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Man killed in shooting

A 21-year-old man was shot to death late Wednesday after visiting friends at the West Point Manor mobile home park on Michigan Avenue near I-275 in Canton.

Police identified the victim as David Martell of Van Buren Township. Martell, who suffered gunshot wounds in his chest and arm, was pronounced dead at Ann Arbor Hospital.

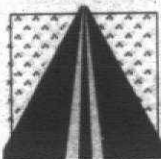
There were no suspects but police were following several leads early today, said Canton Police officer Leonard Schemanske. "At this point we have spoken to several people, and I'm confident we're headed in the right direction," Schemanske said.

Detectives were at the scene this morning, collecting evidence and conducting interviews.

Police believe Martell was shot while leaving the park in his car, shortly after 11 p.m. After the shooting, the car careened into a mobile home. There was substantial damage to the home, but no injuries, Schemanske said.

There were no other occupants in the car, police said.

County offers roads to Canton



Canton would be responsible for its own roads under a proposal from the Wayne County executive's office. A dispute over the township's share of state gas tax money is one possible roadblock to the deal.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has put an offer on the table that would give Canton Township officials what they have wanted for years: control of all county roads within the

township - and its allocated gas tax dollars.

That would mean Canton is responsible for all maintenance, paving, repair, snow removal and liability, according to Cameron Priebe, county director of Public Works.

The county is ready to allocate all funding it receives from the state to Canton Township as soon as Jan. 1, said Priebe.

However, the amount of the funding is in dispute. Priebe said Canton's share of the gas tax funding is approximately \$2-\$2.5 million. Supervisor Tom Yack claims the figure is much higher, about \$3.5-\$5 million.

As a township, the county has jurisdiction over Canton's roads and receives its portion of gas tax funding from the state.

Cities receive the money directly.

Canton claims it spends \$2 million annually from its general fund on road repairs that the county should have funded with the township's share of state gas tax.

The ongoing complaints from officials, particularly Yack, have resulted in the offer from McNamara, who authorized Priebe to begin negotiations.

"Mike Duggan (deputy executive to McNamara) sent a letter to Yack say-

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Fisher accepts plea in '84 murder

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A Canton murder case that has spanned more than a decade and four trials to make Michigan legal history came to a surprising close last week.

Dr. Charles Fisher, 57, plead no contest Friday to a charge of open murder for the July 15, 1984, death of his wife, Ella Maria Mercado Fisher. In the plea agreement, Fisher will serve approximately five years of a 12-year sentence after receiving credit for time already served.

Fisher will be sentenced Dec. 11 before Wayne County Recorder's Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Collins.

A fifth trial had been tentatively set for February. Fisher's fourth trial ended in a hung jury in October.

The jury deadlocked at 11-1 in favor

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'Tis the season

to reach out and help others in need. The Observer would like to acknowledge those who give to their community year around by volunteering for various charitable organizations or simply helping a neighbor in need.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their good deeds? We want to know about them too. Write us at 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170 or fax us at (313) 459-4224. Include their name, phone number and a few short paragraphs about them.



A river runs through Tonda



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Keeping current: Students (from left) Channing Malins, Jeff Hudson and Valerie Hargraves test the waters of the river built by fifth-grade teacher Ron Myers.

Lessons flow from his project

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

A fifth-grade teacher at Tonda Elementary School who put a river in his classroom has received the Extra Miler Award from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The river, 32 feet long by 30 inches

wide, is one of several Ron Myers "hands-on" creations aimed at helping his students learn about and feel more a part of the world - whether it's understanding the environment, sailing a boat or handling money.

The award, presented at the board meeting Nov. 11, is one of only about nine conferred annually. Consisting

of a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning and a dinner for two gift certificate, it was given to Myers by school board member Elizabeth Givens.

The teacher was nominated by parent Carol Brockschmidt, who says

Please see **TONDA'S RIVER**, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

At issue: Patrick Ratchford Jr. says he shares many of the views expressed by his father on this home-made billboard. The senior Ratchford however says current slogans were scrawled, not by him, but by unidentified graffiti artists.

Signing off: Slur-filled board visible from I-275

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A Canton resident is due in 35th District Court once again over the large sign he displays on his Palmer Road property. The home-made billboard is visible to motorists along the I-275 corridor.

This time, Patrick Ratchford was ticketed by Canton ordinance officers for "allowing graffiti on a community structure."

The original billboard alleged a

conspiracy on the part of Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Canton police for not having any black police officers.

Ratchford said it was a freedom of speech issue, although he was ticketed for violating an ordinance that limits signs to 6 square feet in size.

In October, the lettering was washed over with brown paint and then, a few days later, defamed

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Annual Summit evening is truly 'historical' event

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Anyone interested in helping to preserve Canton's rural past will get the chance on Saturday, Dec. 13.

That's when the third annual Evening at the Summit - a gala benefit for the Canton Historical Society and Canton Historic District Commission - holds center stage in the Summit banquet center.

Ticket information, A2

"Canton is a community that is growing - and has grown for the last 20 years - at a phenomenal rate," said Melissa McLaughlin, township trustee and commission member. "Most of our community's historical entities have been destroyed by that growth."

"It's important for the community's overall health to preserve something of its past."

The historical society runs the Historical Museum on Canton Center road, has published several books on local history and its volunteer members are the primary keepers of the township's past.

Evening at the Summit is the civic group's biggest fund-raiser, said president Esther Sprengel. "We have the flea market, autumn harvest event and holiday



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

In the making: Canton Historical Society President Esther Sprengel (left) and author Virginia Parker look over proofs from "Ghost Stories of Canton," which the society will publish in 1998.

craft fair, which bring in some funds. But we really don't have too many ways of making money," Sprengel said.

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ing if he's interested in taking over the roads, go ahead. We can't give them jurisdiction because of state law, but we can give them control," said Priebe.

"From our point of view it's a no-brainer. If they want the aggravation then they can have it," he added.

In one letter authored by Dugan, he claims "cities in Wayne County have been subsidizing

townships for years ... Any township that thinks it can do better with its share of the funding is welcome to the money and the roads."

Yack doesn't appear to be jumping at the offer.

"It's hard to evaluate what the letter really means," said Yack. "It only says negotiations can begin."

"I know we can do a better job

than they can do with the money they have allotted for us. ... Canton Center, between Ford and Cherry Hill, has been on the federal highway list for five years and every year the county tells us it'll be done next year," he said.

Yack said the majority of road services would be contracted out if the county roads were to come under the control of the town-

ship. It would be administered by existing staff, he said.

Yack was also quick to point out: "No one gets enough Act 51 dollars ... For major road improvements, we'd have to operate like a city and go out for a millage."

As far as liability is concerned, he doesn't see it as being a financial burden and neither does the township's insurance agent.

Municipal Risk Management. Yack sits on the board of directors.

"That's not a problem, police chasing people and zoning issues are the biggest liabilities," he said.

In September, the county submitted proposed legislation to Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, that would allow all townships within Wayne County an oppor-

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"the two most-spoken words in our family" are "Mr. Myers."

"When my daughter brings up something from her day at school, I hear the excitement in her voice," says Brockschmidt, whose son was in Myers' class two years ago.

"And when my son volunteers to help her with a school project because he thought it was 'neat,' you know that something pretty wonderful is happening."

George Belvitch, Tonda principal, said the school is "very fortunate to have Ron Myers as a member of the faculty."

"He helps to complete the circle of professional, caring educators" who serve both the students and their parents at Tonda.

Described by school district officials as an educator "who consistently goes beyond job expectations, is innovative and self-motivated," Myers is continually giving his students new challenges, most of them centered on hands-on experiences.

Why? Because such experiences are "real good ways to get kids involved," he said. "Then they can follow up and do research and get more background material as needed."

For instance, he said, when the class studies pollution, "They come up with questions and I'll send them to the library to research with the computers. That really gets them involved in the whole process" of learning and they're pretty excited to go look for information that way.

"You've got to get the enthusiasm," he says. "Once they're enthusiastic about something, it really, really helps" in getting them to absorb and learn.

"I'm always trying to find ways to teach the same kinds of things but make it more meaningful," said Myers, who's taught in the district since 1975, the last 10 years in grade five.

Among his creations are the "Mini-Metric Olympics" and "March Madness," a chess tournament that employs mathemat-

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The commission meanwhile, has used its portion of the proceeds to further restoration projects in Cherry Hill Village and Sheldon Corners. Current efforts include the move and preservation of Bartlett-Travis House, a circa 1840 farmstead now located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The house was relocated from Canton Center and Warren to the village in 1988 and stabilization work was done on the structure until restoration efforts could begin. In 1994, the township board approved \$92,000 to restore the house and work began in earnest.

McLaughlin said the commission has been spending about \$30,000 yearly on the restoration. Exterior work is done except for "some landscaping and site work," she said.

On the inside, plumbing, heating and electrical work have been roughed in, along with some structural work. Work remains on inside walls and fixtures and then the house will be furnished as close to the original period as possible.

"We hope to be finished with the actual building by late fall next year," McLaughlin said.

The inaugural Summit event, in 1995, drew some 350 guests and generated several thousand dollars for each organization, McLaughlin said. Interest was high, at least partly because the Summit was being unveiled to the public for the first time.

Last year's event, held in November, was successful but not on the same scale, McLaughlin said.

Organizers hope to increase participation by moving Evening

at the Summit back into December, closer to the holidays, on a regular basis.

Preservation efforts in Canton, while just as important as in surrounding communities, are sometimes more difficult to draw attention to, McLaughlin said. "Communities like Plymouth and Northville, because they have historic downtowns, are able to put history in your face."

"Here, you have to look for it."

But McLaughlin noted that it took a while even for the preservation movements in those communities to achieve success. When they are completed, Canton will be able to point to Cherry Hill Village and Sheldon Corners with the same sense of pride, she believes.

'Evening' tickets now available

Evening at the Summit showcases one of Canton's newest buildings for the benefit of the township's older ones.

The Saturday, Dec. 13, event will feature food and refreshments prepared by the staff of Summit Cuisine Inc., as well as entertainment by pianist Alden Schell and the a cappella group Desperate Measures.

It begins at 7 p.m. in the Summit banquet center. The Summit

is at 46000 Summit Parkway, off Canton Center Road, south of Proctor (Heritage Drive).

The menu includes a wine and champagne bar with appetizers; a buffet dinner featuring Caesar salad, soup, herb-roasted turkey, carved beef, accompaniments and a special dessert.

A gourmet coffee bar will also be available.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Sponsorships are also avail-

able for local businesses and civic organizations. Bronze sponsors (\$500) receive two event tickets; silver (\$750) four tickets; gold (\$1,000) six tickets; and platinum (\$1,200) eight tickets. All sponsors will also receive a special token gift.

Reservation deadline is Dec. 1. Call 397-8975 for reservations or information.

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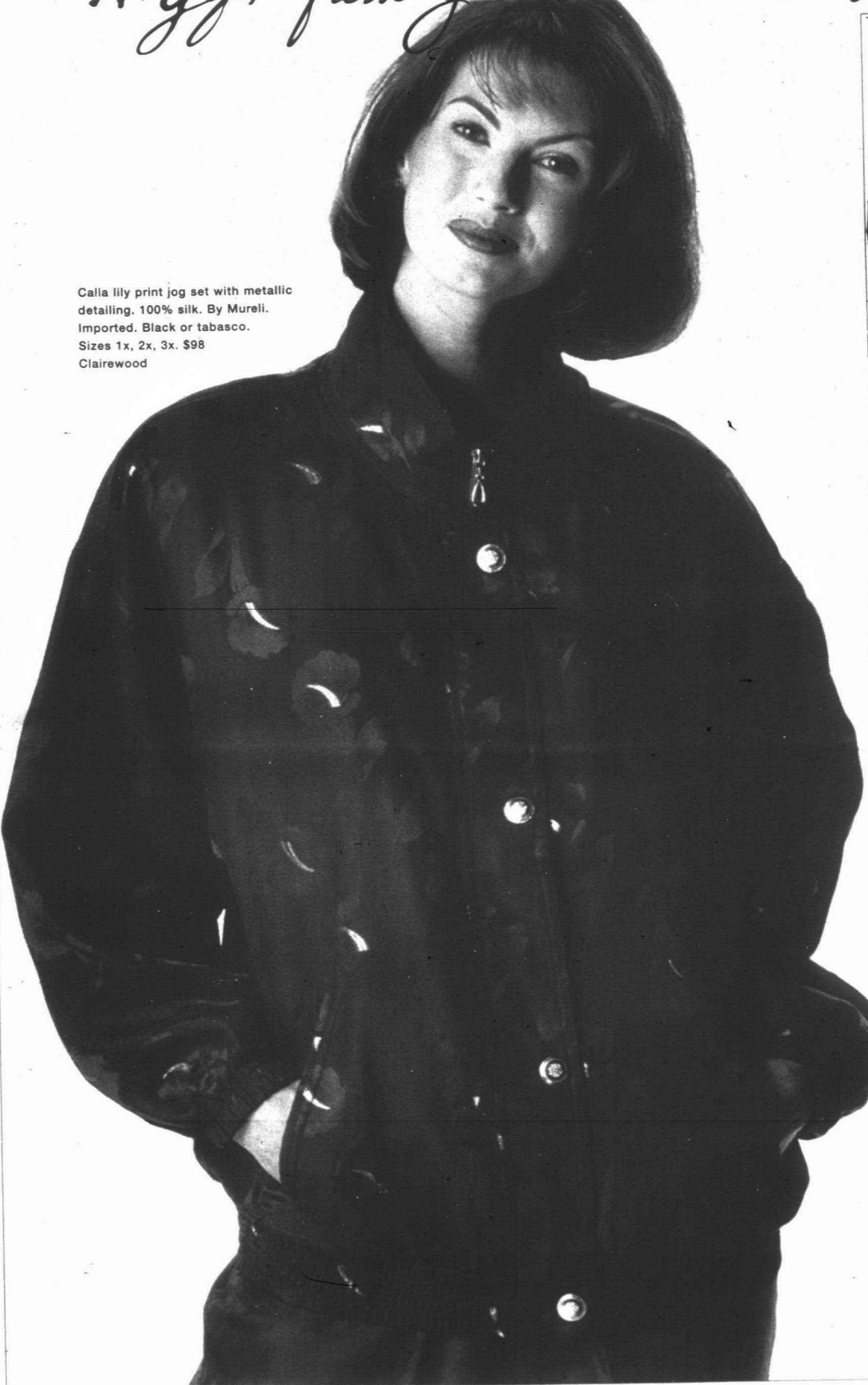
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PCEP Band takes fifth place at Nationals

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

For the 10th consecutive year, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band finished among the top 10 high school marching bands in the country at the Bands of America Grand National Championships Saturday.

Eighty-one top bands from 17 states competed at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis during the three-day event held Nov. 13-15.

The field was narrowed to 30 semi-final bands after two days of preliminary competition, with the top-10 scoring bands advancing to the Saturday night finals.

Plymouth-Canton captured fifth place with a score of 92.45. The band's performance drew appreciative cheers from the nearly 60,000 spectators.

Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights, Ill. took first with a score of 96.05.

"I've never been so proud of a group of students in my career," said an elated David McGrath, Plymouth-Canton band director, of his 200-member Plymouth-Canton band. "This group over-achieved. This group surpassed expectations. We couldn't be happier."

Associate Director Pat Ruddy

concluded. "We hope the kids are as happy as the staff is," he said. "The kids worked incredibly hard. The kids were great tonight. This rivals anything that I've ever been associated with in this band and I've been here since 1990. We're really fortunate to be here and then to be right up top is great. It was a great season."

The Plymouth-Canton Band's rendition of Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are," gleaned every Flight I caption award and championship in all local competitions this year as well as at the State Championships in October. McGrath said the band has been building up for the last few years but they are still very young with nearly two-thirds of the members freshmen and sophomores.

"To move back up into the top five is a great accomplishment," said McGrath. "The kids deserve it and they deserve all the credit," he added. "We've got a great staff and a great parent support group but I'll tell you, those kids are out there in the 30-degree weather, in the snow and the rain, two-and-a-half hours every day and all day Saturday. Their hard work paid off. To break into

the top five in a field that is this competitive is the icing on the cake. It's a wonderful recognition for their hard work."

McGrath said the competition is becoming much tougher. He said just a few years ago there were five or six powerhouse bands. That number has increased to about 17 or 18 according to McGrath with another 20 or 30 bands that are not far behind.

He said there were bands that didn't even make it into the top 30 semi-finals that were "just amazing bands." McGrath gave much credit for the band's accomplishments to the senior leadership this year. He said this year would have been much different without it.

"What a way to end four years," said senior baritone-player Julie Wolf. "That was so perfect. I am so proud of this band. This is the hardest-working band I have ever been in of all four years of being in band."

Christian Theis, a senior trumpet-player and foreign-exchange student from Luxembourg, found the whole marching band experience "incredible."

"We don't have marching bands in Luxembourg," he said.



Season finale: Members of the marching band practice their show, "Where the Wild Things Are," prior to last weekend's competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

CANTON CONNECTION

Detour signs have been posted.

TV 'blackout'
Viewers of "Canton Contact," township board meetings and other local access programming on MediaOne should be able to see the shows again in about a week, said Ken Voyles, township communications coordinator.

Technical problems since late October have knocked programming off the air, although the shows are being produced for broadcast, Voyles said.

"This puts us really behind. We were just working up some momentum for our fall schedule," he said.

Voyles said this week he was unsure if all the shows missed by MediaOne were broadcast by Americast, the township's other cable provider.

Detour
The Michigan Department of Transportation has closed the approaches to Sheldon Road both north and south of Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The closure, to accommodate the paving of Michigan Avenue, will be in place through Dec. 1.

Flu shots
AutoNation USA will offer free flu shots at its Canton location noon-3 p.m. Saturday.

Nurses from Oakwood Health Care Center in Canton and St. John Health System will provide the service on a first-come, first-served basis to people 18 and older. The program is limited to 150 participants.

AutoNation is at 39600 Ford, just east of I-275. For information call 844-6200.

Promoted
Darrell Snugg of Canton has been named vice president of corporate administration for Little Caesars. A nine-year employee, Snugg will be responsible for the legal, payroll, global training and human resources departments, among other duties.

Snugg and his wife have two sons, Brian and Scott.

Auditor wants more staff to meet county charter rule

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County's auditor general is concerned that he will not meet charter requirements approved by voters last November because commissioners won't give him additional staff to audit county departments or a separate budget that could be reimbursed with federal grants.

County voters approved a

charter amendment in 1996 to give the auditor general additional powers. Part of those powers include auditing the operations of county agencies and departments at least once every two years.

Auditor general Brendan Dunleavy does not believe he has enough staff to meet those requirements with only six auditors. On Tuesday, a request from Commissioner William O'Neil,

D-Allen Park, to separate Dunleavy's budget from the commission budget and add \$350,000 to it was not placed on the agenda by Commission Chairman Ricardo Salomon.

Dunleavy was frustrated after the meeting.

"It's very difficult to meet the charter requirements," Dunleavy said after the meeting. "And unless things change, I expect that I will have to report to the

commission that we will be in violation of the charter."

Solomon told O'Neil, the chair of the commission's Committee on Audit, that he did not place the item on the agenda because the budget request faced an impasse — what Solomon called a "rejection" — at an earlier meeting. On Oct. 30, commissioners deadlocked, 7-7, on whether a separate \$350,000 budget should be approved for

Dunleavy.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton were among the seven suburban commissioners who supported such an action, while the seven Detroit commissioners opposed it that day. Outgoing commissioner Michelle Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights, did not attend that meeting.

A budget battle
By keeping Dunleavy's budget in the commission's budget, Dunleavy's staff falls under the usual budget appropriations for the county commission through County Executive Ed McNamara and his Department of Management and Budget.

O'Neil said the office of the auditor general is currently sub-

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Plymouth-Canton boosts pay for substitute teachers

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The never-ending competition for substitute teachers and school support personnel has led Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to increase pay and change its marketing strategy. As recently as a month ago, district pay rates for cafeteria workers "were to the point where we couldn't compete with the fast-food places," according to Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel.

New pay rates approved earlier this month by the school board put Plymouth-Canton in the mid-range for substitute teachers as compared to 12 "benchmark" school districts and in the low- to mid-range for support personnel, according to Goldman.

And changes in the marketing of the district to substitute teachers included lowering requirements and other steps to heighten the district's appeal.

Substitute teacher pay was increased to \$66 daily from \$60, with a boost to \$74 after 10 consecutive days in the same assignment.

Half-day pay is \$33.

For support personnel — including educational aides as well as food service workers, mechanics, crossing guards and security — pay increases range from 16 cents to 98 cents per hour. In addition, a new custodial category also was created through negotiations with their union that pays \$8 per hour with no benefits.

Teachers' aides' starting pay was increased to \$6.35 from \$5.37 per hour; cafeteria workers to \$6.35 from \$5.51; crossing guards to \$6.35 from \$6.19; mechanics to \$7.75 from \$7.16 and security personnel to \$7.75 from \$6.96. The rate remained at \$7.03 for custodians and secretaries.

Benchmark districts are Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Farmington Public

Schools, Huron Valley, Livonia, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Van Buren, Walled Lake and Wayne-Westland.

According to Goldman's October survey, the average pay for substitute teachers in the 16 districts, including Plymouth-Canton, was \$63.71 before the local increase.

The pay scale ranged from Northville's \$50 per day and \$31 per half-day to the Farmington district's \$73.23 per day and \$19.10 per hour for half-days.

Average pay for educational aides before the local increase was \$7.50. For cafeteria workers, the average was \$6.75.

Custodians, crossing guards, security guards and mechanics all range from about \$6 to \$11 per hour in the benchmark districts.

Goldman said the district's rate for teachers' aides had been the same since the 1991-92 school year.

Though there was no large pool of substitutes for teacher aides and other support personnel, "it wouldn't have the same effect as not having a substitute teacher in a classroom," Goldman noted.

And because there are only about 250 in the pool of substitute teachers and all the districts "are vying for the same pool," Plymouth-Canton had to adjust its recruitment efforts.

For one thing, it dropped its requirement that a substitute major in education in addition to having 90 semester hours — about three years — of college credit. The district now accepts the Michigan state standard of 90 hours in any major.

The district also has added monthly orientations and is sending recruitment letters to universities, Goldman said.

"And we're telling potential

substitutes that working for us is a really good way to get known in our district, because the school principals can see the work that you do," he said. And that familiarity and experience can help when the district's hiring committee reviews candidates for full-time teaching positions.

The competition for substitute teachers, he said, becomes more acute "if we have a particular heavy day for school business" such as teacher conferences or people coming in for workshops, or teacher vacations around holidays. There can be 15-20 such days a year, with May and December the heaviest months and 65-70 teachers out on any given day.

Teachers interested in substituting are asked to call Donna Feldt at the board of education office, 416-4828.

"We will be continuing to discuss this with him on Dec. 2," Bianconi said.

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Hot topic of the week
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Ameritech dispute

One year later, CWW still waits for data

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Ameritech still cannot provide accurate numbers of billable telephone access lines for Wayne County communities.

All an Ameritech official could tell the community leaders of the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday was the figures would be ready by the first quarter of 1998. Harry Semerjian, a vice president with Ameritech, also apologized for an underpayment made to the communities in a reimbursement of an operational surcharge.

There are 28 different computer systems used for billing, collecting and distributing funds to western Wayne County, Semerjian said.

"What's happening in our industry is they are being modified to be used by our competitors. That's a major undertaking for us."

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities including 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.

911 service

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chaired the meeting in Westland Mayor Robert Thomas' absence, said he was concerned that the CWW did not receive its information even though a year has passed. He asked Semerjian if Ameritech's board of directors or president knew of CWW's request.

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The CWW has requested that Ameritech provide reports on the number of billable lines in the entire CWW region and the number of lines in each community. That information is important because the CWW receives a disbursement check split among the 18 communities to provide revenue for 911 services.

CWW members continued to pressure Ameritech to provide the statistics by Dec. 2. CWW representatives will meet with Semerjian on that day.

Semerjian apologized for underpaying the CWW \$3,977 in July and August in Ameritech's \$372,000 payments. But CWW director Marsha Bianconi disagreed with his numbers.

"We will be continuing to discuss this with him on Dec. 2," Bianconi said.

Year has passed

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Concerns were raised over the accuracy of Ameritech's 911 system. Out of its 7 million customers, nearly 10,000 numbers change every day, Semerjian said. If anyone knew a database that size that was 100 percent, Ameritech wanted to see that system, Semerjian said.

"This is a living, breathing database," Semerjian said. "While our objective is 100 percent, it is not clear whether that can be attained."

CWW "not alone"

In a related matter, Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy outlined a report completed by his office for county commissioners, which he shared with CWW officials.

"If it makes you feel any better, you aren't the only conference having these problems," Dunleavy said.

Dunleavy's report indicated Ameritech overcharged Detroit residents for equipment needed to implement the 911 system. These overcharges exceeded \$136,000 from October 1996 through February 1997.

"Those customers will receive a smaller 911 charge in January 1998. But again, no one is monitoring these things," said Odell Bailey, an audit manager in Dunleavy's office.

Dunleavy also cited difficulties faced by the city of Southfield

with the 911 system as that community had problems obtaining accurate information from it.

MPS ruling

A recent ruling by the Michigan Public Safety Commission found Ameritech responsible for the errors and required that firm to correct it or face stiff penalties. Dunleavy said Wayne County leaders had "no assurance" that these 911 problems will be fully addressed.

While the CWW did not act on Dunleavy's report, Dunleavy has filed his audit with the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. He wants commissioners to ask Ameritech to provide, at Ameritech's expense, a billable lines count for the county's three emergency telephone districts.

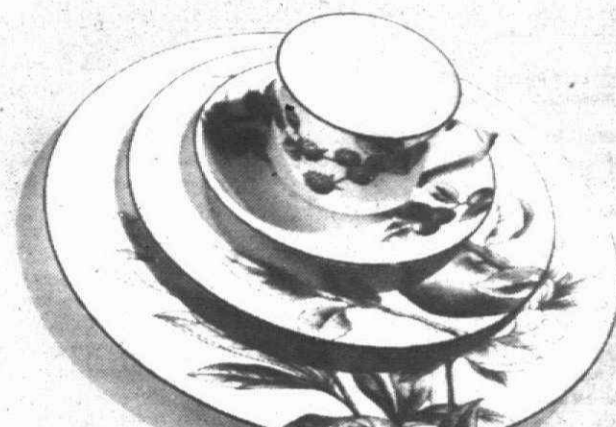
Dunleavy also wants to establish a mechanism to monitor Ameritech's 911 activities along with other local telephone service providers.

