation, \$15 per family (limit of six). Skate rental is \$3. Proceeds go to benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

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 48176. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address.

AROUND TOWN

BNI MEETING

■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3900.

THE CANTON CHAPTER OF BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3900.

STORY TIME

■ Kindermusik presents "Story Time with Miss Karen," Saturday, Nov. 13 at Little Book Shoppes on the Park, 350 S. Main, Downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-5220.

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.

FARM AND GARDEN MEETING

■ The November meeting of the Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the home of Jill Ginder, 48439 Meadow Court in Plymouth Township. The tea committee is chaired by JoAnne Harrel and includes Margi Bake, Juanita Fennell and Margaret Koeniger. The meeting program, "Christmas Decoration," will be presented by Bob Simmons from Keller and Stein Florists and Greenhouse. Plans will be completed for the branch's holiday Greens Mart sale, chaired by Karen Horton, which will be held Dec. 3 and 4 at 904 West Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignana at (313) 845-3752 (work) or (734) 525-0157 (home).

SKI AND SNOWBOARD

■ Plymouth-Canton Community School's Community Education Department announces plans to begin registration for a Plymouth-Canton Ski and Snowboard Club. Club members will ski and snowboard on Friday and Saturday evenings except during holidays. Registration will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Canton High School cafeteria. Cost for the Ski and Snowboard Club is \$95 per person. For more information, call 416-2937.

MOPS MEETING

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

M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Friday of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kim at (734) 459-7085 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR

■ DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group for people experiencing separation and divorce, will begin its next 13-week session from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. DivorceCare is non-denominational and features biblical teaching for those recovering from divorce and separation. Child care will be provided for children through fifth grade. The registration fee is \$15. For more information, call the church at (734) 459-3333.

Trick or treaters come with two - or four - legs



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

New friends: Maria Pulice of Plymouth, 9, in her flap-per costume, pets "Jackson," a 6-year-old greyhound owned by Tony Vella of Westland in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Friday night as part of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's "The Great Pumpkin Caper." Several thousand area children brought their parents for event.

delivered to you. For more information, call (734) 459-6829.

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. Copies are also available 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.

■ Entertainment Y2K books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home delivered. For more information, call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von Glahn, (734) 453-8253.

■ Preparation 2000 savings books are available through the Divine Savior Senior Jet Setters. Save money at restaurants, movie theaters, video rentals, car care, and more. This year's book is \$40. For more information or to order, call Mike at (734) 464-1263 or Dolores at (734) 464-0369.

■ "Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group, will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, computer and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these topics may join the "Shooting the Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444.

■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

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

■ 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

■ 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 Monday or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

■ 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 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 Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

■ Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. Senior citizens and retirees in the Plymouth/Canton area are welcome.

■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. For more information, call (734) 420-3331. New Morning School is at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

■ CANCER SOCIETY The American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

■ ALZHEIMER'S The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

■ MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday. Call Sue at (734) 459-9324.

■ HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP The Humaf Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

■ COUNTY CONNECTION County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843 for more information.

Airline Ambassadors plan holiday mission to Bolivia

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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■ 'I went with the idea of being able to do so much and came out feeling like a pebble.'

Keeley Kelemen
Airline Ambassador

Just back from Bolivia, Linda Henning Ganzler is already planning a return trip. Ganzler had gone to her mother's homeland with the idea of helping needy children. She came back knowing she would do it again and again.

"This is my work," said Ganzler who was the medical supply coordinator for an Airline Ambassadors' mission to the South American country in early October. "Before I did this mission, I did missions everywhere. Now I've decided Bolivia is mine."

Noting that the group is very committed to Bolivia and with the blessing of Nancy Revard of Airline Ambassadors, Ganzler has already begun collecting things for a Christmas mission, Dec. 6-9.

The plan is to give the street children a police-supported safe house and the 25 youngsters in an orphanage a Christmas, although her donations list doesn't include toys.

Between now and Nov. 16, Ganzler and Keeley Kelemen are hoping to gather more medical supplies like a dermatome machine for treating burn patients, shunts to treat hydrocephalic children and things like crutches, neck braces and elastic bandages that people may have laying around their homes.

"We had three doctors fighting over one neck brace," Ganzler said. "The doctors wanted more than what we had."

They're also looking for clothing, including adult-sized sweats, warm socks, good winter shoes, towels and cash donations. The money will be given to the police and workers at the orphanage to buy gifts for the children. According to Ganzler, \$60 can buy presents for 90 children.

Helping out

The Stride Rite shoe store at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth is holding a penny drive to raise money, and elementary school children in Boston, Mass., are conducting a clothing drive for the December mission.

Ganzler and Kelemen can't say thank you enough to the people and businesses such as the Bearly Worn consignment store in Plymouth and Water Wheel elementary school children in Boston, Mass., are conducting a clothing drive for the December mission.

Another chair was given to a man who wanted to give his hospital-bound brother a life in spite of spinal cancer. He also received the \$200 needed for surgery that would let him take his brother home.

A woman received \$20 to buy a new gas stove. The mother of six, she had resorted to feeding her children raw potatoes when the family's stove broke.

At a home, donated by the PAC police organization to work with the street children, the youngsters stood in the rain and muck in a line that went out the back door, waiting to get some clothes.

U.S. dollars and the "government says there isn't a poverty problem," the ambassadors found plenty of people in need of the clothing, blankets, medical supplies and wheelchairs.

At the Foundation - a "very impoverished" medical/dental clinic - a wheelchair was given to an older woman who had been carrying her 48-year-old polio-stricken daughter on her back.

Another chair was given to a man who wanted to give his hospital-bound brother a life in spite of spinal cancer. He also received the \$200 needed for surgery that would let him take his brother home.

A woman received \$20 to buy a new gas stove. The mother of six, she had resorted to feeding her children raw potatoes when the family's stove broke.

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"I went with the idea of being able to do so much and came out feeling like a pebble," said Kelemen. "It's my first time doing something like this and I was embarrassed because I did so little."

At a home for abused children, star stickers put the youngsters in seventh heaven. They also received toothbrushes and clothing.

The home has two rooms and nine beds for 25 children. It was established by a woman who now lives in Switzerland and sends \$200 a month for their care.

The youngsters make little woven purses and small flutes to learn how to work, and arrangements are being made to send a check for \$100 to buy the handmade goods, Ganzler said.

Ganzler and Kelemen are amazed at how helpful people are in the impoverished country. Even a television show broadcast nationwide brings in people with problems and gets them help.

"Everyone told us that what would drive us crazy is that the government says 'we don't have a poverty problem,'" Ganzler said. "It's amazing how little the country has, but anyone who has something, helps out."



Sizing it up: Linda Henning Ganzler joins the crowd of children waiting for clothing at an orphanage in La Paz, Bolivia.

Seminar is for people thinking about college

If you're considering going back to school but think you're too old to go to college, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center has the answer - "Thinking About College?"

The free seminar will be held 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Room MC200 of the McDowell Center on the Schoolcraft campus, Haggerty Road north of Six Mile Road in Livonia.

Specifically designed for adult women who are thinking about going back to school, the program will explore such topics as how to get started, financial aid, juggling responsibilities and

finding time to study.

College services - admissions, career planning and placement, counseling, financial aid, Learning Assistance Center, Registrar's Office and Women's Resource Center - will be covered during the program.

"Thinking About College?" is supported in part by the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne and comes in time for those participants interested in enrolling in winter classes, which start on Jan. 7.

To reserve a spot, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

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Christ Our Savior hosts concert **Religion** from page B7

The Wind Symphony and Kapelle of Concordia University in River Forest, Ill., will perform a variety of music in many forms and styles in a concert set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The 75-member instrumental ensemble, under the direction of Richard Fischer, professor of music, will perform a variety of pieces by such composers as Hanson, Grantham, Holst and Reed.

The Kapelle, a 40-member choir under the direction of David Baar, visiting professor of music, will sing pieces by Hasler, Billings, Brahms and Bach.

The Wind Symphony and Kapelle are the premiere instrumental and choral ensembles at Concordia University, a Lutheran liberal arts university with more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students. Both groups tour the United States annually and have recorded and released compact discs of sacred



Concordia University's Wind Symphony

The concert is part of the 1999-2000 musical celebrations of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Christ Our Savior Choir will join the Kapelle and Wind Symphony for part of this

final concert of Concordia's fall tour.

A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. For more information, call Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at (734) 522-6830.

memorial, call (248) 477-8974.

MEMORIAL MASS
A memorial Mass for alumnae of Holy Redeemer High School will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Junction and West Vernor in Detroit. Refreshments will be served in the high school following Mass.

BIBLE STUDY
The video series, "Unsealing Daniel's Mystery," will be presented 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 8 through mid-December, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, south of Venoy Road, Garden City. The chapter-by-chapter, in-depth study of the Old Testament Book of Daniel is free of charge. Each night a new chapter will be covered. Child care will be available for young children. Transportation can be provided for those needing a ride. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

REMARIED GROUP
The Remarried Ministries of

Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road. There is no cost. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

REDFOUR CLERGY
The Redford Clergy Association will meet for its quarterly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17833 Garfield, off Five Mile Road, Redford. The meeting will be held in the Board Room. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

GUEST SPEAKER
Ron Bachman will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Born with a congenital birth defect, Bachman's legs were amputated at age 4. Born and raised in Detroit, he was artificial limbs at school, but walked with his hands when at home. As an adult, he has become a motivational speaker, drawing on his sense of humor and life experiences to speak to audiences of all ages. His themes include human potential and achieving success despite obstacles. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Nov. 12-14 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 252-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

'RAISING POSITIVE KIDS'
Rick Miller of Christian Training Ministries in Greenford, Ohio, will lead a seminar, "Raising Positive Kids," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia. Participants will learn about the positive factors in healthy families, how to generate values in children, tips for building a healthy self-image, meeting the challenge of discipline, ways to motivate your children, how to express loving support, teaching children to think and more. The cost is \$7 for individuals and \$10 per couple who register by Nov. 7. After that date, the cost is \$10 and \$15 respectively. To register, call Ray Sanders at (248) 476-8222.

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION
St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church will have its third annual silent and live auction, "Tropical Evening," 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Tickets cost \$30 and include a bidding number, gourmet hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, open bar and mini desserts, and Polynesian music 7-9 p.m. Only 250 will be sold. They are available by calling Mike Middel at (734) 981-5383.

Shoe Box gifts share spirit of giving with needy children

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Karen Williams is a firm believer in the adage that good things come in small packages. So much so, that she's hoping to collect 2,000 shoe boxes filled with a variety of gifts for needy children.

Williams, who serves on the missions committee and is in charge of home projects at Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township, is coordinating collections for Operation Christmas Child, a simple, hands-on mission project of Samaritan's Purse.

"Having been in Colombia and seeing children who don't get anything, this is a passion of mine," said the Canton resident. "I think it's neat. Our kids get so much and most of these children wouldn't get a thing for Christmas."

Operation Christmas Child got its start in 1993 when Samaritan's Purse delivered 28,000 shoe boxes, filled with gifts and the story of Christmas, to needy children.

In 1998, more than 56,500 churches and other organizations and 27,300 volunteers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Nether-

lands, Australia, Germany, and Finland collected more than 2.3 million shoe boxes that were distributed to children in more than 55 countries.

This year's goal is 3 million boxes and 60 countries, including 400,000 for children in Kosovo.

Easy-to-do project
Operation Christmas Child is an easy-to-do project. Participants decide whether they're gifting a boy or girl and the age categories - 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

Then they fill a normal-sized shoe box with a variety of age-appropriate gift items - toys, school supplies, hygiene items and things like hard candy, flashlights with extra batteries, T-shirts and the like.

The boxes can be wrapped, but the lid must be wrapped separately. Gifters also can include photographs of themselves, and letters, if they like. Some members of Temple Baptist who did that have heard back from the children who received their boxes, Williams said.



Loading up: Last year, members of Temple Baptist Church had transferred their shoe boxes from shipping pallets to cardboard boxes at the collection center, so the boxes could be sent on to the processing center in Minneapolis last year.

