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Victim feared for her life in attack

(Editor's note: The victim in this story talked willingly with Observer reporter Tony Bruscato about what she says happened to her in an attack last month.)

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A 40-year-old Plymouth woman remembers wondering "if I was going to live" while being repeatedly raped in

a Detroit school parking lot.

Janet, 5-foot tall and 135 pounds, said she was viciously assaulted in a van for more than an hour by a man she described as about 6-feet tall and muscular. She said her only thoughts turned to trying to survive the Oct. 21 ordeal as it was occurring.

"At the moment, I didn't care what was happening because I didn't know if I was going to live," said Janet. "I was so paralyzed with fear that I couldn't even think about trying to get away."

Anthony Hannon, 22, of Detroit was bound over to stand trial Friday in 36th District Court. He is charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct. Hannon is in the Wayne County jail facing trial. He also is charged with being a habitual offender, which means if he's convicted of rape, he'll be sent to prison for life. Hannon is being held on a \$100,000 bond.

"I borrowed a friend's van to run errands and ended up giving another friend a ride to Detroit," said Janet.

"On the way back, I stopped at a party store to get something to drink. As I was pulling out of the parking lot, a man with a knife came from behind and made me drive to areas I didn't recognize. I told him he could have my purse, the van ... but he told me to shut up and drive."

Janet said she didn't know exactly where they stopped, other than to know it was near the Dumpsters at a

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If the New York Yankees are baseball's team of the '90s, then the PCEP Marching Band is the high school band of the decade.

For the third time in 10 years, the 220-member marching band beat out 80 other bands from across the country in being named the Grand National Champion during competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis last weekend.

The championship trophy, like those won in 1990 and 1991, joins hundreds of other trophies, plaques and banners in the music room at the Park's Phase III.

"This is absolutely the best experience I ever had," said drum major Julie Scott of Canton. "It made every bit of work we did worth it. It paid off in the end."

"It was pure joy. Things just clicked well," added Joe Fournier, a senior trumpet player from Canton. "The magic was in the air."

Band students were still flying high this week as they basked in the glory of knowing they are champions.

"It was the most incredible feeling walking off that field. I was just so excited," said senior tuba player Tim Strand of Plymouth. "We worked really hard for this. I can't describe

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Ice time



A hockey is born Plymouth Salem High School student Justin Soudergard of Canton, 17, showed his school spirit by painting his face and dyeing his hair blue and white for the first hockey game between Salem and Canton. Canton won the game, 9-1. For details, please see Page C1.

'Observer' gets new editor

Brad Kadrich has been named the new editor of the "Plymouth Observer."

Kadrich replaces Valerie Olander, who took a job outside the company after serving as "Plymouth Observer" editor since September 1998.

Kadrich had been the sports editor for North Oakland County, covering high school sports in Clarkston, Oxford and Lake Orion since August 1996.

He had previously been the editor of "The Oxford Leader," a weekly newspaper published in Oxford.

"Brad's appreciation of community journalism, his attention to detail and passion for accuracy and fairness make him an ideal choice," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor for the Observer newspapers.

"He's done a little bit of everything, so he's got an excellent sense of what a community is looking for in its hometown newspaper."

Kadrich spent 15 years in the U.S. Air Force, most of it as a public affairs specialist, editing and managing base newspapers. He spent time in Oscoda, Mich., Izmir,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN
New in town: Observer editor Brad Kadrich.

Turkey, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Spokane, Wash., and Omaha, Neb. "I'm looking forward to becoming part of the Plymouth community," Kadrich said. "I'm anxious to get to know the city and township leaders. But even more so, I'm eager to get out and meet the residents and the business owners, the people who really make the area go."

Readers may call Kadrich at (734) 459-2700, e-mail him at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or drop by the office, 794 S. Main St.

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Plymouth getting ready for holidays

By Tony Esposito
Staff Writer

Plymouth city workers this week began the annual tradition of decorating Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth for the holidays.

"This city owns 1,500 strings of lights and we have to go through them all to make sure they're working," said Assistant City Manager Paul Siscock. "We also have to put up cedar roping on the long pines, as well as decorating Kellogg Park with the manger scene, Santa's workshop, Walk of Trees and all the other holiday displays."

Siscock said it easily costs the city between \$10,000 and \$12,000 during the holiday season.

"It's expensive, but it's an important part of Plymouth," he said. "We need to make sure it's done right."

Last year someone stole two carolers and a penguin from Kellogg Park. One of the carolers was returned, but the other two characters are still missing. Siscock says neither will be replaced this year.

"The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the annual Kellogg Park Walk of Christmas Trees, which over the years has become a huge success.



Holiday spirit: A family of carolers graces the corner flower box and a giant snowman sits in the background after city workers installed the seasonal displays in Kellogg Park Tuesday.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN

"We only have 55 trees and already 40 of them are sponsored," said Fran Toney, chamber executive director. "We start getting calls in June from people who want a tree."

Sponsorship costs \$45, and includes 200 lights for the tree. The decorating days are Dec. 3-5. Groups or individuals who

would like a tree can call Toney at (734) 453-1540.

Toney said Santa Claus will arrive in Kellogg Park on Friday, Nov. 26.

"We'll have a Christmas caroling-a-long at 5:45 p.m., and then Santa will be escorted into town on a fire truck by Fire Chief Larry Groth," said Toney. "And this year, because of a sponsorship by Republic Bank, we will be giving coloring books to children who visit Santa."

Santa's workshop needed a few repairs to be ready for the

holidays.

"We needed to repair the ramps and access deck for Santa's house to make it safe," said Melanie Purcell, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

The \$4,500 cost was paid by the DDA and the chamber.

Many of the traditions in downtown Plymouth are the same many people remember when they were kids.

"It's a good old-fashioned Christmas that you can't find anywhere else," Toney said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT

On November 9, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved the amendment of the FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program create a new activity for the survey of existing sidewalks for the determination of need of curb cuts to accommodate wheelchair access. This activity is budgeted for \$20,000 out of FY 1999 administration and planning funds. It does not cancel an existing project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48103, (734) 397-5393.

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Parents sentenced in abuse case

By Tony Esposito
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After hearing from two young girls about how they felt about being sexually abused by their own parents, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Prudence Edwards sentenced a Plymouth couple to prison.

John Bittenbender, 44, and his wife, Kathaline Mae, 41, were sentenced in court Tuesday after earlier pleading guilty to abusing their daughters.

"The two daughters spoke before sentencing, describing how terrible they felt because their father abused them, and how disappointed they were because their mother allowed it to happen," said Daniel Less, assistant Wayne County prosecutor who was in court when the sentences were handed down.

"John Bittenbender's sister spoke out against him, too. It was very emotional."

John Bittenbender, in a pre-arranged plea bargain, was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison after pleading guilty to three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree.

Kathaline Bittenbender, who pleaded guilty to one count of engaging a child in a sexually abusive activity, was sentenced by Edwards to 2-20 years in prison.

Both will receive credit for

time served in the Wayne County jail, where they had been held since February in lieu of \$650,000 bond each.

During the couple's preliminary examination, prosecutors and police officials said the father had been abusing his daughters for nearly 10 years while his wife took pictures. One of the daughters reportedly had a baby fathered by John Bittenbender, which died shortly after birth. The Bittenbenders' teenage boy was reportedly not molested by his parents.

There were allegations by police that other female teenagers were sexually abused while at the Bittenbender home.

Last July, the Plymouth couple avoided a probate court hearing when they voluntarily gave up their parental rights to two of the three children. The third, at the time of the charges, was considered an adult.

Since then, the children have been living with relatives in the area.

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Plymouth grad pens Kirk biography

Author traces influences of conservative native

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

There are strands of life that come full circle.

Russell Kirk, sometimes referred to as the father of modern conservatism, was born in Plymouth in 1918, and went to Starkweather School and Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School). His childhood home still stands on Mill Street near the tracks in Old Village.

Now, more than 70 years later, another Plymouth-Canton school district graduate has written the first real biography of Kirk. James Person, who graduated from Salem in 1974, was a founding member of the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, went to U-M and got a bachelor's degree in English in 1978.

Now he is a senior editor with The Gale Group, publishers of academic, educational and business reference books. Its corporate headquarters are at 27500 Drake Road, Farmington Hills. Person's new biography of Kirk was published this month by Madison Books.

Many people can name famous political conservatives, like Barry Goldwater or Ronald Reagan. Fewer can trace the roots of modern conservatism back to a Plymouth school boy. Among the influences were his grandfather, a Plymouth banker with an extensive library of great books, and the local schools.

"He received a good education

in the Plymouth schools," Person said. "Classmates recall him as being very bookish."

Kirk lived in Plymouth until he went off to college at Michigan State. He often rode the train back and forth to see his family. He continued his education at Duke and served in the armed forces. Later he was awarded a doctorate by St. Andrews University in Scotland.

His adult life was spent in rural Mecosta northeast of Grand Rapids with his wife, Annette, until his death in 1994 at age 76.

Although he published 80 books, wrote a newspaper column, contributed regularly to National Review magazine for William F. Buckley, gave numerous speeches and knew many political and literary figures, his best-known claim to fame is a 1953 book, "The Conservative Mind."

It was this book that traced conservative thought back to 18th century England and Edmund Burke, listing the canons of modern conservatism that included a belief that a divine intent rules, a conviction that civilized society requires orders and classes, a persuasion that property and freedom are inseparably connected and a recognition that change and reform are not identical.

Person came to the biography of Kirk by the back door. Kirk's wife called Person after Person

had read his essays and had corresponded with him. "I thought he was brilliant," Person said.

"I edited a 'Festschrift' called 'The Unbought Grace of Life: Essays in honor of Russell Kirk.' (Festschrift is German for a series of tributes written in praise of a noted person.)

"In preparation for this I gathered a lot of information, a lot of biography and essay information. I was allowed to copy his files," Person said.

Then he was reading a history of contemporary conservatism when he noticed an author's comment that it was surprising there was no biography yet of Russell Kirk.

That got him thinking and he sent out letters outlining what he wanted to do. He received his share of refusals but eventually he was asked to submit sample chapters. About a year ago, the publisher, Madison, told him they wanted it for the fall list.

Person got busy and disciplined himself to write a chapter every two weeks, all to meet a proposed deadline of May 1999.

The new book has many photographs, including a young Kirk and his sister in front of their home in Plymouth.

Person said he does identify with Kirk's ideas. But this was not an exercise in hero worship. One chapter of the book is true biography. The others deal with the "Conservative Mind," Kirk's essays, speeches and many other

books, his short stories (he loved ghost stories), his novels, his comments on higher education, his literary criticisms, his ideas on market economies.

"Kirk's significance and influence comes from how well he made clear the necessity and sources of order against all voices that say values are relative ... that norms are immutable ... norms like character, responsibility, honesty, virtue.

"Kirk was a quiet man, not quite the splashy type like Buckley. But his influence was seismic. He articulated conservative thought and made it understandable," Person said.

Kirk laid the groundwork for conservatism in the 1950s that came to fruition in the 1980s with Ronald Reagan. "Kirk's effect is ongoing. Very few people willingly call themselves liberal today," Person said.

Person said he expects libraries will add the book to their collections and that many sales will come through book groups like The Conservative Book Club.

Person lives in Novi but has a Northville address. His wife Lisa is a Salem graduate (1971).

Person will sign copies of his book Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth from noon until 3 p.m.

His book has received positive remarks from Kirkus Reviews: "Concise, lucid tour of his (Kirk's) writings ... an excellent guide to his legacy."



Author, author: James Person, a 1974 Plymouth Salem graduate, has written a biography on Russell Kirk, sometimes referred to as the "father of modern conservatism."

Commissioners approve money for recreation plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city commissioners approved spending \$11,000 in federal block grant money to develop a parks and recreation master plan.

"We've reorganized our recreation department and are starting to rebuild the program," said David Rich, Plymouth city manager. "We want to get a feel for what types of programs the people in the city want."

"Far too often we tend to just look at the regular recreation programs," added Rich. "I want to know what seniors think, what the youth want. We want to build on the standard sports programs. It's a quality-of-life issue."

The commission, at Monday's meeting, voted on a contract with the Strader Group Inc. of Royal Oak.

The city administration believes the Strader group will bring a fresh perspective to the recreation program in Plymouth. In a memo to commissioners, city officials say the Strader Group "tends to specialize in the development of unique public input sessions. The firm is

reviewing the possibility of using smaller focus groups as well as the larger public hearing session. This would tend to put a bigger focus on public input as a part of the total scope of the project."

"We pride ourselves on getting the community involved in the planning process," Carmine Avantini of The Strader Group told commissioners. "We want to get all groups of citizens involved to get opinions on what is important."

The final recreation master plan will include recommendations for future facility needs, inventory of all facilities, and an assessment of the recreation program.

"I'm happy to see the administration and commission getting back on track," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "This recognizes that recreation is a quality-of-life issue for all people, not only for young people but senior citizens and everybody who lives here."

Rich said while the city is developing its own parks and recreation master plan, it doesn't leave out the possibility of future joint recreation services with Plymouth Township.

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school not too far from the party store.

"After I parked the van, he proceeded to have me do what he wanted. I was terrified. He had a knife, and I didn't know if he was going to kill me when it was over. I was praying for a cop to drive by, but it never happened.

"We were there 45 minutes, an hour, maybe 1-1/2 hours ... it seemed like forever. I kept telling him it hurt, but he didn't care. Then he told me to lay down on the floor and wait 15 minutes then go home."

Janet said she stopped for directions to I-96 and went home as fast as she could, without a thought of going to the police.

"I had my friend's van, and I just wanted to get home and tell my husband," she said. "Both wanted me to call the police. But I didn't want to go through all the questions when the only description I had was a black male."

The break in the case came four days later when the friend, while cleaning out the van, found a wallet. She showed the driver's license to Janet.

Janet took the wallet to the 8th Precinct. The next week, police used information from the wallet to arrest Hannon.

Detroit sex crimes unit Sgt. Martin Gaynor eventually received the case.

Gaynor said police inspected the van with a black light and found traces of semen, which are

being DNA tested as possible evidence for a trial.

Janet had to go to court to identify her attacker.

"I hated him," she said. "I wanted to choke him."

Janet is spending a lot of time trying to recover as best she can from the ordeal, which she said has changed her life forever.

"The first couple of weeks I couldn't sleep, just thinking about it over and over," she said. "I think of him making me do things that I never did willingly with anyone."

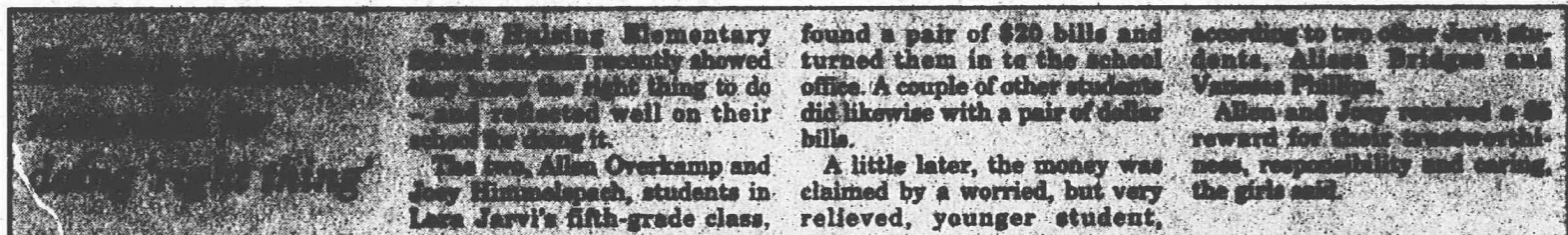
"And, I think a lot about AIDS. I've been tested, but it takes awhile for the test to come back, and it concerns me."

"At first I second-guessed myself a lot for not doing this, or doing that," she added. "People are quick to say what you shouldn't have done. But, it wasn't my fault. If you say no, it should be no."

Janet said she's received tremendous support from her husband and her four sons but admits there are still many tough times to get past.

"My husband has been very understanding and has been there for me," she said. "But, there are still some tough days."

"I want to start a petition drive ... if a man is convicted of two rapes or child molestations then he should be castrated. The first time he may need help. But the second time, I don't think they're capable of being helped."



Two young elementary school students recently showed their parents the right thing to do when they found a pair of \$25 bills. The boys, Allen Overkamp and Joey Himmelspach, students in Lisa Jarvi's fifth-grade class, found a pair of \$25 bills and turned them in to the school office. A couple of other students did likewise with a pair of \$25 bills. A little later, the money was claimed by a worried, but very relieved, younger student, according to two other Jarvi students, Allison Bridges and Vanessa Phillips. Allen and Joey received a \$5 reward for their conscientiousness, responsibility and caring. The girls said.

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Bird gets high marks

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools announced that Bird Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District was awarded top school improvement honors this month.

The school was honored this fall for completing an eight-phase school improvement process.

This school improvement model differs from traditional accreditation in that the school commits itself to a plan of continuous effort that concentrates on the improvement of student performance in selected areas. It helps schools document the effectiveness of their programs.

While Bird Elementary still meets traditional accreditation requirements (teacher preparation, number of instructional hours, etc.), this school improve-

ment cycle demands that it document student improvement.

A team of peers visited the elementary school during the improvement cycle to evaluate the success of the school improvement plan. Working in committees, the staff selected specific target goals. Bird Elementary was able to demonstrate to the team that students are performing better in the selected areas than they were before the process was implemented.

Bird completed all eight phases of the process following the final visit and was reviewed by the elected Michigan NCA State Committee during a recent meeting. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools awarded the school their highest school improvement honor.

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the feeling is words."

"I've waited four years for this, and now we're going out with a bang," smiled Todd Bunker of Canton, also a senior tuba player. "The goal wasn't getting first place, but doing our best. But, in our own minds, we wanted it."

And the pressure was on, considering the marching band finished second last year and was expected to win it all this year.

"The whole weekend people were saying we were the band to beat, and none of us wanted to believe it," said band director Dave McGrath. "Our goal this year was to raise our standard. But when you finish second, there is no place left to go than number one."

McGrath said the winning performance was the band's strongest of the season.

"Friday afternoon we had a clean performance and it was together musically, but it lacked spark," admitted McGrath. "We increased the tempo on Saturday for the semifinals and it was more emotional, but not quite as clean."

"Saturday night was the best of both worlds. It was amazing, they peaked at just the right time. I don't think they could have done it any better."

And the judges agreed, giving them 97 out of a possible 100 points in their final performance. One judge kept noting the "standard-setting performance" of the Plymouth-Canton marching band.

"We tend to have an identity as a group that puts on shows that go against the norm," said McGrath. "We tell a story and are theatrical. The performance level is above and beyond the typical high school band."

McGrath said the most emotional point for him was performing for 800 parents and alumni in an empty RCA Dome after the



Photo by Bob Chase

Title time: The PCEP band goes through its paces during the national competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis last weekend. The band came home as the national champion.

championships.

"We had tremendous support," he said. "Watching their faces, and the faces of the kids ... the realization set in. It was just amazing."

"We could tell by the reaction of the crowd it was a totally awesome performance," said Liz Adams of Canton, who watched as her 14-year-old daughter Adrienne performed as a member of the Color Guard. "The kids were confident, and they really nailed it. I'm proud of all of them."

Plymouth-Canton became the first marching band to win the Class AAA championship while capturing all three caption awards for outstanding music performance, outstanding visual performance and outstanding general effect. And, it's the first band to win five of six awards while going on to win the Grand National Championship.

"When they announced PCEP, we were all in shock, nobody moved," remembered Natal-

ie Korona, a sophomore tenor sax player from Canton. "I remembered all those practices in the rain, and it was worth it. And, it was great for the seniors to go out like that."

So, what does the fifth-year band director do next year to improve on this year's performance?

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City moves to make tax bills timely

BY TONY BRUCATO
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Plymouth city officials have taken steps to make certain winter tax bills are mailed on time this year.

"The past couple of years we had problems with an outside printing company getting them out in a timely manner," said Teresa Cischke, city treasurer.

"In fact, taxes are due Dec. 1, and the bills weren't reaching homes until after that date. This year we printed them ourselves."

Cischke said the winter tax bills will be in mailboxes next week.

Checks payable to "City of Plymouth" can be left at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taxes can be



paid without penalty from Dec. 1 through Feb. 28. After hours, payments can be placed in the City Hall drop box

inside the Church Street entrance or the drop box next to the book returns behind the library.

In addition, the National City Bank office in Plymouth will accept payments until Feb. 28. City Hall will be closed for the holidays from Thursday, Dec. 23, through Friday, Dec. 31. The treasurer's office will be open to accept tax payments on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28 and 29.

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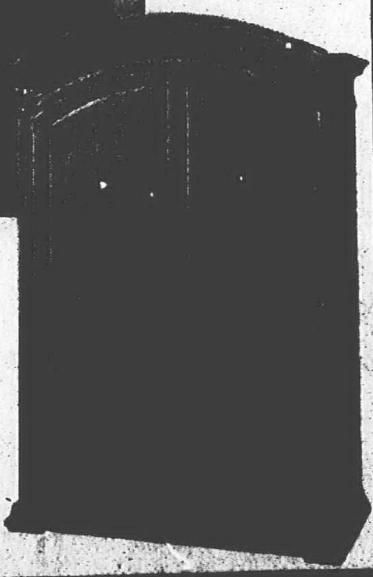
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Consultant will examine city, suburban bus systems

BY KIM ABRAMCZYK
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A consultant is expected to be hired within the next two weeks to examine the two bus systems in metropolitan Detroit along with the implications a merger will bring to the systems.

Financial consultant KPMG Peat Marwick of Detroit is putting together a contract to study the bus systems of the Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. That contract is expected to be approved by the Regional Transit Coordinating Council, which governs the city and suburban bus systems and includes representatives from the city of Detroit, and the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

Peat Marwick will examine the business issues facing the systems, such as labor contracts,

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workers compensation claims and insurance claims. It will examine the advantages and disadvantages of a merger.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the consultant will give a professional opinion of the finances of the two systems. "They'll be looking at whether there are some economies to be gained," McNamara said. "(The bus systems) have two labor contracts, two different pay scales, and different kinds of transportation vehicles.

"They'll look at whether or not it (a merger) makes sense."

Dan Dirks, SMART's general manager, told the Conference of Western Wayne Friday that the last detailed analysis of area bus systems was completed 20 years ago. The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 communities.

Any merger that does not maintain quality or quantity of service for SMART customers will not be considered, Dirks said.

"If it means we have to cut service, you're not going to see it happen," Dirks said. But DDOT and SMART were working to coordinate operations, Dirks added. DDOT and SMART have joint fares and transfers, and expect to coordinate radio operations, scheduling and timetables soon.

Oakland County Assistant Deputy County Executive Gerald Poisson said: "If it's a merger, we'll look at a merger. If it calls for a different form of governance, we'd look at that, too."

Poisson expects the contractual work will cost above \$100,000 and under \$400,000. The RTTC has not scheduled a meeting yet to discuss the contract, Poisson said.

Plans approved for road repairs

A committee of representatives of Wayne County's 43 communities and county engineers approved a transportation improvement plan Nov. 5 calling for repairs in 2001 to Beech Daly in Redford, Merriman Road and Six Mile Road in Livonia and Wayne Road in Westland.

The plan must go to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the regional planning organization that distributes the federal funds, for its approval. Federal funds will pay for 80 percent of each project.

Each year engineers rate the condition of each of the county's 700 miles of paved primary roads and develop a prioritized list of roads for improvements. Projects are selected on a "worst first" basis until the county's annual share of federal funds — about \$13 million — is obligated. Once projects are approved for funding, the county begins

design and engineering work.

The list includes the following roads and the estimated federal funds available in western Wayne County:

■ Beech Daly, Six Mile to Grand River, in Redford, \$870,000 available

■ Merriman Road, Seven Mile to Eight Mile Road, Livonia, \$1.7 million

■ Six Mile Road, Farmington to Merriman, Livonia, \$700,000

■ Wayne Road, Gowan to Joy, Westland, \$650,000

■ Wayne Road, Cherry Hill to Ford, Westland, \$750,000

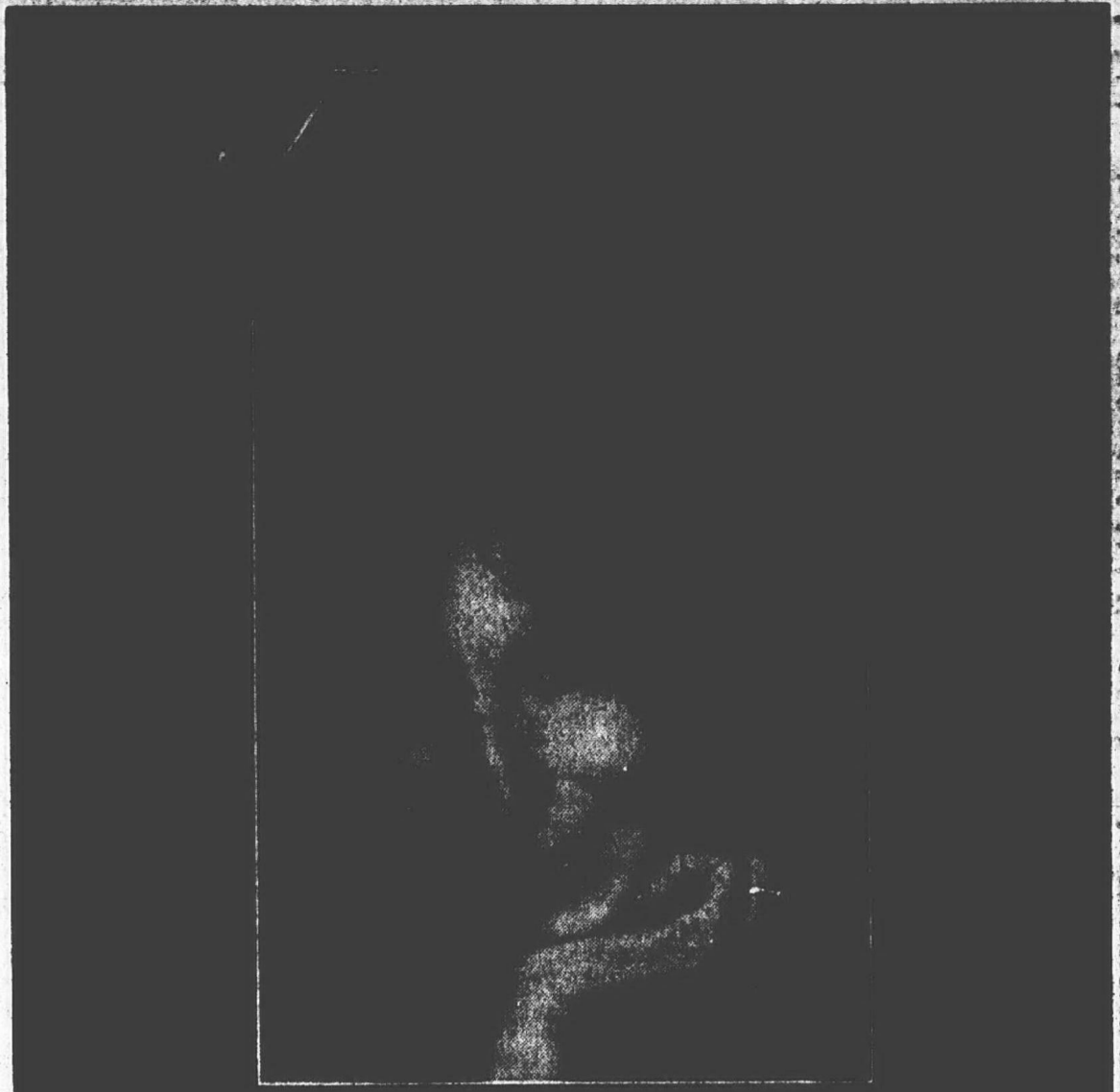
Also slated for 2001 is the reconstruction of Seven Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt using state transportation economic development funds.

This year Wayne County enjoyed its largest road construc-

tion season, making repairs to 72 miles of roads, nearly twice the county's average annual rate. That means nearly 50 percent of the 156 miles of road county engineers rated in poor condition at the beginning of the year have been fixed. The additional work was possible due to a \$60 million road improvement bond program initiated in 1997 by County Executive Edward McNamara.

"This is the kind of construction season we could deliver every year if the necessary funding was available," McNamara said. "Unfortunately, not enough of the state and federal gas taxes find their way back to local governments."

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Groth: Certification would enhance services

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"I'm supportive of what you're doing. This doesn't have to be antagonistic."

Dale Berry
—HVA director

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth and Huron Valley Ambulance Director Dale Berry disagree on the elapsed time between when the fire department and HVA paramedics arrive.

"There are numerous times when there is anywhere between five minutes and 23 minutes before the private provider arrived," Groth said of 1998 and 1999 statistics. "That's the time we are talking about. That's the time when we should be turning these patients around. We feel that's the only area where we are lacking."

Groth wants paramedic training for his firefighters, who now are licensed as emergency medical technicians. They are limited to what emergency procedures they can perform. Two of the 21 firefighters are paramedics.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy plans to meet to discuss the advanced life support issue with City of Plymouth officials. The fire department is funded jointly by the two municipalities. The fire department's plan is to provide the additional training but not to change the transport arrangement.

Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi invited input by Berry at a recent Plymouth Township Board study session. Curmi also complained about the "smirks" he saw at the board table and on some firefighters' faces when Berry described HVA, the transport service, as a "nonprofit charitable organization."

"Hold on," Curmi said. "Those smirks at this table and out there aren't necessary." All operating surplus goes back into the delivery of ambulance service to the community

and about \$750,000 annually is provided in charitable care for patients who cannot afford to pay, according to HVA information.

Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is pushing for the ALS training, said there are many times when he has listened to fire calls at Station One when HVA hasn't responded in what he considers a reasonable amount of time. "I've sat out there too many times," Edwards said.

Berry said his computer response time on readouts may differ from the township's times and attributed it to dispatch delay. "There may be times when firefighters on the scene who are busy don't know exactly when we arrive," Berry said.

HVA gets called after the fire department, Berry said. In other communities, the police dispatcher takes the information and sends it to the dispatch center. While the ambulance is dispatched, the police dispatcher calls the fire department.

"I'm supportive of what you are doing," he said. "This doesn't need to be antagonistic."