Semerjian tried to appease the local officials.

"From your position I understand why you're concerned," Semerjian said. "Behind the scenes we are making tremendous progress."

Later, Dunleavy said: "I find it interesting that whenever there's a rate increase, they get it right on my bill."

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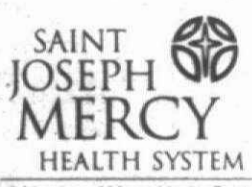
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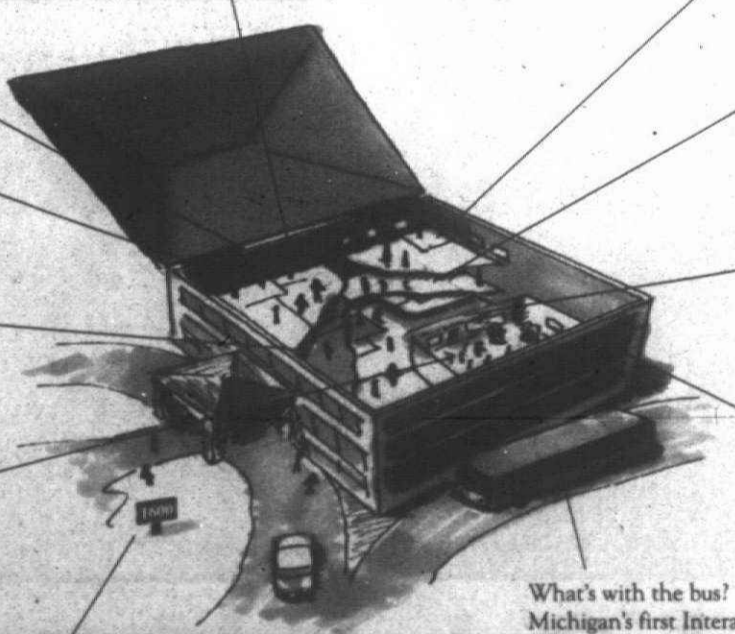
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Doug Ross to address area Dems on Tuesday

Doug Ross, a 1998 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 37025 Marquette, one block east of Newburgh.

Ross served as assistant secretary for employment and training in the U.S. Labor Department from 1993-95. He was responsible for most of the Job Corps apprenticeships, the employment service and unemployment insurance system. Ross spearheaded work force initiatives, including a system of school-to-work transition for all students.

Ross helped draft the president's GI bill for working Americans to provide comprehensive job training for laid-off workers.

Ross also served as the Michigan's commerce director in the Blanchard Administration from 1984-89. He led that administration's efforts to revive the economy in the early 1980s. By 1988, Michigan was again one of the nation's leaders in new manufacturing investments. In 1989, he was selected as a Michiganian of the Year by the Detroit News. He also was presented with the National Governors Association Award for Public Service Excellence in 1988.

From 1978-82 Ross served as a state senator from Oakland County. Ross also led The Citizens Lobby from 1972-75 and 1976-78, a group he also founded. It organized a successful petition drive to repeal the sales tax on food and medicine.

Ross is currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan, in the School of Public Policy. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's in public administration from The Wilson School at Princeton University.

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Observer wins national, state honors

The Observer Newspapers recently won several awards in national and state newspaper contests.

In the Suburban Newspapers Association General Excellence Contest, the Livonia Observer, the largest circulation newspaper in the Observer & Eccentric division, took second place for General Excellence. Casey Hans is community editor of the Livonia edition. Six of the national honors came from the National Newspaper Association's 1997 Better Newspaper Contest.

The Observer Newspapers took first place for best coverage of health-related issues. The Health page appears every Sunday in Observers published in western Wayne County.

The Observer also took second place for coverage of performing arts and an honorable mention for business and economic reporting. Assistant Managing Editor Hugh Gallagher along with special editor Keely Wygonik and arts reporters Linda Chomin and Frank Provenzano comprise the features group which produces the award-winning

Arts & Leisure and Entertainment sections.

Reporter Doug Funke received the honorable mention for business and economic reporting.

Photographer Jim Jagdfeld took first place for best sports picture published in the Redford Observer while the Canton Observer took third place for general excellence. Ted Schneider is community editor of the Canton edition.

Reporter Darrell Clem received an honorable mention for best feature story in the NNA contest.

"We're pleased to be honored for excellence in community journalism by national groups," said Observer Managing Editor Susan Rosiek. "Observer staff members are committed to putting out accurate, informative and interesting community newspapers. Our goal is to continue this award-winning tradition."

Michigan Press Assn.

In the Michigan Press Association 1997 Better Newspaper Contest, the Observer Newspapers received nine awards

including a first place for local news reporting by Darrell Clem of the Westland Observer.

Judges called Clem's stories on flooding in a Westland neighborhood "very thorough and tenacious reporting backed up by good photos and easily understood explanations of what went wrong."

Other awards included a third place for general excellence for the Plymouth Observer and an honorable mention for the Westland Observer. The Plymouth Observer is edited by Joanne Maliszewski. The Westland Observer at that time was edited by interim editor Casey Hans.

Judges cited the Plymouth edition for good photography and a good mix of hard news and features. "Writing was clear and easy to read and understand."

On the Westland edition's honorable mention, judges wrote: "The reader gets a sense that this paper has a good idea of its community judging by the breadth of reporting and development of a variety of topics."

The Garden City and Canton editions tied for third place for

overall design. The Garden City edition is edited by Leonard Poger. The Canton edition is edited by Ted Schneider.

Sports Editor Steve Kowalski took first place in the sports writing category for a preview story on a Redford Township high school sports team. Judges singled out his work for taking "a great angle in what would be a routine preview story. Some fiery quotes included."

Photographers Jim Jagdfeld and Tom Hawley took first-place awards in the sports picture and feature picture categories, respectively.

Jagdfeld's winning photo appeared in the Garden City Sports section while Hawley was published in the Garden City news section.

Hawley also took second place in the feature picture category for a graduation photo that appeared in the Livonia Observer.

Members of the North Carolina Press Association studied more than 3,000 entries submitted by 148 Michigan newspapers for the contest.

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Helmet vote

By a narrow vote, the House of Representatives on Nov. 12 voted to repeal a 30-year-old law requiring motorcycle riders to wear protective helmet.

But the Senate is likely to kill the bill, and Gov. John Engler said he will veto it.

House Bill 4284, sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, gives motorcycle riders the choice of not wearing a helmet if they are 21 years old and have completed a safety course.

The vote was 58-46, just two votes more than the 56 minimum needed for passage. Here is how area lawmakers voted:

YES - Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-

Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

NO - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.

'Don't call me'
Telephone solicitors would be prohibited from calling your home if a House-passed bill becomes law.

Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, won 99-0 approval of her House Bill 4694 on Nov. 13. All representatives voted yes.

It would allow residents to send a written request to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS). The department would maintain a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of those who

don't want solicitation calls.

Telemarketing firms who violate the law could be fined \$250 per call, consumers also could sue to recover up to \$1,000 plus attorney fees.

"Often the remedy is for consumers to purchase a call i.d. device or to simply not answer their phones when they suspect it is a telemarketing call," said DeHart. "My legislation removes that unfair burden and holds the telemarketers responsible for whom they call."

Non-profit organizations would be exempt from the bill.

Appointments

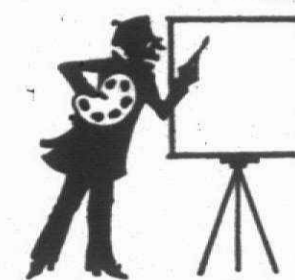
Gov. Engler has appointed:
■ Eric J. Colthurst, a

Northville attorney in private practice - to a new term on the Barrier Free Design Board, which is responsible for reviewing requests for exceptions to Public Act 230 of 1972. Colthurst will represent wheelchair users.

■ George Illingworth of Redford - to the Statewide Independent Living Council, which helps the disabled to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence. Illingworth retired after 41 years as word processor for American Community Mutual Insurance of Livonia. He will represent disability advocacy groups for a term ending Oct. 14, 1999.

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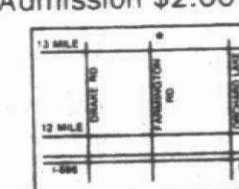
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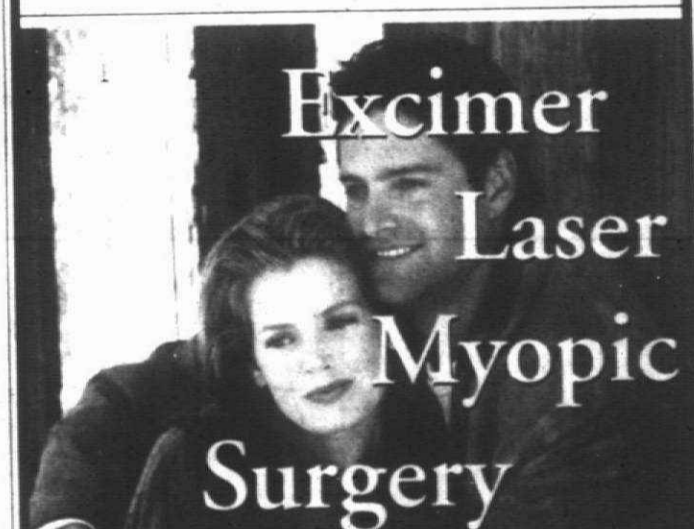
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State wetlands act coming under high court review

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Six state Supreme Court justices will have many eyes on them as they decide the future of Michigan's Wetlands Protection Act.

The U.S. Environmental Agency, many environmental and two property rights groups filed "amicus" briefs in the case of an Oakland County landowner who won a \$5.9 million trial court

decision by saying the Department of Natural Resources denied him the use of his land.

"A regulation is the use of police power, not a 'taking,'" said A. Michael Leffler, an assistant attorney general who filed DNR's appeal brief.

"The government can outlast and outspend us. The state has the power to litigate us into the ground," said attorney Robert Bunting of Oxford, who repre-

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sented Joseph F. Kosik Sr., his family and companies at both the trial and appellate level.

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against themselves, also requires that government compensate owners when it takes their property.

This case, *K&K Construction vs. DNR*, is the latest in the property rights' movement to make government pay when it deprives owners of use of their property through regulation. The 1992 and 1996 Republican national platforms square support property owners.

The Michigan Supreme Court will be one justice short in its deliberations. Clifford Taylor, appointed Sept. 1, was part of the Court of Appeals panel which last year upheld Kosik's trial court award and was absent from Supreme Court deliberations. The high court tries to rule within a year of oral arguments.

Backing DNR were the EPA: Please see **WETLANDS**, A16

Auditor

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stantially smaller than internal audit departments of comparable municipalities. The city of Detroit has 24 auditors and a \$2.4 million budget, while Wayne County has a \$1 million budget and 11 positions.

Dunleavy said he needs "closer to 20 to 24 auditors."

The commission has received written letters from the Federal Aviation Administration, Arthur Andersen and David Griffith & Associates stating that it is appropriate to allocate the cost of auditor general's audits to the departments being audited.

As part of his resolution introduced Tuesday, O'Neil also wanted to allocate audit costs through an internal service fund or through the county's cost allocation plan so the county could generate additional revenue through grants.

Action expected

On Tuesday, commissioners also postponed action on a contract for that cost allocation plan until a meeting today (Thursday). They are expected to act on an \$88,500, two-year contract with the auditing firm of KPMG Peat Marwick of Detroit.

Peat Marwick was to develop a central cost plan to allocate various overhead costs with county departments. Before 1992, these costs were allocated to these departments.

In 1992, those costs were moved into the county commission budget by the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget.

When asked for an explanation of this action, Richard Walker, a director of accounting with the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget, told commissioners the auditor general used to be considered a fiscal advisor to the commission.

Vice Chair Beard reminded commissioners it was the Wayne County Management and Budget that changed things in 1992. "We are a separate branch of government and those types of changes should not be made," Beard said. "I want to be sure the auditor general is tied to the cost allocation, and I want to see it done now."

Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, told commissioners wanted to ensure that legislative expenses would be reimbursed, and pressed on that issue throughout Tuesday's discussion.

O'Neil responded: "Why would anyone in the county be opposed to this? Let them (Wayne County Management and Budget) challenge us for a change."

Letters of support

Dunleavy even presented a letter from Peat Marwick, along with letters from Arthur Andersen and the Federal Aviation Administration, indicating that the auditor general's auditing costs could be allocated to the federal government. But Cushingberry wanted documentation from the federal governmental agency responsible for the grants.

"A letter from the Big 8 (accounting firm Arthur Andersen) doesn't do anything. I need to hear from the feds themselves," Cushingberry said. Earlier Dunleavy also cited a policy section from the comptroller general's office, but to no avail.

After commissioners passed on the Peat Marwick item, O'Neil said he expected the budget issue to resurface today and hoped the commission would forward the item back to the Committee on Audit.

O'Neil called the number of auditors an "embarrassment."

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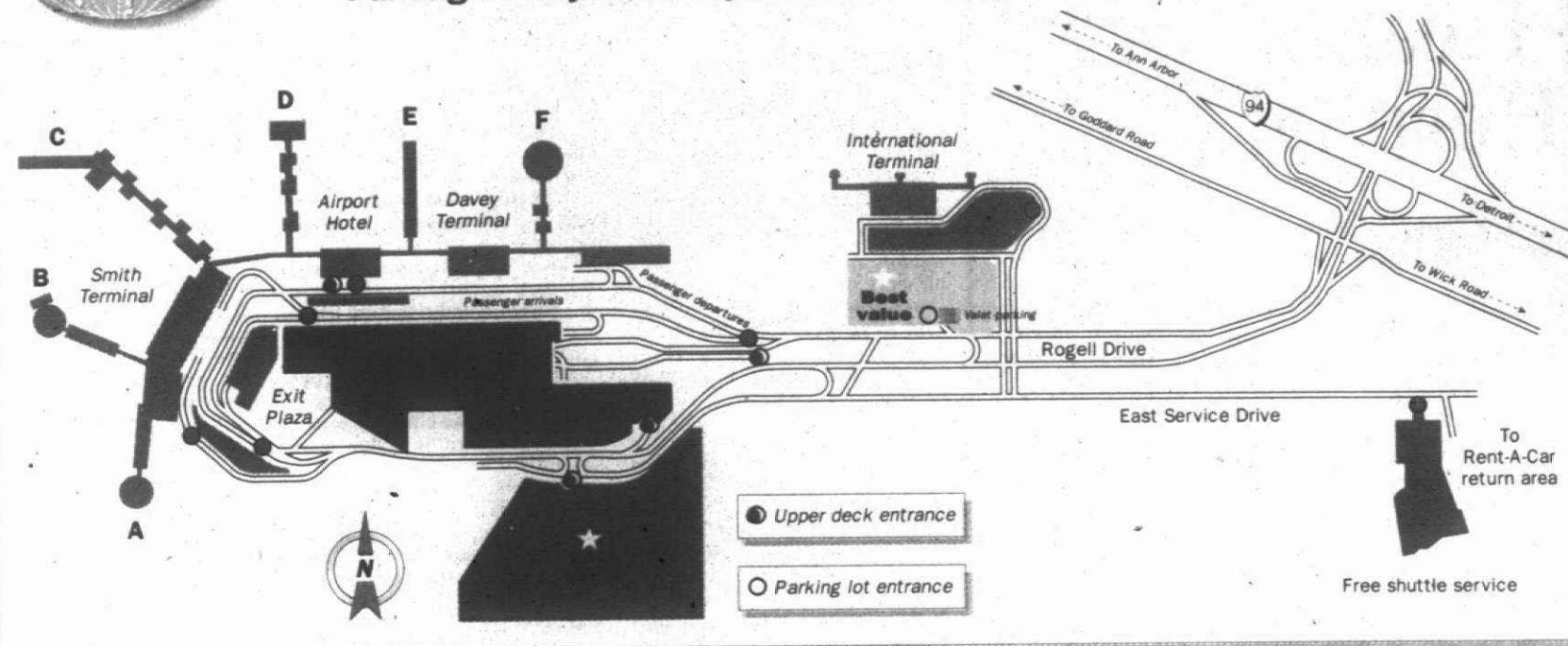
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Flat rate-daily	\$18
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Short term parking is intentionally expensive and not recommended for long term or overnight parking.

Plan to leave early when using Metro this holiday season

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Have some holiday travel plans?

Good. Then plan to leave early and give the cabbies — or yourself — plenty of time to get you there.

Detroit Metro Airport officials say you should arrive at the airport least two hours early for a flight, and taxi drivers suggest giving them at least two hours to

get you there.

All too often, taxi riders don't plan enough hours of drive time to meet their departure times or allow for traffic congestion, a given during the holiday season.

"They'll want a cab at Seven Mile and Farmington at eight, and their flight leaves at nine,"

said Tom Peterson, general manager of Checker Cab in Livonia. "The biggest problems during the holidays is they don't allow for breakdowns or traffic tie-ups. They just don't allow for enough time."

Bill Peterson, a dispatcher with ABC Cab in Farmington

Hills and Livonia, whose no relation to Tom, also runs into the same problem, and advises a day's notice so that cab company can place them in the log book.

"They can call us Tuesday at noon, and we'll take care of them (for a Wednesday flight)," Peterson said. "A lot of times they will

call us at the last second, and they'll run into problems."

At a \$1.50 a mile, cab fares can run from \$15 to \$30 to the airport, depending on the distance. Checker charges that rate with four passengers riding for

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of a second-degree murder conviction. The first two convictions were overturned in 1986 and 1988, and a 1995 trial also ended in a mistrial.

"We made him an offer to do five years time if he pled guilty to murder," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bob Donaldson.

Collins agreed to the no contest plea after Fisher's attorney, Jim Kincaid, argued that a civil liability suit is pending over a \$25,000 life insurance policy in Wayne County Probate Court.

Ella Maria Mercado Fisher's son from a previous marriage was the beneficiary of a \$25,000 life insurance policy.

By pleading no contest, Fisher is not required to make an admission of guilt. A guilty plea could be used against him in the civil liability suit.

Police and prosecutors claim Fisher staged a home invasion in which Ella Maria was suffocated after being bound by duct tape. She died five days later from oxygen deprivation.

Fisher was said to be in a jealous rage because his wife was expected to leave him for Germany the next day to meet another man with whom she had been having an affair.

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Bob Donaldson
—assistant Wayne County prosecutor

Her parents, Manuel and Clara Evelyn Mercado, said they did not want the case to be plea bargained. They could not be reached for comment following last week's court proceedings.

"We made our offer after consulting them," said Donaldson. The 13-year-old murder cost Wayne County approximately \$1 million to prosecute. Donaldson said cost wasn't a

factor in the plea agreement. "We just thought it was the appropriate disposition to a 13-year-old case ... We discussed it with the powers that be in our office and all agreed. We don't put a price on justice."

Fisher served four years after being sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after the second jury found him guilty of first-degree murder. The conviction was overturned by the Michigan Supreme Court.

He also served four years after a 1993 jury found him guilty of inciting perjury and attempting to obstruct justice by attempting to bribe two inmates at Jackson

prison to confess to his wife's murder.

The bribes were offered while he was incarcerated on the second conviction in 1988.

Fisher's Detroit-based attorney, Jim Kincaid, did not return phone calls for this story.

The Fishers moved to Canton in 1984 after traveling to such places as the Virgin Islands on Fisher's Fulbright Scholarship.

Fisher became director of microbiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. Ella worked as nurse at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Billboard from page A1

with ethnic slurs, said Ratchford. "Hitler yesterday, skinheads today" and "whitewash" are just a few of the words spray painted on the sign.

"They put graffiti along the bike trail and at the school down there," said Ratchford. "I bet they didn't get any tickets."

'We didn't have any calls on the first one, but there were a lot on the second. People are offended by it.'

Tom Yack
—Canton Township supervisor

A Dec. 4 arraignment is scheduled in 35th District Court.

Yack said a public outcry resulted in the action by the township's ordinance division.

"We didn't have many calls on the first one, but there were a lot on the second. People are offended by it," said Yack.

He added, "I guess no one was well-versed about the first one. Well, except for me."

The jury trial for the first ticket is pending, and likely won't be held until February. All jury trials have been put on hold because of the fire that devastated the courthouse this summer.

"When the weather permits, I'm going to put the other one back up. Canton is not an opportunity employer," he said.

"That's a freedom of speech sign. I'll go to jail before I take it down," he said.

Even if Canton wins the first court case, it is uncertain that the 35th District Court has jurisdiction to go beyond fining Ratchford and ordering removal of the sign, according to Canton's ordinance staff.

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The Plymouth-Canton school board is joining Plymouth Township in the purchase of a special trailer for use in helping control speeding at schools.

The trailer, called a SMART — for Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer — flashes the speed of incoming vehicles to help drivers voluntarily comply with speed limits.

Canton Township and the district jointly purchased a SMART unit last year to monitor speed limits near schools in that community.

"Canton police move it from site to site as needed, according to Judy Evola, school director of community relations.

"The one in Canton Township has benefited the students, parents and residents," she said.

"It's another safety tool to give drivers an idea of how fast they're going near school zones and to become aware of how fast they're traveling."

The board's unanimous vote at its meeting Tuesday night in the E.J. McClendon Center means the district will pay \$7,210 as its half of the cost of a \$14,421 unit.

The Plymouth Township police department will store and maintain the trailer and will be responsible for its deployment, according to Acting Police Chief Lt. Robert Smith.

SMART is towed to a site experiencing speed-related problems, is set up in about 10 minutes and left on the roadside to display the speed of approaching vehicles.

Made by Kustom Signals, Inc. of Lenexa, Kan., it uses radar to clock speeds, then shows them in an 18-inch-high digits on an LED (light-emitting diode) display.

Smith proposed the purchase in an Oct. 21 letter to Superintendent Charles Little, noting in the letter that he had received "numerous" expressions of concern about traffic speeds, "particularly those near the schools."

"The police department has little means to educate the motoring public in and around the schools" but still feel it is necessary to "take some action to provide safer roadways for our children," Smith wrote.

"I'm glad we can do something to bring traffic speed to the attention of motorists and we're also glad to do it with Plymouth Township," said Little.

The Plymouth-Canton area has "a growing high volume of traffic and in many cases we don't have sidewalks that would accommodate pedestrian traffic," he added.

Schools expanding traffic monitoring

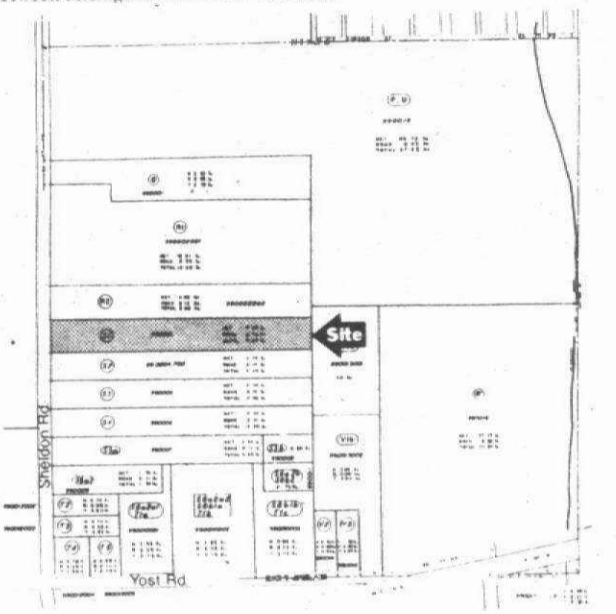
BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board is joining Plymouth Township

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 1997, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

MAAS REZONING. CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 136 99 0003 000 FROM LI-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GL GENERAL INDUSTRIAL. Property is located on the east side of Sheldon Road between Michigan Avenue and Yost Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

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Man arrested in soliciting-extortion plot

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A 24-year-old Canton man was arrested on allegations of extortion after convincing a gay man whom he met at an I-275 rest stop that he was only 15-years-old.

The subject has yet to be arraigned in 35th District Court on charges.

The suspect allegedly threatened to call police on the victim, 30, for having sex with a minor if he didn't give him various items, such as a \$3,500 laptop computer, stereo system, and \$250 in cash.

The man also coerced the victim to bring him to the Super

The victim told police he met the suspect about 9 p.m. Saturday after stopping at the I-275 rest stop, just south of Ford Road.

Kmart on two occasions to buy him clothes and \$336 worth of sporting equipment, including a compound bow, police said.

The victim told police he met the suspect about 9 p.m. Saturday after stopping at the I-275 rest stop, just south of Ford Road. He and another man asked the victim for a ride to the Autumn Ridge Apartments. The second man was dropped off. The suspect went to the victim's apartment at Village Green, where he first told the victim he was 18, and then after

Monday, again requesting that the victim give him the laptop computer, cordless phone and \$500 in cash to keep him quiet. The video at Kmart would prove the victim was with a minor, the suspect allegedly told him.

The two took another trip to the Kmart in which the suspect went on a \$336 spending spree at the victim's expense. The victim also withdrew \$250 in cash from an ATM machine to give him.

When the victim returned home about 10 p.m. Monday, the suspect was allegedly waiting outside of his apartment. He again asked for the laptop computer or he would call police.

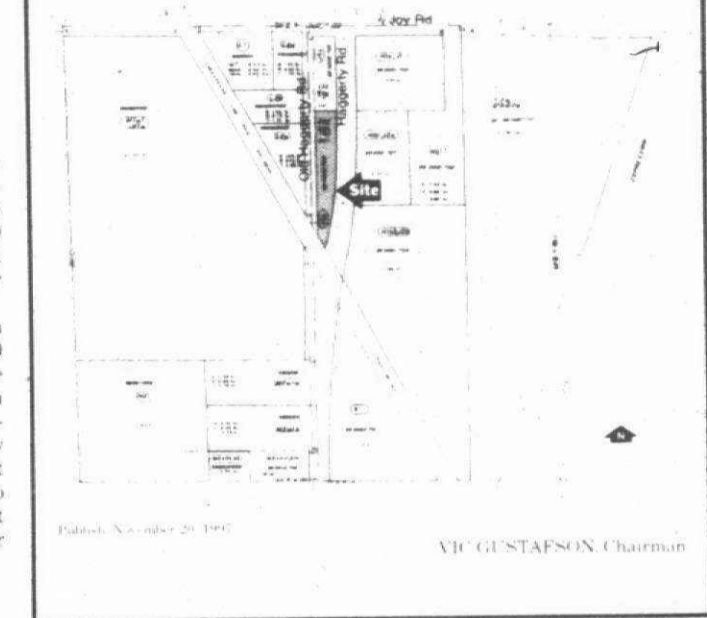
The victim in turn called 911 along Haggerty, near Palmer, and the suspect fled. Police apprehended him as he walked

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 1, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

YALDO RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A STANDARD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.01(1) FOR PARCEL NO. 002 99 0002 706. Property is located on the west side of Haggerty Road between Joy and Koppernick Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



Neighbor dispute ends in stabbing

A 44-year-old Canton man was stabbed by a neighbor at Village Green Apartments during an attack 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Police arrested 35-year-old man for the stabbing.

