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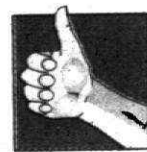
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School bond goes to voters

■ Voters head to the polls this Saturday to determine whether a new middle school and buses will be in the budget for the district.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



A near-record number of absentee ballots have been filled out by voters for this Saturday's middle school bond election in the Plymouth-Canton school district. "We are nearing the 3,000 mark in absentee ballots, which would be an all-time high for the district," said Judy Evola, director of community relations. School administration offices were busy as at times there were lines of people waiting to vote absentee. School district residents can still vote absentee, however the ballots cannot

Bond Issue

Shall Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$18,810,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

■ developing and improving the site, erecting, furnishing and equipping a new middle school facility; acquiring, installing and equipping technology for the new middle school; constructing, equipping and developing outdoor physical education, playground and athletic facilities; and acquiring school buses?

(Pursuant to state law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other expenses.)

YES NO

leave the building. The district will continue to take absentee ballots by mail through Saturday.

"We even have a special mail delivery scheduled for Saturday to make sure we get all the absentee ballots," said Liz Adams, elections clerk. "Those with absentee ballots can still drop them off by 8 p.m. Saturday at the school administration offices."

"We were hoping for 3,000 to 3,500 absentee votes, so we're right on target," said Mark Horvath, chairman of the bond election committee. "I'm hoping that the high number won't be a negative, as in the past. The history of absentee votes has been fairly nega-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Someone's treasures: Vi Provost (left) Dorothy Martin, Iva Folds and Dolly Clos price items to be sold during a rummage sale at the senior center in Canton this Saturday.

Seniors host sale

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If bargain hunting is a favorite pastime of yours, Saturday's Canton Place rummage sale may be a chance to discover untold treasures.

Clothing, appliances and books are just a few of the items that will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Canton Place's community room. Sale organizer Iva Folts said all items will be priced between a nickel and \$10.

"We keep the prices really down," she said, "because we want to get rid of this stuff."

Canton Place is a federally-subsidized high rise home for senior citizens. The building, which is located on Sheldon Road just south of Ford, is owned and operated by National Church Residence. The company runs about 150 senior apartment buildings, including Canton Place's sister facility, Sheldon Place.

The Canton Place Association decided to hold a rummage sale at its September meeting. Folts said it would be the second such event since the building opened nine years ago.

Money raised from the sale will go

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Undercover sting leads to citations

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police cited six township business for selling either alcohol or tobacco to minors Friday.

Applebee's, Shark Club, Chili's, Cookers, a Shell gas station and Super Kmart were all issued citations. Penalties include fines and/or suspension of liquor licenses. It was the first violation for all of the businesses except Super Kmart, which now has two.

"I think it sends a message to the community that we're not ignoring the problem," said Officer Mike Steckel, who helps run the enforcement program.

The Observer contacted most of the business cited. Only Chili's and the Shark Club returned calls for comment.

"It's an unfortunate situation," said Michael Mazza, owner of the Shark Club. "We take precautions against this happening. I don't want to serve minors. That's not what we're here for."

Chili's Area Director Michael McKinley said the company is investigating the incident. He added that the employee who served the police decoy was terminated.

"Our policy is to card people under 40," McKinley added.

Applebee's, Shark Club, Chili's and Cookers received citations for selling alcohol to minors. Shell and Super Kmart were caught selling tobacco to minors. Only the Crow's Nest Bar & Grill didn't sell alcohol to a police decoy.

According to Steckel, the program began back in May. Since then, one sweep per month has been done on Canton businesses that sell alcohol and tobacco.

"We hit eight places per month randomly," Steckel said.

Friday's sweep produced the greatest number of citations since the program started.

■ 'I don't want to serve minors. That's not what we're here for.'

Michael Mazza
—Shark Club owner

"Six out of seven," Steckel said. "That's never happened. We usually get one or two."

Business caught selling booze to minors face stiffer penalties than those selling tobacco.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission Aide Ken Wozniak said business can be fined up to \$1,000 and have their license suspended for up to seven days. Penalties are left to the commission's discretion.

"Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis," he added.

Generally, business do not receive the maximum fine or have their license suspended on first violations, said Wozniak. None of the Canton businesses cited have yet been scheduled for a hearing by the commission.

Mazza said he wouldn't fight the citation. "I take full responsibility," he said. "We didn't do our job. I'm not happy about it. It won't happen again."

Businesses selling tobacco typically receive a fine, Steckel said.

Currently, Canton police use 10 "explorers" or decoys in the sting operations. Each receives a week's training from the Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Academy before beginning.

The explorers are youths 14 to 21 years old from Canton and Plymouth.

"We pick those that have interest in law enforcement," Steckel said.

The police department will be hiring five more explorers shortly. Those interested in applying can contact Steckel at (734) 397-6451.

Republicans give big to Bennett campaign

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Senate Republican Campaign Committee has contributed more than \$170,000 to Loren Bennett's 8th District re-election bid.

The committee made the gifts as in-kind contributions for radio advertising done this year. "In-kind" contributions are made on the candidate's behalf, but are not coordinated with the campaign committee.

"It's a key race," Senate Republican Campaign Committee Executive Director Katie Packer said. "It's our No. 1 target. It's a seat traditionally held by Democrats."

The in-kind gifts, which total \$173,024.39 as of the Sept. 3 post-primary campaign finance reports filing deadline, are the biggest the Republican committee has given to any of its 20 incumbents.

According to Packer, the committee will likely increase spending on other candidates, at least the ones that are figured to have tight races, as the election draws near in November. She said

money was spent early on Bennett because his Democratic opposition, city of Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield, was clearly defined.

"The race was formed early in the year," Packer said.

She declined to say how much more money the committee would give Bennett in in-kind contributions before the election.

"We will do whatever it takes to get his message across," she added.

The Senate committee has spent only a fraction on other Republican candidates in the area on in-kind contributions.

In the 15th District, which includes Farmington, West Bloomfield, Novi

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Bennett

Fire Station 1 open to public Saturday

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Canton will unveil its brand new Fire Station 1 with grand opening ceremonies Friday and Saturday.

The 15,000-square-foot facility will be showcased to the public through tours and an open house over the two days. Public Safety Director John Santomauro is pleased to get the building up and running after several delays.

"It has been a long time in coming," he added. "But it's a great facility. It will meet the community's needs for many years."

Located at 1100 Canton Center Road in the civic center complex, the facility replaces old No. 1 at Canton Center and Cherry Hill. That building, which

was constructed in 1950, will be torn down within the next 30 days, according to Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnick.

Firefighters began moving into their new home in mid-August. The \$3 million fire headquarters has administrative offices, a training room, two sleeping areas, a kitchen and dining area, and five bays that will hold 10 fire trucks.

The garage also has a state-of-the-art primal vent system to ensure that air from the diesel exhaust doesn't filter inside the station. The facility was designed with living quarters for a dozen firefighters.

Creating the new fire headquarters was a team effort, said Santomauro.

"Our goal all along was that it would

be a community project," he said.

Completing the station didn't come without headaches for the township.

In 1996, bonds amounting to \$3.6 million were sold to finance the construction of the fire headquarters and two additions to the public safety building. About \$3 million of that has been spent thus far.

Canton officials are currently negotiating a settlement with building contractors Jenkins Construction Inc. for not having the facility completed by Jan. 1. The company could owe the township \$20,000-\$25,000.

On Aug. 17, Canton's fire engines rolled out of the new fire headquarters for the first time. It turned out to be a false alarm — ironically at a gas station across the street from the department's

old home.

Since then, firefighters have completed the move and established a level of comfort at their new home. Santomauro said it's been a smooth transition.

"It really was," he said. "I was really surprised."

As for the grand opening, ceremonies will get under way Friday.

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be held in the fire station's main bay area starting at 3 p.m. Santomauro, township Supervisor Tom Yack and state Sen. Loren Bennett will speak.

Festivities will last until 6 p.m. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Friday's activities are by

Please see **STATION, A2**

District won't recover funds from Vorva

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district has failed in its attempt to get monetary damages from Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva for holding up the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds from the March 1997 school bond proposal.

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has notified us they rejected our bid for damages against Mr. Vorva by a 2-1 vote," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "We have the option of asking for a rehearing,

going to the Supreme Court, or not pursuing the matter. I will give those options to the school board."

Plymouth-Canton school officials filed for damages last month, claiming Vorva was stalling for time by asking for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals instead of taking his lawsuit to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Superintendent Chuck Little said Vorva was using a delay tactic to further postpone construction of new elementary and high schools.

No specific amount for damages was

filed in the suit. However, John Birchler, executive director of business operations, said the district is losing approximately \$11,000 a day in interest from the sale of bonds.

School board President Mike Maloney estimates the scope of the project — two new schools, new buses and technology improvements — has lost about \$10 million in buying power because of increased labor and material costs due to the delay.

Vorva has since lost his bid for a rehearing in the Michigan Court of Appeals, and is preparing briefs to take his case to the Supreme Court.

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invitation, but the public may attend. Saturday is the public's formal chance to see the new fire headquarters.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., township residents can tour the facility. Refreshments, again, will be served and a drawing will be held giving Canton children a

chance to win Dalmatian Beanie Babies. Fire blankets will also be given away.

In addition, a fire safety house

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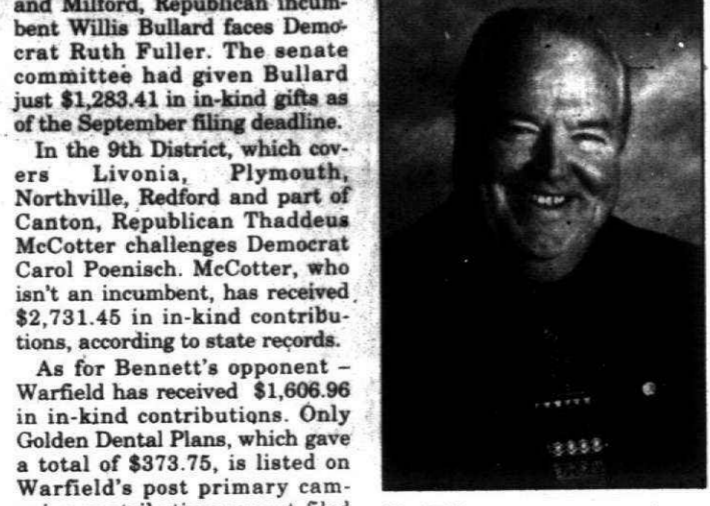
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Warfield

■ The committee will likely increase spending on other candidates, at least the ones that are figured to have tight races, as the election draws near in November.

Warfield has raised \$55,640.55

In direct and independent contributions as of the September report filing deadline. His biggest contributors have been the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association PAC (\$5,000) and the Metro Wayne Democratic Club (\$3,000).

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toward bringing entertainment to the seniors. Music and dancing are two popular choices among Canton Place residents.

Folts, along with Dolly Clos, Dorothy Martin and Vi Provost, began collecting items from residents on Monday.

"I knew everybody could come up with one box for me," said Folts. "Some people have been giving us two and three boxes."

"We're surprised at how much we've received," said Clos.

An assortment of items have been gathered. Dishes, glass-

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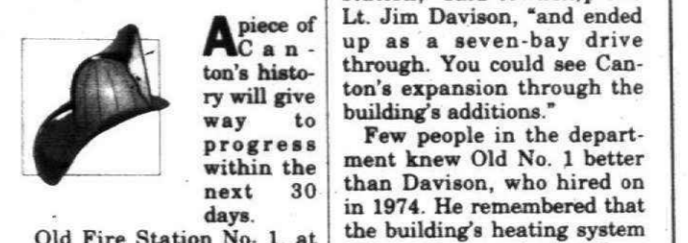
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Historical Old fire station to be demolished

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

A piece of town's history will give way to progress within the next 30 days.



Old Fire Station No. 1, at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hills roads, will be demolished due to safety and financial concerns in that time frame.

The township Board of Trustees approved the measure Tuesday in awarding an \$18,000 contract to Detroit-based Diamond Dismantling.

"It has a lot of local history, but it is not a historical building," Municipal Director Aaron Machnik said. "The cost to renovate it and have it sit there so close to the road would be prohibitive."

The fire station moved into its new home on Canton Center Road back in mid-August. A public grand opening is planned for next weekend.

Keeping the old station around would mean major repairs at a cost perhaps as high as \$500,000. With no practical uses for the building, Machnik said there's little reason for the township to spend that kind of money.

Canton does own the land, some six acres, the building sits on.

"We will hold it for open space as long as we can," said Machnik.

When the wrecking ball does come some time in October, it will take with it a piece of history.

Canton's first firehouse was built in 1950. It started off with one bay and small living quarters.

The township's first full-time fireman, Larry Longwish, lived there with his family from the early 1960s until about 1972 when the department expanded.

The fire station also housed Canton's municipal offices until the mid-1970s. Machnik remembers one Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held at the building in particular.

"It went until 4 o'clock in the morning," he said. "It's Canton's world record for a meeting."

Bays were added to the station throughout the '70s.

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The school district is asking voters to approve \$18.1 million in bonds for a middle school to replace Lowell, which is being taken back by the Livonia school district. The site is at Hanford and Canton Center roads in Canton, which would make it the first middle school constructed in the township.

John Birchler, executive director of business and operations, said the district has already spent \$150,000 from the general fund for design work on a new school. The school board approved the allocation in order to be one step closer to construction if voters approve the bond.

The district administration is working on a strict time line to finish the new middle school by August 2000, the same time the lease with Livonia for Lowell is ended. If a new middle school isn't completed by then, or is rejected by voters, school officials say the nearly 750 students at Lowell would be distributed among the remaining four middle schools. That, they say, would cause them to schedule split shifts and extended days for students.

"It's a pretty straightforward election," added Horvath. "We're hoping as many people as possible get out to vote. It's too important an issue for the community for people not to vote."

On Tuesday, most of the 110 poll workers attended workshops on the electronic voting machines to avoid any problems on election day.

"By state law they all have to

Canton Newcomers host October meeting

INVITATION

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If you've always wanted to get involved with a community group but didn't how, Wednesday, Oct. 7 is a day to mark on your calendar.

That's when the Canton Newcomers Club will host its second meeting of the season. Prospective members will get a chance to learn about the club and its many activities.

"It's truly a dynamic group of women," said Newcomers publicity chairman Kristy Engle. "I've met some of my best friends through Newcomers."

The non-profit social, civic and charitable organization meets monthly with the idea of acquainting women with other women in the Canton area.

"It's a way for women to come together in the community and share common interests," said Engle, a five-year club member. "We also serve the community on a civic level."

The organization is in its 27th year. Unlike similar clubs in the area, it doesn't exclude women

from nearby communities.

"We have several members from Plymouth and Novi," Engle said.

Newcomers' general meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. The club meets from September through June.

Each meeting has a theme. October's gathering will feature a "Southern Hospitality Social."

"It's a good meeting for anyone who's interested to attend," said Engle.

Other meetings, which are 7-9 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, will emphasize fall harvest, Christmas and a game night in January.

The group frequently has speakers, too. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, for example, will talk to the newcomers in February.

Meetings this year will try to reduce time spent on business and focus more on social activities, Engle said. That new focus seems to be working so far.

The Newcomers had 80 people for its first meeting in early September. That number will rise, Engle said.

"It usually grows throughout the year."

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During fire prevention month, the Canton Fire Department will pay a visit to Bentley Elementary school to speak to four kindergarten classes.

CHILDREN WITH FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE SAFETY, calling 911 and fire tips. The safety sessions will be held at 9:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 12.

OBITUARIES

WYONA G. CLARK
Services for Wyona G. Clark, 88, of Canton were Sept. 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. William A. Polowski officiating.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Dames. Survivors include his wife Jennifer Dames; one son, Christopher Dames; two daughters, Lisa Hazlett, Jennifer Dames; his mother, Mercedes Dames; three brothers, Robert Dames, Rory Dames, George F. Dames Jr.; one sister, Mary Fox; and two grandchildren.

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Services for Gerald Lee (Jerry) Adams, 53, of Lead Hill, Ark. (formerly of Plymouth) were scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling, Mich. with the Rev. D. Dean Coursey officiating. Burial will follow at Cold Springs Township Cemetery, Kalkaska County, Mich.

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Services for Evva Lois Thorpe, 96, of Plymouth were Sept. 21 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Peter Berg of St. Peter's Evangelical Church of Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER
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Charter schools
Candidates split on need to create more

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER
No more padded gloves. The face for the University of Michigan Board of Regents is about charter schools.

Problems. CMU has chartered 46 schools, about half the state's total. CMU board chair is Brandon, who has made charters a campaign issue.

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University of Michigan Regents

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DEMOCRATS

PHILIP M. POWER, 60, Ann Arbor, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc.; appointed to U-M board in 1996, elected in 1999; active in party. KATHY WHITE, Ann Arbor, professor of law at Wayne State University, engineer and patent attorney; former captain in Army Judge Advocate General's Office; active in party.

REPUBLICANS

DAVID BRANDON, 45, Plymouth, CEO of Valassis Communications, Livonia; currently chair of Central Michigan University board; board chair at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia; active in Republican Party. JESSE DALMAN, 65, Holland, state representative since 1990, previously chair of Ottawa County board; alumni association, League of Women Voters.

LIBERTARIANS

Nominees BILL MALL of Rockford and JAMES MONTGOMERY of Ann Arbor were no-shows.

White: "There needs to be a balance between access of the public and protection of early candidates." Power: "No sitting president allowed his name to go forward under the previous law when name were subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The Sept. 24 AAUW program was taped by Time-Warner Cable of Livonia. Contact your local cable station to request a local showing."