To make a shoe box gift:

- Find an empty shoe box. You can wrap it - lid separately - if you would like, but wrapping is not required.
- Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and the appropriate age - 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label from an Operation Christmas Child brochure. Tape it on the TOP of the box and mark the appropriate age category. Labels also can be printed from the Samaritan's Purse Web site - www.samaritan.org.
- Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts. Toys - small cars, balls, kazoos, stuffed animals, plastic knives, harmonicas, yo-yos, toys that light up or make noise with extra batteries.
- School supplies - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink-pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
- Hygiene items - toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, soap, comb, etc.
- Other items - hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries; ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair clips, watch, small picture books, etc.

Do NOT include items that are used, war-related (toy guns, knives, etc.), perishable (chocolate, crackers, etc.), liquids (shampoo, lotion, etc.), medicines (vitamins, cough drops, etc.) or breakable (mirrors, china dolls, etc.).

You can enclose a note and a photograph of yourself or your family. Include your name and address, the child may write you back.

Enclose a check for \$5 or more in the envelope from your brochure (or print the form on the Web site and put it in any envelope along with the shoe box to help cover shipping and other costs. Place the envelope in the box so it is clearly visible on top of the gift items.

If you're filling more than one shoe box, you can make one combined donation in any one box.

Place a rubber band around the shoe box and lid.

Deliver the shoe box to the collection center at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. You can also mail the shoe box to Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607.



country it will be sent to.

"It's amazing how it's grown," said Williams. "Not only does Operation Christmas Child undertake shipment of the boxes, but it also gets the story of Christmas out to children who otherwise wouldn't get anything."

Williams related a story about one child who received a shoe box. He had prayed for a new pencil, and when he opened his box he found 12 pencils. He took one and passed the box on to another child.

"The workers had to explain to him that the entire box was for him," Williams said. "Yes, there's Christian literature in the

box, but these children would not get anything if not for Operation Christmas Child. And if the message touches on child ministry for all

Williams stumbled across the project last year when a friend gave her a brochure and asked what she thought about it as a kid's ministry.

"I said, 'Kids ministry? Why not everyone,'" Williams recalled. "It lets children see the value and importance of giving to others."

The congregation filled 1,027 shoe boxes last year and Williams is hoping to double that

this year. She received calls from members throughout the summer about this year's collection.

People can drop off shoe boxes at Temple Baptist, 49555 North Territorial, west of Beck Road, in Plymouth Township 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and before and after services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

"Ultimately, the kids are the ones who benefit, but I don't know who receives the greater blessing - them for receiving the gift or me for giving it," said Williams. "I think it's me. I did a mission trip to Colombia two years ago and saw the poverty. This is now a passion of mine."

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Book Lovers Day

Readers get to meet their writers

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As Paperbacks N Things prepares for its 14th annual Book Lovers Day, someone very special will be missing from the event.

Novelist Joan Shapiro had participated in the event in past years. She and her husband, Norman, of Bloomfield Township, were among the victims of last weekend's crash of EgyptAir Flight 990.

"Joan Shapiro was one of our authors," said Nikki Vandette, store clerk assisting with the event. "She called a couple of weeks ago and said she was going to Africa."

Vandette and Joan Adis, store owner, are coping with the fact that Shapiro will not return.

Despite the somber tone, Book Lovers Day will bring together

15 authors, many of whom live in the area. Thoughts will be with the Shapiro family.

Book Lovers Day lasts from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the store located at 8044 Wayne Road, between Wendy's and Arby's in Westland.

"It's like a big party," said Vandette. "They enjoy each other as much as the people who come (to have books signed)."

Vandette said they contact local authors and any authors who will be in state at the time of the event. This year's authors include Elizabeth Adkins Bowman, Tori Carrington, Sue Charnley, Anne Eames, Marian Edwards, Nancy Gideon, Jill Gregory, Beverly Jenkins, Penny McCusker, Sharon Pisacreta, Jeanne Savery, Patti Schemberger and Elizabeth Turner.

It also marks the return of authors who attend each year

like Ruth Langon and Redford resident Shelly Thacker.

They will be on hand to sign books and chat with customers at the store. Paperbacks N Things will also have coffee and refreshments for authors and visitors.

The store sells new and used books and has been open for 16 years. Vandette said about six years ago the store expanded to nearly double its size.

"We have a regular clientele," she said. "We have a lot of steady customers ... It's like a big family."

So "book worms" interested in joining the family, catching up on news in the author community and meeting some favorite writers are invited to Book Lovers Day. For more information, call Paperbacks N Things at (734) 522-8018.

Seminars look at holiday stress

Even though Christmas and Hanukkah are still weeks away, many people are already dreading the stress of the holiday season. In a recent national survey, more than 40 percent of the respondents indicated that they find the holidays stressful.

"Holiday cheer is a myth for many people," said Marisa Howard, a clinical therapist for

Lifespan Clinical Services in Livonia. "Women are particularly vulnerable, but holiday stress also can affect males and children."

"It (stress) is characterized by emotional highs and feelings of extreme pressure with symptoms typically including loss of sleep, moodiness, irritability and an inability to focus."

Coping with holiday stress will be the theme of a seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, and again Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Lifespan clinic, 18316 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. The fee is \$15. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 615-9730.

The seminar will cover the causes and effects of holiday stress, tips for relieving it and referrals for additional help. The sessions will be facilitated by Howard and Linda Migdal, also a clinical therapist at Lifespan.

"We will begin by exploring the sources of holiday stress, ranging from family conflicts to worries over money," said Migdal. "This will include a discussion of unrealistic expectations like the 'image of perfection,' the pressure to find the perfect gifts and create the ideal holiday atmosphere."

Lifespan Clinical Services is a division of Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit human service agency with 15 locations in Wayne County and 18 programs for children, adolescents, adults and families.

Right to Life-Lifespan holds legislative breakfast

A legislative breakfast, sponsored by Right to Life-Lifespan, will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The invited speakers will be Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, State Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, and State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. Also invited to attend are all state and national legislators who represent the metropolitan Detroit area.

The breakfast costs \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students age 21 and younger. Reservations can

be made through Nov. 5, by calling Right to Life-Lifespan at (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230.

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Lions top Steelers

In a battle of two premier Junior Football League teams, the Canton Lions defeated the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity 14-2 Saturday. The Lions are 8-0; the Steelers finish at 6-2.

Drew Amble scored both Lion touchdowns, but defense ruled in this game. Jayce Ostowski, Mark Kersten, David Thomas and Brian Clark paced the Lions' defense; Corey Walsler, who got the Steelers only points on a safety, Michael Kerul, who recovered a fumble, Steve Howey, Jake Powers and Ryan Runde led the Steelers.

The Canton Lions junior varsity also bested the Steelers' JV, 24-12 Saturday. The Lions got all their points in the first half, with Dominique Fischer scoring on runs of 22 and 10 yards and catching a 78-yard TD pass from Chris Drabicki. Julian Smith booted three two-point conversions.

Matthew Czajkowski returned a punt 40 yards for one Steeler score and Charles Schumacher ran in for the other. Dominic Fracassa, Schumacher, Steve Lehane and Robert Kelly led the Steeler defense.

The Steeler freshmen were 18-6 winners over the Lion frosh, making them 6-2 for the season. Dalton Walsler ran 32 yards for one touchdown and caught a 20-yard TD pass from Adam Powers, and added an interception on defense. Powers also ran for one TD. Paul Kanaan's four tackles led the Steeler defense.

The Lions' freshmen finished 4-3-1. Darren DeFranceschi sneaked in from a yard out for their only TD; defensively, Chris Hasse had an interception and Javon Brown recovered a fumble.

Oaks reign supreme

The Canton Oaks Red under-10 boys Select soccer team capped an undefeated season by beating the Livonia Wolves 5-1, finishing at 9-0 and in first place in the Western Suburban Soccer League's Red Division.

Team members are Curtis Rose, Defek Sykora, Gary Rodeffer, Brett Bryz, Kyle Sanders, Dajon Mingo, Paul Estrada, Ryan Neu, Michael Hanchett, Mark Davis, Kevin Krause, Kyle Justus, Alex Drake and Nicholas Plescia. The team is coached by Greg Sanders and Ron Moise; Randy Prescott is the trainer and Karen Rose is the manager.

Kicks capture title

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys Select soccer team, captured first place for the fall season in the Western Suburban Soccer League's Green Division. The Kicks were a perfect 8-0, recording three shutouts and outscoring their opponents 36-7. This is their third consecutive WSSL division championship.

Kicks team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carhini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker and Alex Wozniak. Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley coach the team.

Hoop coaches clinic

A free basketball coaches' clinic will be conducted by Dan Young, head coach of Plymouth Canton HS's boys team, from 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday (Nov. 11) at East Middle School.

Topics of discussion will be getting the most out of your team's ability; utilizing all of your players successfully; practice organization; strategies against zone or man-to-man defenses; and special situations. The clinic is open to boys and girls team coaches, from middle school to church teams.

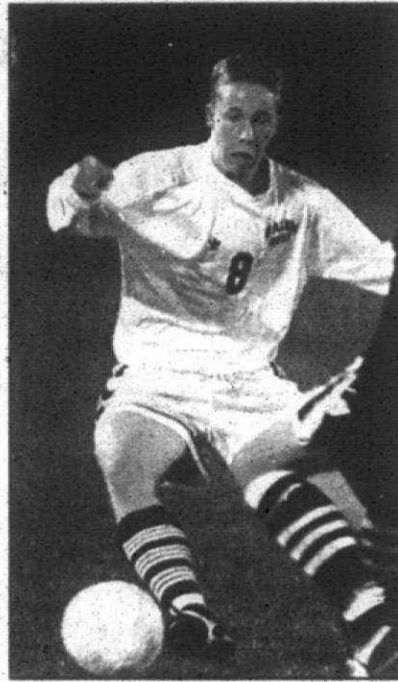
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Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Defensive leader: Keith Schenkel has helped make Salem's defense nearly unbeatable, with 10 straight shutouts.

Early goals elevate Salem

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With the wind howling and snow threatening, a key part to any soccer strategy should be: Don't waste time.

Get going fast. Which is what Plymouth Salem did in its Division I state regional semifinal against Holland West Ottawa, played Tuesday at Kalamazoo Central HS.

The Rocks scored twice in the first eight minutes and left the rest to its nearly impregnable defense — which was equal to the task. Salem advanced to the regional final with a 3-0 triumph.

Next on the state tournament agenda for Salem is the regional final, against the winner of today's Grand Haven/Okemos match. The regional final will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Kalamazoo Central HS.

Winner of that game advances to the Division I state semifinal against the winner of the Novi/Livonia Stevenson match. The state semifinal will be at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Jackson's

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Mehall Field.

The win keeps a couple of streaks alive for the Rocks, now 21-1-2. First: It stretched their unbeaten streak to 18. Stretched: It was their 10th-straight shutout; they haven't given up a goal since Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Budd scored on a penalty kick late in the first half of a 4-1 Salem win.

Which means their opposition — nine games worth in all — were 0-for-October.

"Our defense has been fantastic for some time now," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Once we got (Keith) Schenkel back (from an early-season injury), things solidified."

"We never give up an odd-man attack. Defensively, we were so strong."

Tavio Palazzolo, a sophomore goalkeeper who already has established himself in the Salem career record book with most shutouts (17), has been equal to any challenge in the state

tournament. But there have been very, very few of them.

Indeed, the defense — anchored by Schenkel, a junior, at sweep — has been so reliable that even the loss of leading scorer Scott Duhl to an ankle injury hasn't slowed Salem down.

Duhl, who hurt his ankle in practice Oct. 26 and missed the district semifinal against Belleville, has played the last two matches, although he isn't at full speed quite yet.

Brett Stinar has stepped up to fill any void. And the senior midfielder certainly uses his head.

Not just in figuring out strategies and plans of attack, either. Against Ottawa (which bows out at 15-5-1), Stinar turned a pair of set pieces into goals in the game's first eight minutes.

The first came off a free kick taken by Schenkel from 40 yards away. Stinar simply headed it in, and three minutes into the match Salem led 1-0.

Five minutes later, a Sean Loewe throw-in from the corner in the Panthers' end of the field again reached

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Comeback crazy

Chiefs' rally ruins Rockets' upset hopes

Tournament play often produces unpredictable results, and Plymouth Canton's basketball team was close to experiencing just that in Tuesday's opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament.

