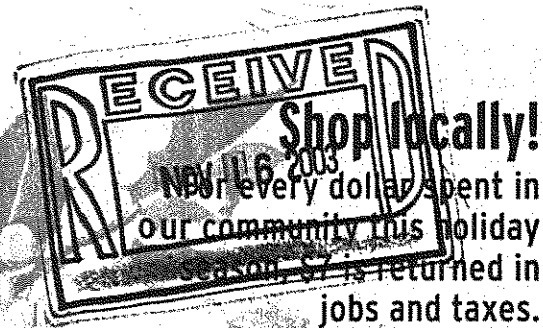
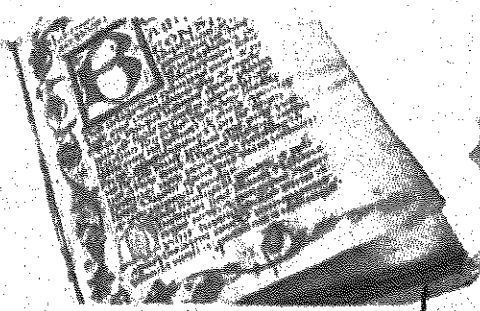


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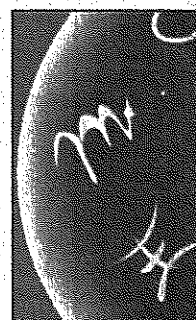
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Give it a try

Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theatre Guild, will hold auditions for the drama *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Arts 1 Room in the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

The play features roles for six women ages 20 and older. For more information, call the director at (248) 701-1780. All shows will be dinner theater performances in February, 2004. Also, log on to the Web site: www.spotlight-players.net

A partner

The Canton Fire Department recently received a grant from Wal-Mart for the Safe Neighborhood Heroes program.

The check was presented to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher at the Wal-Mart store on Ford Road.

Rorabacher said the money will be used to fund many areas of fire prevention education, such as the clown unit, fire extinguishers classes and the fire safety house.

"It's good to have a partner in the community," Rorabacher said.

Memorial Service

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton will host its annual Memorial Service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the funeral home, 42600 Ford. This nine-year tradition provides an evening of remembrance for families who have experienced a loss.

The funeral home will also offer a bereavement workshop following the service. It will provide ideas for coping with loss and eliminating the stress associated with the holidays. The 20-minute workshop is free. For more information, contact the funeral home at (734) 981-1700.

Cutting ribbons

Two ribbon cuttings are scheduled this week for businesses in Canton. The first is at United Home Health Services at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. The company is having an open house for its 20th anniversary from 3 to 6 p.m. United Home Health Services is at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250.

The second ceremony is at Rosey's Romper Room at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

Rosey's is hosting a ribbon cutting in celebration of its new daycare facility, at 8116 Canton Center Road, just south of Joy.

Foundation reaches \$1M mark

It was appropriate that the check arrived just before Community Foundation Week got under way on Nov. 12.

With the arrival of the \$110,000 check — part of Michigan's share of tobacco settlement money — the Canton Community Foundation hit the \$1 million mark in assets last week.

That was a major achievement for the 14-year-old organization, which serves residents of Canton and Plymouth, according to foundation president Joan Noricks.

"This is huge," she said. "We've been supported in the past so much by developers. Now our future is in the hands of local individuals who care about the

community. We need individuals to take ownership of the foundation for their kids and grandkids."

Of that \$1 million, Noricks said, \$800,000 is endowed in an investment account and growing.

"That money is really community capital," she said. "It will be there forever." The Canton foundation was started in

1989, the same year that then-President George Bush first proclaimed Community Foundation Week. The week, which this year runs from Nov. 12-18, was established to raise awareness of community foundations' charitable activities and services.

PLEASE SEE FOUNDATION, A8



Ninety-four-year-old Helen Forsythe of Canton is thankful for Canton's Community Mobility Transportation Service, whose bus takes her where she needs to go, including Meijer.

Bus is a godsend

For 94-year-old Canton resident Helen Forsythe, Canton's Community Mobility Transportation Service is a godsend.

"I use it for everything," she said recently, after being dropped off at Meijer to do some grocery shopping.

A Canton resident since 1971 when she moved here from Minneapolis after her husband died, Forsythe lives with her daughter in a condominium complex.

"We used to use Nankin Transit before it stopped serving Canton," she said. "Now we use this service to go to the doctor, shopping, to get to the bank. We go together. We don't have a car."

She said she uses the service at least once a week to go shopping at Meijer.

The service is a partnership between Canton Township and Huron Valley Ambulance. Administered by the Canton Community Foundation, the service operates Monday through

PLEASE SEE BUS, A8

Local woman chosen to lead state board

BY BRAD KADRICH
 STAFF WRITER

Elaine Didier can rattle off the statistics faster than you can write them down.

More children attend library summer reading programs than play Little League baseball. More people visit libraries on a weekly basis than museums and zoos combined. More people have library cards than have Visa cards. There are more libraries than there are McDonald's restaurants.

It's this intimate knowledge of, and love for, libraries that will serve Didier in her new post: chairman of

PLEASE SEE DIDIER, A5



Didier

Plan would alter library funding

BY BRAD KADRICH
 STAFF WRITER

Elaine Didier knows her new job as chairman of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees comes with its own set of challenges.

She also knows full well what the

biggest one will be: the budget.

As it stands now, Michigan libraries rank 17th in the nation (\$1.71 in per-capita operating income, and with the state trying to figure out how to fix a \$900 million deficit, the kind of state funds that help subsidize libraries are going to trickle in even slower, if at all.

With many public libraries depending on both state and federal aid, plus penal fines, for their funding, trouble is brewing.

"The budget issue is critical in Michigan," said Didier, dean of the

PLEASE SEE LIBRARY, A7

Canton student aces college exam

Kirsten Schmitt, a senior at Canton High School, doesn't consider herself a brainiac.

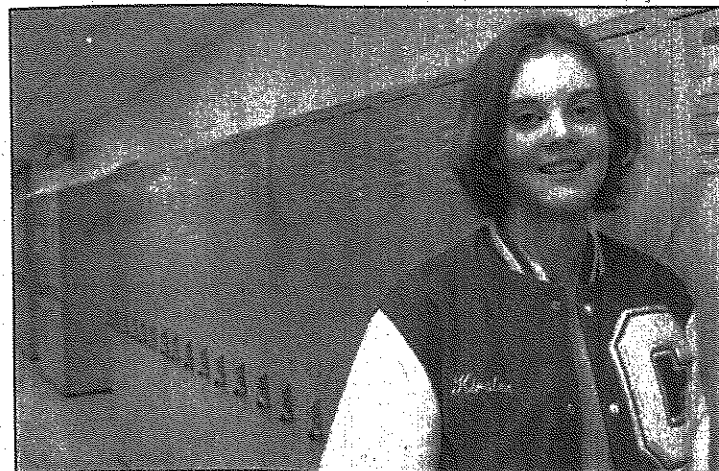
"I just really like learning," said Schmitt, a Canton Township resident. "I enjoy reading, but I don't think I'm any different than anyone else."

Kirsten might not believe so. However, statistics reveal otherwise.

Out of 1.4 million students who took the SAT college entrance exam, Kirsten is one of only 944 students nationwide who received a perfect score. And she's one of only 12 students in Michigan to ace the test.

"I was surprised and excited," she said. "I wasn't sure how

PLEASE SEE STUDENT, A7



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Kirsten Schmitt smiles following an awards presentation at East Middle School in Plymouth Tuesday night. Schmitt, a Canton High School senior, posted a perfect score on her SAT last month.

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Canton's cultures will come alive in library programming

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

They will admit it. Members of the Canton Public Library's Multi-Cultural Initiative want you to learn all you can about the diverse cultures that comprise the township's population. Eleven representatives of the community, including staff members of the library, are forging ahead planning cultural events for 2004. The events will highlight the various cultures that call Canton home.

The multi-cultural committee was born from the library's strategic planning last September. The goal is that every resident in Canton have a library card - and use it. The board's goal includes those residents who are foreign born and need materials

in English and their native languages.

To that end, the library's collection of foreign language publications, books and videos is growing. The committee's goal is to showcase the cultures in Canton. For starters, events will be marked according to the calendar.

On Jan. 19, for example, the committee will host a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This will be the library's second annual tribute. Students from the Detroit High School of Performing Arts will perform a variety of music including gospel and Motown.

A speaker will also talk about King's significance to the county and to Civil Rights.

On Jan. 27, the Chinese New Year will be celebrated. That

will be followed by a program highlighting Islam and its primary followers. A video titled, Arabs, Muslims and Islam will be shown, followed by speakers.

Also to be celebrated in 2004 is St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, the American Independence Day, Yom Kippur, Ramadan, Diwali, Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah.

Committee members include: Tabor, library staff members Marcia Barker, Ophelia Lo, Claire McLaughlin and Rebecca Havenstein-Couplin, residents Yingzi Liu, Iltefat Hamzavi, Phillip Ray, Yusaf Hai, Mina Jaura, and Joanne Maliszewski, Canton Observer editor.

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AGENDAS

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Canton Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in the Arts II Room in Summit on the Park. Agenda items include:

OLD BUSINESS - SITE PLANS

1. Willow Creek Service & Retail Developer Instigated Revision. Consider request for developer instigated revision to Site Plan. Property is located north of Ford between Haggerty and Lilley Roads.
2. Future Land Use Map Amendments. General Discussion.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold a study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Summit on the Park. Agenda items include:

1. Discussion of proposed cultural commission.
2. Discussion of youth sports agreement.

Postal scanner goes during mail delivery

A suspect was ticketed for driving under the influence and destruction of property after a witness said she saw him in the Summit parking lot driving a Ford F-150 and striking curbs in the lot.

Another witness said he saw the man hit a tree while leaving the St. Joseph Medical Center lot and drive over grass in front of the Summit.

PURSE THEFT

A resident of the 6900 block of Foxthorn told police someone stole a purse from her unlocked vehicle while it was parked at home.

The purse contained money and credit cards. The incident occurred between 1-1:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.

LAWN JOB

A resident of the 39000 block of Wales reported that someone drove over his lawn and caused \$300 in damage.

The incident occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 4 a.m. Nov. 10.

WHEEL JOB

A resident of the 8500 block of Honeytree said someone stole all four tires and rims off his 2003 GMC Envoy.

The vehicle was left on blocks. The tires and rims were valued at \$1,000.

PHONES TAKEN

An employee of the AT&T store on Ford Road told police that two cell phones were taken from the store without permission.

He said two males entered the store while it was busy. They hung around for awhile, then started to leave.

An employee noticed two cell phones missing, confronted the pair but they ran out of the store.

A Postal Carrier told Canton Police last week that someone stole a \$500 postal scanner

CRIME NEWS

while she was delivering mail in the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue.

She said she put the scanner on top of a mailbox while she was distributing mail to other boxes. When she finished and returned to the first box the scanner was missing.

She said she saw two young while males in the area while she was delivering the mail. The scanner was used to scan bar codes on mail.

TOOLS TAKEN

A worker at a construction site at Cherry Hill and Lotz told police he noticed garage doors open on several units when he arrived at the location about 7 a.m. on Nov. 8.

He said a lock was broken off an office trailer and other locks were broken off other trailers.

A fax/copy machine and numerous tools were taken.

FALL CLEAN-UP

A Canton resident reported someone stole a leaf blower and weed trimmer from the garage of a house in the 800 block of Georgetown.

He said the vacant house was for sale. There were no signs of forced entry.

MAILBOX SMASHED

A resident of the 7600 block of Haverhill reported a mailbox and pole in his front yard were damaged between 6 p.m. Nov. 8 and 8 a.m. Nov. 9. Damage was estimated at \$50.

THEFT FROM CAR

An Inverary resident told police someone took a cell phone, wallet and credit cards from his car.

The incident occurred between 9:40 p.m. Nov. 8 and 9 a.m. Nov. 9.

Canton woman says she's no heroine

When Canton resident Kathy Males and a girl friend took a two-week vacation in Florida last month, she just wanted to lie on the beach and relax.

And that's what they were doing one day in the second week when an elderly woman approached them and said her husband had gone swimming and she hadn't seen him for awhile. She asked their help in trying to find him.

Males and another woman went looking and saw a man floating face down about 150 yards off shore. They headed into the Atlantic waters off New Smyrna Beach and

reached the man, who was unconscious.

"We brought him to shore and tried to revive him," Males said.

"Another woman started resuscitation. Unfortunately he was already deceased."

She said the 70-year-old man, a Georgia resident who was vacationing with his wife, apparently had a heart attack.

Males, 51, said she's not a strong swimmer.

"I just saw what was happening," she said.

"I didn't even think. You just do what you have to do if you see somebody in trouble. It's your obligation to help out

whenever you can."

Males, who said she cried after the incident was over, said she was no hero.

Males and her husband, Chuck, have lived in Canton for two years. He's a senior vice president of DOC Optical in Southfield and she works part time at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Did she go back to the beach after her experience? She did, but with a slightly different outlook.

"The next day I saw a lady with two kids playing in the surf," she said. "I walked up to her and said if I were you I'd keep a close eye on my kids."

'I just saw what was happening. I didn't even think. You just do what you have to do if you see somebody in trouble. It's your obligation to help out whenever you can.'

Kathy Males
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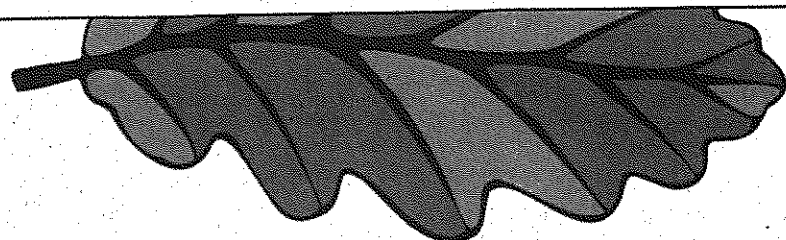
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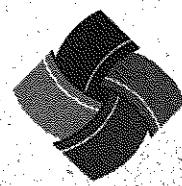
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From top left, Jason Waugh of Westland, cinematographer; Sam Khaleghi of West Bloomfield, director; Gabriel Flores of Allen Park, grip and Earl Hunt of Keego Harbor, actor and musician all contributed to the film *Approaching Midnight*.

Local filmmaker reels in feature debut

A local filmmaker is putting the finishing touches on his first feature film.

Approaching Midnight is a tale of a group of friends' reunion and all of the fallout that entails.

Director/writer/actor Sam Khaleghi, a 2001 West Bloomfield High School grad, said he is following in the film-making footsteps of director/actors like Spike Lee and Edward Burns — who have written, directed and starred in their own productions. He took some video production classes in high school but otherwise has no formal training in the field.

"I have a friend who is working in feature films. He learned the business outside of theater and video production," Khaleghi said. "I won't go to school for it. I'm in pre-law now."

Approaching Midnight is a story in the vein of *The Big Chill*, where high school friends meet up at a weekend party after a couple of years in college. The drama, as well as

the comedy, in the piece comes from miscommunication as the characters try to come to terms with how they — and their relationships — have changed over time.