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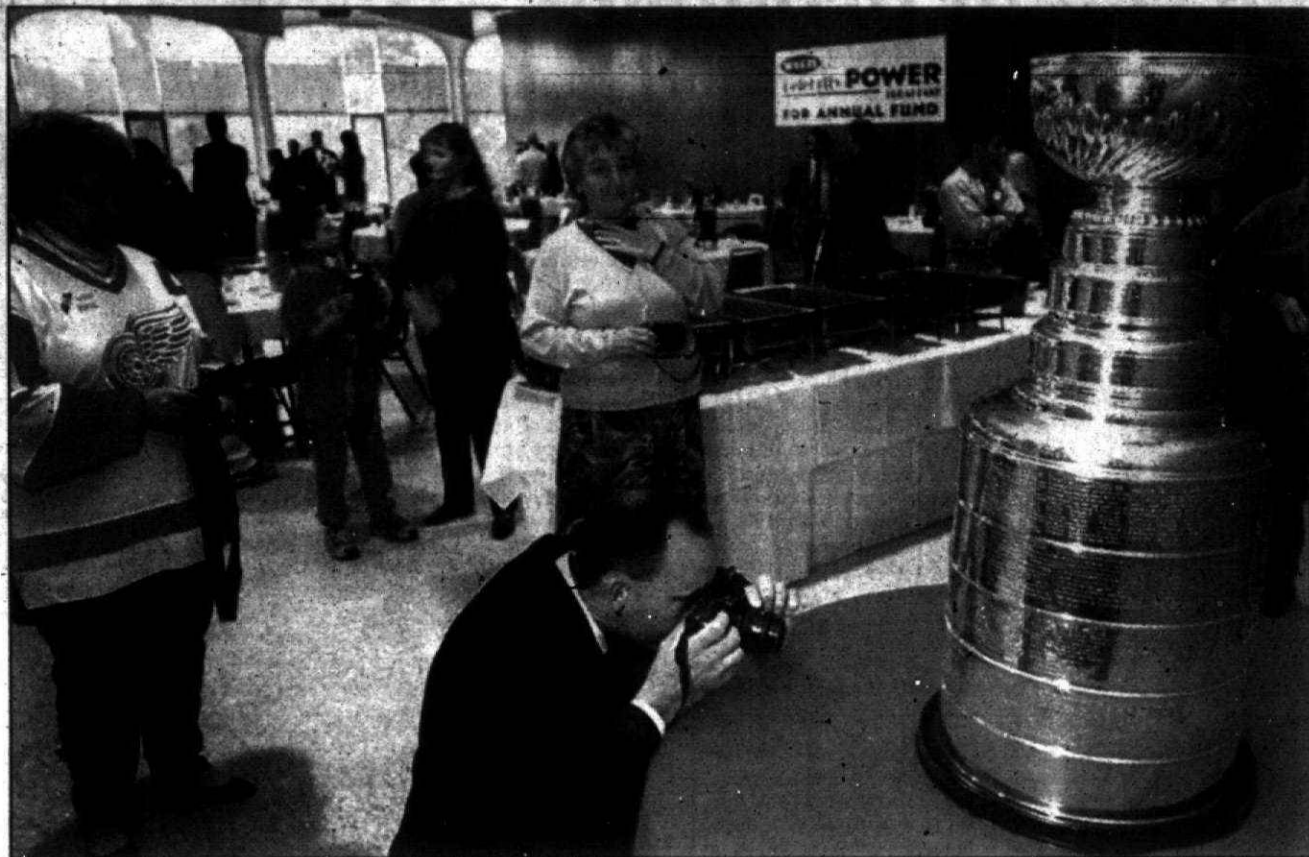
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Cup wows 'em at sports breakfast

More than 100 friends of Madonna University gathered last month to rub shoulders with local sports celebrities while raising money for the Catholic liberal-arts university.

Former Tigers Jason Thompson, Bill Freehan, and Jim Northrup and former Red Wing great Ted Lindsay and others were on hand but it was the Stanley Cup that attracted the most attention.

The second annual sports celebrity breakfast kicked off the university's annual fund drive.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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Local is best to solve social problems - Smietanka

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The Republican candidate's idea was so good that Democrat U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno kept the program in place. The Republican is John Smietanka, who is running for Michigan attorney general a second time. "I have two children - a daughter who is 13 and the Weed and Seed program, which is 7," he told the Farmington Exchange Club.

"Not much government money is involved," said the veteran Berrien County prosecutor and U.S. attorney, who began Weed and Seed during his years in George Bush's Justice Department. A native of a Chicago neighborhood, Smietanka, 57, believes neighborhood groups are the best solvers of social problems -

not government programs and money. It's an idea he attributes to Alexis deToqueville, the French statesman who wrote "Democracy in America" 150 years ago. "Without healthy neighborhoods, you can gold plate the telephone poles and pave the streets with platinum, and you will not have healthy cities. What's tear apart neighborhoods is the weeds - street gangs, bullies, drugs, violence," Smietanka said. "We need to break the power of the weeds. It's not just a matter of prosecution. You take your natural leaders and ask them to write down three tangible things you can do to make the neighborhood better. Not love, truth and beauty. You may need a street light on a dangerous corner. These five kids need job training. Over there is a crack

house. "This is where you guys come in," he told the civic club. "Representatives of business, labor, churches, charitable foundations and government. Use their goals. You don't improve neighborhoods by yuffing them (by spending money on home decor)." When Janet Reno (whom Smietanka calls a friend) became attorney general in 1993, she sought to change the name of Weed and Seed, "but people in the neighborhoods wouldn't let her do it. She finally gave up." Smietanka soft-pedaled his political campaign for the non-partisan civic group, but he fielded questions. On gun laws, Smietanka said he favored the "shall issue" concept in bills by Rep. Alan Croppsey, R-DeWitt. Under it, the state shall issue a concealed

weapons permit to any qualified person, as guaranteed by the U.S. and state constitutions. "For the first time, state law would identify four classes of people who should not be licensed to carry guns: criminals, the mentally ill, children and the untrained," Smietanka said. "It is the abuser of the substance we have to pay attention to. The substance is neutral. We have 260 million guns in this country and 280 million people. No system of attempting to take all guns out of society will work. It won't happen." Asked how he would change the state attorney general's office if elected Nov. 3, Smietanka said it has "40 divisions with 290 lawyers, which is organizationally unbelievable. They have some divisions with nobody in them except the division head. Others have 20 and 30 lawyers

in them." After being sworn in Jan. 1 as attorney general, Smietanka intends to make these immediate changes: ■ Double the number of lawyers in the criminal division, currently eight. ■ Identify targets for joint task force such as multi-county street gangs, consumer fraud, improvements in scientific criminal investigation, organized crime and public corruption. ■ Identify, within 45 days, specific neighborhoods for a state Weed and Seed program; identify local (recognized but unselected) leaders who will set neighborhood goals. Details of Smietanka's "Weed and Seed" program are on Internet. Web site: www.smietanka.iserv.net

County exec GOP contender has uphill battle against McNamara

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Edward Romanowski of Detroit defeated Herb Scott of Canton in the Aug. 4 primary election to win the Republican nomination in the Wayne County executive's race.

Winning that nomination should be heady stuff for any candidate. But once the vote totals are reviewed, Romanowski sees how heavy the county is with Democrats. Contrast Romanowski's winning total of 24,878 with County Executive Ed McNamara's totals of 166,820 and Sharon McPhail's 84,065.

How will he offset that? "Speak the truth," Romanowski said. "There's about 90,000 voters for McPhail out there who wanted change. It will be tough." Romanowski believes other high-profile Democrats actually will benefit the Republican candidates in all races. "The Republicans will be helped this year by what's happening in Washington," Romanowski said, referring to President Bill Clinton's sex scandal. "I don't think (Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey) Fieger will do

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quite a bit of improvements. It is quite a walk for (passengers) to walk to the terminals." Romanowski doesn't have any grand scheme to cut taxes, but said he would keep the county on an even financial keel. "I would strive not to raise (taxes) and would strive not to cut services. I think it's important to have services." As far as administering a \$2 billion budget, Romanowski said he wouldn't comment on it until he looked at it. "If money is wasted, I would cut that part out of it."

Romanowski served in the U.S. Army and attended the University of Michigan. He has never been elected to public office, but has advanced beyond primary elections before when he ran for Detroit City Council. "I've made the primary twice, but never made the general." Romanowski retired 10 years ago as a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service. "I haven't been there in eight months, but there should be

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Attorney general brochure offers tips to stop unwanted telemarketing calls

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has introduced a new brochure to help citizens protect themselves from unwanted telemarketing calls. Kelley said the new brochure is designed to give residents information to protect themselves from telemarketing scams and to spell out specific steps people can take to eliminate any bothersome calls. "Citizens too often feel intimi-

dated by the high pressure and slick tactics of telemarketers," Kelley said. "I want people to know that they can take control by saying 'no' to telephone sales people and by insisting that telemarketers follow federal and state rules." The brochure provides information about federal rules that all telemarketers must follow. It also provides tips citizens can use to get their names taken off

GOP women to host tribute to Sen. Geake

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a farewell luncheon for Sen. Robert Geake who is retiring after 21 years in the Michigan State Senate. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12, in Bobby's Country House, Five Mile, just east of Levan, Livonia. Club members, guests and

elect officials will honor Geake for his service to Michigan. Geake, a Northville Township resident, is credited for his strong anti-crime measures, such as Michigan's anti-stalking legislation and tougher penalties for drunken driving. He also sponsored streamlining the unemployment insurance system and supported elimination of Michigan's inheritance tax. Besides the state Senate, Geake has served as a state representative. Cost of the luncheon is \$9 per person. Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 9. Call, 248-471-5659 for more information.

First-Time Home Buyer's Seminar

Presented at the Holiday Inn Livonia 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive (N.E. corner of I-275 and 6 Mile Road) Wed., Oct. 7th at 7pm Answer these questions & more:

- Can I qualify for a home mortgage loan?
- How should I go about finding the right home?
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- Dr. Berbaranne Branca, Neuropsychologist
- Dr. Steven Silverman, Anesthesiologist
- Dr. James Weinstaub, Neurologist and Sleep Disorders Specialist

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- Fibromyalgia & Related Syndromes
- Hormones & Headaches
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- Sleep & Head Pain
- Impact of Pain on Families
- Stress & Headaches: Facts vs Fiction
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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% of 1% of the par value of each bond or portion thereof called for redemption on or after April 1, 2000.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent, upon presentation to it of the bond called for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owners of record.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the issuer kept for that purpose at the office of the transfer agent by the registered owner hereof or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Township Clerk and its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof to be printed hereon, all as of the date of its issue.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
County of Wayne
State of Michigan
Thomas Yack, Supervisor

CounterSigned: Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

(FORM OF TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION)
Certificate of Authentication

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within mentioned Resolution.

Date of Registration: [Bond printer to insert assignment form.]

8. The Township Clerk or Finance Director are each authorized to make application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for permission to issue the Bonds, if required, or to request an Order Providing Exception Form.

9. Said notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form:
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
County of Wayne, State of Michigan
1998 Special Assessment Bonds

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Township Clerk located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, on the day of, 1998, until o'clock a.m., Eastern Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read.

BOND DETAILS: Bonds of this issue will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, dated October 1, 1998, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their date payable on April 1, 1999, and semiannually thereafter.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, 2008.

PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS: Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 1999 to 2004, inclusive shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

% of 1% of the par value of each bond or portion thereof called for redemption on or after April 1, 2006.

Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owners of record.

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The rights or remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, now existing or hereafter enacted, and by the application of general principles of equity, including those relating to equitable subordination.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., attorneys at Detroit, Michigan, copies of which opinion will be printed on the reverse side of the bonds, and the original of which will be furnished without charge to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof.

TAX MATTERS: In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds shall be exempt from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, and the bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan except inheritance taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a Financial Surety Bond, in the amount of \$34,800, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Township is required for each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid is not accepted and to be used to pay for the bonds.

BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION: If the bonds qualify for the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the purchaser of the bonds.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUILDING AUTHORITY CONTRACT: AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND DECLARING INTENT TO REFINANCE AND FOR EXPENDITURES

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998 AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.

WHEREAS, there exists in and for the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan (the "Township"), a need to acquire, construct, furnish and equip an addition to the existing library building and to construct additional parking and other site improvements therefor (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Canton Township Public Library (the "Library") has agreed to enter into a sublease of the Project whereby the Library will pay any obligations of the Township incurred for the Project, and the Township Board hereby determines that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to acquire the Project for the use of the Township;

WHEREAS, Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended ("Act 31"), provides through the procedures of building authority financing a means for the acquisition, construction and financing of public buildings and facilities, including the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Township, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 31, as amended, has previously adopted Articles of Incorporation and has established the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority (the "Authority"), with full powers to acquire and construct such buildings and facilities;

WHEREAS, the Township Board determines it to be in the best interest of the Township to acquire and finance the Project through the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Act 31, as amended;

WHEREAS, a Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contract to lease the "Contract" has been entered into between the Township and the Canton Township Library (the "Library"); and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon the lease payments of the Township payable under the Contract, the Authority and the Township may either receive prior approval of the bonds from the Michigan Department of Treasury or be exempt from prior approval as provided in Chapter III, Section 11 of Act 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended;

WHEREAS, in order to be able to be reimbursed for expenditure made prior to receipt of proceeds of the bonds (if any), the Township must declare its intent to reimburse such expenditures; and

general funds as a first budget obligation a sufficient amount of money to pay such principal and interest and, if necessary, shall levy taxes on all taxable property in the Township for such purpose, subject to applicable charter, statutory and constitutional tax rate limitations.

11. There shall be established and maintained a separate fund for the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, except accrued interest and premium, if any, and such fund shall be paid the cost of the improvements in the Districts. The moneys in the several funds may be maintained in a single account, but no moneys shall be drawn therefrom for the benefit of any District in excess of the District's proportion of the proceeds of the Bonds, and the investment income thereon. There shall also be placed in said fund the net proceeds of principal and interest on the related Road to the extent not pledged in Section 2 hereof.

12. The Township hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest by financial institutions, and cause or permit the proceeds thereof to be used in a manner which would cause the Bonds to lose the exemption from taxation in the State of Michigan and from federal income taxation conferred by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

13. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust. This resolution shall be deemed and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

14. The Township covenants it shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission regarding continuing disclosure as shall be more fully set forth in the resolution authorizing the bonds.

15. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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Yes vote urged

On July 1, 1981, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools began what has turned out to be a long-term relationship with the Livonia Public Schools for the lease of Lowell Middle School. This relationship was made possible because Livonia's student population was in a significant decline.

During the entire time we have leased Lowell, the Board of Education continuously sought a long-term lease and even informally explored the opportunity to purchase the building. We have had leases for as long as five years. Livonia was not willing to consider a sale of Lowell to us. PCCS did not terminate this arrangement, the Livonia Public Schools did.

Leasing Lowell allowed us to avoid building a fifth middle school in 1981. Over the last several years, the Livonia student population has been growing, reaching 18,474 the fall of 1997. Livonia presently has a K-six, seven-eight and nine-12 student educational structure. There are two reasons they need the Lowell Middle School in the 2000-01 school year: a growing student population and a change in their school building configuration to K-five, six-eight and nine-12. As a result the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools need to have a building in which to educate 750 students.

The bond proposal to build a new middle school is not based on student growth, it is simply to replace the classroom space that we presently have at Lowell.

This bond proposal also includes the purchase of eight-10 school buses. We have an aging fleet. We presently have

in our fleet of 99 buses and vans, 28 are 13 to 15 years old and have an average mileage of over 156,000 miles. We have been very frugal and have managed the assets of our bus fleet well. At this point, however, it is necessary to begin a systematic replacement of that aging fleet.

I have lived in this community for a long time, graduating from Plymouth High School. Like many of you, I have voted both for and against bond issues. I have tried to judge bond proposals on the basis of their merits, just like you have. Our community has always provided the support necessary for our children's education.

My vote on this bond proposal will be YES! I urge you to consider this bond proposal to replace Lowell Middle School and base your decision on the needs of our children. Please vote on Saturday, Oct. 3, and please vote yes!

Maureen T. Beeler Plymouth

Roland J. Thomas Jr. Plymouth

Education is key

I recently read a letter with very disturbing allegations. The author stated "Remember this school district only wants your money not your voice." He also stated "Please protect your right to vote, your pocketbook and your property."

In support of the authors position, the letter fails to mention many important facts. Some of these facts are that in the year 2000 Plymouth Canton will lose a school. This school, Lowell Middle School, will return to Livonia Public Schools. At least seven hundred and fifty children will have to be placed into the four, already crowded, remaining middle schools. This will then result in double shifts or year round schools.

This election has nothing to do with the high school vote, it only deals with replacement

members of the Class-size Action Partnership, we strongly support the Middle School Replacement Bond.

If we do not have a replacement middle school by the Fall of 2000, our community will face some very unpleasant repercussions. Split shifts and overcrowded classrooms are two of the possible ways of handling the 760 displaced students. This will damage the reputation of the Plymouth Canton Community schools, and negatively affect the property values in our community.

Every homeowner in Plymouth and Canton should be concerned about maintaining quality schools. Parents of school-age children are seeking high quality schools and are willing to move to a community where the school system has a reputation for providing an excellent education. A recent

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

middle school bond, and new buses. Failure to pass this bond not only will impair our children, but their families, neighbors, and our community.

This dire scenario can be averted by voting "Yes" on the Lowell Middle School Replacement Bond. So dear neighbors, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and property owners on Oct. 3 (Saturday) please vote yes for the Lowell Middle School Replacement Bond.

As you know education is so important for a healthy community and healthy children. And yes protect your right to vote, your pocketbook and your property, because without good schools our property values will decrease.

Dian Slavens Canton

Call to action

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For most homes in this community, the additional cost of the Middle School Replacement Bond is a little over \$20 a year. This minimal cost will maintain our high quality of education and provide added safety for our children.

The Class-size Action Partnership is a group of citizens concerned with class sizes in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Our mission is to achieve appropriate class sizes through cooperation between the community and the school district.

A district survey conducted in 1996 showed that the number one educational concern was reducing class sizes. The school district responded to the community's concern by lowering class sizes, and has demonstrated its long term commitment to lower class size by including it in the long range plan.

We strongly urge you to vote, for everyone's vote counts! It is your right. It is your community. Please join us in voting YES on Oct. 3.

Members of the Class-size Action Partnership: Lucy French, Judy Mardigan, Karen Palgut, Darice Schubatis

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the Canton Public Library

Did You Know?
Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1847
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1960
Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960
The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters?