From the onset, Berry said, HVA has pointed out that it only has two to three advanced life support units based in this part of the service area. During busy times ambulances must be sent from Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor or Belleville, he said. That can take 15 minutes, he said.

"Probably in about seven or eight percent of the patients (cases) we don't get there in less than 10 minutes," Berry said. "That's due to the trains."

There are 15 train crossings in Plymouth and Plymouth Town-

ship. That percentage represents a range of cases, he said. Patients want to go to a variety of hospitals like Henry Ford, Oakwood and St. Joseph, he said.

Groth would not answer yes or no to the Plymouth Observer's earlier question on whether any lives were lost either during the elapsed time between the arrival of firefighters and HVA, preferring to examine 1998 and 1999 records further.

"This would be the first fire department that we work with that is trained to this level," Berry said. "The relationship will be a bit more complicated."

He asked for sensitivity to his staff who are concerned about their job security. "I would hope that you and the city would consider a three-way agreement to provide some structure," Berry said.

The total cost to train firefighters is projected to be \$299,200. The average cost for initial training per the 19 men taking the course is \$15,748, Groth said. The township would be responsible for the \$36,000 cost of tuition, books, state testing and license fees.

This requires six months training with clinicals, he said. "All vacation time would be canceled for a six month period," Groth said. "That means that we allow them vacation time in 2001."

Groth hopes the township's policy would be to hire future firefighters who have prior paramedic certification.

Berry said he'd like the township to bid out the training provider for the classes. HVA also provides such training, he said. Groth previously mentioned having training classes at Emergency Education Inc. in Westland.

The state is expected to impose a new requirement of 1,300 hours to become a paramedic as opposed to the current 600 hour requirement.

Unisys, a computer sales and installation company in Plymouth Township, has recently trained some of its employees as EMTs, and is willing to provide funding for equipment.

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Navy Airman Ray C. Horton, the son of James C. Horton of Canton, is currently half way through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego.

While on deployment, Horton will be one of more than 370,000 active duty sailors celebrating the Navy's 234th birthday. The 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School joined the Navy in June 1998.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **William J. Simpson**, a 1980

graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, recently returned from a six-month deployment while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

During the deployment, Simpson's squadron helped conduct the NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military and strategic installations in Yugoslavia.

Simpson's squadron also participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

He joined the Navy in November 1981. Simpson is a 1994 graduate of St. Leo College, St. Leo, Fla., with an associate's degree.

Corp. **Joseph T. Malas Jr.**, the son of Joseph and Janice Malas,

has recently been deployed for a 12-month tour of duty to Iwakuni, Japan, with the 171 Maintenance Unit of the Marine Wing Service Squadron.

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Army Pvt. **Lawrence C. Anderson** has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

The new member of the division became airborne qualified after completing training at an Army airborne school.

Anderson, an automated logistics specialist, is the son of Linda R. Anderson of Plymouth and Lawrence E. Anderson of Canton.

He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Canton.

Police seeking 'peeping Tom' suspect

Plymouth Township police are investigating a Peeping Tom incident that occurred about 9:15 p.m. Nov. 14 on Pinetree near Haggerty.

A 10-year-old girl told police she was lying on the floor in her house when she saw a man looking in, said Jamie Senkbeil, the department's community

resource officer. She said the man looked like he was urinating, Senkbeil said.

Police are looking for possible similarities to an incident that occurred about 10:30 p.m. Oct. 1 on Crabtree.

In that incident a woman was sitting on her couch reading a book when she looked up and

saw a man masturbating outside her window.

Senkbeil advises residents to obtain as much of a description as possible in such incidents.

"Be aware of unknown people going beyond your sidewalk," Senkbeil said.

—Sue Buck

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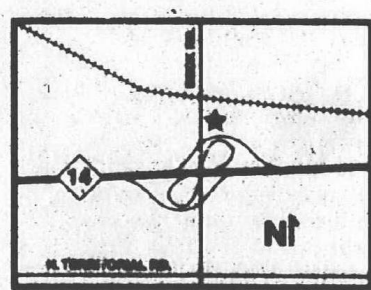
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Nature lovers question reason for controlled hunts

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Nature lovers fear that the controlled deer hunts scheduled to take place in three metroparks - Stony Creek near Rochester, Kensington in Milford and Hudson Mills near Ann Arbor - are a backdoor attempt to introduce sport hunting to Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority land.

HCMA officials, however, insist the hunts are a herd management tool, aimed solely at reducing the number of deer there. The critters have so overpopulated the parks that they live there in numbers 2 1/2 to almost six times what HCMA officials believe the land can support.

The first controlled hunt, in Stony Creek Nov. 5-7, was a success, Dave Moilanen, chief of interpretative services and public relations, told the HCMA board at a meeting Nov. 11. Thirty-three bowhunters took 37 deer, generating some 1,380 pounds of meat to be distributed to food banks and charities. Most importantly, there were no accidents. Safety was the highest priority, Moilanen said.

As a result, the board made no plans to alter its deer culling program. Another controlled archery hunt is slated for Stony Creek Dec. 3-5. Muzzleloaders will be used Dec. 10-12 and Dec. 17. Shotgun hunting is scheduled for Dec. 18 and 19. At Hudson Mills, bowhunting is set for Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11.

Marksmen at Kensington

At Kensington, the most overpopulated park, rangers trained as marksmen will conduct deer hunts over bait piles at night sometime in mid-January. Aerial infrared surveys will be conducted before and after to update the deer population counts.

Activists reacted sharply to the report of the first hunt. The strongest statement came from Ann Arbor resident Robert Parnell, a self-described wildlife photographer and nature lover.

"It seems this hasn't been about facts, it's about politics and money," he said. "The three hunting organizations on the Wildlife Advisory Committee (the HCMA-appointed panel that recommended the herd management plan) are from the (Department of Natural Resources') Hunting and Fishing Task Force. This task force has a stated objective to, 'Where possible, expand opportunities to hunt and fish in urban parks and recreation areas.' And further on says ... 'take any actions necessary to bring about the completion of this vital mission.'"

"It seems that what this is really about is the HCMA playing ball with the DNR so that it can continue to receive financial favors from the DNR."

One grant referenced by Parnell was actually turned down by the DNR, but HCMA Chief Planner Dan Duncan confirmed the authority has indeed received two grants from the DNR this year - one for a playground and lake access site, the other for development of a picnic area. Neither was related to hunting.

In fact, Duncan, who handles grant application writing for the HCMA, said the DNR has never asked or pressured the metropark authority to open its lands to hunting in return for grant money.

Conflict of interest?

Livonia resident Noreen Owens, a member of the Metropark Deer Preservation Council, said she believes the presence of three hunting organizations on the advisory committee constitutes a conflict of interest. Those organizations - the DNR, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan Bowhunters Association - also had representation on the Hunting and Fishing Task Force, a panel appointed by Gov. John Engler to promote hunting activity in Michigan.

Owens asked that the make-up of the advisory committee be revised.

Northville resident Judy Brock, also a member of that council, explained her group did not intend to accuse any member of the HCMA board of improprieties. She explained that when council members found an Internet Web site containing the recommendations of the task force and that they included expanding hunting into "urban parks," they believed there was a "hidden agenda" among those three hunting groups. And she contended those groups could stand



to benefit financially from the promotion of hunting.

Carol Halstead of Hartland told the HCMA board, "Non-lethal methods should be given a chance. As overseers of our metroparks, you decisions-makers should be protecting the parks resources ... you should also be wary of hidden agendas."

"Your criticisms are fine," HCMA Chairman William Kreger said in response, "until you start making out that we are cutting deals with the DNR. There is no proof of anything like that ... I object to the innuendo that there has been some underhanded dealing. I love the deer and I couldn't shoot one myself, but if we are guilty of anything, it is that we waited too long."

Denise Mogos, public relations director for HCMA, noted that the committee membership also included representatives of the Michigan Humane Society, Audubon Society, Natural Areas Council, Botanical Society and Botanical Club. Several of the

members were wildlife biologists.

"There were meetings in which the Humane Society said, 'We can't go along with the killing of deer.' There were meetings where the hunters said, 'Our members won't go along with bringing in a sharp shooter.' Everyone was an equal footing. I don't remember any meetings where anyone said, 'Gee, we got everything we wanted,'" Mogos said.

Hunts a success

Craig Morts, executive board member of Metro Wildlife Management Base Inc., a consortium of Michigan conservation organizations, and John Spehar, also on that board, rated the first weekend of hunting a success. Along with the hunters, they said some 70 to 75 volunteers donated their time to manage the hunt and process the meat for food banks.

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger covered the costs of the food processing. They helped organize the hunt with the HCMA, from training the hunters to selecting the blinds which were used as the hunting

sites. The hunt had proved safe, which Morts and Spehar said

was their main goal. Mogos said the reason various methods of hunting are being

used is to evaluate the effectiveness of these methods at thinning the herd.

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Airport makes changes to avoid a winter disaster

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Officials at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport are buying equipment purchases and operational changes will help ease the air traffic glut during snow storms.

third de-icing pad later this month near the end of the airport's runways will make planes safer by preventing the accumulation of ice on the planes, but also allow for better air traffic management and quicker departures for passengers in winter weather.

commissioners also approved the lease of five snow blower trucks with 18-inch booms for \$1.9 million with C.E. Pollard of Detroit.

The county intends to execute a Ford Motor Credit Municipal Lease for five years, with a \$1 buyout.

Deicing used to be completed near the airport's gates. Work

crews used to move equipment from gate to gate, which took time, according to Detroit Metro Airport spokesman Mike Conway.

The new pad will help clear those gates.

"Gates will remain available for other flights," Conway said. That should help Northwest Air-

lines, which is Metro's principal carrier with more than 70 percent of the airport's 31 million annual passengers.

The Federal Aviation Administration had issued an advisory earlier this year that stated that airports in cold-weather cities should build deicing pads if planes face long taxis from gates to runways. Accumulated ice and snow can affect the lift of airplanes.

The three pads also should help prevent air traffic tie-ups similar to those created during the Jan. 2 snowstorm when many planes containing scores of holiday travelers remained on taxiways for several hours. While the de-icing procedures were not attributed as a cause for the airport delays, the snows and winds were attributed to Northwest's flight crews inability to get to the airport.

The third pad was built at a cost of \$11.2 million and contains six tanks that can hold up to 10,000 gallons of deicing fluid. That fluid, glycol, will be recycled by EQ-The Environmental Co., a firm that paid Metro \$50,000 for a three-year contract.

With the two deicing pads and a program to recycle glycol, the

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county's costs for sewer and water use went from \$1.3 million in 1997-98 to \$923,460 in 1998-99, a decline of 30 percent, Conway said.

The five new snow blower trucks will be used after plows during snow removal operations. "Brooms will be attached to the trucks for use during light snows, or as a finishing task after the snow plows," said Brian Lassaline, airport spokesman.

The trucks are expected to arrive in December, Lassaline said.

Commissioners also approved a \$127,000 contract with Standby Power Inc. of Redford for the purchase and installation of a 500-kilowatt backup generator for Detroit Metro Airport's Fire Station, as required for FAA regulations and Y2K compliance.

A resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings related to the acquisition of one-half acre for Runway 4/22 (Crane Road) at Metro Airport also was approved by commissioners.

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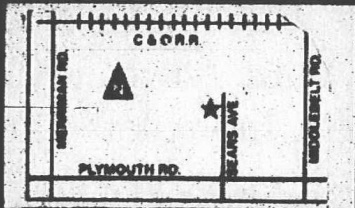
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Bennett unhappy with residency bill compromise

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City employees would no longer be required to live in town by city charter or municipal ordinance, but such residency requirements could be subject to collective bargaining, under a compromise struck by the state House.

Rep. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, author of the compromise, said the purpose of his proposal is to preserve "home rule" and local control of the city governments while at the same time addressing the concerns over residency requirements.

"They (unions) said (city officials) wouldn't discuss it. Well, this now forces it to the bargaining table," Kuipers said. If finally approved, the compromise will mean city residency requirements will be a topic in union negotiations. If it is important to workers, unions will be able to trade off other benefits to get rid of such residency rules.

That doesn't sit well with Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, chief sponsor of the bill. He will attempt in conference committee to get the bill restored to something closer to his original version of Senate Bill 198, according to legislative aide William Sullivan.

Opposed to compromise

Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, is adamantly opposed to the compromise.

"The freedom to choose where you want to live is a fundamental civil right," Gosselin said.

Which means the issue isn't settled yet.

"I anticipate Bennett will be on the conference committee, because he's the sponsor. Typically, they put the committee chair on it too," Kuipers said, explaining why he thinks Gosselin will have a seat at the table, too. "I'm asking to be on the committee, but I don't know yet. If they restore it to the original version or something close to it, they are in for a fight from



Sen. Loren Bennett

me."

Many cities in Michigan have residency rules, some set in charter, which require city employees to live in the town for which they work. Among those locally with such rules are Birmingham, Southfield, Hazel Park, Detroit and Pontiac.

While many city workers feel such rules are unfair, many city officials are arguing hard that cities should have the right to set their own rules, and not be subject to overriding state law.

Bennett's bill would have done just that, tossing out local requirements for residency. The only exception would have been for "on-call" employees, like part-time firefighters. Since cities rely on such part-time employees to respond from their homes when called, cities would still be allowed to require that they live in town. And Kuipers agreed with that.

But Kuipers said he is also strongly supportive of local control, the rights of cities to set their own rules. His compromise would put the issue into collective bargaining. The only exception in his verbiage is when married couples are employed in different cities which both have residency rules. Then, even if

allowed in collective bargaining, residency could not be required.

Sullivan said Bennett is not satisfied with the compromise, although "it's better than what we have."

Not a major issue

Still, residency is not something that will be a significant issue for most employees, he explained.

If only 10 of 100 employees care about the issue, aides predicted the unions would more likely concentrate on other issues, like pay and benefits.

Kuipers denied his version was just an effort to move the issue from the House floor to conference committee.

"Many (lawmakers) came up to me to say thanks for coming up with something they could vote for," he said.

Kuipers said the issue was the subject of intense closed door discussions on the final day of session Wednesday, Nov. 10, before the Thanksgiving break.

"I knew I was involved in a big issue when the mayor of Detroit called to say he wanted to meet with me," Kuipers said. Dennis Archer came to see him in his Lansing office the day of the vote.

The issue is one of special importance to Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights. While many older urban areas are getting rid of residency rules, one of the cities in his district, Hazel Park, just approved a new residency rule in the last election. The vote was 70 percent in favor of residency.

He said he believed the compromise found the middle ground, addressing the concern of employees while allowing cities the right of "self-determination."

The House voted 82-26 on final passage. The conference committee will likely be named after lawmakers return to session Nov. 30.

Representatives voted 60-32 to replace the bill with Kuipers' substitute:

Reps. Gerald Law, R-Ply-

mouth, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, voted yes.

Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted no.

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Senate approves bill limiting right to public defender

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Defendants who have already pleaded guilty to a criminal charge in Michigan will no longer be able to waste taxpayer money by using public defenders to file frivolous appeals ... or justice after plea bargaining will be reserved for the rich, depending on which side of the issue you listen to.

State senators voted 24-13 to pass House Bill 4625 Nov. 10, to limit a defendant's right to a court appointed attorney to file an appeal after having pleaded guilty to a charge.

The House has already approved the measure, sponsored by Rep. Judson Gilbert, R-Algonac. Considering that Gov. John Engler has pushed hard for the measure and that his staff did much of the research used to support the proposal, Engler is expected to give the bill a quick signature. Only a few technical glitches are slowing the bill and will have to be cleared up by the legislature in December, the governor's office said Nov. 15.

But critics are strong in their condemnation of the measure.

"I believe this bill is unconstitutional," said Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, during the Senate debate. "I believe this legislation reinforces what the general public already believes about the criminal justice system. That is, if you are poor, you don't get justice, and if you have money and resources, then you have the right to justice and you often get it. I think that's a terrible message for the Legislature of the state of Michigan to be reinforcing."

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, objected more strongly.

"We are setting up a two-tier system with this legislation. If you have money, then you automatically have a right to appeal and you have a right to have leave to appeal, because you have money and you can hire an attorney ... Ninety-seven to 98 percent of criminal defenders would have no ability to file an appeal on their own, they would have to have competent legal counsel. So that means only 2 percent might have the ability as

a jailhouse lawyer, to file a competent appeal which is not thrown out on a procedural basis in front of the Court of Appeals. So in effect, you're eliminating all appeals on behalf of indigent defendants who cannot afford to hire an attorney."

Virgil Smith said the state supreme court is already wrestling with the very same issue in a case known as *People v. Bolger*. He warned that if the court eventually rules opposite the legislature's decision, Michigan's court system could then get hit with a backlog of appeals.

"We're stepping into treacherous waters ... There is not a state in the union which does not allow a right to appeal criminal cases. This in effect would accomplish that goal by taking away the right to have an attorney. We don't have the guts to confront the issue directly and deny all appeals of any criminal convictions made by a guilty plea in this state. But we will go around the back door and try to knock out 98 percent of them by denying them the right to have an attorney. This is a dangerous

piece of legislation," he concluded.

Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, argued that the bill follows the wishes of Michigan voters, who approved wording ending automatic appeals in criminal cases. Van Regenmorter contended that when a judge takes a guilty plea or a plea of "no contest," court rules already require that the judge make sure the plea is being entered voluntarily. A judge can't accept the guilty plea unless he or she is convinced the charge is accurate and that the defendant understands it as well as the potential sentence. So there are already built-in protections for those who plead guilty,

he argued. The Michigan Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union has taken a position opposing the bill, but it is supported by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

"This is only after the defendant has pleaded guilty, has admitted that he did the crime he's being charged for," Tom Robertson, spokesman for PAAM, said. "Where's the injustice in that?"

He argued the bill has enough safeguards built in to protect defendants' rights. For instance, he said, they will be able to get court-appointed attorneys if the sentence goes outside state-set guidelines or does not match

what the defense attorney and prosecutor agreed to. There may be cases in which conditional plea bargains are struck, in which a defendant pleads based on evidence over which the admissibility is still in dispute. If an appeal to a higher court is already agreed to before the plea bargain, the defendant could keep his appointed attorney, Robertson said.


Those safeguards should avoid abuse of defendants' constitutional rights, he said.

On passage of the bill: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, voted no.

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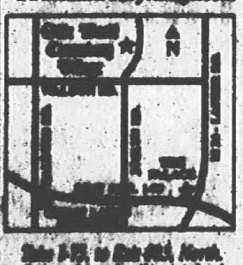
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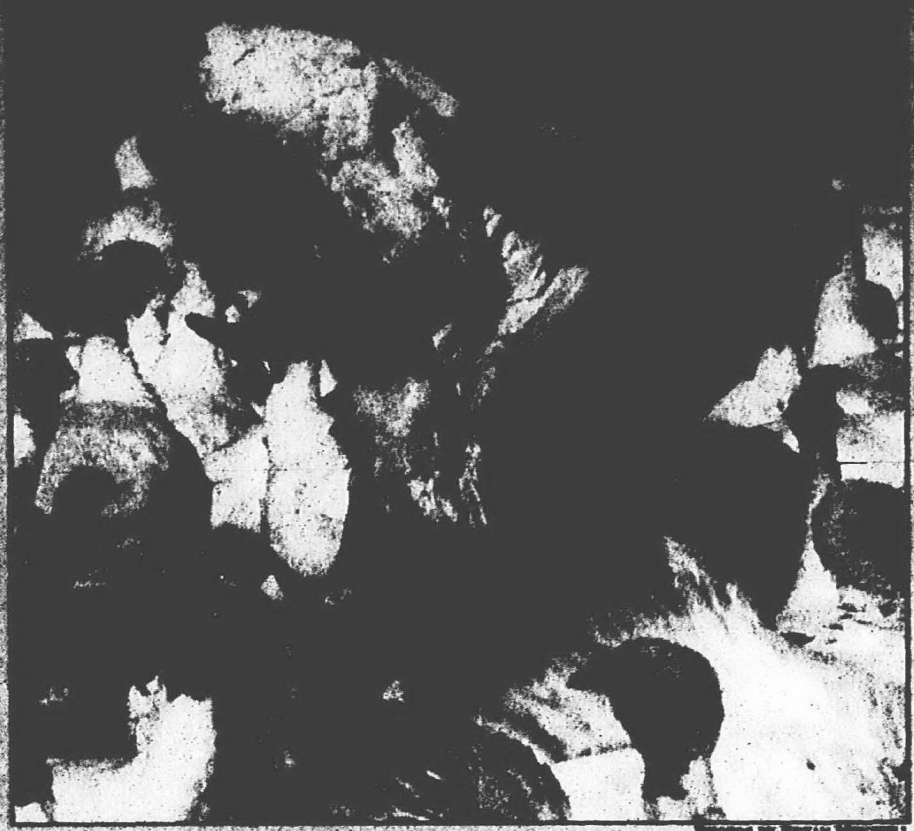
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THE TURKEY FARM OF THE YEAR

Christine Roperti, 45, has been named the 1999 Turkey Farm of the Year by the National Turkey Federation. She has raised turkeys for 25 years on her 5 1/2-acre farm in Ann Arbor.

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They raised turkeys by hand and did not use antibiotics. They have raised turkeys for 25 years on her 5 1/2-acre farm in Ann Arbor.

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come to be known as "the turkey lady."

A turkey's life

The turkey turkeys arrive at Roperti's farm the first week in August. They're shipped from Ireland in a large semi-trailer trailer, stacked in five layers of cages. They weigh about three or four pounds. "They're all legs," said Roperti.

They're fed a diet of corn, wheat, and oat mixed with a meal concentrate, the workers say. Roperti starts processing turkeys for special order Oct. 1, when many of the birds have grown up to 12-14 pounds.

The largest one she dressed last year tipped the scales at over 43 pounds. "This year may be a record-breaker. The weather has been real good, so they're coming a lot."

Roperti doesn't freeze any of her turkeys until after Christmas. Freezing, she tells her customers, doesn't alter the taste of her hand-raised birds, known for their broad, juicy breasts. "All the taste, the juice and the gravy, comes from what the turkey has been eating. The secret is not fresh, it's what they've been fed."

Roperti's oldest son, Tony Skrabut, is the last person the turkeys see in their short, happy lives. "He's the killer. He kills every single turkey," she said.

Skrabut dispatches the birds six at a time. The process is simple and efficient. The birds are hung upside down by their feet and zapped by an electric knife. After their necks have been slit and the

Get a grip: Christine Roperti shows off her turkey-nabbing technique. She's had plenty of practice of putting wing-locks on birds determined to run away.

blood drained, they're put in scalding hot water to loosen their feathers.

Then comes a tumble in a feather-picking machine, followed by a final picking by hand. Heads and feet are then chopped off and the birds are gutted. Finally, they're packaged and weighed and ready for the customer.

Roperti says her mother-in-law never fixes turkey for Thanksgiving. "We have filet mignon, lobster tails, scallops, and shrimp — just because you're so sick of turkey by that day."

In addition to processing fresh turkeys, Roperti sells a few smoked

birds. She soaks them in her own brine recipe, then smokes them over apple, cherry and hickory chips. "These are to die for," said Roperti.

Roperti and her turkeys will be together for many more years. She's proud of what Roperti's Turkey Farm has become and grateful for the community's support.

"The city has been very good to me. I plan to be here for a long time."

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Roperti had been a turkey farmer for five years and wanted a return on his investment. After all, he had 1,600 beaks to feed, and turkey feed was \$3 a ton.

He started out with just 25 turkeys. Today, his daughter Christine, raises 4,500 birds, which she sells for \$2.35 a pound.

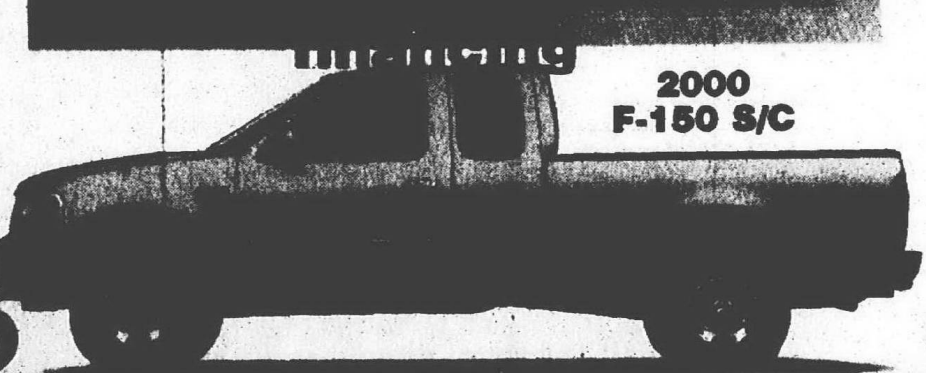
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Trio charged in murder

By Staff Writer
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Three Detroit men have been charged with murdering Canton resident Gary Urban Nov. 10. Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, James Brick Lee, 21, and Vernard Meadows, 20, are currently being held without bond in the Wayne County jail.

Each faces first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges. Rodgers also has one count of felony firearm against him.

The Detroit men are scheduled for a preliminary examination Wednesday at 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights.

Linda Urban, widow of the Canton man, said she's pleased with the arrests.

"I'm relieved that they are off the streets," she commented, "so that nobody else's family has to suffer that kind of tragedy."

Meadows, Rodgers and Lee face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony charges. Gary Urban closed the Dear-

born Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a manager at about 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Before he could get into his car, police believe a man robbed him and shot him seven times in the back with a .35-caliber handgun.

Somehow, Urban was able to go back inside the restaurant and call 911.

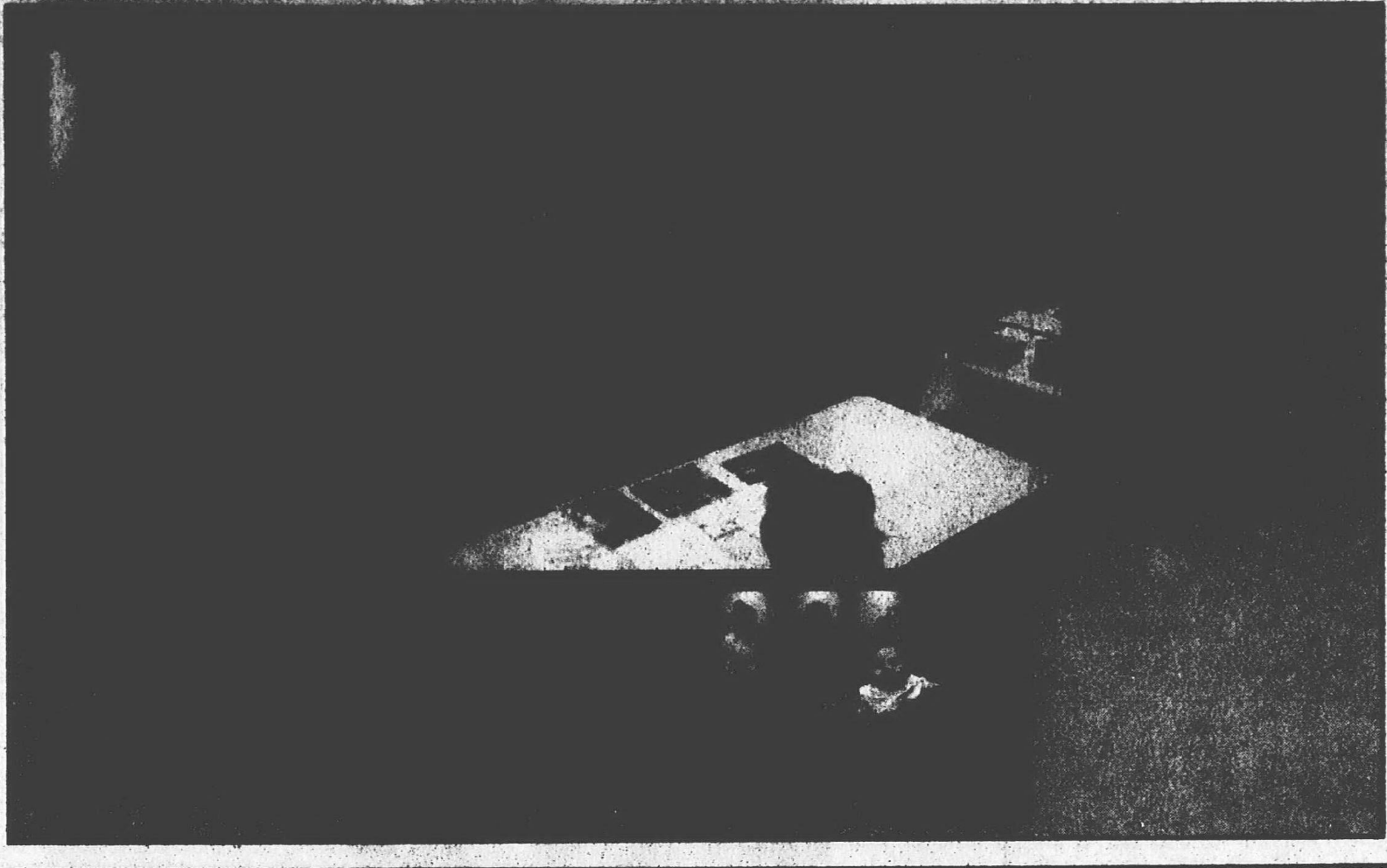
A police detective arrived moments later. Urban told him what happened but couldn't describe the killer.

He died at about 10:45 p.m. at Garden City Hospital of multiple wounds.

Dearborn Heights Police Lt. Bob Niemczewski said Urban cooperated with his attacker, but was shot anyway.

"There's no such thing as a killing that makes sense," he added. "But this was really senseless."

Meadows worked at the Ponderosa as a dishwasher. Niemczewski said he had knowledge of when Urban made bank drops.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 9, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Staff Present: Ager, Durack, Machnik, Rorabacher, Zevalkink Members of the Cable Communications Staff

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as amended to add Item G-9 Resolution to Indemnify Wayne County and a closed session for discussion of pending litigation. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of October 26, 1999.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Abstain: Shefferly

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak to pay the bills as presented. All ayes present.