Khaleghi himself plays the lead character, Wesley Kent. He had written the script with himself in mind as that character. Starting as a production assistant on a film, he learned what he could on the job while pitching his ideas for his own work. He had been working on horror films, something he liked but not necessarily something he wanted to stick with.

"Michigan is somewhat known for horror films, with (*Evil Dead* director) Sam Raimi and I like them, they're great," Khaleghi said. "But that's not what gets into the film festivals."

He is hoping to have *Approaching Midnight* ready for screening early next year in time for the Waterfront Film Festival and a couple others held in Michigan.

Khaleghi and his crew have

been shooting all over the metro Detroit area, from Birmingham on the north end to Greektown on the south. Some of the more recent work has been shot at Farmington Harrison High School.

Westland resident Rocky Black, who plays the group's "older brother" Bobby McGuire, is a Detroit area actor who worked on the Eminem film *8 Mile*. He said there's more pressure on cast and crew in a small production than a big one.

"*8 Mile* had a big budget," he said. "Things tend to go smoother with a big budget. You have to work harder on an independent film. You've got fewer resources and you've got to get things perfect. That way you have more resources for your next production."

Gabriel Flores of Allen Park is one of the cameramen. The freelance video producer said that independent films are a lot of work.

"In the independent setting you wear a lot of hats," he said. "You get a crash course in

every aspect of film making."

Flores connected with Khaleghi through the Internet.

The Web site www.mandy.com is a film and television production resource where filmmakers can connect with specialists in their region from all disciplines through forums, chat rooms and postings. The Web site now has a section for actors as well.

Farmington Hills resident Marina DeMeyer plays Nicole in the film, a smart woman who uses her intellect to get what she wants out of life. She's been acting in the theater and in commercials for a while. *Approaching Midnight* is her first foray into film. She said acting is good for her mind.

"I like acting, it's like therapy," DeMeyer said. "It's a fun escape. You get to be someone else for a while. You get to create that person."

Filming on the project should be done by the end of this month and final editing is scheduled for January.

OBITUARY

Paulina M. Gall

Services for Paulina Gall, 78, of Canton Township (formerly of Plymouth) will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. James McNulty officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Gall was born May 30, 1925 in Detroit and died Nov. 11 in Livonia. She retired as manager of Comerica Bank after

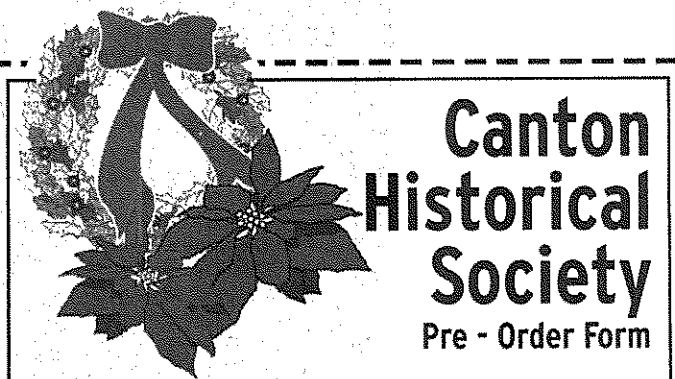
28 years of service. She came to the Canton community six years ago from Plymouth. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She loved to do needlepoint and go shopping.

Mrs. Gall was preceded in death by husband, Donald Gall; parents Paul and Mary Bagnasco; and sister, Adeline Bagnasco.

Survivors include brother, Frederick J. (Gerrie) Bagnasco of Gaylord; nieces and

nephews, Paul (Bonnie) Bagnasco, Steven (Amy) Bagnasco, Christine (Howard) Grosser, Rick (Debbie) Bagnasco, Catherine (Pat) Bagley, Carol (Ron) Dale, Cynthia Bagnasco, and Lawrence (Angela) Bagnasco; and many great-nephews and great-nieces also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, Mich. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



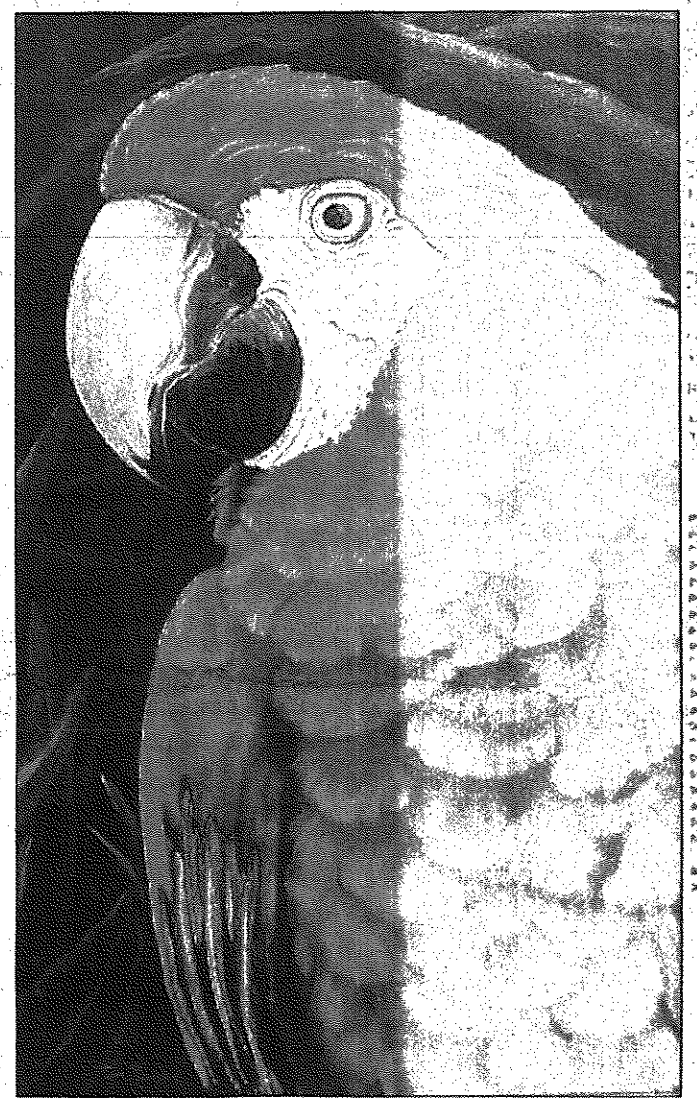
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Holiday show

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Caring kids collect for children's charity

Farrand Halloween donations send \$724 check to UNICEF

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Chris Hammond always kept a positive attitude about the potential success of a project in which Farrand Elementary School students were participating to collect for UNICEF at Halloween.

But even the optimistic Hammond couldn't have foreseen the actual success, as elementary schoolers not only cleaned up on candy for Halloween, but also raised more than \$700 for the children's charity.

Hammond and Melanie Daughtery, co-advisors to the Farrand Student Council, sent home some 450 UNICEF boxes home with students, giving students the chance to help children less fortunate than themselves.

Some 250 boxes came back carrying cash.

"I was amazed as the money



Some 250 boxes were returned, resulting in a check for \$724.48 being cut for UNICEF's annual campaign.

was rolling in," said Hammond.

"I was amazed at how geeked the kids got for it. I think it shows the great community outreach we have at Farrand."

UNICEF sent brochures in the mail detailing the annual

collection, and Farrand teachers got a copy to discuss in class.

The boxes were then sent home with students, and it was up to the students to bring them back once the collection was complete.

The Farrand student coun-

cil put a big push behind the project.

"I think it was a good idea," said Student Council President Christine Pattison, a fifth-grader.

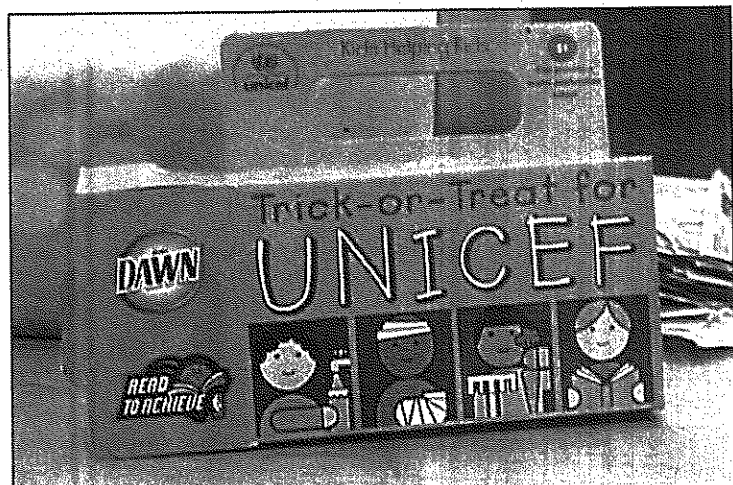
"My parents tell me to think of poor kids, and this was a good idea for helping them."

Third-grader Madeline Bowen was likewise moved.

"I felt bad for the children who are poor," she said. "I wanted to help them get better health, better clothing, better food."

Echoed third-grader Chris Jenner: "The poor really need stuff (and) people with money can help."

Hammond said he wasn't all that surprised by the generosity of Farrand kids and their families, many of whom he said are low-income families themselves who still made a point of helping others.



Boxes like this one were sent home with some 450 students as Farrand readied to collect for UNICEF this Halloween.

"This isn't the richest school," Hammond said. "There are a lot of low-income kids here, and to have that many of them take part was just wonderful."

"We put it to them that \$1 provides a polo vaccine to a child, so they just saved 700 lives."

The day after Halloween, some \$300 was returned. More than \$400 poured in the second day and, when the drive was finished, Hammond sent a check for \$724.48 to

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That didn't include game coins from pizza parlors and local arcades. But the presence of such items was further proof of the students' caring.

"You could tell kids went into their own banks, because we got Chuck E. Cheese coins and Kids Kingdom coins," Hammond said. "These kids are amazing."

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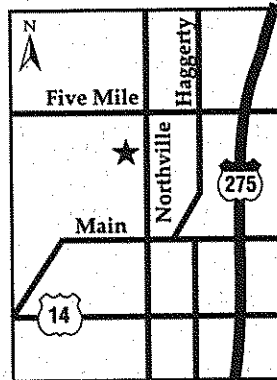
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DIDIER

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the Board of Trustees of the Library of Michigan.

Didier, a Plymouth resident since 1975 and dean of the library at Oakland University in Rochester, has grown her love for the library over a lifetime spent using and running them.

"Libraries are such interesting places," said Didier, a transplanted east-sider who has lived in Plymouth since 1975. "I'm a person who has always been interested in a lot of things, and libraries are places with such a diversity of knowledge."

That's why she's up for the job of leading the board, to which she was appointed by then-Gov. John Engler in fall 2001. It's a diverse group, which consists of two state senators, two state representatives, librarians and other "civilians" whose charge it is to advise the Library of Michigan on policies, services and programs.

DYNAMIC CHOICE

With three degrees from the University of Michigan — including a master's and a Ph.D. in library science — Didier's appointment is a welcome one.

"I think she's a dynamic woman, and a very good librarian," said Jean Tabor, the librarian at the Canton Public Library. "She's an excellent speaker, and she represents library. She's a solid voice on the board and a strong leader. She's a great choice."

The Library of Michigan serves the Michigan Legislature much as the Library of Congress serves the federal government. Established in 1828, before Michigan was even a state, the library also provides a number of services to libraries around the state.

And it does so despite facing a number of challenging issues. The federal government, for instance, imposed the requirement for computer filters for libraries accepting federal money, an issue Didier says is tickling and far-reaching.

The trick, according to Didier, is working with vendors to filter out inappropriate material without limiting access to the kinds of information kids come to the library to find in the first place.

"It's a very difficult situation, because librarians by profession favor free access to information and would rather have parents do the filtering," Didier said. "Librarians see filters as censoring information. The hope is to find a better way to filter the bad stuff."

BUDGET CRUNCH

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Library of Michigan, and for libraries all over the state, is overcoming tough economic times. In a state that has nearly 400 libraries, budget crunches are wreaking all sorts of havoc.

As the state struggles with increasing deficits, Michigan has dropped to 20th in the country in state funding for public libraries. Michigan's \$1.71 operating income per capita ranks 17th in the nation.

According to Didier, Michigan libraries that produce their own revenue streams, in the forms of millages like the ones in Plymouth and Canton, are doing better than other libraries, which depend solely on federal and state money, including funding from penal fines, something Didier calls "a bizarre aspect of Michigan history."

Unfortunately for libraries across the state, she said, funding methods are variable and inequitable.

"We have some that are wonderfully funded, and some that are just scraping by,"

Didier said. "It's really not fair."

A grass-roots effort was started in 1999 to change how libraries are funded, among other things establishing a regional library service, funding a \$40 million statewide library card program that would be available to all residents of Michigan and provide \$50 million for library service incentives.

Despite all the obstacles, libraries remain a world of pleasure and service for Didier, who leads a 24-person staff that includes an associate dean and a dozen librarians at Oakland University.

Technology has prodded the biggest changes, opening vast

worlds of knowledge to users of all ages.

Technology has not only helped broaden available services — for instance, computers have really increased libraries' ability to loan things inter-library — but it has opened up areas of knowledge that have always been "elsewhere."

"Before, you were limited to what was in your library," Didier said. "Not everything is in books, so technology has really broadened our world."

GIVING BACK

What hasn't changed, she points out, is the need "to think and evaluate that

knowledge." Even with all the technological advances, there is still a need for "place." According to Didier, there are 4.6 million registered library users who check out an average of five items every year.

In tough economic times, she points out, the library becomes more important, to people who decide to go back to school or who wish to job-hunt.

"Libraries are a gathering place," Didier said. "If you look at library construction, they're a drawing card. That's an incredibly important role."

Didier's passion for libraries is obvious, a fact that isn't lost on those with whom she'll be working.

"I've known Elaine for three years. She is known as a leader in the library community and greatly respected," said Christie Pearson Brandau, state librarian at the Library of Michigan. "Her experience with libraries and her calm and articulate manner will make her a great board president."

The praise is nice for Didier, but what really matters to her is serving her chosen profession with honor.

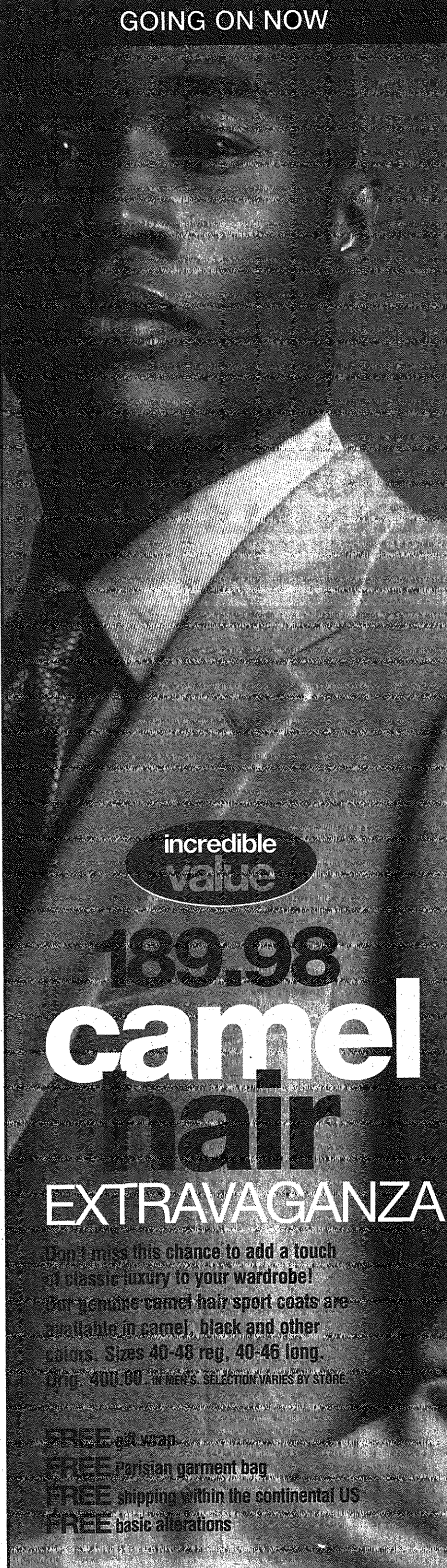
"It's an honor to be appointed," Didier said. "It's part of being involved, and my way of giving back to the profession."