The victim told police he went to the neighbor's home and knocked on the door and the suspect came out like a "madman with the knife." He was stabbed in the head three times. He was treated at Annapolis Hospital for three cuts to his forehead.

The suspect said he only hit the victim, and never stabbed him, after the victim called his mother "a donkey's ass." The victim fell into the stove and cut his head, the suspect told police.

Two witnesses told police they

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When the teens refused to get into the car, the man produced a blue steel automatic handgun and demanded their money. The one teen handed over \$150 and the other teen \$250.

The car fled out of the complex and east on Michigan Avenue.

Break-ins

An apartment was burglarized at The Crossings sometime between 8 a.m. and noon Monday. The front window of the unit was pushed open. Items reported stolen were a Nintendo game, \$150, two games, valued at \$60 each.

Longevity pay hike approved

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Canton's non-union employees, including the three elected in-house officials, will receive an increase in longevity pay. However, they will have to work for the township longer in order to receive the annual compensation.

In the past, an employee received a payment of \$150 after three years of service. Now, an employee must work five years to receive a longevity paycheck of \$300.

After five years of service, an additional \$100 per year is paid to a maximum of \$1,500. It had been \$75 per year after the three years of service under the old way.

Under the previous system, a person with 20 years of service would max out at \$1,400. Under the new system, a person would max out at \$1,500 after 17 years of service.

Longevity is typically paid out the first pay of November. This year, employees will have to wait until the first pay in December to get their checks.

The board of trustees tabled the issue in January when the non-union employees were given an across-the-board 3 percent raise. Officials approved the new longevity system earlier this month, just in the nick of time for employees to do their holiday shopping.

"The fire union and police command have longevity based on percentage of pay. The union one would be substantially more," said Dan Durack administrative and community service director.

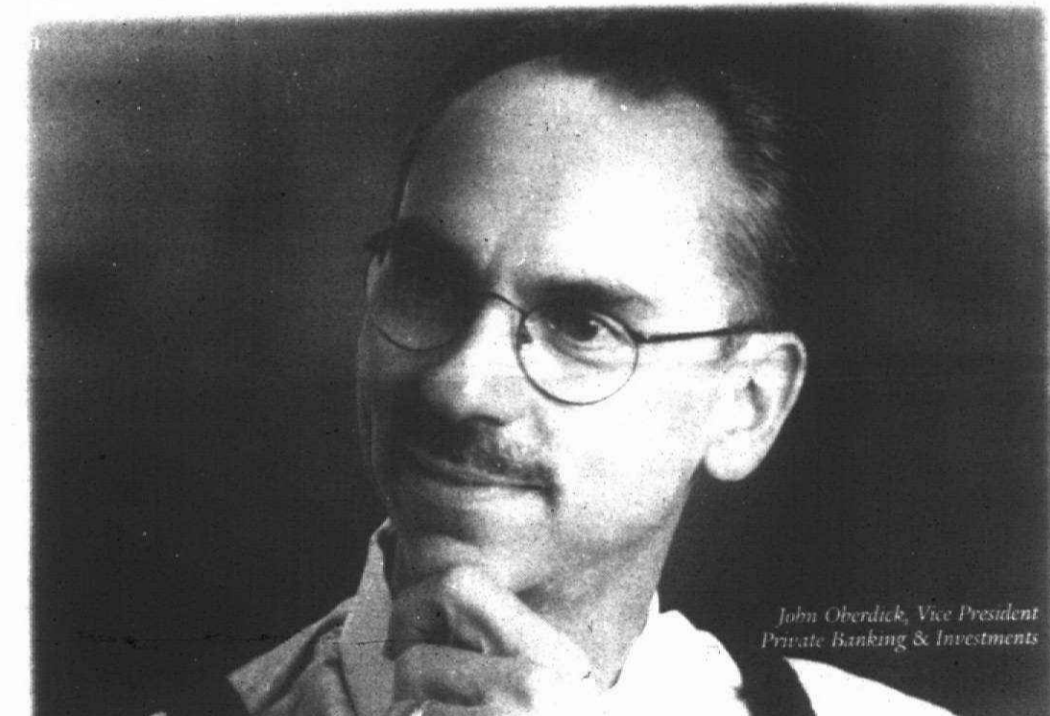
Using himself as an example, Durack said he will receive the maximum \$1,500 in longevity pay under the recently approved plan. If he was working under the police command or fire union contract, he would receive 8 percent of his \$70,000-plus salary, which would amount to approximately \$5,600.

And what will the three elected officials receive in longevity pay?

Supervisor Tom Yack will receive \$700 in longevity pay for his nine years of service to Canton Township. Yack also will earn a \$7,000 salary this year — \$1,000 above the top paid director as approved last December.

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter will also receive \$700 for her nine years in office. Kirchgatter earns \$58,800 annually.

Clerk Terry Bennett will receive a longevity check of \$300 for her fifth year in office. Bennett also earns \$58,800.



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Word of mouth

Harping on county extraneous

Like it or not, Canton is still a Wayne County community. This, of course, is no great surprise to Canton residents. They somehow manage to live productive lives while commuting through Michigan's population center, maneuvering around whatever figurative or literal "roadblocks" county government places in their paths.

For Canton's elected officials however, co-existence as a charter township within the county is apparently a source of endless misery. To hear some talk, every accomplishment has been achieved in spite of indifference or interference at the county level, particularly from the County Executive Ed McNamara's office. Every problem can be traced to the county offices in downtown Detroit as well.

This is the mantra of Supervisor Tom Yack and other leaders in the administration. It permeates their conversations, both public and private. State Rep. Deborah Whyman and State Sen. Loren Bennett, Republicans who represent Canton constituents in Lansing, often pick up the chant and Bruce Patterson, county commissioner for the 11th District, has forged his political identity as an "outsider" in county government willing to fight for Canton's fair share.

Roads and road funding are the constants. In recent months, though, Wayne County has served as a convenient whipping boy on a host of issues from mass transit to parks and recreation.

While this kind of rhetoric makes for political hay and entertaining newspaper copy, we question whether it leads to good government. The Observer doesn't think any governing

body should be immune from criticism from the general public or elected officials. But remarks by Canton leaders at times border on the personal, with the tone often being one of vindictiveness.

Ricardo Solomon, who chairs the county commission, doesn't believe local criticism of the county has had an impact on appropriations or priorities set in the commission's chambers. We're not so sure McNamara and his staff feel the same way.

So we have to wonder is the Canton community being served by elected officials who continually promote an adversarial relationship with the government hand that - in many cases - still feeds them?

Canton officials do have some legitimate gripes with the county. For example, the requirements and length of time for something relatively simple like placement of a traffic signal at a major intersection need to be shortened. Funding formulas for county-wide initiatives should take into account the imbalance created when such of the revenue stream is generated by SEV growth in outlying communities.

But overall, it would behoove local leaders to exercise a little more restraint when remarking on the county and its role in area projects. With the election-year posturing in some communities about secession a fading memory, it's apparent that Canton's county affiliation won't be changing anytime soon, if ever. Some level of cooperation between local and Wayne County officials is paramount to ensuring continued success for both entities.

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Organ donor bills need a push

Three bills are plodding through the Michigan Legislature to strengthen the state's organ donor program.

Grim as it is to contemplate death, realistic adults should consider ways to donate organs and tissue, in the event of their sudden demise, to patients whose lives could be extended.

Michigan currently ranks 45th among the 50 states in per-capita donation rate. Michigan has 17 donors per one million residents versus a national average of 21 per million.

It's not that Michiganians are stingy. Many just don't know about the program. Currently, Michigan drivers may affix an optional sticker to the back of their driver's licenses indicating they wish to become organ donors. It's a good system, but it could be better.

When hospital personnel determine there is a potential donor, they contact Gift of Life, an organization which checks its registry to see if there is someone in need.

"The single most frequent response we hear when families are asked about donating organs and tissues from a loved one, is, 'We never talked about it; we'd better say no,'" said Tom Beyersdorf, executive director of the Gift of Life Agency in Michigan.

But when the wishes of the deceased are known, family members invariably honor those wishes. That makes common sense.

There are five organs that medical people can transplant to patients. In Michigan each year, there typically are more than 270 kidney transplants, 100 or so livers, more than 40 hearts, 30 pancreases and 35 lungs.

The state House of Representatives has passed three bills by votes of 102-0 to 105-0 to ease organ donations. The bills are hardly con-

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traversial if lawmakers get a chance to vote on them. Sponsors are Democrats Lynne Martinez of Lansing and Lingg Brewer of Holt.

The concept is supported in the Senate by Republican John J.H. Schwarz of Battle Creek. "On any given day," said Schwarz, "nearly 2,000 Michigan patients are waiting to receive a vital organ; 150 of those will die this year because no organ became available. These deaths are senseless," said Schwarz, a physician and surgeon who should know.

The bills, currently awaiting Senate action: ■ House Bill 4029 would allow a donor to sign a consent sticker on the reverse side of his or her driver's license that would be sufficient permission to remove organs in case of death.

■ HB 4030 would require the secretary of state to ask applicants of licenses whether they would like to make an anatomical gift. This is tie-barred to HB 4029, meaning both must be passed for either to become law.

■ HB 4031 is the same as 4030 except that it would apply to applicants for a state identification card.

Use those bill numbers when you write to your state senator, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

Building boom



Postal progress: The only thing slowing new construction in Canton is likely to be the onset of winter weather. Pictured is a worker doing some welding at the post office on Canton Center, north of Cherry Hill.

Goodfellows campaign

As the holidays draw near, I think it is vitally important that everyone in the community know a few facts about charitable giving.

Canton Goodfellows have been in the business of helping needy Canton children, and their families, at Christmas time for over 40 years. To my knowledge, we are the only Canton group who deals exclusively with Canton children. We believe that the Canton community should support its own needy people first. There are many groups soliciting in Canton at the holiday season. Others will be seeking donations.

What residents may not know, is that none of these programs return anything to Canton residents in need. In most cases, all of the items donated go to Detroit families. We know that there are needy folks in Detroit, but we need to make sure food, toys and clothing are available to our own community members first.

If you are a Canton resident who feels as we do, that our donations should benefit our own community members in need, please consider making your food donations to the Canton Goodfellows at AutoNation Dec. 1-16 or toy donations to the Canton Cares van at Ford and Sheldon roads on weekends between Thanksgiving and Dec. 14. Monetary donations may be mailed to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188.

The children and families in our community who need a helping hand at the holidays will be most grateful for your generosity, as will the Goodfellow volunteers who try hard to live up to their motto "No Canton Child Without a Christmas."

Nancy Spencer, president
Canton Goodfellows

Term limits

For months now, people in Lansing have been talking about the effects term limits may have on our state government. Recently, I have begun to hear people in our area talking about what might happen as term limits go into effect. Clearly, this is an issue in which we are all interested.

People I have met throughout my senate district, whether going door-to-door or attending a function, have started asking me about what I anticipate might happen - both posi-

tively and negatively. People are both interested and uncertain over what might occur. However, everyone agrees that we will always need good people in public office.

That is what prompted me to write this letter.

There are six state house districts within my state senate district. Only one of those districts, the 21st House District (made up of Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville) will be directly impacted by term limits in the 1998 election. The current representative will be prevented by the term limit law from running for re-election. Thus, I am watching to see who might express an interest in and be qualified to hold that House seat.

Specifically, I look for candidates who possess the following characteristics and credentials when assessing who could do the job, and do it well: honesty, integrity, intelligence and diligence. In considering the possibilities, I believe the people of Canton, Van Buren, Sumpter and Belleville are fortunate to already be represented by such a person.

Bruce Patterson, our current Wayne County commissioner (the "Commish"), has demonstrated quite convincingly his ability, commitment, dedication and effectiveness.

His record is a proven one. He has worked with and supported me on many of my efforts. Included in this are important issues such as the audit of the Wayne County Roads Department, blocking the expenditure of taxpayer resources on the creation of a tradeport at Willow Run, opposing the importation of PCBs to the landfill in Van Buren Township and opposing the deep injection well in Romulus.

I hope Commissioner Patterson will consider running. If you agree with me, I hope you will encourage Bruce to run for the position of state representative for the 21st District.

Loren N. Bennett
state senator
8th District

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Philanthropy begins at home - even middle-class one

Thank you, Calvin and Charlotte Perry, for a terrific lesson in philanthropy. Plymouth's Kellogg Park has a new fountain because you not only cared, but also took steps to make it happen. Givers are rewarded. The Perrys are receiving enjoyment from their giving and having fun encouraging their friends to also enjoy the fountain.

I applaud the Perrys for not giving for the fountain anonymously. Adults and especially children in the Plymouth-Canton communities need more public philanthropic role models. Many people assume that gifts to charity automatically reduce the amount of money available to live on. Not always true! There are many different ways to be philanthropic. The sad truth is, people don't know that they don't know.

One giving technique, an enhanced income trust (EIT), allows you to convert an asset now and receive a lifetime income from the deferred gift. You'll have more money to live on now and eventually give a much larger gift you'd ever dreamed possible.

Follow these steps to become one of our communities' newest philanthropic

role models:

■ Determine your vision. What legacy would you like to leave? If you have accumulated wealth, your heirs will be delighted with your decision to do planned giving now.

Due to IRS tax laws, heirs usually receive larger inheritances when you are proactive in controlling and maximizing your wealth. It's especially nice when your heirs receive a tax-free inheritance, paid by your IRS savings. The portion of your estate that would have gone to the IRS now remains under your use and control. However, you must do your planned giving while you are alive.

■ Check with the charities that interest you to see if their needs fit your vision. Consider local charities so you can visit to make sure the majority of your money goes directly into your favorite projects, not into the administration expenses. A local group called the Friends of Cherry Hill is preserving a historical Canton farm on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill, for future community use.

They need thousands and thousands of dollars now and in the

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future. If your goal is to help restore and preserve local history for future generations, this is definitely a cause to consider. Your EIT deferred gift could eventually help them build an endowment to cover their future expenses.

■ Pick ideal assets to donate. Because the trust is tax-free, the sale of appreciated assets, such as stocks, art, antiques, collectibles or real estate, eliminates capital gains taxes. A piece of raw land can fund an EIT

and provide a 5 percent minimum lifetime income to the donor, plus give the donor an immediate charitable tax deduction of \$12,000 and enjoy the process of giving while alive.

■ Dispel the myth that you have to be wealthy and old to give to charity. Granted, you might not have \$50,000 that you can part with, but you can combine retirement savings with giving. Many younger philanthropists establish cash inventory trusts (adding to it annually) to supplement their retirement savings. The principal is never taxed and the taxable income can be taken any time you request it. Because the trust is irrevocable, it also protects the money from divorce, creditors, and litigation.

A 25-year-old professional, investing \$4,000 a year into her EIT for 30 years, while earning 10 percent per year, will give away more than \$1 million.

At age 55, she changes careers and begins taking an annually increasing 5 percent income for life. If she were married when she set up the EIT, the income would continue for the life of her spouse also.

Her projected results are phenomenal: \$120,000 is her cost; she receives \$1.3 million gross income from age 55 to her assumed death at age 81; she will have a \$500,000 tax-free petty cash account, which she could use or gift to heirs; and \$1.1 million goes to her favorite charities upon her death. Plus, if she divorces, her spouse cannot touch a penny of the principal.

I believe the enhanced income trust and the Roth IRA are the retirement savings plans of the future.

Want to have fun? Studies of philanthropy show that givers are happier, work less and live longer. The more you are philanthropic, the more the giver enjoys life and is fulfilled. Do your part to help the Plymouth-Canton communities become known as the Michigan communities that give and help live.

Phyllis J. Wordhouse, CFP, RIA, is a family wealth counselor and financial educator. Visit her Web page: <http://ic.net/~puorkdow/index.htm>. Please submit questions directly to the Observer at 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or fax to 459-4224.

LETTERS

Editorial was off mark

The editorial "Ford Road repair, DDA foots bill voters declined" (Oct. 30) included a few inaccuracies and I believe missed a number of important points.

The DDA was expanded in response to the Ford Road Task Force (1995). The projects listed in the DDA plan of work were identified by the Ford Road Task Force.

You suggest that DDA taxpayers (businesses) will pay an additional tax. "... we question how much the business community ... can afford." This statement is a gross misstatement of fact. Their tax bill will not change. Funding for a DDA is provided

ed by capturing the tax revenues generated by new growth. The millage is unchanged. All new tax revenue must be spent in Canton's business district.

You indicate that "many" of the projects identified in the DDA plan were included in the defeated 1995 road bond issue. That is not true, only 7 percent of the DDA projects (\$) were in the \$12 million community road improvement millage election.

By extending the DDA (with the assistance of Commissioners Bruce Patterson and Thaddeus McCotter) we were able to capture all of Wayne County's tax dollars ... money that would not have otherwise been spent in Canton.

Communities throughout the state

have used DDAs to make improvements in their business districts ... the chief beneficiaries are the businesses in the area.

The real issue here is Wayne County not carrying out its responsibilities ... The county continues to receive Canton road improvement funds while continuing to spend those funds in other communities and on "pet" projects. Their overhead expense continues to be unacceptable, they are slow to respond to citizen complaints, and are seen by the general public as wasteful.

One has to wonder why Canton's hometown newspaper continues to ignore the role the county plays in the road issue and not focus on the coun-

ty's poor performance. Could it be the close relationship of the owner of the O&E and Ed McNamara ... that might explain the ongoing "hands off the county policy" of the Observer?

Tom Yack
Canton Township supervisor

Customers required

"Cheap thrills: Canton outlet store offers literature for less" (Canton Observer, Sunday, Oct. 26, front page) made me curious about a statement in the article. "Customers have been flocking to the store with comments about Canton finally getting a bookstore in the township -

even if it is only an outlet store."

I was amazed and astounded by such comments. Canton has had two respectable bookstores which the community failed to support: Community News in Coventry Commons at Joy and Morton Taylor (which closed a few years ago), and most recently, Cambridge Books, in the very space which Borders now occupies.

If consumers desire a particular business, they must support it, scale. Where were the consumers when these bookstores existed? It makes me wonder if the key word in the headline was "cheap."

Sue Noland
Canton

Real prison reform requires more than building binge

So Gov. John Engler wants to build five new prisons. In a special report to the Legislature last week, the governor argued that Michigan will exhaust its prison capacity as early as next month and needs right away to start construction on 5,400 new beds.

That's fine. No red-blooded politician dares oppose locking up murderers, felons and drug dealers. And just maybe, our prison system is up against court orders prohibiting overcrowding.

But sooner or later, somebody is going to have to start paying tough-minded attention to costs, efficiency and priorities.

State Rep. Donald Gilmer, vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee, is off to a good start. "I'm personally convinced we could build a hundred new prisons and we'd never have enough. If we continue this way we will eventually spend every dime we have on corrections."

Predictably, the governor's message did not estimate the capital or operating costs for the new facilities he wants. Best guess around Lansing is that debt service and additional operating costs, mainly for guards and other prison staff, would add up to an extra \$150 million each year.

Currently, the Department of Corrections spends more than \$1.3 billion annually to house around 43,000 inmates at state prisons, camps and halfway houses. That's something like 15 percent of the general fund budget for the whole state, way up from the 5 percent that went to Corrections in FY 1982-83, when the prison budget was \$228 million. Over the past 15 years, the growth in spending for the Department of Corrections has far outstripped the growth in any other state department.

State Rep. Kirk Profit, who was undersheriff of Washtenaw County from 1980-84 and so is immune to charges of criminal coddling, has been grumbling about excessive spending on prisons for years. He makes some mighty interesting points:

■ Michigan's average daily cost per inmate is \$63, whereas the average daily cost per inmate in Ohio is \$37. If Michigan's prisons were run as cost effectively as Ohio's, our state would save more than \$250 million per year.

■ Michigan incarcerates 430 people for every 100,000 residents. Indiana's rate of incarceration is 279 inmates per 100,000 residents. Should Michigan choose to imprison our residents at the same rate as Indiana's, taxpayers



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would save more than \$400 million per year.

Another way to look at Michigan's prison policy is as a matter of relative priorities as defined by the way our government spends its money.

Michigan's priorities are these, in order: We spend an annual average of \$25,000 per inmate in prison, \$5,500 per student in our K-12 school system, around \$4,000 per student in our state colleges and universities, and an average of \$2,000 per mental health recipient.

The conclusion is simple. State policy, as reflected in actual spending, considers warehousing felons as four times more valuable than educating our kids. That's ridiculous, of course. But thinking about priorities in this way helps highlight the enormous amount we are spending on our prison system.

My guess is that Engler is right to argue that our prison system is dangerously close to overcrowding. And political reality, with an election year coming, is that the Legislature will make sure it is all for locking up criminals.

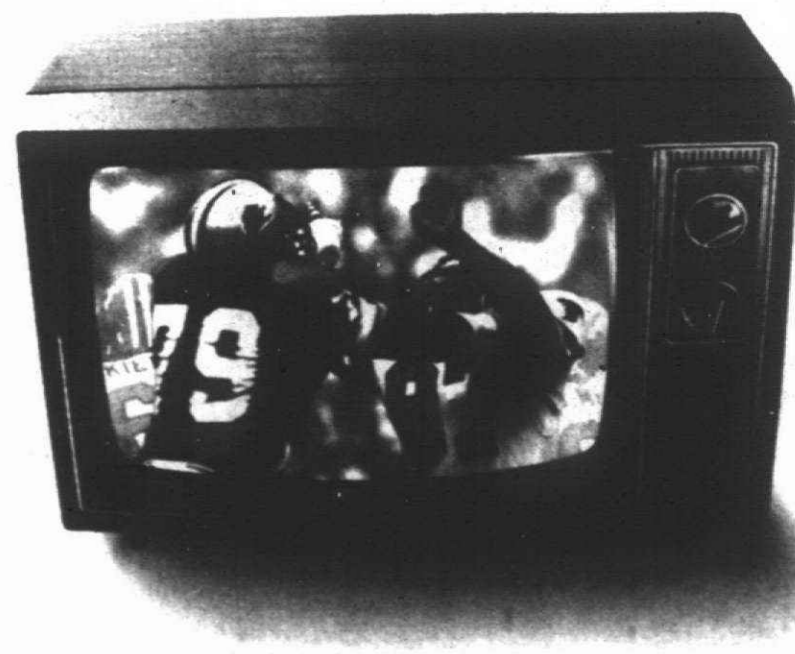
But it might be a good idea to link building new prisons with creating a serious blue-ribbon commission to take a searching look at the cost-effectiveness of Michigan's prison system and make recommendations. Just why is it that Ohio's costs are \$16 per day per inmate less than Michigan's? How has it come about that a bunch of federal judges are effectively micro-managing our prisons?

Sometimes commissions of this sort can be very effective, especially in a highly charged political environment. And with \$1.3 billion to look at, I'm sure some hard-headed folks could ask a lot of questions, shed a lot of light and, just maybe, find some good ways to save a lot of money.

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Should the U.S. use diplomacy or military force to settle the crisis in Iraq?



"I'm in the military. My unit would be the first to go. I don't care either way. I'll go."

Brian Schultz
Westland



"I think we've gone about as far as we can with this guy (Saddam Hussein). I think our waiting days are over."

Jim Meyers
Canton



"Diplomacy. I don't think we should send our people over there. We've seen it not work."

Gina Ebner
Canton



"I'd say no, with all of the consequences. If it's to protect American soil they have to go."

Carol Reina
Canton

OBITUARIES

LEE A. MILLER

Mr. Miller, 55, of Plymouth Township, died Oct. 9 in Redford Township.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Miller was a salesman. He came to the Plymouth community from Monroe in 1963. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include his daughter, Julie Cork; mother, Ruth Miller of Plymouth Township; father, Howard Miller of West Palm Beach, Florida; sister, Carol Bales; one niece and two nephews.

Services were at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Bradford K. Lewis officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

DORIS M. BECKSTROM

Mrs. Beckstrom, 71, of Livonia

died Nov. 11.

Born in Bismarck, N.D., Mrs. Beckstrom was a registered nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Allen Park for 25 years. She was a member of the Salvation Army Medical Corps.

Mrs. Beckstrom graduated from the Independence Sanitarium Hospital and School for Nursing in Missouri in 1952.

Survivors include her son, Paul of Redford; daughters, Margaret Kutnick of Canton, Patricia Lodge of Westland and Pamela Hackert of Franklin; four sisters and four brothers; seven grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 14 at the Salvation Army in Plymouth with Lt. James Spencer officiating.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-

Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

JEAN WANETA CLARK

Mrs. Clark, 81, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 13.

Born in Brazil, Ind., Mrs. Clark was a bench assembly worker.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Marie Blackford; two grandchildren.

Services were at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Arthur Magnuson officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester Hills 48307.

LOUIS W. BERTRAND

Mr. Bertrand, 85, of Livonia died Nov. 13.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Bertrand retired from Burroughs Corp. after 44 years of service in the International Service Department. He came to the Livonia community in 1992 from Northville Township. He also lived briefly in Gaylord after retiring. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the Plymouth Elks.

Mr. Bertrand was a World War II veteran spending three years in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife, Amy; sisters-in-law, Mabel Fake of Farmington Hills, Avis Waldecker of Plymouth and Wilma Blackmore of Midland.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

IRMA L. GOTHARD

Mrs. Gothard, 82, of South

Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.

Born in Cheboygan, Mrs. Gothard was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1935. She was a member of St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church in Plymouth and was a member of the Ladies Aide Society and the Missionary Guild.

Survivors include her husband, James; sons, Gary, James, David, Scott and Mark; daughters, Nancy Schleede and Sandy Griep; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ROY H. RASMUSSEN

Mr. Rasmussen, 70, of Plymouth died Nov. 14.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mr. Rasmussen owned and operated R.S.G. Publishing Company for 20 years. He came to Plymouth in 1987 from Detroit. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks.