Fiction for Young Adults
"Charlie's Story" by Maeve Friel
"Back Beyond" David Hill
"Take it Easy" by David Hill
"Camouflage" by Gloria Miklowitz
"The Facts Speak for Themselves" by Porok Cole

Web Watch
Check out these Web sites:
www.cartoonweb.com
www.topsecretinrees.com
www.classictrivias.com
www.goc.sbc.edu
www.cantonal.com

Top Novels
Some selections from the recent "Top Novels of the 20th Century" list available from the library:
"Go Tell It On The Mountain" by James Baldwin
"The World According to Garp" by John Barth
"J.R." by John Barth
"Men" by Robert Penn Warren
"A Room With A View" by E.M. Forster
"The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien

Parenting Collection
"The A.D.D. Book: New Understanding, New Approaches to Parent Your Child" by William H. O'Donoghue
"Entertaining and Educating Your Preschool Child" by Robyn Gee

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CANTON COP CALLS

Canton and Plymouth Township officers apprehended three Detroit men Sunday in connection with a robbery at Arbor Drugs on Joy Road in Canton.

A Canton woman left the store about 8:15 p.m. and was approached by one of the men. He allegedly grabbed her purse and then left the scene in a car.

A description of the getaway car was given to Canton and Plymouth officers. Minutes later, police stopped the vehicle and arrests were made.

The Canton woman's purse was recovered. She suffered a minor wrist injury in the incident. The three suspects were arraigned Tuesday at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m. OCTOBER 15, 1998 for the following:

PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 1999 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4
Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. (Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in employment, or the provision of services.)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish October 1, 1998

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

ADA Coordinator:
Charter Township of Canton
1150 South Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(313) 967-3435
Publish October 1, 1998

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INDEPENDENCE PARK SITE PAVING
Sealed bids for proposed parking lot improvements at the Canton Independence Park Soccer Complex shall be received by the Charter Township of Canton until 10:00 a.m. October 15, 1998 at the office of the Clerk 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699. Sealed bids shall be opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m.

Interested bidders may be obtained at Booklet and Reader Line, 345 W. Wilson Street, Detroit, Ann Arbor, MI 48101, (313) 963-2922 on or after 1:00 p.m. on October 1, 1998. A non-refundable bid deposit of \$300.00 will be required. Checks shall be payable to the Charter Township of Canton.

Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish October 1, 1998

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Vote important Get prepared, be knowledgeable

"Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."
-George Bernard Shaw

November is just around the corner. That's why we are already delving into the races, candidates and issues that affect voters in Canton.

We think it's important to thoroughly cover the candidates seeking election. We think it's equally important to cover the three state proposals on the Nov. 3 ballot.

A primary reason for running newspaper stories weeks in advance is because a lot of you vote absentee. And if you're a conscientious and organized voter, you vote earlier and earlier each election. We want you to be armed with enough information to vote.

You will notice that we are taking a bit of a departure from our traditional profiles on candidates in each of the races that affect the community. We want to give you a more in-depth and multi-dimensional understanding of the candidates - and their backgrounds - you will consider for election. That includes not only their positions on issues important to them, but issues important to you, the voter.

That's why we need to hear from voters. Let us know what issues are important to you. Our reporters are already out in the communi-

ty asking voters what concerns they have as we enter election season. Are you concerned about roads and their funding, business taxes, environmental issues, governmental spending? Give us an idea. Write us a letter. Send us a fax. Call us, or send us an e-mail.

While we are busy talking with candidates and addressing the ballot issues that will face voters in November, we ask that as voters you take this upcoming election seriously.

If you are not yet registered to vote, do so. It's easy and may be accomplished at either the clerk's office in the Canton administration building or any Michigan Secretary of State office. The deadline is the end of business, Monday, Oct. 5.

Also take the time to read and learn about the candidates; consider the issues important to you; consider issues important to your community. Then make an informed decision. Not a hurried one. Not one based on name recognition. Ask yourself if the candidate you choose will adequately and appropriately represent you and your community.

If you cannot be in town on Tuesday, Nov. 3, remember that applying for an absentee ballot and voting it, is as simple as registering to vote. The Canton clerk's office has worked hard to make the whole process of voting as simple as possible. Take advantage of it.

Be wary of closed meetings

City councils and school boards usually lose the public's trust when they go into hiding to discuss public business. Take the secret meetings of the Plymouth City Commission on a recent Saturday.

A minor penalty is that public bodies violating the Open Meetings Act can be fined \$1,000 per head. The more serious harm is the loss of public trust.

Do you know city council, school board and township board know the legal procedures? Here's a simple quiz. Answer Right or Wrong to the question: Is this permissible under the Open Meetings Act?

1. "We didn't have a quorum. We met in two sub-quorum groups with the person. We didn't have to follow the Open Meetings Act."
2. "We just talked. We didn't make any decisions. We didn't violate the law."
3. "We were discussing a sensitive personnel matter. We voted to go into closed session. That's not a violation."
4. "We don't allow students to address a meeting of the board of education. It's against our policy."
5. "You can't use a tape recorder, camera or video camera here unless we give you permission."
6. "We're considering selling some land. We don't have to hold an open meeting on that."
7. "Aw, that Open Meetings Act - ya gotta be a Philadelphia lawyer to understand it."

Answers
1. Wrong. A public body is any "state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee... (OMA sec. 2). An organized, deliberating sub-quorum group is a committee and must comply with the Open Meetings Act.

2. Wrong. "All deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public" except for certain specified kinds of meetings.

3. Wrong, especially in the Plymouth City Commission's case. The problem was a charge against the mayor of an improper attempt to contact a city employee.

OMA says a public employee may demand a closed hearing of a public body that is considering disciplining or firing the employee (OMA sec. 7). The council itself need not and cannot take a vote.

In the Plymouth case, the employee was making the complaint, not the target of the complaint. The meeting should have been open.

4. Wrong. "A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body..." (OMA sec. 3(5)). There is no qualifying phrase limiting the right to adults, to residents or even to American citizens.

A public body may establish rules limiting public comments. A common rule is three minutes, though the law doesn't specify a length.

5. Wrong. "The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting. The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body."

As a matter of courtesy, however, we suggest you let the meeting chair know you are recording or photographing, even though it isn't required.

The law adds: "However, a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting." (OMA sec. 3(1)).

6. Wrong. A public body may meet in closed session "to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained" (OMA sec. 8(D)), but must open the doors when it's selling.

7. Wrong. OMA and its companion law, the Freedom of Information Act, were deliberately written in layman's language, not legalese, so the public could understand it - the sponsors said so.

A tip to the public: Beware when a public official says he or she wants to consult an attorney before opening a meeting or giving you a document. It's a sign the official is looking for an excuse to keep a secret.

CANTON OBSERVER'S ENDORSEMENT

We hope voters take off their anti-tax hats when stepping into the voting booth Saturday, Oct. 3 to vote on an \$18.8 million bond to build and furnish a new middle school at Hanford and Canton Center. It would also buy much-needed school buses.

We encourage a **YES** vote. The lease with Lowell Middle School in Livonia ends in 2000 so Livonia can reclaim it for its own use. That will leave the Plymouth-Canton School District with overcrowded conditions in its existing four middle schools, none of which are located in growing Canton Township.

For the owner of a \$200,000 home, the cost is \$20 per year - a small price to pay for the future of our youth.

School Bond Issue

Shall Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$18,810,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

- developing and improving the site, erecting, furnishing and equipping a new middle school facility; acquiring, installing and equipping technology for the new middle school; constructing, equipping and developing outdoor physical education, playground and athletic facilities; and acquiring school buses?

(Pursuant to state law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other expenses.)

YES **NO**

Supports bond

I have never written a letter to the editor, but I feel that now is the hour. Our family has lived in Minnesota, in Illinois and currently resides in Canton. In each community we have lived, we have been active and involved in our children's education and well being. By that I mean not only our own children, but also the entire community's children. My husband and I want not only our children to succeed, but also all children. It is their right and our collective responsibility as the adults in the community.

That responsibility becomes real on Saturday. It is our responsibility to provide the tools and environment for our children to learn effectively. It is our responsibility to provide for their safety when being transported to our area schools. The Middle School Replacement Bond is not a luxury, it is a necessity. We simply must provide another school to educate the students of this district. We simply must provide the means to purchase new buses.

Having attended many school board meetings and Citizen Election Committee meetings over the last three years, I am confident that our school administration and school board members are not sinister, manipulative or deceitful. They are hard working men and women like you and me who are trying to make the best decisions they can for the welfare of our community's children.

Saturday is a busy day in most homes. Please make the time to vote. I ask the residents of Plymouth and Canton to take responsible action of voting "Yes" on the Middle School Replacement Bond on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Barbara A. Murlowski
Canton

School bond a 'bargain'

Like many active citizens in this community, I would like to urge your readers to support the Lowell Middle School Replacement Bond by voting yes on Saturday, Oct. 3. At \$20 per property owner per year on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000, this is a bargain for a very necessary school building.

Often, in convincing folks to support a particular issue, it is imperative to address known reasons which could contribute to its lack of support. With this in mind, I'd like to address some typical concerns and offer a couple of key thoughts to potential voters as they head to the polls (or not) on Oct. 3.

1. You thought we handled this somehow

last year. Not so! This bond will replace a middle school building we've been leasing from the Livonia Public Schools, and has absolutely nothing to do with the bond proposal from last year which is still in litigation. While this will not address our district's charge to deal with rapid growth and new enrollment, it will at least provide for the same number of buildings. If we do not pass this bond, several unfavorable options will be considered by a Housing Committee for the school year beginning September 2000 for housing the middle school students in our district. One of these options includes the use of split program days (two shifts of students per day). 2. You do not have children in the district, and feel you have no vested interest in supporting this proposal, which will add a whopping \$20 to your tax bill each year. All property owners know that the value of their property is contingent upon many factors, not the least of which is a public perception regarding the quality of the school district. This perception is based on many things, but you can bank on a negative impact on real estate values (and then commercial development) when the school district's reputation is diminished or sullied. You absolutely do have a vested interest in supporting the school, if for no other reason than to participate in the protection of real estate values in this community. Emergent overcrowding, survival scheduling, uncomfortable or impossible learning and teaching conditions - all of these will contribute to the reputation of our schools, and therefore impact you directly if you are a homeowner.

3. You are busy on Saturday, Oct. 3. Please take 20 minutes not to be! From my experience, this is the maximum amount of time that it will take. This is not the time to be complacent. I urge you all to deliberately schedule this in. I know this is hard. Our calendars are incredibly full, but your community needs you to vote yes on Saturday, Oct. 3.

4. You have a compelling reason not to support the bond not iterated above. If this is the case, I'd surely appreciate an opportunity to convince you personally. Please contact me at (734) 981-3742.

Catherine Ostrowski
Canton

Please see LETTERS, A17

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

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- Philip Power

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New perspective

In the Aug. 27 edition of your newspaper a story appeared regarding Mr. Jerry Vorva's views on senior citizens, school elections and absentee ballots. While most of his statements appeared to be more inferences and innuendoes than clear facts, I feel they must be challenged and some contradicting ideas presented.

I do not profess to know exactly what Mr. Vorva thinks about these issues, but as senior citizen I feel that he has failed to give the senior members of this community the credit that we deserve.

Senior citizens are knowledgeable about the need to replace Lowell Middle School when our lease expires during the summer of 2000. A replacement middle school of our own is needed for 750 students.

Senior citizens know how to obtain an absentee ballot if one is needed. The board of education office willingly supplies an absentee ballot to any registered, eligible voter who requests one.

No one needs to lead, guide, or direct the participation of senior citizens in school elections. We have a better voting record than most community groups.

Senior citizens know that the value of our homes and the quality of life within our community are directly related to the quality of our public schools.

Senior citizens are quite competent to understand important issues in our community and are able to vote accordingly.

Lastly, on the matter of senior citizens love for and concern about the children of our community, Mr. Vorva is badly misinformed. Many of my fel-

low seniors who have grandchildren and great grandchildren in our schools say that quality public education and safe transportation to and from school are first among their concerns. Seniors love children and have a sincere desire to help them when we understand the need and the proposed solution.

As former long-term members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, Esther Hulsing and I are working alongside other senior citizens on the Citizen Election Committee.

We will be available from now until the Saturday, Oct. 3, election to meet with individuals or senior groups to discuss the critical need for a replacement middle school in the Plymouth-Canton school community.

We urge our fellow senior citizens and all members of the Plymouth-Canton community to vote YES! Saturday, Oct. 3.

E.J. McClendon
Plymouth

Photo appreciated

I want to commend your staff for publishing a photo and accompanying caption in the Sunday, Sept. 20, edition of the Canton Observer. The photograph can be found on page D6, and the accompanying caption is titled "Rifle champs."

In a time when it has become "popular" for the mainstream media to demonize responsible gun owners and the wholesome sport of shooting, it is very refreshing to see your paper share the story of four young Canton children displaying their accolades received for participating in an organized shooting event. The four young men pictured have obviously been taught how to respect firearms as well as

human life. All too often, the mainstream media greases the "squeakiest wheels" by focusing on recent school tragedies involving misuse of firearms. And although these tragedies are not indicative of the majority of American citizens, quite a bit of damage is done when only one side of the story is told in the name of political correctness.

If more youth were to engage in responsible firearms sporting, such as did Steve Kenny, Chris Kane, Brandon Czekaj and Vincent Falzon, unfortunate and tragic gun related deaths would diminish. These four young men should also be commended for their accomplishments and responsible behavior. Such stories pay homage to proper parenting and responsible mentoring of today's young people. I congratulate all involved, the Observer, the parents of these young men and, of course, the young men themselves.

The Canton Observer has demonstrated that it is above unfair scare tactics and that it will provide well rounded news coverage. Good job, and thank you for your fair reporting efforts.

Frank Finch
Canton

She wants answers

Rejected the Court of Appeals request for a re-hearing of his lawsuit, bringing to six the number of defeats, it is time for Vorva to answer to the Plymouth-Canton community:

Will builders continue to build more homes here if there are not enough adequate school facilities to accommodate the children of prospective home buyers?

Will realtors (Like Mr. V.)

continue to sell homes if they must remove the desirable phrase, "Plymouth-Canton Schools," from their listings and replace it with "overcrowded schools" instead?

Will businesses locate and prosper here if parents of present and future school-age children move away to more desirable communities where public schools are being built and supported.

Mr. Vorva must answer to every child who is squeezed into a crowded classroom or who waits seemingly forever for a broken down school bus to be repaired. He must answer to every family who packs up and leaves for school-friendlier pastures. He must tell all Realtors, builders, businesspeople and everyone wise who have invested in our community for whose benefit he pursues a dead-end lawsuit.

Both chambers of commerce, many officials of local government, some state legislators, several service organizations and community groups, our community newspapers, local businesses and individuals, have already endorsed the Oct. 3 bond. It is evident that there are many in the Plymouth-Canton community who lead by pulling us apart.

Continual bad mouthing of our school district, its employees and their families, yearly threats to recall the school board and divide the district will garner newspaper headlines. But these misdirected efforts do nothing to make our P-C community a desirable place in which to work, live and raise families.

We can lament forever the failure of 716 people to accurately record their 1997 bond votes. We might better spend our time and efforts to educate everyone on the correct way to use newer voting technology.

We can remain silent and allow a handful of individuals to form a wedge within our community. Or we can surmount their obstacles by speaking out and joining hands to ensure that our community prospers and moves forward.

We can roll up the sidewalks by diminishing the quality of our schools, thus discouraging families and businesses from moving here. Or we can roll out the welcome mat proclaiming Plymouth-Canton a desirable place in which to live, work and educate children.

As one community we have built our top notch Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. We must not take for granted the commitment that every generation before us made to the educational opportunities we can and still provide for the children who reside in our community.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, take the time before the football kickoff, after the shopping, or between family activities to do something for everyone in our Plymouth-Canton community, most especially, our children.

Vote "Yes" on the Middle School Bond to replace Lowell and purchase 10 badly needed buses. And Mr. Vorva, isn't it about time you did something constructive for our community as well?

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

Talk it out

The article printed in the Observer on Sept. 3, clearly points out the problem with regard to the bond lawsuit. It is really two problems. One is our superintendent, Chuck Little, and the second is our district assistant superintendent, Errol Goldman. Both of these individuals do not believe in open dialogue. As pointed out

in your article, Mr. Little was not positive by saying, "I don't know what we would talk about." If the superintendent doesn't know what to talk about, who does? If Errol Goldman is our assistant superintendent and corporation counsel, why doesn't he start the dialogue?

I really feel we have a great board of education. By law, the board of education represents the Plymouth-Canton community. The superintendent and all administrators are under the board's direction. We voted them into this position and gave them this great responsibility. As Mr. Watts, one of the newest board members, wrote in his letter to the Observer on June 18, "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and the school system in the capacity. Thank you for placing your confidence in me to make a positive difference in our school district with a continued emphasis on quality education. I will do my part as a board member to insure a positive level of leadership through open dialogue. He is doing just that."

My 23 years as a teacher at Canton High School are over, as I have retired. But I will continue to dialogue with the board members. Mr. Maloney, Ms. Davis, Ms. Blamer, Ms. Givens, Ms. Mardigias, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watts have shown me and the community that they care. It does appear that this bond issue could be settled out of court with some constructive dialogue on both sides. We all know who our two problems are. Come on board, you start the dialogue and be positive. Let's show our students and community how to settle an issue with open and honest dialogue.

Ken Smith
Canton

AAUW provides forum for statewide education candidates

The American Association of University Women has always occupied a warm place in my heart. My late mother was an early member, and through her I formed the impression that if there was something important to be done, the AAUW was likely involved in doing it.

So it was with a lift to my step that I went over to the Livonia city hall last Thursday to participate in a taped question and answer session for all statewide education candidates, sponsored by (who else?) the Livonia Branch of the AAUW.

Unusually informed readers may remember that I am a candidate this year for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. So, in addition to being alert for any hint of bias that might slip into this column, readers should realize that I am writing from direct personal experience.

Running for something like the Board of Regents (or for the Board of Governors of MSU, Trustees of Wayne State University or members of the State Board of Education) has been problematic ever since the present Michigan Constitution was adopted back in 1963.