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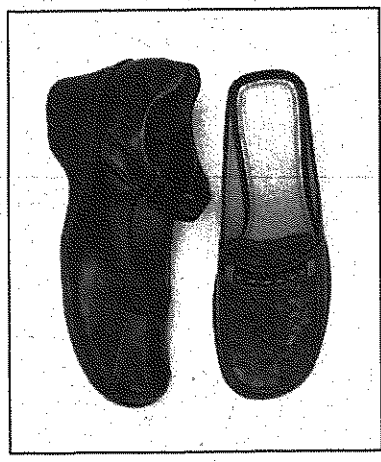
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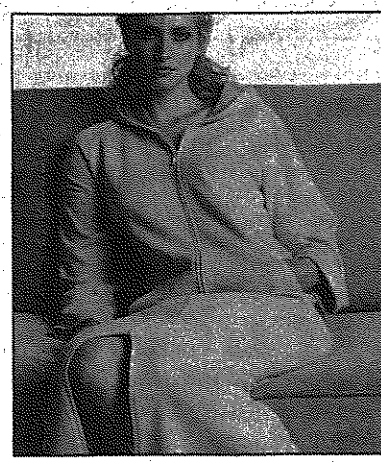
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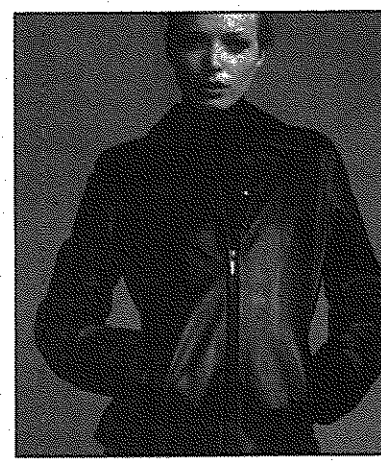
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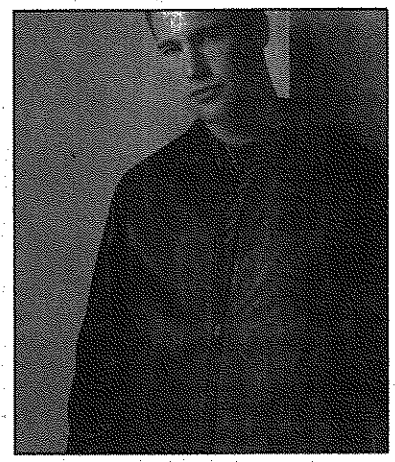
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Auction helps chamber promote local programs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Fred Hill just couldn't let it go. Emceeding the live auction at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual dinner/auction Friday, Hill noticed what he thought was a misprint in the auction brochure.

The item he was announcing was a pair of tickets to the University of Michigan-Ohio State game, scheduled for Nov. 22. Proudly donning a scarlet-and-silver scarf, Hill, a devoted Buckeye, announced: "Considering the national championship, and current rankings and records, that should read 'OHIO STATE-Michigan game.'"

It drew a huge laugh from a raucous throng of more than 600 people who showed up for the chamber's top annual fundraiser Friday at Laurel Manor.



Rhonda Bergquist gets some help from Caitlin Staples while trying on a full-length natural Ranck mink coat during Friday's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual auction. The coat eventually went for \$5,000.

Seventeen items were auctioned off live, and another 200 items were either raffled off or sold at silent auction.

When the fun was over and

the money was counted, everyone was pretty happy.

"It was very successful," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director. "The steering committee put in an unbelievable amount of work to put this event on, and it really showed."

The live auction featured some 20 items, many of them popular picks, including the Michigan-Ohio State tickets (two pairs which went for \$500 and \$625, respectively), season



Katie Carron sells raffle tickets to Dorothy Twinney during Friday's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction.

tickets to U-M games in 2004 (\$2,000), and a full-length mink coat, which went for \$5,000.

A surprise late entry in the live auction was also a popular one: two tickets to all six days of the 2004 Ryder Cup golf tournament at Oakland Hills. With individual tickets going for \$1,000 or more on the Internet, Stephanie Glysson, director of government affairs for Republic Waste Services, stole this batch

for \$3,100.

"It was a very pleasant surprise to get these tickets," Toney said. "It was very exciting."

All in all, the live auction items brought in nearly \$30,000. Another \$4,950 came from a 50/50 raffle, but totals for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles and the silent auctions weren't available.

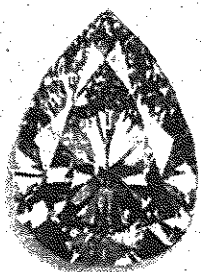
The event, sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Johnson Controls, also included the chamber's annual meeting.

Among other items, Jeanne

Knopf DeRoche of The Knopf Company was installed as the incoming president of the board of directors. Other 2004 board members include Pat O'Neill of UBS Financial, Dan Disabastian of Visteon, Maria Barone of Barone Law and Greg Blackwood of GB Sales & Service. Rodger Vojcek of Loc Performance is the immediate past president.

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LIBRARY

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library at Oakland University and a Plymouth resident. "Libraries are funded variably and inequitably. Some are wonderfully funded, and some are just scraping by. It's really not fair."

In an effort to more equitably funded libraries, a grassroots effort has sprung up to create the Public Library Funding Initiative Group, which came up with a three-tiered plan to fund the Library of Michigan and some 387 public libraries around the state.

While libraries that have their own revenue stream via a millage — as is the case in Plymouth and Canton, for instance — are finding the going a little smoother, others aren't so lucky.

According to Jean Tabor, librarian at the Canton Public Library, PLFIG's plan is necessary to provide equity.

"Many libraries operate solely or in large part on penal fines," Tabor said. "Of course, that's always subject to erosion by other agencies or by local governments. We never know from one year to the next whether it's up or down, so it isn't stable. It certainly isn't adequate."

PLFIG focuses primarily on a three-tiered funding system:

■ Statewide library service, \$40 million annually — A funded statewide library card program would make all public libraries available to all Michigan residents. It would also fund a statewide services program that includes reciprocal borrowing and collection development.

■ Library facilities and infrastructure, \$10 million annually — PLFIG feels libraries should have access to matching grant funds for building and technology improvements similar to pro-

grams provided for schools, colleges and universities.

■ The Library of Michigan, \$16 million annually — Officials think the Library of Michigan is a national model of excellence and, as such, should be funded for staff and resources to implement statewide library resource sharing programs.

"We need a rational means of funding libraries all over the state," said Didier, who has a master's degree and a Ph.D. in library science. "Right now, it's a patchwork quilt."

Michigan's public libraries rank 20th in the country in state funding. Like many state organizations, the Library of Michigan has taken major budget hits and with Gov. Jennifer Granholm trying to squeeze every penny, Didier says more cuts are likely.

Further cuts at that level would also negatively impact local libraries helped by the Library of Michigan.

"When Library of Michigan's budget is cut, the funding they pass on is cut," Didier said. "Our purchasing power is going down even more than budget cuts are taking us down. It's belt-tightening that's difficult."

The Canton library is the fiscal agent for PLFIG's program, and Tabor has sat on the steering committee from the start. She was in the group that hired Dr. Charles McClure, who developed the study on which PLFIG is based.

The Canton library levies 1.5 mills, which provides a solid revenue stream. But Tabor knows it's not that way for everyone.

"There are many, many ways of governing libraries in Michigan," she said. "We want to preserve local funding, and provide incentives for communities to fund themselves."

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STUDENT

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I did when I got out of the classroom. I didn't expect to get a 1,600."

The first two times Kirsten took the SAT, she performed admirably, but nowhere near a perfect score.

"The first time I took the test I was sick, and the second time we had a problem with a bumblebee flying around the room and it distracted me," she said. "Both times I scored in the high 1,400s."

According to The College Board, which administers the SAT test, Kirsten omitted a math question and missed a critical reading question.

However, for all practical purposes, she aced the test. Kirsten's father, Ralph, said he's known people who have scored very high on the test, but never a perfect score.

"We're very proud of her," he said. "We

knew she'd done well, but the perfect score caught us off-guard. It's just something you don't expect."

"Kirsten's always been really interested in learning, and started reading when she was 3," he added.

"She'd much rather read a book than watch television."

Kirsten transferred to Plymouth-Canton Schools from Ladywood High School in Livonia for her sophomore year.

"I really felt there was a lot more opportunity here, more class selections," she said.

Kirsten is a member of both the school newspaper, the *P-CEP Perspective*, and the yearbook staff. Lisa Birou, the teacher adviser for the yearbook staff, said very few students are qualified to do both.

"I don't have anything but praise for what she's done," Birou said. "She has a

challenging academic schedule, and yet she's working for both the newspaper and yearbook. It's been remarkable to watch her, and see what she's done her senior year. I'd like to keep her a couple more years."

Kirsten said she's considering college majors in political science or American studies, with an eye toward a law degree.

"I really want to go to Yale, because I like a lot of the programs they have there," she said. "And I like the housing system, where as a freshman you randomly get put into one of 12 houses, and you stay there for all four years on campus."

Kirsten has also applied to the University of Michigan, Duke University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Chicago. She's already been accepted at Michigan State University and the University of Pittsburgh.

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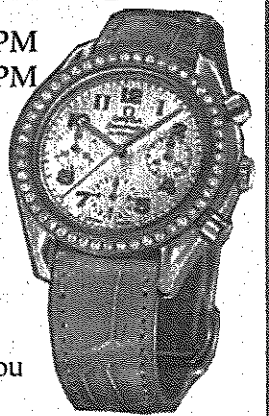
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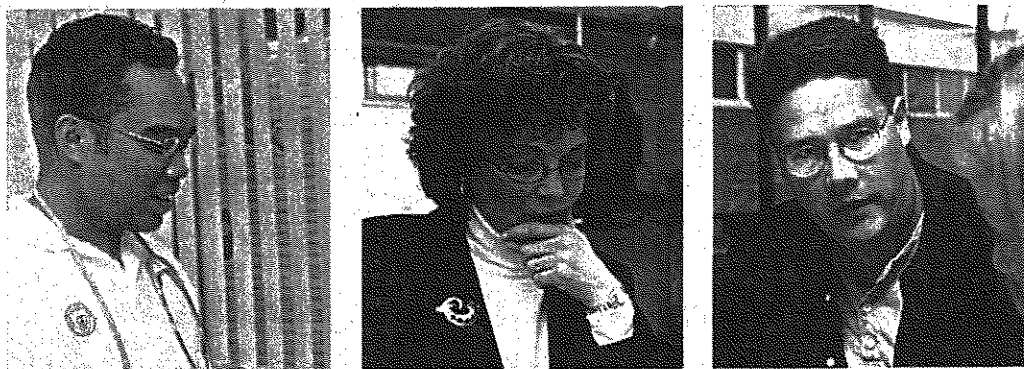
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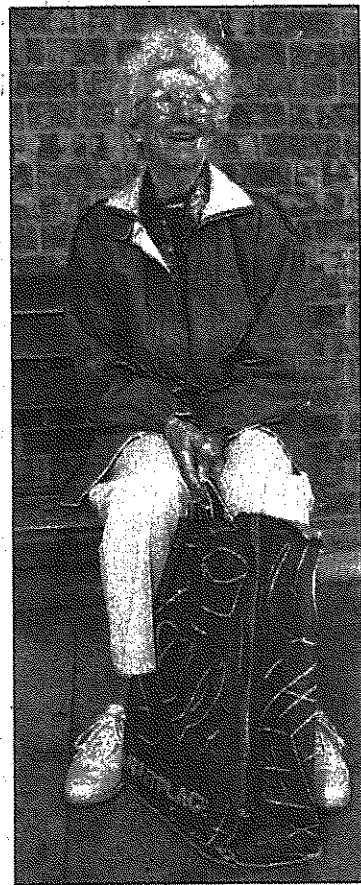


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BUS

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Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. There is no weekend or holiday service.

The service just added a \$40,000 16-passenger bus to provide rides to senior and disabled residents. It also operates an older similar bus and a 5-passenger van.

Connie Haggard, an emergency medical technician for Huron Valley and mobility transportation coordinator for the service, said they probably transport about 25 people per day per vehicle on an average day.

"A lot of them are going to work programs, doctors' appointments and a lot of shopping," she said.

In addition to Canton, the service also transports passengers to other Wayne and Washtenaw County destina-



Joan Noricks leads the Canton Community Foundation which provides funding for the Community Mobility Transportation Service bus.

While the service is underwritten by the township and the foundation, passengers are charged a nominal fare of \$1 (one way) for drop-offs within Canton, \$2 to other Wayne County destinations and \$4 for

Washtenaw County. People 55 and older and disabled persons living in Canton are eligible to use the service. Trip reservations and changes are accepted 24 hours a day, but it is suggested that reservations be made between

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FOUNDATION

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Nationwide community foundations now have assets of more than \$29.7 billion and are one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy in the United States.

The Canton foundation was first established to meet the needs that government cannot or does not meet, according to Noricks, and that individuals would be unable to meet themselves.

With that in mind the foundation established Canton

Family Service to assist needy families; it created a scholarship program to assist students in Canton and Plymouth; funded a feasibility study for a community theater; and has funded programs such as CHARACTER COUNTS! and Youth Leadership Canton.

"Last year we contributed \$80,000 back to the community in grants to nonprofits and scholarships to individuals," Noricks said.

The foundation also supports Community Mobility Transportation Services, which provides rides for seniors and disabled residents. (See related story).

While it is called the Canton Community Foundation, Noricks said the group distributes just as much assistance to Plymouth residents as it does for Canton.

And Noricks said the role of the foundation, particularly in Canton, will become even greater as the community ages.

"With the median age of Canton residents at 35, they're not doing their estate planning yet," she said. "But when we start having social problems that older communities have, we'll be there to fill in the gap ... to meet those needs that government can't meet."

Meanwhile, applications for the 2004 scholarships will be available next week. Noricks

said several new scholarships have been added and about 30 are now available to Plymouth and Canton residents.

Applications are available at high school guidance offices, the Canton Public Library and Plymouth District Library and should soon be available online at the foundation's Web site, www.cantonfoundation.org.

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ACLU president battles Patriot Act's excesses

Anthony Romero knew he had his work cut out for him when he took over as head of the American Civil Liberties Union a couple years ago.