Mr. Rasmussen was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the V.F.W. Northville Post.

Services were at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Thomas G. Badley and the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Christian Services, 32500 Concord Drive, Suite 250, Madison Heights 48107-1118.

Watching over Sergeant joins traffic control tower in Bosnia

The Tuzla Air Force Base in Bosnia is not Chicago's O'Hare, but it is one of the busiest airports in the world.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Tricia A. Paff, daughter of Phil Paff of Plymouth, is helping to manage a staggering volume of humanity and material at the base in support of allied peacekeepers participating in Operation Joint Guard.

Averaging 81,000 movements per month, this former Yugoslav Air Force base is quite a change from the slower pace Paff is accustomed to back in the states. A member of the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group, Paff is an air traffic controller.

"Our job in the tower is make sure all aircraft are controlled as safely and efficiently as possible. We make sure the inbound and outbound aircraft have the appropriate separation and spacing and are moved in and out quickly," Paff said. "The number of helicopters and planes that come through here is tremendous and things can get tense. There's no room for mistakes."

The use of expeditionary forces is new for the Air Force in terms of supporting a joint overseas operation. The force that operates Tuzla Air Base, situated in the American sector of north central Bosnia-Herzegovina, is composed of 245 Air Force men and women who represent every major command, including the Reserves.

In the midst of devastation caused by three years of war Paff's unit is doing all they can to help rebuild a small segment of this war-torn nation.

"I was able to participate in a convoy that took food and clothes to a nearby orphanage. Seeing the children put our mission

here in Bosnia in complete perspective for me. Many lives were lost for senseless reasons, and many others are still suffering," Paff said.

Tuzla Air Base is significant to the peacekeepers and the Bosnians in that it is one of only two operating airports in the country. The other airport is in Sarajevo, which supports the southern sector of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Teamwork is key to the Air Force's mission here. This includes Air Force air traffic controller working side-by-side with Army air traffic controllers for the first time during a major overseas deployment.

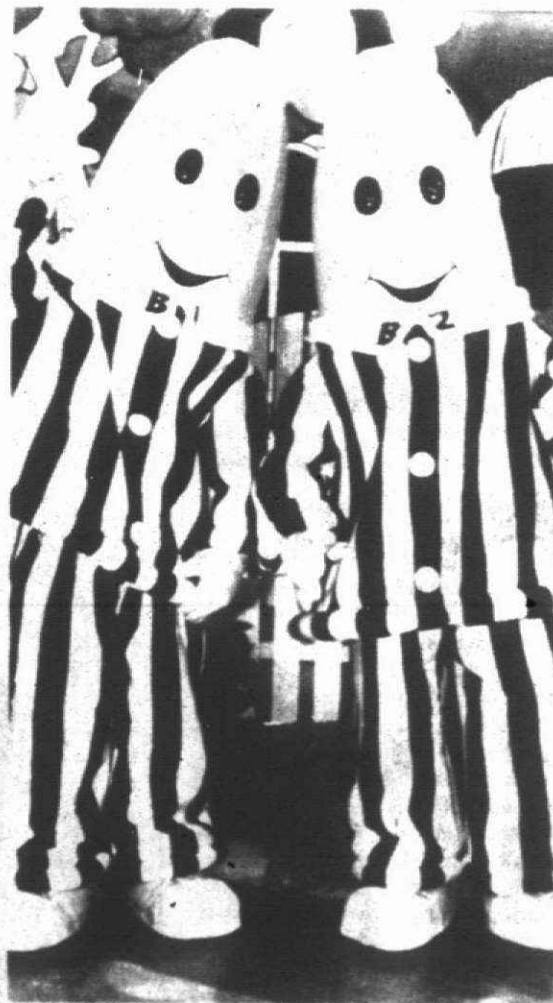
"A neutral party is definitely needed here, and that's what the multinational peacekeeping force is all about. We're just serving as a referee to help them find peace. I'm proud to be a part of that," said Paff.

Recently, the base served as the site for a conference between Croat, Serb and Muslim women who represented the Bosnian version of America's League of Women Voters. The U.S. ambassador to Bosnia and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) participated in the event.

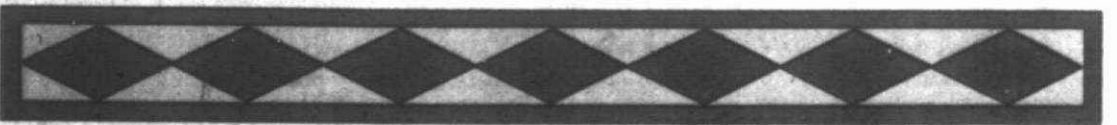
Once, during another summit, a member of one of the former warring factions made an appeal to the American ambassador: "you have helped us birth a democracy. Now, you must give us time to learn how to walk and run."

For Paff and the other men and women at this Bosnian hub of activity, keeping things moving here is their way of contributing to helping maintain a fragile peace.

Safety-minded: Air Force Staff Sgt. Tricia A. Paff, daughter of Phil Paff of Plymouth, works in the air control tower at Tuzla Air Force Base in Bosnia. She is a member of the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group. She works side-by-side with Army air traffic controllers at the base. The airport is one of two that is operating in the country today.



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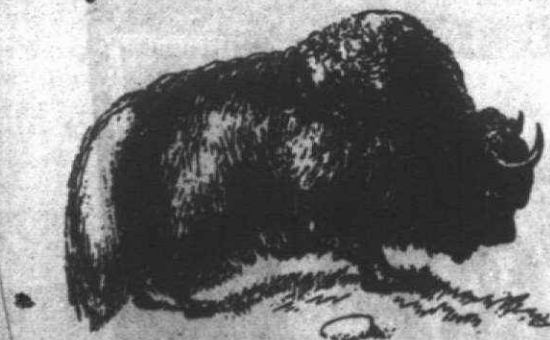
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JACK GLADDEN

Policies put a new spin on 'harmful'

You must have read about this. It happened last year in Dayton, Ohio, and made national headlines.

A 13-year-old junior high school student was suspended for 10 days for drug possession. Her crime? She had accepted a Midol tablet - that over-the-counter stuff used to ease menstrual cramps - from another eighth-grader. School officials mercifully decided to reduce the suspension to three days, but only after the student agreed to take part in a drug counseling program.

She got off easy. The 14-year-old girl who handed her the pill - the "pusher" - was also suspended for 10 days, then notified that she would be expelled for 4 1/2 months. That sentence, too, got reduced to an additional three days of suspension, but only after the "pusher" filed a federal lawsuit against the school district, claiming that she was treated more harshly because she was black.

While the district reduced the penalty against her, it denied that race had anything to do with it. She was punished more severely, a spokesman said, because she commit-

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Classes keep her students in stitches

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER



Like most teen-agers, Amie Geisler likes new clothes and she's adding to her wardrobe stitch by stitch.

The 13-year-old Canton resident recently started taking classes at Stitch-2-Stitch from Marie McNerney in the basement of her Canton Township home. She's already finished a belt, sewing bag and nightshirt.

"I thought it was cool that I did that," Geisler said. "I've always wanted to learn how to sew because we have a machine and my mom (Jill) couldn't sew."

But her dad, Rich, a mechanic, could sew. "He bought the sewing machine for me 15 years ago and every time I used it it jammed up; he used it and it was fine," Jill said. "I wanted her to be sewing-literate and not illiterate like me."

Amie's sister, Jillian, 9; takes the class, too. Their brother, John, signed on after seeing his sisters come home with things he wanted.

"Once they started the nightshirt, they said you can make boxers and he loves to wear boxers," Jill said. "Marie makes it interesting for them. She's patient and really good with the kids."

McNerney teaches an international program, Kids Can Sew, that began in 1983 and features five different levels. Students start out with the basics, like learning about the sewing machine and how to thread it. Once one level is mastered, they go onto the next.

"I really enjoy working with the kids to watch them when they complete a project and to see how excited they get," she said. "That's the best part of the job. They feel great about themselves and the progress they've made."

Each one hour class has up to four children. McNerney started her business in April 1996, when she was certified by the Kids Can Sew program. She now has 27 students ranging in age from 6 to 16.

"Some students may decide to go into it professionally and others will have it for family use later on," McNerney said. "I would have to say it's more the children who are excited than the parents who are pushing their kids in here although I have had both."

McNerney became interested in sewing when she was 12-13 and attending junior high school in the Dearborn area. And it was her daughters that piqued her interest in teaching sewing.

"I have three girls of my own and when I start doing

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Learning how: Thirteen-year-old Amie Geisler wanted to expand her wardrobe. Her solution wasn't to go shopping, it was to sign up for sewing lessons from Sewing instructor Marie McNerney who has been teaching the Kids Can Sew program in her home since 1996.



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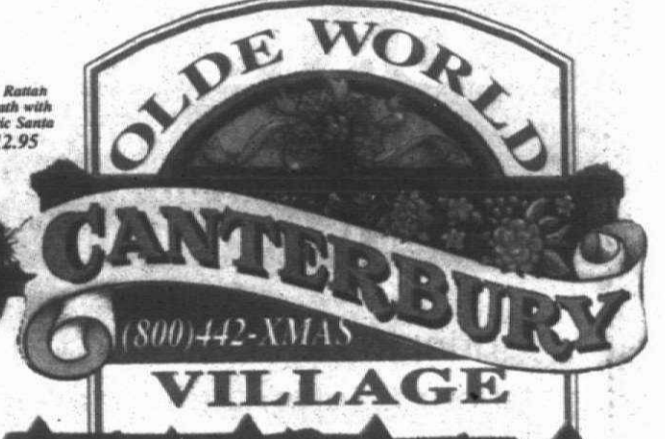
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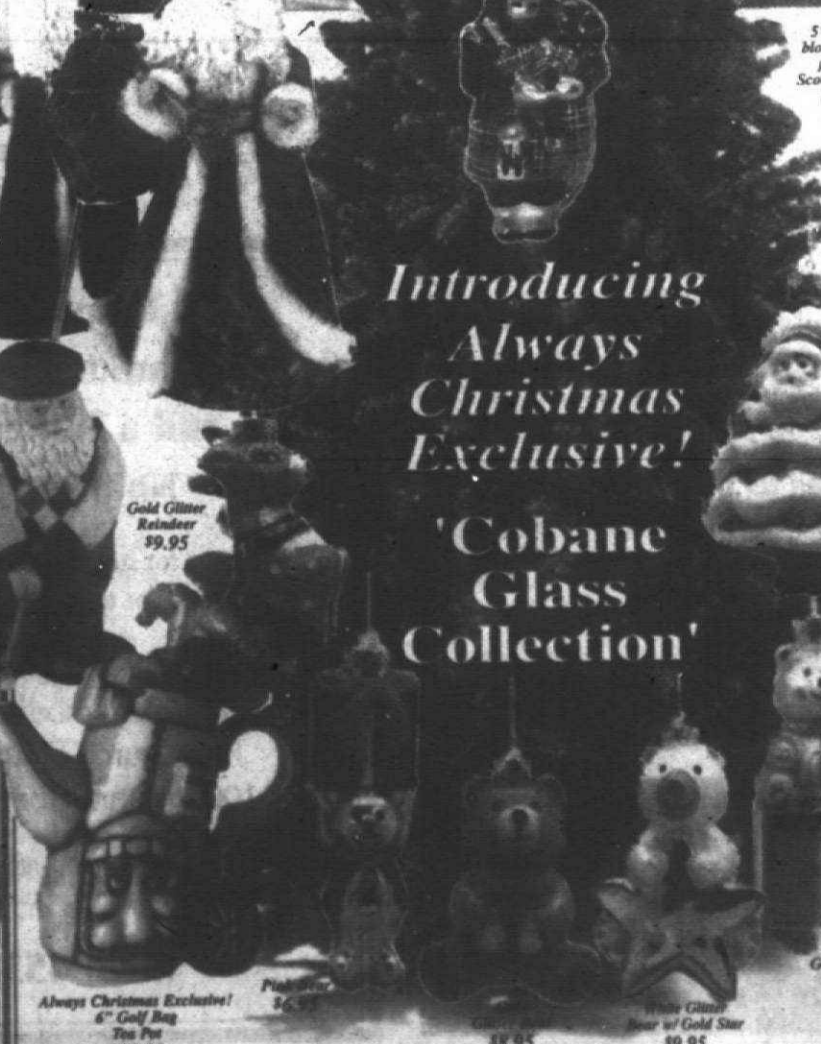
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Scrappers turn photo albums into family history books

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

The lucky ones among us have parents and grandparents who documented our family histories by maintaining photo albums. But, most of us have found their efforts were spoiled by time. The pictures are faded and we can't identify a lot of the subjects.

People across the country, like Julie Barnes of Westland, want to change that for future generations by maintaining memory books.

The mother of two children, Barnes is documenting family photos and other precious moments in elaborately decorated scrapbooks. She meets every couple of weeks with a group of friends, many from Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, to update their photo stories.

Barnes has three books, one for her son Troy, 3; another for her 8-month-old daughter, Olivia; and a third that chronicles special times with her husband, John Mark.

"I want my children to see what their lives were like when they were little," Barnes said. "Hopefully, my grandchildren can see pictures of their parents when they were babies."

Barnes uses an album from Creative Memories with acid-free pages and other specially prepared materials that ensure the photos will remain intact. A big motivation for using acid-free materials is that the memory book Barnes' mother made for her has deteriorated.

"The fact is that when you put your pictures in a standard photo album they have acids in them and they will deteriorate, discolor and tear 20 years later when you try to get them out," said Barnes, who takes up to an hour to finish a two-page layout in her album. The time depends on how picky you are.

"It's also a fun hobby. For me, it's my only hobby." Creative Memories is run by home-based consultants who hold demonstrations and sometimes have stalls at craft shows. When Barnes' Creative Memories consultant left the community, other members of the church started to fall behind on their

books. "People who come here have a time where they can get away to get together with other moms and adults," Barnes said. "A lot of us are stay-at-home moms."

Preserving memories

Creative Memories stresses the importance of preserving memories, as well as journaling and according to Rhonda Kay Collier, a Creative Memories unit manager in Westland. Classes last about two hours and inventory is available for people who want to begin immediately.

"Our purpose is to preserve our memories and to make sure our history is passed down to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Collier said. "It's not just a photo story, but a story book that can include memorabilia."

Keeping family scrapbooks has grown in popularity since it took off in 1987 when Rhonda Anderson and Cheryl Lightle, co-founders of Creative Memories, had an idea to take the memory book concept nationwide.

A throwback to times when heritages were talked about around the fireplace, today families are devoting countless hours to putting together scrapbooks that have detailed information, from first dental visits to romps in the snow. The books feature fabric borders and simple to elaborate art work that are guaranteed to stay intact. The ideas are only limited by the creator's imagination.

"No matter where people go to do scrapbooks, the most important thing is for them to document those photos so that it can be passed on to future generations," said Kim Fredericks, a Creative Memories consultant in Novi.

Creative Memories is the first album and photo preservation company in the world to have the Wilhelm Imaging Research, Inc. stamp of approval. Creative Memories also reportedly sells more albums than other album suppliers combined.

"It was something that no one had heard of before," Fredericks said. "They (Anderson and Lightle) started informing people about the importance of preserving these albums. Creative Memories was the first company and from there it has started to roll."

Fredericks, who had one daughter and "500" rolls of film capturing her pride and joy in action, started her business two years ago. But, Creative Memories consultants stress that kids and their milestones aren't the only memory book theme. Ideas run the gamut from weddings and vacations to pets and outings.

"The meaning behind Creative Memories really hit home for me to preserve photos and document them," Fredericks said. "I had never done a scrapbook before. It only takes five years and the pictures will start fading, if they're not taken care of properly."

Fredericks' grandmother and great-aunt recently started to redo their albums with Creative Memories materials in hopes of preserving their family history.

"My grandma is using her albums to tell stories about what it was like when she was growing up," Fredericks said. "Some of those stories my mother hasn't even heard. And my grandmother is telling stories about her parents whom I've never met."

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Most popular craft

Since Creative Memories began, craft stores are making room for scrapbook materials. In fact, materials and tools for memory books are the most popular craft right now, according to Nancy Chrusciel, store manager of Michael's in Westland. Nationwide sales of scrapbooks and supplies topped \$200 million last year, according to the Hobby Industry Association.

Other stores that exclusively offer scrapbook materials, like Scrappin' and Stampin' in Livonia, are cropping up. Barb Gentile opened the store last April after seeing a proliferation of scrapbook shops out west, especially in Utah. She also offers demonstrations on how to use the tools and materials to make beautiful pages that tell a thorough story.



Staff photo by Brian Mitchell. Page maker: Valerie Kaledas of Garden City works on a page of wedding book as part of a recent Creative Memories demonstration, given by Rhonda Kay Collier, at Julie Barnes' Westland home.

Scrappin' and Stampin' offers albums to fit any budget and style, according to Ann Kmet, Gentile's partner. Every other Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight Kmet and Gentile host a Moonlight Crop, inviting the public to come in and work on their memory books.

"It's kind of like the old-fashioned quilting bee," Kmet said. "The '90s version of that is the scrapbooks. They share ideas and for some people it's uninterrupted time. It can be difficult to pull your things out when there's kids around."

would need is available. Glues, paper, stickers, templates, ink, stencils and other products are guaranteed acid-free. "When people come into our store they are impressed," Kmet said. "They say: 'Oh my gosh, it has everything I need.'"

Carol Justin, a Garden City resident, is a regular customer and was introduced to the hobby by a friend who "has beautiful, beautiful books that turned my head."

hours weekly on her scrapbooks and would like to spend more time. As far as the cost, she said, it's worth the expense. "If it preserves my pictures and my grandchildren can look at it, it's not expensive at all," Justin said. "In fact, I have my mother doing it and I'm learning stuff about my mom's side of the family that I never really knew."

The bride is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. She is employed by the University of Michigan School of Information. The groom received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Madonna University and a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a financial services manager at Rima Manufacturing Co. in Hudson.

Sewing

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alterations, they would ask questions," McInerney said. "Some times their friends were here and we'd play with the machine."

"I thought this would be a good business opportunity and it has turned out to be," McInerney said. "People's students are among an estimated 30 million Americans who sew. In fact, sewing is a \$3.5 billion industry in the United States, according to the American Home Sewing and Craft Association."

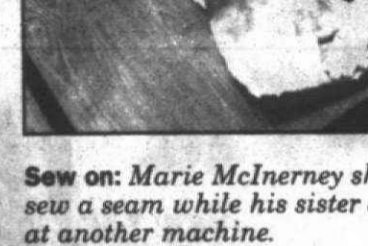
McInerney provides her students with the sewing machines and other tools. The students choose and buy their own materials. The students in each class will work on the same project, but there are never two garments exactly alike.

"I'd like to look at sewing as being an artistic type of work," McInerney said. "It's putting your own personality into it and the kids start seeing that even with the same pattern. With different materials, the article can look different."

includes a book, patterns and the use of McInerney's sewing machines and other tools. Every other month the fee is \$25 for four sessions.

"I see adults coming back into sewing," McInerney said. "People are so busy nowadays that they tend to want to have things done, but they want their children to have that opportunity. A lot of people my age wish they would have taken it up much more than they have."

And sew on and sew on. For more information about Marie McInerney's sewing classes, call (313) 397-3062.



Staff photo by Bill Drescher. Sew on: Marie McInerney shows John Geisler how to sew a seam while his sister Jillian works on a project at another machine.

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Sansoterra-Schettler



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poole of Alexandria, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Carleen, to Randall Clifford Budden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Budden of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Richard and Kathleen Schettler of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Jim and Jan Sansoterra of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. A former employee of Campbell Ewald Advertising in Warren, she is currently executive director of Forum Investment Club in Naples, Fla.

The groom also is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Northern Trust Bank in Naples, Fla., as a trust investment associate.

The bride asked Karen Schettler to serve as maid of honor with Ann Osmer, Joyce Odell and Elizabeth Cox as bridesmaids. The groom asked Mark Sansoterra to serve as best man with Joseph Promo, William Kalmar Jr. and Chris Kurtz as groomsmen.

Gotham-Boman



The bride is the daughter of Richard and Betty Boman of Ann Arbor. She asked Laurene Steinau to be her maid of honor with Kim Kyro, Jennifer Sertune, and Valerie Boman as her attendants. Junior bridesmaid was Alicia Kozub with Beth Boman as the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Bryon and Alice Gotham of Livonia. He asked Jim McDowell to be his best man with Greg Wiosinski, Jeff Cherenzia, and Jack Boman as attendants. Rich Boman was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. She is employed by the University of Michigan School of Information. The groom received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Madonna University and a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a financial services manager at Rima Manufacturing Co. in Hudson.

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They received guests at a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club before leaving on a Caribbean cruise. They are making their home in Naples, Fla.



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Poole-Budden



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poole of Alexandria, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Carleen, to Randall Clifford Budden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Budden of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hayfield High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She is an employee of the U.S. Department of State, currently on detail to the National Security Council.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a Foreign Service Officer of the U.S. State Department and a former area manager for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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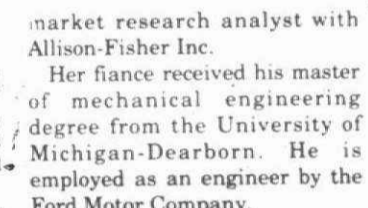


Anthony and Paula Cairo of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Nathan Michael Branim, the son of Perry Branim and Debbie Lehner, also of Canton.

The couple are 1996 graduates of Plymouth Salem High School. The bride-to-be is enrolled at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Phillip I. Greco Title Co.

Her fiancé is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. An August 1999 wedding is planned.

Lynch-Fried



Lois Lynch and Robert Lynch, both of Lansing, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Marie, to Marcus William Fried, the son of William and Barbara Fried of Livonia.

The bride-to-be received her master of business administration degree from Wayne State University. She is employed as a

An August wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Malta.



A November wedding is planned at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Landskroener-Herron



Jim and Sue Steinke of Brooklyn, Mich., and Jake and Dennis Landskroener of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Tarese, to Marcus Lee Herron, the son of Robert and Linda Herron of Millington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jackson Community College where she studied nursing. She is employed by the Westland Convalescent Center in Westland.

Her fiancé is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by Michigan National Bank in Livonia. A May wedding on Mackinac Island is being planned.

Graban-Gale



Robert and Marlene Graban of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Renee, to Kevin Arthur Gale, the son of Arthur and John Gale of Hillsboro, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a senior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics education.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Hillsboro High School and a 1997 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is a sixth grade teacher at Whitewater Valley Elementary School in Harrison, Ohio. A May wedding is planned for



A May wedding is planned for Sesquicentennial Chapel at Miami University.

Dee-Garbarino



Rick and Kristin Dee of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Richard B., to Mary A. Garbarino of Livonia.

A spring wedding is planned.

NEW VOICES

Edward Campbell Jr. and Nicole E. Blackwell, of Garden City announce the birth of Dylan James-Campbell Sept. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Ashley Nicole Blackwell, 2. Grandparents are James Blackwell and Nancy Spolt of Garden City, Ed Campbell Sr. of Inkster and Diane West of High Point, N.C.

Marc and Kiersa Peerbolte of Canton announce the birth of Carra Elisabeth May 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Jordan, 6, and a sister, Alaina, 3. Grandparents are Jack and Nancy Thompson of Monroe and Robert and Bonnie Peerbolte of Highland.

Christopher and Shannon Hendrix of Garden City announce the birth of Elizabeth Danby Sept. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Wesley, 3, and a sister, Whitney, 18 months. Grandparents are Bruce and Carole Whitney of Talbot, Tenn., and Winford and Carol Hendrix of Hickory, N.C.

Mark and Laura Riegel of Westland announce the birth of Bailey Marcus Sept. 1 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. Grandparents are David and Elaine Pavlov and Joseph and Patricia DeBono.

Luc and Stacey Beaudreau of Canton announce the birth of Elise Marie Sept. 19. She joins a sister, Nicole. Grandparents are Larry and Carmen Michrina of Canton and Paul and George Beaudreau of Livonia.

Glen Wiper and Tracy Mariech of Westland announce the birth of Tristin Kyle Mariech Sept. 7, at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Daniel, 6, and Adam, 11. Grandparents are Thomas and Bridget Piascecki and Glen Wiper, all of Westland.

Mike and Jeannie Weber of Novi announce the birth of Matthew Ryan Aug. 30 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. He joins a brother, Jeffrey, 3. Grandparents are Ron and Pat Ginnard, Ken and Dee Duran of Plymouth, and Wally and Marilyn Weber of Dearborn. Great-grandmother is Virginia Ginnard of Livonia.

Garry Dickey and Ruth Shaw of Westland announce the birth of Ayrel Mae Dickey Sept. 3 at the Birthing Center of

Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Joseph Tarrow, 4, and a sister, Amanda Shaw, 8. Grandparents are William and Marlene Dickey of Westland and Diana Shaw of Las Vegas, Nev. Joel and Nina Leake of Canton announce the birth of Tessa Noelle Aug. 29 at Oakwood Hos-

pital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Helen and Louis Tluczek of Garden City and Warren and Kathy Leake of Wayne. Great-grandparents are Robert and Marion Foley of Westland.

Sandra Ginger Richards of Westland announces the birth of

Thomas Colby Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Blanche Richards, Lawrence Richards and Thomas Mark Bedwell, all of Westland.

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NEW PROGRAM
St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Icons" Nov. 20 by Jim King, "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriam Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

LINE DANCE LESSONS
Line dancing lessons will be taught 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. There is no charge for the fellowship. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

HEALING MASS
Our Lady of Loretto Church

will have a charismatic healing Mass at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church, Six Mile and Beech Day roads, Redford. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Esper with music by Dale Swenzen's Vision Band. Participants can bring finger foods to share, and groups can bring banners for the service. For more information, call Lynne Wendt at (313) 537-4219 or Grace Weible at (313) 464-1896.

CARD PARTY
The St. Aidan Women's Guild is hosting a card party 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the church's activity center, 17500 Farmington Road. The more than 80 door prizes include turkeys. There will also be special table prizes and a "Star-Studded Raffle." Snacks and dessert are included in the admission. To make a reservation, call (313) 591-2145 or (313) 464-8628.