The third-seeded Chiefs hosted Westland John Glenn, the sixth seed and a team they beat by 44 points four weeks ago. But this was something entirely different.

Oh, there was a rather large gap by halftime — 23-9 to be precise — but the lead belonged to the Rockets, not Canton.

Victory required a change in attitude and strategy in the second half, and fortunately for the Chiefs they handled both in rallying to beat Glenn 50-38.

The win was the ninth-straight for Canton, now 13-5 overall. Glenn fell to 9-9 overall.

"We struggled in the first half, big time," admitted Canton coach Bob Blohm. "I'm still trying to figure out why. We just couldn't seem to get going."

The Chiefs also had trouble finding the basket. A change in defensive alignment seemed to help them in the second half, both offensively and defensively.

Blohm tried to pressure Glenn full-court in the first half, but success was limited. "Sometimes when you pressure, you end up doing a lot but getting very little," he explained.

So he pulled his team back to half-court defensive pressure. The result was almost immediate: Canton outscored the Rockets 21-5 in the third quarter, with Katie Schwartz's three-pointer late in the period giving the Chiefs their first lead at 30-28.

Led by Anne Morrell, the momentum had swung to Canton and wasn't going back. Morrell scored 12 of her game-high 14 points in the last quarter, igniting a 20-10 finish for the Chiefs.

Christina Kiessel and Janine Guastella added 10 points apiece. John Glenn got 11 points from Stephanie Crews, six of those coming in the Rockets' 17-4 second-quarter surge, and nine from Samantha Crews.

"We played pretty good defense (in the second half)," said Blohm. "We got better position and didn't chase them

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

In-your-face defense: Canton's Christina Kiessel drives through John Glenn's Samantha Crews, searching for a basket. Kiessel found the basket enough to score 10 points.

Whalers tie Sting



The Sarnia Sting just couldn't pull away from the Plymouth Whalers Sunday.

Playing in Sarnia, the Sting got two second-period goals — the second by Ryan VanBuskirk with 13 seconds left in the period — to take a one-goal advantage into the final period. But they couldn't score again.

And Plymouth did. Nate Kiser scored his first goal of the season 8:52 into the third period, and Aaron Molnar made it stand up as the Whalers earned a 2-2 tie.

Plymouth is now 6-8-2 and in third place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Sarnia is 5-7-3 and in fourth place in the West Division.

Stephen Weiss and Damian Surma assisted on Kiser's game-tying goal.

After a scoreless first period, the Sting took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jeff Heerma at 1:53. Rob McBride tied it, scoring his first goal of the season at the 6:42 mark; Shaun Fisher and Kevin Holdridge assisted.

SSM Greyhounds 5, Whalers 3: A pair of late third-period goals by Jeff Richards and Tim Zafaris Saturday night gave the visiting Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds the victory over the Plymouth Whalers.

Julian Smith's goal at 5:16 of the third period gave the Whalers a 3-3 tie at Compuware Arena and it looked for the next 10 minutes as though Plymouth might capitalize on its wide shot advantage.

But Sault Ste. Marie, the OHL's West Division leader, hung in there and Richards broke the tie at 18:08. Zafaris added an empty net goal with 26 seconds to play to clinch the Greyhounds' win.

Plymouth forced goalie Jason

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Still alive: PCA reaches region final

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Certainly the run Plymouth Salem is making in the Division I state soccer tournament has captured the attention of local fans. But the Rocks aren't the only soccer story in town.

On Wednesday, Plymouth Christian Academy got a first-half goal from David Carty and the same fool-proof defense it's had most of the season in disposing of Lake Fenton 1-0 in a Division IV regional semifinal played at Southfield Christian.

The Eagles now advance to play Lenawee Christian at noon Saturday in the regional final, also at Southfield Christian.

"They're just getting it out," said PCA coach Rick Erickson, his team now 15-3-4. "The defense has really tightened it up and we're scoring timely goals."

Against Lake Fenton, Carty's goal — assisted by Jon Dale — was all the Eagles needed. But they had

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other chances.

"We had numerous scoring opportunities," said Erickson. "I was a little disappointed with that. But I'll take the win."

He knows it won't get any easier. PCA played at Lenawee Christian Oct. 9 and suffered a 2-1 loss, with the Cougars scoring the game-winning goal on a free kick with two minutes left.

The Eagles were without starting midfielder Clay Welton in that match. "With him in the game, I think we're as good as they are," said Erickson.

In PCA's spectacular, and somewhat unexpected, run in the state tournament, defense has been the key factor. It was again in the win over Lake Fenton.

Travis Yonkman, a junior, was in goal for his 10th shutout of the season. "He's done a fantastic job this season," said Erickson.

Yonkman has had some help, to be sure. Defenders Jim Morrison and John Sink, both junior marking backs, together with sweeper Mark Erickson and stopper Tyler Williams, both sophomores, have been outstanding.

Sink moved back to defense when starter James Bauslaugh suffered an ankle sprain in the district tournament. Bauslaugh returned to play against Lake Fenton, but with his mobility still somewhat limited, Erickson decided to keep Sink on defense and inserted Bauslaugh at forward.

The defense was good enough to prevent Lake Fenton from getting a shot on goal in the second half. The Blue Devils had four shots in the first half, but none were dangerous.

The win keeps alive a season in which PCA produced victories over two state-ranked opponents in winning its first-ever state district championship.

The biggest victory thus far came in last Satur-

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Strong 4th quarter keeps Shamrocks unbeaten

BY BRAD EMONS
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Two-time defending Redford Catholic Central opened the state football playoffs Saturday by scoring a 24-9 victory over pesky Livonia Stevenson before an overflow crowd at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

The Shamrocks, winners of 29 straight dating back to the 1997 season, moved to 10-0 and set up a second-round date with unbeaten Walled Lake Western, the champs of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson's defense, on the field for much of the day, held off against the powerful CC offensive line.

But the running of CC's senior fullback, 6-foot-1, 225-pound John Kava (174 yards in 28 carries), proved too difficult to overcome.

"It was a great inter-city kind

CC FOOTBALL

Spartans.

Lineman Tim McCarthy pounced on a CC fumbled snap from center on the first play of the game and junior slotback Dan Wilson ran 20 yards for a TD. Wilson also booted the extra point to give the Spartans a stunning 7-0 lead over the state's top-ranked team.

"It was a nightmare," Mach said. "You don't envision that or want to experience something like that. I can't remember us

ever fumbling the snap and the other team going for a touchdown on the first play."

CC pulled even to start the second quarter when Stevenson quarterback Eric Rize, forced out of the pocket on a passing situation, got hit and fumbled.

Lanky defensive end Jeff Moore (6-4, 220) scooped up the ball at the Stevenson 5 and dove into the end zone for a TD. Mike Sgroi's extra point made it 7-all.

CC then drove 66 yards in 11 plays, capped by Dave Groth's 2-yard TD run. Sgroi's extra point, with 4:27 left in the half, gave the Shamrocks a 14-7 advantage.

In the third quarter, Sgroi, after missing earlier attempts of 47 and 31 yards, drilled 32-yard field goal with 7:35 remaining to put CC ahead 17-7.

The Shamrocks, who seemingly were in control, then gave up two points with 1:21 left in the third quarter when the snap

from center sailed over punter Mark Gursky's head and out of the end zone.

The play seemed to inject new life in the Spartans, but CC's defense came up big in the final quarter. Rize was sacked twice on critical third and fourth downs on the Spartans' first two offensive possessions of the fourth period.

CC had 243 yards rushing and total yardage of 253, while Stevenson had just 98 total.

CROSS COUNTRY

There were a few reasons to be pleased with Saturday's state cross country regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer. At least individually.

That's because individuals are what will be representing Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Christian Academy.

Salem's boys team will send senior Donnie Warner to Saturday's Class A final. Warner, a senior, finished 14th overall in 16:50. Teammate Manvir Gill, a junior, just missed qualifying individually, finishing 22nd overall in 17:05.

Other Salem scorers were Greg Kubitski, 39th (17:35); Kurt Sarfield, 56th (17:49); and Mark Bolger, 56th (17:58).

Plymouth Canton's boys team was less fortunate. "We had three kids run through their injuries," explained Chiefs' coach Bill Boyd. "And they barely finished the race."

Top runner Jon Mikos was suffering from a pulled tendon in his leg that limited him to running every third day. The injury dropped him to No. 5 among Canton finishers; he was 85th overall in 19:13.

"That was frustrating," said Boyd. Steve Deben, another of Canton's top runners, was struggling with a pulled stomach muscle. He finished well back in the pack in 21:28.

Top placer among the Chiefs was Scott Gillen, who was 57th in 18:01. James O'Hara was 61st (18:10), Brandon McClellan was 62nd (18:11) and Patrick Pruitt was 71st (18:17).

Salem finished seventh as a team with 180 points. Canton was 13th (out of 15 teams) with 331 points. Saline finished first with 42 (see statistical results).

In the Class D regional at Pioneer, Plymouth Christian Academy's Nate Worthy finished 21st overall to qualify individually in 19:19.

"He's a hard worker," said PCA coach Steve Bauslaugh. "He's not blessed with a lot of natural talent, but he works hard. This is his second trip to the state meet."

Mike Huntsman, another senior, just missed qualifying, finishing 34th in 20:00. The final individual state qualifier finished six seconds ahead of Huntsman.

Other PCA runners were Mark Varney, 37th (20:08); Nic Roupas, 46th (20:43); and Mike Atkinson, 48th (20:48).

Detroit Holy Redeemer was an easy winner, with the top finisher in Raymond Perez (17:16) and the second and third runners, too. Redeemer scored 33 points.

PCA placed eighth with 185.

In the Class A girls race, Salem challenged but could not manage to finish among the top three teams to qualify as a team for the state finals. That honor went to Ann Arbor Pioneer, which was first (51 points); Saline, second (86); and Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson, third (97).

Salem was fifth in the 19-team field with 184. Canton placed ninth with 238.

"Region No. 4 was, once again, a mini-state meet," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "There were seven teams that we thought had a legitimate shot at making it to the state finals."

"As a team, we ran competitive, just not competitive enough to make it to the show."

Rachel Jones did qualify individually, placing 20th in 20:28. Teammate Brynne DeNeen, however, just missed; DeNeen placed 22nd in 20:29, one place shy of qualifying.

"Rachel Jones and Brynne DeNeen ran the perfect race, even though their rates were very different," said Gerlach.

"One minute we were really happy for Rachel and the next minute we were shocked for Brynne."

Other Salem scorers were Lauren Loftus, 34th (21:03); Aisha Chappell, 57th (21:48); and Shae Potocki, 64th (21:57).

Canton was paced by Stacie Griffin, who was 35th overall (21:04). Other chief scorers were Mary Maloney, 42nd (21:10); Sarah Ruckins, 45rd (21:11); Amy Dupuis, 47th (21:22); and Erica Stoney, 76th (23:39).

In the Class D meet, PCA had just one runner competing — but she did pretty well.

Lauren Wheelock, a junior, placed 11th overall in 23:06 to qualify for the state finals.

"This is her first year running cross country," said Bauslaugh. "It's a great honor for her."

The state meet is Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

State's best to clash in district final

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When Redford Catholic Central football players think of Warriors, Catholic League rival Birmingham Brother Rice usually comes to mind.

But a school that has the same nickname, Walled Lake Western, gets all of the Shamrocks' attention this week. Along with sharing a nickname with Rice, Western is gaining quite a reputation in football.

CC and Western, each undefeated in 10 games, battle in a Division I district final at 1 p.m. Saturday at Howard Kraft Field in Redford Township.

The Shamrocks, winners of 29 straight games, are two-time defending state champions in Class AA and have been the state's consensus No. 1 team throughout the season.

The Warriors, who were the Class AA state champion in 1996 after being runner-up in Class A in 1992, are ranked as high as No. 2 in Division I.

The Warriors depend on a stingy defense that emphasizes speed and quickness more than size.

"The Warriors' top defensive back, senior Lorenzo Parker, has made a verbal commitment to play football at Vanderbilt."