Before that, Michigan held education elections in April in odd-numbered years. Statewide education boards, local school boards and various local millage and bonding proposals were all on the ballot at a time when educational issues were not competing for attention with elections for president, U.S. Congress, governor, the state Legislature and so forth. This meant that the news media had enough time to get focused on the issues and, accordingly, the voters were reasonably well-informed.

But today's state Constitution lumps everybody into November elections in even-numbered years. With so many races to cover, the news media lack the resources to report on and to scrutinize the records and views of education candidates. The result? Voters lack confidence in voting knowledgeably in such races, as demonstrated by the very large falloff in vote from governor to state education candidates.

So we education candidates mill around in relative anonymity, faintly hopeful that somebody might notice who we are, what we are running for, even what positions we stand for.

This is too bad. Education boards like the U-M Regents have an enormous (and mostly hidden) impact on the state. They pick presidents, set tuition rates and allocate money for financial aid. They help define policies for their universities, from setting admissions standards to designing ways to move discoveries from labs



PHILIP POWER

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into high-tech, spin-off companies.

And there are significant differences between the candidates on these and other issues, as well as sharp disparities in experience and qualifications.

Some years ago, I suggested that the Michigan Press Association sponsor what amounts to an education meat market, inviting all the statewide candidates to one place to allow easy poking and convenient prodding by reporters and editorial writers. For whatever reason, MPA turned down the idea.

Enter the good people at the Livonia Branch of the AAUW. Beginning in 1996, they offered to tape education candidates responding to questions and to bicycle the tapes around the state to be aired on the public access channels of local cable television systems. They did so again last week.

Three out of four major party candidates for U-M Regent showed up. Sitting under the hot TV lights, we tried to answer the questions put to us by Yvonne Conatas, the moderator. The questions were tough but fair. And anyone who looks at the half hour program will find it easy to make an informed choice on the ballot - we appear under "State Boards," just below candidates for state Legislature - on Nov. 3.

To find out when the program is being aired, just call your local cable television provider. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com

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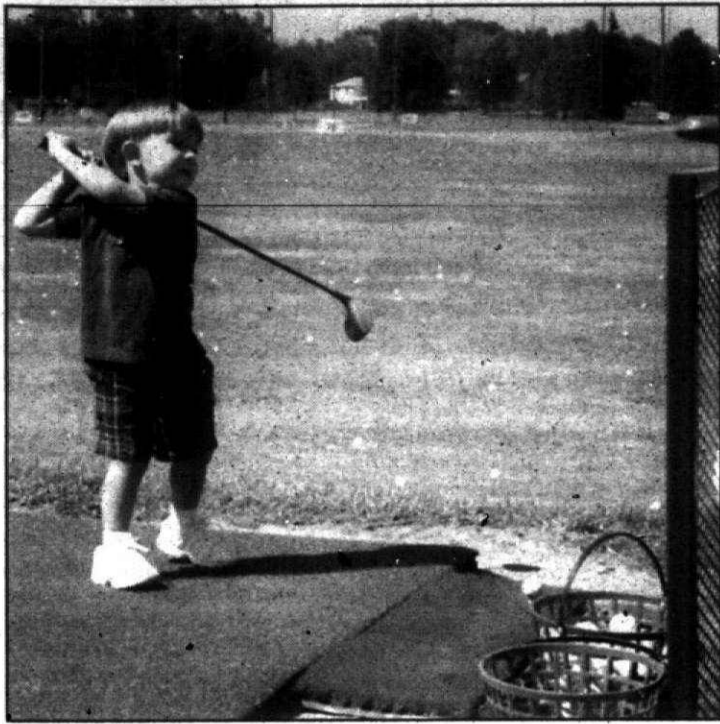
"I think Canton needs the school and needs a high school. It's very important for the children of the Canton community."
Bruce Webb
Canton

"When it comes to education and schools, they need to give it to them."
Clifton Sanders
Canton

"In the long run (building a new middle school) it will be a better option than leasing."
Karen Woznicki
Canton

"In my opinion, if they are overcrowded, yeah."
Audrey Lettizio
Canton

Fund-raiser benefits COC services



More than 200 adults and children came out in support of Community Opportunity Center at an Oasis Golden Bear golf outing in late summer. For the price of a ticket, participants golfed, played miniature golf, used the driving range and batting cages, were treated to a cookout and met Sheila Taormina, 1996 Olympic gold medalist in swimming. Community Opportunity Center is a private, nonprofit corporation that offers support to adults with developmental disabilities through

housing and everyday experiences and opportunities. Some 82 people with developmental disabilities are associated with the corporation and more than 200 are on a waiting list to receive a cadre of services and move into a home or apartment that will be comfortably suited to each individual. Fund-raising activities make housing and opportunities for guidance and support more obtainable for waiting individuals. For more information about COC, call (734) 422-1020.

Forel Gage Webster, 4, of Dearborn Heights, was among the golfers at the COC fund-raiser at Oasis.

Madonna welcomes alumni at homecoming festivities

Madonna University will host a homecoming for alumni on Sunday, Oct. 11. The event begins with a liturgy at 11 a.m. in the University Chapel followed by a brunch at noon in the University Center. Features include a "President's Update," video highlights of

Madonna University, a World Wide Web demonstration, entertainment and prizes. The cost is \$7 per person. For information, call the Alumni office at (734) 432-5603. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Where was David Cash's conscience?

Recently, I learned of a story that was a telling statement about kids without a conscience.

David, the adolescent whom this article was about, claimed to be an "innocent bystander" who didn't feel like getting involved, as he peered over the top of a public toilet stall and watched his best friend "struggling with a 7-year-old girl."

As the story goes, "He tapped his friend's head, knocking off his hat, but couldn't get him to stop. So David decided to take a walk ... Less than half an hour later, the friend emerges and tells David he has molested and murdered the child."

It wasn't much later before police captured the 18-year-old murderer, but the spotlight then focused on David Cash, who was quickly labeled "the bad Samaritan" who did nothing.

Many kids today think, as David did ... "narcising" on friends is far worse than keeping a deadly secret to themselves. Teens will often tell me, "That's his business what he does and who am I to tell him it's wrong?"

Their desire to protect friends becomes stronger than their conscience.

It has been observed by experts in child development that children as young as 2 "react empathetically to a hurt child." As children grow older, they begin to react by helping the distressed person. Guilt, which is an outgrowth of conscience, is activated when we become sensitive to others.

Shutting off our conscience

But when we shut off our conscience long enough to do whatever is expedient or pleasurable, we begin to go down the road of thinking only about ourselves first, a danger zone when we lack guilt. By keeping the guilt at bay, we can justify doing wrong by saying, "It's what I want to do."

You may know adults like this ... they're always defending their behavior and blaming others.

So where was David Cash's conscience? Did it not matter what his friend was doing? Did he believe protecting his friend was more important than his friend hurting the little girl?

He later told the Los Angeles Times he was not going "to lose sleep over somebody else's problems." He also said that the publicity about his responsibility had helped "invigorate his social life."

To further throw David Cash into the limelight, a grassroots coalition sprung up in his home state of California to protest his admission to college. They believe he is equally at fault for not stopping his friend before it was too late and should not be exposing other students to his flawed values.

Even David Cash's lawyer sighed and said, "What can I say? I can't explain or justify what he said (to the press)."

Opportunity to be heroic

Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas who was kidnapped and murdered several years ago, commented that, "Fate gave David Cash the opportunity to be heroic and he turned his back on that opportunity. He was in the singular position of being able to save a 7-year-old child and he chose to do nothing."

Parents can help children develop a moral conscience by holding them accountable for their actions with consequences. They can also help their child see what it's like "walking in someone else's shoes" and gain an appreciation for how it must feel.

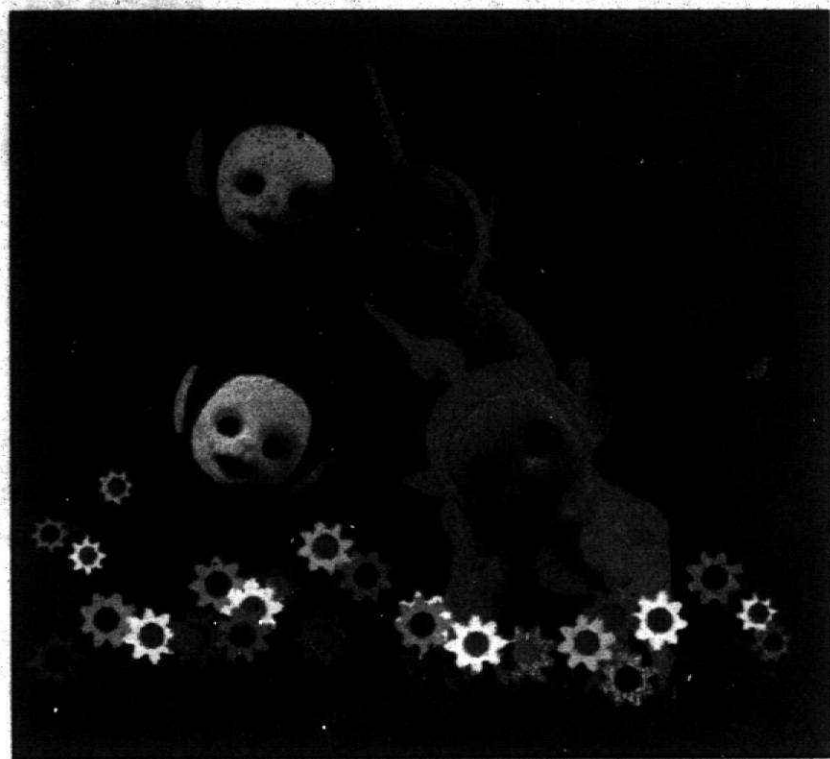
David Cash seemed to have no concern for the well-being of the little girl being attacked in the toilet stall.

As child psychoanalyst Selma Faiberg stated, "The capacity to put oneself in the place of another living creature ... is the indispensable quality in the morality of man."

As parents we need to be mindful

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An inspiration for love and hate



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Fab foursome: In the 1960s, the British Invasion included the likes of The Beatles, Rolling Stones and Dave Clark Five. In the 1990s, it stands for the "Teletubbies" - Po, Tinky Winky, Dipsy and Laa-Laa.

Meet the 'Teletubbies'

Like "Barney," you either really love or really hate the "Teletubbies." There's no middle ground when it comes to these alien creatures, who've been created "to enrich the diaper crowd's learning experience."

According to PBS, the show "introduces young children, ages 1 and above, to the wonders and magic of high tech in a safe and friendly way."

So who are these Mr. Spock meets New York Carpet World creatures that have captivated the country? Here's a "Teletubbies" primer.

■ **Tinky Winky** - Someone has to be tallest antenna in Teletubbyland and that's Tinky Winky, the purple Teletubby with the coat hanger jutting out of his head. (Yes, there are sexes in Teletubbyland - two boys and two girls.)

TW is the gentlest of the Teletubbies. His favorite thing is a red handbag which he likes to take on walks. And it's his penchant for that feminine accessory that has made him an icon in the United Kingdom's gay community.

The Tink also sings a song, "Tinky, Winky," and loves to dance and fall over on his back. He loves all of the Teletubbies and his best friend is Po, the smallest of the quartet.

■ **Po** - Someone has to represent short people in this political correct show and Po fills the bill. Red with a doughnut attached to her head, Po does a lot of jumping up and down. It's her way of expressing feelings of joy, enthusiasm and surprise.

In the stream of things, the "natural place" for Po is on her scooter zipping around the hills of Teletubbyland and making the noise "quickly, quickly, quickly" or "slowly, slowly, slowly." A bit of a loner, next to riding her scooter, she likes to keep an eye on the panel switches and controls of the central column of the Tubbytronic Superdome.

If Tinky Winky has a problem with his handbag, it's Po's language that's raised a bit of a fuss among people who claim the talking toy version says "faggot, faggot." Not so, says a spokesman for itsy bitsy Entertainment Corporation which brought the show to the U.S. It's really "fidit, fidit," which is Cantonese for "quick, quick." Po's alter ego is an Asian actress.

■ **Dipsy** - Dipsy is the second tallest Teletubby. Bright green in color with a hot dog poking out of his head, he's known for his distinctive steps and ways of saying hello.

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■ **Anne Wood has found plenty of support for her groundbreaking children's TV show, but "Teletubbies," with its alien-looking techno babies with antennas on their heads and televisions in their stomachs, also has its fair share of detractors.**

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Bright colors, a shower head that talks, a baby's head superimposed on a cartoon sun, aliens creatures with antennas on their heads and televisions in their stomachs.

Whoa, is this a '70s psychedelic trip or something?

Nope, just the "Teletubbies," the latest - and hottest - thing in children's TV since "Barney."

Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa and Po have captured the hearts of children age 1 and older in a big way since their debut on PBS in April, now ranking in the top five of PBS's children's program offerings.

Imported from Great Britain, "Teletubbies" has been hailed as a landmark in preschool television, a series created to "nourish young children's thinking skills."

Critics, however, see the show differently. They say it's "dumbing down of children's television to draw in the very littlest viewers." They focus on the characters' baby-like speech and emphasis on play as a "failure to teach young viewers."

But it's "the greatest thing since sliced bread," according to Dave Devereaux, vice president of communications for Detroit Public Television, which airs the show at 8:30 a.m. and noon weekdays on WTVS-TV Channel 56.

"Personally, I think it's fun to watch," said Devereaux. "My background is in video production, so when I see the bunnies hopping around, the colors and imagery, use of the screen ... It's just wonderful to watch."

For the uninitiated, the "Teletubbies" are alien-looking techno babies who have antennas on their heads and TVs in their tummies. They live in their Tubbytronic superdome - Home Hill - filled with play technology that supplies their every need, including tubby toast and tubby custard, and a conscientious vacuum cleaner pet, called Noo-Noo.

A windmill provides transmissions through their antennas and onto their TV screens from their best friends - real children doing such real things as washing dishes, playing basketball or riding bicycles.

WTVS has received mostly favorable response since it began airing the pro-

gram on April 6 as part of PBS's Ready to Learn Service which provides 11 hours of programming weekdays for children of all ages.

"In Ready to Learn, there's everything from 'Teletubbies,' of course, to 'Bill Nye the Science Guy,'" said Devereaux, adding that calls have been running 3-1 in favor of the show's addition to the TVS lineup.

As the ratings go, "Teletubbies" had a .9 percent rating and 3 share when it aired at 7 a.m., but jumped to a 1.7 percent and 6 share at noon for the week of Aug. 31. With 1 percent representing 17,000 households, it has a "very respectable" showing, especially in the lunchtime time slot, Devereaux said.

Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township tends to agree with the show's critics although she admits her 4-year-old son, a regular PBS watcher, "seems to enjoy 'Teletubbies.'"

"I would rather he watched something that is at a level higher than he is at so that he can learn something," she said. "I feel the show is geared primarily for the 12-24-month-old child, which my 15-month-old son fits in to, but he seldom looks at the television for more than 30 seconds."

Ellen Evans also agrees with critics. After hearing about the show from a friend, she turned it on and was "remarkably appalled at how silly it was." "Teletubbies," she said, talks down to her daughter.

"My 2 1/2-year-old speaks better English than they can," she said. "My husband says it's stupid and insults her intelligence. I prefer more positive, uplifting role models. I refer 'Barney.' I don't like 'Barney,' but it's much more intelligent than 'Teletubbies.'"

Mary Fisher is disappointed that WTVS replaced "a very good show like 'Storytime' with something like 'Teletubbies,'" and told the station as much.

Admitting that the TV is on more than it should be in her Livonia home, her 4 1/2-year-old son David prefers watching other popular PBS shows like "Bill Nye" and the "Magic Schoolbus." Her 21-month-old daughter Kathleen has no interest in TV although for awhile she did react when she saw Big Bird.

"I think it's horrible to target a TV show to children as young as 1-year-old," she said. "I've watched it a few times and I think it's a waste of time. A child is much better off playing with blocks or coloring or doing anything other than watching a show like 'Teletubbies.'"

"'Sesame Street' is miles ahead of this."

"Teletubbies" creator Anne Wood sees the show as a kind of "Sesame Street" primer that helps kids with

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'Pushy preacher' challenges congregation to take a walk

If the Rev. Chuck Sonquist has his druthers, he'll be a "pushy" preacher" on Sunday.

But don't look for his pushiness in church, look for it along Five or Six Mile roads in Livonia. That's where he'll be pushing his wife Janie in a wheelchair, if he gets more than 100 members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church to join him for the 15th annual Livonia CROP Walk.

"My phys ed wife has agreed, but she's not sure she wants to ride around the entire route," said Sonquist, the pastor of St. Matthew's and coordinator of the annual walk.

The CROP Walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh south of Five Mile, to fight world hunger.

More than 400 walkers turned out for last year's event, raising almost \$20,000 for Church World Service, which sponsors the fund-raising event.

This year's goal is more than 450 walkers raising \$25,000. Walkers will have a choice of two routes, the traditional six-mile walk - Newburgh north to Six Mile, east to Farmington Road, south to Five Mile and west back to the church - and CROP Walk Light - Newburgh north to Six Mile and back to St. Edith's Church.

There will be three checkpoints along the six-mile walk - Grand River Baptist Church at 34500 Six

Mile, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 15401 Farmington Road at Faith Bible Church at 34541 Five Mile. Members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church will man the chamber checkpoint, while Kiwanians will be at Faith Bible Church, Sonquist said.

The registration site will be at St. Edith's, and members of St. Matthew's High Hands Ministry will be there to provide a warm-up while walkers complete registration. There also will be a brief send-off worship time and dedication of a banner honoring the walk's 15th year at 1:45 p.m.

"There's a lot to do, registering people and keeping track of \$20,000," said Sonquist. "That's not chump change."

Walkers will get CROP Walk T-shirts. Felician Sister Mary Francis of Madonna University got the job of designing the logo for the front of this year's CROP shirt.

The back of the shirt carries the name of its sponsors - St. Mary's Parish and Banquet Center, St. Aidan's Parish and Banquet Center, St. Edith Banquet Facilities, Manns-Ferguson, Harris, Fred Wood and Will funeral homes, Daly Family Dining, Advance Novelty Co., Kershaw Animal Hospital, Robot Printing and Communications Laurel Manor

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Have a seat: Even though he wore the T-shirt she designed for this year's CROP Walk, the Rev. Chuck Sonquist couldn't convince Sister Mary Francis to sit in the wheelchair he plans to use to push his wife Janie around the route.