'PEACE CONCERTS'
James F. Twyman will present "Songs from the Peace Concerts" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Twyman has performed the peace concerts in front of thousands for Bosnian television and continues to perform concerts as the "Peace Troubadour" around the world. The Peace Concerts inspired

Twyman when the leaders of the 12 major religions of the world came together in the name of peace to share their religious' peace prayers. Twyman put the prayers to music and created an album called "Emissary of Light" songs from The Peace Concerts. The cost of the event is a \$15 donation. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

COAT/SWEATER SALE
Tried and True Lutheran Resale Store, 5004 Michigan Ave., Wayne, is having a coat and sweater sale through Tuesday, Nov. 25. All sweaters in all sizes cost \$1, coats are \$1-\$5.95. Dress coats, winter jackets, ski jackets, furs, leathers, children's, infants, men's and women's sizes will be available. Those who bring a canned good to the store receive a 1/2 off coupon. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. For more information, call (313) 728-9777. Proceeds go to the POB2 Lutheran Outreach.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a "Where Do We Go From Here" seminar, exploring topics such as being single, personality and gender differences, building healthy relationships, and keeping things in perspective, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and 9

a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the church's Lighthouse, 17000 Farmington Road (at Six Mile Road), Livonia. The workshop, presented by Dick Bont, will cost \$10. Child care will be available for free and lunch will be provided on Saturday for those who preregister. For more information about the activities, call the Single Point Office at (313) 422-1854.

YOGA CLASSES
The Unity of Livonia Church, located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia, hosts yoga classes from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays throughout November and December. The class, taught by Linda Haught, is offered on a love offering basis. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-1760.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The radio series, "What is Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Where did Christian Science start?" on Nov. 23, "Does your church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30, "What are these Reading Rooms all about?" on Dec. 7, "What does Christian Science say about sin?" on Dec. 14, "How can anyone have that much faith?" on Dec. 21, and "Just what is a

Christian Science practitioner?" on Dec. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of Northville will present "Dating in the '90s: The Challenge of Reinvesting" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Youth Room of the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

TEAMKID
TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

SUNDAY LESSONS

The Rev. Leo Booth will discuss "Spirituality: an Inside Job," 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads), Novi. Booth will also present a workshop, "A New Spirituality: Breaking the Myths," 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the door. The lesson of Sunday, Nov. 30, will be "Field of Dreams." For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or <http://www.cotw.com>.

BIBLE STUDY
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a Christian support Bible study, "Living with Grief," 9:45-10:40 a.m., starting Sunday, Nov. 23, at the church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. For more information, call the church office at (313) 937-2424.

PRAYER LUNCHEON
Sister Loretta Mellon, O.P., will be the guest speaker during a Thanksgiving prayer luncheon Monday, Nov. 24, at Sweden House, 29477 Seven Mile Road (at Middlebelt Road), Livonia. The room opens at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5.75. For reservations, call Kathleen Hollowell at (313) 427-4371 or Mary Ellen Klotz at (313) 427-0002.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Msgr. John Zenz of the Archdiocese of Detroit will do a Millennium presentation of Jesus, the Moral Teacher," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-0002.

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(313) 427-1533.
GENERAL MEETING
The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, there will be a Hanukkah arts and crafts workshop and home celebration ideas will be shared. Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

The group will have its annual paid-up membership luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the synagogue. For entertainment, a video, "Catskills on Broadway," will be viewed.

A white elephant sale fundraiser, sponsored by the Sisterhood and youth group, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the synagogue.

THANKSGIVING EVE
Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City and Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights are holding a combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Good Hope, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

Faith United Methodist Church is having a community Thanksgiving Eve service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road (south of I-94), with the Rev. Tom Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church preaching. Call (313) 483-2276 for more information.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is having a special service of praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the church's choir, the Cherub and Choristers choirs, Sunday School children, orchestra and handbell choirs. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the Wayne County Family Shelter. Thanksgiving Day worship

will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton campus, 46001 Warren Road, also featuring special music of praise and thanksgiving. Call (313) 522-6830 for more information.

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road and south of I-96, Redford. People attending are asked to bring at least two non-perishable food items for donation to the Redford Interfaith Relief. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

'MOVING FORWARD'
Patricia Ann Hopkins, a master of divinity candidate, will speak on the topic of "Moving Forward in Spite of..." at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Hopkins will receive her cooperative master of divinity degree in the year 2000 from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit and the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. As part of her training, she will remain at the Unity of Livonia until the spring.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH
The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Norah Duncan IV, will be performing Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave. (at Belmont), just north of Chicago, Detroit. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for general admission, and \$8 for

students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the concert for \$12 or \$10. To order tickets, send a check or money order, made payable to the Cathedral Culture Series, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48202. Ticket orders must be postmarked by no later than Monday, Nov. 24. For more information, call (313) 237-5782.

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DIVORCARE
DivorceCare, a special video seminar and support group, has begun a 13-week session, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Fac-

ing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (313) 459-3333 for more information.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Advent Worship Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A soup and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. A Christmas Fantasia Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

NEW BEGINNINGS
New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road (east of Merriman Road), Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the program "Handling the Holidays" and on Jan. 8 with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-6038. Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

HOLIDAY PARTY
The 50-Plus Club at Redford Baptist Church will have its annual holiday party at noon Thursday, Dec. 4. The event will feature a catered luncheon, music by the Jubilee Trio, a

sing-along, and a visit from St. Nick. Call (313) 533-2800 for reservations before Friday, Nov. 28. Transportation is available.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'
Temple Baptist Church will present its annual musical production, "The Glory of Christmas: A Holiday of Hope," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 6, 12-13, and 19-20, and at 6 p.m. Sundays Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at the church, 49555 N. Terrior, Plymouth. Tickets are priced \$6 to \$10 and can be purchased at the church's ticket office, by mail (orders will be processed until 10 days prior to the performance), or Visa/MasterCard by calling the ticket hotline at (313) 414-3980. No children younger than age 4 will be admitted to the performances. A special performance for the deaf and hearing impaired will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10. For more information about that show, call TTY (313) 414-3992 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for reservations.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
St. Aidan Youth Group is raising funds in December by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book which contains discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events and sports. The books cost \$40 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund youth conferences and workshops. For more information, call (313) 425-5950 or (313) 425-9333.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago Road (between Beech Daly and Inkster roads), Redford, is hosting a cookie walk sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Cookies will be sold by the pound.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council is hosting its 17th annual Advent Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., at Third Street, Detroit. The guest speaker will be Lewis T. Hickson, the executive director of the Capuchin Fathers Outreach and Soup Kitchen Programs. Tickets are \$6 and are available from the Detroit Presbytery office. For more information, call (313) 346-6550 or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University in Livonia will hold an Advent Retreat, "Hold Fast to the Hope," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. The Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, vice rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, will be the facilitator for the event. The cost is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 432-5419.

LHM radio show features Bob Keeshan

A host of colorful personalities will fill the airwaves throughout the holiday as the nationally syndicated radio talk show, "Woman to Woman," introduces a new special for the season.

The weekly half-hour program, produced by the Lutheran Hour Ministries, is heard locally at 5:30 p.m. Sundays on WAAM (1600) out of Ann Arbor and 3:30 p.m. Sundays on WEXL (1340) out of Royal Oak, both on the AM dial.

Hosted by Phyllis Wallace, the "Woman to Woman" Thanksgiving special, "Now Thank We All," will air Sunday, Nov. 23, and will feature an interview with Bob Keeshan, known to millions

as Captain Kangaroo, who has been a children's advocate for more than 50 years.

Keeshan will discuss his passion for encouraging children to be thankful for what they have and to work hard to develop their talents.

The special also offers an inspiring interview with Heather Whitestone McCallum, the first-ever physically challenged Miss America, who learned that her road to success came by her "just being herself."

Later in the season, "Woman to Woman" will broadcast a Christmas special, "Mysteries Revealed." The guest list for the Dec. 21 show includes children's

author Dandi Daley Mackall who wrote the new Lutheran Hour Ministries children's book series, featuring The Puzzle Club.

The program also includes interviews with cartoonist Charles Schulz, known for his lovable "Peanuts" characters, and Dr. Raymond Damadian, the inventor of the magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

To learn more about "Woman to Woman" and other programs from LHM, visit the "Wired With the Word" Internet site at <http://www.lhm.org>.

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ted a more serious "offense."
If that case sounds a bit convoluted, one down in Houston, Texas, was more clear-cut. A 13-year-old honor student at Riverwood Middle School drew a one-day suspension after bringing a bottle of Advil to school in her backpack. Both the girl and her mother said she had put the Advil in the backpack the night before when she had a headache and went to a friend's house for a sleepover.

She forgot about the contraband until the next day when a drug-sniffing dog (Yes, that's right, a drug-sniffing dog!) sniffed it out while going through students' belongings. In addition to the one-day suspension, the girl's grade on her Spanish honors test was reduced 20 percent (in accordance with the district's drug policy) bringing her overall grade in the class to a C.

In regard to the incident, a school board member was quoted as saying: "Nothing is more important than keeping drugs off campus."

Students in the 23,000-student district are required to take all medications - except for cough drops - in the presence of a school official and then only with a parent's permission.

But it's just a drop ...

If that policy seems a bit strict, it might have benefited another junior high student, this one in Belle, W.Va., who was suspended for three days earlier this month after giving another student - you guessed it - a cough drop.

Strictly speaking, what he handed out was a zinc throat lozenge, a relatively new over-the-counter medication that is supposed to reduce the length and severity of the common cold.

The lozenges have become so popular that an Arbor Drugs spokesman called them "the Elmo of health care." Stores can't keep them on the shelves. A Canton pharmacist says you shouldn't use them on an empty stomach or they can produce nausea, but other than that he knows of no adverse side effects.

But the West Virginia school nurse claimed the zinc could cause anything from abdominal problems to breathing problems and the principal didn't like the way the lozenge looked. He said it "wasn't a candy-colored cough drop. It was an unidentified tablet, a large pill, kind of dirty white with granules on it. It had no appearance of a cough drop at all."

He said if it had been a clearly marked Hall's cough drop, the student wouldn't have been suspended. Well, now Hall's has come out with candy-colored, clearly marked Hall's Zinc Lozenges. Would that really have made a difference with the nurse and the principal? Probably not.

"We shouldn't and don't have to determine if this was a narcotic," the principal said. "There has to be zero tolerance for kids not following the procedures in our attempts to protect them from something harmful."

In Loudoun County, Va., "something harmful" apparently includes mouthwash. A high

school senior was suspended for 10 days last year after taking a swig of Cool Mint Listerine in class.

Nutritious snack or ...

And a 13-year-old middle schooler in Anchorage, Alaska, created a real uproar when she brought some roasted hemp seeds to school, seeds she and her father had bought at the Straight and Narrow Hemp Store in downtown Anchorage. The school at first suspended her for 10 days, then put the suspension on hold until the seeds could be tested to determine if they were a nutritious snack similar to sunflower seeds, as the store claimed, or an illegal drug containing THC, the hallucinatory chemical in marijuana.

And while schools continue their rigorous enforcement of these mandatory "zero tolerance" policies, suspensions and expulsions continue to increase, some school boards are beginning to complain that they are spending more time dealing with disciplinary actions than with school policy.

But a spokeswoman for that school district in Texas - the one that brought out the Advil-sniffing dog - says such policies are just designed to protect students from harm. Call it "Middol Madness." We must protect the children from harm, even if we have to destroy them in the process.

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Jack Gladden, a copy editor at the Observer Newspapers, is a Canton resident.

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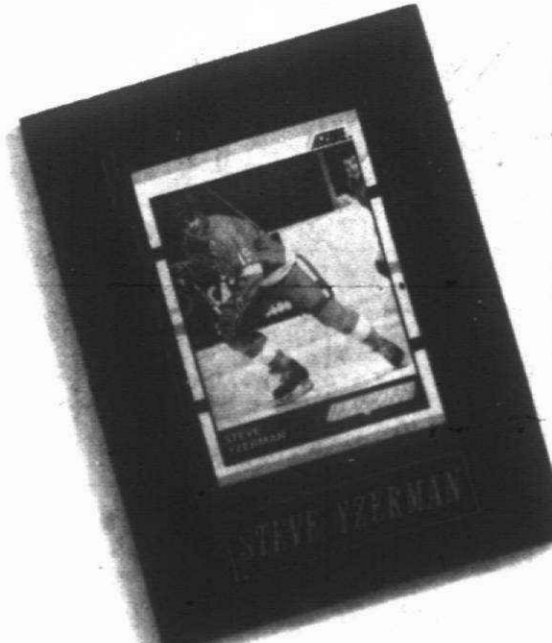
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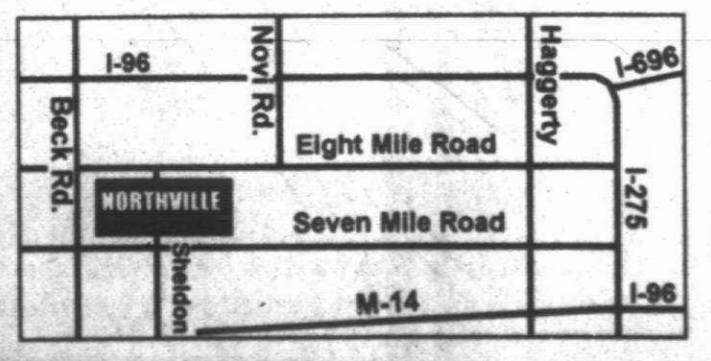
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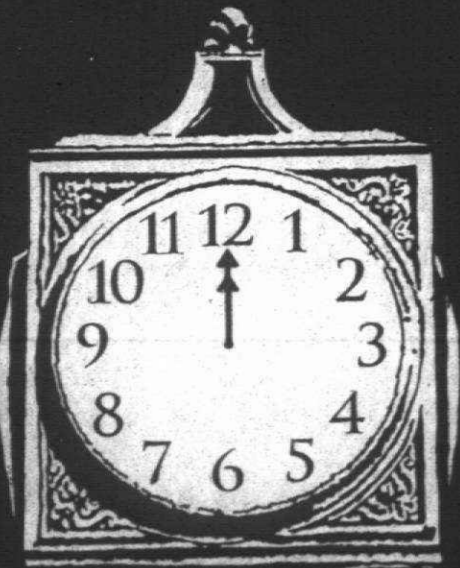


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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

HARRIS-KEHRER

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will have its annual arts and crafts bazaar Saturday, Nov. 22, at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Pam Janis at (313) 721-6304.

HOMESPUN TRADITIONS

Homespun Traditions will have its arts and craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Summit on the Park, Summit Parkway between Palmer and Cherry Hill roads, Canton. Americana, folk art, Christmas quilts and pleasures will be featured. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (313) 513-5769 or (313) 397-6800.

ST. AGATHA

St. Agatha's Women's Club will have its Fall Boutique 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 in the gymnasium of the school, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be crafts, bake sale, raffle, snack bar and Beanie Babies. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-0914.

PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road. For more information, call (313) 565-9865 or (313) 383-1821.

ST. PETER AND PAUL

Sts. Peter and Paul Romanian Orthodox Church will have its ninth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22 at the church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be a raffle, bake sale and lunch, featuring ethnic food. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 381-4913 or (313) 525-3559.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will have its annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22 at the church, 35300 W. Eight Mile Road, west of Gill Road, Farmington Hills. There will be handmade crafts, white elephant, book and bake sales, raffle and homemade pickles, jams and jellies. Raffle prizes include a handmade quilt and designer doll. For more information, call (248) 478-6520.

ST. VALENTINE

St. Valentine Parent/Teacher Club's sixth annual holiday craft shoppe will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 in the school activity building at Hope Street and Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. Two holiday raffles will be held, one with a first prize of a 27-inch television and second prize of Detroit Red Wing tickets, and hourly 50/50 cash raffles. Proceeds will benefit the children of St. Valentine Parish and School. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.

ST. EDITH

Cookbook raises funds for parade

Along with Thanksgiving feasts, America's Thanksgiving Parade has long been a tradition for Detroit-area residents.

This year, the two traditions come together as The Parade Company releases "Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook," a collection of favorite recipes from Detroit personalities.

The book - put together by Linda Hayman, a Parade Foundation trustee, and Annabel Cohen, a chef and food writer - features family recipes from area celebrities such as Tim Allen of "Home Improvement," Mayor Dennis Archer and Judge Trudy DunCombe Archer, radio personality Ken Calvert, Gov. and Mrs. John Engler, Denise Blitch Lites and TV newsmen Mort Crim, Carmen Harlan, Chuck Gaidica and Devin Scillian.

"Traditions: America's Thanksgiving Parade Cookbook" is available for \$10 (plus \$3 shipping and handling) by calling (313) 923-COOK. All proceeds benefit The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, producers of America's Thanksgiving Parade.

St. Edith Parish of Livonia is hosting a "craft mall" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh (south of Five Mile Road), Livonia. The mall features crafts made by artisans from around the world. Gift wrapping paper, ribbon and refreshments will also be for sale. Admission is free. Call (313) 464-2027 for more information.

SENIOR HOUSE

Senior House of Livonia will have its eighth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4, at the retirement residences, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth, new gift items, decorations and ornaments. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

ST. KEVIN'S

St. Kevin's Church will have an Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the church social hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. Table rental will be \$15. There will be artists and crafters, Santa's living room,

bake sale, lunch and snacks and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

"Treats and Treasures," a sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures and cutlery will be featured. Admission is free. For more information, (248) 348-

7757.

BISHOP BORGESS

Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

PLYMOUTH PARKS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual arts and crafts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525

Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call show director Carol Donnelly at (313) 455-6620.

UNITY OF LIVONIA

Unity of Livonia is hosting a Christmas bazaar and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be crafts, tree ornaments, and other items available for Christmas. For more information, call (313) 421-1760.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Local help

The Detroit Rockers improved their National Professional Soccer League record to 3-1 with a 14-11 triumph over the Wichita Wings Saturday at Joe Louis Arena.

Helping the Rockers' offense were Jeff Gold (from Plymouth) and Travis Roy (from Livonia), each with one assist.

Detroit led 7-2 at the half, but Wichita fought back to tie it at 9-9 after three quarters. A 5-2 final period clinched it for the Rockers.

On Sunday, they suffered a 20-6 setback at the hands of the Buffalo Blizzard, who are 4-1 and in first place in the NPSL's North Division. Detroit's 3-2 mark left them second behind the Buffalo Blizzard (4-1).

Perfect Panthers

The Canton Panthers, an under-9 boys soccer team, finished first in the Great Lakes Soccer League's Superior Division last fall. The Panthers posted a 10-0 record with seven shutouts, outscoring their opponents 85-5.

Panther team members are Greg Bolton, Matthew Boylan, Mark Calabrese, Sean Dillon, Garrett Fishaw, Alex Hahn, Jeremy Henderson, Becci Houdek, Lindsey Iseler, Kevin Jozefczak, Christopher Leonetti, Daniel Popoff, Christopher Pruitt and Sean Roberts. Team coaches are Vic Dillon, Randy Houdek and Dan Popoff.

Motion tryouts

Michigan Motion, an AAU girls basketball club, will have open tryouts Sunday, Dec. 7; Friday, Dec. 12; and Sunday, Dec. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tryout times are 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-13; 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 14-15; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome; for more information, call Mike Tuck between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at (248) 486-1515.

Chiefs tip Rocks on last shot

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Go ahead. Analyze it. Tear it apart, possession by possession, play by play, basket by basket, second by second.

Chances are you'll come up with the same conclusion as the two coaches in Wednesday night's Class A district girls basketball semifinal, played at Novi HS, did:

I can't explain it.

Both Bob Blohm, from Plymouth Canton, and Fred Thomann, from Plymouth Salem, agreed on that description of the improbable ending to another in a long line of classic battles between the two rivals.

Kristin Mayer will now be remembered as the one who made "the shot." With five seconds left in the game, 26 seconds after Andrea Pruett knocked down a 12-foot jumper to put Salem up by one, Mayer floated her putback from the side of the basket up and in to reclaim the lead for Canton.

Fouled on the play, Mayer also hit the free throw. The Rocks could not retaliate, making the Chiefs 36-34 winners and putting them into Friday's 7 p.m. district final at Novi HS against the Novi-Northville winner.

"Rebounding was one of our main things this game," said the 5-foot-7 Mayer. "I saw the shot go up. I could tell it was an airball."

"I was just in the right place at the right time."

It truly went against all logic, something Canton's Blohm was well aware of. After Pruett, who sparked the Rocks offensively by scoring 15 points, nailed her clutch jumper to regain the lead for Salem at 34-33, the Canton coach opted to forego calling a timeout.

"I thought that might help (Salem) more," Blohm explained. "It would give them time to get set defensively. I was going to let us play and hope for the best."

"I didn't think a timeout would help us."

For the Chiefs, who often run off 45

seconds before even taking a shot, going against a 24-second clock with the game on the line must have been quite a challenge. Melissa Marzolf ended up playing the chosen one; she drove the lane, but her off-balance push attempt missed everything.

Good thing it did. Because Mayer had slipped inside of the much-taller (6-foot-2) Amanda Abraham, where she grabbed the ball and lofted her shot toward the hoop.

The rest, as they say, is history.

"When Andrea made that shot, I thought it put us in position to win," said Salem's Thomann. "Our team played as good on defense as anyone can."

But that final putback, set up by what Thomann described as "an awful shot (by Marzolf) that they turned into a great score," was undefensible.

For Mayer and Kristin Lukasik, both seniors, the game was a chance to prolong their last season. Both played active roles in doing just that.

It was hardly a one-shot game for Mayer — she finished with 15 points, same as Lukasik, who drained three three-pointers. Salem's Christine Philips joined Pruett in double-figures in scoring, getting 11.

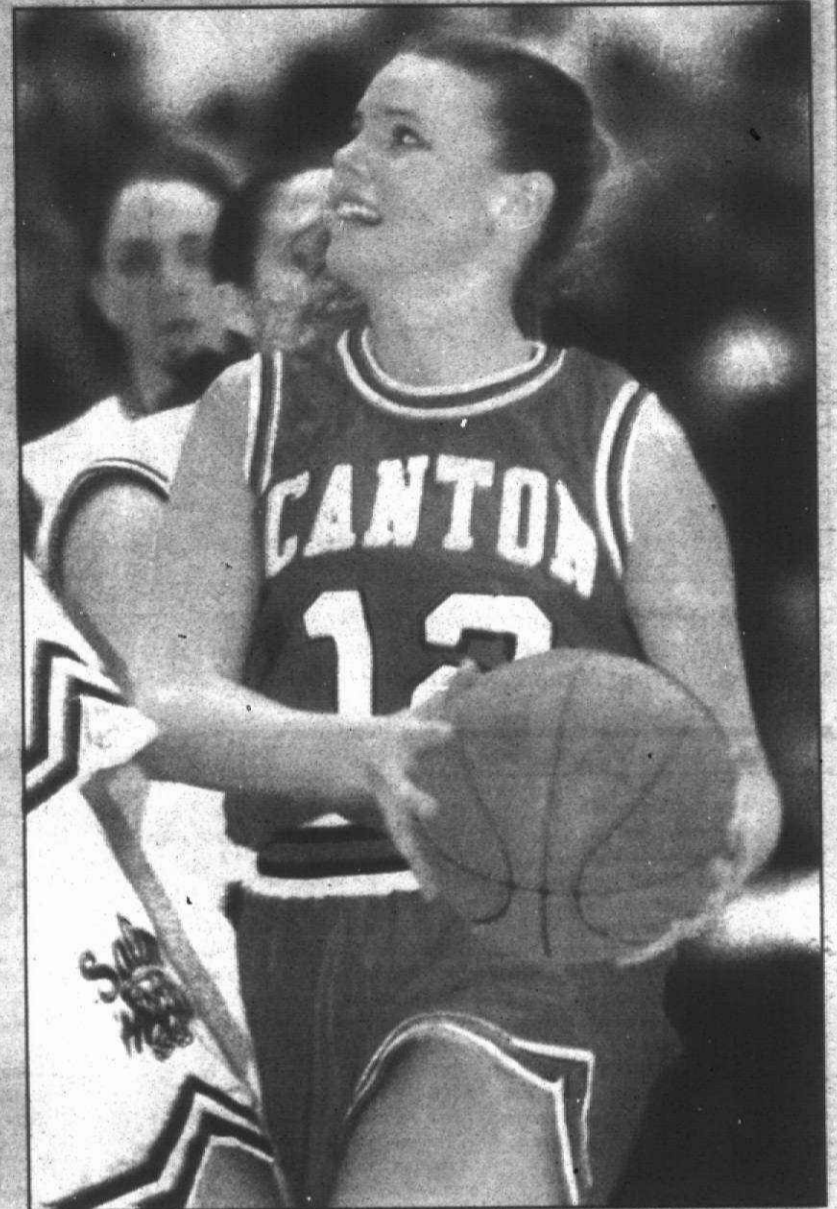
One thing this game never was — one-sided. The biggest lead by either team was four points.

The Rocks led 7-3 after one quarter, but Canton outscored them 8-2 in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second. It ended up tied at 14-all at the break.

A 6-2 run to start the second half gave the Chiefs their biggest lead: 20-16. Two Mayer baskets in the final 1:06 of the third quarter matched that margin for Canton, but Pruett hit with five seconds to go in the period, making it 26-24 to start the fourth.

That's about where it stayed. Mayer did get six of her points in the fourth quarter, giving her 10 in the game's last 9:06.

And she considers herself a rebounder. Guess, for Canton's sake, that's a good thing.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Shot-maker: Kristin Mayer scored 15 points for Canton, none more important than the last three, which won the game.

Sills' skills emerge at OSU

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

First, one must understand that there are naysayers, or non-believers, everywhere. For those people, it is much simpler to say an athlete won't succeed — and then be surprised when they do.



Shellye Sills
Buckeye star

It seemed Shellye Sills, the Plymouth Salem standout at both basketball and volleyball, was an athlete perfectly suited for those kinds of dart-throwers. Even when she signed with the University of Toledo, a mediocre Mid-American Conference team in volleyball, many doubted her ability to play at that level — NCAA Division I.

Sills proved all of them wrong in her very first year at Toledo. She was one of the Rockets best players as a freshman, certainly filling a major role in what success they enjoyed,

although they still finished in the bottom half of the MAC.

Then the Toledo coach, Reed Sunahara, was caught in a crossfire, and ultimately was the main casualty in a player revolt.

Sills, together with two other freshmen, headed the save-the-coach clique. But they didn't have enough sway; Sunahara was fired.

And Sills demanded to go as well. "I really didn't like the team (at Toledo)," she said. "They tried to get the coach fired, and he was the reason I went to Toledo."

"I told their AD (athletic director) I wouldn't stay if the coach got fired. He hesitated to release me (from scholarship), but I went in and demanded it, and he did."