"They look very aggressive, come at you very hard on defense," CC coach Tom Mach said.

South Lyon was held to 101 total yards in a 28-16 loss to Western in the first round of the playoffs and afterward defensive tackle Delore Semaan made a bold statement that was noticed by the CC team.

"No one can run on our defense," Semaan said. "We came out at 6 in the morning all summer to work for this. I think we've got the best D-line in the state. We played all out tonight."

CC defensive tackle Jeremiah Hicks, tied

for second on the team with 3 1/2 sacks, read that.

"I'll just answer to it on the field," Hicks said.

The Warriors feature a spread-offense which Mach likens to last year's Class AA state finalist, Rockford.

Senior tailback Cody Cargill has 1,057 yards in 180 carries (an average of 5.9 yards per carry) with 13 touchdowns. Quarterback Chris Payton is a threat to run and pass, rushing for 316 yards in 68 carries with 11 touchdowns and completing 51 of 94 passes for 589 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Phil Lohman replaced Morris on the offensive line at tackle.

What complicates his recovery is he also has a cast over a broken thumb on the same side as the injured shoulder.

"It's not helping his shoulder, having to carry that thing (cast) all the time," Mach said.

Willyoung injured his knee after being tackled following his interception, his seventh of the year, early in the third quarter. He played the remainder of the game but his practice time was limited this week.

"Jeff Moore, a 6-5 220-pound senior defensive end, could become a Division I college prospect this winter because of his wingspan and potential to grow. He is built a lot like former CC defensive lineman, Dave Bruhowski, who had an unheralded high school career but received a scholarship to Bowling Green State University based mostly on potential.

He became a starter at BGU.

Moore sacked the Stevenson quarterback, forcing a fumble which was picked up by Moore and returned for a touchdown.

Moore leads the Shamrocks with 4 1/2 sacks.

"The Shamrocks were called in 13 penalties to Stevenson's two, which of course didn't please Mach.

"Some were deserving," Mach said, surprised so much could change in a week. "The week before we were almost penalty free (in a 31-12 win over Rice). One week later, we get 13 penalties."

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BOYS REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CLASS A REGIONAL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 30 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Saline, 42 points; 2. Novi, 74; 3. Livonia Churchil, 112; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 126; 5. North Farmington, 159; 6. Ann Arbor Huron, 160; 7. Plymouth Salem, 180; 8. Adrian, 200; 9. Northville, 222; 10. Farmington, 254; 11. Livonia Franklin, 282; 12. Ann Arbor Huron, 288; 13. Plymouth Canton, 331; 14. Farmington Hills Harrison, 420; 15. Westland John Glenn, 470.

Individual winners: 1. Tim Moore (Novi), 15:36 (15,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 6. Jason Richmond, 16:29; 15. Ryan Gall, 16:54; 19. Dan Valentini, 17:49.

Stevenson finishers: 18. Matt Imer (SQ), 16:57; 20. Frank Schneider (SQ), 16:59; 21. Brad Carroll (SQ), 17:01; 32. Steve Kackemick, 17:26; 37. Eric Mink, 17:43; 83. Nick Demek, 19:12; 94. Ryan Cummins, 19:49.

N. Farmington finishers: 7. Charlie Stamboulis (SQ), 16:36; 17. Ethan Goodman (SQ), 16:56; 35. Matt Wiegand, 17:32; 38. Yazad Lala, 17:35; 63. Mike Millat, 18:11; 74. Mike Bowman, 18:25; 75. Isaac Kaufman, 18:34.

Saline finishers: 14. Donnie Warner (SQ), 16:50; 22. Manvir Gill, 17:05; 39. Gregory Kubitski, 17:35; 51. Kurt Sarfield, 17:49; 56. Mark Bolger, 17:58; 66. Robert Showalter, 18:14; 67. Michael Carpenter, 19:16.

Farmington finishers: 29. Patrick Lockhart, 17:23; 45. Christian Tobe, 17:42; 55. Andrew Kenerson, 17:57; 58. Ryan Kislak, 18:02; 70. Chris Nagrant, 18:17; 73. Drew Mokris, 18:20; 76. Michael McFarley, 18:43.

Franklin finishers: 13. Brian Kubit (SQ), 16:46; 16. Steve Stewart (SQ), 16:55; 78. Tim Borrie, 18:56; 88. Jesse Knight, 19:26; 95. John Kirovovich, 20:06; 98. Dennis Kucak, 20:18.

Canton finishers: 57. Scott Gillen, 18:01; 61. Ross O'Hara, 18:10; 62. Brandon McClellan, 18:11; 71. Patrick Pruitt, 18:17; 85. Jonathan Mikos, 19:13; 96. Ryan Stanko, 19:13.

Class B Regional
Oct. 30 at Royal Oak Kinnick

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Redford Catholic Central, 39; 2. Rochester Adams, 110; 3. Bloomfield Hills

Class C Regional
Oct. 30 at Erie Mason

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Lutheran Westland, 60; 2. Southfield Christian, 64; 3. Erie Mason, 107; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 114; 5. Dundee, 123; 6. Whitmore Lake, 142; 7. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 142; 8. Allen Park Caproni, 223; 9. Birmingham Brother Rice, 149; 10. Berkley, 242; 11. West Bloomfield, 247; 11e. Detroit Mackenzie, Southfield-Lathrup, Detroit Cooley, no team scores.

Redford CC finishers: 1. Matt Daily, 15:56; 7. Doug Gibbons, 16:27; 8. John DiGiovanni, 16:33; 15. Daniel Kraviec, 16:58; 23. Adam Tynowski, 17:05; 27. Bryan Buchanan, 17:23.

Class D Regional
Oct. 30 at Erie Mason

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Redford Catholic Central, 39; 2. Rochester Adams, 110; 3. Bloomfield Hills

Class E Regional
Oct. 30 at Erie Mason

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Lutheran Westland finishers: 1. Tom McFall, 17:33; 6. Ken Broge, 17:56; 7. Jason McFall, 17:59; 8. Matt Doeder, 18:48; 27. Brian Block, 19:07; 30. Matt Rae, 19:21; 31. Dan Ungar, 19:25; 1.

GIRLS REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CLASS A REGIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 30 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 51; 2. Saline, 80; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 97; 4. Novi, 148; 5. Plymouth Salem, 194; 6. Livonia Churchil, 207; 7. Farmington Hills Mercy, 224; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 235; 9. Plymouth Canton, 238; 10. Farmington, 272; 11. Adrian, 324; 12. North Farmington, 327; 13. Livonia Franklin, 339; 14. Ypsilanti, 345; 15. Northville, 353; 16. Livonia Ladywood, 379; 17. Farmington Hills Harrison, 411; 18. W. John Glenn, 467.

Stevenson finishers: 1. Andrea Parker, 19:03; 17. Tessa Tarole, 20:24; 18. Sara Prior, 20:24; 31. Stefanie Rousseau, 20:59; 32. Tara Tarole, 21:01; 39. Julie Sachau, 21:10; 50. Marissa Montgomery, 21:29.

Saline finishers: 20. Rachel Jones (SQ), 20:28; 22. Brynne DeNeen, 20:29; 34. Lauren Loftus, 21:03; 57. Aisha Chappell, 21:48; 64. Shae Potocki, 21:57; 85. Miranda White, 22:56; 89. Rachael Moratis, 23:09.

Churchil finishers: 19. Susan Duncan (SQ), 20:25; 33. Sarah Anagnostou, 21:03; 46. Michelle Phillips, 21:21; 55. Stephanie Skiera, 21:44; 58. Mandy Hein, 21:48; 69. Diana Lesparakas, 22:13; 99. Sarah Westrich, 23:41.

Marysville finishers: 9. Sarah Polletta (SQ), 19:58; 12. Valerie Burniaky (SQ), 20:16; 49. Anjum Ahmad, 21:26; 65. Katherine Storch, 21:57; 83. Katie Lynn Mason, 23:15; 94. Kathleen Hammer, 23:20; 105. Andrea Milan, 24:02.

Canton finishers: 35. Stacie Griffin, 21:04; 42. Mary Maloney, 21:10; 43. Sara Ruckins, 21:11; 47. Amy Dupuis, 21:22; 76. Erica Janna Griffin, 22:55.

Farmington finishers: 14. Kristin Balla (SQ), 20:22; 23. Megan Annarino, 20:32; 56. Claire Czaplinski, 21:46; 88. Shannon Barkum, 23:03; 96. Danielle Miller, 23:23; 103. Fallon James, 23:55; 111. Betsy Luckbacher, 24:22.

N. Farmington finishers: 7. Heidi Frank (SQ), 19:49; 60. Kelly Kuo, 21:51; 79. Amy Miller, 22:41; 87. Kristen Stamboulis, 22:45.

Huron finishers: 71. Lynn Andziewski, 21:43; 80. Mandy Nakovinsky, 21:55; 83. Erica Johnson, 21:57; 68. Katie Witt, 22:09; 98. Katie Brown, 23:10; 110. Diana Poter, 24:12; 114. Amanda Bommer, 24:40.

Ladywood finishers: 51. Anna Piagany, 21:35; 59. Jennifer Kotera, 21:50; 61. Stefanie Stachura, 21:54; 107. Stacey Schroeder, 24:10; 108. Brittany O'Keefe, 24:11; 115. Stacey Swancutt, 24:42; 116. Michelle Taylor, 24:43.

Franklin finishers: 54. Christine Witte, 21:43; 60. Mandy Nakovinsky, 21:55; 83. Erica Johnson, 21:57; 68. Katie Witt, 22:09; 98. Katie Brown, 23:10; 110. Diana Poter, 24:12; 114. Amanda Bommer, 24:40.

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Madonna facing the same problems: Lack of size and not much experience

BY C.J. RISAK Sports Editor cjrisk@oe.com

There has been one constant element throughout Bernie Holowicki's tenure as Madonna University's men's basketball coach — and that's change.

Since Holowicki took over as the coach of the Fighting Crusaders prior to the 1995-96 season, they have never won more than nine games. And they have never been able to keep players on their roster long enough to build a viable program.

There will be no alterations in that program this season. Madonna started last season with five freshmen and three sophomores on its 14-man roster; this year, the Crusaders open the season with four freshmen and three sophomores on its 10-man roster.

Madonna was 4-26 in 1997-98. It was 8-23 last season.

Only one player from last year's squad was lost to graduation: Mike Maryanski. Seven others that were on the team at the start of last season either did not return or were academic casualties.

A turnover rate like that makes building a program difficult, to say the least. In a league like the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, which featured the NAIA national champion in Cornerstone and a Sweet 16 qualifier in Siena Heights, success with a new roster every year is impossible.

But Holowicki remains optimistic. "We're getting there," he said as his squad went through drills in preparation for yesterday's season-opener at St. Mary's College. "We've got 10 guys who are not only good players, but they're good students, too."

One asset the Crusaders did manage to keep from last year was the WHAC's leading scorer: Mike Massey, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard from Walled Lake Western who averaged 19.1 points a game last season.

It was the second-straight season Madonna had the league's leading scorer, and both times it was a freshman. But prior to last season, Mark Hayes transferred to NCAA Division I Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. He has since left that program and is now attending Michigan State.

Indeed, although there were substantial

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losses and one of Madonna's major problems — a lack of size — will continue to plague the Crusaders, all is not lost.

Not hardly.

That's because the five players who will serve as starters this season all have some starting experience from last season.

They are led by senior co-captains Chad Putnam, a 6-5 forward from Redford (Thurston HS), and Jason Skoczylas, a 6-5 center from Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Skoczylas, who tips the scale at 230 pounds, averaged 8.5 points and five rebounds a game while converting a team-best 56.8 percent of his floor shots. Putnam nailed 20-of-42 three-pointers (47.6 percent), scoring 4.7 points a game.

Others who Holowicki will call on are 6-1 sophomore point guard Trevor Hinshaw (3.2 points, 2.4 assists a game last season) and 6-3 junior swingman Mark Mitchell (4.1 points, 2.8 rebounds).

Massey will again be looked to for scoring — after all, he converted 36 percent of his three-point tries last season — but Holowicki isn't about to make him the Crusaders only option.