Expenditure Account		
General Fund	101	\$ 254,407.38
Fire Fund	308	10,590.09
Police Fund	307	20,493.43
Community Center Fund	208	28,867.39
Golf Course Fund	211	17,228.16
Cable Fund	230	1,035.32
Community Improvement Fund	246	4,425.00
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	336.39
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Water & Sewer Fund	592	134,836.14
Trust & Agency	701	1,112.00
Total All funds		\$ 494,261.59

Supervisor Yack declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 P.M. to consider the request of Electropolitan, Inc. for Class C Liquor License.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the request from Electropolitan, Inc. for a new Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales Permit, Official Food and Game Permit, Dance and Entertainment Permit, Outdoor Service Permits, and Additional Bar Permits to be located on Hagerty Road, south of Ford Road be considered for approval "Above All Others". It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance, contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees of site plan, re-zoning and special land use. All ayes present.

Supervisor Yack declared the Public Hearing open at 7:35 P.M. to re-consider Resolution #6 for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer SAD 1999-2.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 P.M. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt Resolution #6 for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment District 1999-2. All ayes present.

RESOLUTION #6
Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment District 1999-2

Charter Township of Canton
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on the 9th day of November 1999, at 7:00 P.M. Regular Standard Time.

Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack; Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett, and supported by Burdziak.

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Special Assessment Roll No. 1999-2" and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 1999-2."

2. Said Special Assessment Roll No. 1999-2, in the amount of \$1,112,000.00, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed.

3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 1999 at the rate of 10% per cent per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date provided, however, that if funds are to be levied by the township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one (1%) per cent above the rate of interest borne by said funds to be levied by the Township.

4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments through assessments with the Treasurer of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amount assessed on the same income tax.

5. All assessments and parts of resolutions to conflict herewith be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Done: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, this 9th day of November 1999.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the 9th day of November 1999, at 7:00 P.M. Regular Standard Time.

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District 1999-2 was prepared pursuant to the Resolutions of the Township Board adopted on the 9th day of November, 1999 and to my best judgment confirms in all respects to the directions contained in such Resolutions and Statutes of the State of Michigan. Such action was taken in compliance with Public Act 188, of 1964, as amended.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 1999.

Notary Public, Wayne County, My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TONQUISH CREEK STORM SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1999-2

Improvements for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment District 1999-2 consist of design and construction of a detention basin with a restricted outlet to the Tonquish Creek along with storm sewer to serve proposed industrial lots. There are an estimated 741 feet of 72-inch storm sewer, 320 feet of 66-inch storm sewer, 885 feet of 54-inch storm sewer, 625 feet of 48-inch storm sewer, 352 feet of 30-inch storm sewer, and 352 feet of 15-inch storm sewer along with the detention basin, the restricted outlet and all appurtenances. Project also includes acquisition of land for the detention basin, 3% fee for selling bonds, and a contingency.

COST ESTIMATE FOR TONQUISH CREEK STORM SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Engineering Design:	\$ 106,000.00
Construction Contingency:	974,506.24
15% Construction:	146,183.71
Construction Testing:	28,500.00
Land Acquisition for Detention Facilities:	
9.09 Acres @ \$65,000 per acre:	590,850.00
Permit/Inspection Fees:	8,000.00
Permit Bonds:	5,000.00
Printing/Advertisement Fees:	1,500.00
Attorney Fees/Bond Costs:	60,000.00
Contingency for Other Than Construction:	42,310.05
Total:	\$1,962,850.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the request of Sanpei Corporation to transfer stock in a 1999 Class C licensed business located at 4337 Joy Road, Canton MI 48187, adding Michiyasu Yakamoto as stockholder through issuance of fifty (50) shares from the Corporation (Step I), be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution in support of National Family Caregivers Week November 21-27, 1999. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for the extension of the final approval of the preliminary plat for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision No. 3. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Waiver and Warranty Deed for (part of) parcels 71-117-99-0001-000, 71-076-99-0009-000 and 71-07-99-0006-702. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to that Wally Baker and Michael Gulkevicz be reappointed to serve three-year terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 2000 and expiring on December 31, 2002. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that \$20,000 be re-programmed from the FY 1999 CDBG Administration budget for a new activity to survey the need for curb cuts in existing sidewalks in the Canton community. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that \$40,000 be re-programmed from CDBG Account #274-666-930-9800 (Harrison Drain) to CDBG Account #274-666-930-9800 (Housing Rehabilitation) in order to meet current and anticipated applications to the housing rehabilitation program. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant program:

Increase Revenues	\$426,000.00
Increase Appropriations	\$426,000.00

This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$708,566.85 to \$1,134,566.85. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby move, effective immediately, to allow enforcement on Summit Parkway for traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance No. 68. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby move, effective immediately, to allow enforcement at Fox Meadows Condominium for traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance No. 68. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the FCC Form 394 Cable Franchise transfer request to transfer the MediaOne cable franchise and telecommunications permit to AT&T conditional upon Federal Communications Commission and Justice Department approval of the MediaOne/AT&T transaction. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for a Broadcast Top Dresser to the Weinagart Company in the amount of \$9,500.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for First Reading of the Sign Ordinance 130, for publication in the Canton Observer on November 18, 1999. All ayes present.

29.000

FIRST READING SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 130 SIGN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE CONFIGURATION, FABRICATION, LOCATION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIGURATION AND FABRICATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

SECTION 3. SIGN REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 4. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

SECTION 7. APPEALS

SECTION 8. REPEAL

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY

SECTION 10. SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 12. PUBLICATION

SECTION 13. REPEAL

SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY

SECTION 15. SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE

REQUIREMENTS

This section sets forth the regulations which shall apply to signs.

29.004 Section 4. SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section sets forth what signs are permitted with a sign permit.

29.005 Section 5. SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

This section sets forth signs which are considered to be unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or an attractive nuisance, and therefore not permitted without a variance.

29.006 Section 6. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the type, periods of time, sizes, placement, allowable number of signs and which require permits.

29.007 Section 7. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (R-6), MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (MR) AND MOBILE HOME PARK (MHP) ZONING DISTRICT

This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the type, size, period of time, placement, allowable number of signs authorized with a permit.

29.008 Section 8. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN OFFICE DISTRICT (O-1) AND MID-RISE (MRD) AND HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENTS (HRD)

This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the type, size, placement and numbers of allowed signs, and exceptions.

29.009 Section 9. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RE, LI, LE-2, GI)

This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, type, size, and placement of signs.

29.010 Section 10. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS (RA, RR, RE, SE)

This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, type, size, placement and location of allowable signs with permits in agricultural or open space recreational use and golf courses.

29.011 Section 11. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS

This section details what constitutes a non-conforming sign, the owner's responsibility and the Township Board's remedial options thereto.

29.012 Section 12. RE-ZONING SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS

This section sets forth the requirements for an application for re-zoning or amendment to a Consent Judgement or Planned Unit Development.

29.013 Section 13. CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

This section sets forth the definition, compliance, illumination and area of signs made of natural materials.

29.014 Section 14. PORTABLE SIGNS

This section sets forth who may use portable signs, their size, placement, and limitations of such signs.

29.015 Section 15. GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS SPECIAL SIGNS

This section sets forth size, number, and limitations for use of special signs by service stations and for which permits are required.

29.016 Section 16. DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

This section details size, message and placement and permit requirement for directional signs.

29.017 Section 17. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

This section provides for enforcement of the Sign Ordinance.

29.018 Section 18. PENALTIES

This section provides for the penalties for violation of the Sign Ordinance.

29.019 Section 19. CONSTRUCTION NON-APPLICABILITY, APPEALS

This section provides for the application of the Sign Ordinance, and the ability of the Zoning Board of Appeals to modify the Ordinance.

29.020 Section 20. REPEAL

This section provides for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances.

29.021 Section 21. SEVERABILITY

This section provides that the Ordinance is severable and if any portion of the Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of the Ordinance will remain valid.

29.022 Section 22. SAVINGS CLAUSE

This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty for forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

29.023 Section 23. EFFECTIVE DATE

This section provides for publication of this Ordinance.

*Note: A summary of the First Reading of the Amendment to Ordinance 120(C) will be published within the Minutes of this meeting in the Canton Observer on November 18, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the creation and filling of the position of Mechanical Inspector in Building & Inspection Services. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the reclassification of the Programmer/Analyst position in the Public Safety Department to Systems Administrator. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a 2000 Ford, Super Duty F-250 XL/Super Cab four-wheel drive pick-up vehicle through Jorgensen Ford, 8533 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan who was the lowest qualified bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$27,486.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approval retaining the firm of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. for issue lobbying through December 2001, for a cost of \$4,000.00 per month. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the creation and filling of a Clerk I position to be shared between the Clerk and Treasurers' offices, which is budgeted in the budget for the year 2000 (101-318-706-0000 and 101-853-706-0000). All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Canton Center Road Streetscape Project and, pursuant to Wayne County landscaping permit requirements for said project in the Canton Center Road right-of-way (Ford Road to Ghengary Boulevard), Canton Township agrees to the following requirements: A) Canton Township will maintain the permitted landscaping materials at no expense to Wayne County; B) Canton Township indemnifies and saves harmless Wayne County and all of its employees against all claims, suits, and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit or the issuance of the permit; C) Canton Township authorizes Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk, to sign the permit on behalf of Canton Township. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move to a closed session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation at 8:50 P.M. All ayes present.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of action taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 9, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 23, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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EMU Livonia campus: 'Perfect fit for western Wayne'

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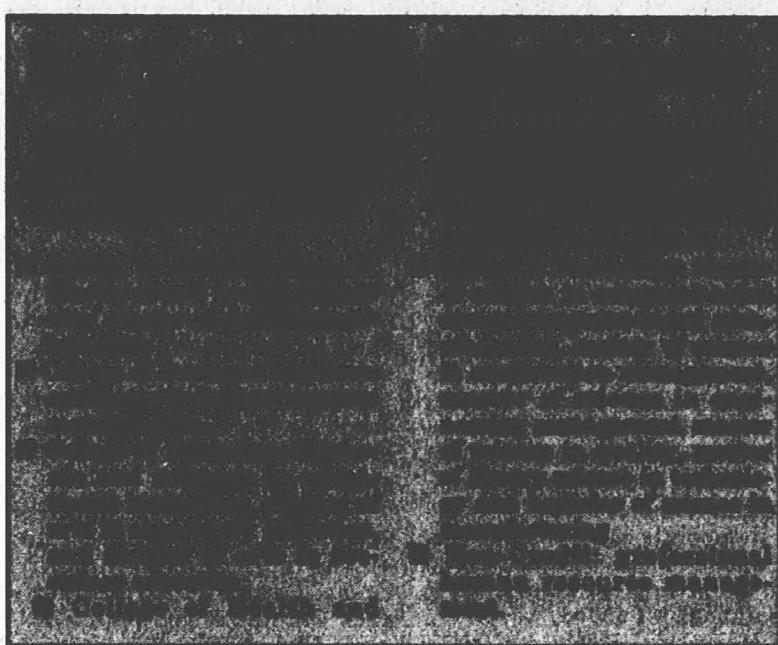
Carl Pursell thinks Eastern Michigan University is the perfect fit for western Wayne County.

An EMU regent, Pursell looks at EMU's new Livonia campus at Six Mile Road and I-275 and sees opportunity for working parents and those workers who wish to pursue undergraduate or master's programs to advance their careers.

"They can get off work and take a class or two," Pursell said. "It puts students on the fast track."

Pursell, a Plymouth resident and a former congressman, joined other EMU officials in the dedication Tuesday of EMU's 12,800-square-foot facility on the fourth floor of the Cambridge Center.

EMU opened the 11-classroom



facility in May, but Tuesday was the official dedication to promote graduate degree programs in educational leadership, sec-

ondary education, construction and public administration. Non-credit training through EMU's Centers for Corporate Training also is available.

Currently the facility houses about 200 students in 14 programs. David Wagner, manager of continuing education at EMU's Detroit Regional Center, expects that enrollment figure will double, considering the campus' location near the freeway.

EMU President William Shelton said the new facility "promises an outstanding academic experience." EMU is changing to meet the students needs in an age of information technology, Shelton said.

EMU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Ronald Collins said the university will partner with business, industry and government workers. "We're treading in the midst of far-reaching implications in education," Collins said.

EMU's nursing program is expected to have a high demand because some registered nurses don't have a four-year degree, Wagner said. Programs offered there will work well with Schoolcraft College, Wagner said. "Nursing could be a good fit, along with hotel and restaurant management," Wagner said. "There is also a demand for teacher certification (in western Wayne County)."

Tuition is \$107 a credit hour for undergraduates; \$157 a credit hour for graduate level courses.

Carolyn Dahl, dean of continuing education, said studies by the Board of Regents showed a need for business and education programs in the area. For this reason, the facility features a corporate setting.

"When working adults go back, they don't look for a traditional university environment," Dahl said. They generally prefer a

work environment, so the facility also has computer ports for laptops, Dahl said.

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell believes many of Schoolcraft programs "will fit nicely" with EMU's.

"(EMU's facility) will allow our students to stay here and study here," McDowell said. McDowell said Schoolcraft has "no problems" with Eastern's presence in Livonia.

"They will provide opportunities to people in this area," McDowell said.

Pursell also believes the two institutions will complement each other as will EMU with other community colleges, including Washtenaw. "The name of the game is choices," Pursell said. "A lot of good programs will be offered here, so (students) don't have to go far."

For information on EMU-Livonia, call (734) 542-4EMU.

Virtual University starts winter term registration

The Michigan Virtual University is beginning winter registration. The virtual university serves as a central access point for courses provided by Michigan's community colleges.

Winter semester offerings have expanded to more than 150 courses, all bearing the credit and credentials of Michigan public community colleges. The list includes such courses as accounting, chemistry, English composition, government, math and QS-9000 quality standards. It also includes a variety of computer topics such as interactive Web programming, networking and the Microsoft Office packages. Courses are offered via the World Wide Web and are transferable to all 28 participating community colleges.

"The biggest advantage for the student is convenience -- being able to do course work when it's convenient," says Michael Wahl, executive director of the Virtual Learning Collaborative that brings the community colleges together.

MVU's executive director of

instructional technology, Kirby Milton, expects enrollments to boom. "Online courses are gaining in popularity. One college last month reported a 60 percent increase in enrollment in online courses. People of every age are getting comfortable with computers and the Internet, and this is an indicator of how people expect to learn -- anytime and anywhere."

To register, students can log on the Michigan Virtual University Web site (www.mivu.org) and click on the Virtual Campus tab. Courses begin in January and are available to anyone who registers at any of the 28 participating Michigan community colleges.

Community colleges providing winter classes through the Michigan Virtual University include Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

The Michigan Virtual University is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1998 by Governor John Engler and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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OBITUARIES

CARA ANN SHERWOOD

Services for Carol Ann Sherwood, 74, of Plymouth Township were held Nov. 16 at the Schrader-Hewell Funeral Home with the Rev. Daniel J. Murphy officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 26, 1924, in Minneapolis and died Nov. 14 in Plymouth Township. She was a homemaker who came to the Plymouth community in 1946 from Minnesota. She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary in Northville and loved gardening and working in the yard.

Mrs. Sherwood was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. Survivors include her brother, Daniel (Barbara) Christensen of Canton; one friend, Alexandria Johnson of Plymouth; and one niece, Janet Roberts of Carmel, Calif.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

ELAINE C. ASSALONE

Services for Elaine C. Assalone, 53, of Canton were held Nov. 9 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

She was born Oct. 2, 1946, in Flushing, N.Y., and died Nov. 7. She worked as a office clerk for

an automotive company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John. Survivors include her daughter, Loretta (Galen Hareg) Assalone; one son, Anthony; and two grandchildren, John and Julia.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

VIRGINIA L. ANDERSON

Services for Virginia L. Anderson, 66, of Canton were held Nov. 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with the Rev. George Charney officiating.

She was born April 23, 1931, in Detroit and died Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur E. Anderson; two sons, Richard Anderson and Steven Anderson; two daughters, Linda Dempsey and Laura Anderson; one brother, Gene Twarog; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

PATRICIA M. WINK

Services for Patricia M. Wink,

73, of Bloomfield Hills (formerly of Beverly Hills) took place Nov. 16 at Holy Name Church, Birmingham.

She was born Oct. 1, 1927 in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and died Nov. 10 at Woodward Hills Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills. She attended the University of Detroit. She was a member of Thomas More Church, the League of Catholic Women, The Village Club and The Oakland Hills Country Club. She was a supporter of Mary Reparatrix Retreat Center and enjoyed playing tennis.

Survivors include her husband, William J. Wink Jr.; two daughters, Judi A. Duerr of Canton and Cagrol A. Schaegger of Ypsilanti; one son, William J. Wink III (Karen) of West Bloomfield; and five grandchildren, Jason, Joshua, Lindsey, Collin and Hanna.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Detroit Automobile Dealers Association Charitable Foundation, 333 W. First St. Suite 2010, Detroit, MI 48226.

Local arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

SYBILL E. PHILLIPS

Services for Sybill E. Phillips, 81, of Plymouth were held Nov. 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Steven B. Schafer of Mount Hope Congregational Christian Church, Livonia. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born April 14, 1918,

in Albany, Vt., and died Nov. 15 in Livonia. She was a cashier in a cafeteria at J.L. Hudson's and a member of the Eastern Stars.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman A. Phillips; her parents, Dwight Dow and Kathryn Dow Pillsbury; and one son, Norman E. Phillips. Survivors include her daughter, Joan (Ron) L. Handloser of Livonia; one sister, Mildred Larkin of Burlington, Vt.; one brother, Robert Pillsbury of Burlington; three granddaughters, Rhonda (Chris) Weber, Marilyn Handloser and Kathryn Handloser; one grandson, Greg Handloser; and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Weber.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

JANET ANN RIGGIERO

Services for Janet Ann Riggiero, 56, of Plymouth were held Nov. 16 at Liturgy of the Resurrection.

She was born Mar. 8, 1941, in Fremont, Ohio, and died Nov. 12 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beier Luella. Survivors include her husband, Anthony Riggiero of Plymouth; father, Roman Deier of Tiffin, Ohio; two daughters, Regina (Daniel, Jr.) Paradiso of Huntington, N.Y., and Annette (Peter) Dyke of Los Gatos, Calif.; one sister, Joanne Crockett of Clyde,

Ohio; two brothers, Jeff Beier of Eaton, Ohio, and Jerry Beier of Green Springs, Ohio; and five granddaughters, Domini Paradiso of Huntington, N.Y., Michela Paradiso of Huntington, N.Y., Chiara Paradiso of Huntington, N.Y., Giavanna Paradiso of Huntington, N.Y. and Camryn Dyke of Los Gatos, Calif.

Memorials may be made to Josephine Ford Cancer Center, Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place 5A, Detroit, MI 48202 or in mass cards.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CARA M. MITCHELL

Services for Cara M. Mitchell, 36 of Canton, were held Nov. 18 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan of St. John Neumann Church officiating.

She was born April 25, 1963 in Detroit and died Nov. 15. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Larry D.; one daughter, Lauren M.; three sons, Larry D. Jr., Eric W., Logan L.; parents, Mary Young, Paul Young; one brother, Patrick A. Young; and parents-in-law, Dianna Mitchell and Lawrence Domogala.

FLORENCE PANATTONI

Services for Florence Panattoni, 84, formerly of Plymouth, will take place Nov. 27 at the Sacred Heart Church in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., with the Rev. Michael Dillon officiating.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1914, in Laurium, Mich., and died Nov. 13. She earned her

bachelor's degree in speech and secondary education from Northern Michigan University and her masters degree from the University of Michigan.

She continued her graduate work at Columbia University and later studied the year-round schools in England. She began her teaching career in Menominee, Mich., moving on to Manistique, Mich., and then continuing in Northville. In 1973, she was appointed assistant superintendent of the Northville Public School District. She became the president of the State of Michigan Speech Association and received a life membership and Distinguished Service Award for her unique contributions to speech and general education.

Both the state House and state Senate honored her accomplishments with a joint resolution of achievement further recognizing her efforts in education. She served as president of the Delta Kappa Gamma-Alfa Nu Chapter. She also served the state of Michigan as the state consultant for year-round schools and talented and gifted programs.

Survivors include her three sisters, Marie Criger (Marvin) of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Carolyn Cladwell of Littleton, Colo., and Dorothy Sincock of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Northville High School Drama Department, 775 N. Center Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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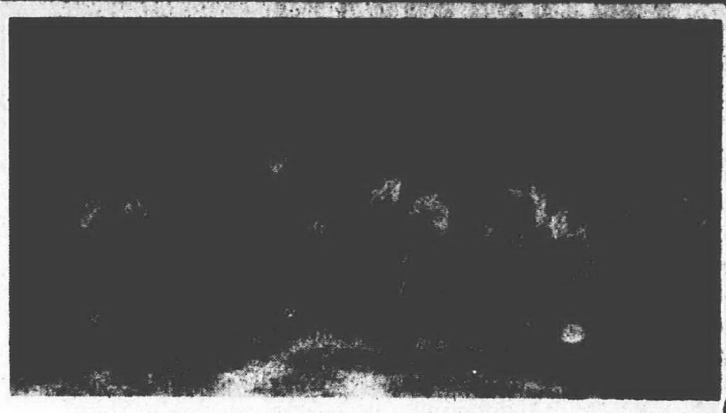
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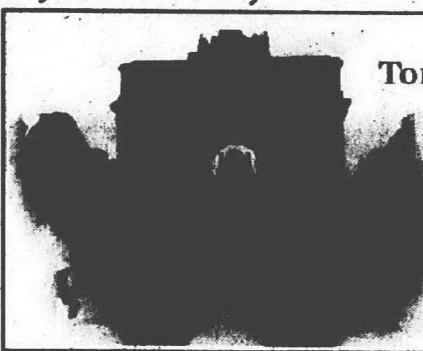
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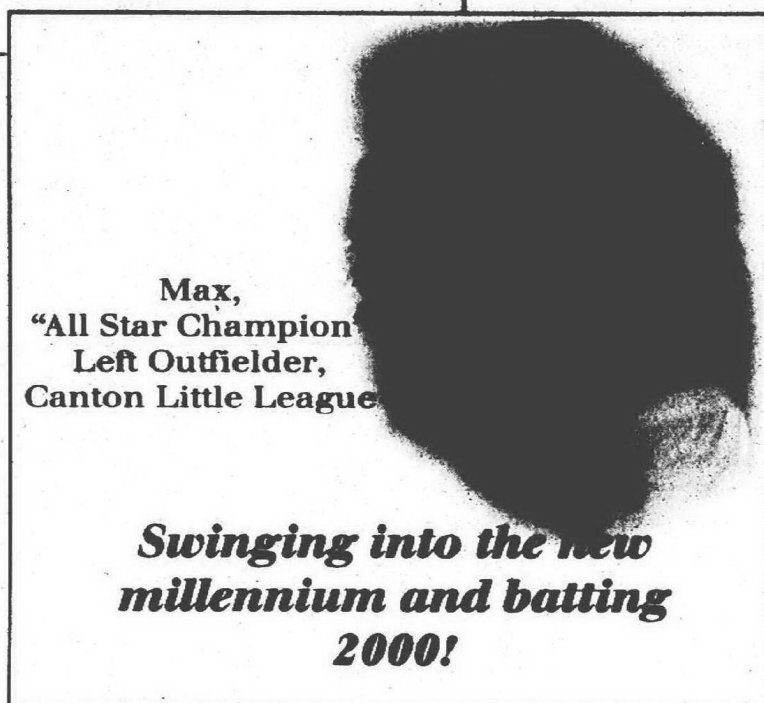


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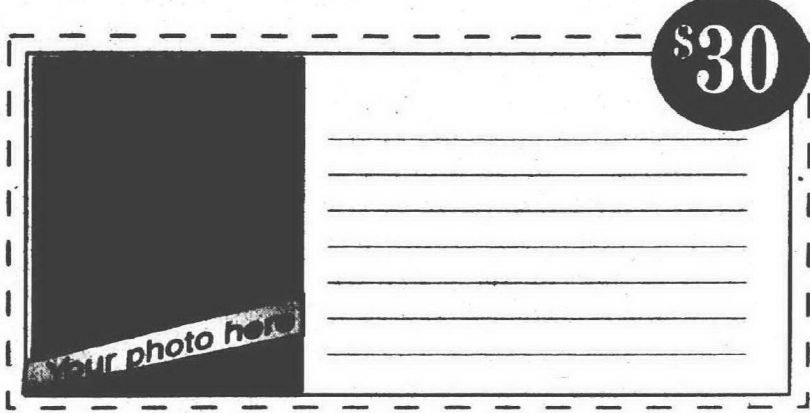
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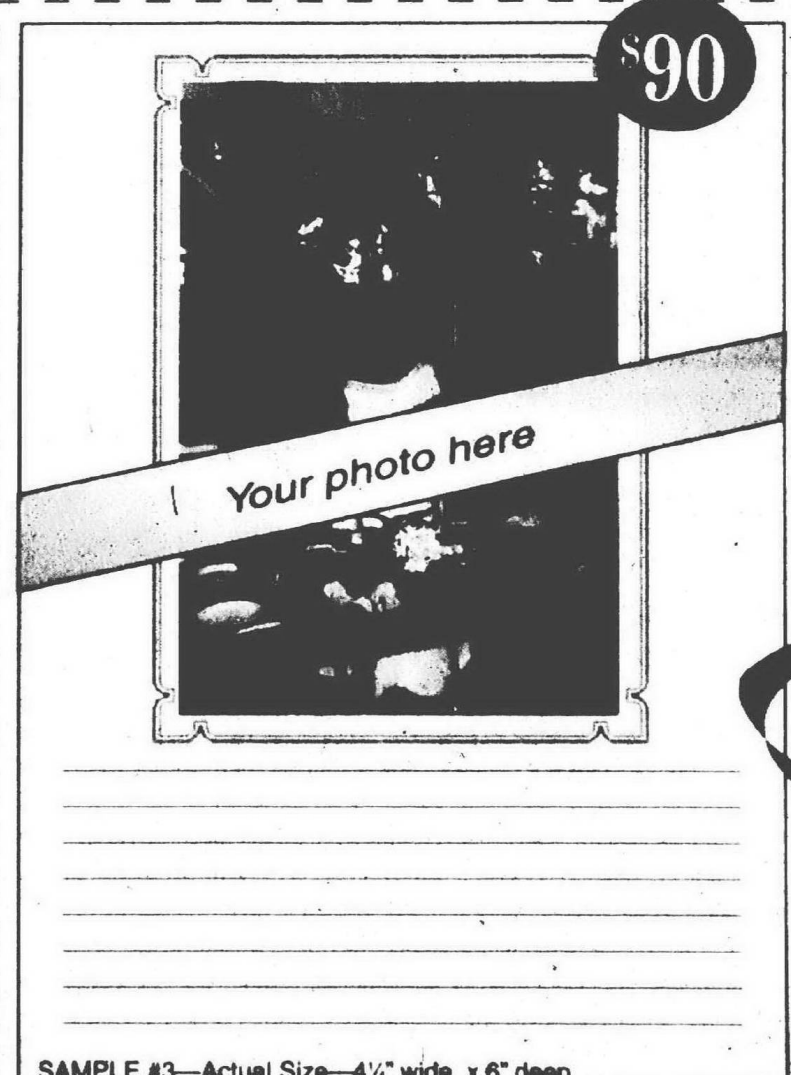
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Charter schools

Accountability must be key factor

There's a line forming outside the charter school door. About 100 new charters are waiting for approval in Michigan. The law of supply and demand - and the push to reform public education - dictate that the state lift its five-year-old cap on the number of schools chartered by universities, currently 150, charter school advocates say.

Legislation could be reintroduced in the Michigan House of Representatives as early as this week to revise or remove the cap. Gov. John Engler favors its elimination.

We don't think that's a great idea - particularly if it's done without any measures to ensure further accountability on the part of new and existing charters, or public school academies, as they like to be called. And this is what the Michigan Association of Public School Academies wants. No limits, no burden. Charter schools are working, they assure us. Parental involvement is staggeringly strong, MEAP scores are rising and public schools are improving just because charter schools are there to provide competition.

The Observer doesn't see the evidence being nearly as conclusive. While some schools, particularly those in Detroit and near Lansing, are meeting or beating performance standards of the districts where they are located, others lag behind. Taken as a whole, MEAP scores at charter schools fall short of statewide averages in math and reading, although they surpass statewide scores in science and writing. Many academies are just entering their second or third year of existence. Some of the early charters had so few students initially they were exempted from MEAP altogether.

We also question whether charter schools will be able to compete with traditional public schools - particularly those in solid districts like much of western Wayne and Oakland counties - in the long run. Charters receive per-pupil funding that matches their home

district only up to a maximum of the annual state foundation grant of about \$6,000. That means the staff at charter schools is made up mostly of new teachers at the bottom of the salary scale. Many will likely move on to higher-paying school districts and experienced teachers already in those districts would be hard-pressed to move to charter schools.

But the biggest reason for demanding additional accountability for new and existing charters is this: Even though the charter schools are legally prohibited from making a profit, the overwhelming majority of charter schools in Michigan have contracted with for-profit companies to handle start-up and administrative tasks. That in itself draws a line between charter schools and traditional public education.

While the state's 1993 charter school law leaves oversight up to the schools' authorizing bodies, such as Central Michigan University, it also opens the door to management companies such as the Edison Project and National Heritage Academies, a western Michigan-based company that had hoped to set up a charter school in Canton this fall. Management companies typically receive about 10 percent of the per-pupil state foundation grant for their services. That's taxpayer dollars going to a private concern with limited requirements for financial disclosure.

The Canton academy, which fell through when the township planning commission failed to approve its site plan, was expected to be operating in the black within five to eight years, organizers said.

The Observer believes parents and taxpayers are looking for more accountability in education, not less. Witness the renewed emphasis on standardized testing, a longer school year and state-endorsed high school diplomas. Charter schools shouldn't be left off the hook when report cards are due.

Penalties in anti-riot bill go too far

State Sen. Loren Bennett wants rioters on college campuses not only sent to prison for their crimes but also banned from all state public colleges and universities for at least one year.

The legislative proposal, while passing the lowest possible potential legal barrier, just doesn't make good public policy.

Certainly, the Observer isn't condoning wanton displays of public vandalism, but let's take a look at reality.

The Bennett bill is based on last spring's rioting on the Michigan State University campus after the Spartans basketball loss in the semi-finals of the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament. (Thank goodness the Spartans didn't win that semi-final or the championship - the damage could have been worse.)