That solved one problem. Sills, now a sophomore, was free from her commitment at Toledo. But where would she go now?

Ohio State had shown interest previously, but the Buckeyes had been slower to offer a scholar-

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All-American

Canton grad paces SC runners

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Look what was accomplished in less than half a season.

Sonny Gavor was supposed to be coaching Schoolcraft College's women's cross country team. But when he returned from his trip to China in mid-October, SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh asked him if he could take over the program for the remainder of the season after coach Laura Loggins' resignation.

Gavor accepted the half-season challenge and, at last Saturday's NJCAA Cross Country Championships in Leveland, TX, the Lady Ocelots responded by finishing seventh in the 22-team field.

Perhaps more impressive was the performance of Plymouth Canton graduate Becky Wolf from, a freshman who posted her personal best time (19:22) in finishing fourth overall in the meet.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

With the best: Becky Wolf from was a standout at Canton; now she leads SC.

Her placing earned Wolf from NJCAA All-American status.

The NJCAA team championship went to Paradise Valley CC (from Phoenix) with 72 points. In second was Colby CC with 84, followed by Vincennes (Ind.) CC with 127, Lansing CC with 141, Macomb CC with 148, Hagerstown (Md.) CC with 153 and SC with 204.

As impressive as Wolf from's performance was, she wasn't the only Ocelot who stood out. Kelly Passino also had a personal-best time of 20:51 in placing 26th. Next best for SC was Sarah Swieczkowski (Canton), 51st in 21:45; Val Lawrence, 57th in 22:17; and Kelly Prais (Livonia Stevenson), 67th in 22:38.

Four of SC's five runners put up faster times in the finals than they posted in the regionals.

Gavor boasted of no miracle plan that inspired the SC girls to reaching new heights. "I was

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Ladywood rips Spartans

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Sara Poglits made basketball look like an easy game to play Monday night. The 6-foot Ladywood senior center dominated in a 59-36 Class A district opening win over cross town rival Livonia Stevenson by scoring 22 points. She also made steals, blocked shots and found open teammates with passes.

"She did a good job of hitting shots when we needed them," Blazers' coach Andrea Gorski said. Poglits established position in the low post early and then hit a variety of six and eight-footers from the baseline and around the basket.

Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said his team needed to deny Poglits the basketball, but couldn't. "When you let her get the ball," he commented, "she's going to score."

Henry said Ladywood beat his team in every category Monday. "There isn't any part of the game we executed properly," he added.

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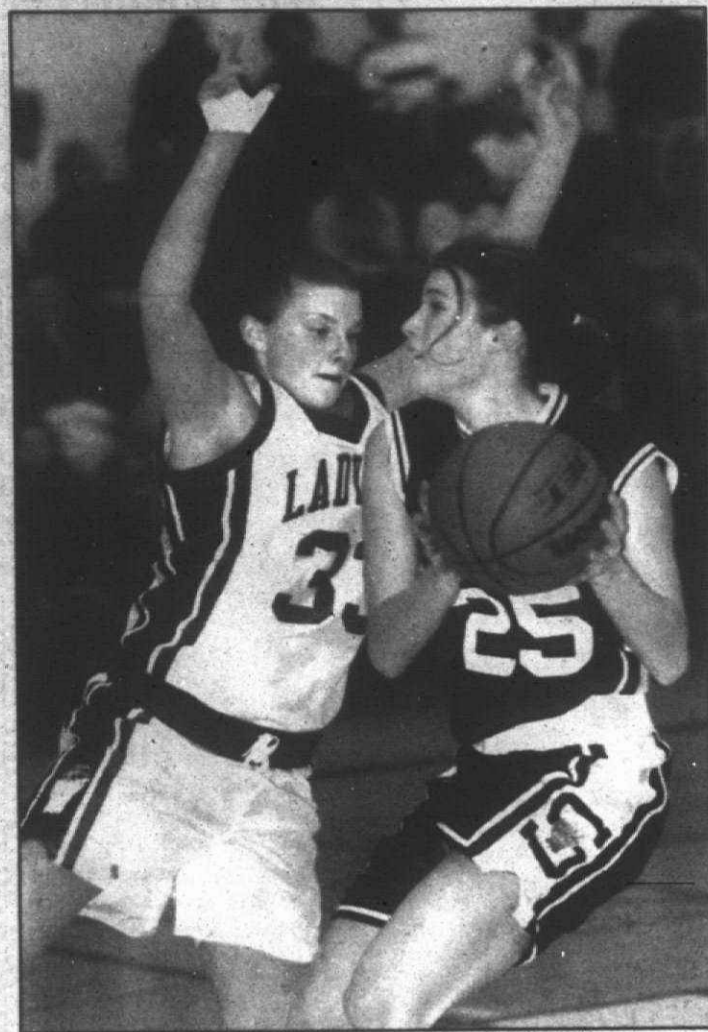
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Well-defensed: Ladywood's Jenny LaChapelle (33) forces Stevenson's Cassie Ehendt to pull up and look to pass off during Monday's state district opener.

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at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Red Wing Alumni
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

CLASS C FINAL
Thursday, Nov. 20: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Petersburg-Summerfield regional semifinal vs. Riverview.)
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Ocelots remain unbeaten; Crusaders earn a title

MEN'S BASKETBALL

You'd have to check deep into the annals of Schoolcraft College men's basketball to discover the last time an Ocelot squad got off to a 4-0 start.

Schoolcraft, behind Kevin Melson's 39 points and 13 rebounds, continued their amazing ascent under first-year coach Carlos Briggs by downing Lansing Community College in the Macomb Hoops Classic, 86-78.

Schoolcraft now owns victories over three quality Western Conference teams in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association — Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Lansing.

Melton, 20& a year ago and honorable mention pick in the NJCAA Division II preseason poll, boasted 6-8 returnee Rudy Gaytan, who recently signed a letter-of-intent with Central Michigan.

Gaytan, however, was held to four points by a suffocating SC defense.

Melson, a 6-6 swingman from Detroit Communication & Media Arts, made 13 of 25 shots from the floor (including both three-point tries) along with 10 of 13 from the line.

"It's the best game Kevin has played so far because of the competition we played," Briggs said.

Freshman guard Derek McKelvey (Adrian) came off the bench to contribute 15 points. Jimar Eddins (Ann Arbor Pioneer) added 14.

Two local products also played significant roles in the win.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Freshman forward David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) had seven points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore point-guard Pete Males (Garden City) played another steady floor game with nine points and six assists.

"We went to a small lineup to start the second half because their big men were out-quicking our big men," Briggs said. "Our half-court defense turned the game around. We got transition baskets off of our defense. And we had 19 offensive rebounds."

Two blocks and a steal by Emeke Okonkwo (Pioneer) late in the game helped seal the victory.

Nile Watson and Dion Woods led Lansing (1-1) with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

MADONNA WINS TITLE

Madonna University evens its record at 2-2 by capturing the Grace Bible Tournament in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders defeated host Grace Bible in Saturday's championship final, 107-64, as Narvin Russaw (Milan) led the way with 24 points and 17 rebounds.

Five other Madonna players scored in double figures including Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton), 14; Mark Hayes (Birmingham Seaholm), 12; Chad Puntan (Redford Thurston) and Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson), 10 each.

Tim Dyskstra led Grace Bible and all scorers with 34 points.

1st-time champs

Madonna advances to regional

BY BRAD EMOUS
STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

Not bad for a rookie.

Madonna University, competing in its first volleyball season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, came away with the title Saturday by defeating Aquinas, 15-8, 15-5, 17-15.

The victory sends the Crusaders (31-13 overall) into the eight-team NIAA Region tournament beginning tonight (through Saturday) at Aquinas.

"We're a whole different team than we were a month ago," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "Early on we were very methodical, but we're starting to flow and things are happening naturally on the floor. It's been a long process, but we're a more relaxed and confident team right now."

During the WHAC regular season schedule, Madonna and Cornerstone tied for first place with identical 10-2 records.

"It's neat we're playing in a league," Abraham said. "I like the All-League team and every game means something. It was a necessary step for us. The (region) independent members had been shrinking anyway."

Ironically, Cornerstone was upset in the semifinal round by Aquinas (15-12, 15-13, 15-13), while host Madonna defeated Spring Arbor (15-12, 15-8, 15-5).

Aquinas bowed out at 21-23 overall.

"When you play a team three times you start to worry," Abraham said. "Aquinas played us tough Tuesday. We won in four, but they beat us the second game."

"And in the regional they always play well against us. But I was surprised Corner-

SC runners

praise his Ocelots. "I told them that this is like putting deposits in the bank. If you don't put them in, you can't get them out."

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SC wins tourney title; Madonna 1-1

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball squad got on track last weekend by winning the Wauaubsee College Invitational.

The Ocelots, now 3-2 overall, defeated Wauaubsee in the final 59-38 on Saturday.

Crisis Harmon, a sophomore, Schoolcraft with 15 points and three rebounds.

Playing in Sugar Grove, Ill., Schoolcraft took a 39-13 lead after the first half. Host Wauaubsee outscored the Ocelots by five in the second half, but it was too little, too late.

Schoolcraft got strong performances from several players besides Harmon.

Theresa Cooper scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while Stacy Cavin added eight points and 14 rebounds. Yvonne Malewski (Redford Thurston) had seven assists.

In the tournament opener, Schoolcraft handed Wauaubsee a

WOMEN'S HOOP

95-78 setback on Nov. 14.

Four players scored in double figures. Amber Tackett led the way with 24 points, Harmon had 23, Cooper 20 and Cavin 11. Cooper also snatched 22 rebounds and made six steals.

The Ocelots trailed 48-43 at halftime, but outscored Wauaubsee by 22 in the final stanza. Schoolcraft hit on 50 percent of its three-point attempts, including five triples from Harmon.

Three Ocelots made the all-tournament team: Harmon, Cavin and Cooper.

Cooper, a sophomore, was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Madonna splits

Madonna University opened its season last weekend by splitting a pair of games at the Sag-

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Team members included: Peter Chapman, Dan Turner, Larry Greene, Pierre Lamarte, Pasko Polinevic, Paul Ashworth, Gary Mexicotte, Boris Andriks, Tom Derdalokos, Marko Doljevic, Joseph Bernardini, Setrak Mordirosoan, Gordon Wells, Vier-el Stavara, Emanuele Murva, Rick Hamers, Gary Reynolds, Russ Gans, Steven Collins, Saio Becovic and Rich Koszowski.

Soccer champs
The Livonia Bullets recently won a championship in Division I over 30 Michigan United Soccer League. The team won over-30 cup and the league title.

CLASS A FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS: HARRISON VS. SEAHOLM

Maples match up well with Harrison

By DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER
Hardly a day passes that coach John Herrington doesn't look at a moment of the last (and only) time his Farmington Harrison football team played Birmingham Seaholm.

"I still have a picture up in the family room of John Miller running through the mud," he said. "It was a hard-fought game; I don't remember the score, but it was close."

The Hawks won the 1984 Class A playoff game; Herrington did remember that, but his vagueness on the finer details is understandable. That was 13 years, 134 wins and five state championships ago.

Harrison (11-0) meets Seaholm (10-1) again at 1 p.m. Saturday in a Class A semifinal contest at Rochester High School.

This time the stakes are higher. A trip to the Silverdome and a berth in the state final on Friday, Nov. 28, is the reward instead of a regional title.

Way back in August, Herrington thought it might come to this. That's why he and his staff have scouted the Maples a half dozen times or more.

"Right from the very beginning of the year, we thought they'd probably win that region," he said. "They probably thought about us; so I'm sure they have as many films as we do on them."

Both teams have high-scoring offenses and rock-solid defenses. Like the first meeting, this one has the potential to be a close, hard-fought game, too.

Harrison has scored 91 consecutive points in two playoff games. After leading Dearborn Edsel Ford at halftime, 25-21, the Hawks have outscored opponents 69-0 in the last six quarters. The Maples haven't give up a point in two playoff games while scoring 55.

The Hawks feature a balanced offense that has been effective in different ways and with different players.

"We might be throwing the ball, running outside or powering it," Herrington said, adding the Hawks have been able to adapt to the weather as they did Saturday against Ypsilanti. "One week it might be (Chris) Ghannam, (Zack) Cornwell the next; then we might be throwing to Ricky (Bryant) or (Mike) Hoad."

"And it starts with the offensive line being able to block people. If you can block people, most plays will work."

Harrison faces a Seaholm defense that has posted six shutouts and allowed an average of 7.9 points per game, which is slightly better than Harrison's 8.7.

Their three linebackers are very active," Herrington said. "We saw some games where people barely got a first down on them. Every time we've seen them it seems one of the Ritter kids comes up with an interception to turn the game around."

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- Q: senior Mark Hempel (5-10, 215)
Q: junior Ben Fisher (5-10, 230)
Q: senior Kevin Mills (6-2, 230)
T: senior Mark Reynolds (6-2, 240)
T: senior Luis Mayolo (6-2, 230)
E: junior Scott Ripmaster (6-4, 185)
E: junior Bill Schuerman (6-3, 196)
E: junior Chris Stefanes (6-3, 185)
T: junior Asa Sherwood (5-8, 165)
E: sophomore Cory Vann (5-10, 160)

SEAHOLM DEFENSE

- T: junior Russ Dobson (5-11, 185)
T: senior Mike Stefanes (6-1, 210)
E: Jun. Gabe Hemmingway (6-0, 180)
E: senior Sean Cavanaugh (6-3, 185)
L: senior Zack Leader (5-10, 115)
L: senior Chris McCusion (6-1, 210)
L: junior Chris Stefanes (6-0, 198)
C: senior Adam Ritter (5-9, 155)
C: senior Ben Berry (6-0, 165)
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E: senior Todd Ritter (5-9, 160)

HARRISON OFFENSE

- Q: senior Brian Lewis (6-1, 250)
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Seaholm seeks to upset heavily-favored Hawks

By MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Seaholm's football team successfully completed the first phase of the playoff run it had hoped for. Now the Maples face a major obstacle. Coach Doug Fraser's Oakland Activities Association Division II champions defeated both of their first two playoff foes with relative ease. Seaholm captured its first regional championship with a 22-0 thumping of city rival Proves.

The two wins vaulted Seaholm into the Class A semifinals against No. 1-ranked Farmington Harrison Saturday at Rochester High School. The teams have met one time Harrison scoring a 17-6, first-round playoff victory in 1984.

"We're happy to be here. We felt all along this is where we should be, considering the guys we have on our team," said Fraser, who is in his 11th and final season as Seaholm's head coach.

"The \$64-million question now is, what will happen from here Harrison averages 39 points and has scored 50 or more three times.

Despite all of Harrison's tradition and success, Fraser believes the Maples are not in awe of the Hawks.

"Normally, I feel like I would have to do something special, but these guys are unafraid about anything," Fraser said. "We're focused more on how they line up and the players they have."

Seaholm's strength is its defense, which is led by smart, steady and hard-hitting linebackers Chris McCusion and Chris Stefanes.

McCusion missed the first two games of the season and did not play the final game of the year because of an ankle injury suffered in the previous game against Rochester Adams.

It's no coincidence, in the games McCusion missed, Seaholm's opponents scored 74 points. When he's in the lineup, the Maples have not allowed a rushing touchdown and only one passing touchdown all season. He has 83 tackles with six sacks.

"Chris makes plays from sideline-to-sideline," said Fraser. "He's a third-year starter, and he really has his reads down. He goes to where he's supposed to be and waits for the ball."

Stefanes leads Seaholm with 88 solo tackles and a state-record eight fumble recoveries. He also has forced five fumbles and has three interceptions.

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proved the most costly. Western drove deep inside Huron territory in the second quarter, but the River Rats (11-0) recovered a fumble at the 14 and quickly capitalized.

Joel Przygodski connected with Thabiti Williamson for a 76-yard TD pass. Przygodski found Williamson on the two-point conversion for a 14-0 lead with 2:26 remaining before halftime.

"When we called the play, I said it was going to be six points," Huron coach Paul Verska said. "I just knew it was there if we didn't drop it or overthrow it. It was there because (Western) was coming up with their corners and rushing nine or 10 guys, and they weren't even looking for a pass."

Przygodski, who finished 5-of-8 passing for 144 yards, added a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mike Kelleher with 1:35 left in the game.

Western mustered only 136 rushing yards and 160 in total offense. The Warriors (9-2) came in averaging 315 rushing yards per game. Dave Johnson returned from a bruised lower leg to gain 71 yards on 18 carries. Stanford ran for 41 yards.

"What bothered us was that we drove the field and then didn't score," Appa said. "We got within the 18 or 19 a few times and didn't put it in."

"If we put a couple of those in the end zone, that long touchdown pass doesn't look like very much. But I've got to say the better team won tonight. Huron did an exceptional job; I have to congratulate them."

"I'm proud of our kids. The seniors had a two-year run that is phenomenal; they've set a standard for the Warriors of the future."

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CC-TROY

By JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

What is it about Troy and Redford Catholic Central that brings out the fury in Mother Nature?

For the third time in the past six years, these two perennial powers met on the gridiron in state tournament competition in pursuit of that coveted state championship. And for the third time in as many years, the weather was better suited for the state ski finals than the football playoffs.

With a stiff breeze blowing and snow covering the playing field Saturday at Troy High, the Shamrocks, as they had in their past two meetings with the Colts, appeared better equipped for the task at hand. Riding the right arm of senior quarterback Adam Tubaro, the Shamrocks stayed alive in a tourney play by hanging a 21-3 defeat on the heads of the Colts in the Class AA Region 3 final.

With the win, CC, now 10-1, moves onto state semifinal play Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium. On tap for the Shamrocks will be undefeated East Kentwood. After jumping to a big lead, the Titans had to hold on and beat the Falcons, 31-30.

Stevenson has recorded three shutouts and outscored 10 opponents, 374-83, since.

Its two running backs, senior Joe Alls and junior Mike Tennessee, have combined for 3,100 yards. Junior quarterback Kurt Hunsanger has been effective, completing 60 of 110 passes for 1,176 yards.

CC senior linebacker Joe Sgroi, the Shamrocks' leading tackler, said Alls and Tennessee look as dangerous as Orchard Lake St. Mary's backs Ty Washington and Rico Epps. St. Mary's handed CC its only loss in 11 games, 24-20.

"They're a little bigger than the guys from St. Mary's but they're quick, too," Sgroi said.

Then there was the tackle by Rock on Troy star Jim Essian on the kickoff that followed the Shamrocks' final score, a 34-yard bomb from quarterback Adam Tubaro to Jonna.

With CC ahead 21-3, whoever was filming the game for the Shamrocks' coaching staff turned off the camera, leaving Rock only to talk about his achievement, not show it to somebody.

Moreover, any of the CC fans who remained were either filing out of the stadium or talking about the long pass to Jonna.

"We had just scored the next play I had the tackle," Rock said. "Guess they thought he'd run me over, but they thought wrong. I didn't get to see it on film, but it felt good, though."

Seeing a kicker do something out of the ordinary doesn't go unnoticed by teammates, though.

"Rock flipped Essian, took his legs out," said Jonna. "He's done that a couple times this year."

Rock, who beat Birmingham Brother Rice with a 41-yard field goal in the final seconds of the Boys Bowl, wishes he could make more tackles.

As a member of the freshman team, Rock played linebacker and tight end and as a junior varsity player, he played offensive tackle and defensive end.

"I try to jump in on defense but the coaches won't let me anymore," Rock said.

Seeing Hamilton sprawled out is nothing new for his teammates who see him in that position in the training room all the time. On cold days after fulfilling their quota of punts or kicks, Hamilton and Rock are both allowed to retreat to the school for treatment.

"We go inside on cold days, relax our legs, do exercises, ice the knee," Hamilton said. "It gets sore after a while."

Both players say playing soccer helped their careers as specialists in football.

Hamilton started punting on his little league team, the Colts, in Novi, and credits assistant coach Roy Dudas for refining his skill.

Shamrocks grind out a win over Colts

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With a stiff breeze blowing and snow covering the playing field Saturday at Troy High, the Shamrocks, as they had in their past two meetings with the Colts, appeared better equipped for the task at hand. Riding the right arm of senior quarterback Adam Tubaro, the Shamrocks stayed alive in a tourney play by hanging a 21-3 defeat on the heads of the Colts in the Class AA Region 3 final.

With the win, CC, now 10-1, moves onto state semifinal play Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium. On tap for the Shamrocks will be undefeated East Kentwood. After jumping to a big lead, the Titans had to hold on and beat the Falcons, 31-30.

Stevenson has recorded three shutouts and outscored 10 opponents, 374-83, since.

Its two running backs, senior Joe Alls and junior Mike Tennessee, have combined for 3,100 yards. Junior quarterback Kurt Hunsanger has been effective, completing 60 of 110 passes for 1,176 yards.

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And now he has to worry about the pass.

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The Titans, who couldn't stop CC's punishing ground game in a 29-13 loss two years ago in the Class AA semifinals, are just as worried about the Shamrocks' air attack this time.

The two teams met in another Class AA playoff semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium.

Senior punter Jason Hamilton took a hit and senior placekicker Aaron Rock handed one out for Redford Catholic Central in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Class AA football regional final at Troy.

Troy's football team didn't appreciate the plays and most of CC's faithful couldn't appreciate them, probably because of where and when they happened.

Hamilton's heroics came first. A Troy player was flagged for roughing Hamilton on fourth down, leading to a first down and CC's second touchdown during a pivotal moment in the fourth quarter of the Shamrocks' 21-3 victory.

But let's be honest. Except for his relatives, how many fans really were following the hit on Hamilton and not the ball that left his foot and landed in the end zone?

Hamilton averages more than 36 yards per punt and watching the ball travel is more fun than watching his kicking motion.

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CALENDAR

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SINGLES DANCE
West Side Singles Friday night dances are held every Friday at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older welcome. Music by professional DJ. Top 40 current hits. Dressy attire (no jeans). 981-0909.

Suburban Singles presents a "Singles Mingle Dance" every Wednesday and Sunday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile in Redford. Admission is \$4. Early bird special \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Fashionable attire (no jeans). For more information, call (313) 849-5275.

NEWBORN SINGLES
Ministries meets at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City.

AROUND TOWN

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS
Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

GARFIELD COOPERATIVE
Garfield Cooperative Preschool is located at Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile, east of Wayne. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years. For more information, call (313) 462-0135.

CRAPT SHOWS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its annual December Arts & Crafts Show. The two-day show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The cost for an eight-foot table space is \$65. Admission and parking are both free.

The Women's Club of St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church is sponsoring a craft show Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Admission \$1, seniors 50 cents and 12 years and under free. Information, 397-0878.

TREATS AND TREASURES
A sale at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. No admission fee.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Through Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 29). Practices for the Basketball Travel League are on Monday or Wednesday with Friday or Saturday games. This is a league for both girls and boys. Divisions: Passers: third-fourth grade; Blockers: seventh-eighth grade and Jammers: ninth-twelfth grade. Call the

Plymouth Community Family YMCA to register by phone at (313) 453-2904 with Visa or MasterCard or for further information.
Through Dec. 17 (omit Nov. 26). The Girls Basketball Instructional League will teach basic skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, and rules of the game. Instruction will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bentley Elementary School, Canton. Ages 9-12. Call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard at (313) 453-2904.

FESTIVAL OF TREES
The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Club is participating in the Festival of Trees benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event will be held in the Riverfront Ballroom of Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit from Nov. 23-30. For information, call (313) 966-TREE.

ALUMNI ART
Madonna University in Livonia will feature the works of two alumni in a special exhibit titled "2 + 2." Pamela Ciurlanda, '94, of Farmington Hills and Anna Helkowsky, '96, of West Bloomfield will display paintings. The exhibit will be displayed through the month of November in the library wing exhibit gallery. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. There is no charge for admission. For information, call (313) 432-5711.

YOUTH ARTIST
The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to \$600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday evening, Dec. 15. Applicants who need more information contact the Plymouth Symphony at 451-2112.

MARTIAL ARTS
The Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church, 7933 Sheldon, Canton, is sponsoring martial arts programs by Robert M. Skinner of Judo & Karate Arts Inc. to teach judo and aikido. The programs are for men and women 16 years and older. The cost is \$53 for eight weeks. The classes are through Dec. 11, with no class on Nov. 27. Any student who is not 18 years must be accompanied by an adult who has the authority to register this student. All students are required to sign the waiver of liability form before participating in either or both of these programs. Class times for judo are 7-8:15 p.m., and for aikido, 8:15-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Robert M. Skinner at (248) 477-8806.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University's open registration for winter term continues through Friday,



Marking a milestone: The Canton Kitchen Band has been performing at area nursing homes, schools, county fairs and even local radio stations for 20 years. The group, under the auspices of Canton's senior citizens department, was formed by former senior coordinator Delores Edwards.

Jan. 2, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with some exceptions. All offices will be closed for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 5. For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

SALVATION ARMY
Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.
The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.
STOCKING STUFFERS
Available for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park seniors. The parents' committee, helping to plan the

1998 Senior Party part of graduation festivities, will be offering the early sale of 1998 Senior Party tickets. Information, Sue McCusker at 981-2361 or Theresa Little at 459-6399.
SOCCER
Wide World Sports Center is now accepting registration for its indoor soccer season. The season runs through to Dec. 15. Individual registrations are welcome. Instructional classes are also available for age levels. For more information, call (313) 913-4625.
DATATEL SCHOLARSHIP
Schoolcraft College students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by Datatel Scholars Foundation. Awards range from \$700 to \$2,000 and applications are due in the Office Marketing and Development no later than Friday, Feb. 6. Information, (313) 462-4463.

HOST FAMILIES
Madonna University is searching for host families to give their international students an opportunity to experience a traditional American holiday during Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-30) and Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 1). Those interested in

SUPPORT GROUPS
NEW BEGINNINGS
The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Plymouth drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-

learning more should call Madonna University's Student Life Office at (313) 432-5428.
VICTORIAN SANTA
Santa Claus will appear as he did in Victorian times. He will hold court at Brickescape Christmas Store noon to 4 p.m. on two Saturdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.
ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold an Advent Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 432-5419.
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A Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The Motherhouse is located at 1-96 and Levan Road. For more information, call (313) 432-5713.
COMMUNITY CHORUS
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ARBOR HOSPICE
A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. The group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child, regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

LIFE MINISTRIES
Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.
LEARNING DISABLED
Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MOOD
MDDA (Manic Depressive Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

SUBURBAN WEST
Suburban Nights presents a constimer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

VOLUNTEER WORK
The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

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CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday, call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road, southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads, behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant, Livonia. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are open to the public at no charge. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 455-1122.