"It wasn't as if we were sitting around waiting for the phone to ring," the tall, balding lawyer smiled over a Belgian waffle in a downtown Detroit hotel. There were worries about keeping religion and government separate, about civil rights, and voting rights in the aftermath of the botched presidential election.

Romero, who had just arrived from the Ford Foundation, didn't even have any business cards to take to his first major speech to some of the ACLU's biggest donors.

He was just about to start when an assistant suggested he come out into the hall for a moment. Not now, Romero said. Yes, the aide insisted, now. Annoyed, he excused himself and walked out of the room, to see people staring at a TV screen. It was a little after 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. "I was all set to give a basically optimistic speech about new horizons, new challenges, hopeful optimism from the new kid on the block."

"And someday, I will give that speech," he laughed. Instead, he went back and told the donors what had happened, and that the 400,000-member ACLU would be facing a huge challenge, perhaps as great as any in the group's history. "And, you might say unfortunately, I wasn't wrong."

Since then, there have been many long days, many airplane flights and many nights spent in hotels. Sometimes, when Romero does manage to get home, his sleep is fitful. "I know it's been a bad night when my partner asks, 'So how was Mr. Ashcroft last

night," meaning the U.S. attorney general. In real life, he thinks Ashcroft is appalling.

"We don't get into personal attacks, but he demonizes his critics and refuses to answer criticism," Romero said, noting that Ashcroft is the only attorney general who has flatly refused to meet with the ACLU.

One thing that makes Romero toss and turn is the degree to which most Americans have a fundamental misunderstanding of the ACLU. Thanks in large part to opportunistic politicians, beginning with the first President Bush, the group has been portrayed as a far-left group of radicals whose patriotism is, at the very least, suspect.

In fact, the ACLU sees itself as perhaps the most American institution there is, defining itself as "our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States."

What has made the ACLU a convenient whipping boy is that they really do mean that "all people," defending, for example, the rights of Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan to march and assemble. More recently, the ACLU has battled against unreasonable arrest and detention of Americans and legal immigrants who are of Middle Eastern descent.

Michigan ACLU director Kary Moss, who is both Jewish and from New York, was perhaps the leading defender of the rights of Arab-Americans in Michigan in the days after the terrorist attacks on her home town.

"New York, New Jersey and Michigan have been our key states in this," says Mr. Romero, who came to Detroit for the first time in his presidency last week to keynote the state chapter's annual fund-raising dinner. (He told members that they had to fight the "relentless and insatiable"

assault on civil liberties led by Bush and Ashcroft.)

Still only 38, Romero has had a quintessentially American life story. The son of dirt-poor Puerto Rican immigrants, he was born in a New York City housing project and grew up speaking Spanish. Somehow, his talents were noticed, and he ended up going to Princeton University and then law school at Stanford. He was running a major human rights program for the Ford Foundation before he was tapped for the ACLU job.

He does get annoyed at those who suggest the ACLU doesn't approve of arresting terrorists.

"The watchword around here is safe and free," Romero says.

What he does worry about is whether, if a new terrorist incident should occur, public panic could cause civil liberties to be cheerfully discarded.

"When the blackout came, I was sure it was terrorism," he said. As he walked down 82 flights of stairs and across 50 blocks on a hot August afternoon, he formulated a strategy for dealing with the new repressive measures he felt were sure to follow.

Fortunately, it apparently turned out to have been a case of decaying infrastructure. In recent months, Romero has been somewhat encouraged over signs that members of Congress, including Republicans, are increasingly less willing to sign their rights away.

However, he knows the ACLU's enemies aren't going away, and that he is unlikely, especially these days, to run out of battles. Nor does he intend to stop fighting. "We may not win every case. Sometimes, you fight to leave a record. Sometimes, you fight to live to fight another day. But we also fight to win."

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New book on Detroit River puts problems, promise in perspective

An essay in a new collection of writings on the Detroit River, *Honoring Our Detroit River*, tells a pretty story of early colonists taking buckets down to the riverside to draw fresh, clean water for drinking and cleaning.

By the early 1800s, the water had already begun to be polluted. European passenger ships were blamed for bringing over cholera, which resulted in an epidemic.

Rapid industrialization created more problems for the river. But beginning in the 1870s, Detroit began to develop an outstanding water treatment system, that today provides drinking water for 4 million residents.

Still pollution remains a problem. An overmatched sewer system and continued high levels of industrial waste threaten wildlife, recreational opportunities and our vital drinking water.

Honoring Our Detroit River takes a panoramic view of the river's history and its current problems and promise. Edited by John H. Hartig, a river navigator for the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Institute, and published by the Cranbrook Institute of Science (distributed by Wayne State University Press, at \$29.95 paperback) the book is sometimes dry and technical. But for those of us who have depended on the river as the life source of southeastern Michigan, it provides some essential information and a needed spur to continue every effort to protect this vital waterway, its tributaries and wetlands.

U.S. Rep. John Dingell in a preface writes: "The Detroit River, like many rivers in industrial centers around the Great Lakes, has lost more than 95 percent of its coastal wetland habitats, and despite the importance of such lands, these habitats continue to be destroyed and degraded. There is now a great urgency to protect our few remaining high-quality wetlands before they are lost to further development, as well as to rehabilitate and enhance degraded ones. This will be essential to sustain the quality of life enjoyed by so many along the Detroit River corridor."

Dingell has been a longtime supporter of programs to revitalize the river and its surroundings. His congressman father, John Dingell Sr., helped create the Federal Aid in Sportsfish Restoration Act, which provides revenues for conservation of lakes, rivers and streams. Dingell Jr. is the author of the

International Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act to create wildlife areas along the U.S. and Canadian shorelines.

Long before Cadillac came down from Mackinac looking for a strategic stronghold, Native American tribes had settled in the marshy land along the river and its tributaries. George Cornell describes an idyllic place that the Algonquins called "Wawiatanong," (the place on the curve or bend).

Cornell writing on the Algonquin tribes and Kay Givens-McGowan writing on the later Wyandot tribe, give a vision of what the water meant to native tribes. Cornell writes that to the Algonquin, the river was a gift of the creator. Cornell writes, "The early inhabitants of the region has an intimate understanding of the land and its resources and what they could be used for. This came about over generations of walking on the land, observation and trial and error."

Idyllic hunting-gathering villages or small agricultural towns were not likely to remain the norm in such a water and resource rich environment. We would not be here if we had not exploited the river as a source for industry and shipping. The essays in *Honoring Our Detroit River* examine numerous aspects of river ecology from mercury pollution to the introduction of invasive, non-native species to the continuing efforts to preserve those natural elements that have made the river so essential to our lives. An essay on watershed management details the efforts to reclaim the Rouge River, a vital tributary to the Detroit River.

The story of the Rouge and the Detroit rivers is not all doom and gloom. In fact the authors are upbeat about the efforts being made to reverse centuries of abuse. They point to canoeing on Newburgh Lake and the work to preserve Johnson Creek as a cold-water stream. James N. Bull and Julie Craves even grow poetic in the opening of their essay on the rich biodiversity of the river. As Bruce Manny writes in an essay on setting priorities: "Over five million of us live within an hour's drive of the river, drink water from it, and discharge our wastes into it. Many of us are employed at a business that depends on the river or enjoy its natural resources. However sometimes we lose sight of our relationship with the river."

This book is a timely reminder of how important Wawiatanong and its river are. **Hugh Gallagher** is the managing editor of The Observer Newspapers. He can be reached by phone at (734)953-2149, by e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net or by fax at (734)591-7279.



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Families first at Children's Hour

The Children's Hour Day Care and Learning Center embodies the word family from the owners' daughter, who serves as one of the teachers, to the very name of the business derived from a poem after which their grandmother was named.

Licensed by the state of Michigan in July, The Children's Hour welcomed its first family in August and now has several families who call the 6,000 square-foot facility their second home.

The center is owned and operated by Jill Scott and her family from Westland. The Scotts, including Jill's husband, have made their new entrepreneurial endeavor a labor of love from the hand-painted murals on the walls of each classroom to the inclusion of curriculum offerings like sign language and Spanish.

"We want to nurture a children's mind and not just provide baby-sitting service," said Scott who was formerly the head teacher at a nearby day care center. "We want to make an influence in their lives by providing a creative and stimulating environment."

ESSENTIAL

The Scott's philosophy focuses heavily on their desire to "make a child feel wanted" — recognizing a child could spend up to 12 hours per day in their care based on their 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. operating schedule.

Located on Canton Center Road just north of Ford Road in the Canton Ford Crossing, the facility is licensed for 110 children from six weeks to 12 years old. Having only been open for less than eight weeks the facility has open enrollment in all age groups including infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers and school-age children.

The Children's Hour will offer a summer camp, including off-site field trips, when school is out of session for school-age kids as well as a junior camp for pre-schoolers (walking field trips only). They are also looking forward to offering music and gymnastic (tumbling) sessions in the coming months.

With the guidance of teaching director Janet Weber, there is an established curriculum for each class with weekly age-appropriate themes — the teachers are provided all the materials and supplies for the five-day week including class lessons and arts and crafts projects. "We support our teachers in every way," said Scott.

The Canton day care center owner said they are proud of the higher salaries they're able to pay their staff in comparison to what a chain or corporate center might offer as well as their favorable benefit package. The Scotts feel this is a way to minimize staff turnover rates and maintain "continuity of care" for the children. Considering the nature of their work, potential staff members must undergo a strict screening process before they are considered for a position.

TEAM WORK

Jill Scott, the mother of four children ranging in age from 13-20, is thrilled at the opportunity to work with her 18-year-old daughter, Danielle, a 2003 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. Danielle and her mom, along with family friend Lauren Robinson, are responsible for all the character murals throughout the center as well as the hand-written poems that adorn one wall of each classroom.

"It was just something we wanted to do to make the place look better," said Scott. "Danielle did a great job."

The 18-year-old gained experience in the child care field at the William D. Ford Voc-Tech Center adjacent to the high school. She's looking forward to attending Washtenaw Community College in January to complete her degree in Early Childhood Development. Her parents are hoping Danielle will eventually become the center director when they choose to retire and serve as advisors of the facility.

"We want to emphasize this is a family day care," said Scott. "We're really committed to providing quality and loving care in an enriching environment."

No one would agree with the Scott's more than Plymouth resident Courtney Nagy, whose

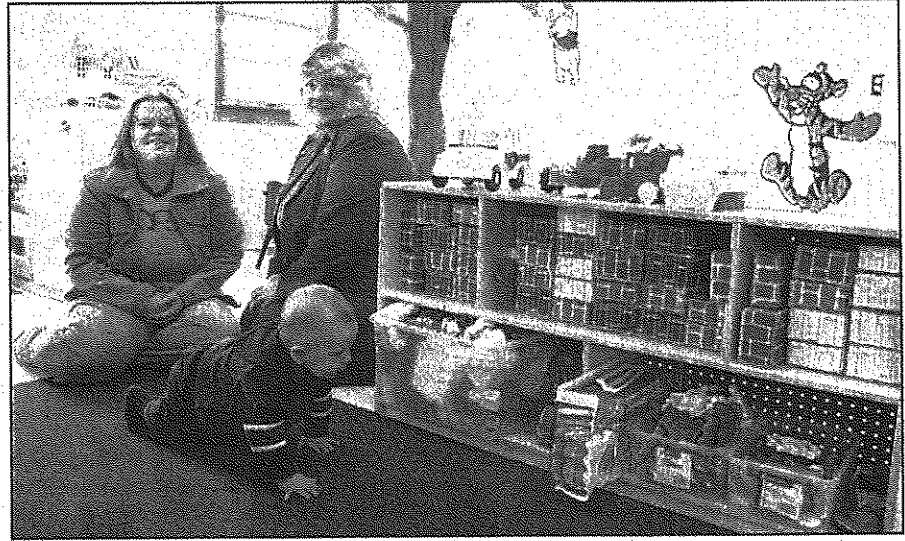
eight-month-old son, Evan, has been at The Children's Hour for the last three weeks.

"They're wonderful and have been a real blessing," said Nagy who works in the medical field. "I love the structured environment and they're so nice. The fact that Evan reaches out to them says everything to me."

Nagy said she became aware of the new Canton day care center after she had a less than favorable experience at another "well-known chain" center. "My

friend who is having a baby suggested I visit them. I did four surprise visits and Evan has been going there for almost a month now. I can't say enough about the place and I've seen a big difference in Evan. He's so happy now."

For more information about enrolling your child/children at The Children's Hour please call center director Jill Scott, (734) 459-9920 or visit 5840 Canton Center Road, Suite 245 (Canton Ford Crossing - just north of Ford Road).



Evan Nagy, (foreground) eight months old of Plymouth explores the toys in the toddler area at The Children's Hour Day Care and Learning Center in Canton. Owners Jill Scott (right) and her daughter Danielle of Westland, offer care for children six weeks to 12 years old.

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Sidelines

WSU harriers 2nd

Led by redshirt senior Nick Allen's first place finish, the Wayne State University men's cross country team placed second in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, Nov. 8, at Hudsonville, and will compete Nov. 22 in the Division II national championship in Cary, N.C. Allen, a graduate of Salem, captured the 10,000-meter race in 31 minutes, 29.1 seconds, a 12-second cushion en route to Great Lakes Region Runner of the Year honors. Grand Valley State edged Wayne State for the team title, 46-50.

Belton all-WHAC

Jeremiah Belton, a sophomore at Concordia University from Canton, has been named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer team. Belton was named to the all-conference team despite Concordia's 1-17 record. A forward, he had 10 goals and an assist to lead the Cardinals in scoring with 21 points. In 2002, Belton was named to the all-region team by the National Christian College Athletic Association.

MIAA's best

In one of the tightest finishes in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's men's soccer history, Calvin College and Hope tied for first place with 20 points, Calvin posting a 10-2-0 record and Hope going 9-1-2. Kalamazoo College was just behind with 18 points and a 9-3-0 record. The Hornets did put five players on the all-MIAA first team, including forward Nick Houdek and midfielder Brett Stinar. Both are Canton HS graduates; Stinar's a senior, Houdek is a sophomore. Houdek looked to be a force to be dealt with, tying for first in the MIAA in scoring with 26 points. His 10 goals was second best in the league and his six assists tied him for second. Stinar had two goals and five assists (tied for third) for nine points (tied for 11th). Jeff Bennett, a sophomore at Albion College and a Salem HS graduate, was named to the all-MIAA second team as a defender.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association office, located at 9401 General Drive in Plymouth. Classes will be from 8 a.m. to noon on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. All four sessions must be attended. Those interested must be at least 12 years-old. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Register on-line at www.msvarsoccer.net, or call (734) 454-7335 for more information.



Canton's Devin Thomas, here trying to stiff-arm his way past CC's Kyle Smith, found the going tough against the Shamrocks.

CC shuts down Canton, 38-7

It took just five minutes. In the opening five minutes of this Division 1, Region 3 playoff football game, the tone for the entire game was set. Both Canton and Redford Catholic Central faced important drive-sustaining plays. Just as Canton coach Tim Baechler had predicted earlier, those kinds of plays would decide each team's playoff fate. But it was CC that made the most of them and, aided by its size advantage on the offensive and defensive lines, wound up with a 38-7 win over the Chiefs before an overflow crowd at Canton. "They were physically bigger and stronger than we were, and they wore us out," said Baechler. "I wouldn't change one single call I made. I told our kids we were playing to win, and on fourth-and-ones we'll go for it. "They looked strong and fast on film.