"He's better (than he was last year), but he's not an unknown product this year," the Madonna coach pointed out.

"We're not a big team. We're probably the smallest team in the league. And we're probably the youngest team in the league, too.

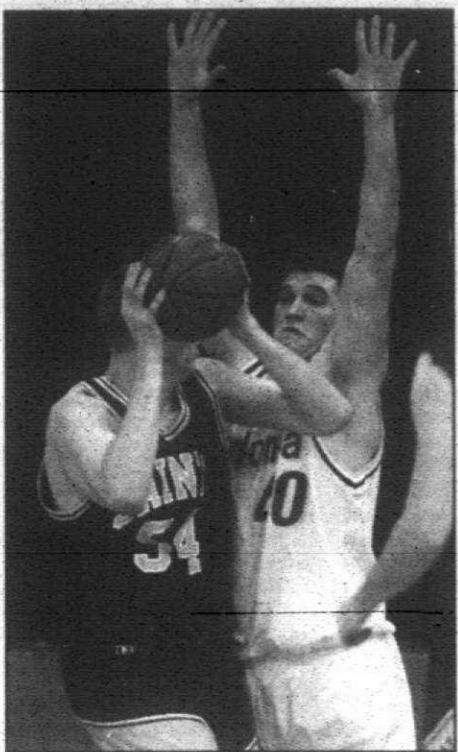
"But we want to be the most aggressive team, too. And we want to be able to run."

Of course, to get a running game going a team has to be able to rebound. That, as Holowicki acknowledged, won't be easy.

Madonna was out-rebounded by an average of 40.3-34.2 per game last season. The Crusaders have since lost their leading rebounder — Maryanski — to graduation.

"Four guys who will have to rebound for us are Jason, Chad, Tommy (See, a 6-6 sophomore) and Josh (Jensen, a 6-7 freshman)," said Holowicki, adding the season will be defined by "how we rebound, how we run, how we shoot."

Jensen isn't the only freshman recruit expected to contribute immediately. Others



Inside presence: Jason Skoczylas (40) will be relied upon to give Madonna some inside muscle.

Ocelots overcome obstacles to reach NJCAA districts

It wasn't expected to be easy for Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team at last weekend's NJCAA Regional Tournament, hosted by Lakeland College in Mentor, Ohio.

And it wasn't. But defense ruled the day — and the tournament — and SC's was the best around.

The Ocelots advanced to this weekend's NJCAA District Tournament, hosted by SC, by beating Cuyahoga (Ohio) Metro College 1-0 Saturday and the host Lakeland team by an identical 1-0 margin in Sunday's championship.

SC improves to 15-5-1 overall. Lakeland bows out at 14-5-2; Cuyahoga finishes at 10-7.

It was a rough, tough tournament, with players from all participating teams getting red cards. Two starters for SC, marking defender Paul Ansara and leading scorer Johnny Demergis (from Plymouth Canton), were red-carded in the Cuyahoga game and had to sit out the match against Lakeland.

Aaron MacDonald (Plymouth Salem) was red-carded in the Lakeland match and will miss SC's opening district game, 10:30 a.m. Saturday against Iowa Central.

With Demergis sidelined 15 minutes into the second half of the Cuyahoga match (and, consequently, all of the Lakeland game), the Ocelots needed to find some offense elsewhere. They did, mainly from Tony Maldonado (Livonia Stevenson).

Although yellow-carded early in the Cuyahoga match, Maldonado hung in against Cuyahoga and eventually was part of the game's key play. After a

SC SOCCER

scoreless regulation and first overtime, Maldonado was hauled down in the box with nine minutes left in the second OT.

A penalty kick was awarded; Mike Slack (Livonia Churchil) converted it to give SC its 1-0 victory.

Dan Wlechowicki (Plymouth Salem) moved from defense to offense to help offset the loss of Demergis in the Lakeland match. Rob Barnes (Canton) missed converting a cross from Wlechowicki early in the game, but Maldonado didn't repeat the mistake.

He knocked in the game's only goal, on a pass from Wlechowicki, at the 15-minute mark for the game's only marker.

Ben Davis (Canton) was untestable in goal for the Ocelots, who have surrendered just nine goals in their last 17 matches. Indeed, Lakeland had just one dangerous chance, when it hit the crossbar midway through the second half.

Iowa Central, 12-4 overall, figures to provide quite a test in SC's district semifinal. The other semifinal pits Belleville Area (Ill.) against Bethany Lutheran (Minn.).

According to SC coach Van Dimitriou, the district favorite should be Belleville (17-2-1), which has been ranked as high as No. 2 in the NJCAA. Bethany Lutheran brings a 13-5-1 record to the tournament. Those teams meet in a semifinal at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The district championship is noon Sunday at SC.

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Jennifer Dumm made one big save. Jenny Barker made the rest.

They all added up to a 2-1 victory over Aquinas College for Madonna University's women's soccer team in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal played Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

The third-seeded Lady Crusaders improved to 14-5-1 overall; they advance to meet regular-season champion Siena Heights Saturday in Adrian. Siena Heights (16-2-2 overall) beat Cornerstone University 3-0 Tuesday.

Aquinas bows out at 17-3-1.

The key play in the match came with 13 minutes left. The Saints' Meghan Luckett got loose in front of the Madonna goal with Barker down and the score knotted at 1-1. But Dumm, a keeper who was filling in as a defender at the time, knocked the shot out with her hands, earning herself a red card and Aquinas a penalty kick.

However Barker, a sophomore from Livonia Stevenson, was equal to the challenge. She dove to her right to stop Kim Eager's penalty kick, keeping the score tied.

It didn't stay that way for long. Dawn Sanders, a freshman forward from Garden City who scored three goals in Madonna's 5-0 victory over Spring Arbor last Saturday in the opening round of the WHAC Tournament, converted a play started by Megan Thiry and Jamie Scott with 9:26 left to play to make it 2-1.

Sanders was named the WHAC player of the week for her performance last Saturday.

She added to her total — Sanders had just one goal in 18 previous matches — by scoring both Madonna goals against Aquinas. The first tied the match at 1-1 with 27-40 gone in the opening half; she headed in a free kick from Melissa Jacobs.

Aquinas had the early lead, getting a goal on a breakaway by Amy Panse 9:29 into the game.

Hart saves Madonna in WHAC

Now it gets interesting. All season, it seems Madonna University's men's soccer team has struggled to retain its standing as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's premier team. Now, with the post-season tournament in full swing, it appears the Fighting Crusaders are on the verge of doing just that.

They took a major step in that direction Wednesday when they traveled to Siena Heights University for a WHAC Tournament semifinal. Madonna was the third seed in the tournament; Siena Heights was No. 2.

With key players on both teams out of action, it required a determined effort to come out on top. The Crusaders did just that, getting a first-half goal out of a scramble in front of the Saints' net and then relying on Dave Hart to do the rest in posting a 1-0 victory.

Combined with Aquinas College's win over Tri-State University Wednesday, the triumph means Madonna (now 15-5-1) will earn a berth in the upcoming NAIA Regional Tournament.

On Saturday, they travel to Grand Rapids to take on WHAC regular-season champion

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Aquinas for the WHAC title.

Siena Heights finishes with a 13-7-1 record.

The only goal of Wednesday's match was scored with just under five minutes remaining in the first half. With the ball bouncing free in front of the Siena Heights net, Joe Suchara (from Livonia Stevenson) got a foot on it and knocked it past Saints' keeper Nick DeKam.

Charlie Bell and Bill Fischer (Livonia Franklin) assisted.

In the second half the wind favored Siena Heights, but the Saints couldn't take advantage — thanks to Hart, who played his finest game of the season, making 13 saves.

The win was the ninth straight for Madonna, which once again was without leading scorer Sam Piraine, who aggravated a leg injury in Saturday's opening round of the WHAC tournament.

finals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament with a 5-1 trouncing of Spring Arbor Saturday at Livonia's Whitman Field.

The No. 3-seeded Fighting Crusaders, who improved to 14-5-1, advanced to yesterday's semifinal at second-seeded Siena Heights. Spring Arbor bowed out at 6-13.

Madonna scored three times in the first 12:32 of the match to virtually ice the victory. Brian Murphy got the Crusaders on the board first, nailing a shot from 30 yards out at the 8:39 mark. Sam Piraine assisted.

Charlie Bell, the senior midfielder from Derry, Ireland, who was named WHAC player of the week, made it 2-0 at the 11:21 mark with the first of his two goals (he had three for the week), a sliding shot set up by Sean Rustin. Jeremy Hornak got Madonna's third goal just 1:11 later, stealing a Cougar pass in their end and converting it.

Spring Arbor's Brent Kalkovitz narrowed the deficit to 3-1 at the 27:04 mark, but the Crusaders added two goals in the second half to pull away. Keith Barber got the first, converting a through ball from Rustin (his second assist); Bell got the second, heading in a pass from Oleg Chovkov.

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The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team didn't want to get caught looking ahead.

"The 'W' is all that matters at this time of year," Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach Lars Richters said following his team's 3-0 Division I-Region II semifinal win Tuesday over Monroe at South Lyon Middle School.

"It's one of those dangerous games where you hope you don't take a team lightly," Richters added. "We knew they had a fine player in John Webster

REGIONAL SOCCER

and they had some good athletes. You take nothing granted at this time of year."

Stevenson, gunning for its seventh state boys soccer title in school history, now gets a shot at defending state champion Novi (19-1-1), beginning 7 p.m. Friday at South Lyon M.S. Novi advanced with a 6-1 win over Dearborn.

Mike White made sure the Spartans were safely into the regional final, scoring all three goals in the first half.

Jeff Budd earned the first assist with 28:57 left. Meanwhile, Tom Eller provided White passes for his final two goals with 8:40 and 4:37 remaining, respectively, in the opening half.

Stevenson, battling dipping temperatures (33 degrees), snow showers and stiff winds, missed three point-blank shots in the second half.

But give credit to Monroe keeper Michael Merkle, who was able to slam the door the rest of the way.

"We missed some finishes (shots)," Richters said. "But the second-half weather was painful. Even though we missed some chances, we played well at

times."

Monroe, which has three straight district and Mega Conference Red Division titles under its belt, bowed out at 14-3-3 overall.

"I thought our defense played well, but Stevenson is such a skillful team," Monroe coach Anto Cevizian said. "We knew we were facing some obstacles. They're state-ranked and they have some unbelievable players."

"You keep telling your kids it's just another game like everyone else, but in the back of your minds it's not."

While Stevenson keeper Joe Zawacki had little action on his end, Monroe's

Merkle was facing a barrage of shots and offensive pressure in front of his net.

"I thought the first two goals we gave up were a little shaky and we could have controlled them," Cevizian said. "But overall I thought our defense played well. Remember, too, we were playing an unbelievable team."

Monroe was facing a program rich in tradition.

"We've been at it here 12 years and the first six we didn't win a game," Cevizian said. "We've come a long way, but we haven't reached their level quite yet."

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all over the gym.

"I didn't get (the first-half slump) either, but to the kids' credit they fought through it."

Now Canton must travel to second-seeded Northville to battle the Mustangs, who defeated the Chiefs 35-31 Sept. 30 — Canton's last loss. The WLA championship is slated for Nov. 10 at Livonia Franklin.

Salem 52, Stevenson 28: A first-quarter rampage carried Plymouth Salem into the WLA Tournament semifinals as the top-seeded Rocks blasted No. 8 seed Livonia Stevenson Tuesday at Salem.

Salem hosts Farmington Harrison, a 37-35 winner over fifth-seeded North

Farmington Tuesday, at 7 p.m. Friday. The Rocks are 17-1; Stevenson is 7-9.

"We had an outstanding first quarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We played extremely well. We backed off our pressure a bit after that and didn't play as well."

The Rocks hardly had to. Thanks to Tiffany Grubaugh's nine first-quarter points, they led 21-2 going into the second period. Grubaugh finished with a game-high 18 points.

Salem led 26-10 at the half and 42-20 after three periods.

Kelly Jaskot added 13 points and Dawn Allen scored nine. Those two, together with Monica Mair, each had four points in the first quarter.

Abbey Schrader led the Spartans with

nine points. Lindsay Gusick added eight.