TOASTMASTERS
Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

BUSINESS NETWORK
Regular meeting of Laurel Park Chapter, Business Network International, will be 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Information, (313) 844-3432.

Used sports stuff

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.
The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at prices they set (minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation department). Items can be dropped off 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Pheasant Run; volunteers will be on hand to do the selling the following Saturday.
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McMullens rule 8K
The husband/wife team of Paul and Jill McMullen were winners in the first annual Wayne County Lightfest 8-kilometer run Tuesday in Hines Park.
The race drew over 500 runners. Proceeds benefited Friends of Wayne County Parks and the American Heart Association.

Paul McMullen, a former NCAA champion from Eastern Michigan University who represented the U.S. in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. in the 1,500-meter run, won the event in 24 minutes, 19 seconds. He is a native of Cadillac.

His wife Jill, who represented the U.S. last summer at 800 meters (placing ninth) in the World Championships in Athens, Greece, was the women's winner in 30:01. She is a product of Western Michigan University.

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'Nutcracker' takes stage Dec. 12

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet join together to tell the story of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" the weekend of Dec. 12.

Performances at Plymouth Salem High school are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, also at 3 p.m. The high school is at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

In the Ballet, the part of Clara will be played by Hilari Smith 12, daughter of June and Rich Smith of Canton. Smith is a seventh grader at Lowell Middle School. She has been dancing for 10 years.

"Ever since I was three years old, and I was a mouse in the 'Nutcracker,' I have wanted to play the part of Clara," said Smith. "My aunt, Dawnell, played the part of Clara then, and I like to follow in my aunt's footsteps," she added. Dawnell Dryja, and Mark Nash, both of the Cincinnati Ballet, dance the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the King. They danced the same parts in last year's performances.

The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, where children can have a tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy, the King, and other performers, will be held after the concert on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the Tea are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.



Dancers: The cast of "The Nutcracker," a production of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth-Canton Ballet

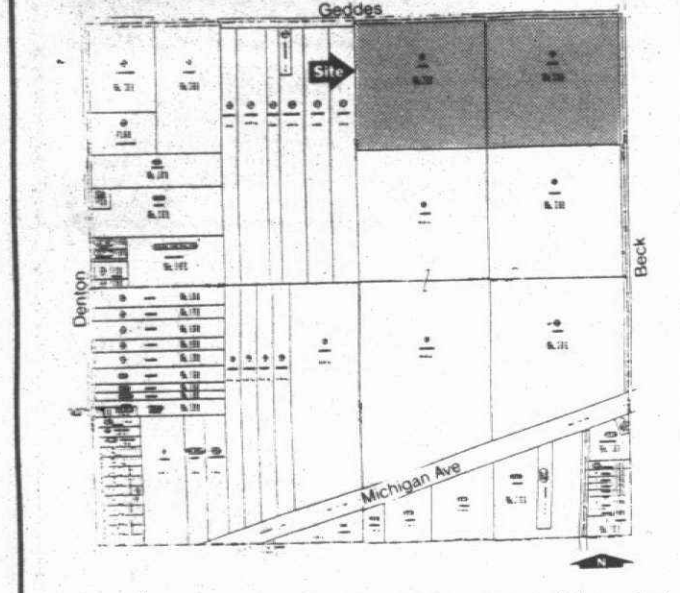
This is the seventh year of collaboration between the Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults and senior citizens, and \$8 for children K-12. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Plymouth Symphony Office at (313)451-2112.

The Friday night performance is sponsored by Panasonic. Saturday's matinee performance is sponsored by Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road Plant and NBD.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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GEDDES BECK LAND COMPANY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 125 99 0001 000 AND 125 99 0003 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-4, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the southwest corner of Geddes and Beck Roads.



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Wrestlers hold annual fruit sale

The Plymouth Canton and Salem wrestlers and Salem swimmers are having their 18th annual orange, grapefruit and tangelo sale. Navel oranges, pink grapefruit, and tangelos from Florida are available. Small boxes (20 pounds) are \$14; large boxes (40 pounds) are \$23. Mixed boxes are also available; small boxes \$15 and large boxes \$24. The fruit will be delivered the week of Dec. 15. Call Ron Krueger at 416-2976 or Dan Chrenko, 455-6991 to place an order by phone.

Mail to: SelectCare Medicare Gold, 2401 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 700, Troy, Michigan 48064

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Appaloosa steed injured in attack by pit bull

By DARRYL CLEM STAFF WRITER
A loose pit bull Saturday viciously attacked a friendly, 13-month-old horse fondly named Sunny by the Westland family that owns it.

The attack occurred about 9:40 a.m. after the dog managed to get inside a fenced-in yard on Steinhauer, where Laurie and Wayne Williams own two acres of land near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Sunny, a 1,000-pound Appaloosa with chestnut hair blanketed by white on its rear quarters, suffered injuries that ended hopes of him becoming a show horse, Laurie Williams said.

"He's got a big hole in his right knee, and the muscle is just hanging out," she said. "He's got a hole between his nostrils and his upper lip, and he's got a hole in his gums where the pit bull actually bit into his mouth."

"He's got bite marks on his throat, and he's got these sores all over his face," she added. "The attack occurred while Laurie and Wayne Williams were out of town with their son Owen, 19, and their daughters

Inga, 13, and Tara, 12. A witness who saw the attack phoned the Westland Police Department for help after she saw the pit bull hanging from Sunny's muzzle, police said.

"The dog had him down at one point," Laurie Williams said, based on reports of the attack.

The dog charged toward officers who came to Sunny's aid, but quickly turned its attention to the horse and started to attack again before police intervened with pepper spray.

The pit bull was being held at the Westland branch of the Michigan Humane Society until its owner can answer in court to two misdemeanor charges of having an unconfined, dangerous and vicious dog, animal control officer Dewey Frady said Tuesday.

The dog could face death if a Westland district judge orders it killed, Frady said. "It needs to be put down," he said. "Its temperament is really something."

The dog's owner lives on Arenac, about a mile from where Sunny was attacked. The Williams family didn't see their badly injured Sunny until they returned home Sunday and learned of the attack from a

neighbor, referred to by Laurie Williams as "our critic sister."

The family won't know until Sunny is 2 years old whether his knee will heal enough for family members to ride him, she said.

Sunny became the pride of the Williams family after their previous horse died of old age, Laurie Williams said.

"Sunny would always come right to us, but now he gets real skittish," she said. Sunny never helped family members achieve recognition. Inga Williams, a John Glenn

High School student, was chosen to enter a Miss Junior America competition in February at the Novi Hilton after she and Sunny were pictured in a photograph submitted for the contest.

Saddened by Sunny's injuries, Laurie Williams also said the

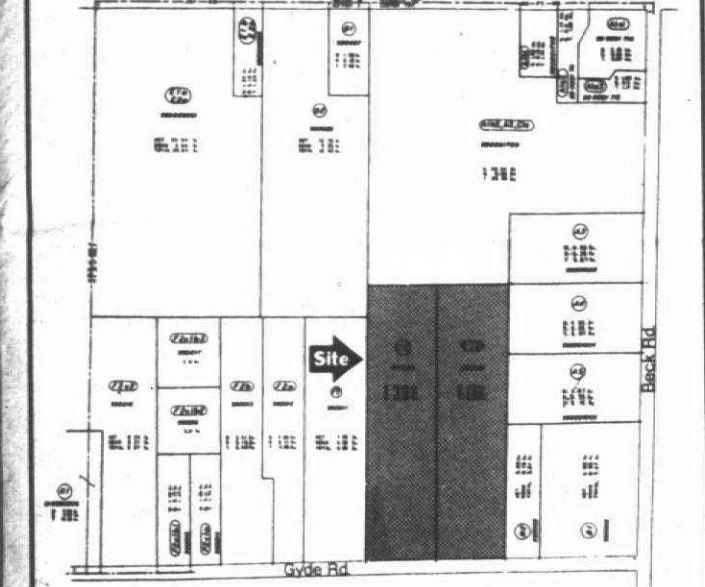
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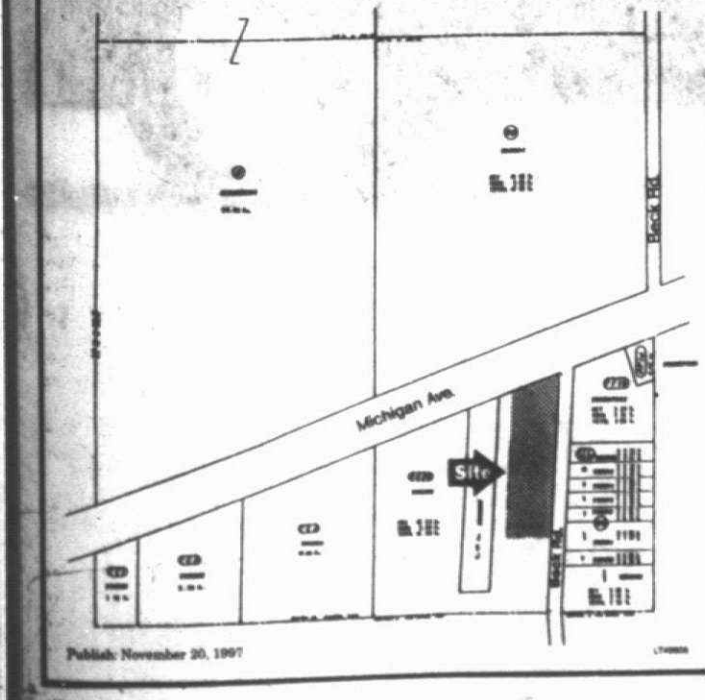
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MARATHON/TECH EXPRESS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATION WITH CONVENIENCE STORE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.01B.13 FOR PARCEL NO. 128 99 0006 703. Property is located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 12, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:05 P.M. for discussion of employee negotiations and pending litigation. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION & OPEN SESSION
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnick
Also Present - Open Session: Bilbrey - Honowitz, Neihagen

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, AND OCTOBER 28, 1997
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 21, 1997 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN'S NON-AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS
Mr. Richard Duke addressed the Board regarding tax abatements. Mr. Larry Lauer addressed the Board regarding the Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Finance Plan.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$379,991.74
Fire Fund	206	32,874.52
Police Fund	207	64,746.45
Community Center Fund	208	28,665.75
Golf Course Fund	211	9,659.57
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,051.24
Cable TV Fund	239	1,165.06
Community Impr. Fund	246	292,087.58
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	31,483.25
Federal Grants Funds	289	7,113.51
State Project Funds	289	2,283.11
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	1,469.06
Retiree Benefits	296	6,865.08
Bld. Auth. Debt Fund	369	15.00
Cap Proj-Bld. Const.	402	961.28
Cap Proj-Road Raving	403	50,980.00
Bld. Auth. Constr. Fund	469	182,061.34
Water & Sewer Fund	592	107,842.11
N Haggerty (Elliot/Storm)	863	131.34
N Haggerty Paving	862	181.16
Palmer Paving SAD	863	312.50
Beck Road Paving	864	312.50
Recreation Check. Acct.	Oct.	2,881.83
Total-All Funds		\$1,224,914.08

RECOGNITION
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing the 20 years of volunteer service by the past and present members of the Canton Senior Kitchen Band. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
ITEM 1 CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE NO. 95-118 FOR THE DURCON COMPANY, INC.
Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:35 P.M. Richard Duke addressed the Board with his concerns regarding rapid growth in Canton and tax abatements.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED APPLICATION OF THE DURCON COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #95-118 FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY
WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1988 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and, WHEREAS, the Durcon Company filed an amended application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 issued January 10, 1996 with respect to a new facility acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and,

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on November 13, 1997 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 2, 1996, the date of acceptance of the original application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and,

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time the certificate is issued have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and,

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:
1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of The Durcon Company to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 with respect to a new facility acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:
A parcel of land described as being Lot 10 also Lot 11, Canton Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1, except that part described as beginning S. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds W. 192.33 feet from the N.W. corner of Lot 11 thence S. 07 degrees 01 minutes 06 seconds E. 150.96 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds W. 454.28 feet; thence N. 00 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds W. 27.05 feet; thence along a curve to left radius 75.00 feet; CH N. 13 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds E. 118.71 feet; thence a curve to right radius 135.00 feet; CH N. 36 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds W. 9.68 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds E. 413.78 feet to point of beginning. Liber 96, Pages 12-19 Plats, W.C.R. Parcel No. 005 01 0010 300. 1.43 acres.

3. The amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #95-118 when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period through December 30, 2007.

ITEM 2 CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 132 TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ORDINANCE 118
Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:40 P.M. Ralph Schaeffeld, DDA Board member, gave a history of the DDA. Larry Lauer addressed the Board regarding his concerns on the DDA Tax Increment Finance Plan.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 8:02 P.M. Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to approve the proposal to proceed with the restatement and amendment of the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Downtown Development Authority. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1983 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton adopted Ordinance No. 115 establishing a Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, following Ordinance No. 115 was adopted which approved a development plan and established a Tax Increment Finance Plan; and WHEREAS, on December 10, 1996 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton approved the expansion of the Downtown Development District through the amendment of Ordinance No. 115; and

WHEREAS, Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended permits the Township to amend and restate a Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the Charter Township Downtown Development Authority as outlined in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider amendment of Ordinance No. 132 and Ordinance No. 118 was held on November 12, 1997.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the proposal to proceed with the restatement and amendment of the Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Downtown Development Authority and further that the Township Board establish the following dates for consideration of the amendment of Ordinance No. 132 and Ordinance No. 118: November 25, 1997-First Reading of Ordinances 132 and 118 as amended; December 29, 1997-Second Reading of Ordinances 132 and 118 as amended; and December 18, 1997-Ordinances 132 and 118 become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund to appropriate funds for architect and engineering services for park development projects:
Increase Revenue: Appropriation from Fund Balance #94-000-898-0000 \$109,500
Increase Appropriation: Contracted Services - Recreation #96-750-818-0000 \$109,500
This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$4,140,574 to \$4,250,074.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable TV Fund to appropriate funds for Board Room Renovation work:
Increase Revenue: Appropriation: 230-250-975-0000 \$33,000
Capital Outlay Building 230-250-977-0000 (18,000)
Capital Outlay 230-250-727-0000 (6,700)
Supplies 230-250-727-0000 (6,700)
Operating Supplies 230-250-740-0000 (1,900)
Contracted Services 230-250-803-0000 (1,000)
Membership Dues 230-250-805-0000 (2,000)
Professional & 230-250-818-0000 (3,000)
Special Services 230-250-956-0000 (1,000)
Other Subsidy 230-250-956-0000 (1,000)
This budget amendment does not change the total amount of the Cable TV Fund Budget.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the transfer of \$750 from Postage-Elections Department Act. #101-191-729-0000 to Elections-Capital Outlay Act. #101-191-977-0000 for the purchase of a work surface for two computers and a printer for the Qualified Voter File. Motion carried.
Subdivision. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the resolution of the Charter Township Board of Directors for a six-year term expiring on November 30, 2001. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution in support of legislation that would include townships in the Comprehensive Transportation Fund Distributions. Motion carried.
GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax nos. 078-99-0001 Residential, 703 Residential, 704 Residential, 705 Residential, 706 Residential, 707 Residential, 708 Residential, 709 Residential, 710 Residential, 711 Residential, 712 Residential, 713 Residential, 714 Residential, 715 Residential, 716 Residential, 717 Residential, 718 Residential, 719 Residential, 720 Residential, 721 Residential, 722 Residential, 723 Residential, 724 Residential, 725 Residential, 726 Residential, 727 Residential, 728 Residential, 729 Residential, 730 Residential, 731 Residential, 732 Residential, 733 Residential, 734 Residential, 735 Residential, 736 Residential, 737 Residential, 738 Residential, 739 Residential, 740 Residential, 741 Residential, 742 Residential, 743 Residential, 744 Residential, 745 Residential, 746 Residential, 747 Residential, 748 Residential, 749 Residential, 750 Residential, 751 Residential, 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Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution approving the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax nos. 019-99-0017-000, 019-99-0018-000, and 019-99-0019-000 from RR, Rural Residential to Residential-2 Single-Family Residential. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to create and authorize filling the position of Utilities Inspector. Motion carried.
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the pole relocation agreement with Detroit Edison for the Hanford Road Paving Project for an

Whalers get 1 of each: win, loss, tie



After a disappointing letdown Saturday against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, the Plymouth Whalers repulsed a Sarnia Sting comeback Sunday to record a 5-3 victory in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Unfortunately, it was the Sting who avenged that Sunday defeat at Compuware by beating the Whalers 5-1 Tuesday in Sarnia.

The Sting opened the scoring in Tuesday's rematch, getting a first-period goal from Andrew Proskurnicki. Ivan Novoseltsev made it 2-0 before the Whalers retaliated, getting a goal from David Legwand, his 22nd of the season.

But it was all Sting after that, as Detroit slipped to 11-7-3. Sarnia is 10-9-5.

On Saturday, the Whalers and the Greyhounds battled to a 7-7 tie after the Whalers let a 7-3 third-period lead get away from them.

The Whalers remain tied with the Erie Otters for second place in the OHL's West Division with 25 points. The London Knights are in first with 29 points (14-6-1).

In Sunday's win over the Sting, the Whalers got two goals and an assist from Randy Fitzgerald — the last an empty net score that assured Plymouth of victory. Yuri Babenko, Legwand and Andrew Taylor each contributed a goal and an assist to the victory, and Harold

Druken had two assists.

Robert Esche made 34 saves to gain the victory in goal for the Whalers.

Against the Greyhounds, the Whalers erupted for six goals in the first two periods, two of them short-handed — one by Julian Smith, who had two goals in the game, the other by Brian Passmore, who also had an assist.

Legwand led Plymouth with three goals and an assist. With Tuesday's goal, the first-year player has 36 points,

making him sixth in the OHL. Legwand's total leads all OHL rookies.

Babenko also had a goal and two assists for Plymouth, while Taylor added two assists.

Stevie Lyle was in goal for the Whalers; he made 35 saves.

Peter Cava had a goal and four assists for the Greyhounds, who also got two goals from John Osborne and four assists from Ryan Jardine.

Through Sunday, the Greyhounds were 4-14-3.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

DATES/DEADLINES

DEER

Firearms season runs through Sunday, Nov. 30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 5-14 in Zone I and Dec. 12-21 in Zones II and III. A special late antlerless only season will run Dec. 20-Jan. 4 on private land only in Zone III.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMUs.

PHEASANT

A special late pheasant hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

SQUIRREL

Fox and gray squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

December 1 is the deadline to apply Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program small grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To receive an application contact the DNR at P.O. Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680 or e-mail your request to sargen12@state.mi.us. The grant application and examples of past grants awarded are also available on the DNR Wildlife Division web site at: http://wildlife.dnr.state.mi.us/homepages/Natural_Heritage/.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

3D LEAGUE

A 3D league begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

FIRST AID

Learn to be aware of and prepared for outdoor emergencies such as hypothermia, dehydration, frostbite and sprains during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

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 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn

Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday's and Friday's and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range

hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

The rifle and pistol range at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has been closed due to environmental concerns. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi-

nal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1996 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 and \$8 for senior citizens. The annual boat launching permits are \$18 and \$9 for senior citizens. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

LOGGING ERA

Home schooled children ages eight and older will learn about Michigan's logging era during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. today at Stony Creek.

TRAMPING IN COSTA RICA

Naturalist Bert Szabo will take you on a slide-illustrated journey to the beautiful rain forests of

Costa Rica during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

SKY SEARCH

Junior girl scouts can earn their Sky Search badge during this program, which will be held Saturday at Indian Springs. Call for times.

WINTER WILDFLOWERS

Learn to identify the remains of summer and fall wild flowers during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

GREAT LAKES INDIANS

Celebrate Thanksgiving by learning how native Americans lived before Europeans arrived during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

OUT OF SIGHT

Find out how Michigan's animals adapt to winter conditions during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Christine Chemello stars as Luisa and Steve Jones as Belomy in "The Fantasticks" opening 8 p.m. at the Millennium Centre in Southfield, (248) 552-1225 or (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY

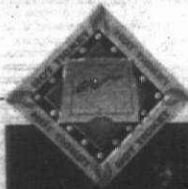


Catch the holiday spirit at Greenberg's Great Train, Dollhouse & Toy Show, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center.

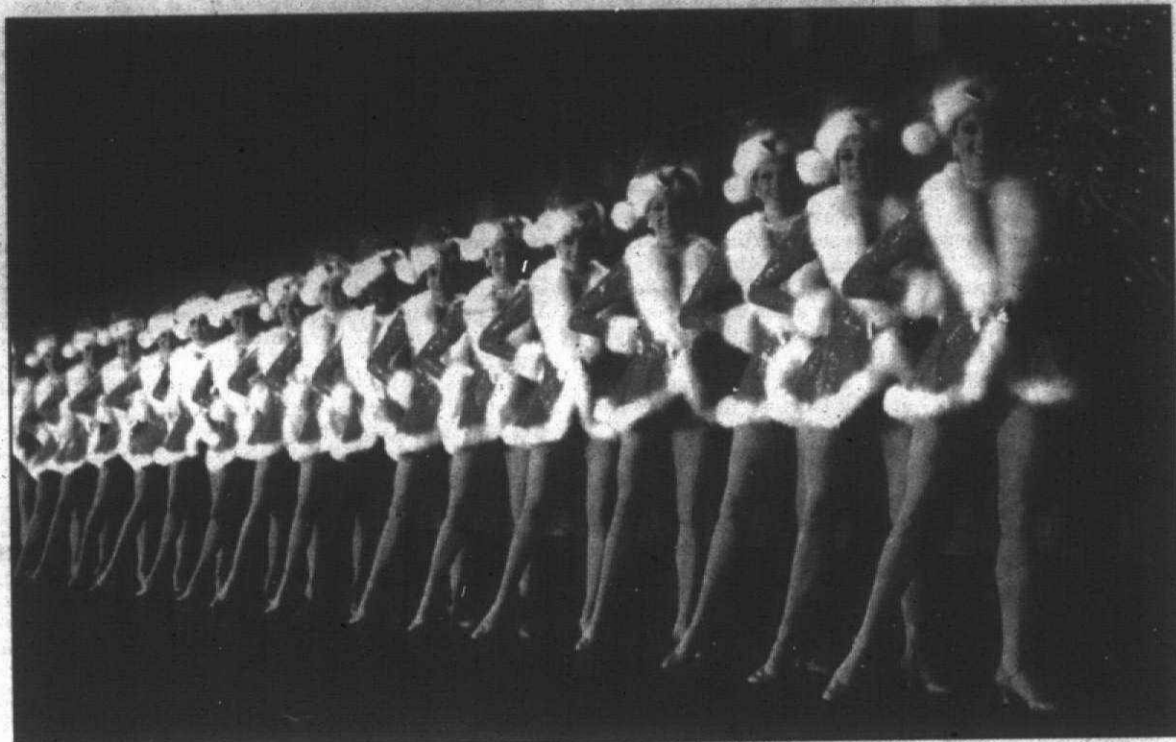
SUNDAY



James and Jeanne Galway join the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall at 3 p.m. for a performance of Cimarosa's Concerto for Two Flutes, (313) 833-3700.



Hot tix: The Detroit Zoo shines bright during the fourth annual Wild Lights exhibit Nov. 21 through Jan. 4. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 2-12; children under 2, free, (248) 541-5835.



Spectacular: The Radio City Rockettes in "Christmas in New York," a featured number in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

IT'S A KICK

FOR LOCAL DANCERS TO BE
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BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

"Step, kick, kick, knee, kick touch. Again. Turn, turn, out, in, touch, step, step, down, back, step, pivot, step, step, walk, walk. And 5, 6, 7, 8," shouts the choreographer.

"God, I hope I get it," thinks every expectant dancer at the grueling audition in "A Chorus Line" back in 1976 when it first opened on Broadway.

Today, the routines are more advanced, the requirements more stringent, the competition fierce. But the desire is just as intense. That was the scene last April at Wayne State University's Old Main Building when 65 lithe dancers showed up at an open casting call. Their dream? To be selected for one of 18 coveted spots in the ultimate chorus line and become a Radio City Rockette.

More than 500 would-be Rockettes and six months later, four chorus lines of 18 each have embarked on marathon rehearsals for "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular."

The Radio City Rockettes will be performing their world-famous Eye-High Kicks in shows opening in New York City; Branson, Mo.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Chicago and, for the first time, here in Detroit at the Fox Theatre, Nov. 28 through Dec. 27.

Six Detroit-area dancers survived two strenuous cuts and a callback, which entailed learning a ballet

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular"

When:
Friday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 27.

8 p.m. performances:

- Nov. 28-29
- Dec. 2-6
- Dec. 9-13
- Dec. 16-20
- Dec. 22-23
- Dec. 26-27

3 p.m. & 7 p.m. performances:

- Nov. 30

1 p.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. performances:

- Dec. 7
- Dec. 14
- Dec. 21

2 p.m. performances:

- Dec. 24
- No show Christmas Day

Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets are \$10-\$50 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

combination, jazz combination and tap number, plus smiling - at the same time.

Of course, the initial cut was easy for Linda Haberman, choreographer and director of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular," who auditioned all 500 dancers in 10 cities across the country.

"You have to be between 5 feet 5-1/2-inches and 5 feet 9-inches tall to be considered," said Haberman on a 10-minute break at the Masonic Temple, where the Rockettes were rehearsing before moving into the Fox Theatre last week. "There's no weight requirement, it's just a matter of them being fit and looking good. And there's a certain amount of stamina required."

To prove her theory, Haberman had her auditionees stand in place with their arms out to their sides and do the Rockettes Eye-High Kick 25 times in a row.

"Once I see that they're adept at the technical aspects, then there's their presence to look at," said Haberman, who was a dancer on Broadway before becoming the Rockettes choreographer five years ago. "Can they hold themselves and carry themselves and present an optimistic outlook and feel that they really want to do it? It's that desire. Certain people don't want to blend in with 17 other girls, to fill in and be a part of the ensemble."

Not so for 5-foot, 8-inch Denise Caston of Clarkston. When she got the call, she took the semester off from Oakland University where she's dual majoring in computer engineering and dance, to focus all her efforts on being a Radio City Rockette.

"I started thinking about and aspiring to be a Rockette a few years ago," said Caston, after she took a

Please see **KICK**, E2

Changes make great show better

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The students will be at the barricades again, though, ironically, in the plush surroundings of the Fisher Theatre.