U-M Gardens host 'Blast from Past'

Return to a time when living required ingenuity, perseverance and a dependency on natural resources when the Matthaei Botanical Gardens present "Fall Festival: A Blast from the Past (circa 1750)" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4.

The event will depict lifestyles of American people from the mid-1600s to the 1800s and will entertain and educate visitors, said Karen Meske, events coordinator for Matthaei Gardens.

The fall festival will celebrate the bounty of our land and explore how native plants were used as food, medicine, tools, clothing, dyes and crafts by native Americans, early explorers and travelers of the region," Meske said. "There will be a lot

of exciting events for everyone to take part in and enjoy."

Powerful Hafflinger horses, hitched to wagons, will transport people from the main building to field events.

After arriving, visitors can participate in numerous activities such as native American games for children, and hands-on activities that include making dream catchers, pottery, baskets and cattail dolls, demonstrations of spinning and dyeing, cooking and concocting medicine, educational displays and strolling through an indoor marketplace.

And what would a festival be without music and food? From bison burgers to flutes and drums, festival-goers will be treated to the unusual.

Survival re-enactors also will be on site portraying a Scottish surveyor, French voyager and his Mohican wife, an American woodsman and others who reflect early American culture. Primitive lodging, such as wigwams, lean-tos and an arbor, add to the realistic setting.

Writer and expert primitive craftsman Jim Miller, a northern Michigan resident, will take part in setting up a wilderness camp setting.

Sought after by local and national groups to demonstrate his primitive and traditional skills, he recently created the Chippewa village for the movie set of "A Will of Their Own," a mini-series that will be broadcast on NBC TV in October.



Demonstrating his skills: Writer and expert primitive craftsman Jim Miller, a northern Michigan resident, will take part in setting up a wilderness camp setting at the fall festival at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor Oct. 3-4.

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simple things like concentrating on spoken information before they go on to master their ABCs and numbers.

A former English teacher, Wood said the show is "educational although not in a traditional way." The first series deliberately developed to present age-appropriate material for viewers as young as 1 year old, it makes liberal use of repetition, large movement, bright colors

and deliberate pace to nurture and reinforce the development of children's listening and thinking skills, according to Wood.

Tina Braid of Livonia sides with Woods when it comes to the "Teletubbies." Television doesn't play a large role in the daily lives of her two children, ages 1 and 4. They don't watch countless hours of TV, but one favorite program per child.

"My 1-year-old daughter loves

to watch this program; we came upon the show one day by accident, and it was my daughter's facial expressions that caused me to watch "Teletubbies" for the first time," Braid said. "Anyone who has ever watched the Teletubbies program with a small child, around 1-year-old seems ideal, can attest to the element of excitement on their child's face. The program is built around simple concepts - "bye-bye," "night-night" - which I believe stimulate and reinforce learning.

"Children of all ages must be educationally and intellectually challenged, and I believe that television can enhance the process."

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Everybody has to love something and for Dipsey, it's his black-and-white top hat that makes "The Cat in the Hat" look stylish. Like Tinky Winky, he likes to sing, but goes for a reggae beat as opposed to TW's childish chant.

When he's feeling especially cool, Dipsey goes for walks by himself, wearing his hat and singing his song.

Laa-Laa - The second smallest Teletubby, Laa-Laa is bright yellow and has a corkscrew head ornament. The happiest and slickest of the group, she also loves to dance and sing. Like Tinky Winky, her singing style is chatty and her favorite song goes something like "La-la-la-la-la."

Laa-Laa doesn't have a language problem like Po, picking "nice" as her favorite word. Nor does her favorite object pose a problem. It's a ball that bounces, wobbles and grows bigger and smaller.

As for the smiling Sun Baby, it's an infant's face superimposed on a cartoon sun. Its (sex unknown on this one) job is to provide the laugh track and reassurance for fellow babies that everything they're seeing in the "real world" is fun.

To see what all the commotion is about, tune into "Teletubbies" on WTVS-Channel 56 at 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

out to him."

It was by chance that Jeanine Wira discovered the show. The television in her Plymouth Township home was left on after one Channel 56 program had ended. That's when she noticed Stephen reacting to the "Teletubbies."

Wira believes the show is designed for children under age 2 and is basically entertainment. And it's not a replacement for direct parent or sibling interaction.

"It's something about the way it's designed," Wira said. "Anytime we can get a positive reaction from Stephen gets us closer to knowing what he needs. He's a wonderful, loving child and anytime we get a reaction is great."

Rob Pascoe, whose nephew Liam loves the show, wondered if critics of the show are the same "people who thought 'Reinfield' was funny."

"I've always been bothered by the fact that people let Barney and other children's characters get to them, when they need to step aside and think about who this is for," he said. "It's for children, not for the parents. I'm not saying Tinky Winky and I are best friends, but if it makes the kids happy, isn't that what it's all about?"

"Anyone who thinks it's dumbing down children's TV is crazy."

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and Livonia Area Merchants Concerned about Hunger.

"We're hoping for upwards of 450 walkers," said Sonquist. "We have 400 T-shirts, and we hope we run out."

Since 1946, Church World Service has provided more than 5.3 billion pounds of material assistance in support of relief and development efforts worldwide - about \$879 million in food, medical supplies, tents, clothing, blankets, seeds, tools and sewing and school supplies.

A portion of the CROP Walk money raised stays in the local area. Last year's money helped stock the shelves of the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Wayne and feed the hungry in the Cass Corridor through the Christian Communications Center.

As for the challenge, Sonquist

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got the idea from clergy colleague the Rev. Rick Peters of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, who challenged his congregation, saying he would pull his family around the route in a little red wagon if 100 members signed up. He had 125 members sign up.

Sonquist had hoped for some friendly competition between the two churches, but Peters "backed off," so Sonquist decided to go ahead with the challenge in his church.

The idea of using a wheelchair goes back to his honeymoon. Sonquist fell off a ladder and broke his leg, so for their honeymoon, his wife pushed him around Toronto in a wheelchair.

For more information about the walk, call Sonquist at St. Matthew's at (734) 422-6038.

Show features Beanie Babies

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Julin-Fischer

Robert and Doris Julin of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda J. of Livonia, to John J. Fischer Jr., the son of John Sr. and JoAnn Fischer of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is employed as a staffing coordinator at Insurance Overload Systems.

Her fiancé is employed as a fabricator at L. Rogers and Associates.

An October wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Korpi-Wilcox

John and Dolores Korpi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Kristine, to Philip Alan Wilcox, the son of Robert and Marcell Wilcox of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a sales and service representative for AAA Michigan, Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He also works as a sales and service representative for AAA Michigan, Dearborn.

A November wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Canton.



Wheeler-Everson

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wheeler announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joy, to Robert Everson, the son of Fred Everson of Farmington Hills and Jean Bigos of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Tennessee State University. She is currently employed as a medical coordinator at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a contractor for Farmington Mechanical.

An October wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.



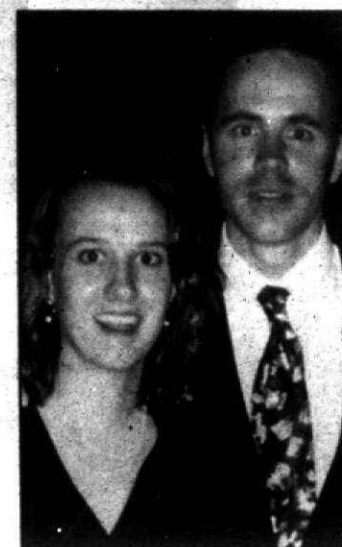
Aren-Moore

Mr. and Mrs. George Aren of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nell, to Gerald E. Moore Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Moore Sr. of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of social work degree. She is employed as a foster care case manager at Starfish Family Services, formerly Youth Living Centers.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in language arts and communications. He is employed as an editor for Gale Research Inc.

A December 1999 wedding is planned.



Dziobak-Mowry

Chester and Rose Dziobak of Commerce Township, formerly of Redford, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Deanna Christine, to Robert Anthony Mowry, the son of Robert and Angelina Mowry of Clinton Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in accounting. She is a certified public accountant, employed by Plant and Moran in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a degree in architecture. He is employed by the Charter Township of Redford in the Community Development Department.



An October wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

Pendell-Fate

Natalie Nicole Fate and Jeffrey Peter Pendell were married June 13 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tiffin, Ohio. Monsign-

Edward Dunn officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kathleen and Dale McKee of Tiffin, Ohio. The groom is the son of John and Judith Pendell of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Calvert High School, a 1996 graduate of Ohio University and a 1998 graduate of Bowling Green University with a master's degree. She is employed as a golf professional for Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama.

The bride asked Marla Shelt to be her maid of honor, with Sarah Boor, Michele Kennedy and Jennifer Cooper serving as bridesmaids. Paige Ziegler was the flower girl.

The groom asked John Pendell Jr. to be his best man with Matthew Good, Michael Knedding and Louis McKaig as groomsmen. Jack Pfeifer was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Mohawk Country Club in Tiffin, Ohio, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to The Cloister on Sea Island, Ga.

They are making their home in Greenville, Ala.



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CRAFT FAIR
Plymouth's Old Village will host a craft fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4. There will be hand quilting, photography, hand-blown glass, garden statuary, painted furniture and more.

CASTING CALL
The Friends of the Canton Public Library will present the annual Mystery Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17. Tickets are available at the library reception desk for the family-style dinner and an evening of intrigue and prizes. Call (734) 397-0999 for more information.

REUNION
Past members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor. There will be a commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia. Call (734) 459-8829 or write P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

DANCE CLASSES
Country Line Dance Beginners class meets from 8-9:30 p.m. Sundays at the Livonia Seniors Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads. No experience or partner needed. \$20 for five lessons. Instructor is Bill Peterson. For more information, call (734) 425-8447.

LISTENING CLASS
Madonna University in Livonia will offer the social work course "Empathy Listening Skills" in the fall. Students may choose from three dates. In October on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17, and in November on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14. The class meets 6-10 p.m. Fridays; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students earn 1.5 continuing education units. Madonna University is at I-96 and Leyan in Livonia. Students may register by mail, fax or in person. The course is also available for degree credit, even if not an admitted student. Call (734) 432-5364.

SINGLES' EVENTS
Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, on Farmington Road in Farmington.
Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch

12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurants, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards, 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

HAYRIDES
Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hayrides 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through October (weather permitting). For a nominal fee, enjoying the changes of autumn as you travel the old farm fields and hedgerows. Maybury Farm is in Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck, in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For additional information, contact the park office at (248) 349-8390.

COED BASKETBALL CLINIC
Canton Parks & Recreation will present youth co-ed basketball clinics Saturdays through Oct. 24. Clinics for students in grades 3-5 will be 9-10:30 a.m., and clinics for grades 6-8 will be 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park gymnasium. Cost is \$54 for annual pass holders, \$60 for residents and \$72 for non-residents. Call (734) 397-5110.

THEATER TRIP
Canton Project Arts is planning a bus trip to the newly restored and relocated Gem Theater in Detroit to see the hit musical comedy "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. The matinee performance features cabaret seating on the main floor, along with a bar. Tickets may be purchased at Canton's Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center and are \$22.50 per person, which includes theater ticket and bus transportation.

AROUND TOWN

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising money by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50-percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more. The books are \$40. Proceeds from the sales help pay for the Plymouth Charitable and Educational Fund. To order, contact Anita at (734) 459-8829.

Entertainment 99 Books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.
The seniors of Divine Savior Catholic Church are selling Entertainment 99 savings books. Call Joanne at 464-1263 or Dolores at 464-0369.
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Making wishes come true



Generous: Gabrielle Zuzo, 8. (Above, far right) grins as she accepts another donation to the 'Make-A-Wish' Foundation fundraiser she initiated at her Canton subdivisions annual picnic. She distributed 150 flyers announcing her plans to collect donations; sold \$1 guesses for a jar of M&M's; and made available information about the Foundation and how it grants wishes. (Right) Alexis Thornbury, Katie Hensel, and Zuzo take a break to pose for the camera. Of her daughters efforts, Cheryl Zuzo said, "I am so proud of her and her wishing to help others."

coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events, is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. You also can pick up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman in downtown Plymouth (451-2112). The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

HOME COMING
Madonna University's 1998 Homecoming will be 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, in the University Chapel followed by a brunch at noon in the University Center. Features include a "President's update," video highlights of Madonna University, a World Wide Web demonstration, entertainment and prizes. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, please call the library

reception desk at (734) 397-0999.

HAUNTED WAREHOUSE
The Plymouth Canton Jaycees are sponsoring its annual Haunted Warehouse 7-11 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8-9; 10-11 p.m. and Nov. 1. Cost is \$7 per person; \$5 age 7 and younger. The Haunted Warehouse will be at 340 N. Main Street, Plymouth (directly behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant).

GENDER BATTLE
The Canton Public Library presents "Gender Battle" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the library meeting room. Guest speaker will be Sylvia Rubach. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information, please call the library

through Jan. 28 (16 weeks), at Summit on the Park gymnasium for ages 6 and older. Fee is \$78 for annual pass holder, \$85 for residents and \$93 for non-residents. Instructor is Sam Santilli, 7th-degree black belt.

FLORAL DESIGN
Learn the basic principals and elements of floral design from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30-Oct. 28 (five weeks) at Summit on the Park, Canton. Students will learn a comprehensive study of basic floral designs as well as care, handling, maintenance tips, flower classifications and mechanics. Each week you will take home a fresh flower arrangement. Fee is \$68 for annual pass holders, \$72 for residents, and \$76 for non-residents. There will also be a supply fee of \$91, that is paid to the instructor the first night of class. This class is taught by Keller & Stein. Call (734) 397-5110.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Local Rotary Clubs are accepting applications from students in the community and surrounding areas who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1999-2000 school year. Participants must be between 16 and 18 when they depart and at the time may be current students or immediate graduates of high school. Rotary District, 6400 SE Michigan and SW Ontario will be hosting an information session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the AutoNation in Canton, 39600 Ford. If you would like to attend the meeting or would like more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, please call Dawn Rossi at (734) 420-4171.

SEMINARS
There will be a "Nutrition and Meal Planning" seminar from 5:30-9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5 at Summit on the Park, Professional Development Center. \$25 for annual pass holders/ \$28 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

There will be an "Advanced Living Trust" seminar from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer (between North Territorial and Five Mile off Sheldon). Guest speaker will be Paul Luedt, financial consultant. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

SUMMIT EVENTS
The American Okinawan Karate Academy of Canton teaches self defense, self control and self esteem through Ishainyu style karate. Classes are held for all levels from 7-8:30 p.m., and for black belts from 8:30-9:30 p.m., on Mondays and Thursdays, starting Mondays, Sept. 28

Library will hold a used book sale during regular library hours, Oct. 1-3. The books to be sold will all be of special interest, quality, age or design. Many dictionaries, encyclopedias, year books, foreign language books, Bibles and coffee table books will be available, as well as video and audio tapes. Proceeds will go toward special projects for the new library. Call 455-0782.

YOUTH ACTIVITY NIGHT
There will be a Youth Activity Night from 5-6:45 p.m. (dinner provided), every Wednesday at Summit on the Park, Canton. Students will learn a comprehensive study of basic floral designs as well as care, handling, maintenance tips, flower classifications and mechanics. Each week you will take home a fresh flower arrangement. Fee is \$68 for annual pass holders, \$72 for residents, and \$76 for non-residents. There will also be a supply fee of \$91, that is paid to the instructor the first night of class. This class is taught by Keller & Stein. Call (734) 397-5110.

TAPESTRY WORKSHOP
There will be a tapestry workshop on conquering stress from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5 at the Advanced Counseling Services, 17199 Laurel Park Drive North, Suite 812, Livonia, north of Six Mile, between Newburgh and I-275. Class fee is \$80 per four-week series. Classes are presented by Debbie Scott and Diane B. Lothrop. To register, contact either of the presenters at (734) 953-1203, Ext. 418 or 434.

SKATIN' STATION
There will be a mom and tot (5 years and younger) preschool skate from 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Cost includes skates, animal crackers and drink. Strollers and push toys are welcome. There will be children's music and games.

There will be rollerize skate (adults only) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Admission is \$4, skate rental \$2. Skate while the kids are in school to contemporary music. Call (734) 459-6401.

NATURE
Summer Nights Under the Stars, presented by Howell Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings through Oct. 12. Cost is \$8 per person. Guests may enjoy many of the center's nature programs such as gatherings around the campfire, and cooking dinner together.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

Tutor Time, 961 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call Donna Pomerson at (734) 981-8463.
Openings exist for fall 1998 for students in second through fifth grade at New Morning School, a state-certified and licensed non-profit school. Call (734) 420-3331.

Temporary duty

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Deployment

Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, completed a six-

What to do without uncles?



It will be the second family wedding without Uncle Johnny, and it just won't be the same. I don't know why he didn't attend my son's wedding last September. I never asked. He had become a bit

reclusive. And tomorrow, on what promises to be a glorious fall evening, his only granddaughter will walk down the aisle of St. Clement's Catholic Church in Warren on the arm of a tall, handsome husband.

She will miss her grandfather, and I will miss my favorite uncle. A widow for many years, Uncle Johnny died last spring after a brief hospitalization from complications of a stroke. One thing I know, Uncle Johnny would be beaming at his lovely, tiny granddaughter.

He'd also be flirting with his nieces.

Ah, uncles, what's a girl to do without them?

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Uncle Johnny was the best of flirts, a real maestro of the cocked eyebrow and the airborne kiss. He winked and complimented me from girlhood to the last family high school graduation party two summers ago at cousin Mary Jo's house.

Uncle Johnny was the only man who ever called me "doll."

He also was my favorite dancing partner.

At family weddings (usually the Polish variety), Uncle Johnny would dance the polkas with his sisters (there were seven) and save the cha-cha's and the Elvis numbers for me. He'd slick back his hair, black hair, unbutton his suit jacket, and sashay his skinny hips in my direction. He had a sweet, goofy come-hither look, punctuated only by an

occasional facial twitch or two. Uncle Johnny also had a way with words — once he removed the toothpick he kept rakishly clenched between his teeth. He'd always answer me with "Whatever you say, doll." "Whatever floats your boat, doll." Or best of all, "Whatever melts your butter, doll."