While the image of TV newscasts showing students, nonstudents, passersby and others watching a couch on a public street being torched, it is a scene that rarely happens. For sure, there are outlandish displays of behavior on campuses following a sports event, but on a national or even a state level, these are very few.

Enforcement of the proposed new law would be a major problem. How would the municipal and/or campus police in East Lansing, Ann Arbor or any other public college campus ever spot a violator in stadiums housing as many as 76,000 (at MSU) to 111,000 (at U-M) or just walking down the street and passing a college

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building?

The answer is obvious - it would be impossible.

The legislature would be better off worrying about more important matters - such as public school financing, how to treat juveniles in the criminal justice system, campaign financing, among others.

Bennett's bill would substantially widen the penalties for convicted rioters liable for more than just the vandalism directly involved in the criminal charges.


Senate Bill 525 allows courts to ban anyone convicted of a misdemeanor from entering any Michigan public college campus for a year if convicted of a misdemeanor, two years if convicted of a felony.

The state House Committee on Criminal Law and Corrections amended the bill, already approved by the Senate, to also allow courts to order rioters to pay restitution to local communities, colleges and schools for costs related to their crimes - which does make sense and is good public policy.

But overall, the penalties in the legislation go too far and should be blocked by the state House.


COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 What should the government do about Microsoft?




Linda Bonaventura
 Plymouth

"I don't think they should be involved. I think it's more of the business and (responsibility)."




Richard Goodfriend
 Plymouth

"It's all right to categorize Microsoft as a monopoly. But I don't think they should do anything."



Lincoln Gordon
 Plymouth

"I think they should back off. I don't think they're a monopoly."



Mary Grace
 Northville

"I don't think the (antitrust) laws apply anymore because there are so many companies out there. They should appeal."

We asked this question recently at the Plymouth post office on Penniman Street.



LETTERS

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Homosexuality is Immoral

How I wish I myself had written the principled, ever-so-pertinent letter by Scott Gentine that appeared in the Observer of Nov. 11! My hat is off to Mr. Gentine.

I have little to add to his sentiments except that I would note that voices urging us to "tolerate" and "accept" homosexuality are not new. They were present and in the majority when parts of the Pentateuch were written. They were wrong then and they are wrong now.

Others who urged the acceptance and encouraged the practice of homosexuality were having their say in the first century A.D. (year of Our Lord), when Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans (see Chapter 1).

To those whose knowledge of the history of moral sensibilities goes back no further than the '60s, I would say that there is an objective morality attached to all actions involving sexual expression, and the direction that morality must take can be determined by taking cursory note of the construction of the male and female anatomy.

One can deny the existence of the Creator who set all this in place just as one can "deny" the presence of malignancy in the body - for a time. But eventually, there will be a price to pay. Our society will pay for its immorality in time.

Margaret Waldecker
 Canton

They have some sort of myth that tolerance and acceptance are synonyms. Maybe they need to spend some more time in English class. Tolerance is acknowledging a belief system as valid even if it abhors yours. You don't tolerate the "right" any more than they tolerate you!

And to my religious friends, practice don't preach. We're taught that we're here to "be Christ-like," not to make sure others are. When you read to love your neighbor, it doesn't have a little asterisk next to the word neighbor that qualifies it into "people you agree with." We're supposed to love everybody, even those whose lifestyles you totally disagree with.

As far as the displays go, real "tolerance" (I'm really beginning to loathe that word) would have been to take into consideration all of the audience. When I was young I was taught that if something was uncomfortable or offensive to one in a group you didn't force the discussion on the whole.

Now read this carefully - this is not censorship. It is courtesy. The folks who put up the display on gay issues simply were not being tolerant of the Christian perspective. Period. It's exactly the same as a religious person calling the gay lifestyle "wrong."

Now I'm not saying either side is correct. But you have to understand that both belief systems are valid. They exist in our culture. You don't have to agree, or even accept it. But you have to acknowledge it. That is tolerance.

David Bard

True meaning of tolerance

I've been reading with amusement the debate on the controversial displays at the high school. Do these people actually read what they write or listen to what they say?

Both sides supposedly adhere to "tolerance" and yet neither shows any signs of understanding the concept. In fact, if you read the letters you quickly see that by simply replacing a few adjectives you can exactly mimic the other side's message!

If the "left" side of the issue really wanted to see tolerance embraced they would show us by example. Throwing out words like homophobic and hate are cheap shots at taking the moral high ground and they just don't work.

Misuse of vote

I want my money back.
 I was a member of the citizen's committee that gave a number of weekends to developing the proposal to locate the new high school at the West site (which was a money-saving compromise so the district wouldn't have to purchase additional land). I voted for the West site in the bond election.
 Now the school board wants to misuse my vote to select the East site.
 I want my money back.

Chris Hail
 Canton

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Live what you teach

It so saddens me to see how much hate and intolerance there is in our community. Why do so many feel they must ridicule homosexuality? What happened to acceptance? Why do people find someone else's sexuality so threatening? Ms. DeAngelis in her Nov. 4 letter can quote the Bible repeatedly on the parts she goes to fit. Did you ever read the part that says to love your neighbor, or to not judge others?

This could have been a great learning lesson for children - in a way it still is. It teaches that even adults are bigoted and that even though the school board says it teaches "diversity" it can't live by it. Somehow, people are getting the impression the bulletin boards were done to "convert" children or to "teach" them to be gay. To the contrary, they were to show there are differences among people, and everyone should be accepted.

I discussed these bulletin boards with my elementary school children. I also discussed with them that it is never right to put down someone for their nationality, race, sexuality, or for that matter looks. I want my children to learn to treat everyone fairly, to get to know someone before forming an opinion. I feel sorry for all the homophobics in our community, they may be missing out on some wonderful friendships.

Pam Laing
Canton

Gays not immoral

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

If a person wants to believe homosexual activity is immoral that is their choice. To believe that homosexual orientation is

immoral is to claim the existence of an involuntary thought crime. Whether we like it or not, homosexual orientation is based on thought, and these thoughts are not chosen.

A more legitimate question to ask is what a person who is homosexual-oriented should do to live their lives in a more moral fashion. Denying the existence of homosexuality doesn't help these people make better decisions.

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

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

Gary Rimar

Teach tolerance

I have written to the school board members, but with all I have been reading of the gay/lesbian showcases, I felt I should continue to express my opinion in as many forums as possible.

My first reaction is anger that some people are so afraid of what they do not know and ignorant of the facts, that they would censor what an entire school should see.

Letters to the editor have applauded the school board, stating that homosexuality should not be "promoted" and absurdly comparing adultery to homosexuality. The ignorance is unbelievable.

But mostly I am saddened. I have three children who have or are being taught in this school district. I teach acceptance of diversity in my home. I have always believed that schools and parents are partners in children's education.

This censorship goes against all that I have taught my chil-

dren in my home and in my church.

I also am afraid that those who hate anyone different than themselves see the action of the school board and feel justified in their thinking.

We recently passed the sad, harrowing anniversary of a gay college student beaten to death by those who felt this same justification. I think it is time that we seriously consider the effect of our actions, and of our responsibility in condoning intolerance.

I ask our community to support these and any other teachers in this district to continue to teach our children tolerance, acceptance of diversity, and respect and dignity for all humanity.

Sharon Lampinen
Canton

An 'abomination.'

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

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

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

Alison DeAngelis
Canton

New guy looks for team effort

This is the part new editors fear most - the dreaded "arrival" column. You know the bit. The new guy (or woman, as was the case the last time you had to read one of these) writes about himself, tells you a bunch of details you won't remember between the time you read this and the time you sit down to your next meal.

So let's dispense with those right away. I'm 40, got five beautiful children, spent 15 mostly fabulous years in the U.S. Air Force that ended when President George Bush (the first one, not the one we're going to get next year) decided to offer me a gazillion dollars to help him downsize the military.

I've been stationed right here in Michigan (Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda), in Izmir, Turkey, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Spokane, Wash., and Omaha, Neb. Got out of the service in March 1992 and went to work at The Oxford Leader, a small weekly in Oxford, Mich.

After more than four years there, during which time I rose to become the leader of that staff (before you allow yourself to become impressed, realize it's a two-person staff), then moved to the Observer and Eccentric in August 1996.

I was the sports editor for North Oakland County for slightly more than three years, covering prep sports in Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford, until getting this gig a couple of weeks ago. My first day was Monday.

OK, OK. I agree with you. Enough already.

That's about as much talking about myself as I usually care to do, anyway. The only thing you really care about is whether I can do the job I've been hired to do, which is to bring you a local newspaper with the best coverage of your hometown.

I think I'm going to be able to do that, and apparently I've fooled the bosses into agreeing with me. So you and I need to work together to keep them thinking along those lines.

Actually, putting out a community newspaper is very much a team effort between you and us. Sure, it's our job to tell you what the city commission and the school board and the township officials are doing with your money and your resources. Absolutely we should be letting you know when crimes are committed in your town and against your people.

But we don't want to stop there. We want to tell you about the things that make your



BRAD KADRICH

town tick. We want to tell you about the school board's decision to put the new high school on the east site after initially favoring the west. But we also want to tell you about how that decision will affect the kids who have to bear the brunt of it.

We want to tell you what a great job the chamber does bringing you any number of festivals, but we also want to tell you about the crafters and customers who patronize each one.

We want to tell you how many people cast ballots in the latest election, but we also want to tell you what people in the clerk's office go through to prepare for it.

In other words, we don't want only to write about the nameless, faceless entities that run your governments. We want to bring to light the faces those decision-makers most affect. In short, we want to tell you about ... you.

Just as surely as we have a responsibility to bring you the best coverage of your town, you have a duty to let us know when we stray and when we're doing it right. These of us here at the Plymouth Observer have been doing this a long time; we like to think we're doing a good job of telling you about your community. You should feel free to let us know when you agree.

And especially when you disagree. We've got a crackerjack writing team here, one of the better photographers you'll find and an eager, industrious new guy holding the baton. You've got a township board, a school board, a city commission, big business, small business and every-day people. Together, we're going to make a great team.

Plymouth Community Editor Brad Kadrich can be reached by phone at (734) 459-2700, by e-mail at bkadrich@oe.com and by fax at (734) 459-4224.

Once an industrial power, Michigan lags in new economy

One of the best things John Engler has done as governor is to have attracted Doug Rothwell to Michigan from Delaware in 1993.

Initially Director of the Michigan Jobs Commission, an agency that consolidated the various job training programs into one coherent administrative unit, the slim and intense Rothwell has won praise for his intelligence, foresight and willingness to take risks by doing new things.

He moved over to run the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public corporation set up outside the stifling state bureaucratic structure to oversee the state's job and business attraction and retention programs. (He got a hefty raise by moving outside civil service pay restrictions, but that's OK. You get what you pay for, and Rothwell's the real deal.)

The MEDC has just issued a report on Michigan's economy, "Strategic Directions for Michigan's Future." It makes fascinating reading.

In the decades following the Great Depression, Michigan's auto-led economy flourished, leading the nation in automation, production and technological progress. Our economy stalled in the 1970s and '80s, when the auto industry was being pummeled by foreign competition and unemployment skyrocketed. But good times in the '90s led to surging auto industry and a rapidly growing service sector.

The MEDC report points out that Michigan began to "benchmark" against other industrial states such as Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin in the early '90s. In many ways, Michigan has improved its ranking against these competitors in recent years.

Current success in automobiles, however, has led to new goals. The MEDC report suggests Michigan should now concentrate on growth over the next decade in areas where the state has a comparative advantage against other states: advanced manufacturing, information technologies and life sciences.

And the report proposes a new set of "benchmark" states, including California, Washington, Virginia and Massachusetts. When ranked against our new competitors, Michigan doesn't look so good.

For example, while Michigan's work force productivity ranks third when compared with our old competitors, it comes in dead last against the new set. While Michigan is technologically advanced compared to its old competitors, our state is last among our new competitors in percentage of households with Internet access.



PHILIP POWER

Worse is our standing in venture capital, arguably the main growth engine for new, high tech companies. Among new competitors, Michigan ranks dead last in the dollars available for venture capital financing. The dollar gap is considerable: Michigan, with \$2.4 million available for venture financing in the first quarter of 1999, is far, far behind Virginia, with nearly \$60 million available to entrepreneurs.

Moreover, Michigan has a poor image among business leaders. A focus group quoted in the MEDC report concludes that "a number of people didn't think of anything specific when asked for their thoughts on Michigan - nothing comes to mind or they simply said 'Detroit' and nothing else." Many business leaders think Michigan is simply dominated by the auto industry, with little room for any other kind of business.

Such perceptions, even though faulty, lead to decisions that hurt Michigan. A group of business leaders in New York, when asked which states they would consider for expansion or relocation, ranked North Carolina, South Carolina and California at the top, with Texas and Ohio in the middle. Michigan ranked last!

So part of what MEDC wants to do is as simple as educating business leaders around the country about Michigan's real strengths. There is a real story to be told here. Michigan kids scored an average of 1100 in the SAT exam in 1997, above any of our new competitors. And Michigan's colleges and universities are as good as they get; the University of Michigan, for example, is number one in the entire country in sponsored research.

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

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Madonna receives technology grant

With a recent grant from the United States Department of Education, Madonna University will equip itself for the 21st century with state-of-the-art instructional technology.

The \$1.4 million Title III grant incorporates many uses of technology which respond to the demands of Madonna University's diverse student body. These include: using technology to improve student retention; strengthening retention efforts across the university; assessing the technology literacy of graduating students; enhancing the technology infrastructure; augmenting faculty professional development; and expanding distance education instruction and support services.

"The Title III funding will allow Madonna University to excel in the area of technology," said Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "The award comes at a critical juncture in the history of the long-range planning process, when the university is positioning itself for the future. The grant will support the infrastructure to make it possible to explore the curricular implications of technology across the university."

Among the initiatives slated to strengthen student learning will be technology literacy placement tests, which will assist in

'Of importance is the use of technology as a learning tool while maintaining a strong dimension of our mission, including respect for each person's talents and needs.'

*Sister Mary Francilehe
Madonna University President*

placing students in computer courses according to their skill level. The current computer lab will be expanded to accommodate more students and to increase multimedia capability.

To ensure student satisfaction with the technologies for teaching and learning, an annual survey will be conducted.

For students experiencing academic difficulties, several measures will be employed. A Web-based learning/advising center will increase contact between students, faculty and advisors. Also, an electronic tracking system, including an early-warning mechanism, will be employed to track at-risk students.

To assess the knowledge students have gained about technology, students preparing for graduation will be required to make a multimedia presentation in major senior courses and will be evaluated using a common technological literacy assessment instrument developed by the fac-

ulty. Online testing of student computer proficiency will be conducted prior to graduation.

The university will initiate an upgrade plan that will equip six classrooms per year for five years with the appropriate level of technology for the teaching-learning needs of faculty and students.

The faculty will receive additional computer training, which will result in increased learning opportunities for all students, particularly those who are academically and economically disadvantaged. By January 2003, the faculty will integrate computer technologies into all general education and major classes.

A faculty professional development center will include a multimedia authoring lab with eight work stations to assist faculty in teaching in the classroom or through distance learning. By September 2004, it is proposed that all faculty members will be oriented to the lab and will pro-

duce at least one piece of courseware for their classes.

To meet the needs of today's busy student, an accelerated baccalaureate degree program in general studies will be delivered through distance education by the fall term in 2003.

"The Madonna University community acknowledges the U.S. Department of Education for providing us the opportunity to support the rapid changes in technology that influence how students and faculty together can enhance the teaching learning process," said Sister M. Francilehe, president.

"Through the utilization of advanced computer technology across the University, it is projected that students will respond positively, resulting in increased student learning, academic success and greater student retention. Of importance is the use of technology as a learning tool while maintaining a strong dimension of our mission, including respect for each person's talents and needs."

To continue project activities beyond the funding period, the university will participate in an endowment challenge grant in the amount of \$180,000 over five years to be matched on a 2-to-1 basis, or two federal dollars to each institutional dollar for a total technology endowment of \$270,000.

Group wants to track power outages

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A toll-free number may be available next year for residents in western Wayne County to report power outages, part of an effort by leaders of those communities to pursue outage issues with Detroit Edison.

The Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, created an ad hoc committee in October. On Friday, that group forwarded recommendations back to the CWW, a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The committee recommended that:

■ Effective Jan. 1, 2000, all CWW communities begin to document power outages within their communities for a one-year period, including input from residents. CWW communities will ask residents to contact their city or township hall after notifying Detroit Edison of the power outage. CWW

staff also will explore the feasibility of adding a toll-free phone number to report power outages.

■ Individual communities research and identify when "troubles" lines were installed.

■ CWW fire chiefs will forward to the CWW copies of the Michigan Fire Incident Report System filed with the state for 1999 and 2000. The MFIRS tracks responses to downed wires or shorting/arcing incidents.

■ Communities will forward to the CWW their franchise agreements with Detroit Edison. These agreements were enacted about 80 years ago and are currently expiring in many CWW communities. CWW communities may wish to determine as a region the length of the new franchise agreements.

■ The CWW will enhance its relationship with the Michigan Public Service Commission and gain a better understanding of the MPSC's role.

CWW Executive Director Marsha Bianconi expected a follow-up report will be made to the CWW in December on the feasibility of establishing a toll-free number and the other recommendations.

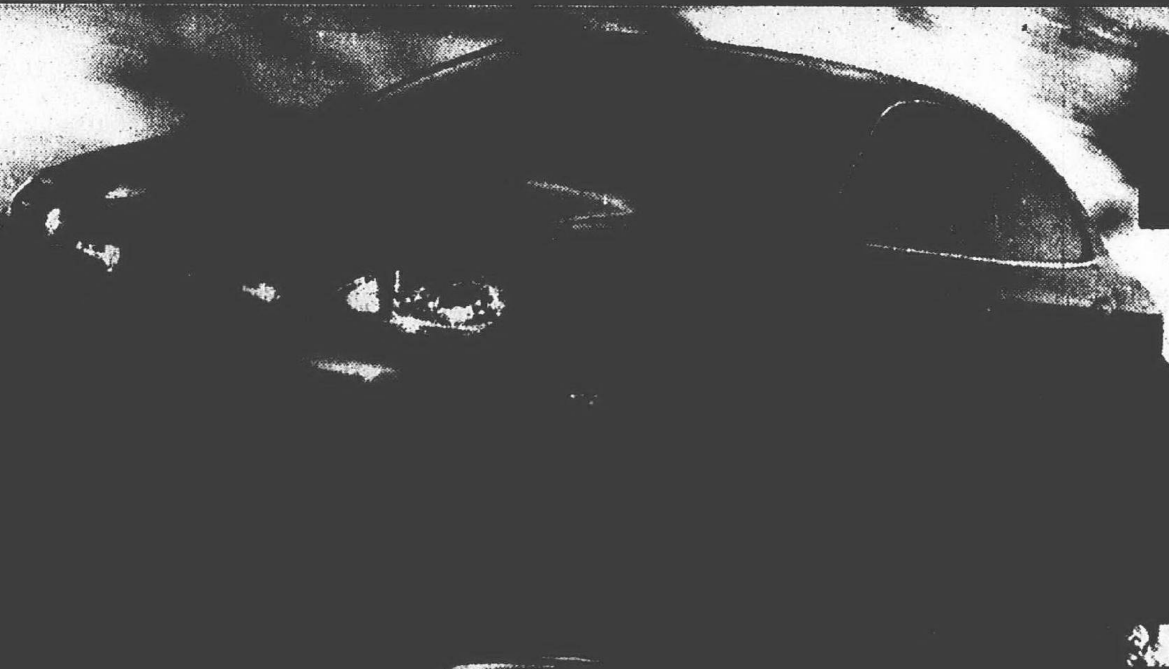
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Common Senses



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Being there for your kids does matter

My cousin came to town recently to be part of a family reunion. At one point he and I were sitting and talking about children and working parents.

"Ya know," he said, "with my girls as young as they are (2 and 4), Robin (his wife) and I have been considering having one of us stay home and be there for the girls. And I've been the one thinking about doing it."

Here is a guy who, among other things, used to write ads for Leggs pantyhose. I thought I'd drop my teeth out when he said he was thinking about giving up a "high-powered career" to take care of the children, because he was a corporate kind of guy.

More and more families are revisiting the idea of whether both parents should work. Lots of parents want to be more involved in their children's lives.

A recent piece of research gave some of the reasons parents are rethinking full-time work. Ellen Galinsky, a work-family researcher, recently published a book titled "Ask the Children: What America's Children Really Think About Working Parents."

Although the headlines in the newspaper suggested that kids basically don't have a problem with their parents working, what struck me was that her study found that kids ages 8-18 are not necessarily content with their relationships with their parents.

On the question of whether the kids felt their parents spent time talking to them, only 43 percent gave their parents an "A."

On the question of whether their parents really knew what was going on in their lives, 31 percent gave dad an "A" and 35 percent gave mom an "A." Half the 1,000 children surveyed thought their time with their parents was rushed.

Based on the survey, it sounds as though kids would be pleased with just hanging out with one or the other parent. Hanging out is a hard notion to get in your head when time is precious.

As a mom who worked part time when the children were little, I can vouch for the fact that when you're at home, you're often still working - cleaning, cooking, mowing, doing laundry. Being with the kids is very different from just being home.

If I had to do it again, I would have "hung out" more with the kids. The legacy I leave would sound much better if it read, "I was there for my kids" rather than, "I was there for my job."

Time seems to be the critical factor. Nobody ever has enough of it. I applaud my cousin's desire to stay home. He knows that's the only way he will ever have enough time with those kids. As he said, "When it's all said and done, will the kids care if I was able to afford a bigger home or a sleek car?"

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On the road

Testing aims to keep senior drivers safe



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Checking it out: Barbara Spreitzer-Berent, the author of "Supporting the Mature Driver: A Handbook for Friends, Family Members and Advisors," goes over the results of a driving test with Margaret Pittman-Hadley of Bloomfield Hills.

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The two 80-somethings were polite but firm.

They wanted the people running the mature-driver workshop to know they'd already self-evaluated and had adjusted their driving accordingly: She drove at night, he drove during the day.

All they wanted, they said, were a few driving tips and the latest road-work information.

But what they got was a shock. "We found out she was night-blind and he wasn't," said Frank Cardimen, whose organization has been sponsoring the workshops around metropolitan Detroit for more than 11 years.

Cardimen is president of the private, award-winning, non-profit Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, a Bloomfield Hills-based engineering group founded 33 years ago to stem the then-rising traffic death toll in Oakland County.

Since then, TIA has added high-



Just a test: One of TIA's testing machines checks people's cognitive ability for deficiencies.

quality traffic safety/enforcement educational programs and, in 1988, the mature driver workshops, becoming a national leader in its field. This year TIA received an Institute of Transportation Engineers award for its years of community service.

Each in its own way, TIA and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments are pushing to improve traffic safety for Michigan seniors.

TIA offers a very large program for

testing, evaluating and teaching seniors better driving safety, said Jennifer Evans, a SEMCOG transportation engineer.

"It's quite well-known across the country" for its innovations, she added. "AARP has senior driver retraining classes, but they're not nearly as advanced."

One TIA innovation is the Universal Field of Vision computerized testing machine, developed jointly with the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Cognitive ability

The testing machine checks people's cognitive ability for deficiencies by testing how well and how quickly they can identify and recall the location of a type of vehicle in a maze on a screen.

Research shows there is a "direct correlation between cognitive ability and traffic accidents" among older drivers, Cardimen said.

Cognitive ability - defined as the facility for understanding what we see

Please see DRIVING, B2

Handbook helps deal with driving

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If you're a baby boomer, chances are good you've got at least one parent who's still driving.

And if you're holding your breath every time they do - because their driving skills have diminished but their need for independence and dignity haven't - well, metro Detroit gerontologist and educator Barbara Spreitzer-Berent has a handbook you'll want to read and keep around.

Spreitzer-Berent's "Supporting the Mature Driver: A Handbook for Friends, Family Members and Advisors" aims at helping boomers, their families and friends and professional caregivers deal with the often perplexing and sensitive issue of safe driving in later life.

"The vast majority of mature motorists are safe and responsible," said Spreitzer-Berent who's also an urban planner and founder/president of Quest Learning Resources in Royal Oak. "Yet friends and family members may have questions about some older drivers' skills on the road."

Her handbook provides insights that help readers approach the mature motorists in their lives with the respect those elders deserve to avoid risking cherished relationships.

Its 28 pages give hands-on, practical information, including checklists, resource guides and worksheets that help readers recognize a decline in an older person's driving skills, improve driving performance and explore transportation alternatives.

It's designed to help keep older drivers on the road as long as safely possible, help them make a smooth transition when driving is no longer an option, help people know when to get involved and initiate a conversation about driving and stay objective when talking about driving problems.

There's a special section for professionals, such as doctors, nurses, social workers and law enforcement personnel, who may work with older drivers.

Please see HANDBOOK, B3

Cemetery takes in people's 'little friends'

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Shirley Cameron knelt next to her grandson, Robert Ortiz, as he placed a bouquet of flowers on the grave. She kissed him on the cheek and hugged him closely. They would both miss their dog, Buster, very much.

"Sometimes this is the first time for a young person to experience a death," said Sharon Lewinsky, the family's memorial counselor at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

On that October afternoon, the Cameron and Ortiz families of Redford lovingly wrapped their dog Buster in his own blanket and said their goodbyes as he was buried. Robert was allowed to come home early from school to attend the service.

"It's hard to say good-bye," said Dana Hannan, Robert's mother. "It's nice to be able to have a place to come and bring flowers."

Buster was a schnauzer/terrier/dachshund mix and a special pet to Robert.

"We got Buster out of the shelter and they grew up together," said Hannan. "That was his buddy."

The family found out about the local pet cemetery from Virginia Reinke, Dana Hannan's aunt and a Westland resident. She buried her own pets at the cemetery and recommended it because of the professional staff and location. Reinke said it's a good choice



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for those who can afford it.

Dispel any thoughts of Steven King's thriller "Pet Sematary" from your mind. When a beloved pet dies, the experience is one of grief and sorrow, not fear. Nothing demonstrates the affection owners have for their pets more than a place dedicated to the memories of those precious, mostly furry members of the

family.

The Garden of Our Little Friends is devoted to pets who passed on and the owners who adored and cared for them. The pet cemetery was added in January 1986.

Please see CEMETERY, B3

Touching moment: Robert Ortiz and his grandmother, Shirley Cameron, place flowers on the grave of their beloved pet Buster at the Garden of Our Little Friends pet cemetery in Westland.

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...ages diminishing after age 65 although at a different rate for each person, Cardimen said.

"This 'window of attention' declines visual acuity plus other factors, but, 'if we lose 40 percent of our cognitive abilities, statistically we have a 94-percent chance' of being in a crash within one year.

"If we can measure cognitive abilities and tell people they are having trouble, we can mitigate it," Cardimen said.

"He said a 92-year-old woman in Milford 'had the highest UFOV in the whole class.

"We complimented her and she said, 'I have to be strong to take care of the old people back at the

center,'" he said.

And what of the elderly couple at Greenfield Village?

"We persuaded them to switch," Cardimen said.

TIA usually presents its senior workshops to groups of up to 25 at retirement centers in six of southeast Michigan's seven counties - Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Livingston.

The workshops run from March to November to accommodate road-testing of seniors in their own vehicles. TIA held more than 25 workshops in 1998.

Draft form
SEMCOG's Evans has been

working on the Elderly Mobility and Safety Plan of Action for Michigan, now in draft form with the Michigan Safety Commission. She, SEMCOG and other organizations statewide will offer more recommendations in December.

The Safety Plan of Action is very broad and all-encompassing, Evans said. It's designed to make traffic engineers, city planners and people in general more aware of what's needed to make roads safer for all drivers.

Among its recommendations are larger traffic-signal lights and regulatory signs, additional intersections with protected, green-arrow left-turn lanes,

ways to improve alternative transportation for people who no longer drive and even "planning urban and suburban developments to allow for walking to the pharmacy," Evans said.

An education section has suggestions for making the public more aware of where to get assistance with traffic problems or where to send those needing beginning or advanced driver training.

The plan doesn't call for stricter licensing at this time but rather for more effective screening tools, Evans added.

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Another section discusses driving and dementia.

Hot topic
Older-adult driving is a hot topic today because more than 18 million drivers over age 70 are on the road, including 429,000 in southeast Michigan, and certain crucial skills and senses that affect driving begin diminishing after age 65.

As a result, "There's a disproportionate amount of crashes and fatalities among those 65 and over, not only in Michigan, but in the United States," said Frank Cardimen, president of the non-profit Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

But more important, said Cardimen, demographers predict that the over-65 age group will double in the next 15 years.

"If we don't evaluate and develop ways to help that (senior) demographic now, we'll be in a helluva situation in 20 years," he said.

What makes Spreitzer-Berent's handbook good, he said, is it is aimed "not to pick on this age group, but to help" those in it and those closest to them.

The key is helping people remain mobile, because without that, "the quality of life declines," Cardimen said. "When you lose your independence, you lose your ability to be free."

In greater Detroit "there are no (alternate) ways" that make it easy to get to the pharmacy, doctor and grocery, Cardimen said.

"When you lose your ability to do something, you have to ask someone else to help you (and so) you lose a quality of life that is critical in mental health at that age," he said. "Barbara's book is a very valuable tool in this whole process. She really knows her business and is very much in the forefront on the needs of families and (senior) motorists."

"One of the things we talk about is how to broach the subject and help the conversation flow more easily," said Spreitzer-Berent, an instructor in TIA's mature-driver seminars around southeast Michigan. "If you wait to the last minute to talk to Mom and Dad, the only option is to take away the keys. If you start

the conversation earlier, they have the chance to work on their skills and continue to drive."

For example, reaction time can be improved, she said, as can an older person's ability to turn their head and neck, thus improving their area of vision.

'Lifetime plan'
But everyone, she said, should have a "lifetime mobility plan" that takes into account how and where one will spend his or her retirement and also how they will get around.

"If you plan ahead and think about the risk of losing your driving skills, you can extend your driving career," she said.

The daughter of Bill Spreitzer, a General Motors traffic safety researcher for 50 years, Spreitzer-Berent brings a varied background to both her business and the handbook, which she produced through her company's specialty division, AgeQuest.

A graduate of Albion College, she added a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan then worked as a government planner and grants coordinator and also as a GMC real estate and community development professional. Among her GMC projects was the New Center Development Partnership in Detroit.