"Les Miserables" is returning for its sixth Detroit engagement.

But this will be a slightly different "Les Miserables," incorporating changes made to the Broadway production this past spring.

Why tamper with success, a musical seen by more than 40 million people, 830,000 in Detroit alone, a musical that has been on tour since 1988 and taken in a worldwide gross in excess of \$1.6 billion?

Touring producer Peter Lawrence said when the show's 10th anniversary came, the creators Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, directors Trevor Nunn and John Caird and producer Cameron Mackintosh decided to take another look at what they were presenting on Broadway.

They replaced cast members who had become tired of their roles, did a complete relighting to give a more dramatic backlit effect, refurbished costumes

Please see **SHOW**, E2

Les Miserables

- What:** Musical based on Victor Hugo's novel.
- Where:** Fisher Theatre, Grand Boulevard, Detroit
- When:** Nov. 26 through Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. matinees Saturdays and Sundays. Special holiday performances 1 and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. No performances Dec. 24 or Jan. 1.
- Tickets:** \$15 to \$58 available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666.



Arise: Students and workers throw up the barricades in Paris during the climactic second act of "Les Miserables."

STREET SCENE



Fervent following: The Howling Diablos, featuring singer Tino Gross, created a frenzied fanbase by playing the Bear's Den in Berkley every Sunday.

And it goes like this:

Detroit funksters Howling Diablos give fans the 'Green Bottle'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The Bear's Den is a tiny liquor stand nestled perpendicular to Coolidge Highway in downtown Berkley. On most days, a few cars trickle into the parking lot.

On Sundays, however, the unassuming bar hosts one of the hippest, sweatiest nights in the Detroit area when the Howling Diablos bring in its blues/rock/funk sound.

"It's like a Fellini film in there," said band leader/singer Tino Gross of Royal Oak. "It's a complete freak show."

Blue-collar workers, frat boys and sorority girls, Deadheads, drunks, swingers, and regulars hang off the rafters and each other, dance in the aisles and on tables at the Bear's Den to get a glimpse of the jam session.

Besides its fervent following, the Howling Diablos have attracted the likes of rappers Insane Clown Posse and Kid Rock, and Black Crowes keyboardist Eddie Harsch.

"We have a mutual admiration society going on, no doubt. We're a live band and the clowns (ICP) have a lot of respect for musicians and we have a respect for what they do," Gross said. "It's great to see bands in this town getting together and supporting each other."

The only problem with the Sunday night music marathon and the Howling Diablos' other shows was that the music stopped there. Fans didn't have anything to take home with them.

To tide fans over, the Howling Diablos released a live album on

Top Dog records, Kid Rock's label. It was taken from a session at the White Room Studios in Detroit.

"It was an exact representation of that day. The live album did phenomenal. It did way beyond my expectations. (Then-rock station) 102.7 was playing it. It was amazing that it got added. A live album doesn't usually do that," Gross explained.

"We wanted to take the time to do this one right."

After two years of work, the Howling Diablos - percussionist Amjed Abdullah "AJ" of Oak Park, guitarist Jeff Grand of Ferndale, Gross, saxophonist Johnny Evans of Berkley, drummer Jerome Day of Dearborn, and bassist Mike Hollis of Detroit - released its first studio CD, "Green Bottle," on Novi's Overture Records.

The Howling Diablos will celebrate the release of "Green Bottle" with a party and performance, with special guests The Holy Cows, Broken Toys, Merge, and The Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the State Theater in Detroit. DJ Bad Rockin' Brad will spin tunes between the acts. The show-closing song "Go Gene Go" will feature a jam session with Kid Rock and surprise celebrity guests.

"Green Bottle" reflects a melting pot of influences culled from blues, rock, and hip-hop artists.

"I think one of my favorite bands is the Rolling Stones. They were a white band in the '60s that wasn't afraid to explore black

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Kick

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two-hour class with the Radio City Rockettes when she was in 11th grade. "When I tried out for the Rockettes in 1996, I was newer to the audition process... The second year when I went back, I was a lot more familiar with the movements and what they wanted and what they expected out of us, so I had more confidence the second time around."

Watch Caston taking that next step, seventh from the left. Erica Bromm is just two spots over from Caston - fifth from the audience's left - in the famous chorus line. Bromm, who's living with her parents in Farmington Hills during rehearsals and the run of the show, was working as a dancer in the casinos and waiting tables in Memphis. She went to the auditions in Nashville and

was later cast for the Branson, Mo., "Radio City Christmas Spectacular." Because Bromm's entire family lives in Michigan, she asked to be a part of the Detroit show and was granted her request. Though she started dancing when she was 5 in Rochester Hills, Bromm was a competitive gymnast first, before giving it up during her freshman year of

high school when her gymnastic meets started conflicting with her dance competitions. "I just enjoyed dancing a lot more, and gymnastics is really tough when you're my height," said the 5-foot, 7-8/4-inch first-time Rockette from a Russian splits position on the floor. "This is a workout in itself,

these rehearsals. You can't tell, but we're all sweating by the end of the day. We all have sore muscles and blisters on our feet. Dancing is tough. We don't get the recognition that we deserve as being the athletes that we really are. Everyone thinks that it looks so easy. But that's our job, to make it look easy. We're working really hard out there." That's why Bromm and Caston

say they don't have to diet - though Bromm confesses an addiction to chips and dip. Any other tips for Rockettes wannabes? "It's training. And it's training in all areas, because they require us to do tap, jazz and ballet," advises Bromm. "Being a triple threat - singing, dancing and acting - is what keeps you working in this business."

Show

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and wigs which had become drab with age and made surgical changes in the script. "There is a new scene," Lawrence said, in a telephone call from his New York office. "The authors put it in between 'The Master of the House' number and 'The Bargain.' There was

always mention of Valjean meeting Cosette at the well and now he does." The show has also been re-directed, with an emphasis on personalizing the performances. Lawrence said the playing of the lead roles had been done by formula, every part played the

same way everywhere. "It was important for the directors to see what the actors thought of their roles," he said. "Now the actor who plays Javert on Broadway will play it differently than the Javert on the road. By making it more personal for the actors, it becomes more personal for the audience."

Once the changes had been made on Broadway, Lawrence said, Mackintosh called him to have the changes incorporated in the road show. The total redo has cost about \$2 million. "In Detroit we will be using a new sound system for the first time," Lawrence said. He said it will provide state-of-the-art fidelity and clarity. "Les Miz," as it is universally known, is on its way to becoming the most popular musical of all time. One young Rochester actor said he has seen the show four

times and looks forward to seeing it again. Though based on Victor Hugo's sprawling novel, which is nearly 1,400 pages in the most-English-language editions, the sung-through musical focuses on the core story of Jean Valjean, a petty thief hounded by a by-the-books detective, Javert. It is also the story of Fantine and her daughter, Cosette, whom Valjean agrees to remove from an abusive foster home. It ends with the Paris uprisings of 1830 involving Cosette and her lover, Marius.

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with "Les Miz" after working on Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" and Mackintosh's production of "Miss Saigon," another Boubli-Schonberg musical. He said Mackintosh shows are the same on the road as they are on Broadway. "If you see any of our shows on the road, you'll have the same experience visually, aurally and every other way that you'd have in New York," he said. Lawrence is hoping the show's popularity continues long enough to overtake "Cats" as the longest running show in history. "This show has no signs of winding down. We expect to be on the road at least five more years."

Howling

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music. They drew on the blues, absorbed it and let it come out in rock 'n' roll. We do the same thing with today's black music which is hip hop," Gross said. "Rock 'n' roll has to have fresh flavors going on if it's going to survive." The ingredients include rock ("Criminal Mind," "Funky Daddy"), a blend of funk and hip-hop ("Green Bottle"), hard-driving rock ("6th Street Opera," "Whack The DJ"), and old school ("It's My Party"). The album has already proved to be a hit locally. With its hook-laden chorus "And it goes, and it

goes, and it goes like this/I'm a high high hippie hippie yes I am," the single "Green Bottle," a song dedicated to Jagermeister, debuted at No. 20 on the list of top sellers at Harmony House stores. "All the other bands on the list were national acts and we're selling as good as they are," Gross said excitedly. Besides selling well, the single, mixed by Mike E. Clark of ICP fame, has received or is receiving airplay on Detroit-area radio stations WKRR, WRIF, and CIMX. "It's tough for local bands to get airplay, the politics the way they are," Gross said. For the album, the Howling Diablos worked at several stu-

dios including the White Room, 54 Sound in Ferndale, A&M in Hollywood, and the legendary studio United Sound in Detroit. "That place is like the temple of funk. There's so much history there. George Clinton worked there, the Red Hot Chili Peppers cut there. There's an endless legacy of groups that have been there." There was also an endless stream of guest musicians - organ player Chris Codish, pianist Eddie Harsch, guitarist Bobby East, drummer Jeff Fowlkes, background vocalist Mildred Anderson, violinist Mary Alice, and drummer Vinnie Dombroski, lead singer of Sponge. "We have Vinnie play drums on a couple of the songs. They all know him as the singer in Sponge. People don't remember what a great drummer Vinnie is."

Rapper Kid Rock, who recently inked a deal with Lava/Atlantic records, remixed "Reefer Man" and provided drum loops for the album. With the success of "Green Bottle" and its live album, the Howling Diablos have garnered some interest among major labels. Gross said whether the band signs a deal or not, the Howling Diablos will remain true to its mission. "We're always gonna be a live band that takes it live to the people. Of course we'd like to hook it

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- Howling Diablos - 9 p.m. Sundays throughout November, at: The Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, call (248) 545-2246 for more information.
- Howling Diablos and The Parka Kings - 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$20 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

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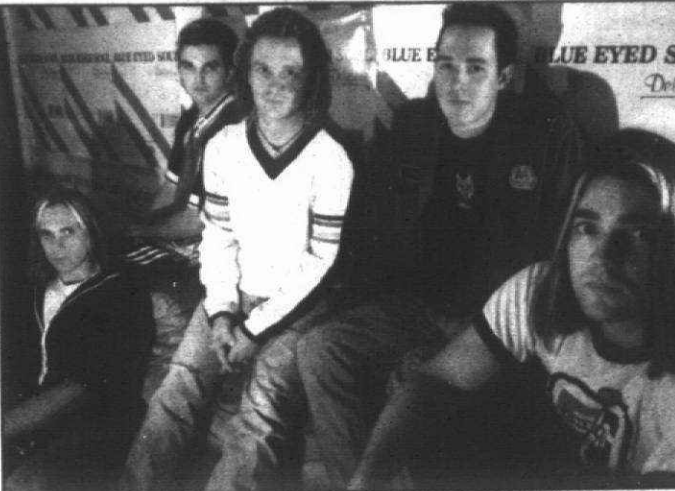
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Blue Eyed Soul serves up something 'Delicious'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

As a student at Henry Ford Community College, Christian Draheim recorded an entire tape in the bathroom of his mother's house for a class project. "The room had a real tight sound. It was just me and an acoustic guitar. It didn't get that crappy echo. I just always remember that. When I walk in a new building I always listen to the acoustics," Draheim said. Two years later when it came time for his rock band Blue Eyed Soul to record its debut CD, "Delicious," Draheim took his bathroom experience into consideration. "I thought, 'This bathroom would be awesome to record in but it's too small to put a drum kit,'" said Draheim of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia. So he improvised and brought in a guitar, cabinet and mic and went to work. "I did a guitar solo in the shower. It's awesome. Now there's rugs and stuff in there. But the acoustics are very good. It has all natural reverb. There



Celebrating debut: The Farmington Hills-based rock band Blue Eyed Soul - from left, bassist Scott Kolassa, guitarist Allan Maclean, singer Michale Welchans, drummer Daniel Lago, and guitarist Christian Draheim - recently released its debut CD "Delicious."

was no added effects," Draheim said of the slide guitar solo in "Smell." "Smell" is one of nine songs on the five-year-old band's debut CD "Delicious," released in mid-

September on Blue Eyed Soul's Acid Groove Records. The week ending Sept. 16, the first week in the stores, it charted at No. 178 in Detroit on SoundScan spurring the interest of major record labels. The week ending Nov. 11 "Delicious" reached No. 134.

After 17 seconds of thunderous drums in the instrumental "BHT," the nine-song "Delicious" kicks off with the funk-laden title track, and continues with morsels of acoustically driven ballads and rockers ("Scratch," "Smell"), and straight-ahead rock songs ("Easy," and "Smother"). Like "Smell," the album was recorded primarily in the home that Draheim shares with lead singer Michale Welchans. The dread-locked Welchans, a former Redford resident, described recording at home as "really comfortable."

"A lot of recording has to do with getting used to the environment that you're in. I'm always self-conscious about what the

engineer is thinking. At least I feel comfortable about being at home." Draheim added that you can't beat the price of recording at home. "There's no pressure as far as worrying about being on the clock and the money issue. Plus, when you're in a creative mood and your mindset is at its best, you could go and record."

"Delicious" is the culmination of a two-year project for Blue Eyed Soul. "The band began recording the album in 1995 but internal problems erupted and two guys were let go. As a consequence, Blue Eyed Soul trashed some of the songs and started over. With the new lineup of singer Welchans, Draheim, drummer Daniel Lago of Westland, guitarist Allan Maclean of Canton, and bassist Scott Kolassa of Northville, "everybody has a respect for the direction that we're going on."

Draheim cited the songs "Delicious" and "Easy" as the new direction. "We'll still continue to wander out of that. None of them (the songs on the album) sound alike but it sounds coherent." He added that like "Delicious," Blue Eyed Soul's next album will be recorded at home. "Next time, I definitely want to try different rooms in the house," Draheim said. Blue Eyed Soul performs with Son of Adam and The Krinkles, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 581-3650. Other upcoming shows include: 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Record Collector, 28143 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is free. (248) 473-8350; and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Blockbuster Music, 482 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Admission is free. (248) 338-4700. For more information about Blue Eyed Soul, visit its website at <http://www.blueeyedsoul.com> or call (313) YES-SOUL.

Hilberry serves up a tasty family show

BY SUSAN SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

If there were a category for aromatic special effects, the smell of onions in ragu wafting through the auditorium of the Hilberry would win by more than a nose. The Neapolitan comedy by Eduardo Filippino runs in repertory through Jan. 30. Call (313) 577-2972 for ticket information.

If all the comedies of Italy's beloved playwright Eduardo de Filippo translate as well, it's a mystery why his works aren't performed more often in the United States. His simmer blend of family fare, flings, feuds and forgiveness make for a tasty theatrical treat. The action centers around food and the family dining room, which sets the stage for the play's main course. Whether the food is being praised, prepared or relished, it is central to, and symbolic of, the nurturing of family relationships and friendships.

Mary Vinette embodied the passion and stubbornness of Mama Rosa, the family's matriarch. Her scenes with her husband, Peppino, ran the gamut of marital emotion, through anger, caring, guilt and jealousy. Bret

Tuomi played the patriarch well, seething with a barely contained rage, frustrated by his own perceived powerlessness.

Rosa and Peppino's family provide a varied menu of side plots and entertainment. Antoinette Doherty was whimsically amusing as the headstrong daughter spurning her conservative fiancé's attempts to control her. And Karl Kippola's Luigi was obnoxious to the point of being amusing and not annoying.

The properties manager, Deirdre Bullock, literally had to double as chef and had the challenge of props that must be replaced for each run of the show. The smell of the onions really set the mood, though, and was an important part of the ambience. The set was wonderfully detailed, creating a kitchen and dining room that were the central focus of the action and the welcoming arms of the home. The set establishes the intimacy of the family with its inviting kitchen and the importance of the Sunday meal with this formal, reversed dining room.

The period costumes from the '50s were also beautifully done as well, right down to the men's hats and women's pumps.



Making dinner: Rosa (Mary Vinette) starts her Sunday ragu, while her husband Peppino (Bret Tuomi) looks on in "Saturday, Sunday, Monday."

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MOVIES

'Jackal' fails to improve on the original version



JOHN MONAGHAN

Part of the fun in 1973's 'The Day of the Jackal' was the obscurity of the actor playing the assassin, a master of disguise. It gave you the paranoid feeling that the nondescript fellow with the wide tie and sideburns sitting next to you on the airplane (or in the movie theater, for that matter) could be a political assassin.

The new version, shortened to simply 'The Jackal,' features Bruce Willis in various personas (and wig styles) from port-bellied Canadian to blond-maned fisher dude. The only problem is: the elaborate get-ups don't add up to much except tedium for the audience and another star vehicle for Willis that goes nowhere fast.

An MTV-style credit sequence, backed by music from Primal Scream, is practically a mini-movie about the fall of the Soviet Union. This hip intro couldn't contrast more with the rest of the movie, which, directed by 'Rob Roy's' Michael Caton-Jones, quickly becomes your standard-issue espionage thriller. When a gangster's brother is killed during a Russian nightclub bust, a mysterious assassin is hired. For \$70 million, the killer (known only by the code name 'Jackal') will murder the American FBI director and then disappear without a trace.

Enter Declan Mulqueen (Richard Gere), an imprisoned IRA bomber and the only man who can identify the Jackal by sight. He strikes a deal with the authorities (led by a stern Sidney Poitier): collar the would-be killer and the Irishman will have his sentence lessened.

And you thought Brad Pitt's accent in 'The Devil's Advocate' was suspect? Check out the gray-haired Gere; he makes Pitt sound like Michael Collins. Moreover, he has virtually no chemistry with Willis, save for the slow-motion shots of their inevitable face off stolen from director John Woo.

Even worse served is Poitier, who keeps appearing in thankless roles like this in forgettable action movies. Can't the man generally regarded as one of the nation's premier black actors find work in better projects? 'The Jackal' sinks lowest when it mixes violence with humor when the assassin uses a greasy-haired shop rat as a moving target for his latest weapon.

The movie's sole good idea comes near the end. The chase takes the men deep into the subway tunnels, capped by a shot of narrow escape that may be the movie's only true thrill. Even this is hindered by surprisingly low-tech special effects.

My love/hate relationship with Bruce Willis continues with 'The Jackal.' Used so effectively in 'Pulp Fiction' and 'Twelve Monkeys,' the egomaniac actor is asked to do little more than look stone-faced as he carries out his mission.

By the end of the movie, he reverts to your run-of-the-mill raging psychopath, holding innocent people hostage and taunting Mulqueen with cries of, 'you can't protect your women, can you?' It's a bloody and stupid end to what his Irish adversary might call a bloody stupid film.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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'Stormy Weather' (USA-1943). 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. A legendary lineup of black entertainers appear in this pioneering musical, including Lena Horne (singing the title song), Fats Waller ('Ain't Misbehavin'), Cab Calloway, Dooley Wilson, and Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson. (S)

'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory' (USA-1971). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. The movie version of the Roald Dahl novel about every child's fantasy: winning a ticket to the candy store (or in this case chocolate factory) led by tour guide Gene Wilder. 'Swingers' (USA-1996). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. A group of aspiring young actors in L.A. form friendships, try to pick up women, and cruise the city's martini bars in this independent exploration of the Cocktail Nation.

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'Broadway Melody of 1940' (USA-1940). Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell team in this MGM musical with the tunes supplied by Cole Porter. ('Begin the Beguine,' 'I Concentrate on You')

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'Drowning in Dreams' (Canada-1997). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23. A documentary account of one man's obsession in which the wreck of a luxury yacht, discovered in 1970 in Lake Superior, leads to misfortune for the man who tries to raise it.

'Different for Girls' (Britain-1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23. A gender-bending romance between a heterosexual male and a transsexual woman.

'Rubber' (USA-1997). 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23. A comedy about a professor who accidentally invents an anti-gravity material which he names 'Rubber.' Stars Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden, Ted Levine and Clancy Brown.

'Alvin Resurrection' (USA-1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23. Sigourney Weaver returns as Ripley who discovers that her 'resurrection' is the result of an incredible experiment which has altered both her and the creature she had been carrying. Also stars Ron Perlman.

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DINING

Supper Club theme clicks at Clawson Steak House

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Established in 1958 by brothers Greg and Paul Alexopoulos, the Clawson Steak House is one of only two remaining upscale Supper Clubs in the Detroit suburbs. The other is Excalibur in Southfield.

Since the late 1980s, second generation, Nick, John Alexopoulos, and Jim Alex carry on tradition, but are at the same time, in tune with dining preferences of the 90s. They've had the now-popular steakhouse concept in motion for a decade!

Nick and his cousin Jim manage all aspects of the business or in restaurant lingo, "the front of the house." One of them is always on premise to greet diners, a large percentage of whom are regulars. Nick's brother John is executive chef. All three family members grew up in the restaurant business and are infectious about their continuing success.

"We don't advertise," Nick said. "New customers find us by word of mouth. A lot of our regular customers were brought here by their parents and now, they are bringing their kids. There were a number of restaurants like this in the 1970s and young people are curious about that era."

You've got that right! Who

would have predicted the current Tony Bennett phenomenon?

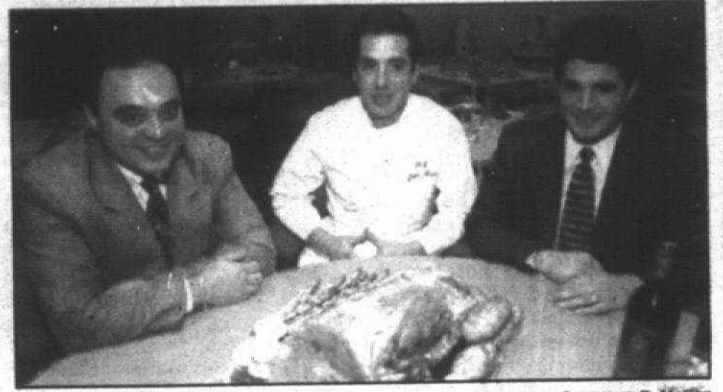
The sign on the entry door sets expectations. "No shorts or tee shirts. Proper attire required." Get a booth in the bar smoking area or sit at one of the 20 comfortable stools at the bar. The main supper club, done in soft tones of mauve and two-toned blue, has upholstered booths seating four. Tables, many snuggled close to the fairly-large dance floor below the stage, seat two, four or six in comfortably-large upholstered chairs.

The Mark James Band (keyboard, percussion and vocalist) performs live on stage from Wednesday through Saturday for both listening and dancing pleasure. "Other than a wedding, this is one of the only places you can dance close," Jim remarked.

A long list of appetizers are dinner eye catchers. Escargot, sautéed in garlic butter is \$6, and touting Greek family traditions of the owners, Saganaki "Opa" flamed tableside at \$4 are among the hits. Not into starters? The Baked French Onion Soup awaits.

While defining itself as a steakhouse and calling its 30-ounce porterhouse \$22 "a steak-eater's dream," fish selections are among the top sellers. Royal Oak's Superior Fish Company makes eight to 10 deliveries of

Clawson Steak House
Where: 56 S. Rochester Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Clawson, (248) 588-5788.
Hours: Lunch Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner Monday through Thursday 4-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday until midnight.
Menu: Supper Club style steakhouse featuring not only beef, but veal and fresh seafood. Extensive daily-dated specials at both lunch and dinner.
Entertainment: Live band Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Cost: Lunch sandwiches \$3.50-7; entree-size salads \$6-7.50; specials \$7-10. Dinner appetizers \$4-6; steaks, chops, veal and seafood \$9-22.
Reservations: accepted, but on Friday and Saturday, for tables of six or more only.
Credit cards: all majors accepted.



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At your service: Jim Alex (left), Executive Chef John Alexopoulos, and Nick Alexopoulos carry on the tradition of the Clawson Steak House.

fresh seafood each week. Two combos top the list, Surf and Turf at market price and New York and Shrimp Orly, a 12-ounce New York strip steak and golden-fried, beer-batter-dipped shrimp, incredibly reasonable at \$15. It comes, as do all entrees, with soup, salad and choice of vegetable, potato or pasta.

Other popular seafood entrees are Lake Superior White Fish, broiled and lightly-seasoned \$11,

one full pound of Alaskan King Crab Legs \$20 and deboned, broiled filet of Holland Dover Sole Almondine \$17.

Three preparations of Provimi veal are menu staples at \$12-14. Choose from Picatta, Marsala or Parmesan. And where else can you always find Roadhouse style (lightly-battered, garlic-accented and deep-fried) Frog Legs \$12? Or Beef Stroganoff as one of the daily specials? And calves liver

smothered with onions \$9?

Chef John Alexopoulos touts his specials. Gordon Doyon, co-owner of Birmingham's Doyon Brothers Salon and a regular at the Clawson Steak House, confirms. "The lamb chops here are the best ever." Marinated and

rack cut, lamb chops are char-broiled. Three are \$15 and five are \$22. "I like leftovers for lunch the next day, so I always order five," Doyon added. "But the very best is the Land and Sea special, two lamb chops and a large filet of grilled salmon."

THANKSGIVING DINNER OUT

Call restaurant for reservations/information.

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road (west of Haggerty) Plymouth, (313) 453-2002. Open noon to 6 p.m., all day buffet includes traditional turkey with trimmings, ham, porkloin, Italian dishes, desserts, and more. Cost \$17.95 per person, children ages 6-12, \$8.95; children five and younger complimentary.

Leather Bottle - 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420. Open 1-6 p.m., Thanksgiving Day menu features choice of turkey, baked Atlantic cod, glazed ham, beef, and chicken breast supreme. Cost \$11.95 per person, children's menu also available.

Leon's Family Dining - 28904 Seven Mile Road, Livonia (248) 478-7811. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special Thanksgiving menu, turkey dinner, \$6.95 per person, \$4.95 children 12 and under.

Mama-Mia Restaurant & Pizzeria - 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (313) 427-1000. Open noon to 9 p.m. Whole turkey dinner for parties up to eight, \$79. Single turkey dinners, and other menu items will also

be available.

Mitch Housey's - 28500 Schoolcraft (opposite Ladbroke DRC) Livonia, (313) 425-5520. Seatings at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with trimmings. Cost \$9.95 per person plus tax, tip and beverages.

Plymouth Landing - 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (313) 455-3700 - Offering a buffet 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Includes traditional turkey dinner with trimmings, baked pineapple glazed ham, Seafood - Newburgh, Beef Stroganoff, Pasta Italiano, Greek Spinach Pie, fresh fruit, pastry table and more. Cost \$15.95 per person; \$6.50 for children ages 5-10; no charge for children 4 and under.

Water Club Grill - 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (313) 454-0666 - Open 1-6 p.m., Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with the trimmings - roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, soup or salad, rolls \$10.95 per person, children 10 and under \$5.95, regular menu will also be available.

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