Franklin Road 43, Agape 42: After 15 games, Canton Agape Christian finally knows what it feels like to lose.

Agape's season-long winning streak came to an end Tuesday at Southfield Franklin Road, thanks to a pair of free throws by the Warriors' Heather Swanson with less than a half-minute remaining.

Agape had possession with a chance to win but was unable to get a shot off in time.

Winning the non-conference game improved Franklin Road to 10-7.

Agape started well and held a 14-8

lead after the first period but Franklin Road was ahead, 22-19, at the half. Agape cut the deficit to a point entering the final quarter.

Swanson led Southfield with 12 points while Debbie Bibeau and Sarah Classen scored 10 apiece.

Amy Henry led all scorers with 17 for Agape and Allie Major netted 10.

Agape hit half its 18 free throw attempts while Franklin Road went to the line 22 times, making 12.

Inter-City 48, PCA 46: Plymouth Christian Academy ran out of miracles Friday against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, and the result was a two-point loss in double-overtime.

The Eagles' Laura Clark, who led all scorers with 17 points, hit a three-pointer at the end of the first OT to knot the score at 43-all and force a second OT.

Stacy Copeland had converted a triple at the end of regulation for Inter-City to tie it at 37-all. With the Chargers ahead by two in the second OT, a three-point try by PCA hit the rim but fell out, giving Inter-City the win.

Clark, a senior guard, also had nine rebounds and eight assists for PCA (7-11 overall, 4-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference). Kallie Gross added 12 points.

Trisha Principe led Inter-City (9-6 overall, 5-5 in the MIAC) with 16 points.

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Flick of Sault Ste. Marie to make 38 saves in the game. Aaron Molnar was called upon to make 15 saves for the Whalers but the Greyhounds scored on their only shot against him in the final period.

Damian Surma opened the scoring with a goal for Plymouth at 17:42 of the opening period but the lead last just 14 seconds as Ryan Jardine tied it for Sault Ste. Marie.

The Whalers went ahead with a power play marker at 2:47 of the second period, off the stick of Steve Weiss, but the Greyhounds tied it with their own period play score and added another goal 46 seconds later.

Compuware beats USA

The Compuware Ambassadors shut out the USA NAHL team, based in Ann Arbor, 3-0, Saturday in North American Hockey League action.

Craig Piscopink broke a scoreless tie late in the third period, Dan Knapp and Steve Jackson added third period goals to support Craig Kowalski's shutout goaltending.

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day's district final, when Chad Boruta's second goal of the game, scored with 25 minutes left to play, propelled the Eagles to a 2-1 victory over second-ranked Lutheran Westland at Dearborn Fairlane Christian.

In the district semifinals, PCA beat seventh-ranked Southfield Christian 1-0.

"It was a well-played game at both ends," said Erickson of the district final. "It just came down to who wanted it a little more."

Jason Davis scored midway through the first half to put the Warriors, who finished 15-3-1, up 1-0 at the break. Boruta countered that with the game-tying and game-winning goals in the second half, while the defense — led by Yonkman in goal — kept Lutheran Westland scoreless.

The winner of Saturday's regional final advances to the Division IV state semifinal at Linden HS Wednesday.

Salem - C1

Stinar in front of the net. His header was a 2-0 lead, and the Rocks had a 2-0 lead.

With three minutes remaining in the half, Loewe scored unassisted to increase the Rocks' advantage to three goals. Ottawa had the wind behind it for the second half, a distinct advantage, but going against Salem's defense the Panthers couldn't capitalize.

The snow that threatened did arrive, with flurries swirling for about 20 minutes. But it didn't hurt Salem, nor could it save the Panthers.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



"Jest-a Second!" Don't miss the Ridgedale Players' presentation of the sequel to "Beau Jest" by James Sherman, 8 p.m. at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets are \$11 and include coffee and sandwich afterward, (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



Guest conductor Carl St. Clair leads the Detroit Symphony. Orchestra 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Concert features soloist Camellia Johnson, soprano, and includes two works by American composer Frank Tichelli. Tickets are \$19-\$50. Call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Musica Viva opens its season 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, with "Flamenco Passion," a show featuring Dame Maria del Carmen Spanish Dance Theatre with soloists, guitarists, dancers and singers; the premiere of the "Gypsy Ballads" by Garcia Lorca; and a guest appearance by flutist Ginka Ortega. Tickets are \$25, patron tickets \$50. Includes preferred seating and private afterward. Call (248) 851-8872, patrons call (248) 626-6245.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves (pictured), Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldanbrand at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or (248) 645-6666.



Family connections: Photo at left, Rikki Schwartz (left to right), Jan Cable and Michelle Roschek rehearse a scene from the Clarkston Village Players' production, "Close Ties." Below, Tim Dunham (Rev. Jerry Dolan) shares a moment of humor with Nora Bonner (Margarette) in "To Forgive, Divine."

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Community THEATRE

Clarkston Village Players presents 'Close Ties'

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Clarkston Village Players is bringing to its Depot Theater a play that will elicit a range of feelings — including possible hunger pangs — from the audience.

The play, "Close Ties," takes place in the kitchen of a family matriarch's summer home. Stage manager Joanne Anderson of Waterford is trying to make the kitchen come to life just as the characters do.

"We're trying to set up the kitchen with running water and a stove that works," said director Al Bartlett of Rochester Hills. "Joanne is a cracker jack. We hope to have a cake baking on stage and we'll have the smell of bacon running through the theater." But the real challenge to directing this drama written by Elizabeth Diggs, he said, is bringing this "very meaningful story to the people" without it's appearing as a soap opera.

"If it's done successfully, the audience should be able to laugh, to be touched emotionally, to see themselves and members of their families in the characters on stage," added Bartlett, a life member of Clarkston Village Players.

"Close Ties" is set in the 1980s. It centers around the matriarch of the family, Josephine, played by Jan Cable of Clarkston, Josephine's family and a granddaughter's boyfriend.

Others in the cast are Michelle Roschek and Jeff VoVillia of Clarkston, Rikki Schwartz and Bob Gerics of Waterford, Mary Beth Skinner and Linda Killewald of White Lake and Bill Bailey of Auburn Hills. Behind-the-scenes people include producer Don Foster of Waterford and set designer Holly Stephens, also of Waterford.

"This is an extremely good play. It's a powerful drama with a beautiful story," Bartlett added. "It reveals the relationships between the people in the family and their relationship with Josephine, whom they realize is developing senility."

Clarkston Village Players presentations are done in the attractive and comfortable Depot Theater, an actual former train depot. The small house brings an intimate atmosphere to productions that isn't experienced at large theaters.

Bartlett recommended the play for adults and teenagers.

"If I had to rate this, I'd rate it PG-13 plus," he said. "There is nothing extremely objectionable, although there are a couple of lines with adult references."

"Close Ties" opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 5.

The rest of the Clarkston Village Players 1999-2000 season includes an unannounced comedy in January, "A Case of Libel" in March, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" in May, "Mass Appeal" in June and an unscheduled children's show and comedy night.

On Stage

What: The Clarkston Village Players presents "Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 and 18.

Where: Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston

Tickets: \$12, \$10 on Thursday. Call (248) 625-8811.



Trinity House injects humor into religious issues

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Thomas Malcolm Olson first read Jack Neary's "To Forgive, Divine," he knew he had a hit on his hands.

As director of Trinity House Theatre, Olson finds it's not always easy to come up with a play that tackles moral issues in a humorous manner. But the opening show of the 1999-2000 season does just that.

"It's one of those plays, you just laugh out loud," said Olson. "I thought it was one of the best comedies I ever read. It has heart without being sentimental. It's about a priest who's examining his life, all the sacrifices he's made, is it worth it."

Tim Dunham plays Jerry Dolan, the young priest struggling with major life

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On Stage

What: Trinity House Theatre presents "To Forgive, Divine" by Jack Neary.

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Play what you can preview performance 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

Where: 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia.

Tickets: \$10, \$5 on Sunday. Call (734) 464-6302.

POPULAR MUSIC

Ready, set, go: Park set to tour, release album, star in film

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A name like "Park: A Rock Band" doesn't leave much to the imagination, but the Detroit-based band is anything but a predictable bunch.

Don't confuse Park with the Detroit street of the same name, or the lush, green playground that comes to mind with any mention of the word. Just give the band a listen.

"I like a lot of fire and passion," said Chuck Bartels, Park's bassist and a former Garden City resident. "We try to groove as hard as possible at all times." Perhaps it's just that explosive energy that brought the band together in the first place.

Park's guitarist Joshua Funk (his real name, believe it or not), has been playing music since he was in grade school. He started on the piano and moved on to the trumpet, cello and guitar — perhaps not the most common path for a rock musician, but it's given him a broad base of knowledge. Funk names The Pixies, The Beatles and Ween as musical influences.

He met keyboardist Chad Krueger in 1996 while

working as part of Second City's improvisational comedy troupe, and they formed the band. Park was named for the building in which they lived, Detroit's Park Avenue Hotel. About a year and a half ago, the band solidified its cast of characters adding Bartels and drummer Doug Walsh into the mix. With a regular Monday night gig at The Town Pump, on the first floor of the building, and by completing two CDs within a three-year period, the band has worked quickly to build its reputation in the Metro area.

"Musically we attempt to combine different styles of music together, find new sounds," said Funk, classifying the group's music as a sort of pop-rock fusion. "There's a lot of improvisation, too."

"One of the things we took from Second City was the comedic improvisation and the musical improvisation, and (we're) applying it to music," he said. "I'd say it's a lot easier (improvising) in theater."

Park completed its first national tour in support of "What I Did On My Summer Vacation," their second

Please see **PARK**, E2



In tune: Cellist Shauna Rolston performs traditional and contemporary compositions for cello. She is among the top cellists expanding the repertoire for the instrument.

Flattering face redefines classical music boundaries

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The resemblance between cellist Shauna Rolston and pop-country singer diva Shania Twain might be more than superficial.

Besides sharing obvious physical similarities and a defiantly glamorous attitude, Rolston is very much like Twain in redefining the boundaries of her musical genre.

Rolston will perform in a concert recital Tuesday at the Cranbrook House. Her program includes sonatas by Debussy, Barber and Chopin.

But don't expect Rolston, 32, to accompany her bow and cello by wearing a pleasantly indistinguishable monocolored gown. Or a neatly pressed and urbane expression.

If some think a half-century of country music traditions were tough barriers to break, then consider what Rolston has accomplished in redefining the image of a classical musician, with her hair-blowing-in-the-breeze supermodel looks and easy-to-laugh nature.

"I'm not trying to project an image," she said. "I just want to feel as natural and free and inviting to the audience."

While Rolston often performs classical pieces considered within the standard repertoire for the cello, her relentless approach and zeal are anything but stodgy traditionalism.

"I imagine that I'm having a conversation with the composer, that they're right there with me and I can ask them questions," said Rolston.

That might not be too far of a stretch. Rolston is in high demand as both a performer and an artist coveted by contemporary composers.

"It's exploring sound and gesture," said Rolston. "I learn a lot working with current composers. I've learned that responding to music requires different types of reflexes, gestures and a sense of drama."

Please see **BOUNDARIES**, E2



Homecoming: Welcome "Park: A Rock Band" home when they perform Monday, Nov. 8, at the Town Pump in Detroit.

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In addition to recently recording short pieces for cello and piano, Rolston has collaborated with a choreographer on a dance, and a filmmaker and percussionist on music for a video entitled, "Smokin' Fholes."

"I'd like to expand the repertoire (for the cello) because that means that I'm evolving as a musician and that I'm contributing to the history of the instrument."

Since her days as a child prodigy, Rolston's career has been

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album, last summer, but returns to the road this month. The album is described as a combination of Zappa freakout, prog-rock symphony and rock-opera parody. And the band is known for its ability to induce a party at any given moment. Catching Park live is an unpredictable experience, according to band members.

"We can jam one song all night, or stop and start improvised breaks," said Bartels. "On a

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decisions. A graduate of Southfield Christian High School, Dunham is a screen writer himself. He appreciates the subtle nuances Neary has written into the play.