We knew (CC) would be the best team we faced." On their opening drive, the Chiefs faced a fourth-down-and-1 from their own 41 but a fumbled snap by quarterback Shawn Little gave CC the ball at Canton's 39. Six plays later, after converting a tough third-and-nine, CC was in the end zone with a 7-0 lead on a 5-yard Derek Brooks' run. It was just the beginning. A half-dozen similar plays put the Shamrocks firmly in control, and a suffocating defense in the second half made certain they stayed there as they bounced Canton from the playoffs. The Chiefs finish with their best record ever, 11-1. CC, now 11-1, advances to the Division 1 semifinals opposite Chippewa Valley (also 11-1) at 1 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm. "I thought it was our intensity," replied

CC coach Tom Mach when asked what he thought the difference was. "The last two teams we played I thought came out with more intensity than we did. "This game, in the first 24 minutes I thought we came out with great intensity. I was real happy with the way we started. "I was pleased with the total game we played." For all intents and purposes, Canton made it easy for CC by not making big plays when it had the chance. The first-drive failure was just one; on their second possession, the Chiefs reached the Shamrock 23 before losing 16 yards on three plays and turning the ball over at their own 39. Two plays later, CC's Brooks sliced through the Canton defense and went 49

PLEASE SEE CC, B6

PLEASE SEE PLAYS, B6

2 Salem runners honored

Livonia Ladywood High cross country coach Marcus Colonna is used to designing and building structures. An architect for Archive DS in Detroit, Colonna has laid a strong foundation in just three years with the Blazers, who captured the Catholic League championship for the first time since 1983 and earned a trip to the state meet for the first time since 1986. The 33-year-old Colonna, who previously coached the boys and girls cross country teams at Auburn Hills Avondale, guided Ladywood to a fifth-place finish in the Catholic League in 2001 followed by a fourth place in 2002. This year the Blazers made the big leap, going to Michigan International Speedway for the state finals, where they placed 26th in Division 2. "Our goal this year was to get there, and we took a big step this year," Colonna said of the state meet. "But we want to keep inching up. We were 26th. Our goal is to get higher and higher."

ALL-OBSERVER

Colonna, who attended Warren Fitzgerald High School and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1994, was Ladywood's third coach in three years when he arrived in 2001. "I knew I had to start building a program and now we're gaining momentum," he said. "Our future is that we're still trying to build numbers. Success comes in numbers. And we want to continue to compete with the best in the Catholic League." Livonia Stevenson, which placed ninth in the Division 1 state meet, leads this year's first-team all-Observer team with five honorees. Salem, 16th in Division 1, placed two on the first team, while WLAA and regional runner-up Livonia Churchill, 17th in Division 1, landed three on the first team. Representatives also come from Redford

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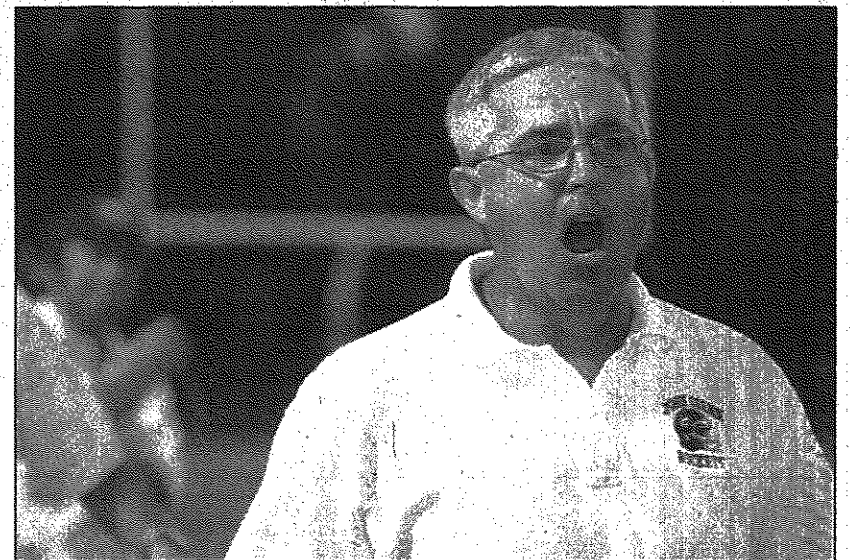
After slow start, Whalers recover to beat Battalion

After a bad start, the Plymouth Whalers regained their composure and the lead by the first few minutes of the third period, eventually icing the Brampton Battalion 4-2 in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. John Vigilante sparked the Whalers, scoring two goals and assisting on another. Ryan Ramsay and James Wisniewski (from Canton) added two assists apiece. The Whalers improved to 11-6-4-0 and moved into a tie for first in the OHL's West Division with Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, all with 26 points. Brampton is 9-9-1-1, fourth in the Midwest Division. The Battalion took control early, getting first-period goals from Ryan Bowness and Adam Henrich — which prompted Whaler coach Mike Vellucci to replace starting goalie Jeff Weber, who allowed both goals while making just two saves, with Ryan Nie just 7:09 into the game. It was the second time in four games Weber's been pulled. Nie finished with 17 saves without allow-

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ing a goal. Daren Machesney had 40 saves in goal for Brampton. Plymouth narrowed the gap to 2-1 on John Mitchell's power-play goal at 11:06 of the first, with assists from Vigilante and Wisniewski. Vigilante got the only goal of the second period, scoring it at 16:59 with assists from Ramsay and Mike Letizia, tying it at 2-2. The game-winner was also produced by Vigilante, his 10th goal of the season with assists from Ramsay and David Liffiton at 3:56 making it 3-2. Vaclav Meidl scored with 5:33 left to ice it for Plymouth; Wisniewski and Dan Collins assisted. The Whalers play Friday at London, then host Erie on Saturday and Windsor on Sunday.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B4



Westland John Glenn football coach Chuck Gordon is retiring after 27 varsity seasons with a career record of 211-64.

Glenn's Gordon retires

Westland John Glenn's 2003 football season came to a close last Friday with a 24-6 playoff loss to Canton. On Monday, another era came to an end when Chuck Gordon, one of Observerland's most respected and successful coaches, announced his retirement after 27 varsity seasons. Gordon informed Glenn players and assistant coaches of his decision following Friday's game and made it official two days later when he spoke with Glenn principal Joan Sedik, athletic director Brian Swinehart and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gregory Baracy. "I knew going into the season this would be my last," said Gordon, who will also retire from his physical education teaching position in June. "But I wanted to wait until after (the last game) because I wanted to concentrate on the season and let my players concentrate on the season as well." The 53-year-old Gordon plans to return to his roots for his retirement. He will relocate to Central Lake, 30 miles south of Charlevoix, where he grew up. "We're going to be moving up north, we're building a house and it should be done sometime in the spring," Gordon said. "It's been 32

years of teaching and coaching, 27 as the head coach, and I'm ready to do something else. "I don't want to say never, but I don't have any plans to coach again. I'm going to hunt, fish and play some golf. Joyce (his wife) and I would also like to travel a bit. There's nothing firm. It's just a new chapter in our lives and I'm looking forward to it." Gordon, a graduate of Adrian College, coached one season at Blissfield before taking a teaching job at Stevenson Junior High in Westland. He served as Lloyd Carr's assistant (1973-75) and one season under Gerry Lutri (1976) before Lutri left to join Carr as an assistant at Eastern Michigan University. Although he lost the first varsity game (1977) he ever coached along with his last one, Gordon won a lot of games in between. It will certainly be hard to duplicate some of the standards he set. ■ Only one of 33 prep coaches in the state to win 200 or more games. ■ 211-64 record (76 percent winning percentage). ■ Twenty-three straight winning

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Strong 2nd half boosts Agape to victory

Clark Sexton wasn't happy. The Canton Agape Christian girls basketball coach had watched his team play a dismal first half in its final regular-season game at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Against a team that had just three wins to its credit all season, the Wolverines were struggling and trailed 13-10 after two quarters.

"I lit into 'em at halftime," said Sexton. "In the second half we started to show a little more poise and started to work the ball inside instead of just coming down and taking quick shots."

With A.J. Creps on the receiving end of many of those inside passes, it seemed a good decision. It was. Agape outscored Urban Lutheran 32-14 in the second half to gain a 42-27 victory.

Agape finishes its season at 10-10. Urban Lutheran is 3-17. Creps, a junior forward, scored 13 of her game-high 16

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points in the second half and finished with a triple-double — she also had 12 rebounds and 12 steals, and three assists, too.

Tarah Armbruster contributed 12 points, all coming in the second half, and Emily Tong scored nine. Jessica Ford and Brittany Hayes scored six points apiece for Urban Lutheran.

Agape returns to Urban Lutheran this week for its Class D state district tournament. The Wolverines take on Redford Bishop Borgess in the opening round at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. A win would put Agape into the district semifinals against Plymouth Christian Academy at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The district final is at 7 p.m. Friday.

A.A. Greenhills 39, Plymouth 28: Mentally, Plymouth was just never into

Thursday's game at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Even after rallying from a 13-7 deficit after one quarter to pull to within two, 18-16, at the half, the Wildcats couldn't seem to get it together. They were outscored 22-12 in the second half, losing to a Greenhills team that finished with just three wins (against 17 losses) in the regular season.

Plymouth takes a 13-5 record into the Class B district tournament at Livonia Ladywood Monday, facing Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at 6 p.m.

"It was our first game in two weeks and I think not having a game, they just weren't in a game mode," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "They missed layups, they missed free throws ... we were 7-of-20 at the line."

"We need to pick up our intensity if we want to survive in the districts."

Jeanine Moise led Plymouth with 18 points and 15

rebounds. Carmen Dorris was best for the Gryphons with 15 points.

Ply. Christian 57, Baptist Park 14: One quarter was enough for Plymouth Christian Academy to take complete command Friday against visiting Taylor Baptist Park.

The Eagles outscored the Wildcats 25-2 in those first eight minutes, with Amanda Saagman getting 11 of them and Kelsie Tietjen nine. By halftime, they had expanded their lead to 36-11.

"We played some real tough defense," said PCA coach Kevin Nast. "And we distributed the ball well. That's why everyone scored."

Saagman and Tietjen each finished with 14 points. Shannon Murray added 10.

Top scorer for Baptist Park was Holly Hodges with five points. PCA finishes its regular season at 7-13. Baptist Park is 6-14.

Madonna falls to Bethel in regional OT shootout

It came down to penalty kicks Wednesday and Madonna University came out on the short end, 1-0, against host Bethel College (Ind.) in the semifinals of the NIAA Region 8 playoffs.

It was a defensive battle through 90 minutes of regulation and 30 additional minutes of overtime as neither team was able to score.

Madonna managed just six shots in regulation, two on goal. It was also a foul-plagued game as the Crusaders were whistled for 14, including two yellow cards.

In the shootout, T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), Zach Wilkes, Justin Fishaw (Canton) and Jamie Miller (Stevenson) all scored, but Bethel was able to match each goal.

Madonna's Worth Sampson, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year, was the fifth

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shooter. He sent his ball to the middle of the net and it was saved by the Bethel goalkeeper.

Bethel then converted its attempt to advance to the Region 8 finals, 5-4.

St. Francis (Ind.) won the other semifinal against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff champion Cornerstone, 3-0, to earn a spot in the Region final.

The loss was the second straight for MU and drops the Crusaders to 17-3 on the season.

The Pilots, the Mid-Central Collegiate Conference playoff champion, is 14-5-2 overall.

The Crusaders, who were ranked 13th, now await the pairings for the NIAA National Tourney, which will be released on Monday. Six at-large bids will be at stake.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS CLASS A at WAYNE MEMORIAL

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Romulus, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Garden City vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Belleville vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Temperance Bedford vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt district champion.)

at LIVONIA STEVENSON

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Southfield, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Detroit Redford vs. Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.; Redford Thurston vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Eastpointe-East Detroit vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)

at SOUTH LYON

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Novi vs. (B) Northville, 5:30 p.m.; (C) South Lyon vs. (D) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Salem vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Canton vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Auburn Hills Avondale vs. Farmington district champion.)

CLASS B at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 6 p.m.; (C) Livonia Ladywood vs. (D) Birmingham Seaholm, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Bloomfield Hills Kingswood vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Bloomfield Hills Andover vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. St. Clair Shores South Lake district champion.)

at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Dearborn Divine Child vs. (B) Detroit Renaissance, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Detroit Chadsey, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview vs. Grosse Ile district champion.)

CLASS C at MONROE ST. MARY CC

Monday, Nov. 17: (A) Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central vs. (B) Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: (C) Romulus Summit Academy vs. (D) Ecorse, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Detroit Community vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Lutheran High Westland vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ecorse vs. Detroit Dominican district champion.)

CLASS D at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN

Tuesday, Nov. 18: (A) Detroit Urban Lutheran vs. (B) Redford St. Katharine Drexel Vicariate, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Canton Agape Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Whitmore Lake vs. Adrian-Lenawee Christian district champion.)

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Ladywood vs. Canton-Salem-Plymouth at Arctic Edge Arena, 6 or 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Ladywood vs. Northville at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.

Stevenson vs. W.L. Central, 6 p.m.

Churchill vs. Redford CC, 8 p.m.

at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

Franklin vs. South Lyon (Edgar), 6 p.m.

(Metro H.S. Invitational at Novi Arena)

Stevenson vs. Novi, 6 p.m.

Northville vs. Farm. Unified, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena, 5 & 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thursday, Nov. 20

(NJCAA Division I Tournament)

Schoolcraft vs. Hinds (Miss.) at Paradise Valley (Ariz.), TBA.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday, Nov. 21

(Mt. Union Raider Tip-Off Classic)

Madonna vs. Chowan (N.C.), 6 p.m.

Mt. Union (Ohio) vs. Case Western, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Rochester JV at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Mt. Union Tip-Off Classic, 6 & 8 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Owens Tech (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Madonna vs. Northwood at Northwood Classic, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Madonna vs. Lake Superior St. at Northwood Classic, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Nov. 21

Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Whalers vs. Erie (Compware), 7:30 p.m.