"(But) I decided for my 40th birthday to give myself a change of careers," she said. "I decided to go back to school and learn more about aging."

There followed earning a graduate certificate in long-term care administration from the gerontology department at Madonna University in Livonia, then a nursing home administrator's license.

Spreitzer-Berent most recently served as the assistant director of community care services for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

Quest Learning Resources offers training and development programs to business professionals. Its subdivision, AgeQuest, addresses the interests of older adults, family caregivers, professionals in the field of aging and businesses who serve the mature market.

"Supporting the Mature Driver" (\$6.95 plus tax, postage and handling) is available by calling AgeQuest at (248)-647-4618.

Cemetery from page B1

"This is closure," said Lewinsky. "It's very important. People who don't have pets usually don't understand it. I'm really proud of this Garden of Our Little Friends."

"This young boy, he's going to remember this experience. I find this very special."

Stones carved with messages of love and bouquets of flowers mark the final resting places of dogs, cats, hamsters, iguanas, pirakeets and a pony who will be missed but always remembered.

A large stone structure in the center of the cemetery is for those animals who have been individually cremated and placed in cultured marble urns.

Headstones are not required at the pet cemetery, but can be purchased there. The Rock Shoppe, at 6275 Gettfredson in Plymouth, specializes in landscaping, but also carves pet memorials.

"We do all kinds of stonework," said owner Marco Scappaticci. "We specialize in bluestone memorials. They are inexpensive and popular. They can say anything you want to."

While the calls mostly come in for dogs and cats Scappaticci said he does get the occasional request for a beloved iguana - and for people, too. A bluestone

memorial ranges in price from \$59 to \$100, but more elaborate stonework could cost up to \$1,000, he said. Expect two weeks to prepare the stone which can be shipped in the mail.

Not so unusual
Flowers, wreaths and grave blankets can be laid on the sites, and Michael J. Southam, manager, said it's not unusual to see a few animal toys laid near the graves.

Burial plots cost between \$85 and \$235 although animals over 140 pounds are too large to be buried in the cemetery. Caskets range from \$99 to \$345. Cremation costs between \$40 and \$170. The cemetery does offer payment plans.

At the Rock Shoppe, Scappaticci noticed he's received a lot of calls for the service in the past few years. He attributed the rise in requests to the way the memorials help ease the grieving process.

"It's not one of our happiest calls," he said.

Pre-planning for pets has become a common practice over the last decade, said Southam.

"More people pre-plan," he said. "They come into the office by appointment and sit down with our counselors. A lot of peo-



Saying goodbye: Michael J. Southam stands in the Garden of Our Little Friends before a pet burial.

ple don't want to do this at the time of death. When you lose a pet, you just call here. Everything's already filled out. It makes it a lot easier."

He said that pets provide owners with companionship, unconditional love and loyalty. They are especially important to people who live alone, or are without a partner or children.

The memorial services, themselves, are as individual as each pet and family, he said. Some

families ask a minister to come, others just use the time as a chance to say good-bye.

By burying a pet at the Garden of Little Friends, or other pet cemeteries, there is a sense of closure and a permanent place where family members may visit.

"This is part of an endowment," said Southam of the cemetery. "They can come here forever."

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Bullock-Fisher

Christopher Bullock and Jennifer Ann Fisher were married May 30 at Bay Point Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

The bride is the daughter of Dick and Leah Fisher of West Bloomfield. The groom is the son of Dennis and Jerilyn Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Arizona State University.

The groom is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University.

The couple received guests at a reception at Bay Point Club House. Following a trip to



Aruba, they are making their home in Royal Oak.

Klase-Gaffield

Timothy Stephen Klase and Kimberly Anne Gaffield were married Oct. 22 at Vergennes United Methodist Church in Lowell, Mich.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gaffield. The groom is the son of Mrs. Richard Klase.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as a seventh grade language and drama teacher.

The bridegroom also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as an engineer.

The couple honeymooned in San Francisco and the wine



country of California.

Brenner-Tarchow

Diane Brenner of Livonia and Harold Brenner of Dearborn Heights announces the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Lynette, to Craig Daniel Tarchow, the son of Daniel and Ann Tarchow of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and the Center for Humanistic Studies with a master's degree in psychology. She is employed at MSK International in Staffing Services.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in recreation management. He is



employed in management at Enterprise Rent A Car Corp. An April wedding is planned at Mt. Hope Congregational Church.

Suddendorf-Scheuher

Jack and Sandy Suddendorf of South Branch announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Ellen, to Jeffrey Loran Scheuher, the son of Paul and Joan Scheuher of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed as a secretary in Wixom.

Her fiancé is graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and is a junior at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He is employed as a chemical blender in Wixom.



A February wedding is planned at Our Lady of Grace Church in Dearborn Heights.

Fouch-Ingold

Robert and Carol Fouch of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Collette Danielle, to Richard Aaron Ingold, the son of Richard and Linda Ingold, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Hope College. She is employed at Max and Erma's Restaurant as a waitress.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as an account executive at Bell and Howell.



A May 2000 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Young-Grady

Lynn and Sindy Young of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Lynne, to Adam Kemp Grady, the son of Michael and Paulette Grady.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed by ClaimsPro in Southfield as a marketing assistant.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of the University of California-Riverside with a bachelor of science degree. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Powertrain purchasing as a buyer.

A September wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus



Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Molly-Knolle

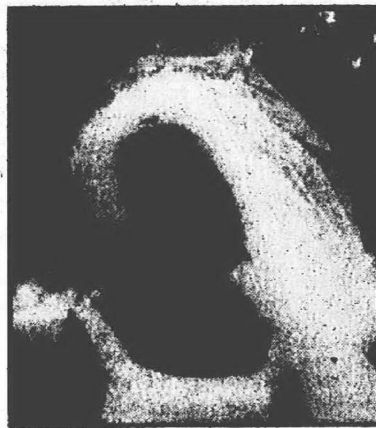
Katherine Florence Knolle and Andrew Martin Molly were married Oct. 23 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Sandia, Texas. The Revs. Jack Partel and Celestine Murray, former pastors of St. Pius X Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearson Knolle Jr. of Sandia. The groom is the son of Jean Boyd Molly of Jakarta, Indonesia, and Michael Frank Molly of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Orange Grove High School and Texas A&M University at College Station. She is employed as a civil engineer in Houston, Texas.

The groom is a graduate of Jakarta International School and Texas A&M University at College Station. He also is employed as a civil engineer in Houston.

The bride asked Karin Elizabeth Knolle and Ginger Coffin to



serve as her maids of honor, with Carmen Christina Knolle and Sarah Frances Molly as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Drake Weisert to serve as best man, with Maurice Paquette, Anthony Wolfe and Matthew Pearson Knolle as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Corpus Christi Town Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Kauai.

LaGrow-Graham

Karyn Graham and Roger LaGrow were married Aug. 28 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Graham of Canton. The groom is the son of Suzanne and Tony Fenech of Northville and the late Roger LaGrow.

The bride is 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by General Motors.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School.

He is employed by Electrical Union Local 58.

The bride asked Mishelle Winekoff, Kelly Graham, Marsha Fistler, Sonya Martain, Kim Breckenridge and Jennifer Stern to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Mark Cross, Kevin Graham, Ken Fistler,



Malen Reager, Jolfre LaFontain and Gunnar Alson to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at Burton Manor in Livonia. They honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise.

The couple make their home in Livonia.

Hamm-Moreno

Anna Pille Moreno and James Brian Hamm were married Oct. 16 at Mill Race Historic Village in Northville. Ernestine Griffin officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Juan and Dorothy Moreno and Carol Schramm, all of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Jan and Carl Wilton of Brighton and Bill and Rose Hamm of Monroe.

The bride is a graduate of Milford High School and the University of Michigan.

She is employed as a social worker by the Huron Valley School District.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a comedian.

The bride asked Pilar Moreno-Jones to serve as her honor attendant with Laura Garvey as bridesmaid.

The groom asked Michael



Shelton to serve as best man with John Watts and Theo Moreno as groomsmen and Bob Hamm and Mel Elandt as ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception in Mill Race Village. They are making their home in Garden City.

ANNIVERSARIES

Geppert

Henry and Lorraine Geppert of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at The Whitney for family and friends, given by their children.

They are 48-year residents of Livonia and have two married daughters.

He worked as an engineer at Detroit Edison.

They are active in their church and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.



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STORY TIME
 ■ Kindermusik presents "Story Time with Miss Karen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Bearly Worn, 204 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) 416-9417.

CRAFT SHOW
 ■ Fox Hills will be sponsoring a craft show Friday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 21. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

KELLER & STEIN
 ■ Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse is sponsoring an evergreen wreath class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at 42156 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275 in Canton. Attend this class and learn how to make your own beautiful holiday wreath. For more information, call (734) 397-0800.

CONCERT
 ■ Canton Friendship Church in Canton will host Timothy Mark in concert at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, in the Walnut Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. The concert will feature a number of selections from his latest release, "The Nature of Love," along with stories from his recent trips to Africa and China. For more information, call Canton Friendship Church at (734) 451-2100.

GRIEF SUPPORT
 ■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Plymouth location, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The meetings are led by Wes Baldwin of Points Care Counseling. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

TOY COLLECTION
 ■ Mel's Golden Razor Annual Toy Collection will take place from Nov. 25 until Dec. 18 at 595 Forest, Plymouth. There will be new and used toys for needy and handicapped children for Christmas. For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

CANTON GOODFELLOWS
 ■ The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items until Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday food baskets for needy Canton families and senior citizens. The collection is now under way. Non-perishable food items needed include: soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, treats such as candy and gum, holiday dinner trimmings including cranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, pudding, cake mixes and frosting. Please don't gift wrap toys as they must be sorted by age and gender. Donations may be dropped off at the Hanford Road Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 46800 Hanford, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and

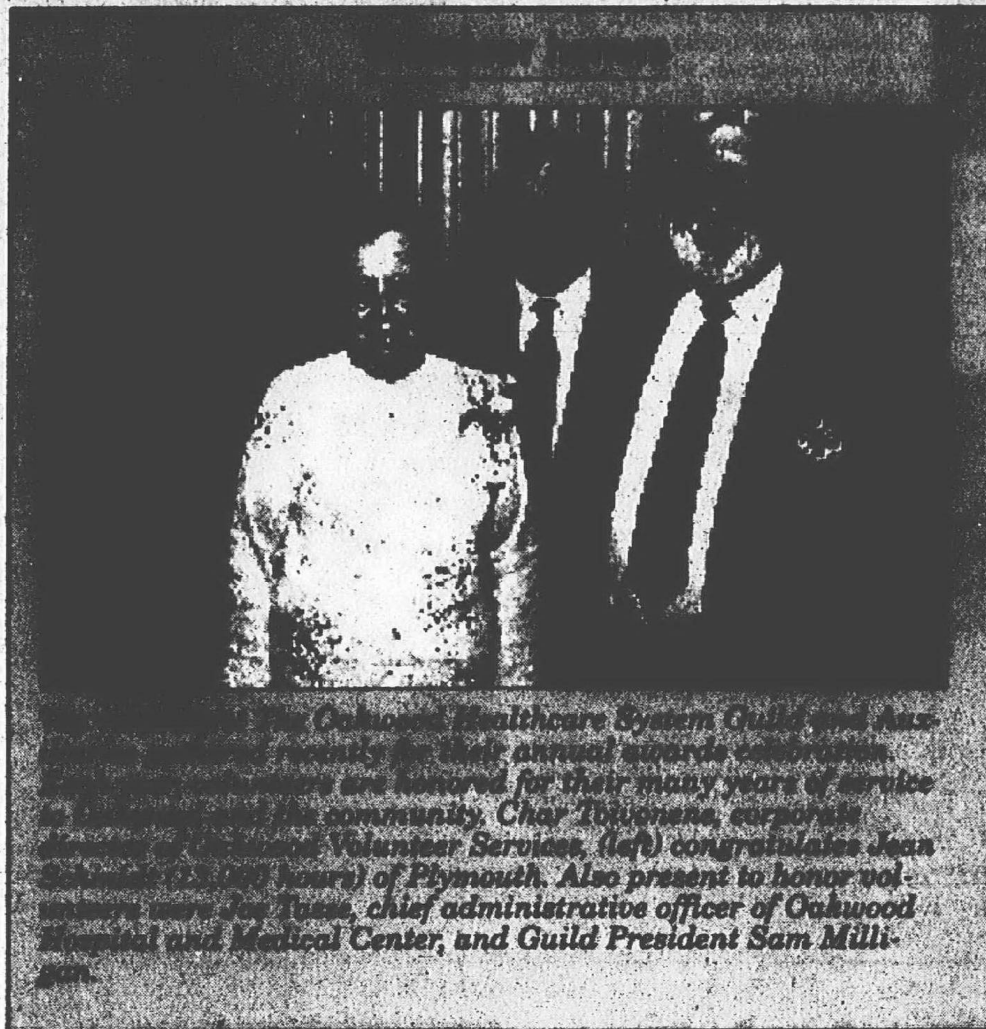
Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays.

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS
 ■ The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, please send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address. The Goodfellows fund-raiser (selling the Goodfellows edition at area road intersections) will be held Saturday, Dec. 4.

PAPER SALE
 ■ The Plymouth Goodfellows will hold a paper sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Fire Station behind Plymouth City Hall. Volunteers are needed to help sell papers. Proceeds go to help Plymouth and Plymouth Township resident families with Christmas gifts and food for the holidays. For more information, call (734) 416-9656.

SPORTS SALE
 ■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Pheasant Run Golf Club Clubhouse, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at this sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday, Dec. 4. You set the prices, you get the money (Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent). Volunteers will be on hand to do the selling, so you need not be present. You may collect your money or pick up your unsold items from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA
 ■ Bring the entire family to the Summit to have brunch with Mr. Claus himself at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, or Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Summit on the Park, Canton, in the Banquet and Conference Center. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under 4 are free. Enjoy a wonderful brunch prepared by our new food service, Summit Gourmet, and then children can visit with Santa to share their wish-list at their leisure. All children will receive a photo of this special event. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Reservations can be made between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Wednesday, Nov. 24. Call the Brunch With Santa



Hotline at (734) 397-5110, ext. 410.

AROUND TOWN

BNM MEETING
 ■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.
 ■ The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

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

M.O.M. MEETING
 ■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS
 ■ Plymouth Community Arts Council is having a gallery exhibit featuring torn paper collages by E. Lynne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke through Nov. 23, at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

GED TESTING
 ■ GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, and Wednesday, Dec. 1. Day testing will be offered from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 2. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

OPEN HOUSE
 ■ Summit on the Park invites parents to come and observe a small demonstra-

tion, meet the instructor and ask any questions you may have about the Kindermusik program from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Ash Room at Summit on the Park, Canton. Kindermusik is designed for lap babies, crawlers and walkers between the ages of newborn and 1 1/2 years. This class will open the door to your relationship with your baby through music. You will sing, dance, explore instruments and meet new parents. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL
 ■ Native West will celebrate its 10th annual "Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival" from 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The festival will include new art jewelry by Native American artists. The show will be held at 863 W. An Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

PRINCETON REVIEW
 ■ The Princeton Review will hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT

and ACT test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton Review to register for the strategy sessions. They may call to register by dialing (800) 2-REVIEW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS
 ■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been established for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. For more information, call (734) 455-8250.

■ First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for their winter session enrollment. Sign up in the month of November and receive a free T-shirt or an instrument. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

■ Garfield Co-Op still has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-Op is located in Livonia, at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, S. of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0185.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER
 ■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

ARBOR HOSPICE
 ■ Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs that are open to the public. If you would like more information or to sign up, call (734) 682-5999.

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER WORK

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

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Albion College student Joseph D. Cortellini has been accepted into the Carl A. Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Cortellini is a first year student at Albion College

and is a member of the Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. He is the son of Douglas A. and Deborah A. Cortellini of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

HONORARY MEN

Matt Hinchey, a senior in automotive and heavy equipment management from Plymouth Canton High School was voted 1999 Homecoming King for Ferris State University by the student body. He is the founder of the student booster

group "Ferris University Sports Supporters (F.U.S.S.)." Hinchey is the public relations officer for the Automotive and Heavy Equipment Management Student Organization and has served as a resident advisor for over three years in Bond, Vandercook and Ward Halls.

DETA TETA PI

Brian Henry Brigham, the son of James and Mary Brigham of Canton, has been initiated into Beta Theta Pi by the chapter at Central Michigan

University. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

ON THE JOB EXPERIENCE

Jessica Mason, a communications major and Amy Stempin, a psychology major, both Canton residents attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, are gaining on-the-job experience during the fall semester in positions related to their career goals, through the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL) cooperative education program.

Church's 'Detour' auction offers therapy for road rage

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They say it's all because of Jan Humphrey who sprained her ankle and ended up riding around in a wheelchair.

This year's proceeds from Garden City's First United Methodist Church auction will be used as a kickoff for a capital funds drive after Jan. 1 for a new building fund.

"Our goal is to build off the back and get everything on one level and make it more accessible," said Doug Weber, auction chairman. "The addition will cost \$1.3 million. We need \$350,000 to break ground and right now we have \$9,000."

The annual fund-raiser, - this year's theme is "Detour - Auction Ahead" - will take place Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood south of Merriman Road.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction starting at 8:45 p.m. and the live auction, with professional auctioneer Ben Cody of Stanwood, beginning at about 8 p.m.

The evening will include an hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet, catered by B&E Parties, coffee and punch and music by the

Ernie Matchulat Jazz Quartet.
Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and are available by calling (734) 421-8628.

On the auction block will be sports memorabilia like a mini sports helmet autographed by Johnny Unitas, an Al Kaline baseball and a program from the Detroit Tigers' last baseball game at the corner.

"That was given by the couple who bought the tickets at last year's auction," said committee member Sue Weber. "That's one that keeps on giving."

Other items include two time shares, one is anywhere in the world at anytime and the other is in Branson, Mo., an overnight stay at the Bayshore Resort in Traverse City, Brunch for two at The Whitney in Detroit, dinner for two at Alexander The Great in Westland, golf at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, gift certificates from the Fire Academy, wedding cake and goodie basket certificates from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, gift certificates from Naimola's Barber Shop in Livonia, a cookie bouquet from Cookies by Design in Livonia, and theme baskets, including a Millennium basket filled with canned Spam, candles and other necessities, and a complete set of the 1999 McDonald's Teenie

Beanie Babies.
Congregation member and master carpenter John Sullivan has again donated eight hours of handyman services and another member, a teacher in the Birmingham school district, has donated three hours of tutoring.

"There was one man whose wife bid on everything and he ended up just handing her his wallet," said Humphrey. "John's services was in the live auction and the woman with the wallet wanted it really bad. He ended up working on her bathroom remodeling."

Another congregation member who lives on the edge of the Hawthorne Valley Golf Course and who gets a lot of golf balls in his backyard, donates them to the auction.

"He gives us 100 experienced golf balls that we clean up for the auction," said Weber. "They're a popular item."

More than 120 people turned out for last year's auction, the first time it was held outside the church. In previous years, the auction was held after worship services.

"The people who came were surprised by our nice, refined party," said Humphrey. "Last year, everybody asked us to do it again, so as long as we continue

to improve each year, then it's a worthwhile activity."

The idea of a road construction theme came about as part of a brainstorming session. It started with Route 66 and ended up as a "Detour - Auction Ahead."

"By then we were in the thick of the road construction," said Humphrey. "And everybody else seems to be doing millennium, so we went with this. It's our answer to road rage reduction therapy."

"I'm already thinking of a theme for next year," added Weber.

Last year's benefit raised \$4,000 - "the best ever," according to Weber - for church missions, but the committee is hesitant to set a goal for this year.

"I've stopped doing that," said Weber. "I don't want to get my hopes up. I figure anything we do over last year is just fine."



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Auction time: Pastor Jerry Smith of Garden City's First United Methodist Church and Doug Weber show off items for the annual auction on Saturday, Dec. 4.

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Violence, relation to teens important subject to discuss

Alice McCarthy, author of "Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives," writes that the issue of violence in relation to adolescents is a difficult yet overwhelmingly important subject to discuss.

In Chapter 10, "Teens and Violence," Amitai Etzioni, professor at George Washington University, says the Columbine High School shootings were caused by a combination of several factors, and hence attacking any one of them will not eliminate the problem.

He believes there is no silver bullet and no magic cure. But this valid observation should not be used to conceal the fact that guns, the culture, and the Internet each carry some of the blame.

"Healthy Teens" draws from the philosophy that parents, caregivers, administrators, teachers, and others concerned with youth development can teach children and adolescents self-control and empathy.

Lesson after lesson in leading health education curricula use student role playing and exercises to teach students how to resist drugs and alcohol, tobacco and premarital sex.

Empathy training begins in kindergarten by teaching youngsters how to identify feelings and continues more in-depth through elementary and middle school lessons. Discussion of important literature and social justice issues also helps to build the character traits of self-control and empathy.

Dr. Etzioni emphasizes: "What schools should help youngsters develop - if schools are going to help lower the likelihood of more Columbinas - are two crucial behavior characteristics: the capacity to channel impulses into prosocial outlets and empathy with others."

"Teenagers can learn to channel their aroused urges to activities that do not harm others and yet are self-fulfilling. Sports, if properly conducted, provide a major opportunity."

Etzioni is referring to sports conducted in the British manner, where it does not matter if you win or lose, but how you play the game. While jocks often pick on other students, he says, such behavior is not inherent in athletic activities.

Indeed, when any group of students picks on others, or isolates them, this should not be viewed as a reason to cut back on their positive activities, but as an opportunity for education, to develop the much-needed capacity of empathy.

Culture
Hundreds of studies completed at leading universities have come to the conclusion that there is some link between viewing violence on television and in the movies and aggressive acts.

L. Rowell Huesmann of the University of Michigan recently told a Senate hearing: "Not every child who watches a lot of violence or plays a lot of violent games will grow to be violent. Other forces must converge, as they did recently in Colorado."

"But just as every cigarette increases the chance that someday you will get lung cancer, every exposure to violence increases the chances that some day a child will behave more violently than they otherwise would."

Huesmann has worked on two studies related to the effects of television violence. One he is finishing in 1999 has tracked 750 Chicago-area elementary school children for three years.

He indicates that "boys at age 8 who had been watching more television violence than other boys grew up to be more aggressive than other boys. They also

grew up to be more aggressive and violent than you'd expect them to be on the basis of how aggressive they were as 8-year-olds."

Huesmann agrees that media violence cannot be singled out as the most important factor in influencing aggressive behavior, but it is one of the pervasive influences.

Manufacturers have produced a variety of software that helps keep certain material on TV out of the view of children and adolescents. NetNanny, Cyber Patrol, and the V-chips that are required for new TV purchases. While this software is not a substitute for youngsters learning how to evaluate the media they are viewing or family supervision, it can provide some peace of mind.

William Damon, a professor of education and director of the Stanford University Center on Adolescence, has been quoted in the New York Times as saying, "There has never in the history of the civilized world been a cohort of kids that is so little affected by adult guidance and so attuned to a peer world. We have removed grown-up wisdom and allowed them to drift into a self-constructed, highly relativistic world of friendship and peers."

"In our representative sample of 146 schools nationwide, two-thirds of schools had guns in them on at least one of the 30 days in the previous month."

*Peter S. Bearman
Columbia University*

Damon was stunned when he went to Littleton, Colo., after the high school shootings there, to find people saying they thought they had no business learning what children were doing on the Internet. The two students who carried out the carnage had vented their hatred on the Internet.

Damon said the fact that modern adults have a less black-and-white view of morality and human behavior seems to be blocking their ability to give clear-cut guidance and make strict rules for their children.

Guns in school

Writing in the New York Times of May 26, 1999, Peter S. Bearman, director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Theory at Columbia University, said: "In 1995, roughly 9 percent of all adolescents interviewed in the

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health once brought a weapon, such as a knife, gun, bat, or club, to school.

"In our representative sample of 146 schools nationwide, two-thirds of schools had guns in them on at least one of the 30 days in the previous month."

The lesson: Guns are not clustered in a few problem schools. Twenty-five percent of all adolescents report having easy access to guns in their home. Ninety-nine percent of all students attend schools in which at least one adolescent has "easy access to a gun."

Etzioni points out an issue that is a common example of confused thinking about guns.

"First, there is no 'right to bear arms' that the press so often speaks of. The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads, 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of

a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.'

"The meaning of this right has been tested before the highest court in the land five times over the past 155 years. In each and every case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that there are no Constitutional impediments to imposing gun controls on individuals."

"This is the reason the National Rifle Association as a rule does not challenge gun control measures in courts ...

"Our children's safety requires not fewer gun controls, but more, of the sweeping and encompassing kind that Canada, Britain, France, and Germany have."

There are two important booklets that every school administrator and parent of teens should review.

The first resource is "Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools" from the U.S. Department of Education and Justice. This booklet outlines exactly what schools need to do to keep students safe, as well as early warning signs of a troubled child.

The second resource is the U.S. Department of Education's 1998 Annual Report on School Safety. Richard Riley, current secretary of education, indicates

that the 1998 report describes steps for developing and implementing a comprehensive school safety plan.

The report also provides information on what schools, students, parents, business leaders, law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies and elected officials and government agencies can do to contribute to the creation of safer schools.

Schools cannot be expected to solve all the problems of society; school violence is one of these problems. Many parents and community leaders are already deeply involved in working with their school system to reduce school crime and violence.

Please join in this effort - an effort to maintain a safe environment not only for your own children, but for all children in your community.

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" by Alice McCarthy costs \$14.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and is available through Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009. For more information or to order the book, call (248) 646-1020 or order by e-mail at bridgecomm@aol.com.

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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36281 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 593-7279. For more information, call (734) 959-2131.

DIAPERS AND WIPERS
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne is conducting a "Diapers and Wipers" collection now through Sunday, Nov. 28, as part of the national Make a Difference Day campaign. The diapers and baby wipes will be donated to the Wayne County Family Shelter in Westland. The shelter has a great need for

large diapers (more than 25 pounds). Donations can be dropped off in the church fellowship hall, 3 Town Square, Wayne. For more information, call the church at (734) 731-4801.

BLOOD DRIVE
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Donors are invited to stop by and give the gift of life.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and

separated Christians, will attend Mass at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, followed by a turkey dinner and open mike - say a clean joke and don't pay for supper - at St. Kenneth's Parish, Hagarty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile, Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia - call Mary at (734) 722-2612.

IN CONCERT
Organist Ray Ferguson will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 19549 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road, Redford.

Accompanying him will be Michael McGowan on trumpet. They will perform music from the United States, France, England and Germany. The concert is being held to celebrate the dedication of a new three-manual Johannus organ.

A light meal will be served following the concert. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2680.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere. "Be Not Afraid"

A team of young adults will offer a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry at a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Captive Free band members commit to a year-long, full-time tour performing in hundreds of churches as well as schools, youth events, coffee houses, nursing homes, camps and prisons.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
The churches of the Plymouth Ministerial Association will have the annual Community Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.

The service will be led by the Rev. Bill Luffler of St. John's Episcopal Church. Members of the ministerial association will also take part.

A free will offering will be taken to assist the Salvation Army's holiday outreach. Canned goods, packaged foods and money donations will be accepted.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

The churches are the First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, First United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, New Life Lutheran Church, Henry Ford Hospital Chaplaincy, St. John Episcopal Church, St. Kenneth Church and the Salvation Army.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have a special service on Thanksgiving Day for people to feel more of God's beneficence, to express their heartfelt thanks for the good God has for all, whether or not it is presently felt.

The service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, north of Harvey Street, Plymouth. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-0970.

BENEFIT CONCERT
Nationally acclaimed Christian music quartet, Proclaim, with soloist Jim Kitchen will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at St. Gemma Catholic Church, 23450 W. Davison. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Cost is \$12 at the door. For more information or to order

tickets, call (313) 255-3686.
ST. JAMES' DAY
St. James Presbyterian Church will celebrate St. Andrew's Day at a 10 a.m. worship service and 11:30 a.m. dinner on Sunday, Nov. 28. The St. Andrew's Society Band bagpipers will perform during the service and at the dinner.

The dinner costs \$9 for those 12 years and older, \$4 for those 4-11 years and free for those 3 years and younger. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

FREE SEMINAR
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a free seminar, "Is Mormonism Christian?" presented by the Rev. Luke Wilson, executive director of the Institute for Religious Research, at 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Child care will be available for children through age 4.

For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

NEW BEGINNINGS
The topic for the Thursday, Dec. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Making It through the Holiday." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia.

The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 880-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 482-3770.

MUSICAL PRODUCTION
Covenant Community Church will present "Savior," the story of God's passion for his people, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford. The musical production is being done in the spirit of the Messiah and they style of "Les Miserables." Admission is free. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 535-3100.

"GLORY OF CHRISTMAS"
Temple Baptist Church will present its 1999 edition of "Glory of Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 10, 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 and 12, at the church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available by sending a check payable to Temple Baptist Church or by charge (VISA/MasterCard) to Temple Baptist Church Ticket Office, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170.

For more information, call the church at (734) 414-7777, Ext. 600. Due to the length of the program, children under age 4 will not be admitted. No nursery facilities will be available.

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat, "Christmas: A Time for Giving," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Founder's Room and University Chapel in the Residence Hall on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

The Rev. Edward Prus of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City will lead the activities which include prayer, quiet reflection, conferences, a reconciliation service and liturgy. The public is invited. The cost of the retreat is \$12, including lunch and refreshments.

For reservations or more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 432-5419. Reservations must be made by Dec. 1.

ADVENT BREAKFAST
Doug Haugen, director of Lutheran Men in Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will speak about "Men in Mission" at the 19th annual Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's Advent Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 4.

The breakfast, served by the Boy Scout troop of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, will be at 8 a.m. at Roseville Erin Presbyterian Church, 30000 Gratiot at 12 1/2 Mile Road, Roseville.

Tickets cost \$7 and are available by calling the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 348-6560 or George Irwin at (734) 495-3024.