And instead of "good-bye," he always said "say-la-vee." He said it with a flourish.

I last saw Uncle Johnny in the hospital. It was obvious he was looking forward to being reunited with his wife, whom he called "The Schnupper." He slept a lot, and wasn't always aware of his surroundings. However, when I walked into his hospital room, he managed to say, "You're still pretty."

He thanked me when I helped him sip from a glass of Vernor's, but he measured out an imaginary shot of whiskey with his fingers and tipped his head back for an imaginary beer. Then I think he winked at me.

Ah, uncles, what's a girl to do without them?

Renee Skoglund is a staff writer at The Observer Newspapers. She lives in Canton Township.

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Red Cross forms Response Corps

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is recruiting young adults for its AmeriCorps National Rapid Response Corps.

The corps provides family disaster education and emergency assistance to victims of local and national disasters. It is sponsored by the American Red Cross and funded by a grant from the Corporation for National Service. Members receive a living allowance, extensive Red Cross training, health care coverage and a \$4,725 educational award upon successful completion of the program.

During nearly 10 months of service, members may teach disaster preparedness to children as well as senior citizens, provide direct disaster assistance to victims and be dispatched to national disaster assignments for up to 21 days.

The Rapid Response Corps is composed of a diverse group of service-minded individuals of various backgrounds, education levels and life experiences. It is not a job and requires a commitment to service, teamwork and flexibility. The program is designed to capture the energy and enthusiasm of young adults.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and be available full time, including some weekend and evening hours, interested in teaching and training, possess a current valid driver's license, and have at least a GED or high school diploma.

To receive an application, mail a resume and cover letter to Kathy Osterman, American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, National Rapid Response Corps, 100 Mack Ave., Detroit 48232. Resumes may also be sent by fax to (313) 833-2105 or by e-mail to osterman@crossnet.org.

NEW VOICES

Brian and Tracey Spehar of Garden City announce the birth of Brady Allen June 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins two brothers, Brian, 3, and Brendan, 2. Grandparents are Barbara Ragan of Garden City, Robert Ragan of Royal Oak and Robert and Lucy Spehar of Garden City. Great-grandmother is Hazel Ragan of Troy.

Ramona Dale Dunigan of Garden City announces the birth of Alexis Rainbow-Dale July 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two sisters, Chance Autumn-Dale Dunigan, 5, and Heather Dale Canon, 10. Grandparents are Leonard H. Canon of Belleville and Patricia D. Canon of Westland.

David and Dawn Jones of Livonia announce the birth of Lyndsay Alexis July 2 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins a sister, Mallory. Grandparents are Beth Larsen and Paul Zemenski of Redford and Charles and Ellen Jones of Marine City.

Kevin and Paula Frawley of Wayne announce the birth of Kaitlyn Jean July 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings Lauren, Michael, Amanda, Julie and Patrick. Grandparents are Ralph and Carol Hedman of Lakeland, Fla., and Jim and Barb Frawley of Canton.

Patrick and Tracy Walsh of Redford announce the birth of Kallie Ann July 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sister, Kayla. Grandparents are Carol Tower of Wixom and Dolores Walsh of Detroit.

Scott and Ronda Rutherford of Redford announce the birth of Duncan Scott May 1 at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Rutherford of Redford.

Alan and Angela Spencer of Westland announce the birth of Steven Michael July 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Lindsay. Grandparents are Cass and Sheila Maiorana of Westland and Cecil and Maureen Spencer, formerly of Wayne.

Kevin and Deborah Rukat of Redford announce the birth of Caitlin Elizabeth May 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Grandparents are Michael and Dorothy Petro Sr. of Livonia and Barbara and Phillip Rukat of South Lyon. Great-grandparents are Andrew and Mary Petro Sr. of Livonia, Mitchell Rukat of Brevort Lake, and Adell Seyfarth of Redford.

Widow of Westland

Widow of Westland announces the birth of Breanna Paige Kolenc July 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are John and Debbie Kolenc of Inkster and John and Maggie Widon of Westland.

Ralph and Marleen Kates of Garden City announce the birth of Owen Hunter July 15 at

Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn

He joins two brothers, Tyler James, 4, and Brett Matthew, 3. Grandparents are Bob and Pat Squires of Garden City, Dena Elery of Canton and Ralph Kates of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are Ruth and Merrill Anleitner of Florida, Leonard Springborn of Novi and Edward Byczynski of Detroit.



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CAMPUS NOTES

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Achievement medal
Army Pfc. Michael D. Sawchuk, son of Donald M. and Rose V. Sawchuk of Canton, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. Sawchuk is an assistant machine gunner with the 76th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The private is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Graduation
Marine Pfc. Timothy L. Murphy, son of Frances

K. Louris of Canton, recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Murphy learned to prepare personnel information for input into the computer-based system. He also studied procedures used for unit-level recording of pay and allowances. He joined the Marine Corps in November 1997.

Promotions
Robert F. Mooney, son of Sandra L. Donlon of Canton was promoted to Marine sergeant while serving with the Marine Corps Security Force Company, London, England. The 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Marine

Corps in September 1993.

Training
Airman Ryan S. Dahlman, son of Robert and Robin Dahlman of Canton, completed the Navy Aviation Electricians Mate school in Pensacola, Fla. Dahlman finished second in his class and received a letter of recognition for his hard work. He is stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., where he will continue his schooling and specialize in helicopters.

Deployment
Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan, a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, completed a six-

month deployment to Okinawa with 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Evolution vs. creation is addressed at seminar

"In the beginning was matter, which begat the amoeba, which begat the worm, which begat the fish, which begat the amphibian, which begat the monkey, which begat man, who imagined God."

This is the genealogy of Man," according to Charles Smith, former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, in his booklet, "Godless Evolution."

Who is right? Is there a God or isn't there? Is Exodus 20:11 correct when it asserts: "For in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is and rested on the seventh day."

People who would like to examine the evidences for God's existence can attend a three-day seminar, "Science & Nature: Two Votes for God," Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4, at the Garden City Church of Christ, 1657 Middlebelt, Garden City.

There is an charge for the seminar, and no collections will be taken. Handout materials will be available free of charge to participants.



Dr. Bert Thompson

Temple Baptist Church will host The VOX, an evening of live music, humor and espresso coffee for 18-30-year-olds, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 4655 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

Music from such popular artists as Third Eye Blind and Jays of Clay will be performed. There also will be humor-filled drama skits performed throughout the night as well as a speaker/host talking about relevant issues.

The concert is part of the programming of the Arts Council's ongoing cultural diversity series. Also featured in the auditorium and lobby will be works by Michigan African-American artists. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a 5-day mission Monday-Friday, Oct. 5-9, at the church, 23510 Joy Road, Redford. Redeemptorist priests from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in England will preach. Each evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a sermon and devotions. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-2121.

Se. Simon and Jude Church will have a Harvest Gathering card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50-50 raffle and cards and games of choice. A light meal and snacks will be served. Tickets cost \$6. For more information, call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds will go to the church's building fund.

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will hold its first of six divorce recovery sessions at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at St. Kenneth Parish, Haggerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. There is an \$35 charge. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. The program is state-certified and Christian teachers make up the low classroom ratio. It is offered at the church, Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call director Wendy Niska at (734) 513-8413.

NEW BEGINNING
The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will discuss "Personalizing the Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 3090 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkin-

LAS VEGAS NIGHT
St. Edith Church will sponsor a Las Vegas Night 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2-3, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1 and the maximum payout will be \$500. All proceeds will go to the church's general fund. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The church will have a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, Cherry Hill Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There will be games of roulette, black jack, craps, beat the dealer and big wheel.

GARAGE SALE
Westland Free Methodist Church's Young Teens are sponsoring a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Proceeds from table and space rental will benefit teen activities. The church's Women's Ministry also will have a space, with proceeds helping single mothers and those with special needs who attend the ministry.



In concert: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have the contemporary Christian musical group Echelon in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Echelon - Lowell Garrelts, Lowell Michelson, John Simshauser and Todd Miller - gives high-energy performances with the goal of making Christ known as a friend and savior through music and personal sharing. There will be time to talk with the group after the concert. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

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WESTLAND CENTER
Raab Enterprises will have an arts and crafts show during regular mall hours Oct. 1-4 at Westland Mall, Warren and Wayne roads, Westland. There will be paintings, jewelry, needle crafts, toys floral designs, stained glass, wood crafts, decorative painting, country crafts, ceramics and more.

OLD VILLAGE
Plymouth's Old Village will host its third annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in the city's Liberty Street area. There will be demonstrations, musical entertainment, food, hand quilting, photography, hand-blown glass, garden statuary, painted furniture hand-spun knitwear and scrimshaw.

HANDCRAFTERS
Handcrafters will sponsor its 17th annual fall arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. There

will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying children's clothing, whimsical jewelry, quilts, original acrylic paintings, doll clothes and cross-stitched items. Admission will be \$2. No strollers will be permitted. For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

MARSHALL PTA
Space is available for the Marshall Elementary School PTA's 13th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at the school, 33901 Curtis, Livonia. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter; admission will be \$1. For more information, call (248) 442-2367.

SACRED HEART
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt. Livonia. Admission will be free, and there will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, or table rental, call (248) 426-8227.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. More than 70 crafters will display their work, and there will be hourly door prizes, raffle, refreshments and baked goods.

AT. AIDAN'S
St. Aidan's Women's Guild is looking for crafters for its craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space with no electricity costs \$30. For more information, call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3737.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Arts and crafts, bake sale, luncheon and raffles will be featured. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

RAMALLAH CLUB
Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-25 at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rental is \$30 for one day or \$60 for three days. For more

information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Delta Kappa Gamma is sponsoring its annual arts and crafts fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be more than 90 juried crafters, and lunch will be available. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 416-7550.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and drinks. Admission will be \$1. For more information, crafters can call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

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Crafters are wanted for a craft show Oct. 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, sponsored by the St. Jude Circle. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or (313) 522-2963.

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Oct. 24 at Mount Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tables are \$20 plus \$5 for electricity. There will be crafts, country collectibles, a bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 425-3782.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday *Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-foot spaces cost \$50. Chairs are available on request and limited electricity at no additional charge. There will be a bake sale, and concession foods will be available throughout the day. Admission will be \$1, children younger than 12 free with an adult. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University will have its 14th annual arts and crafts showcase from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8 in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 with children younger than 12 free. Special features include handmade arts and crafts, bake sale, photos with Santa Claus and a \$1,000 raffle. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Timothy Circle of Grace Lutheran Church will have its 10th annual arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 25630 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is free, and no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734) 464-2727.

WESTLAND FREE METHODIST
The Westland Free Methodist Church will have a holiday craft fair and bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Eight-foot tables are available to crafters at \$25 per space. For more information, call Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163.

ABUNDANT LIFE
Applications are being accepted for table rental at Abundant Life Church of God's annual Angelic Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 2100 Hannan, Canton. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-0011 or Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
Crafters are needed for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For an application or more information, call (734) 721-7044.

Fraternity chapter observes anniversary

In honor of the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity's 100th anniversary on Oct. 15 and its 75th anniversary, the Detroit Alpha chapter will host a Founders' Day brunch for collegiate and alumnae members on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Zeta Tau Alpha was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., and has more than 155,000 members worldwide. Breast cancer research and

education is ZTA's national philanthropy. The fraternity co-sponsors the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure, which is held at the Detroit Zoological Park each year. The members of Detroit Alpha also volunteer monthly at The ARC of Northwest Wayne County office in Redford.

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Steelers stun Comets

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers jumped all over the Westland Comets Sunday at Westland John Glenn HS, scoring the game's first 24 points en route to a 24-12 junior football league triumph.

A 9-yard scoring pass from David Nicholoff to Dave Hoskins gave the Steelers their first points. Rushing touchdowns by Corey Walsler and Brandon Wilcox followed. Coach Doug Young praised all 30 members of the team for "making the plays that were needed" to win.

The Steelers junior varsity used a sparkling defensive effort to defeat their Comet counterparts by a touchdown. The game-winning touchdown, scored by Brandon Mancini on a 2-yard run, was set up by an interception with four minutes left by Brandon Hoard. Mancini, who had an interception and two long punt returns, and Mickey Kerul paced the tough Steeler defense.

Despite a strong effort, the Steeler freshmen squad came up short, losing 7-0. The game's only score was set up by a short punt. Another Comet drive was stopped by Alex Avramoski's fumble recovery. Mike Bashawaty, Paul Kanaan; Shawn Little and Romeo Young had strong games for the Steeler freshmen.

The Steelers celebrate Homecoming Saturday when they host the Northville Colts at 5 p.m. at Central Middle School.

Lions varsity blanked

The Canton Lions varsity surrendered a first-quarter touchdown, and that proved too big a deficit to overcome as the Redford Rangers collected an 8-0 junior football league triumph Sunday. Brandon Szwejkowski recovered a Ranger fumble in the second quarter, but despite Drew Amble's passing efforts the Lions could not take advantage. Landon Langham run off a fake punt set up the Lions final scoring chance, but they came up short.

The Lions junior varsity had no trouble putting points on the board Sunday, beating the Rangers 32-0 to run its record to 3-0. Matt Trublowski led the assault with touchdown runs of 50 and 8 yards. Other TDs came courtesy of C.J. Greenwell, on an 11-yard run; D.J. Driscoll, on a 52-yard scamper; and Nathan Rzeppa, on a 23-yard pass from Dave Thomas. Colin Murphy, Brian Clark, Sean Downey and Brandon Kilgore paced the Lions' defense.

A late rally fell short for the Lions freshmen, which lost 12-6 to the Rangers Sunday. Redford scored in each of the first two quarters, and it remained 12-0 until, with two minutes left in the game, Johnny Groat scored on a 1-yard run. The Lions got the ball back with 30 seconds left, but could not get the equalizing touchdown.

College standouts

Ian Bedford, a junior at University of Detroit Mercy from Plymouth (Plymouth Canton HS), finished 27th in a field of 45 runners at the Jeff Drenth Memorial Invitational, hosted by Central Michigan University Saturday in Mount Pleasant. The Titans placed third in the four-team race.

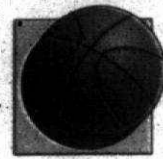
A 3-1 loss to league-leader Madonna University didn't keep the Siena Heights men's soccer team down. The Saints, powered by freshmen Sam Skeels and Andy Power (from Plymouth Salem), bounced back to beat Spring Arbor 3-2 last Wednesday (Sept. 23) and Concordia 7-1 Sunday.

Power assisted on Skeels' game-opening goal against Spring Arbor, then fueled a Saints' rally by scoring the game-tying goal with 15 minutes left. The game-winner was scored by B.J. Horn with less than five minutes to play.

In the win over Concordia, Power netted two goals and an assist, bringing his season totals to eight goals and five assists (21 points), second on the team to Skeels (16 goals, seven assists, 39 points). Between them, they have accounted for 24 of Siena Heights' 40 goals. The Saints improved to 8-2 overall, 3-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Northern hands Salem its 1st loss



A trip north, to play state-ranked Flint Northern, wasn't exactly successful for Plymouth Salem. But Rocks' coach Fred Thomann is hoping to turn the team's first loss of the season into something beneficial.

Gaining by losing?

Plymouth Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann plans to do just that. On Tuesday, he took his Rocks to state-ranked Flint Northern and there they suffered their first defeat of the season, 58-47.

Salem is now 6-1 overall. Northern, which earlier this season defeated Plymouth Canton 58-51 at Canton;

improved to 7-2.

"This was one of those games you need to play to find out where your weaknesses are so you can work on them," said Thomann. "We didn't weather a couple of critical spots in the game. If we had done that, we might have won."

"We played one of the top teams in the state and we played them well. We gave them a pretty good go tonight."

The difference was the third quarter. The Rocks overcame a slow start — they were outscored 17-12 in the opening quarter — to pull to within a basket at halftime (26-24). But the Vikings took command in the third period, outpacing Salem 20-11.

"The third quarter was huge," said Thomann. "They got into the passing lanes and got some easy layups off their pressure defense."

Trailing 46-35 entering the final quarter, the Rocks were able to trim the deficit to six. But Northern converted enough of their free throws down the stretch (17-of-27, 63 percent) to pull away. Salem was 11-of-18 from the

line (61 percent).

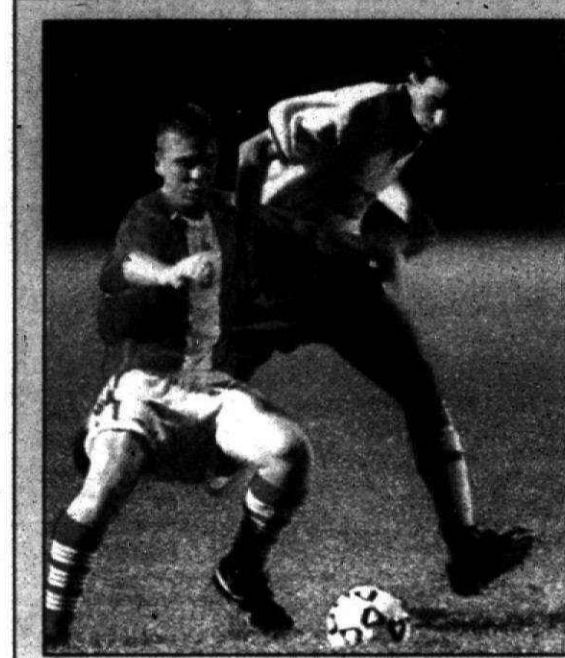
The Rocks' offense was generated by Tiffany Grubaugh, who scored 20 points, and Andrea Pruetz, with 19. Pruetz also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Lauren Yops' 13 points paced Northern; Danielle Tipton added 11.

Agape 59, Academy of Detroit 47: Kim Ther poured in 24 points, grabbed nine rebounds and made six steals to ignite Canton Agape Christian Academy Tuesday at Academy of Detroit.

The victory boosted the Wolverines record to 9-1 overall. The Rangers are 5-5.