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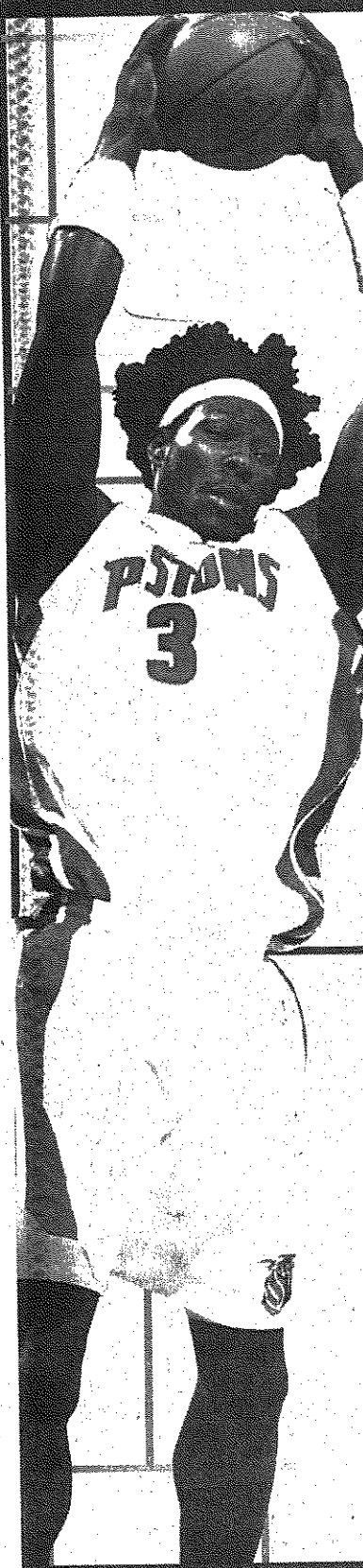

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Whaler moves

The Whalers made a couple of moves aimed at strengthening their defense when they acquired defenseman Dan Marziani from the Brampton Battalion for a conditional 2006 10th-round draft pick. Marziani, 6-foot-3 and 185 pounds, was a second-round selection by the Battalion in the 2002 OHL Priority Draft. He played 10 games for the Battalion last season and two

thus far this year. "Dan is a skilled, young defenseman with a lot of potential," said Whalers' general manager/coach Mike Vellucci. "In last year's draft, we really looked hard at taking him, but Brampton picked him before we had our chance." The right-handed shooting Marziani is a native of Schaumburg, Ill. In another Whalers' move, Vellucci announced that 2001 third-round draft choice Luke Dubbin was traded to the Sudbury Wolves for a 2005 conditional fifth-round draft choice.

Association board elections set

Elections for several board members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association are scheduled for the Dec. 17 meeting. The offices open for election are president, secretary, vice president-upper baseball, vice president-fields, and vice presi-

dent-equipment. Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the elections meeting (by Nov. 17). Send resumes to: CCJBSA Registrar, 6206 Runnymede, Canton, MI, 48187. The elections committee consists of the registrar, VP-lower baseball and VP-softball.

GORDON

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seasons and only two under .500. ■ 15 playoff appearances (since 1985). ■ One state championship final (1993) and four semifinal appearances ('86, '93, '94 and '96). ■ Five league titles. During his 27-year stint, Gordon had a penchant of utilizing and developing stellar tailbacks including Tony Boles, Bryant Satterlee, Brent Washington, Reggie Spearmon, Eric Jones, Dan and Matt Smitherman. Among the former Gordon players to compete at the Division I football level included Jack Walker (Michigan), Boles (Michigan), Jeff Graham (Michigan State), Washington (Michigan), Dale Boone (Eastern Michigan), Chris Scheffer (Central Michigan University), Satterlee (CMU) and Noah Swartz (Toledo). Countless others also excelled

at the Division II and III ranks. One of Gordon's most memorable victories was a 15-14 playoff triumph in 1996 over Redford Catholic Central. "That was huge for us because of who they (CC) are and what they've done as far as their program," Gordon said. Another significant game was the 1987 Western Lakes Activities Association championship where Glenn downed sophomore sensation Mill Coleman and Farmington Hills Harrison, along with a victory against Harrison in the 1985 WLA final when Boles, who later went on to become an All-Big Ten player at U-M, rushed for 242 yards. This year the Rockets finished 9-2 before bowing out in the second round of the state playoffs, but it was one of Gordon's most gratifying seasons. "It was a special team because they had great chemistry," he said. "They all got along and they had good work habits. It was a good year because you could just coach.

There were no issues to deal with. And that's the way it's supposed to be. But it's not like that every year." The rigors of coaching and running a football program for Gordon, however, apparently had run its course. "It's time consuming, actually it's all-consuming because it's a year-round commitment," he said. "And I put pressure on myself to do well. Now it's time to let somebody else have the chance." That head coaching opportunity may go to top assistant Todd DeLuca, a former Glenn quarterback who Gordon said he will recommend to Glenn administrators for the job. Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart said, "We'll move as quickly as possible," to find Gordon's successor. The job must first be posted for 10 days within the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "There's a lot of preparation work that needs to be done, we'll be putting an interview committee together first," Swinehart said.

The new athletic director, who coached against Gordon when he was at North Farmington, knows he has big shoes to fill. "Chuck still has a lot of energy," Swinehart said. "He had that combination of being very demanding and he expects a lot of the kids, but he also relates well and has that good rapport with them so that it remains fun." "To be successful as long as he's been, you have to pay attention to detail. He's well-respected by opposing coaches and you always knew they (Glenn) were going to play a tough, hard-nosed, physical brand of football. But it was always within the rules and never dirty." Gordon, meanwhile, has no regrets about his departure. He believes Glenn football will continue to be strong. "This district and community has been good to me and my family," he said. "It's been a great run and it's been fun. I feel fortunate to be able to teach and coach here."

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 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 1943 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, December 1, 2003, in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

UPTOWN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT #2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S), 067 99 0011 702, 072 99 0003 702, 072 99 0015 000, 072 99 0016 000, 072 99 0017 000 and 072 99 0003 701. The amendment changes provisions in the original agreement relative to road and streetscape improvements, use of the open space parcel at the northwest corner of Denton and Cherry Hill Roads and use of Township owned open space along the west side of Denton Road. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT #2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S), 071 99 0002 701, 072 99 0005 003, 073 99 0009 701, 073 99 0002 703, 073 01 0001 THROUGH 0216 000, 073 02 0217 THROUGH 0279 000, 074 03 0001 THROUGH 0186 000, 074 99 0001 701, 074 99 0002 703, 074 99 0008 718, 074 99 0010 706. The amendment changes provisions in the original agreement relative to Cherry Hill Road and streetscape improvements, maximum residential density and sanitary sewer improvements and easements for stormwater detention basins. Property is located south of Saltz and west of Beck Road.

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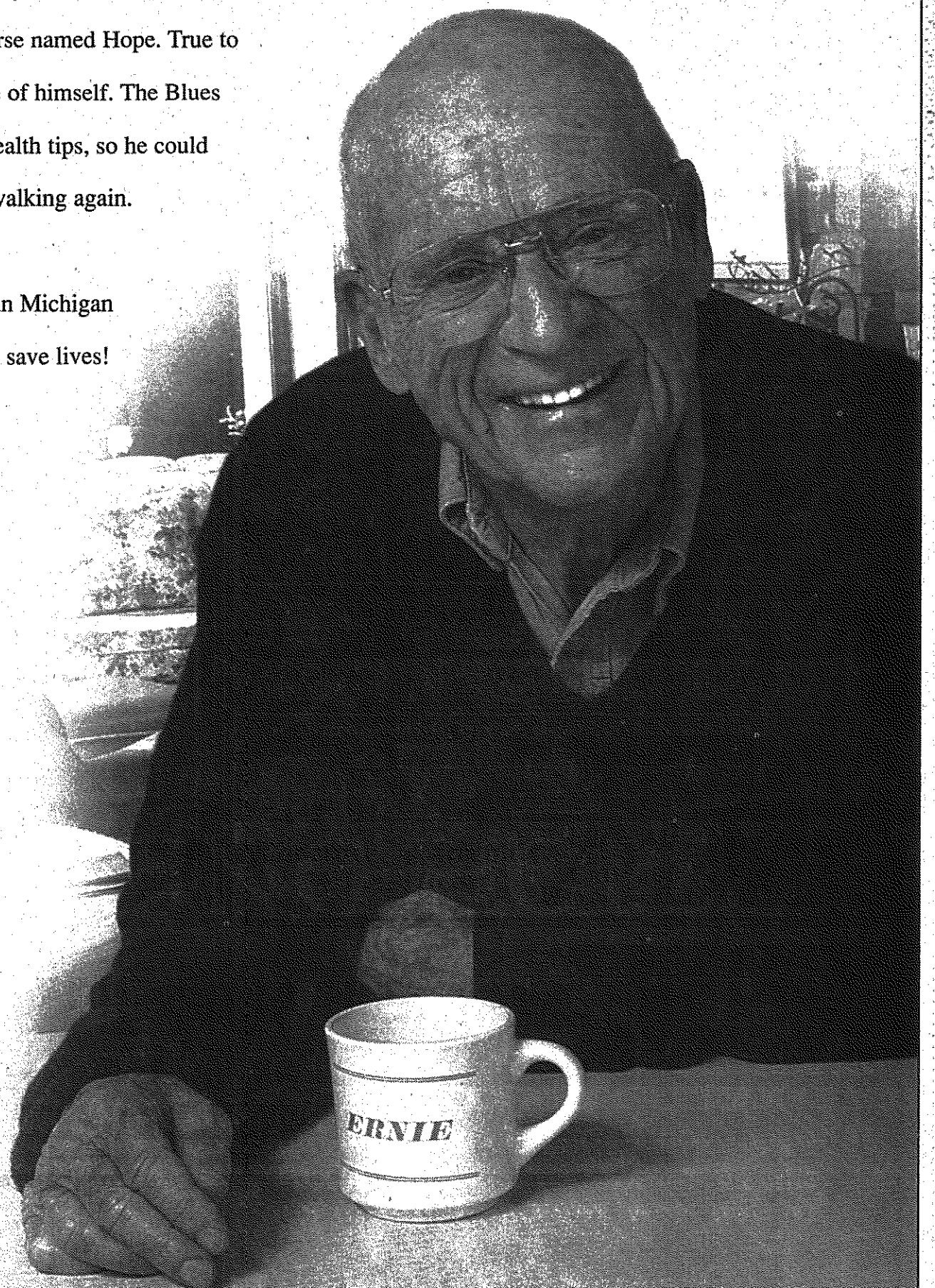
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yards on the last play of the quarter, getting stopped at the Canton 1. Eric Vojtkofsky scored on the first play of the second quarter and CC was up 14-0.

Next drive: Facing a third-and-6 at their own 23, the Chiefs' Travis McKinney fumbled and CC's Blake Kavanaugh recovered. Canton's defense held, but Jason Gingell booted a 45-yard field goal to make it 17-0 with 3:15 left in the half.

The Chiefs' one ray of hope surfaced in the next two drives, but they couldn't sustain it. A 78-yard swing pass to McKinney — it proved to be the only pass completion in the game — put Canton at the CC 3. Three plays later the Chiefs were still there. On fourth down, Julian Smith spun into the end zone and Canton was on the board with 1:10 left in the half.

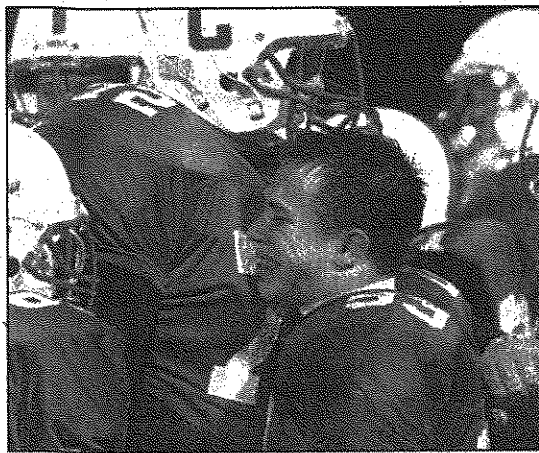
A Nick Barrett fumble on CC's ensuing drive was recovered by Chris Snider, giving the Chiefs possession at the CC 33 with two timeouts and 24 seconds left. Were the Chiefs' football fortunes changing? Apparently not; a first-down run gained a yard and, after that, Canton's fortunes turned sour for good.

"I wanted to try one pass and then go for the field goal," said Baechler. But Little's pass was intercepted by Alex Wojcik, ruining any Canton scoring hopes.

The Shamrocks' third-quarter performance crushed any other comeback illusions held by the Chiefs. Brooks started it by grabbing a bouncing kickoff at his own 2, weaving through Canton tacklers and racing 98 yards for a touchdown.

"That was really big," said Mach. "At halftime the score was 17-7 and they had gained some momentum going into the second half. What we wanted to do was put together a long scoring drive and take (the momentum) back.

"Derek took care of that on one play." Taking possession at the Canton 43, the Shamrocks turned their good field position into points. Five plays netted a touchdown, the last 24 coming on Darnell Tyson's run.



Franz Gatzke (right) is consoled by Eric Niemiec as time runs out for the Chiefs. Friday's loss to CC was the last in the two seniors' prep football careers.

CC's final scoring drive of the game came on their next try; it took seven plays to travel 73 yards. Forty-one of them came on a Drew Amble run; the last 9 were by Barrett, making it 38-7 with 3:02 left in the third quarter.

And on the other side . . . On their first four possessions of the second half, the Chiefs gained 10 yards without getting a first down. Their only offensive life of the second half came on their last, meaningless drive, which started at their own 1 and ended at the CC 27 when time expired.

CC dominated offensively. Without even attempting a pass, the Shamrocks gained 332 yards on offense, led by Brooks with 93 rushing yards on 11 attempts.

Ryan McKee was next with 61 (59 on one run) on three tries, with Vojtkofsky adding 48 on 11 carries and both Amble and Barrett adding 41 apiece.

Canton had 147 yards rushing on 40 tries, led by McKinney with 68 yards in 15 attempts and Chuck Schumacher with 49 on 11 tries. McKinney also had one reception for 78 yards, but that was Little's only completion in seven passes.

The Chiefs never really got going in this game. CC, on the other hand, couldn't be stopped.

PLAYS

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said Thomas, who didn't have a pass attempt for the first time this season. "We were coming into a hostile place with a big crowd. We came up with some big plays and it helped. On offense, our line played great. I would hand the ball off and just stand back and see them open these gaping holes."

On the next drive, the Chiefs went for it on fourth-and-one again, from their own 49, and made it, but the drive stalled at the CC 30. CC moved to its own 45 at the end of the quarter, but on the last play Canton was

called for offsidcs.

Since the period can't end on a defensive penalty, the Shamrocks had a free play. Brooks took advantage, burst through the line and rolled to the Canton 1, where Darnell Tyson scored on the next play.

"They did make the big plays," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, who, to his credit, tried to set the tone early by trying to convert on fourth down. "We made a lot of mental mistakes. And we didn't expect to get manhandled like that."

The big plays didn't always go CC's way. Brooks had a 61-yard touchdown called back on a procedure penalty. And the Chiefs scored their only touch-

down on a drive where a simple little swing pass from Little to Travis McKinney turned into a monster 78-yard gain.

But in the end, there were too many big plays for CC — for a change, at least in this playoff season.

"I thought the key was our preparation and execution in the first half," said CC coach Tom Mach, whose team returns to the semifinals for the fourth straight season. "In the last two weeks, the other two teams (Brighton and South Lyon) took it to us in the first quarter. This week, we just asked the kids to play the first 24 minutes like they have in the last 24 minutes."

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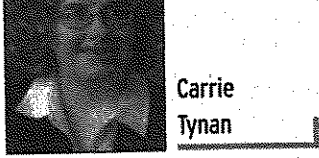
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Disability talk



Carrie Tynan

Sports has a place for disabled

Participating in sporting events is nearly impossible for people with disabilities. Ever since my childhood I was not allowed to play competitive sports due to my heart condition.