"Like any good play, it has something to say. It's almost a tragic comedy," said Dunham who studied screen writing and directing while earning a master's degree at Regent University in Virginia. He's currently working on a film project that is an adaptation of a Flannery O'Connor short story.

"On the eve of his high school band reunion, he runs into a girl he always admired. These feelings for her have resurfaced. She's in a less-than-happy marriage. She starts to have feelings for the priest. He's torn between his responsibilities to the church and his old flame."

Reviving the membership in Trinity House has been a challenge. Actors in the first play will work behind the scenes in the spring play, and vice versa. Thomas Malcolm Olson believes the theater belongs to the people who do the work.

"We're also reaching out to the community by bringing in Hartland Theatre Company productions. The Ann Arbor playwrights also meet here," said Olson. "We want to be seen as a resource for the community by meeting a variety of needs, an outlet for creative expression."

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"The theater is holding a membership drive so we can get a score group of artists who believe in what we're doing," said Olson. "We've enhanced the mission statement that Trinity House exists to enrich and enliven the communities of southeastern Michigan through brave, truthful and necessary works of art. We integrate faith and art but we're not confined to do religious plays."

One of the programs the theater is instituting to encourage membership is the "On the Boundary Series" beginning in January.

"Trinity House is not an actor's theater but a worker's theater," said Olson. "We're giving theater members a venue for their work. The series will try to break down the walls that separate the audience from the actors. The audience will critique the works but emphasis is going to be on craft."

Bocelli's appearance, MOT's 'Werther' create spectacle beyond stage

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves, Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldenbrand. Music by Jules Massenet. Conducted by Steven Mercurio. Directed by Mario Corradi.

Performances at 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Nov. 14 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.

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Right up until he arrived on the Detroit Opera House stage sitting atop a white horse, the

anticipation surrounding Andrea Bocelli making his North American opera debut had stirred a grand spectacle, even by opera standards.

Nearly 50 critics from around the world showed up in downtown Detroit. Local media talking-heads put on tuxedos and conducted interviews in the opera house lobby. And the streets outside the opera house were filled with pedestrians walking in the brilliant light cast by the massive towers of the nearby under-construction Comerica Park.

Without a doubt, Bocelli's debut must be considered among the operatic events of the year, not just for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but in the international

opera world.

On an exceptionally warm night in late October, the opening of "Werther," starring the world-famous Italian tenor in the lead, had the cosmopolitan feel of a historic performance. Partly because of his wide international popularity and partly because of the obvious challenge for a blind singer to perform the difficult dramatic role, there was a palpable rooting for Bocelli to succeed. Swoning females could be heard, and eager supporters frequently applauded encouragement.

Of course, when it comes to critically dissecting MOT's "Werther" and Bocelli's performance it depends on how success is defined.

For a debut, Bocelli's performance was more hype than rewarding. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Bocelli's softly modulated, fragile tenor was better captured in the confines of either an amplified stage or a recording studio.

At times, Bocelli's voice was overshadowed by Jules Massenet's music. And for a portrayal of an impulsive, love-at-all-cost romantic caught in a tragic tangle of unattainable love, Bocelli was altogether too emotionally restrained to be believable.

While the pacing and endless dirges of "Werther" is at times tiresome, the performances of mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves and soprano Ying Huang provide a stirring demonstration of the power and subtlety of a trained voice and charismatic stage presence.

Like a bright jewel in the October night... the promise of "Werther" is reflected early in the third act as Graves and Huang share the spotlight. Graves vocal gift invokes the depth of her pain over desperately loving a man she can never marry. And Huang's vocal dexterity is a delightful reprieve from the astringent melancholy.

Yet perhaps in the end, the knight that rode atop a white horse arrived for another purpose. After all, MOT's "Werther" just wasn't about opera. There was, no doubt, a higher agenda.

In the end, there's little to criticize when considering the sheer guts required for Bocelli to undertake the demanding role of Werther. And perhaps equally impressive is Bocelli's willingness to broaden his horizons, and bring along an adoring public to the melodramatic spectacle known as opera.

Thus, in many ways, Bocelli's mere presence on the Detroit Opera House stage is in itself an unqualified success, and a reminder that MOT Managing Director David DiChiera is one of the most creative and persuasive forces in the opera world.

To think that more and more people are talking about opera and the future of downtown Detroit's theater district shouldn't be underestimated.

'The Heidi Chronicles' has message of honesty and hope

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6, at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Tickets \$12, seniors and students \$10. Call (248) 644-0527.

MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Amy Lynn Smith makes such an engaging lecturer as professor Heidi Holland talking about 16th century women artists in the opening of scene of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's "The Heidi Chronicles" that her lecturing should garner more interest in the subject. This illustrated mini-course in art history is part of playwright Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize winning theatrical view of Americanism since 1960.

The series of 13 scenes portray and satirize women's issues over the last 40 years, from Miss Crane's high school dances to radical feminist demonstrations. Though seemingly a one-issue play (women's rights), St. Dunstan's version is a touching, more universally conceived nostalgic look at baby boomers, flower children and the new generation from the grassroots up.

As the series of episodes in Heidi's life are presented, Heidi and her friends change their orientation from idealism to political radicalism to militant feminism, and end up fully committed to '80s materialism.

Through three decades of the story, Heidi moves from being a women's rights activist to earning a Ph.D. in art history and becoming a world wide expert on women artists in history. Society and major national events do not influence her even as she is affected by the changes in society.

In these character changes Smith excels. She plays a Heidi

who is compassionate, loyal, kind, non-vengeful, and a good listener. Heidi is a person who believes in her friends, even when they are so wrapped up in their own lives that they are insensitive to her needs. Smith reveals Heidi's hurt and pain.

Mark Nathanson directs this play about women's lib in a straightforward manner making the emphases more widespread than one of just women's issues. The characters are normal, everyday people portrayed in a subtly satirical manner that, while not uproariously hilarious, is quietly funny. Linda Parker Watson plays April, a stupid TV interviewer who reviews the country's social changes through the lives of the three prominent main characters in a 1982 television program.

Scott MacDonald is the gay pediatrician Peter Petrone and Fran is waiting for newcomer

Heidi to admit she is offended by Fran's sexual orientation. When that doesn't happen, Fran verbally attacks Heidi.

Jill is an overly self-conscious American sweetheart "cup cake" type who wants to be in the forefront of this newest fad, women's liberation, but doesn't really want to alter her comfortable position in society. Becky is a high school student from a broken home living with a difficult boyfriend. The scene is wittily written and played out with a great deal of naturalness.

All of the 13 scenes in the show are oriented toward major national events - Nixon's presidency, John Lennon's death, the AIDS crisis, Reaganomics - all meshed together with a nostalgic revue of American pop music played during many of the scenes.

The men in this show are not

just minor afterthoughts but prominent main characters. MacDonald plays the most touching scene in the show between the homosexual Peter and Heidi. While there is no romantic relationship between them these two characters, (Smith and MacDonald) make

the friendship seemed plausible. "The Heidi Chronicles" is not just another coming of age look at American fads and fancies. It is a simple but profound, satirical, compassionate, sensitive, light-hearted play for those who like entertainment with a message of honesty and hope.

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THEATER

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"Footloose," through Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$25-\$57.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

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"Escanaba in the Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 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, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 4-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

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William Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 for dinner theater (\$19), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 for theater performance only (\$8), in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

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"Susannah," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18. \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILLBERRY
"Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. "Some Americans Abroad," Nov. 12 through Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

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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. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

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CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 11 and 18 (5:00, and 12:13 and 19:20 (8:21), at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. 248-625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19:20, 25-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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"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, 1699 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.

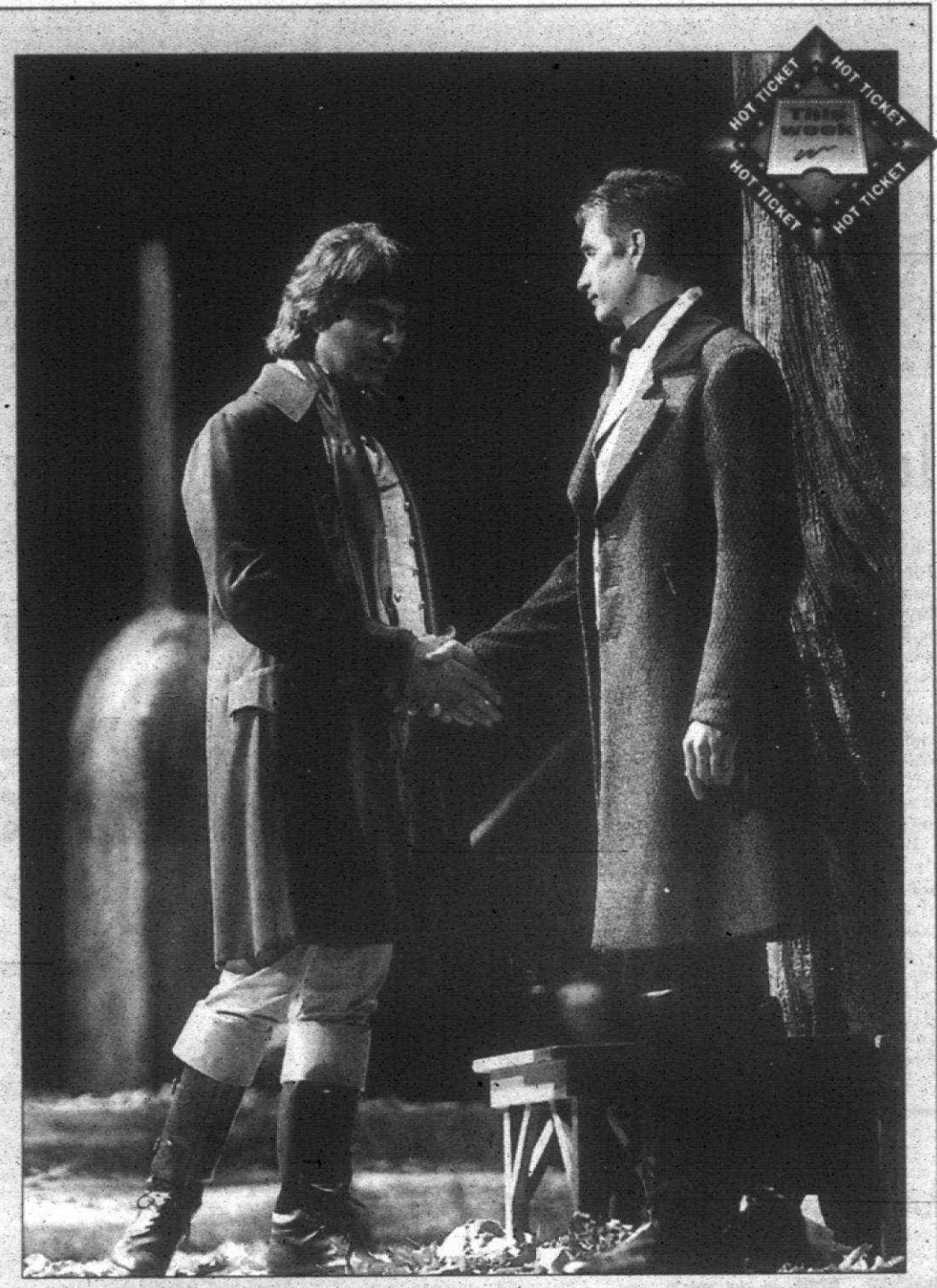
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"Lunatics, Lovers and Poets," an evening of scenes and monologues from plays by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Auditorium B, Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 32777 W. Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students, \$6 high school students. (734) 797-3430

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"The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 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) 644-9027

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"Dracula," Nov. 5-23, signed performance for the deaf Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430



Greetings: Andrea Bocelli (left), and Christopher Schaldenbrand of Farmington Hills star in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Werther, an opera by Jules Massenet, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21, at the Livonia Redford Theatre, 15138 Beech Dale, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$14, \$12 students/seniors. (248) 988-7032

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"To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, pay what you can preview 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, at the theater, Haggerty and I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$5 Sundays. (734) 464-6302

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BB KING
With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday jazz)

BOBBY LEWIS AND HIS CRACKERJACK BAND
After the Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade, 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 466-2212 (classic pop)

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6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.