Please see BASKETBALL, C10



Staff photos by Paul Hurschmann
All-out: It was a battle for both sides — Kirk McKee of Canton and George Kithas of Churchill (above), and Canton's Johnny Demergis and Churchill's Mike Koivunen (below).



Within sight Canton closes in on a title shot

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Chad Campau was concerned. He was worried about his Livonia Churchill soccer team and the letdown they seemed to be battling. "We've been struggling for the last couple of weeks," the Charger coach said.

Such lapses are a danger anytime in sports. But when your team is going up against a side like Plymouth Canton's, with the division championship at stake, a lapse for even a few minutes could ruin all hopes.

On Wednesday at Churchill, these two Western Lakes Activities Association powers met with just that at stake. The winner would be in command in the WLA's Western Division, with a berth in the league championship match opposite Livonia Stevenson within their grasp.

Unfortunately for Campau and his Churchill team, they suffered a bit of letdown right at the start, surrendering two early goals. But they overcame that and, with just under 11 minutes left in the first half, the score was tied. The momentum was shifting.

But then the Chargers did it again. They started

the second half strongly, but so did Canton — and it was the Chiefs who kept firing while Churchill suffered another lapse, which led to two Canton goals and, ultimately, a 5-2 victory.

The Chiefs are now 10-3-1 overall and 3-0 in the division, with matches remaining against Walled Lake Western (Oct. 7) and Farmington Harrison (Oct. 10). Churchill is 8-3-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the division, with its final division match at Western Monday.

"They took the tempo away from us," said Canton coach Don Smith of Churchill's first-half rally. "They had us back on our heels a bit. We had to come out flying (in the second half) to keep up with them, because they were flying."

Canton grabbed the early advantage when Johnny Demergis knocked in a goal just 2 1/2 minutes into the match. Before the Chargers could recover, Demergis did it again, making it 2-0 after just 10:27 of the game. Jeff Parent assisted.

But Churchill did not relent. "I really didn't think Canton's defense was playing that well in the first half," said Churchill's Campau. "Even though they had that lead, we were still keeping control. I think when they got up 2-0 they got a little overconfident."

If indeed the Chiefs did, they didn't stay that way for long. The Chargers didn't let them. With the first half over, Scott Smith got to a direct kick by Ken Kozlow and put it past Canton keeper Doug Koontz, narrowing the gap to 2-1 with 18:19 left.

Less than eight minutes later, a set play led to another Churchill goal and a tie game. Mark Sicilia put this one in, a direct kick that got past Canton's defensive wall and rolled into the right corner with 10:43 remaining.

But any momentum shift to Churchill didn't last long. Not when the one player on either team capable of taking complete command of any game was Canton's Scott Wright. Which is just what he did.

Wright was dragged down in front of the Churchill net with 4:01 to go in the first half. He converted the penalty kick and the Chiefs again had the lead, 3-2.

"I thought we did a pretty good job marking him," Campau said of Canton's Wright. "He didn't take over the game, anyway."

"We were pretty up at halftime. I was confident we could come back and get a couple more (goals)."

That's not what happened, however. The fourth goal proved to be the decisive one, and the Chiefs got it when Jonathan Johnson charged in through the Churchill defense and pounded a shot that rebounded off a defender — right back to Johnson, who this time knocked it into the left corner for a 4-2 lead with 20:13 left.

Any remaining doubts were erased by Wright. With 14:37 to play, he outraced a Charger defender at midfield who frantically grabbed at him. But Wright was too fast; he beat the defense and keeper Steve Kleczynski to make it 5-2.

"That fourth goal was a big one, it solidified us," said Smith. It also helped having a player like Wright, who can only be described as a game-breaker.

No easy victories: Playoffs dominate at O&E tourney

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Call it a playoff spectacular. Roger Trevison of Livonia recorded the best round of the annual Observer & Eccentric/Whispering Willows Golf Tournament, firing an even-par 70 on Saturday, but he had to withstand a late charge by Karl Nagy of Plymouth in order to win the championship flight Sunday.

Indeed, it took a 37th hole for the winner to be decided. And that wasn't the only flight that went into overtime; three of the four were decided by playoffs, one of them (first flight) going five extra holes before a champion was crowned.

Trevison, a Farmington native and Redford Catholic Central (1987) graduate, followed his opening-day 70 with a 38-41/79 on Sunday, which left the

door open for Nagy. He responded, following his 75 on Saturday with a 36-38/74 on Sunday to tie Trevison at 149.

"It was really just a lack of playing," Trevison said of his final round. "I played 27 good holes, then got kind of careless. But I've only played 15 rounds of golf this summer."

As it was, it took a birdie on the final hole of regulation for Trevison to tie Nagy and prompt a playoff. It wasn't the only time these two have met in similar circumstances; last year, they played off for second place in championship flight. Trevison won that time as well, getting birdies on both holes to edge Nagy by a single stroke.

"Maybe next time," was about all Nagy could say. It's not that he hasn't played well; in fact, he's been in the running most every year, placing second two years ago, third in 1997 and now second again.

1998 OBSERVER/ECCENTRIC WHISPERING WILLOWS GOLF TOURNAMENT Sept. 26-27		
Championship Flight		
1. Roger Trevison	70-79 / 149*	14. Chris Crespi
2. Karl Nagy	75-74 / 149	15. Jerry Thomas
3. Andrew Ponke	74-76 / 150	16. Kevin Ennis
4. Michael Gordon	76-76 / 152	17. John Zatsick
5. Steve Ponke	77-75 / 152	18. Scott Glenn
6. Alan Menzies	76-77 / 153	19. Kevin Furlong
7. Michael Caruso	74-80 / 154	20. Chaz Komegay
8. Raimig Boghikian	74-80 / 154	21. John Radziszewski
9. Alex McLuckie	80-75 / 155	22. Rick Wheeler
10. James Landsberg	76-79 / 155	23. Charles Wiltse
11. David Polvi	74-81 / 155	24. Patrick Flynn
12. John Avery	77-79 / 156	25. W. Paul Worley
13. Paul Rys	78-78 / 156	26. Cary Miller
		27. Steve Postal
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		30. Hugh Porter
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This year's playoff wasn't quite as dramatic as last year's, but there was more at stake. Both Trevison and Nagy reached the fringe of the 439-yard, par-four 10th hole in two. Trevison, however, knocked down his second putt while Nagy three-putted.

Although Trevison hasn't played much this season, he has plenty of

experience. He won the state junior amateur championship in 1987, then went off to Pepperdine University (Malibu, Calif.) to play for two years before returning. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1991.

"I've really gotten out of competitive

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Canton rips Franklin

Back on track. Plymouth Canton's soccer team overcame a mid-season slump of sorts, and Livonia Franklin and Troy were the victims. On Monday, Scott Wright poured in four goals to spark the Chiefs' 6-1 triumph over Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Franklin in a match played at Canton.

Last Saturday, Evan Malone scored 10 minutes into the second half, and the Canton defense made that goal stand up in a 1-0 victory over visiting Troy.

The two wins boosted the Chiefs' record to 9-3 overall. They are 6-0-1 in the WLAA. Franklin slipped to 3-9-2 overall.

Canton built a 4-0 lead by halftime of Monday's match against the Patriots, thanks to the scoring of Wright and Pete Andreoli, who had two goals in the game. They both added one assist apiece. Mike Riemma and Johnny Demergis had two assists each.

Bill Fischer accounted for Franklin's only goal, scoring on a direct free kick from 22 yards out in the second half.

Malone's goal, which was assisted by Demergis, and a solid defensive effort against a strong squad from Troy helped reverse Canton's fortunes. The Chiefs had struggled in their previous two matches, bat-

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ting WLAA foe Farmington to a 2-2 draw last Wednesday (Sept. 23) and losing to non-league opponent Novi 1-0 the previous Monday (Sept. 21).

Salem 7, Harrison 0: An injury-plagued Plymouth Salem squad still had enough to rout WLAA rival Farmington Harrison Monday at Harrison.

Giuseppe Ianni accounted for three of the Rocks' goals. Jeff Haar added two others, with Sean Loewe and Aaron Rypkowski getting one apiece.

"We're really banged up right now," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We have a bunch of injuries. But we're trying to get back."

That's one good reason why they lost to visiting Brighton Saturday, 3-1. Dan Wiechowicki netted Salem's only goal.

Currently sidelined are defender Chris Price (mononucleosis), midfielder Scott Duhl (ankle injury), midfielder Tim Zdrodowski (broken toe), defender Mike Shull (concussion), midfielder Jeff Chrzanowski (broken

sternum) and defender Aaron MacDonald (torn rib cartilage). Zdrodowski could be out another six weeks, Chrzanowski two more weeks, and Shull and Duhl another week.

Redford CC 5, A.A. Huron 1: Senior midfielder Andy Kogut had a pair of goals and one assist Monday, leading Redford Catholic Central (6-6-1 overall) to the non-league triumph at Ann Arbor Huron (4-7-1).

Senior midfielder Kevin Graff and junior midfielder Chris Podlak each added a goal and one assist. Junior forward Josh Brooks also scored a goal, while teammate Keith Bonnell, a junior forward, chipped in with two assists.

On Saturday, state-ranked Warren DeLaSalle improved to 5-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division with a 4-2 win over the visiting Shamrocks.

Graff scored the game's first goal on a penalty kick and Kogut had the other goal for the Shamrocks, who fell to 1-4 in the Central Division.

Junior midfielder David Perlin scored a pair of goals, while Ed Kiefer and Justin Folleboth each added one goal for DeLaSalle, which led 2-1 at halftime.

Salem edges North

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Glenn tips Churchill

Livonia Churchill had the overall medalist, but Westland John Glenn had the numbers to win Monday's WLAA dual match, 199-201, at Fellows Creek.

Churchill's Randall Boboiga fired a 37 to collect medalist honors. The Rockets, however, countered with four golfers shooting 40 or better, led by Brian Reed with a 38.

Justin Fendeleit and Chris Tompkins each shot 39s, and Ryan Shamrock added a 40. Glenn's final counted score belonged to Rick Sadek, a 43.

For the Chargers, Tom Fitzstephens was next best with a 40. Evan Chall and Jeff Hunter shot 41s, and Mike Lightbody had a 42.

Glenn is 7-3 overall, 6-3 in the WLAA. Churchill is 5-5.

Lady Ocelots on a roll Win leaves Madonna alone on top

The beat goes on for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team.

Coach Bill Tolstedt's Lady Ocelots, ranked 10th in the National Junior College Athletic Association, ran their overall record to 6-1-1 with a 9-0 victory Saturday over visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Annie Haggenah (St. Clair Shores Lake Shore), against whom Tolstedt chipped in with a goal and two assists.

Meghan Jannuzzi added one goal and three assists. Lisa Tolstedt chipped in with a goal and two assists.

Marina Vazquez and Tracy McIntyre also tallied goals for the Lady Ocelots, who led 6-0 at intermission.

Barker played goal the first half before moving to the field. Jennifer Dumm finished up in the net.

Tri-State is 4-7 overall and 3-2 in the WHAC, while Madonna is 0-5-1 and 0-4-1.

Concordia 1, Madonna 0 (women's): Amy Spoliga's goal from Katrina Schmidt at the 42-minute mark of the second half stood up Saturday for Concordia College (3-1-1, 2-1-1) in a WHAC victory over the host Lady Crusaders.

Concordia controlled most of the action as Madonna suited up just nine players.

Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) made 14 saves for Madonna.

WHAC Player of the Week, made it 3-0. Rodopoulos assisted.

Ermet tallied six goals and had four assists in three games to win the award.

Goalkeeper Dave Hart, who made six saves, earned the shutout.

The loss dropped Tri-State to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the WHAC.

College rallied for a 12-15, 9-15, 15-13, 15-10, 15-5 non-conference victory over the No. 16 ranked (NAIA) Lady Crusaders.

Stephanie Ubalde and Cunningham each had 15 kills in a losing cause. Malewski contributed 14 kills and four solo blocks.

Helsom recorded 50 assists, while Russell was tops in digs with 29.

Nicole Burns chipped in with four solo blocks and 14 block-assists.

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Ryan Mollien at the nine minute mark.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, senior Vic Rodopoulos (Livonia Franklin) converted a penalty kick to make it 2-0.

Senior forward Scott Emert (Walled Lake Central), named

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Canton hosting Northville for homecoming

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The big game last week was in Redford; this week it will take place in Farmington Hills.

Walled Lake Western visits Farmington Harrison in a game between unbeaten, state-ranked powers Saturday.

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In the prediction contest, Dan O'Meara holds a three-game lead over Brad Emmons after going 12-2 while Emmons was 11-3. O'Meara is 44-14 overall and Emmons 41-17.

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of momentum heading into this game. The Spartans did alright as it was, outscoring North Farmington, 42-22. PICKS: Both give the Rockets a renewed vote of confidence.

Lh. Franklin at Lh. Churchill: Franklin (0-4, 0-2) is still looking for its first win, but the Patriots have played a difficult schedule. Their four opponents to date have a combined record of 14-2 and include three unbeaten teams — Lincoln Park, Walled Lake Western and Farmington Harrison. The Chargers (1-3, 1-1) have played one unbeaten team (Redford Union) and defeated Plymouth Canton for their only win. PICKS: O'Meara thinks it will be Franklin on top, but Emmons goes with the Chargers.

Northville at Pky. Canton: The Mustangs (2-2, 1-1) evened their record at 500 last week with a victory over Churchill, which defeated the Chiefs for its only win the previous week. Canton (0-4, 0-2) is coming off a 47 loss to powerful Walled Lake Western. PICKS: Northville makes it two straight wins.

Farmington at W.L. Central: Despite losing Saturday, Farmington (1-3, 1-1) gained a ton of confidence by holding state-ranked Westland John Glenn to a 14-7 score. If the Falcons had won, they'd be atop the Lakes Division standings today. Central (1-3, 1-1) also came to life last week with an upset win, 25-17, over favored Plymouth Salem for its first victory. PICKS: It's another of those tough picks. A punch says Central.

Luth. East at Clarendonville: The Trojans (3-1, 2-1) suffered their first loss when Harper Woods won the battle of unbeaten Metro Conference teams, 34-6. Clarendonville might have better results against another East Side team this week. Lutheran East (1-3, 1-3) was a 36-12 loser to Liggett in its last game. PICKS: The Trojans would have a three-game winning streak and lots

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Willow Run at Thurston, noon: The schedule gives Thurston (3-1) just what it needs following a tough game with Redford Union. The Eagles catch a break and a chance to rebound against winless Willow Run (0-4) in this Mega Conference crossover. The Flyers are coming off a 16-12 loss to Mega-Gold member River Rouge. PICKS: The Eagles are soaring against the Flyers? They're grounded.

Edsel Ford at Wayne: This is the third of four straight home games for the Zebras (3-1), who can't afford to be looking ahead to next week's Mega-Red clash with unbeaten Dearborn. Edsel Ford (1-3) is struggling this year but has lost to good teams — Bishop Foley, Allen Park and Trenton — and is capable of the upset. PICKS: The Zebras add to the win column.

Ply. Salem at N. Farmington: The Rocks (2-2, 1-1) are eager to get back on the winning side of the ledger after their loss to Walled Lake Central. But don't count out the Raiders, who've had some close games with the Rocks recently. North (1-3, 0-2) gained an early lead at Livonia Stevenson but couldn't hold on as the Spartans roared back for a 42-22 victory. PICKS: Salem pulls out another win.

W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison: It'll be the clash of titans at Butler Field. This is the game everybody has been waiting to see since the season started. Both teams are 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the WLAA Western Division. Both teams feature outstanding speed on offense and quick, aggressive defenses. The Warriors average 46 points per game, the Hawks' 42.75. Western's first defense has allowed seven points (34 total). Harrison's none (six total). PICKS: O'Meara likes the home team in this one and so does Emmons.

Luth. Westland at Luth. North: Lutheran North (4-0, 4-0) remained undefeated with a 24-8 pasting of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, which defeated Lutheran Westland in the opening week. The Warriors (0-4, 0-3) are still looking for their first win following a non-league loss to unbeaten St. Alphonsus, 22-6. PICKS: The Warriors have to wait a little longer for that first win.

Holy Redeemer at St. Agatha, 8 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field: The Aggies (3-1, 2-1) were knocked from the ranks of unbeaten teams by Cardinal Mooney in a Catholic D-Section contest, 26-7. They'll try to rebound against Holy Redeemer, but it won't be easy. The Aggies have their work cut out for them as the Lions (2-2, 2-0) defeated Mooney, 32-15, as well as Wyandotte Mountain Carmel last week, 32-0. PICKS: Hey, in this town, the Lions are hot this week!

Bishop Borgess vs. Riv. Richard, 2 p.m. at Garden City Jr. High: The Spartans (2-2, 1-0) won their second straight Sunday, 33-12, over East Catholic in the Catholic Tri-Sectional opener. Borgess tries to make it three in a row against the Pioneers (1-1, 1-0), who are having success as well. Richard whipped Cabrini last week, 48-0, and its only loss was to unbeaten Bishop Foley. PICKS: It's another toss-up. O'Meara and Emmons take the Pioneers.

Redford CC vs. Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field: We're still wondering how Pontiac Notre Dame Prep landed in the Catholic Central-West Division. The Fighting Irish (0-4, 0-1) are winless after absorbing a 26-0 defeat from Divine Child. Meanwhile, the top-ranked Shamrocks (3-0, 1-0) steamrolled a good DePorres team in the second half of the Boys Bowl game Sunday, 40-14. PICKS: It's a no-brainer. CC is an easy winner.

Shamrocks' offense proves too tough for DePorres

CC FOOTBALL

Seven players caught passes for Redford Catholic Central's football team in Sunday's Boys Bowl at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium, but one stood out: Nick Brzezinski.

The 6-foot-5, 255-pound senior tight end caught five passes for 115 yards, including one for a touchdown in the Shamrocks' 40-14 victory over Detroit DePorres.

The Eagles were the Shamrocks' new opponents for the 54th annual game, replacing Birmingham Brother Rice, CC's foes in the last 32 Boys Bowls.

The win left the No. 1-ranked Shamrocks at 3-0 overall while DePorres, one of the top-ranked teams in Class B, fell to 2-2.

The Shamrocks led 21-14 at halftime, taking the lead to stay with a 16-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 2-yard run from tail-

back John Kava with six seconds left in the half.