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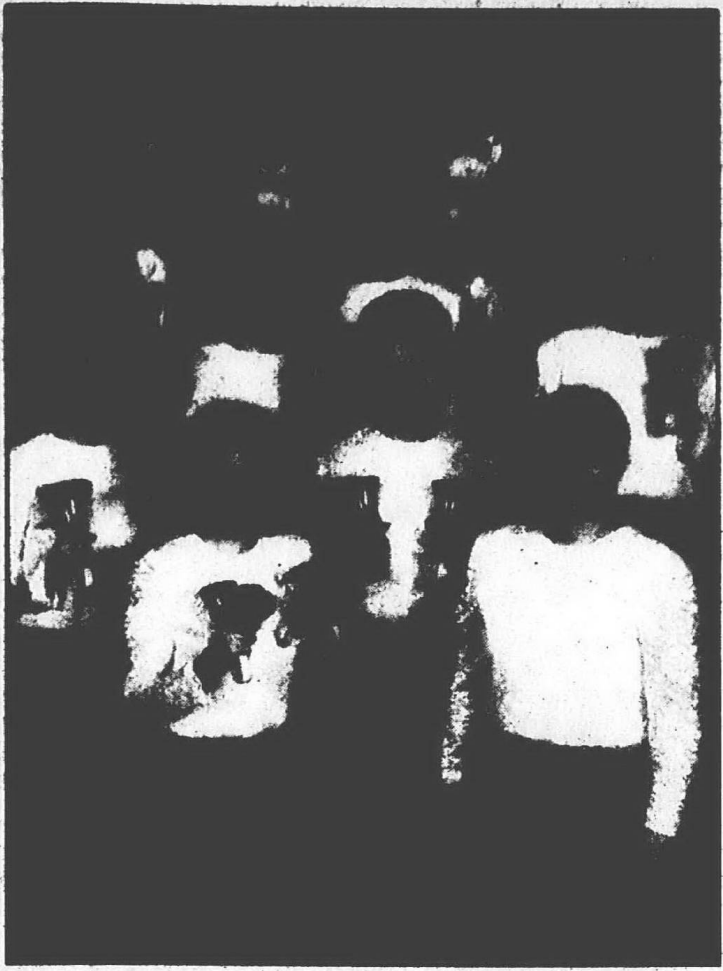
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Plymouth church event: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Susan Berry, will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The group has been performing since 1991 and its musical selections range from simple folk tunes to celebrated hymns and transcriptions of orchestral classics. Advanced tickets - \$6 for adults and \$15 for a family - are available by calling Handbell Services Inc. at (313) 278-7387. They also will be available at the door, costing \$7 for adults and \$16 per family. For more information, call Fran Loiselle, director of handbells at the church, at (734) 453-5280 and (734) 459-4263.

Society seeks St. Anne 'families'

Descendants of the people who worshipped at or whose names are associated with the history of St. Anne Detroit Parish, the Gabriel Richard Historical Society would like to hear from you. The society is inviting people who have roots in the church which will celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding on July 26, 2001, to share their history for the tricentennial.

As the first church in Detroit, St. Anne's served as the worship center for Catholics, Protestants and native Americans for more than 100 years. Detroit's founder, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, and his family worshipped at St. Anne's. Cadillac's daughter, Marie-Therese Guyon-Cadillac, worked with Fr. DelHalle, St. Anne's first parish priest, to teach reli-

gion and embroidery to European and native American girls. Besides the Cadillac family, St. Anne's history is peopled with names such as Leger, Marsac, Langlois, Parent, Campau, Chene (Chene), Roy, Raymond, Case, Rivard, Normand, Gatineau, Deslorier, Labadie, Lyons, Mallet, Beaubien, Loranger, Livernois, Bienvenu, Boutron, Magnant, Boust, Chou-

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

ST. VALENTINE
The Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club holds its eighth annual Holiday Crafts Shoppe 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Activities Building on Hope Street at Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, a Country Kitchen, bake sale and holiday raffle with a 27-inch TV as first prize.

Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. The juried show will feature more than 180 crafters. For more

information, call (734) 522-5287.
NORTH FARMINGTON
The North Farmington High School Band and Orchestra Boosters' ninth annual winter arts and crafts show will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20 at North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For more informa-

tion, call (248) 553-6699.
ST. GEMMA
St. Gemma Parish will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 27 in the school, 13650 Virgil near Schoolcraft. Table rental is still available and costs \$30. For more information, call Beverly at (313) 255-3666.

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Because ACS knows that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 47 million current

smokers) want to quit smoking completely, they will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

In 1998, 19 percent of smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout (approximately 8,980,000 people), and of those 10 percent reported they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later. That is over

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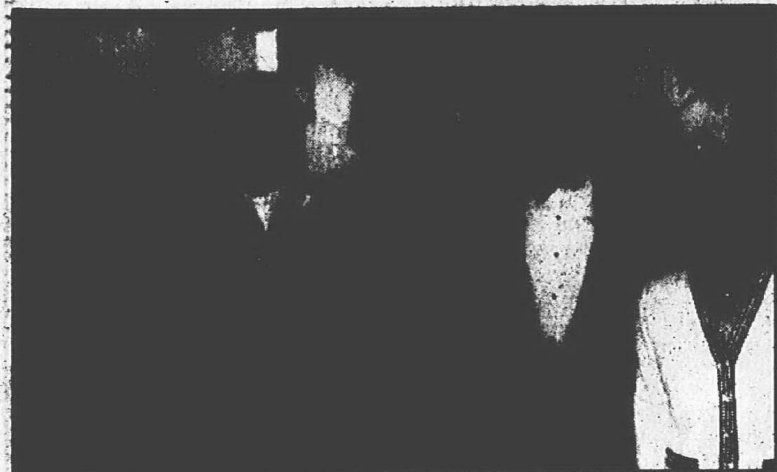
is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, American Cancer Society is working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 80 percent of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American Smokeout is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to today's children the social disadvantages of smoking, and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences.

Everyone can participate in the Great American Smokeout—it's really quite simple. Smokeout events can be held in malls, schools, businesses, restaurants, military bases, hospitals, and colleges across the entire country. If you're a smoker, decide today, you will put your cigarettes down for good. Quitting won't be easy, but by preparation, determination, and some assistance, it can be done.

And if you're not a smoker but want to get involved by joining the American Cancer Society in promoting the Great American Smokeout, or if you are helping a loved one quit, there's a place for you too during Smokeout.

To find out about Great American Smokeout events in your area, contact your local American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345, or visit our web site at www.cancer.org.

Programs benefit from Nights gala



Say cheese: Striking a pose in the lobby of Laurel Manor were Hollywood Nights chair Sherri Fletcher (from left), St. Mary Hospital director of development and volunteers; WYUR radio personality Jimmy Launce and his wife, Brigitte; and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and his wife, Patt.

Organizers of St. Mary Hospital's largest fund-raising event have a lot to be happy about. The seventh annual Hollywood Nights raised more than \$150,000 for community and family wellness programs.

The more than 650 partygoers attending the event at Laurel Manor in Livonia enjoyed a pre-party, dinner, concert by The Preps (the lead singers of The Association, The Four Preps and The Diamonds) and after-glo.

Honorary host and hostess

for the evening was Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and his wife Patt*ok*, with Jimmy Launce of WYUR-FM serving as toastmaster. Honorary chairs were Gov. John Engler and his wife, Michelle.

Guests had an opportunity to meet Miss Michigan Audrie Chernauckas; Lila Lazarus, health reporter for WDIV-TV Channel 4; Cheryl Chodin, reporter and anchor on WXYX-TV Channel 7; and David Scott of UPN-TV Channel 50.

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stra. "That's 1,800 more square feet than our old place, giving patients a lot more elbow room for exercising and giving us room to expand in the future." Along with the added space, the Cardiac rehab Center will obtain a conference room/kitchen area large enough to provide health-related lectures and cooking demonstrations.

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SPORTS SCENE

Fresh start

It had hardly been a memorable first season for Plymouth Salem graduate Jennifer Trott — at least not until last week.

Trott, a freshman on the Central Michigan University volleyball team, had watched her team lose a school-record 10-straight matches while rarely being called on to try and help get things reversed. Indeed, an outside hitter who suffered a severe knee injury in her final prep match, Trott had just four kills for the season.

Until last week. In CMU's loss to Eastern Michigan last Thursday, Trott had career-highs in kills with eight and digs with 10. Those marks lasted just two days; last Saturday against Mid-American Conference leader Ball State, she got her second career start and responded with 14 kills and 20 digs. CMU lost in four games.

"Jennifer stepped in and played well for us all week," said CMU coach Elaine Piha. "She's continuing to develop and the good thing is, she's only a freshman."

Trott has played in 91 of CMU's 100 games (the Chippewas have a 6-21 match record) and has 115 digs.

Jenny Young, another CMU freshman from Plymouth (Livonia Ladywood HS), continues to rank among the Chippewa leaders in kills (second with 258) and blocks (38); she also has 16 service aces and 59 digs.

In the loss to Ball State, Young had 10 kills and three blocks.

Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

Used sports sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present. Those who have had items sold can collect the money or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

For further information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

Prospects Tournament

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

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

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29.

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

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your personal security number and a \$10 fee made payable to the Soccer Referee Committee to 9115 Plymouth, Plymouth, MI 48170.

It's here!

Canton stops Salem in schools 1st hockey game

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The giant is awake. It's a baby giant, to be sure, but the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem hockey programs have taken their first little steps.

More than 1,200 people crammed into the Plymouth Cultural Center on Tuesday night to witness the first high school hockey game between the fledgling programs.

Canton won, 9-1, with Brad Wolfe getting a hat trick in the battle between Western Lakes Activities Association rivals.

"It's unbelievable," said Kathy Lash, head of the booster club which represents both programs and which worked for years to make the game a reality. "It's hard to actually believe."

"But it proves once again that with a dream and a lot of hard work, you can make the impossible possible."

"What it really represents is the opportunity for players to play a sport they love for their high school. And they have tremendous community support."

They must. Lash has three children — two girls who have graduated from Canton and a son who is a third grader at Smith Elementary School.

Lash was cheered as she dropped the ceremonial first puck and then was given sweaters of both schools.

"This has been 20 years in the making," Athletic Director Brian Wolcott said. "And the fact it's a reality is a story."

The parking lot was filled to overflowing more than 30 minutes before game time.

The crowd exceeded attendance at most football games. The tip that would happen came when the boosters

sold more than 100 season tickets in less than three hours when they went on sale.

"I think we anticipated the crowd," Coach Fred Feiler of Salem said. "The bleachers were packed. But we expected that off what we've been hearing."

"It was fun. My guys had fun, too. Now, it's no fun getting beat 9-1, but just the fact it was happening was good."

"It's been a dream of mine to teach and coach in the same district," said Canton coach Dan Abraham, who teaches physical education at Lowell Middle School.

The game got a little chippy at the end in spite of the fact both coaches cautioned their squads during the week to lay off the rough stuff.

There were two penalties whistled in the opening period, five in the second and 10 in the third including a five-minute major for checking from behind.

Wolfe scored the first goal in Canton high school hockey history, the importance of which will dawn on him at some point down the road, when he broke by his defender and beat Scott Stukel on the left side at 11:30.

Steve Nagel notched the first goal in Salem high school hockey history on a power play with 31 seconds remaining in the first period.

His high shot waffled past Brad Arsnov, who otherwise was faced with 12 shots by the Rocks.

Stukel played a decent game in goal for the Rocks as the Chiefs controlled play through much of the first and third periods. Robin Beaudry became the first female player for Salem's



Bounces out: Canton goalie Brad Arsnov stops Salem's Andrew Peters.



Something to cheer about: Canton's Jeremy Majszak is jubilant after scoring a goal, but this one was disallowed by the referee. It hardly mattered — the Chiefs won handily.

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Late goal earns Whalers a 3-3 tie



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Justin Williams' goal with 1:37 remaining gave the Plymouth Whalers a 3-3 tie with the Kitchener Rangers Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Leading the entire game, Plymouth fell behind in the third period after two Rangers goals. Williams tied the game and forced overtime.

Assistant coach and general manager Steve Spott said he was happy to pick up a point.

"Four of our top players and our two most veteran defensemen were out with injuries," he commented. "We'll take that point and run."

Plymouth currently stands in third place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with an 8-10-3 mark. The Whalers play on the road tonight at Peterborough and tomorrow at Kingston.

Heading into Saturday's contest, Plymouth and Kitchener were coming off vastly different perfor-

mances.

The Whalers beat North Bay at home Friday 5-2. The Rangers, however, were skunked by Windsor 9-0. Those outcomes carried over into the early going Saturday, as Plymouth was the team that skated with fire.

The Whalers dominated play over the first four minutes. That hard work resulted in the game's first goal with just less than 10 minutes gone by.

Please see WHALERS, C4

That makes it 3! Rocks rip Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The first two chapters of this season's Plymouth Salem-Plymouth Canton trilogy were hold-on-to-your-seat thrillers as both games went down to the final nail-biting minutes before the Rocks prevailed.

Wednesday night's third chapter played out more like an educational documentary: How to play suffocating defense.

Game III — the Class A district tournament opener for both teams — was dominated by Salem's pressure-cooker-like defense, which sparked the Rocks to a 47-32 win in the Novi High School gymnasium.

Salem will take its 20-1 record into Friday night's district final against the winner of Wednesday night's Northville- Novi game. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"It's hard to get good shots against Salem's defense," stressed Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose team finished

14-7. "They play together and they keep coming at you. They're a very good team, which their record proves."

Salem coach Fred Thomann said the key to his team's success revolved around keeping the Chiefs' top scoring threats out of the paint and forcing them to take longer, lower-percentage shots.

"When we played them last week, I think they scored 28 of their 36 points on dribble takes to the rim," Thomann reflected. "Tonight, we did a nice job of forcing them to take outside shots. The only exception was Janine (Guastella), who hurt us inside. I thought Kelly Jaskot played exceptionally well defensively for us."

The two teams took turns exchanging baskets in the first quarter, which ended with the score knotted at 11-11.

Guastella, who finished with a game-high 21 points and seven rebounds, was Canton's go-to player, netting six in the open-

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Split decision: Canton's Janine Guastella drives between Salem's Kelly Jaskot (right) and Jenna Van Wagoner to score a pair.

COLLEGE LEGEND Canton grad is in NCAA's

BY BRAD SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The University of Kentucky's men's basketball program will always be king in Lexington.

But at least this week there's room for the men's soccer program after the best Wildcats captured the Mid-American Conference title Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Northern Illinois.

And thanks to the efforts of two senior defenders, defender Scott Sorace (Livonia Stevenson) and stopper Todd Stancourt (Plymouth Canton), the Wildcats (12-1 overall) will play in their first ever NCAA tournament game Sunday against defending champion Indiana (16-3) in Bloomington.

"There's kind of been a buzz on campus," said Sorace. "Everybody pays attention to basketball, but soccer attention is increasing. It's exciting to see us playing in an elite venue like this."

Stancourt, who finished with a game-high 21 points and seven rebounds, was Canton's go-to player, netting six in the open-

Please see SOCCER, C4

Lady Crusaders fall in tourney final; SC splits

Well, one out of two isn't all that bad. And parts of Madonna University's game in the final of the Cedarville (Ohio) College Tournament was pretty good. The Lady Crusaders had just 18 turnovers; they made 12 steals; and they got half their points from players off the bench.

The rest, unfortunately, wasn't too good — particularly the final score, 75-50 in favor of Olivet Nazarene University.

The loss was the first of the season for Madonna's women's basketball team, following two victories. The Crusaders opened the tournament last Friday with a 77-61 triumph over Roberts Wesleyan College.

It also cast a slight shadow on an otherwise superb week for Madonna forward Kathy Pangnis. The 6-foot junior from Allen Park was named Wolverine-Koosier Athletic Conference player of the week after averaging 16.3 points and 4.3 rebounds in the three games.

In Saturday's loss, a couple of factors cost the Crusaders. While they limited

Olivet Nazarene to 27-of-63 shooting from the floor (42.9 percent), they managed to make just 18-of-64 themselves (28.3 percent).

Madonna was also outrebounded 44-35, and made just 1-of-6 three-point tries.

Only two Crusaders reached double-figures in scoring: Pangnis, with 11 points (and five rebounds), and Jackie Kocis, with 10 points. Kristi Fiorensi (from Plymouth Canton HS) contributed six points and a team-best eight rebounds, and Carissa Ginzicki added seven points and five steals.

Nazarene got 15 points from Christine Golden, with Lanita Thomas and Myndie Vaughn collecting 11 points apiece; Thomas also grabbed 13 rebounds and dished out four assists.

Nazarene led 37-26 at the half and outscored Madonna 38-24 in the second half.

On Friday against Roberts Wesleyan, the Crusaders held a strong second half to gain the victory. They led 29-27 at the half, then outscored the Raiders 48-34 in the second half.

Rebounding again played a major role for the Crusaders, only this time to their advantage: They outrebounded Wesleyan 51-39. Madonna also forced 28 turnovers, making 17 steals.

Pangnis hit 10-of-16 floor shots in scoring a game-high 24 points. She also had six rebounds and four steals. Chris Dietrich added nine points, six assists and three steals; Fiorensi had eight points and 10 rebounds; and Melissa Poma had nine points and two steals.

For the Raiders, Tanesha James' 15 points was best. Erin Kiah added 12.

The Crusaders travel to the Huntington College Tournament Friday and Saturday, playing Cedarville (Ohio) at 8 p.m. Friday in the semifinals. The loser goes against the loser of Friday's Huntington-Trinity Christian at 1 p.m. Saturday; the winners of Friday's openers meet for the title at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Schoolcraft splits

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team made its trip to the Wauabonsee Tournament in Sugar Grove, Ill., last weekend something for the Discovery Channel.

The Lady Ocelots and their coach, Karen Lafata, found a weapon that's going to give a lot of teams trouble. They also found some problems that will need some attention.

SC battled back in its season opener Friday at the tournament to defeat Carl Sandburg College 80-79. The Ocelots trailed by 12 with 15 minutes left, but managed to battle back to win it.

Now for that weapon previously mentioned. Angelica Blakely, a freshman center from Detroit Kettering, poured in 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds — eight of them offensive — in her debut. She also blocked two shots and had three steals.

Carla Saxton added 22 points and seven boards, and Janelle Olson had 19 points, 12 rebounds and five assists.

Carl Sandburg was led by Lori Hans with 23 points; Wanda Vaughn added 19 points.

The second game was similar to the first in that SC got off to a slow start. The Ocelots trailed Sandburg 47-39 at the half in the opener; against University of Wisconsin-Wausau, they fell behind 35-23 by halftime. They did manage to trim the deficit to five in the second half, but could not overtake UW-Wausau and lost, 69-60.

"The first game was our first game," explained Lafata. "It took us a while to get going. In the second game, we just came out slow."

Blakely, who was named to the all-tournament team, was again unstopable. She totaled 20 points, 23 rebounds and four blocks.

Saxton had 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists; Janelle Olson had 13 points and four assists; and Antone Watson totaled 10 points and six assists.

Tri-State ambushes Madonna in WHAC Tournament semis

A mistake. That's what it had to have been. An oversight.

Looking beyond the task at hand. Every coach warns their players to beware of any such potential catastrophe, yet every coach has to endure it sometime during their career.

For Jerry Abraham and his Madonna University volleyball team, it happened last Friday in the semifinal round of the Wolverine-Koosier Athletic Con-

ference Tournament, played in Grand Rapids. Everyone knew it would be No. 2 seed Madonna vs. No. 1 seed Cornerstone for the championship on Saturday.

Sure, sure, Madonna had to get past Tri-State University and Cornerstone had to beat Siena Heights in the WHAC

semifinals first. But what's the big deal? After all, the Crusaders had handled Tri-State before; in two previous matches, Madonna had won six-of-seven games.

Such past successes carried no weight here, however. The third-seeded Thunder, who eliminated Spring Arbor in straight sets in the WHAC's opening round, took it to the Crusaders from the start, blowing them out 15-1 in the first game.

Madonna never really recovered. Tri-State won the second game 15-11, but the Crusaders managed to delay defeat with a third-game win, 15-8. But it couldn't save them; the Thunder prevailed in the pivotal fourth game, 15-6.

The loss ended Madonna's season at 29-14 overall. Tri-State lost in straight sets to Cornerstone in the final to finish at 25-17.

Brandy Malewski, a junior middle hitter from Redford (Thurston HS), had a solid performance in the semis for the Crusaders, collecting 21 kills (a .600 kill percentage), four blocks and 15 digs; she led Madonna in kills and digs.

Stephanie Uballe added 10 kills, six blocks and nine digs, and Jennie Wind finished with 37 assists to kills and 12 digs. Nicole Burns totaled seven kills, nine digs and five blocks. Donna Birkenhies had five kills, and Marylu Hemme (from Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) and Kelly Artymovich added 11 digs apiece.

Malewski, Uballe and Arty-

movich were named to the all-WHAC first team, while Burns was a second team selection.

Malewski has led the NAIA in kill percentage through most of the season. She topped Madonna in kills with 582, in solo blocks with 158 and in block assists with 418.

Uballe, a senior, finished with 560 kills, 117 solo blocks and 269 block assists; Artymovich, a junior, survived several injuries to total 284 kills, 587 digs, 66 solo blocks and 144 block assists; and Burns, a senior, finished with 172 kills, 67 service aces, 502 digs, 68 solo blocks and 235 block assists.

Crusaders take a tumble

Madonna University fell to 1-3 on the men's basketball season Tuesday by losing to visiting Indiana Wesleyan for the second time within a span of two weeks, 82-70.

On Nov. 6, MU fell in Marion, Ind., 89-68.

Danny Harris paced Indiana Wesleyan (4-1 overall) with 25 points, while Josh Hummel chipped in with 19.

Madonna, which trailed 43-38 at intermission after falling behind 8-0 at the start.

Mike Massey scored 21 to lead the Crusaders, who were never able to cut the deficit under five.

Aaron Cox came off the bench to contribute 16 points. Jason Skoczylas added 11. Chad Put-

nam (Redford Thurston) snared a team-high eight rebounds.

ROCHESTER 88, MU 77: Poor shooting plagued Madonna University throughout its game at home Saturday against Rochester College.

The Fighting Crusaders converted just 13-of-33 first-half shots (39.4 percent) and were only 25-of-62 for the game (40.3 percent). Rochester, by comparison, made 17-of-34 from the floor in the first half (50 percent), including 6-of-10 three-pointers (Madonna was 4-of-10).

For the game, the Warriors were 29-of-63 from the field (46 percent). Their first-half shooting enabled them to take a 45-38 halftime lead, something the Crusaders could not overcome.

Massey led Madonna with 24 points; he also grabbed seven rebounds. Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 15 points, nine rebounds and three steals, and Josh Jensen scored 10 points. Cox contributed nine points.

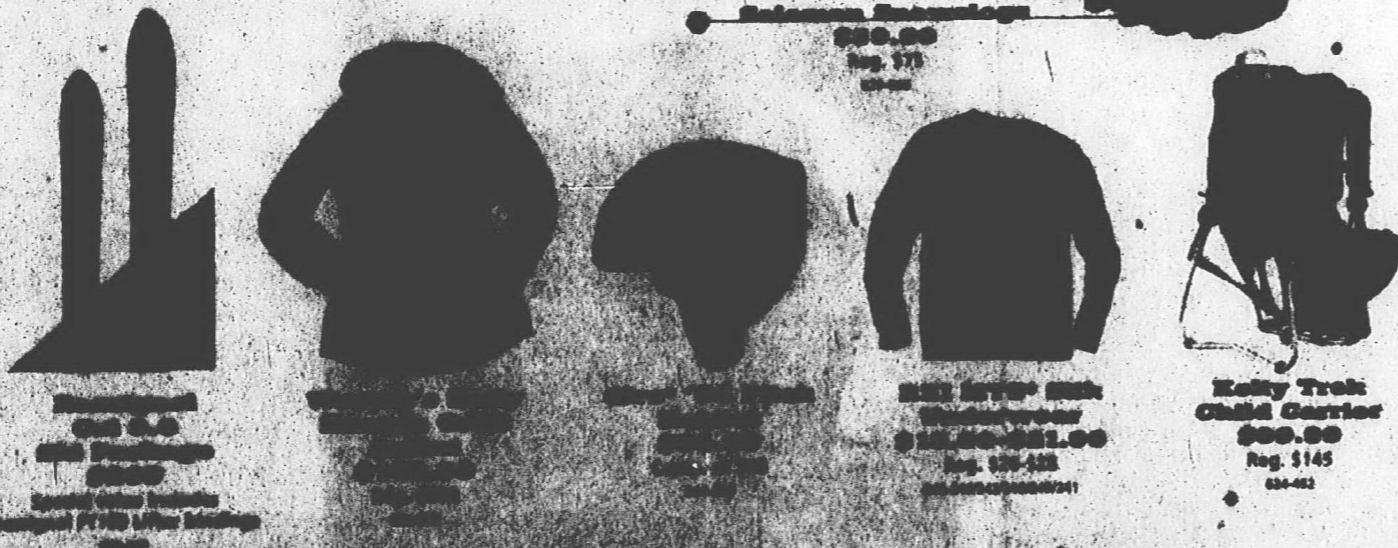
The Warriors were paced by Pete Males (from Garden City/Schoolcraft College) and Mike Robinson, each with 18 points. Males dished out five assists, while Robinson hauled in 10 boards. Tim Webb contributed 15 points and Josh Graves scored 11.

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Running in style

Salem's Warner is among Observer's best

BY BRAD EMONS
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John McGreevy believes there is strength in numbers.

The fifth-year boys cross country coach at Livonia Churchill has slowly built his program from being at the bottom of the Western Lakes Activities Association to a state qualifying berth, ending a 16-year drought.

The Chargers wound up 17th at the state Class A meet.

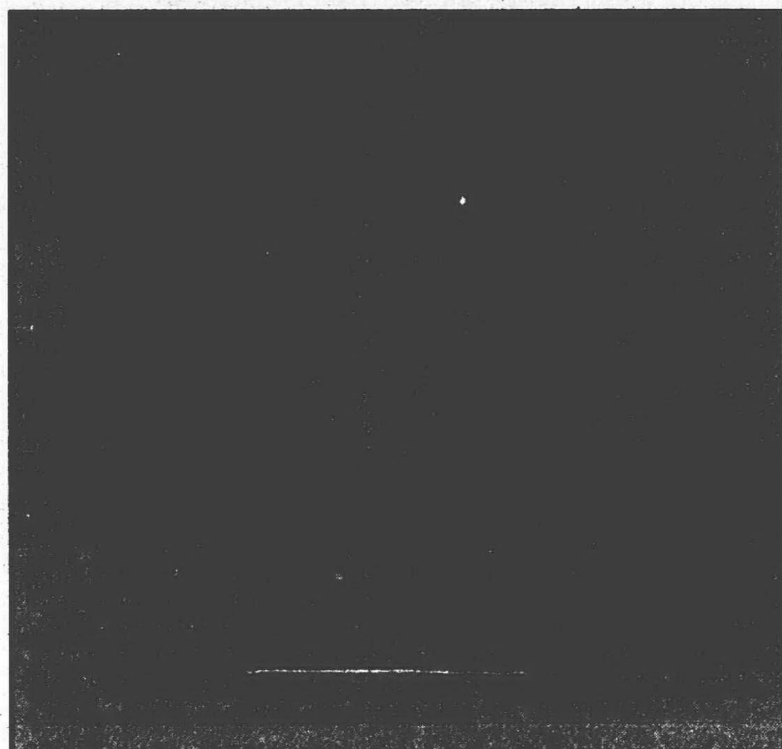
"We had 30 kids this year and that makes a big, big difference," said McGreevy, who guided Churchill to its second straight Western Division title in the WLAA and a fourth-place finish in the league meet. "In the fall we separate, but in the summer we work hand-in-hand with the girls program and it works out nice."

"I get kids out of the hall and I also get them from track."

McGreevy, named Observerland Coach of the Year, is also an assistant boys track coach and counselor at Churchill.

McGreevy is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Franklin and graduated from the University of Detroit where he majored in history and English. He later earned a masters degree in guidance counseling from Eastern Michigan University.

McGreevy coached track for 16 years and cross country for 13 at Redford Bishop Borgess before moving over to Churchill. At Borgess, two of McGreevy's girls' teams qualified for the state meet (1987-88).



So what are the prospects for next season's Chargers?

"We'll lose our front runner Jason Richmond, and two other seniors in Danny Valentino and Paul Mercier," McGreevy said. "But we look pretty solid next year because we have five runners back who competed at the state meet."

Redford Catholic Central, sixth in the state Class A meet, leads the All-Observer squad with four runners.

Among the first-team All-Area repeat selections are CC's Matt

Daly and John DiGiovanni, along with Churchill's Richmond.

Introducing the 1999 All-Area boys cross country team.

Matt Daly, Jr., Redford CC: Daly is a repeat selection to the All-Observer first team and this year added all-state to his resume.

Daly finished sixth individually in the Class A meet in a time of 15:43 after winning the regional (15:56). The times helped the Shamrocks win the regional and take sixth at the state meet.

He also had first-place finishes at the Catholic League and Sturgis meets as

well as second at the CC and Haelett Invationals and third at the Holly Invitational.

Undeclared this year in dual meets, he carries a 4.0 grade point average.

"Matt is a first-rate runner, consistent and focused in every race," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He is a fierce competitor yet humble in acceptance of his victories. Matt is an accomplished student and a gracious sportsman, determined to be the best he can be."

Doug Gibbons, Jr., Redford CC: Gibbons had a memorable first year on the CC cross country team, earning all-state honors after taking fifth in the regional (16:27) and 17th at the state meet (16:16).

He placed second at both the Catholic League and Sturgis meets and fourth at the CC Invitational. Gibbons played soccer his first two years at CC before opting to run cross country this season.

He is a distance runner on the CC track team in the spring.

"Doug was a welcome addition to the team," CC coach Tony Magni said. "His approach to running at the start of the season was timid and reserved but as he grew more confident his finishing time improved each race. He saved his best race for the state finals and attained all-state honors - a remarkable



John McGreevy Livonia Churchill Steve Stewart Livonia Franklin Matt Isner Livonia Stevenson

accomplishment for a first-year runner."

Charlie Stamboulis, Sr., N. Farmington: Stamboulis concluded his high school career by qualifying for the state finals and finishing 32nd with his best time of the season (16:23).

He was seventh in the regional (16:36), second in the Western Lakes (17:02) and 13th in Oakland County (17:01). The North team captain earned all-WLAA and all-county recognition.

Stamboulis qualified the last two years for the state meet and was All-WLAA three straight years. He was named the most valuable runner for North the last two years.