THE PROMISE RING
7 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. Tickets \$9 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

QUEENSYRCHIE
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, \$29.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

JAKE REICHBART
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Borders Books and Music,

MOVIES

'The Bachelor' is cute, but don't stand in line for him

BY KEELY WYGONK STAFF WRITER

Mom and I both agreed 'The Bachelor' was cute and funny, but not worth waiting for. Starring Chris O'Donnell as Jimmie, the reluctant groom, and Renee Zellweger as Anne, his dearly beloved, 'The Bachelor' is like a long wedding service. It starts out slow and goes from a yawn to a yelp!

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table listing movie showtimes and theaters across various locations like National Amusements, One Yard, Star Rochester Hills, etc.

(Brooke Shields), Jennifer Riopelle, and Ilana (Mariah Carey), an opera singer. Hal Holbrook stars as O'Dell, grandfather's stock broker who, while not a fan himself of marriage, encourages Jimmie.

It's supposed to be funny, but mom and I weren't laughing. The best part comes at the end when Marko puts a classified ad in the paper in a last minute attempt to find a bride for Jimmie who has exhausted all possibilities.

Imagine over 1,000 brides in all shapes and sizes converging on the church to meet a groom with \$100 million to offer. It's a chase that makes this mediocre movie memorable.

PUBLIC TELEVISION

Comics, filmmakers experts at how to 'wing it'

Sooner or later, we all have to "wing it." Whether it's a work-related project neglected until the last minute or an awkward social situation that could turn messy, most of us rise to the occasion when we need a spontaneous solution.

There is a weird sub-culture of people who thrive on such situations. Instead of lurking in the shadows, those that improvise seem to be everywhere... and they're getting big laughs.

Lex Kuhnne hosts a Backstage Pass segment on the growing movement of improv comics, which start at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and midnight Friday on WTWS Channel 56.

COMMUNITY THEATER

'Brigadoon' offers worthwhile family entertainment

First Theater Guild presents 'Brigadoon' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in Knox Auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church, 1689 W. Maple, Birmingham. Tickets \$8, adults; \$5, students and seniors.

Live goes the distance, comes to Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

How does one measure "The Distance to Here?" For York Pennsylvania's pride, Live, it's measured with a healthy dose of heart and encapsulated in a fourth album sure to satisfy fans and newcomers alike.

It took the band two years to complete about 30 songs for the new album, said Taylor. "We needed that down to 13. It's a very uplifting, bright, positive album. A 180 degree turn from 'Secret Samadhi'.

Homegrown: Support your local music scene

So you say you're in a rock band. And you want to hear your song on the radio? Good luck. With so many new bands and musicians flooding the Metro area with sound, it's hard to keep up.

But Brown did. And she's never stopped caring. With the support of 89X, where she's worked for nine years, she's able to do her part.

Most radio stations don't want to take a chance with a band that isn't established. They're afraid of taking chances. During her career in radio, Brown said she's seen many "homeboys" shows come and go.

Two of the best efforts from this year's event will be shown on this week's edition of Backstage Pass. I guess if there's a lesson to be learned from the odd pairing of 'Improv 'til Dawn' and 'Super 8 Saturday,' it's that it's fine to "wing it" as long as you're prepared.

With only 30 minutes to spotlight local music once a week, Brown has some major decision making to do. "It makes me feel bad," said the Detroit resident.

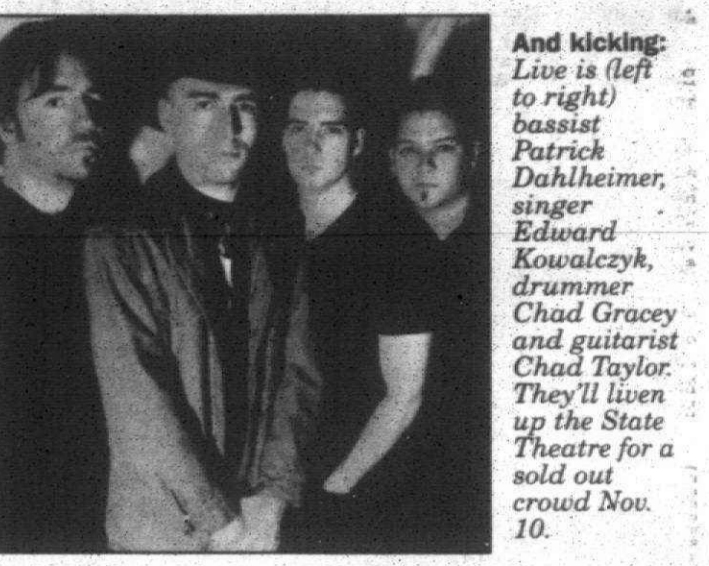
which he co-wrote with singer Ed Kowalczyk and bassist Patrick Dahlheimer. "I think that's the Live theme song. That's what we've been trying to do."

"All our shows have been the most energetic, insane...it's almost like a gospel experience. I think the music elevates people higher and higher, it comes over to the stage and we give it right back. I've never felt the instant attachment (like I have with) 'The Distance to Here.' Usually it takes an album months to satura-

what everyone to have time, have a little piece of the show." Listeners who've tuned in lately have been exposed to the likes of The Lanternjack, Roundhead, Forge and Queen Bee. And that's barely scratching the surface.

What local bands really need to know to thrive, is how to promote themselves. Whether it's radio or newspapers you're trying to reach out, it's important to reach out. If you're unsure, find out who the music editor or deejay is you want to reach, and call or e-mail.

Not all bands sound like Kid Rock. But perhaps the best part about making music and being a musician in the Metro area is the diversity. Motown is no longer known for one style of music. From jazz and blues to Brit pop and metal, there's some-



And kicking: Live is (left to right) bassist Patrick Dahlheimer, singer Edward Kowalczyk, drummer Chad Gracey and guitarist Chad Taylor. They'll live up the State Theatre for a crowd out Nov. 10.

out and see a band, any band." Do it tonight. Listen for Kelly Brown on 88.7 FM, 89X Radio Windsor-Detroit 5:30 a.m. weekdays with Dean, and 10 p.m. Sundays on 'The Homeboys Show.' Call (616) 792-5000 to request your favorite local music.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, dial (734) 591-7279.

Advertisement for 'The House on Haunted Hill' featuring a handprint graphic and the text 'Five strangers have the chance to make \$1,000,000 EACH. All they have to do is make it through the party... ALIVE.'

Table listing movie showtimes at AMC Laurel Park, AMC Livonia 20, AMC Southfield, etc.

Advertisement for 'The Insider' featuring Al Pacino and Russell Crowe, with the text 'THE INSIDER WILL PIN YOU TO YOUR SEAT... RIVETING SUSPENSE... DYNAMITE PERFORMANCES, STRAFING WIT AND DRAMATIC PROVOCATION...'

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DINING

Jack Dunleavy's Grill brews Irish charm

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
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What's not to like about a friendly, stylish Irish pub, especially one that serves award-winning chili, makes fish and chips from a 50-year-old beer batter recipe, and promises to serve corned beef and cabbage every Tuesday?

Nothing!
Jack Dunleavy's Grill, which specializes in steaks, chops and fresh fish, is Plymouth's newest eatery. It slipped comfortably into the premises of the former Plymouth Landing and made the place its own — warm and invitingly casual.

Dunleavy's is much more light-filled than its predecessor. Owner Jack Dunleavy replaced the stained glass windows with clear glass and hung soft-brown wooden blinds. The effect is a soft, filtered natural illumination.

"It was very Catholic looking," he said. "Stained glass is nice, but there was so much of it."

He halved the restaurant's long dividing wall and topped it with antique lantern-lights, added a stone fireplace and laid a wooden floor in the bar area. He also whipped off every white tablecloth in the place to reveal real elbow-perching oak tables. The effect was instant Irish pub, the perfect setting for good food and good conversation.

There's been several Dun-

Jack Dunleavy's Grill

Where: 340 N. Main Street in Plymouth
Phone: (734) 455-3700
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Atmosphere: Warm, woody, open and inviting.

Seating: 145
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to midnight (kitchen closes 10 p.m.); Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. (kitchen closes p.m.); closed Sunday.

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leavy's restaurants throughout the Detroit metropolitan area for years. Dunleavy's father, John, an Irish immigrant from County Mayo, arrived in 1927 and by 1933 possessed the eighth liquor license in Michigan.

Dunleavy's Pub & Grub on Grand River in Farmington Hills is still going strong.

The secret for Jack Dunleavy's longevity as a restaurant owner? "I really enjoy the people," he said. "It isn't what we do with our hamburgers or how we mix our drinks. It's the customers."

But for customers, it is the way a place makes its hamburgers and mixes drinks. Dunleavy's burgers (\$5.75-\$6.50) are big half-pounders with all the trimmings. And his Original Grubwich (\$5.75) is stacked high with imported ham, Swiss cheese and

lots of cole slaw.

For dinner fare, the menu features a Lake Superior whitefish at \$14.95, a variety of steaks and chops from \$13.95-\$17.95, and Chef Stan's award-winning baby back ribs at \$17.95 for a whole slab and \$13.95 for a half slab. The lemon dill chicken at \$13.95 is especially good, said Dunleavy.

In addition to having Guinness, Caffery's and Jack Dunleavy's Irish Red and Irish Ale on tap, Dunleavy's makes a great Irish coffee: A little Jamaica's Irish whiskey, a dollop of whipped cream and a ribbon of creme de menthe. Ahh, a delicious way to warm your innards.

If you like potatoes, Dunleavy's is the place to go. Try the mashed with cheddar cheese and bacon or "Sally's Irish Potatoes," Jack Dunleavy's mother's recipe



Hearty fare: You won't go home hungry from Dunleavy's Grill. Seated in front of a full slab of ribs and a porterhouse steak are owner Jack Dunleavy, son Sean (left) and maitre d' Mike Allen.

of pan-fried chopped potatoes, onions, bacon and special seasonings.

"I'd eat a potato raw. There's not a potato you can make that I won't eat," said Dunleavy.

Like his forefathers, the affable Dunleavy has the Irish gift of

gab. Ask him about his 90-year-old Aunt Bridgie in Bohola, County Mayo, who operates a pub, gas station and grocery store. She's also the postmaster general and an undertaker.

"Oh, I love that," he said about gabbing with his customers. "I go

to all the tables, all the bar stools."

It's all part of dining out, said Dunleavy. "I think you should come out and have fun with the waitress, have fun with the food, a glass of wine and a cup of coffee."

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.homecomm.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.

■ **Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau** — at Big Rock Chop & Brew House 245 S. Eton, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Between Nov. 10 and 20 beginning at 4 p.m. daily, enjoy a four-course very French Bistro dinner. Each course accompanied by wine. The cost is \$65 per person. Until Nov. 18, the legal first date the 1999 Georges Dubouef Beaujolais Nouveau can be poured, the substitution is the lovely 1998 Maison Louis Jadot Beaujo-

lais Village with the grilled salmon crepe hors d'oeuvres. Entree choices include Supreme de Volaille (breast of chicken) or Petite Filet Mignon aux Duxelle (small grilled fillet stuffed with diced mushrooms) and served with a shallot and balsamic vinegar reduction. Salad is, sliced smoked duck breast, chilled foie gras paté and pistachios atop mixed greens. Fresh Bartlett pear stuffed with gorgonzola and poached in white wine rounds out offerings in the dessert category.

■ **Candlelight dinner dance** — sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 32900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost is \$36 per person, includes dinner, drinks, cappuccino, espresso, dancing to Steve King and the Dittilies. Call (734) 591-0042.

■ **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 par-

ticipate. At least 600 guests are expected to attend, paying \$20 a person for the chance to sample the best of area restaurant food. Tickets will cost \$25 at the door if you wait until the day of the event. Participating restaurants will be able to pass out coupons and promotional materials at their tables.

The Taste festival will raise funds for the Chamber and for the Family Resource Center in Westland. A silent auction of art will also be held. A drawing will be held for prizes which include a trip for two to Las Vegas. Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (313) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate. Major sponsors are North Brothers Ford, the Hellenic Center, International Minute Press, Maui Travel and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

■ **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 fine 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.

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