But playing sports can teach many important lessons such as being a team member, being competitive and developing self-esteem. More importantly playing a sport is fun.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver formed the Special Olympics in 1968. She believed that people with mental challenges could take part in and benefit from competitive sports. She believed they could learn team-building skills to help them succeed in life.

The group mission is to provide year-round sport training and competitive activities to help develop

The program gives much-needed respect to these individuals.

physical fitness and demonstrate courage. More importantly, students experience happiness and share skills and friendships with others.

The goal of Special Olympics is to encourage people with mental challenges to become participating and productive individuals. The program gives much-needed respect to these individuals and brings public awareness of their capabilities. All persons with mental challenges are eligible to participate starting at age 8.

Special Olympics believes in consistent training of their athletes. Participants train eight weeks before each event. At the competitions, the athletes are placed in divisions based on age, gender and abilities. Each person is given an equal chance to play, win and have a meaningful experience. The athletes play in events at local, regional and state levels. Every other year Michigan sends selected individuals to international competitions to compete in events.

Today in Michigan, 12,400 adults and children with mental challenges compete in 20 different sporting events such as basketball, bowling, skiing, skating, golf, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Currently there are 18,000 people who volunteer their time, energy and expertise to make the organization a huge success. They serve as coaches, sports officials, committee members and on-site volunteers at competitions. Many choose to volunteer seasonally or year-round. In the past when I have volunteered with the Special Olympics, it has been a fulfilling experience. I volunteered at the sporting events where it was my job to cheer for the athletes and give encouragement.

Michigan Special Olympics is a nonprofit organization relying on private donations from businesses and individuals. There is no cost to participate in the organization. This is a worthwhile cause to be involved with since their sole purpose is to improve quality of life. For more information, visit their site at <http://www.somi.org>.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia and writes on disability issues.



Jennifer Moldwin Gustafson displays one of 24 volumes of Napoleon's Description of Egypt in the Detroit Institute of Arts Research Library. Pictured is the Temple of Thebes. Each color was pulled on a separate plate. Below, a book made before the invention of the printing press. It involved the services of a scribe for the text, an artist for the illuminations, a parchment-maker for the paper, a bookbinder for the binding and a very wealthy patron to commission the work.

Monumental task

Museum librarian up for the challenge

Jennifer Moldwin Gustafson compares her first few years as head librarian of the Detroit Institute of Arts Research Library to an archaeological dig. Standing in her third floor office, the 40-year-old Livonia resident picks up and marvels at one of the more unusual finds — a shrunken head found with the papers of a former curator. Gustafson hasn't found anything since

then that quite compares but she's still digging out.

When Gustafson first arrived in 1993, there were 12,000 books in the library which hadn't been cataloged. Three thousand still remain but it's difficult to say when she'll have time to process them in addition to the 400 magazine subscriptions from around the world, and five tubs of mail the library receives

daily. Gustafson's tasks have only mounted since being named head of the DIA's Research Library and Archives in 2002.

As of Nov. 1, her work load increased with the closing of the library and archives for Phase 2 of the DIA's construction and expansion project. Gustafson and her staff will soon pack away more than 180,000 volumes along with the archives, which will be returned to the original Paul Cret Building. The recently completed first phase included a 35,000-square-foot addition to the South wing and renovation of the original 1927 building, designed by Cret. The library and archives closed Nov. 1, as well as many of the galleries in the North and South wings. Art is currently being reinstalled in the original building's galleries.

Gustafson, who is five months pregnant with her first child, will eventually work at home part time, acquiring research to publish a history of the library and archives.

"Moving is going to be quite a task. We're the eighth largest museum library in the U.S. At least 80 percent are rare books and non-English," said Gustafson who speaks Italian, French, a little German and Japanese, and admits to keeping statistics on everything. "We tried to have a collection that's focused, one based on the museum collection, all areas, all times, for people doing art and art history research."

Birmingham resident Linda Wells was researching food and drink images for a new tour at the museum. In addition to her volunteer work as a docent guiding patrons through the galleries, the former history teacher is a lecturer for the DIA Speakers Bureau.

"You always have the opportunity to learn more about something you enjoy," said Wells. "I do my own research, choose my own slides so the library is invaluable."

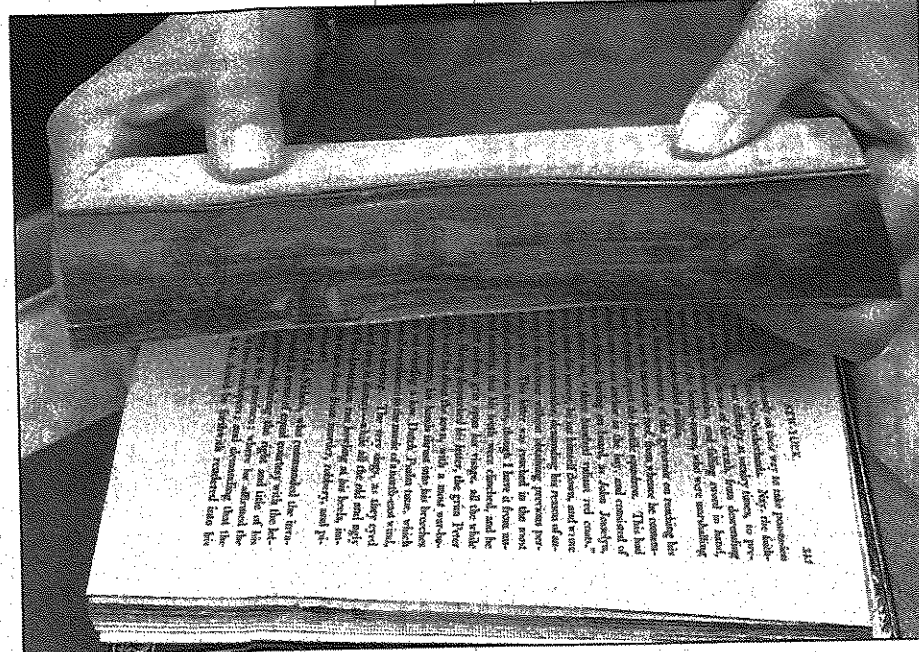
It's Gustafson's job to see researchers have the materials needed.

"We spend 20 percent of the budget on rare and out-of-print books," said Gustafson. "We receive a lot of gifts. If they don't go on the shelves, they're sold. If they're duplicate books, the money goes to the new acquisitions budget from sales of art and art history books we hold twice a year."

On this particular day, Director Graham Beal dropped by to donate several of the 4,000 books in his personal library.

"Having the library and archives basically means staff curators have access to material needed in doing research," said Beal. "Art history isn't static. Things are attributed and re-attributed."

Preserving documentation of that history requires great attention to detail. Light and dust are the enemy here in the library and archives that turn 100



This 1821 book is edged with gold leaf and a fore-edge painting by C.B. Currie. Bend the pages and an early view of New York City appears on the edge of the book written by Diedrich Knickerbocker (pseudonym for Washington Irving).

Church reaches out to the lonely

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church want to ensure no one is hungry or lonely on Thanksgiving Day.

That's why members are already working on all that it takes to serve a real, honest-to-goodness Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. But you don't have to be a member of the church on Cherry Hill Road in Canton to dine on Thanksgiving. In fact, the dinner, along with fellowship and friendship, is open to all.

"It will give us a place for people to come together and give thanks

for all the wonderful things we have," said Garden City resident Kim Marquette, one of the organizers.

Years ago, the church offered Thanksgiving dinners. In those days, the event was popular and grew annually. And then, for whatever reason, it stopped.

This year, the first of what Marquette hopes will become an annual event, people just started talking about the holiday. They talked with the Rev. Alexander Whitfield, pastor, who doesn't have extended family in the area.

"During this time, I wanted to provide a family for those who don't have one," Whitfield said.

"Holidays aren't always easy for people."

And so they will. The dinner is a church-wide event. Everyone is donating something — even the preschool students. They have been busy collecting non-perishable food for the food baskets church members provide to those who cannot leave their homes or who are in need. What the kids have collected also go to the church food pantry to help families beyond Thanksgiving Day.

"We will deliver meals for those who are shut in," Marquette said.



Students in the Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Preschool have worked awfully hard to collect nonperishable foods for the church food pantry, which will help families in need during the holidays.

PLEASE SEE CHURCH, C2

PLEASE SEE MUSEUM, C3

Spirit Award honors First Step's work on behalf of victims

Judith Barr takes no credit for herself in accepting one of five Spirit Awards from the Wayne County Council Against Violence. She sees herself as representing all of the good work done by First Step, the nonprofit agency dedicated to helping abused women, their children, and survivors of sexual assault.

Barr, First Step associate director, along with Nancy Degroote, corporate director of community health at St. John Hospital & Health Center; Dolores Gonzalez-Ramirez, program manager for LaVida, the Southwest Detroit Partnership to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence Against Latino Women; Brenda Miliken, former director of YWCA Interim House, and Thomas Wenzel, assistant

Wayne County prosecutor will be honored during a the fifth annual Spirit Awards reception 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 224-5742.

As associate director of First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Assault, Barr supervises staff, coordinates programs including ones for children, represents First Step by working with agencies, such as the Arab American Domestic Violence Coalition and LaVida, to address issues of domestic violence; helps coordinate a yearly fund-raiser for shelter children in Wayne County, and serves on a family violence committee for elderly abuse,

and Madonna University's Social Work Advisory Committee. Barr also does training for Michigan State police department and Wayne County Sheriff's department recruits.

"I was humbled to receive the award because there are a lot of people who do a lot of good things," said Barr. "I feel it's more for First Step than for me. First Step represents the survivors of domestic and sexual violence. I'm a conduit that does these things with the survivors in mind."

Barr began volunteering at First Step in 1989 as a student intern from Madonna University where she was working on a bachelor's degree. After joining the staff, she worked with batterers, of whom 90 percent were court ordered, presenting individual and group education seminars.

"Over the years I've seen a lot of progress in support from community," said Barr. "Twenty five years ago the work was done in isolation. Now police and medical personnel are trained. There are programs in the schools. I see huge changes in education. But work still needs to be done in holding individuals accountable. Serious jail time will teach people it's not okay to hurt people you love."

"I'm heartened by the progress and the recognition of people working in this area. The award says that. It's a community response to it and that feels good. It's an honor for all my co-workers. No one here is not deserving of a Spirit Award. Every day they help me do my job."

In spite of all the help from staff and volunteers at First Step, they're

still a long road ahead to preventing domestic violence and sexual assault. That's why community support is so vital. Whether it's by volunteering or providing financial assistance, everyone can help.

"First Step just celebrated 25 years in 2003 and we're still celebrating," said Barr. "We have a new cookbook available, 'Sharing Our Best,' with recipes from staff, volunteers, court personnel, judges, and police officers. We're getting ready for Adopt a Family. More than 60 families usually adopt families for Christmas. And we're collecting used cell phones. We mail them in and we're reimbursed for them."

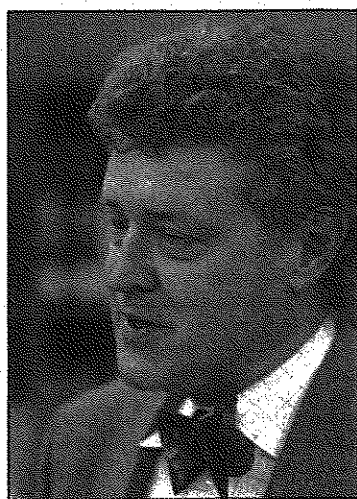
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MUSEUM

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next year. All of the boxes used for storage are composed of acid free paper. A hygrometer-mograph records the museum's temperature and humidity daily.

In the Reading Room, Gustafson gently picks up the Book of Hours, a prayer book containing psalms and devotions, from the 15th century. The book was made before the



DIA Director Graham Beal dropped by the Research Library to donate some of his art and art history books. The library welcomes book donations. Duplicates are sold at a sale twice a year. Proceeds go to the new acquisitions budget.

invention of the printing press. Gustafson's respect for religious objects goes back to childhood. Gustafson grew up the daughter of William Moldwin, founding pastor of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia. Decades later she serves on the church's council. Her husband, John, sings in the choir.

Next to The Book of Hours on the table is one of 24 volumes of Napoleon's Description of Egypt, 1812, which took decades to publish. Napoleon hired historians and engravers to document everything from topography to the mummification process for cats. Each color was pulled from a separate plate.

"When the printing press came along it changed everything," said Gustafson, picking up a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible. "These were Martin Luther's scriptures created with wood block prints in 1598. Later, metal plates were used. Wood block didn't last long because the wood would slip."

"Scholars study these. In the margins are a lot of commentary in Latin, German. Often times it can be very valuable. This is a scholarly collection. If you're a high school student doing a paper on Picasso, I direct them across the street to the Detroit Public Library." The same restrictions apply

to the archives dating from 1876 to the present. Everything from exhibition installation photos from the 1800s to the papers of curators are stored here along with blue prints from the original building. In another room, auction catalogs help researchers with appraisal work.

"It's a rich history," said Gustafson. "We're in a strange time. We don't throw anything away. Here's an invitation from an obscure painter's show. It's important for local and Michigan artists because it's the only thing to document their existence."

Gustafson never dreamed while studying for a bachelor's degree at Center for Creative Studies or a master's degree in art and art history at Wayne State University that she'd end up working among stacks of dusty old books and papers. It was at WSU she became interested in the concept of storage and retrieval while cataloging over 100,000 slides on ancient Egypt.

The information age is changing museum methods though. What used to be a card catalog room is now the Web room. Gustafson gives a lot of the credit to Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications, the corporation which owns the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



As head of the DIA Research Library and Archives, it's Jennifer Moldwin Gustafson's job to keep track of the more 180,000 art and art history books.

"In 1994, no one could help when Phil Power came down to the museum and generously agreed to host the Web site, which he's done since the inception. People can go to the Web site (www.dia.org) for information on exhibits or scholarly information and history."

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AROUND TOWN

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St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road in Plymouth hosts a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Nov. 17. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395.

Financial Speaker
Come to Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, to hear financial adviser Steve Braun speaking on "Handling Finances During a Job Transition." Admission is free. For information or directions, call Ed Walton at (734) 634-2245.

Marquis Theatre
The "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the newly renovated Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville, Nov. 8-Jan. 18. For ticket information or group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

Holiday Home Tour
Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2003 being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003. Tickets \$18/pre-sale; \$20/day of tour.

Art & Crafts Fair
The Ladies Guild of St. Anthony's Catholic Church is sponsoring their 17th-annual fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Father Folta Building located behind the church. Call (734) 697-8822 after 5 p.m. for further info.

Holiday Greenery
The Plymouth High School Pompon Squad is having a fund-raiser of fresh cut holiday greenery for your homes, businesses, gravesites, gifts, etc. To place an order please call (734) 455-4318.

Basic Skating
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department offers classes through Dec. 20, every level. Each class is 25 minutes with additional 25 minutes of practice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, for further information.

Crafters Wanted
Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday, Nov. 30. For information, call Suzanne at (734) 844-3128.

Learn to Skate
Roller skating or Rollerblading classes for November now forming for ages 4-12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

Teens Using Drugs
A free, two-night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1 "What to Know" is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from October through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Part 2 "What To Do" is presented the second

Tuesday of each month Oct. through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973-7892 for information.