"Charlie will be truly missed at North Farmington for his athletic abilities and his strong leadership qualities," North Farmington coach Paul Welch said. "He was real dedicated. He'd do anything you asked him. He was a good person to have on the team, and he's going to be missed."

Donnie Warner, Jr., Ply. Salem: Warner, who played both soccer and ran cross country in 1998, had quite a 1999

with the Salem harriers.

He finished 41st in the state meet with a personal best time of 16:32.6, along with a 14th-place regional time of 16:50.4. Warner also added a seventh-place time of 17:22.3 on the Kansington Metropark course in the WLAA meet.

"This is Donnie's first full year of cross country," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "He played soccer and has run cross country the last two. He had a great junior year and I'm looking forward to him having a great senior year."

"Donnie is a hard worker and a great leader."

John DiGiovanni, Jr., Redford CC: A stress fracture in one of his knees limited DiGiovanni's contributions to the CC team but he came on strong in the final weeks of the season.

He returned in time to finish fifth in the Catholic League Meet (16:55) and eighth in the regional (16:33) before taking 31st at the state meet (16:36). His first action came at the Sturgis Invi-

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over gotten." Not that Tubby Smith and the guys will ever take a back seat, but UK men's soccer can now be found on the front pages of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"It's real gratifying because we've been so close the last three years, but now the weight has been lifted off our shoulders," Stonestreet said. "This year we've had the perfect chemistry. This group of seniors is all about winning. We make everybody feel like they're part of the team. We're friends and that brings everybody together."

UK coach Ian Collins, who has put together the upstart Wildcats, likes what he sees in both Sersen and Stonestreet.

Sersen, who became a starter as a junior, missed seven games this season with a broken foot. His absence was noted when UK went on a mid-season four-game losing streak.

"Scott plays a very important leadership role," Collins said.

"His communication skills, his understanding of the game and how he relates to his teammates, along with his knowledge of tactics, are very good."

"The players relate to him very well. He's been a solid defender and has always been enthusiastic; like a coach on the field."

"Scott also has a great personality. He's easily the team comedian."

Sersen tried to make the best of his seven-game absence.

"It was terrible sitting on the sideline, but I decided I was going to be the team cheerleader," Sersen said. "I was almost an assistant coach. I was the middle man between the players and the coach."

Building "team chemistry" was also Sersen's role as a tri-captain along with Stonestreet.

"The biggest transformation this team has made is that the seniors no longer look down or segregate themselves from the underclassman," he said. "We

took all the freshmen under our wings and treat them equals."

Stonestreet, who became a full-time starter as a sophomore, was a second team All-MAC selection, but Collins believes the Canton grad deserves more recognition.

"I believe Todd is the most underrated defender in America," the UK coach said. "His job is to mark the opposing team's most dangerous offensive player. We've played five or six top 20 teams this season and nobody has gotten the best of him."

"Todd is very quiet off the field, but very aggressive, tough, quick and athletically gifted on the field."

Collins believes Stonestreet has a future in professional soccer.

"I would push Todd to any club team," the UK coach said. "Second-team All-MAC is not an indication of his performance."

Could the MLS, America's premier professional circuit, be call-

ing? "It would be hard to go in the (MLS) draft because our team has not been recognized and I haven't gotten a lot of accolades," Stonestreet said. "But I'd like to try out somewhere, anywhere they'd want me. I'd prefer the west coast, somewhere where they have warm weather."

Once rivals on the high school soccer fields, but teammates (with Vardar) during the summer club season, Stonestreet and Sersen arrived at UK together four years ago and have remained roommates and close friends to this day.

Ironically, both major in Economics and have taken the same classes.

"I'm the laid-back one," Stonestreet insists. "Scott keeps everybody loose. He has more of a light-hearted side."

On Oct. 20, in Bloomfield, UK stayed close for both halves with the host Hoosiers before losing 4-2.

The rivalry is nearly as

intense as it is in basketball. "When we played them the first time I thought we held our own," Sersen said. "The shots were 19-17. We've been analyzing their Big Ten championship game tape against Penn State, and our own tape against them three weeks ago. We're devising a new game plan."

Stonestreet is also looking forward to the challenge of playing the NCAA's No. 2-seeded team.

"They (IU) have a great tradition and when we play them every year it's always a big crowd," the Canton grad said. "We have to stick to our game plan, stay disciplined, leave it all out on the field and expect nothing else."

"I think it will be a good game and we hope to play our best."

Collins is also anxious to see how his team will fare in the rematch.

"It's obviously a tough place to play," he said. "We made some mistakes in our first match—that

won't be able to make in this one. But the last time we had some good chances."

"The kids have worked very hard. We're going to have to play at the top of our game."

Whatever the outcome, Sersen and Stonestreet, both former All-Staters and Olympic Development Program members, have no regrets about migrating to Lexington.

"I'm happy I went to a great school and it's been a great experience," Stonestreet said. "Coming up together, the experiences we've had, cannot be replaced."

Adds Sersen: "I'm very satisfied. To see where we were, and the way our attitudes have evolved as far as the maturity of the team and to see that we can compete with the best — has been very gratifying."

And Collins has no regrets about the two recruits he signed in 1995.

"They're both very pleasant guys, both easy to coach," he said.

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tational in mid-October where he finished ninth (17:35).

This is DiGiovanni's second-straight year on the All-Observer first team.

John endured a frustrating and emotional season of medical setbacks that consisted of hours and days of rehabilitation to get back into running with the team. With diligence and perseverance he successfully attained his goal. John was born to run and we expect he'll be among the leaders again next year."

Jason Richmond, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior was the Chargers' most consistent runner during the season.

He finished 53 in the state meet, sixth at the regional with a season best time of 16:29 and fifth in the Western Lakes (17:12).

He also was Livonia Public Schools champion (17:10), fifth at the New Boston Huron Invitational (16:52), sixth at the Redford Union Invitational (16:48.5) and 12th at the Brother Rice Invitational (17:09).

He also hold the Churchill record at Cass Benton Park at 16:23.

"Jason has been the primary reason the Churchill boys program has become competitive," coach John McGreevy said. "He has not only been a fine runner, but an excellent role model and leader. Jason has a strong desire to excel. It will take quite an effort to replace him."

"He has become a familiar figure running through Hines Park at any time of the day, week or year."

Richmond also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.74 grade-point average.

Joe Wax, Sr., Redford Union: Wax finished ninth in the Mega Conference White Division, 12th in the Class A regional and 61st in the state meet, all on a bad foot.

Wax competed the last month of the season despite suffering torn ligaments in one of his feet. A cast was placed on his foot after the season, his third on the RU varsity.

"Joe had a very, very good season," RU coach Kevin Paik said. "This is the first time he's run for any more than two or three months at a time, training the last 10 months, and all the hard work paid off for him, and the team."

"It's a testament to his work ethic that he ran through the pain. He couldn't go to all the workouts near the end of the season but he did a lot of work on his own, in the pool and weight room,

and was still able to finish in the top 65 at the state meet. I couldn't ask for anything more from him. He's come a long way in the three years I coached him."

Jeff Haller, Sr., Redford CC: Haller had five top 10 finishes this year, for the Shamrocks, including 10th place at the Class A regional in a time of 16 minutes, 46 seconds.

He was seventh in the Catholic League Meet (17:00) and 53rd at the state meet (16:47).

Haller, the senior class president with a 4.0 grade point average, earned All-Catholic honors three straight years. He served as team captain this year.

"Jeff is a one-of-a-kind guy," CC coach Tony Magni said. "His strong leadership and keen aptitude for energizing the team earned him the admiration and respect of his teammates. Throughout the season he dedicated his efforts to insure the overall success of the team. He is a fine runner who proved himself an invaluable asset to the team."

Matt Isner, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The state qualifier (96th overall) wound up 18th at the regional (16:57.5) and took 11th at the WLA meet.

The team captain also finished sec-

ond in the Livonia Public Schools meet, fifth at the Center Line Invitational, sixth at the Shamrock Invitational and seventh at Holly.

"Matt was our most improved runner in 1999, leading the team in all but two of the meets," Stevenson coach John Gores said. "Matt was a very tough competitor and a good team leader on and off the field."

Steve Stewart, Jr., Liv. Franklin: Finished 97th at the state meet (16:49.7), 15th at the regional (16:55.9) and eighth in the Western Lakes meet

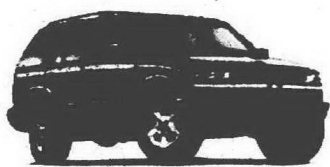
(17:23). His best time came in the Livonia Public Schools meet when he clocked at 16:46 on the Cass Benton Park course.

Stewart also finished eighth in the Monroe-Jefferson and Walled Lake Western invitationals, along with a ninth at the RU Invitational and 13th at the Gabriel Richard meet.

"Steve is a hard-working and consistent runner who has made excellent progress in his two years at Franklin," coach Bob Holmes said. "He runs intelligent races that stress a very even pace from start to finish."

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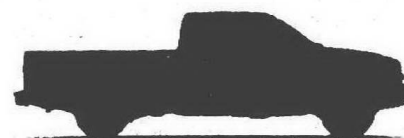
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For more details, call OU softball coach Steve Ogg at (248) 370-3103.

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ing eight minutes.

If it's true that high-intensity defense can make the rim look smaller for the opposing team's shooters, the basket must have looked about the size of a Dixie cup for the Chiefs in the second quarter as they managed to connect on just 1-of-12 shots. Anne Morrell's layup at the 6:50 mark of the second quarter gave the Chiefs a 13-11 lead. It would turn out to be their final lead of the game and last basket of the half.

Although Salem also struggled from the field in the second stanza (2-for-9), they secured an 18-13 halftime lead.

Canton clamped down on the Rocks' leading scorer, Tiffany Grubaugh, in the first half, holding her to just 1-of-7 shooting. However, Bree Pastalaniec and Lindsay Klemmer helped pick up the offensive slack, combining for eight first-half points.

"I knew when Tiffany scored 24 against them last week that she would be seeing a lot of double-teams tonight," Thomann said. "But we have other players who complement Tiffany when she's getting doubled."

Grubaugh shook off the Chiefs' double-teaming in the third quarter and led the Rocks on a game-deciding 13-3 run, building their lead to 31-18 at one point. Paced by their leading scorer's 10 points in the quarter, the Rocks led 33-26 with eight minutes left to play.

Any plans the Chiefs had of mounting a fourth-quarter rally fizzled along with their 3-of-9 shooting.

"Overall, I'm very happy with our 14-7 record," Blohm said, assessing his team's season. "I thought we improved a lot as the season went on, and we'll have seven seniors back next year, so the future looks bright. It was a great group of girls to work with."

Despite her slow start, Grubaugh finished with a team-high 12 points. Klemmer chipped in with 11 and Pastalaniec netted 9. Dawn Allen paced the Rocks' in the rebounding department, pulling down six.

The Rocks connected on 16-of-37 shots from the field (43.2 percent) for the game. They also swished 14-of-19 free-throw attempts.

Canton made 13-of-44 (29.5 percent) field-goal attempts and five-of-nine from the charity stripe.



Time to cheer: Salem's bench, including Amy Szawar (10), Bree Pastalaniec (5), Kelly Jaskot (21) and Sherry Grubaugh, erupts as the final seconds tick away.

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SEASON/DATES

ARCHERY
Archery season runs through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muskingolese season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK
Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK
Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

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FLY TYING
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ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
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CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 606-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meet-

ings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0656 for more information.

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The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 37600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club,

meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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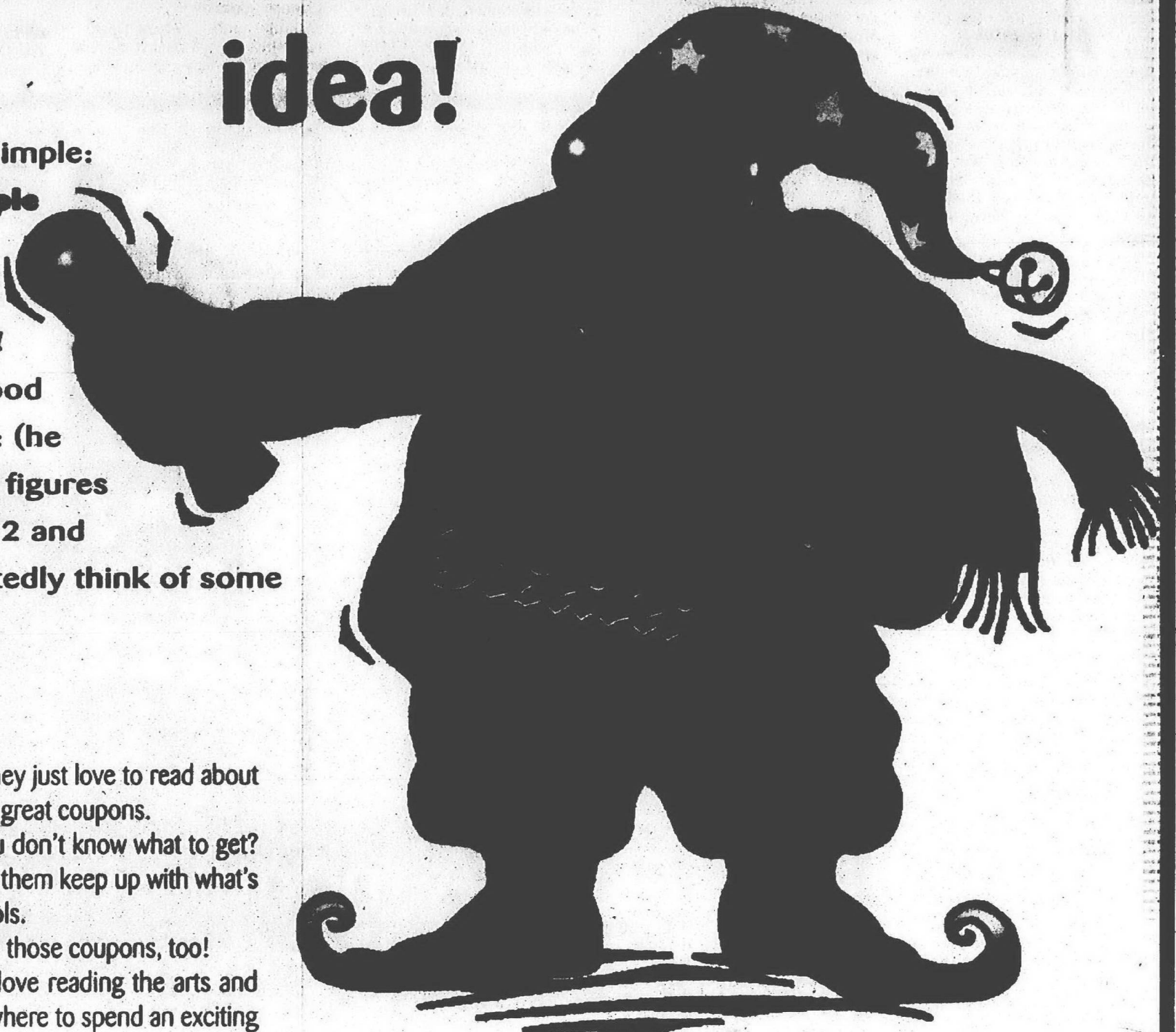
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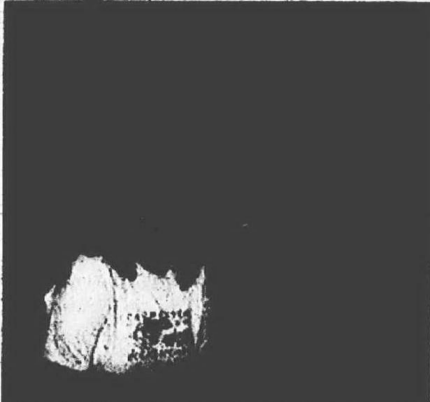
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Rhonda Aubry (left to right), Tom Padilla, Kim Smith, Nic Thompson, Sharon Spring, Keith Chadrick, Janet Jimenez-Smith and Gina DeBrincat star in "Godspell" presented by Pontiac Theatre IV 8 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School, Mountcain and Summit, west of Baldwin Road, Pontiac. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 children/seniors, (248) 681-6215.

SATURDAY



Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli and Miss Michigan Audrie Ann Chernauckas will be among the celebrities at the 17th annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade starting at 9 on Plymouth Road, beginning east from Merriman to Middlebelt, ending at Wonderland Mall. For more information, call (734) 466-2212.

SUNDAY



Barbara Colbeck (seated at piano) rehearses with Mary McBride (left), Mona Mason, Adele Popoff, and Patricia Knorp for a 3 p.m. Thanksgiving concert at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. The concert will feature singers and handbell ringers. There is no admission charge. Call (734) 464-1222 for information.

A holiday favorite

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD OPENS SEASON



Holiday tradition: The Plymouth Theatre Guild rehearses a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life," the James W. Rodgers' story about a man who gets his wish to have never been born.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The holidays just wouldn't seem the same if Kristin Curle wasn't able to watch George Bailey rescue an angel named Clarence from the icy river in Bedford Falls. Curle, who directs the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "It's a Wonderful Life," opening Friday Nov. 19 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville, first saw the holiday film classic as a teenager growing up in Redford.

"It was one of my father's favorites," said Curle. "After the first time I saw it, I wanted to see it again and again. It would end on one channel and I'd flip it to another. Now that I have a tape of it, the whole family is in trouble." Curle retains many elements of James W. Rodgers' story about a man who wishes he'd never been born. Set in the 1930s and '40s, the production is authentic right down to the seams in the backs of the women's nylons.

"It's loosely based on the movie, especially the dialogue," said Curle. "The only element we've added is a chorus who will sing Christmas carols throughout the show. We wanted to tie it in with a Christmas theme. It will be a great way to start your holidays."

What makes George Bailey, the

"It's a Wonderful Life"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28.

WHERE: Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville.

TICKETS: \$10, \$7 students ages 16 and under. Call (248) 349-7110.

lead character in "It's a Wonderful Life," so appealing is "everyman." Since his youth, Bailey dreamed of adventures in faraway places only to come to the realization he'd never escape the small town of Bedford Falls.

At the same time, Clarence a guardian angel, has to descend on Christmas Eve to earn his wings. Bailey provides the perfect vehicle. Clarence saves Bailey by showing him what the world would have been like if he'd never been born. Up to this point, Bailey is feeling sorry for himself and thinks he's just another "poor sap."

"I'm very excited that my directoral debut is with this show and with the Guild," said Curle. "It's a dramatic, heartwarming story. I like the story line that George Bailey really didn't believe that he was important in people's lives."

Curle's experience in producing

the Guild's productions of "The Sound of Music" and "Wait Until Dark" last season made it easy for her to cast the parts in "It's a Wonderful Life." Dennis Hubel plays George Bailey, and Dennis Brunzell of Canton is the angel Clarence Odbody. Marlene Landry of Livonia plays Bailey's wife.

"I knew after the actors were chosen that this was my dream cast," said Curle. "I've liked working with the actors on their character development. It's like giving birth."

Family affair

Hubel auditioned for "It's a Wonderful Life" for family reasons. His daughters Stephanie, 11, and Vanessa, 15, were becoming involved with the production so the Plymouth resident decided to read for the lead.

Vanessa plays the nurse who pushes the play's villain, ol' Mr. Potter, around in a wheelchair. Stephanie is cast as a paperboy. Both girls are involved with theater groups at their Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"I thought it was a good way to spend time with them," said Hubel, who grew up in Redford. "I always loved Jimmy Stewart and all of the characters in the film. It's a great story and something we can all relate to, but my original notion was to be in a play with my kids."

Singer keeps in step with the times

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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"Keeping in Step With Time" is more than just the title of J.G. Contour's new CD with Brother T. For Contour, it's a way of life.

Contour, who sang lead with The Contours for two decades, and his brother Herman Green (a.k.a. Brother T) renew their musical bonds with each other after more than 40 years in the business. Their songs appeal to the young as well as to those who grew up listening to such Motown hits as "Do You Love Me."

Recorded at Talent Live in Canton, the CD revisits those mellow Motown sounds while keeping in step with the times. Two of the songs rap an anti-gang, anti-drug message.

"There's everything ranging from the era from which I came to the present day with rap being positive music for young people," said Contour. "Some of the rap music today is trashy stuff. This is all positive. You can lead them to do positive things. I'm always trying to tell people the right things to do."

Contour grew up in a family where music was key. His 10 brothers and three sisters all sang in church choirs in Alabama until the family moved to Detroit in 1949.

"I was singing spirituals at first until one day my sister Ethel came home with a song she'd heard a group sing in town," said Contour, who was born Jerry Green. "Herman had also been singing in a spiritual tone. We got to Detroit to find street corner doo-wop

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Keeping in Step: J.G. Contour (right) with Herman Green (a.k.a. Brother T) and Ray Green (middle).

WHAT: J.G. Contour performs with Brother T. for the Maurice King Foundation of American Music's annual fund-raising dinner. Also appearing are Bettye LaVette and her band led by Rudy Robinson.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

WHERE: Warren Chateau, 6015 E. 10 Mile, east of Mound Road.

TICKETS: \$50. Proceeds go to educational grants for music students in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Call (313) 933-0310.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Actress enjoys playing Goldilocks

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents its annual children's production, "Goldilocks & the Three Bears," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6, call (248) 644-0527. Park across the street from the theater in the Christ Church parking lot, and take the shuttle bus to the theater. Fifty percent of net profits from all six performances benefits the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Connie McEwan has enjoyed playing a backstage role — building and decorating sets at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. It's safe — no lines to remember, no opening night jitters.

But the story of three little bears, a young girl who doesn't fit in, and her zany camp counselor made McEwan want to "get in front of those footlights again."

She's playing a leading role this time

around in St. Dunstan's children's production, "Goldilocks & Three Bears," playing Friday-Sunday at the theater on the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills.

"I really loved the script," she said. "It's pretty funny and a little off-center. Primarily I paint sets, but when I read the script, I said 'Maybe I should, maybe I could,' and I did. It was the least scary, it's not a long show, it's so much fun, nothing serious, it's a safe entree back into drama."

Goldilocks is a brunette, and tired of being teased by all of the kids at camp. She keeps running away, and Ranger Rosie, the slightly neurotic camp counselor, has to keep looking for her. Meanwhile, in the woods, Papa, Mama and Baby Bear are looking for a comfortable place to stay. Uncle Sid from Hollywood pops in for a surprise visit, and to mooch off his relatives. Papa bear discovers Ranger Rosie's cottage, while she's out looking for Goldilocks, and decides it's a really cool place for his family to stay.

The show is very audience interac-

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Children's show: Janie Castagna (left to right) is Ranger Rosie, Connie McEwan, Goldilocks, and Margie Brooks, Baby Bear in "Goldilocks & the Three Bears."

Dated comedy has bright moments

Village Players of Birmingham presents "The Man Who Came to Dinner," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater, Chestnut Street and Woodward. Tickets \$12, \$1Q students, call (248) 644-2075.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

And you thought your holiday season was going to be hectic!

Picture this: As Christmas approaches, a famous radio star slips on the ice in front of your home and apparently cracks a hip bone. Confined to a wheelchair, the vinegary curmudgeon proceeds to spend the days taking over your household, and threatening to sue. He tells you what to do, he tells your children what to do, and he issues orders to anyone else who gives him half a chance. He knows everybody from Eleanor Roosevelt (it's 1939) to Mahatma Gandhi to Samuel Goldwyn.

Thanks to him and his friends, your house gets cluttered up with everything from penguins to cockroaches to

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groups. We'd been singing in church, so it didn't take us long to blend in."

In 1968, Herman Green founded The Rivals. Before long, Contour was singing lead. He wrote and produced the group's first four songs, which became hits in 1969.

"Herman formed it when we were getting out of high school," said Contour of his older brother. "The CD with Herman's a wonderful thing. It keeps us intact from the early days."

"The Rivals" opened doors for me. We're proud of the fact we were the first African-American group ever to do commercials for major companies (Wrigley's Spearmint Gum, Gobel Beer and Delco Batteries) because this was something advertisers had not wanted African Americans to do at the time."

Contour wants future generations to know about The Rivals so he's donated a copy of their album, "The Soul of Detroit," to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Contour's Motown days began in 1968 when he auditioned for Berry Gordy Jr. in a two-family flat on Gladstone and 12th Street in Detroit. Contour knew he was on his way when Brian Holland and Smokey Robinson wrote a song for him shortly thereafter. By 1964, Contour was singing lead with the Contours.

For the next two decades and four albums, the group topped the charts with such hits as "Do You Love Me" and "First I Look at the Purse." Contour was honored with the Legendary Music Achievement Award by the Metropolitan Music Association in 1997. Contour wants young aspiring musicians to know there were ups and downs throughout his journey in the music business. Contour was able to feed his family and pay the bills by working at Ford's Livonia Transmission Plant for the last 31 years. He's grateful to have had those paychecks to fall back on.

"They don't realize that times can be tough when you're look-

ing to record your music," said Contour. "It took me nine years to write and record 'Keeping in Step With Time.'"

Today, Contour owns a record label and production company which gives him the artistic freedom to do what he wants, but that wasn't always true. "I want to have an outlet for young people so they don't have to go through strenuous times to get a record out. But I'll tell them to go and get your education. There's nothing guaranteed in this life. I know about doors slamming in your face. This is where I can bring them in and work with them. 'You've gotta love this business. It's something that I love to do. And I want to keep kids out of gangs. I'm anti-gang and anti-drug. If you want to perform on one of my productions you have to be drug free.'"

"Keeping in Step With Time" is available at local record stores, or call (313) 867-4843.

Goldlocks Musical set to lift mood, brighten spirit from page E1

tive, which is a blessing and a curse," said McEwan. "I walk through the audience and ask them to help me find Ranger Roals."

McEwan's roles weren't always behind the scenes. She studied drama at Michigan State University, and was active in the Orchards Community Theater in the early 1970s before joining St. Dunstan's in 1991. Orchards Community Theater later merged with Pontiac Theatre IV. Raising children, and a career as an advertising agency owner have kept McEwan busy, but she's happy to be back on stage.

Fifty percent of net proceeds from the shows will benefit the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. Children from the inner city of Detroit will be brought to the theater to see the show Tuesday-Thursday. As for those opening night jitters - "I think I remembered my lines," said McEwan with a laugh.

Goldlocks Musical set to lift mood, brighten spirit

The Bloomfield Players presents "Meet Me In St. Louis," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19 and 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, Lasher High School, Lasher Road just north of Long Lake Road. Tickets \$9, call (248) 433-0885 for information. BY THESSIE L. MCFARLAND SPECIAL WRITER

"This (the Bloomfield Players) is an opportunity for everyone, young and old, experienced or not," said June Hamilton, executive producer, referring to the philosophy of the ten-year-old Bloomfield Players community theater company.

A cast varying in ages and experience performed a light-hearted, cheerful rendition of the classic all-American favorite musical "Meet Me in St. Louis."

It's 1903, a much simpler time when the "buzz" is all about the amazing, impending World's Fair coming to St. Louis to commemorate the 100-year-anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

The story follows the tight-knit Smith family and the antics of their two teenage girls Rose and Esther, hot on the trail of suitable beaux; two mischievous younger sisters Agnes and Tootie; and their Princeton-bound brother, Lon. An uninformed Mr. Smith (Clif Furgison) thinks he's at the helm. However, it is actually Mrs. Smith (Debra Luria), Katie - the family cook - and Grandpa, who keep home and hearth together until Mr. Smith announces that due to his job, the family will leave St. Louis and move to New York City, much to the family's despair.

Bethanne Still captured the quick exuberance of Esther Smith as she sang her way through "The Boy Next Door," and a toe-tapping execution of the award-winning tune, "The Trolley Song." Still conjured an audience belly laugh during her very reluctant dances with the three most ineligible bachelors in St. Louis, played by Brian Carter, Andrew Miller and Ian Dittus.

Esther's blossoming romance

with the boy-next-door, John Truitt (Christian Maurice) was interrupted briefly by an amusing scene where she beat him up, as she uttered the classic line, "If there's anything I hate, loathe, despise and abominate, it's a bully!"

Meanwhile, a cat-and-mouse game ensued between the lovely, composed Rose Smith (Elizabeth Stalker) and the heir to the Sheffield fortune, Warren, played by Patrick Devine.

Nine-year-old thespian Jessica Miller as Tootie, stole hearts from her opening solo of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis" and her memorable line, "Wasn't I lucky to be born in my favorite city?" In a performance that would make little Margaret O'Brien proud, Miller delivered her humorous lines with poise and beguiling charm. Tootie's constant morbid references, including her doll's "four fatal diseases" and John Truitt's attempt to "kill her," brought levity to the production.

Miller's performance of "Under the Bamboo Tree" together with Still and energetic young actress Sarah Kiperman, as Agnes, was a playful delight.

A Bloomfield Player veteran, Larry Miller boldly projected a loveable Grandpa. He and a witty Katie (Kay-Allen Murphy) kept the family solidly grounded.

A functioning trolley car that traversed the stage by discreet pulleys provided a clever backdrop for the famed "Trolley Song."

The sound system difficulties that periodically plagued the first Act seemed to improve in the second Act. Musical director Sharon Thomas engaged the audience in singing along with the finale song of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis."

Other actors included Robert White (Lon Smith), Jamie Hallmark (Lucille Ballard), Carly Peterson, Gary Quick, and Jerry Payton.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a wonderful chance to step back into a simpler time filled with familiar, fanciful tunes, sure to brighten your spirit.

Comedy from page E1

Directed by Jay Kaplan, this production comes across as a bit slow and a little tired. At times, it's even slightly tiresome to watch. Jeff Trudeau plays the title character, Sheridan Whiteside. Possessing an engaging stage presence, he looks the part of the celebrated Whiteside, and he certainly seems well-drilled in the hundreds of lines he's assigned. But he doesn't always seem to know his character well, and he also doesn't appear to be having much fun portraying the celebrity, whom Hart and Kaufman based on famed drama critic Alexander Woolcott. A large supporting cast is inconsistent.

Admirable standouts include Sallie Savoie as Whiteside's spunky secretary, Matt Rafferty as a small-town newspaper reporter; Barbara Bloom as a loquacious actress; and Gertrude Fox as Whiteside's long-suffering nurse (who delivers a feisty exit speech that doesn't go unappreciated by this '90s audience). Costumes, sets, lighting and other peripherals work well, adding important notes of brightness and spirit to this holiday production.

It's an octopus to some Chinese students in the bathroom. It also gets cluttered up with his nurse, his secretary, a wild-haired entomologist, two convicts, an insufferable actress, and a guy named Banjo, who bears a striking resemblance to Harpo Marx. A newspaper reporter shows up in your living room, along with a detective, various and sundry radio performers, and an angelic children's choir. And who knows how long all of the hullabaloo is going to go on?

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'The Women' entertaining, historically interesting

Farmington Players presents "The Women," a comedy by Clare Boothe Luce, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Players production of "The Women" is an entertaining and historically

interesting biting comedy. While playwright Clare Boothe Luce takes a few shots at men ("they should only be let out of the house on a leash") she aims her most savage satire at the sisterhood for frittering away their lives on silly pursuits.

Clare Boothe was born (1903) illegitimate to an ex-chorus girl and itinerant musician. By the time of her death in 1987 she was considered by many to be among the first Renaissance women. She used her beauty and

brains to have more careers than most even dream of - including actress, war correspondent, editor of *Vanity Fair*, congresswoman and ambassador to Italy.

Along the way she married an older, wealthy man and later Henry Luce (co-founder of *Time* and *Life* magazines). She virtually "clawed" her way to the top when it was hardly the "ladylike" thing to do.

As a popular socialite, she had little patience with wealthy women who waste their time on

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Director Cynthia Tupper captures the spirit of the play and the times (1936) with excellent costuming and music from the '30s. The focus of the play is one Mary Haines who learns from gossip at the beauty salon that her husband is having an affair (but then, in this play who isn't?).

Ellen Akins creates a sympathetic character as Mary, who in the end turns the tables on her

husband's paramour. That would be Lisa Curry as Crystal, who is a most convincing vixen. The way she puts out a cigarette reminds one of Bette Davis at her evil best.

Suzanne Rogers is very good as Mary's friend, Sylvia, who swears, "I never interfere in other people's affairs" then cannot wait to spread the latest gossip. Mary Ann Tweedie is most convincing as Edith, who keeps her marriage going by looking the other way ("pride - that's a luxury a woman in love cannot have.")

Margaret Gilkes as Nancy, a worldly writer, scores with many

sardonic lines such as, "No one remembers a clever woman."

Marge Wetzel is a host as the much-married Countess DeLage. Emily McSweeney warmly gives motherly advice to Mary. Kathleen Monticello (the cook) and Stacey DuFord (the maid) create one of the best scenes as they give their view of life in the Haines household.

Also appearing (most in multiple roles) are Jacquie Pouillon, Kathleen Ternes, Lucy Rogers, Janet Ginis, Cheryl Gordon Glicker, Nicole Ludwig, Maureen Mansfield, Karen Novak and Angie Tyburaki.

Mike DeMott and Phil Hadley, dressed in spiffy evening attire, change stage settings between scenes.

Robert Weibel is a Westland resident and writes theater reviews for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

'Jest A Second' evokes laughter

The Ridgedale Players presents "Jest A Second," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. Tickets are \$11, \$10 for seniors and students on Sundays. Price includes sandwich and afterglow. Call (248) 988-7049.

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of "Jest A Second," directed by Kent J. Martini and Jim Rink, is very funny. I agree with author James Sherman's opinion that "Jest A Second" is a better play than "Beau Jest." It has funnier lines and a more intricate plot. The cast of six does a lovely job.

Four of the cast members play the same characters they played in last spring's production of "Beau Jest," a continuity that adds to the believability of this comedy.

Selma Cohen was born to play Miriam, the self-sacrificing, dour mother who dominates her husband and her children's lives without doing anything but being there. Even when she's absent, Miriam is present in everyone's thoughts.

The comedy consists of absurd

behavior on the part of everyone while trying to please this woman, who enjoys nothing but news about single Jewish doctors. Cohen delivers lines like, "I once had a chance to change - I decided not to," and "It's a beautiful place to visit!"

Cohen responds with great weariness. "I was born there. I left."

It's Miriam's play in many ways, and Cohen picks up the challenge.

Jack Abella as Abe, Miriam's retired husband, is a good foil. Abe runs out for dozens of bagels at the drop of a hat. He drags chairs up apartment steps. He seems obsessed with "parking in front," and with leaping up and doing his wife's bidding. Abella looks like the classic James Thurber husband, dwarfed, hidden behind his wife and making a show of putting up a fight now and then.

Carl Jones is terrific as Bob, the converted Jewish actor. He's a bundle of energy, running out to the synagogue three times a day, keeping everyone kosher (until Miriam takes him aside), leaping up to take his pregnant wife to the hospital the moment she says anything and changing into his neon dress from "La Cage Aux Foux" to help his gay

brother-in-law who can't come out to his parents. Jones is wonderful as "Randy," a pediatrician girlfriend whom Miriam takes a shine to.

Lynn Koch has stage presence as Sarah, Bob's wife who's three weeks late giving birth. Sarah walks like a woman who's been carrying for a year, offers snide remarks to her womb and is supportive to her gay brother after thinking about it. Koch turns in a thoughtful performance, and looks fine slim.

Tom Coffey, as Joel, Sarah's very troubled brother, walks about looking doomed. As a therapist with a wife who's suing him for custody of his kids, and a set of very straight parents, in addition to falling in love for the first time in his life, Joel has a full plate. Coffey looks like a broken man with a good haircut.

Ross Grossman as the real "Randy" is hilarious; he saves the day. He has great charm and speaks lilting Yiddish to boot. And the pair look as if they belong together.

The production staff did a great job, especially Linda Martini and crew on costumes (oh, that sequined dress!), Mike Plum, Sonia Milton, Stan Iobst and crew on the set. Kudos.

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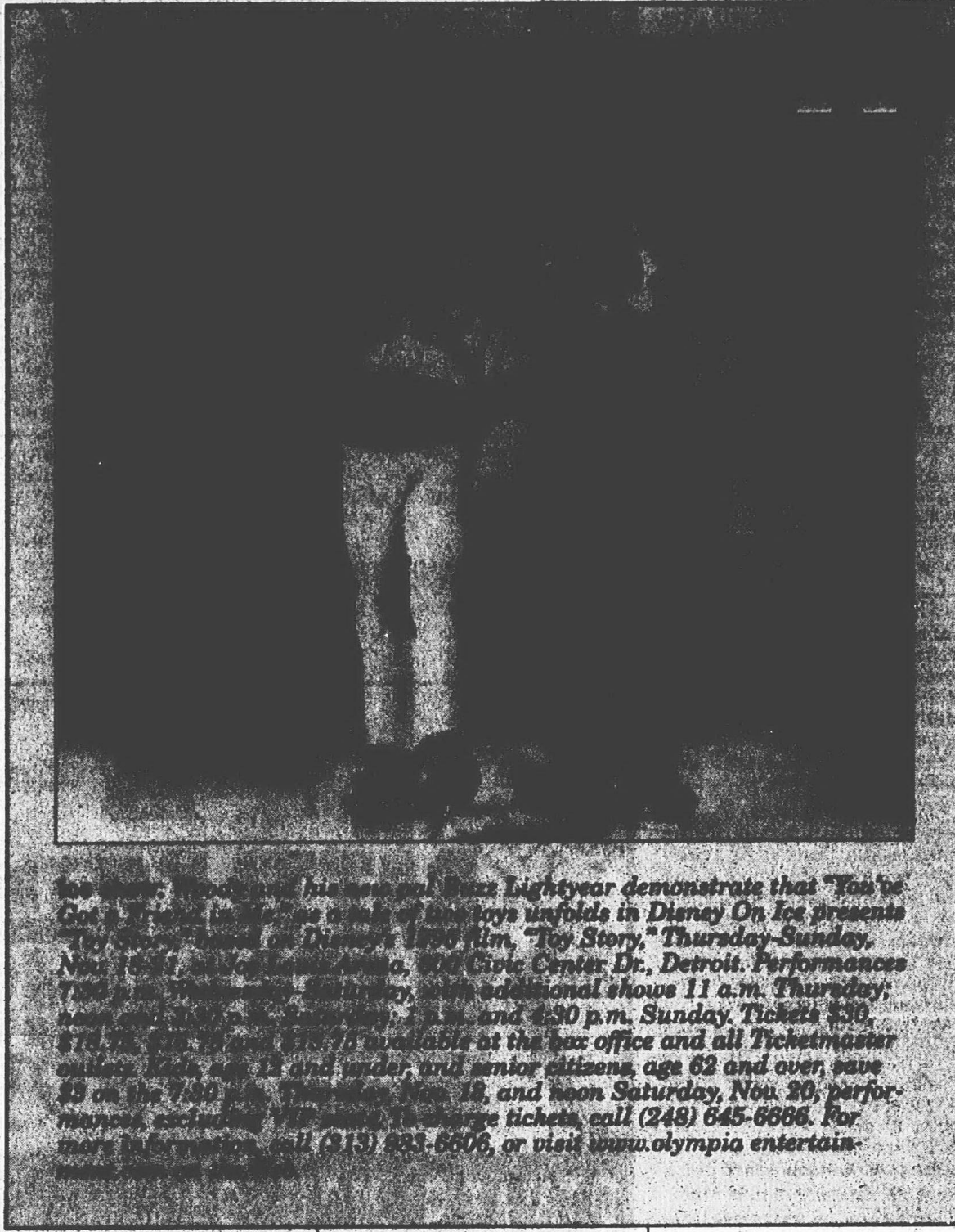
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"The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 19-20, 26-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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Alternative Mondays production through Nov. 22 (\$8), "Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS
ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
Re-opened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18. free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 963-7777

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833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO
The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Holiday Walk features French treasures in the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, beginning Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 5 the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$12, \$6 children ages 3-12. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"I Made This Jar..." the life and works of the enslaved African American potter, Dave continues through Jan. 2, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5.00 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

SPRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

THE PARADE STUDIO
Tours weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the studio, Detroit. \$10, \$7 student. (313) 341-6810

POPULAR MUSIC

AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10 day of show. 19 and older. (248) 645-6666

GREG ALLMAN
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$28.50, \$24.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester Road, between Square Lake and Long Lake roads in Troy. 21 and over. (248) 828-2825

AQUABATS
With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$20. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

THE BACK DOORS
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$10 in advance. (248) 544-3030

BARENAKED LADIES
With Tai Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$17 on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666

THE BLANKS
With Criminals, LES Stiches, Ducky Boys, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$8. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

BLUE CAT
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
Saturday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 advance. (734) 996-8555

MAIRE BRENNAN
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets \$20. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

BUCKCHERRY
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

CAFE DE TACUBA
6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10 advance/ \$12 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

COMMON GROUND CD RELEASE PARTY
With Scott Campbell, Jill Jack, Hope Orchestra, Miriam Shor, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5. 18 and over. (248) 335-8100

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

CHRIS CORNELL
7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, State Theatre, Detroit.

THE COREVARES
With Mr. Tidy, A Planet for Texas, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 313jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk)

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DANIELS CROSSING
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin, Auburn Hills. Free. (248) 335-5013 (folk)

DANZIG
With Samhain, Hatebreed, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

DAYS OF THE NEW
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$12. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

DEATH IN VEGAS
With DJs Paul Heart and Richard Fearless, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

DEZINE INTENT
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Dec. 10-11, Monday, Dec. 31, Mr. Z's Steakhouse, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Redford. (313) 537-5600

DJ VADIM
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (313) 961-MELT

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With The Lash, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-3030

EL VEZ
9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. (248) 645-6666

EMINEM
Friday, Nov. 28, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets \$20. (248) 645-6666 (hip hop star comes home)

FAN MAIL TOUR
With TLC, Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666

FANTOMAS
With Kid 606, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

GET UP KIDS
With At The Drive-in and Ultimate Fakebook, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

GUTTER PUNK
With Unity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, The Shelter, 341 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

HENWOOD
9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$5 or free with 311 ticket stub. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Tripper and 60 Second Crush, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$7 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-3030; Wednesday, Nov. 24, Village Idiot, 15421 Mack, Detroit. (313) 844-1111

J. GEL'S BAND
With The Romantics, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$19.99 includes parking cost. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ALAN JACKSON
With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666

JARS OF CLAY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666

JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (funk/alternative)

JODI
6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

K&B
9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

BB KING
With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

EARL KLUH AND BOB JAMES
6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$45, \$27.50, \$15. (248) 645-6666

KNEE DEEP SHAG CD RELEASE PARTY
With Johnny Socko, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$8 cover. 21 and over. (248) 544-3030

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday jazz)

BOBBY LEWIS AND HIS CRACKERJACK BAND
After the Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade, 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 466-2212 (classic pop)

EUGENE MANN
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (saxophone)

TS MONK SEXTET
7:30 p.m., 11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

MIKE NESS
With The Road Kings, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Tickets \$17.50 advance. (248) 645-6666

THE NIGHT 88X STOLE CHRISTMAS
Featuring Bush, Oasis, blink-182, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$34.89, \$24.89, \$19.89. (248) 645-6666 (alternative bash)

ROBERT NOLL MISSION
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109.

THE NUMBERS
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 313jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (Britpop)

ROBERT PENN
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

PENNYWISE
With Strungout and All, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Clutch Cargo, 64 E. Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$12.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

PHISH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$25 advance/\$27 day of show. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

PODUNK
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$6. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

PUSHERS UNION
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 313jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (rock)

QUEENSRÛCHE
With Caroline's Fire, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, \$29.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

RADIUM
Friday, Nov. 19, Scalici's, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park; Saturday, Dec. 4, Old Miami, 3930 Cass Avenue, Detroit; Saturday, Dec. 18, Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. (Rock)

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE
With Gang Starr, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$25. (248) 645-6666

JAKE REICHBART
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday guitar)

RARE EARTH
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

SATIN DOLLS
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet)

SAX APPEAL
7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues duo)

STEPHANIE SHYHEIM
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. (248) 335-5013 (jazz)

JOHN SCOFIELD BAND
With Charlie Hunter, Adam Cruz Duo., 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$22. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

SGT. ROCK
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 349-7038; Wednesday, Nov. 24, Woodbridge Tavern, 289 St. Aubin, Detroit. (313) 259-0578; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. (734) 591-1868

SOULFUL CELEBRATION
Featuring Kirk Franklin, Hezekiah Walker, Kelly Price, Karen Clark Sheard, Crystal Lewis, Anointed, Marvin Sapp, Darwin Hobbs. Led by musical director, Sheila E., 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$50, \$35, \$25, \$15. (248) 645-6666.

STEREOLAB
With Jim O'Rourke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$12 advance, \$13 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

STING
With M'hall Ndegeocello, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 1, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$110, \$85. (248) 645-6666.

JOE STRUMMER AND THE MEDCALEROS
With Pietasters, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. 18 and over. Tickets \$20 advance/ \$23 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

STUNNING AMAZON CD RELEASE
With Foxgloves and special guests Vinny and Joey of Sponge, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 313jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street, Detroit. \$5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (acoustic rock)

KOKO TAYLOR
10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

TWISTING TARANTULAS
9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

U-GOD
With Shyheim, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT

WILCO
With Old 97's and Outrageous Cherry, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$15 advance, \$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666

ANDRE WILLIAMS & THE SADIES
With Mr. Quintron, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$10 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

WINDHAM HILL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT
Featuring Liz Story, David Arkenstone, Lisa Lynne, Sean Horness, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$15, \$25, \$35. (734) 668-8397

WU-TANG CLAN'S U-GOD AND FRIEND SHYHEIM
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$6-18 and over. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

YES
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$42.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

2XL
Wednesday, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24, 26-27, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

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9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Sold out. All ages.

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.tocom.com>

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>

BIRD OF PARADISE
The Bird of Paradise Orchestra performs Mondays, cover \$5; Ron Brooks Trio performs Wednesdays and Thursdays, cover \$3; Paul Klinger's Easy Street Swingtet plays Dixieland 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, cover \$2. Paul Finkbeiner's Jazz Jam can be seen 9 p.m. Sundays, cover \$2, all at the club, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.intuit-solar.com> or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com>

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL
Acoustic night with Pakistiani Tambourine Mondays, Karaoke with

DJ Eric Tuesdays, Bridge performs Thursday-Sunday; After-work party with Joint Venture 6-9 p.m. Fridays, all at the club, 15414 Telegraph Road, Redford. (313) 833-4477

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8-30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

FLYING PIG TAPVERN
See Larry Arbour live 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, at the tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747 (acoustic folk)

GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6573 or <http://www.golddollar.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Goth and industrial with D.J. Paul Wednesdays. Free admission with Goth attire; Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative mix of 80s and 90s with D.J. Matt Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

JOE'S KEY CLUB
Working Wednesdays with free food buffet, \$1 off drinks, featuring Matt Safranek, Jimmy Sullivan, Marc Dairon and WIZ, doors at 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays; Ladies Night featuring Rod Norman, Jimmy Sullivan, Gary Mumford and WIZ, doors at 7 p.m. Thursdays; Matt Safranek, WIZ, Rod Norman, Gary Mumford, Marc Dairon and Jimmy Sullivan perform, \$5 cover and doors at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, all at the club, 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337 (dueling pianos)

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9900

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free: "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older: "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m

'To Forgive, Divine' shares story of a look back on life

Trinity House Theatre presents *'To Forgive, Divine'*, a comedy by Jack Neary. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20 and 9:30, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-775, Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$5 Sundays, call (734) 464-6302.

BY SUE SUCHTA
SPECIAL WRITER

"To Forgive, Divine" is the humorous and warm-hearted story of a young priest, Jerry, who finds himself wondering about his choices when he helps plan a high school band reunion with a former classmate, Katie, "the girl who got away." To complicate matters, Katie,

trapped in a loveless marriage to a man who once humiliated Jerry, reciprocates his feelings. Stir in some town gossip and a baseball bat-wielding husband, and the stage is set for a story that will leave you guessing right up until the end.

Director Thomas Malcolm Olson has integrated a strong, cohesive cast into a fast-paced show rich with emotion and likable, identifiable characters. The blocking is natural and seamless, and the characters interact well with each other, whether it's friend-to-friend or more personally intimate.

Tim Dunham plays Father Jerry Dolan with a guileless charm that's difficult to resist.

With a boyish face and slight build, he's hardly imposing, but his confidence and self-assurance gives him a quiet but strong masculinity - he may be a priest, but his character is appealing as a man. And when he finally wins his long-awaited wrestling rematch with Katie's husband, we find his character is more than able to meet life's physical challenges as well.

Julie Cullen is a delightful treat as Katie Cachenko: she radiates joy. Her eyes are bright, her face is animated and her movements are quick and energetic. Her voice is clear and lyrical and plays the wide range of her character's shifting emotions well, whether nervous and vul-

nerable around Jerry, or vehemently angry at her cheating husband. Cullen does not lack energy or stage presence - she glows.

Nora Bonner as the young teen Margaret Crowley and Dorothy Dunne as her Aunt Milly are a warm, likable pair. They capture the nature of small-town gossip, from chatty teens to the good old girls grapevine. As the rectory's custodians, they overhear more than they should, and keep the parish posted on Jerry and Katie "sightings." The two are very human, multi-faceted characters.

Nora puts a wide range of emotion into her roles, from effervescent teen to grieving girl. One wonders why it's taken her so long to get a speaking part at Trinity House - her most recent roles were as a sheep and a

maid. Jamie Macek as Ralph Cachenko, Katie's emotionally callous husband, has taken a role that could have been played stereotypically and made him almost likable - very human at the least. More than a baseball bat-wielding brute, he's a man who loves his wife but never bothered to become a loving husband.

Amidst Ralph's shallowness we get fascinating glimpses of his own vulnerability, making it difficult to dismiss him quite so easily. Macek carries himself confidently and exudes the physical bravado of a jock.

Trinity House has remodeled its stage area to give the actors more room, gutting the stage left wing and extending the set area to the upstage wall. Although

this limits exit and entrance locations, it gives the actors more room to work and the set designers more room, too. They've also run an on-stage staircase up to the building's attic, a permanent fixture they plan to use in future shows.

The set was dressed in nondescript but functional office furniture. The characters wore street clothes that offered subtle clues to their character, with Ralph wearing a sports jersey and Jerry noticeably without his clerical collar.

The funniest prop was the portable confessional kneeler, the object of many a battle when Jerry tries unsuccessfully to avoid hearing confessions that complicate the plot. Kudos to the technical crew for attention to detail.

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SCREEN SCENE

Local artists are hitting their stride



ANN DELISI

Just about everyone questions his career choice at one time or another. Often, the doubt surfaces when the goals we set aren't achieved by our own arbitrary deadlines. It's even more deflating when we begin to feel that those lofty

objectives are no longer worth the bother. It would seem artists and performers would be most susceptible, particularly if they strive for artistic, critical, and commercial success along with self-satisfaction. Pulling off a grand slam like that doesn't happen often.

What sustains an artist is the opportunity to keep active in his creative field. With persistence, those moments that remind you why you do what you do will come. It has been a year for those moments for Alicia Gbur and Christine Kerwin of Sister Seed. It's eight years since they met in college and five years since they began performing together. Along the way they've collected two Detroit Music Awards for best acoustic group, recorded and

released a pair of well-received albums and performed with Patty Larkin and other musicians they've long admired. Just before their television debut on Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass, which can be seen at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and midnight Friday, Alicia said that having the chance to perform at Pine Knob this summer was a tremendous thrill. It's a moment any aspiring musician would dream of if you grew up in the Detroit area as Alicia did.

Another example of an artist hitting his stride is Chris Turner, whose metal sculptures have won plenty of praise in the 1990s but not a great deal of common exposure. Turner has been commissioned by the city of Detroit to create the Millennium Bell, a 24-foot-tall sculpture that will ring in the new year from its soon-to-be-permanent installation in Grand Circus Park. "Chris and his partner, Matt Blaze, are making good progress," says Todd Hastings, producer of a segment on the Millennium Bell to air Nov. 21 on Backstage Pass. "The piece will become a downtown landmark like the Spirit of Detroit statue once the bell sounds for its first and only time on New Year's Day." Todd explains that the ringing device will be removed once the new millennium is observed, but the bell will remain as a part of the city's history.

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Local rock: Knee Deep Shag's time for change begins now



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If I close my eyes real tight, I can still see and hear it — The exact day I was introduced to the brilliance of Kalamazoo-based band Knee Deep Shag. Earth Day, 1995. Michigan State University's Landon Field. Afternoon. Sunshine. And then they began to play.

While the line-up has changed, the singer has regrown his hair, and the music has evolved, the energy never wavered. Blending rock, funk and soul into some kind of magical, musical potion, Knee Deep Shag has set audiences in motion since the start, around 1992.

Their strength? Each band member is a true musician, a

standout in his own right. Whether you're taken by the way guitarist Phil Barry seems to slide back into some altered state with his guitar, how singer Matt Gross croons and althers across the stage, or you're mesmerized by pounding drum and bass lines and bright keyboards, you can't take your eyes off the band.

Knee Deep Shag stands on the verge of change. Now bidding good-bye to one member and adding another, the band prepares to release its third compact disc.

Drummer Jeff Moehle called me Oct. 27 just moments after receiving the new disc. "It sounds really good," said Moehle, whose parents live in Troy. Other band members blared the music from a lower level of Kalamazoo house as we spoke about the future of Knee Deep Shag.

"Good Disguise" marks the departure of bassist and long-

time friend Troy Stansberry. Stansberry decided to leave the band to spend more time with his family. Mike Fuerst, formerly of Daddy Longlegs, takes over on bass these days.

"It's such a weird time," said Moehle. "At the end of September we played our last show with Troy. The very next week we finished the album with Mike. It's the highest of the highs and lowest of the lows."

Knee Deep fans may detect a shift in bass styles as well. Where Stansberry was known for his funky R&B flavor, Fuerst leans more toward rock 'n' roll. He also plays guitar and violin.

"I think everyone will like it; it takes an adjustment," said Moehle, adding that that the band will miss Troy Stansberry. "He is just such an engaging character. The nicest guy you'll ever meet. That drew a lot of people in."

It was Stansberry's suggestion

that the band ask Fuerst to join. The bandmates agreed he was the natural choice. "He totally jells with us, personality-wise," said Moehle.

The disc was co-produced, engineered and mastered by Jon Frazer (The Verve Pipe). It took a month and a half of truly focused studio time to complete.

Over the years Knee Deep Shag fans have noticed a transition in style. A member since 1995, Moehle said there's more change to come. "When I joined up, the band was still a funky jam-band... We were all pretty much raised on some sort of rock 'n' roll."

While the early Knee Deep Shag is still evident in song and style, the music has drifted deeper into a rock, blues and soul vein. The addition of Rob Cookman on keyboards in 1997 was another step in that direction. "Rob is just such a huge part of our sound now," said Moehle.



Knee Deep Shag is Rob Cookman, Phil Barry, Mike Fuerst, Matt Gross and Jeff Moehle.

As Knee Deep Shag takes it to the next level with "Good Disguise," the new line-up looks to the future. But fans don't have to wait that long to catch a show.

Experience Knee Deep Shag Wednesday, Nov. 24, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. The

album can be found at Borders Books and Music, and online at www.kneedeepshag.com.

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Old 97s reveal Texas roots rock at its finest

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Remember this name: Old 97s. The Dallas foursome — singer Rhett Miller, guitarist Ken Bethea, bassist Murry Hammond and drummer Philip Peeples — will open the Detroit show on one of just seven tour dates with Wilco, a more established band in the same musical genre.

Touring in support of their second Elektra Records release, "Fight Songs," the alterna-pop twang-masters delighted audiences as openers for Cake at the State Theatre last summer.

On his way back to this northern stop, Murry Hammond phoned in on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from his hometown to talk about the upcoming show.

"We play rock 'n' roll pop music with pretty much ... a rooty

thread that goes through all of it," said Hammond. "It's fairly energetic, pretty dynamic."

Listen carefully to the mysteriously melancholy "Fight Songs" and hear the hints of bluegrass and country. "We like the mournfulness," explains Hammond of those musical roots. "But we draw heavily on '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll."

With influences from The Byrds to The Beatles, Old 97s leave room for just about any style to creep into their sound. But one thing never changes.

Old 97s songs tend to deal with relationships — from the most elated moments to the most miserable. Hammond said the band steers clear of topical subjects. "You won't get current events in our music... We like the old favorites: a happy, catchy tune and filling it up with mind-bending miserable lyrics."

On "Fight Songs," "Lonely Holiday" shows off that vulnerable side of the Old 97s that is somehow presented in a melodic, almost-giddy, pop-on-Prozac fashion.

"Fight Songs" is more reflective than their past recordings. Touring for the Old 97s is an on-the-road, off-the-road gig, spliced between working on material for

an upcoming record and side projects for some of the boys.

With a sliding southern drawl, Hammond leaves with one appropriate, parting statement: "Y'all take care."

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Tradition and Nu-Asian harmonize at Empire Dynasty

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Proprietors spend serious moments choosing a name for a restaurant. In Farmington Hills, owner Kevin Hoang-Do named Empire Dynasty from his heart. "In Chinese, empire reflects a family concept," he said. "Dynasty is a land of your own, forever."

Of Chinese origin, 42 year-old Hoang-Do emigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam in 1980 with a degree in architecture and design. He is grateful to be a U.S. citizen - his land forever. He went on to earn an electrical engineering degree at Oakland University in Rochester. During his student days earning a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he worked for a friend in a Chinese restaurant. There he learned to speak Chinese, the language of his ancestors, and gain a love for its food.

He never practiced in his schooled profession, except to use his engineering, design, and

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architecture skills to personally remodel his restaurant from a former Mexican eatery at the location. He opened Empire Dynasty's doors a year ago.

"Cooking is an art," he said. "It's like my second marriage. It makes me happy. I want to pass this feeling on to my customers."

And he does. Hoang-Do spends his time greeting diners and visiting them at the table to learn their satisfaction with dishes, prepared by his two chefs Randy and Michael Wang. Randy specializes in Szechuan cooking. He formerly worked at one of New York City's most successful Asian restaurants, Szechuan Empire. His brother Michael is

the specialist for Cantonese dishes.

Hoang-Do is the inspiration behind Nu-Asian innovations such as Heavenly Shrimp, which he created four years ago to celebrate the anniversary of good friends. The special sauce takes jumbo prawns to new heights. Dynasty Sizzling Fried Noodle's creation was inspired by the opening of Empire Dynasty. Cantonese noodles are complemented by Szechuan flavors.

A dish such as Empire Duck is seldom seen because marinating is not traditionally done in either Szechuan or Cantonese provinces. In this dish, sliced duck is marinated and slowly barbecued in a new-age Chinese oven, then stir-fried with select

vegetables in a Szechuan sauce. Volcano Delight breaks all the rules. This dish is hard to explain, but suffice it to say that if you thought of Szechuan as hot, this dish is not - it's spicy and full of flavor. If you consider Cantonese as a lot of over-battered fried food, not in this dish. The mixture of stir-fry and sauté flavors explodes in your mouth. Fun intended!

Quite unusual for a Chinese menu are three lamb dishes. Hoang-Do explained that in China, only the province of Szechuan cooks lamb. Empire Dynasty's preparations result in very balanced flavors.

November's house special is named Queen's Paradise, a classic Szechuan and Cantonese style combination of fresh jumbo prawns sautéed with selected vegetables in hot, spicy sauce and joined with golden-brown boneless chicken breast in the chef's fresh lemon sauce. Yum at \$14.25.

Returning in December is the Marco Polo Special, marinated, tender steak mixed with fresh pineapple and pepper, sautéed in the chefs' most sophisticated



Specialty dish: Kevin Hoang-Do, owner of Empire Dynasty, presents the Marco Polo Special served in half a pineapple.

sauce and served on a tropical golden pineapple.

Empire Dynasty's atmosphere is upscale yet casual. Tables on two levels break up a large dining area. They are not crowded together and the booths are roomy. Green, mauve and beige tones serve to accent a large, brightly lit replica of the Hong Kong skyline.

Going unused due to outmoded Michigan liquor licensing is an unstocked bar area. After a year, Empire Dynasty remains a place where you cannot, in this mod-

ern era of matching wine and beer with food, have either with your chosen dish. This is a travesty some 66 years after the repeal of Prohibition.

Many thanks to a Southfield reader who called Empire Dynasty to my attention, pronouncing it "outstanding." What more do I need to say? Two things. Lunch specials total 37; dinner menu items number 145 and all plates have grand eye appeal. That's exceptional!

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