Foster Care
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776.

Crafters Wanted
Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Dearborn Heights is looking for crafters for the 15th Annual Arts and Crafts Show. The show is being held Saturday, Nov. 22. For information, call (734) 522-9653 or (248) 474-2297.

Learn to Skate
Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a Fall Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

Senior Golf Special
Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is offering a Senior Special of 18 holes of golf any weekday, Monday through Friday, before noon. The cost is \$25 with cart. Offer good through Nov. 30.

Entertainment books
Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues
Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401.

Preschool Registration
The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

Fish Fry
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an "All You Can Eat" Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Storytime
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Plymouth Symphony
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Recreation Registration
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae kwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

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Meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building. For information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civilian Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

LBN
Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.

Plymouth Optimists
Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Kiwanis Evening Club
Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mother-sandmore63@onebox.com.

Exchange Club of Canton
Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America
Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m.. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site www.geocities.com/tedenright/PlymouthCantonVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II
The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club
Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW
The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC
Open to all residents of the Plymouth-Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-1714.

MOPS-Plymouth
The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland
The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League
Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club
The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion
Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club
A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested at-home mothers in the

Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and more. For more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees
Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats
The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 11th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209-6424.

BNI
The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth I Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call (810) 323-3800.

Mothers of Multiples
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month Call Ann Davis at (248) 449-9337, or e-mail to pcmoms@hotmail.com.

Human Rights Group
The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups such as book discussions, children's playgroups, adult social outings, euchre, and a baby-sitting co-op. Call Colleen Abb at (734) 455-1647.


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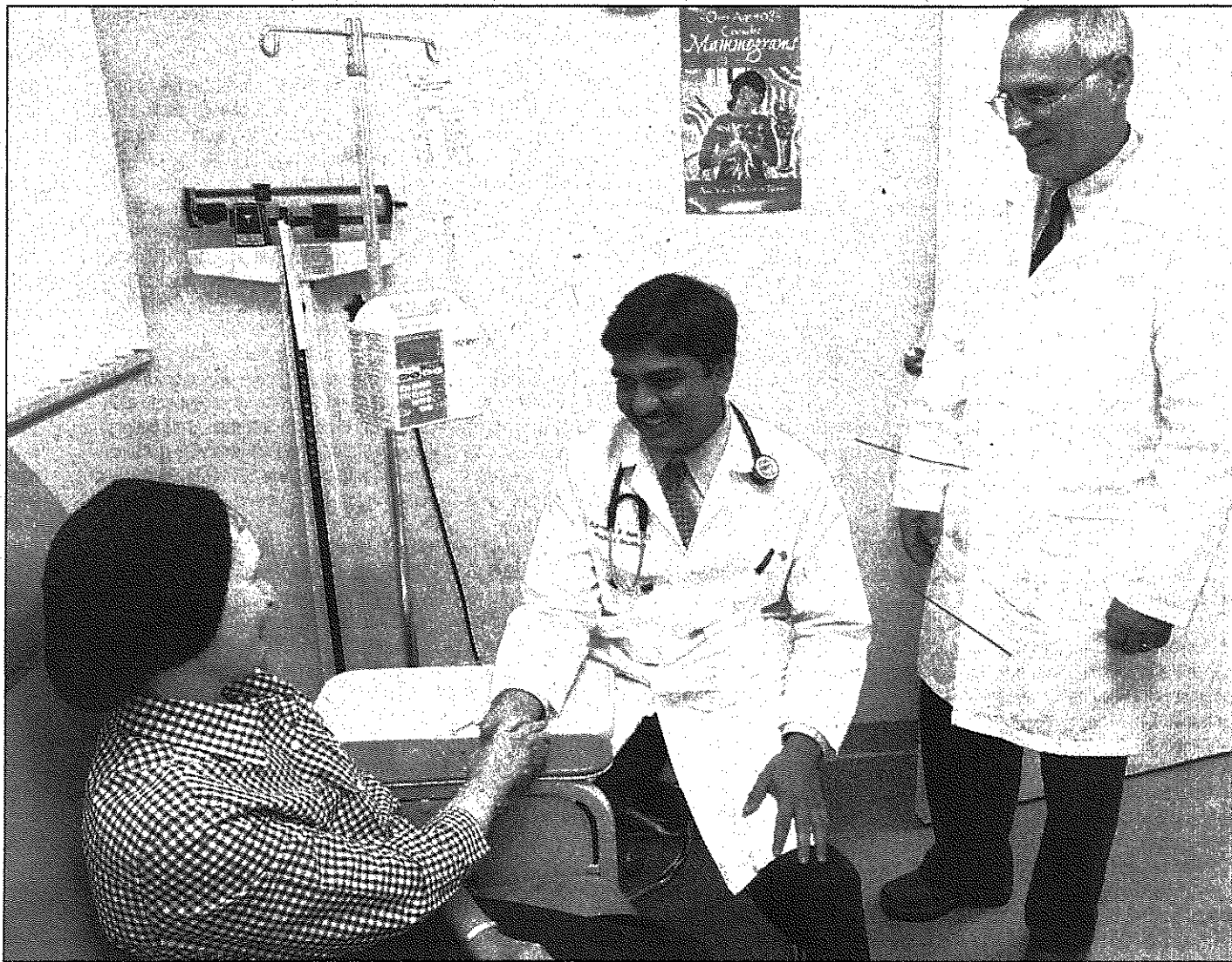
Partnership provides an up close view for community

Keith Lang summed up his morning with one word - "awesome." The general manager of Tennyson Chevrolet had just returned from taking off the scrubs he donned to watch orthopedic surgeon Elie Khoury perform shoulder arthroscopy at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Prior to the procedure he'd been amazed by the pieces of bone flying up from an instrument Dr. Eric Borowsky was using for knee replacement surgery in an operating room just down the hall.

That's not unusual according to nurse Barb Mikulski. "People are amazed at what goes on. It's important to let them know the impact of healthcare."

Lang was among the community leaders who had the opportunity for a behind the scenes look at the 304-bed Livonia hospital, including the filmless x-ray technology Borowsky uses at the Orthopedic Institute which opened Oct. 1, in the hospital.

Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, learned about all of the Women's Services, including the state-of-the-art Miracle of Life Birthing Center, diagnostic testing such as mammography and bone densitometry, and support groups for everything from breast cancer to



St. Mary Mercy Hospital patient Rita Sobecki of Taylor is comforted by Dr. Harmesh Naik of Cancer Services. Right taking part in the Healthcare Partnership program is pastor Steve Schafer of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia.

menopause. She'll take that information back to the Livonia college to assist single parents, displaced homemakers and special needs students.

Pastor Steve Schafer gained a better understanding of what cancer patients go through after spending time with Dr. Harmesh Naik, oncology department section chief, and patient Rita Sobecki. Rev. Schafer was able to ask Sobecki questions he isn't able to while ministering cancer patients from his church, Mt. Hope Congregational in Livonia. He

hopes the experience will help him help parishioners suffering with the disease.

So far, 50 people have shadowed doctors in a variety of areas since the Healthcare Partnership Program began in May 2001. It is open to community leaders or anyone interested in the field by calling marketing and public relations director Julie Sproul at (734) 655-1591.

"It's a way of bringing people into the hospital while they're well to acquaint them," said Sproul. "It's partly education, partly to know what's available."

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John Frances, funeral director assistant at Neely Turkowski Funeral Homes, found out what he could expect if he ever needed care from the Emergency Center. Joyce Costanza from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce investigated radiology services offered. Cancer care and radiation oncology is

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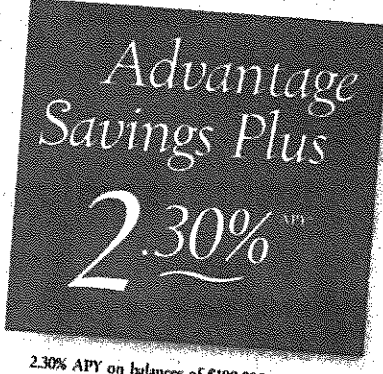


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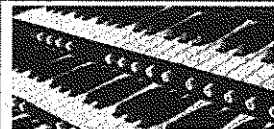


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Busch's hands out \$500 spree

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday was a pretty good day for Peggy Conlin, director of marketing for Busch's Valu Land, who gave away a \$500 shopping spree at the chain's Livonia store and saw her daughter, Maggie, get accepted to DePaul University.

It was also a pretty good day for Sandra Helinski, the Livonia woman who won the shopping spree. Not only did she get to spend the \$500 on groceries, she got to shop with fitness guru Peter Nielsen.

All in all, a good day all around.

Helinski, a Livonia resident, was one of some 1,200 entries in the shopping spree contest, which Busch's, headquartered in Ann Arbor, offered in its Plymouth, Farmington and Livonia stores.

Conlin, beaming at Maggie's announcement, had additional reason to be pleased with how the contest went.

"Absolutely, it was a huge success," said Conlin. "The number of people who entered, and having (Nielsen) in the store is very exciting."

Helinski and her husband, Tom, shop Busch's "quite frequently" and entered the contest because "groceries are very expensive."

The chance to shop with Nielsen, who was also in the store to sign copies of his new book, was also a draw for the couple.

"(Nielsen) knows so much he may be able to give us some guidelines that may be able to help us," Sandra Helinski said. "We try to eat healthy all the time, and he may be able to come up with some new ideas."

That's what Nielsen was there for. Not only did he offer his assistance in the shopping, but he also gave the Helinskis a spot in his "Nutrition 101" class, a 12-week class that teaches the basics about health and nutrition.

Nielsen promotes higher awareness of nutrition.

"We, as a country, are nutrition-illiterate," Nielsen said. "Food can make you feel like a dynamo or it can be your kryptonite. It's great (the Helinskis) get to fill their refrigerator, but we want them to do it the right way."

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Tom (left) and Sandra Helinski of Livonia shop at Busch's Valu Land with fitness guru Peter Nielsen. The Helinskis won a \$500 shopping spree.

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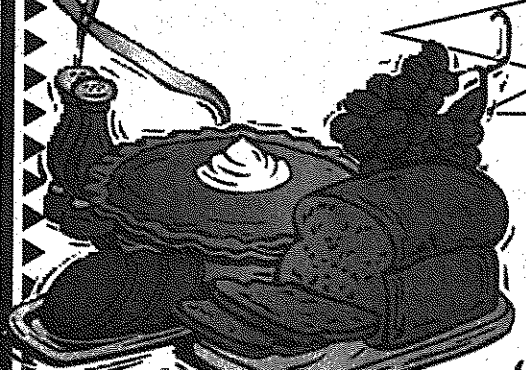
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Photographer shares admiration for 'Wise Women,' famous, ordinary

Older women become wise women through the lens of Joyce Tenneson's camera. Whether celebrities like Lauren Bacall, 77, or everyday women, their energy and wisdom shines in the portraiture of the New York City photographer — as does her admiration for them.

After spending 2 1/2 years photographing the women over 65 for the book "Wise Women," Tenneson is looking forward to her later years. Tenneson plans to share the reasons why and stories of the women when she speaks at the Livonia Town Hall Series 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. A lunch with Tenneson follows at noon.

Lecture tickets are \$25, \$12 for lunch. Call (734) 420-0383.

"I came away with a positive feeling about growing older," said Tenneson, 57. "It made me lose my fear. Ninety percent said they'd never been happier, even those who had setbacks, a spouse who passed away. No one said they wanted to go back. They said they were freer than they'd ever been, happier, making new friends. It was really a positive project. I

receive e-mail from all over the world every day. This book seems to have touched people."

The appeal is due in part to Tenneson's decision to choose nearly 300 women, each extraordinary, from different ethnicities and backgrounds. She captured Julie Harris, 76, at her last performance of "The Belle of Amherst," the critically acclaimed show she has performed around the world.

Tenneson asked Krista to pose for her after meeting her at a wedding. Krista, 70, wanted people to see how a mastectomy "doesn't look so bad." All of the women are beautiful in their own way.

The two Episcopal nuns, age 80, she met while waiting for a peace lecture at Riverside Church in New York after 9/11.

"I've been in photography 25 years and the female psyche has been a central interest of mine," said Tenneson who was inspired by her mother and eight sisters, "a first generation of Irish achievers." "I'm going to show slides of the women and talk about all the anecdotes around the sessions. It took me six months to get Coretta Scott King. I'll talk about how difficult it is to get celebrities because managers

are very protective.

"Zelda Kaplan (85) is such a colorful figure. She was living in Florida when her husband passed away. She'd always wanted to live in New York so she packed up and moved. She travels the world and designs clothing. She's been able to help women from third world countries who are weavers. She was so much fun. In the photo she wears a ring that she calls a fertility ring."

Tenneson is delighted that book buyers have enjoyed these "Wise Women" as much as she has, catapulting the book into its eighth printing since being released in April, 2002. The phenomena tops off a prestigious career. A recent poll by American Photo Magazine voted Tenneson among the 10 most influential women photographers in the history of photography.

Tenneson's work has appeared in more than 150 exhibitions worldwide, and graced the covers of Time, Life, Newsweek, Esquire, and The New York Times Magazine. She is the author of eight books, including "Wise Women," published by Bullfinch/Little, Brown.

"It says something about our country, that we're interested in exploring this amazing



Renowned photographer Joyce Tenneson talks about her work as part of the Livonia Town Hall Series.

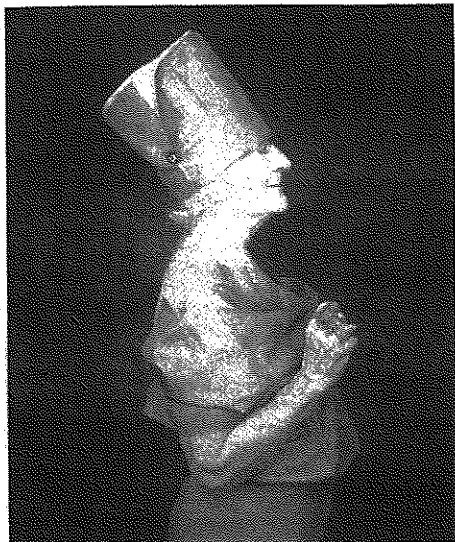
treasure in our older citizens," said Tenneson. "In past cultures women were really revered. The archetype for 'Wise Women' goes back to the Greeks and Romans."

No less inspiring will be a book due out May 15 — "Amazing Men," including Tom

Brokaw, Bill Cosby, James Earl Jones, and other men age 60 and older. Tenneson will show slides to the Livonia audience that few have seen.

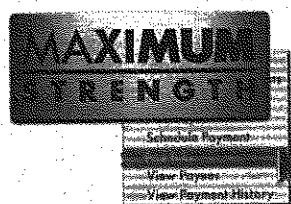
"The experience was different from 'Wise Women.' Men are, in general, less willing to talk about their inner journey,"

said Tenneson. "Most of the women talked about the joys and sorrows, tell me a child had died, intimate kinds of things. There was more of a spiritual connection. With men it was more of a playful connection."



Zelda Kaplan, 85, is featured in Joyce Tenneson's "Wise Women" book. Tenneson speaks about the project, which included photographing nearly 300 women from Maine to California, in a lecture at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

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