CC quarterback Dave Lusky completed 4-of-7 passes for 51 yards during the drive that came after DePorres had tied the score at 14 with a 66-yard run by running back Prince Pack.

The Shamrocks finished with 393 total yards, 205 on the ground, to DePorres' 259. Lusky completed 11-of-17 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns.

Kava led the Shamrocks with 62 yards in 16 carries and senior back Kyle Entsminger added 49 yards in 12 attempts.

Brzezinski, an all-state candidate, made a diving catch for a 41-yard gain that led to another 2-yard run by Kava with 3:01 left in the third quarter, which made it 28-14. The drive covered 60 yards in eight plays.

Fumble recoveries led to a pair

of fourth-quarter touchdowns for CC.

Defensive lineman Jeremiah Hicks recovered the first at the Eagles' 16. On the first play, Lusky found tight end Matt Loras in the end zone, making it 34-14.

Jon Ashbire fell on another DePorres fumble at the Eagles' 14. Sean Bell covered the last 3 yards, scoring his first varsity

touchdown with 2:55 left.

The Eagles scored first as Prince Pack ended a 66-yard, six-play drive with an 11-yard run with 4:29 left in the first quarter. The extra point gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

CC answered with a 71-yard, seven-play scoring drive capped by Entsminger's 3-yard run with 1:45 left in the first quarter.

Lusky also made four of five extra-point attempts.

The Shamrocks went ahead 14-7 with their longest drive of the day, 95 yards in nine plays, which was capped by a 27-yard pass to Brzezinski with 3:55 remaining in the half.

Hicks sparked the CC defense with 2 1/2 sacks. Lusky added six tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lady Ocelot 3rd

Schoolcraft College sophomore Becky Wolfram (Livonia Stevenson) was third among 69 runners in Saturday's 27th annual Danville (Ill.) Community College-Cross Country Classic Meet of Champions.

Krystal Kearby of Oakland City (Ind.) was first in the 3.1-mile race in 18:48 followed by Angela Buttrum of Vincennes (Ind.), 19:38; and Wolfram, 20:09.

Other SC finishers included Jenny Duncan (Livonia Churchill), who was 22nd in 21:24, and Sarah Swieczkowski, 32nd, 22:18.

In the Sept. 19 Running Fit Victorian race in Northville, Wolfram was second in 18:49 and Swieczkowski was third in 19:12. Duncan's time was 20:22.

Golf Champions

Priscilla Gilliam of Canton won a playoff Tuesday to take Senior Division low honors in the fourth annual Michigan Senior Ladies Golf Association Tournament at Polo Fields Golf and Country Club.

Gilliam and Judy Figa (West Bloomfield) each shot 86 to force the playoff.

Carol Callaghan (Novi) won low net with a 68. Dorothy Cody of Farmington Hills was second with a 70.

In the Super Senior Division, Barbara Victor of Redford won low gross honors with a 92. Mary Allen (Wayne) and Jean Jones (Lansing) tied for second at 96 each.

First low net was Dolores Mulcahy (Livonia) with a 71. Carrie Van Osdol (Dearborn) was runner-up with a 72.

Falcons jolt Churchill

SOCCER

Farmington High is proving it can play with the elite boys soccer teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Falcons, coming off a 2-2 tie Sept. 23 with Plymouth Canton, pulled off a 2-1 win Monday at state-ranked Livonia Churchill.

Tim Rais tallied the game-winning goal with only a minute to play on an assist from Karl Lopata. Rais taking a long ball, beat two Churchill defenders and went one-on-one to push a shot past the Charger goalkeeper.

The Falcons, aiming to earn a top 10 statewide ranking in Division II, are 8-3 overall.

The loss dropped Churchill, a Division I team, to 8-2-2.

"It was our best game of the year, a total team effort," Farmington coach Luke Juncal said. "We played hard. It was a huge win for us. We're playing excellent soccer right now and we hope to keep it going."

George Kithas notched his 23rd goal of the year to open the scoring for Churchill. Tim Kaminski drew the assist.

But Farmington countered on Stephen Wayne's goal with just 50 seconds left in the half on an assist from Rais.

"Rais is so tough to mark because he's so fast," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We pressured them the last six or seven minutes and we had some good shots, but then they countered the long ball to Rais."

"We had our opportunities, they outworked us."

Farmington goalkeeper Matt Gasparotto made 18 saves.

The Falcons, meanwhile, took 21 shots.

On Saturday, Churchill and host Troy Athens (7-2-3 overall) battled to a 1-1 draw.

Kithas scored from Scott Smith with 12:45 remaining in the match after Ryan Hodges had given Athens a 1-0 lead only 15 seconds earlier.

Stevenson 5, Northville 0: Goalkeeper Joe Suchara notched the shutout and Mike White scored a pair of goals as state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (10-1 overall) won its seventh straight with a win Monday over the visiting Mustangs.

Tom Eller, Tony Maldonado and Brian Braun also scored goals for the Spartans, who led 2-0 at halftime. Sergio Mainella, Jeff Budo and Nick Soper contributed assists.

"Northville is a very capable team and we went in a bit concerned because we were coming off a big win against Quincey Day (7-1) and we fearful of a let-down," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Our performance was unpectacular, but overall it was a steady and solid effort."

John Glenn 2, W.L. Western 2: John Sterling scored twice Monday as Westland John Glenn (4-



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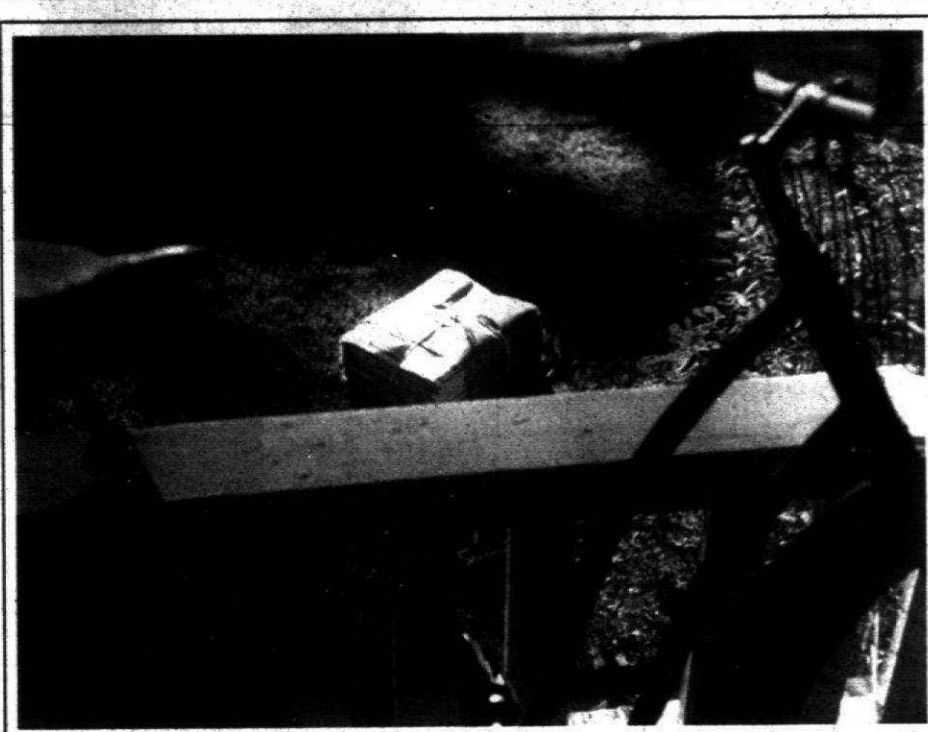
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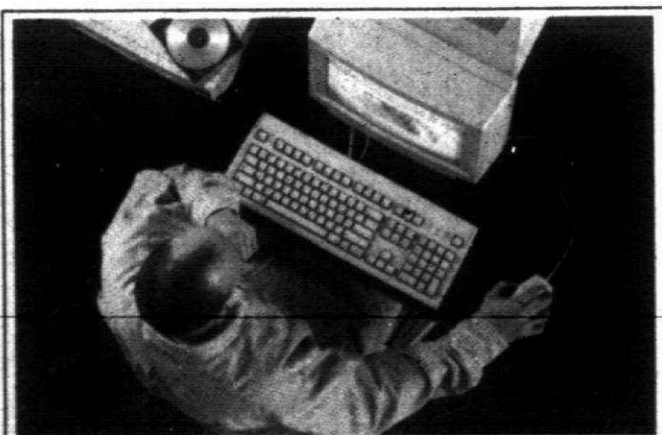
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GPS

Learn the basics of the Global Positioning System navigation including what the GPS technology is, how it works and what a GPS unit can and can not do during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road, at Six Mile. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MAP & COMPASS
Learn the basics of map and compass reading including how to read a topographic map, how to use a base plate compass and how to triangulate your position during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at REI. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road, at Six Mile. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING
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HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), 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.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
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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. Call (810) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Karl Schipper will be the speaker at the October 7th meeting and will discuss the use of the GPS and preparing boats and motors for winter storage. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive in Detroit. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear runs through Oct. 26 in designated bear management units.

DEER
Archery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewide on Nov. 15. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10 - Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK
The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE
The regular goose season runs through Oct. 4 statewide with a daily bag limit of two. There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

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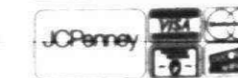
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State powers to clash

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Coach John Herrington hasn't had any trouble motivating his Farmington Harrison football players this week. The same goes for coach Chuck Apap and his team at Walled Lake Western.

Both know what's at stake Saturday when Western visits Harrison for an important divisional contest.

As it has the last two years, the game will most likely determine who wins the Western Division and plays for the league title in late October.

When you consider both ballclubs are 4-0 and state-ranked, have mercied their first four opponents and average better than 40 points per game, the 1998 meeting has big game stamped on it.

"It's been a pretty intense week at practice," Herrington said. "Everybody is focused and the whole practice situation is different from other weeks."

The Warriors gave Apap his 100th career victory last week, and this will be the last time he coaches against Herrington since he plans to retire at the end of the season.

"I don't know about my last game; it's just going to be fun," Apap said. "I can't wait to get there Saturday. This is going to be the measure. We're going to find out how good we are."

"I'm anticipating two really good football teams going at it

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with the intensity of playoff time."

With the playoffs in mind, Apap added the Warriors probably need to win since there are a number of unbeaten teams in their Class AA region.

Both teams feature explosive offenses with plenty of speed and a number of players who can make the big play.

All four backs in Western's wing-T offense are dangerous ballcarriers, and the Warriors average 11 yards every time someone touches the ball.

Eric Sage, the WLAA 100-meter dash champion, Richard Barbera, veteran fullback Dave Johnson and quarterback Chris Payton have sprinters speed.

Sage has 567 yards and 10 touchdowns on 31 carries for an 18.3 average. Johnson, who missed the first game while he had wisdom teeth pulled, has rushed 36 times for 393 yards and four scores.

Barbera averages 10.9 yards and has four touchdowns. Payton 13.9 yards and two TDs. To keep opposing defenses honest, Payton is 10-of-20 passing for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

The Hawks will counter with a balanced passing and running attack. Quarterback Dave Pesci throws to either Ricky Bryant, Andre Davis or Brian Nelson. Those four and backs Blake Ashley, Kevin Woods and Matt Reed

run solid 40 times.

"What do you say?" Apap said. "Their first (defense) hasn't been scored upon. They've been throwing the ball more than normal. It's a vintage Harrison team. They come and hit you, pound on you, try to make you make errors."

"Bryant is one of the best players in the state. I won't be surprised to see him at quarterback, halfback or selling popcorn at halftime. He's a tough kid; he can take hits and can give hits. We respect him a great deal as a player."

Western starts nine juniors on defense, but eight were on the varsity last year. Lorenzo Parker and Paul Merandi give the Warriors excellent secondary speed.

Harrison is led defensively by linebacker Mike Hoad, nose-guard Bryan McGhee, end Brett Foster and Bryant in the backfield.

Though both offenses have been prolific, Herrington doesn't anticipate a high-scoring game this time.

"I don't think either one of us has played against a defense like we have or they have," he said. "I think it will be something like last year, a tight game with the defenses rising to the occasion on both sides."

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golf," he said. "This is the first tournament I've played all year. I just decided to give it a go."

Now, of course, he's happy he did. "I feel really fortunate to win it," Trevison said. "That was a good example of how not to finish a tournament. But I couldn't have played the playoff any better."

In first flight, the story was just the opposite, although the finish was similar. Unlike Trevison, who opened well on Saturday then hung on on Sunday, Ed Donahue of Livonia struggled on the first day, carding an 83. On Sunday, however, he turned in the best round of the day in any flight, shooting a 72 to tie Steve Geanides of Redford at 155, forcing a playoff.

It wasn't exactly pretty, but Donahue finally emerged with the title when he bogeyed the fifth playoff hole, the par-four, 365-yard 14th, while Geanides got a double-bogey.

So what did Donahue do differently to alter his fortunes? "I changed putters," he said after his playoff marathon.

The third playoff came in second flight, and it was the most dramatic. Craig Nehasil of Canton caught Gordon Stefanick of Livonia with a Sunday round of 84 (Stefanick shot 86), each finishing with a 169 total. On the first playoff hole, the par-five 485-yard first hole, Stefanick got into immediate trouble with an off-the-fairway tee shot. His second shot left him well left of the green, while Nehasil was on the right side of the fairway, 15 yards short of the green.

First Flight		Second Flight	
Ed Donahue	83-72/155*	1. Craig Nehasil	85-84/169*
Steve Geanides	79-76/155	2. Gordon Stefanick	83-86/169
Andy Huda	79-76/155	3. James Henshaw	85-85/172
Mark Steinhilber	81-75/156	4. Dale Mack	83-89/172
Greg Loto	82-74/156	5. Patrick Pruden	82-88/170
Gregory Ryle	83-73/156	6. Barry Winesinger	85-83/167
Greg Trip	83-81/164	7. Mike Harris	89-84/173
Fred Emery	82-84/166	8. Mark Barnett	89-84/169
Ron Larkin	84-83/167	9. Dennis Washington	98-98/195
Fred Gumbert	81-86/167	10. Bill Campbell	85-104/190
Vince Albary	78-87/165	Third Flight	
Lennie Shipley	83-85/168	1. Tom Sokoloski	88-93/181
Bob Viciano	85-83/168	2. Jay DeOrdio	112-91/203
Rick Moutale	81-88/169	3. Ron Retzlaff	102-102/204
Dale Cordes	84-85/172	4. James Pantas	104-107/211
Buzzy Holzer	83-89/172	5. Michael McComb	110-102/212
Scott Wirth	86-85/173	6. Rick Fink	107-106/213
Steve Viazanko	85-89/174	*won tiebreaker	
James Murr	84-87/174		
Rick Morton	92-89/181		
Ty Iles	92-90/182		
John Hurley	94-90/184		

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Stefanick nearly knocked down the shot of the tournament when his third attempt, from 40 yards away, hit the flag. However

er it didn't drop, instead rolling to stop 40 feet past the cup.

It was all for naught, anyway; Nehasil followed Stefanick's effort with what would have to be the shot of the tournament, holing his chip for an eagle-three.

In third flight, alas — there was no playoff. Tom Sokoloski of Garden City won it going away, firing a 95-93/188 to outdistance runner-up Jay DeOrdio of Plymouth (112-91/203).

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Agape trailed 13-12 after one quarter, but a 15-8 second-quarter surge turned that around, giving the Wolves a 27-21 halftime advantage. It was 45-38 after three periods.

They got plenty of assistance from her teammates. Charla Sexton contributed 10 points, seven boards and two steals; Allie Major had 10 points and three steals; Sara Chrenko collected six points and five rebounds; and Amy Henry totaled seven assists and two steals.

Chanel Washington's 17 points topped Academy of Detroit.

Ladywood 46, Mercy 44: Michelle Harakas put a bunch of

points on the scoreboard and her sister, Melissa Harakas, kept a bunch off in leading Livonia Ladywood to an upset victory over host Farmington Hills Mercy Tuesday.

Michelle, a 6-foot sophomore center, scored 15 of her game-high 21 points in the second half as the Blazers rallied from a 25-17 halftime deficit.

Her two free throws with 11 seconds left broke a 44-44 tie and the Blazers survived the final seconds to improve to 4-5 overall, 1-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Sophomore guard Melissa Harakas, meanwhile, held Mercy's star senior guard Jessie Brennan to one field goal in the

second half and had a pair of steals in the fourth quarter.

Brennan led the Marlins, 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the Central Division, with 14 points. Junior guard Susie Roble had 13.

"Melissa did a great job guarding her," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "Brennan's a real good driver and shooter and Melissa forced her to take tough shots. And we did a real good job getting the ball to Michelle (Harakas) in the second half."

Freshman forward Liz Obrecht scored eight points, including six in the second half, for the Blazers. Senior guard Erin Hayden added seven.

The Blazers outscored the

Marlins 11-6 in the third quarter and 18-13 in the fourth to complete their comeback.

Milford 40, Churchill 38: Livonia Churchill limited Redskins star forward Christie Schumacher to 11 points on Tuesday night and it nearly led to an upset win for the visiting Chargers.

Milford held off a late Churchill rally and won despite a sub-par night for Schumacher, who is drawing interest from major colleges.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1998
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR KEY PLASTICS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Key Plastics, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the rehabilitation of the front office portion of their facility located at 40300 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan. The request includes the cost of new furniture and fixtures.

The request of Key Plastics, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Woody Allen, Sharon Stone, Danny Glover and Sylvester Stallone provide the voices for "Antz," DreamWorks animated film opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Comedian Sean Morey brings his one-man show of comedy, music and audience participation to Paisano's and Joey's Comedy Club, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tickets \$12, call (313) 584-8885.

SUNDAY



Gem Theatre presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call (313) 963-9800 for ticket information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Nearly 50 craftsmen, including Dave Stevens, exhibit jewelry, glass, painting, quilting, wood, painted furniture, and scrimshaw at the Old Village Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 in Plymouth's Old Village, north of Main Street on Liberty, Starkweather and Spring. For more information, call (734) 454-1314.

WSU prepares theater students for

'tough profession'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

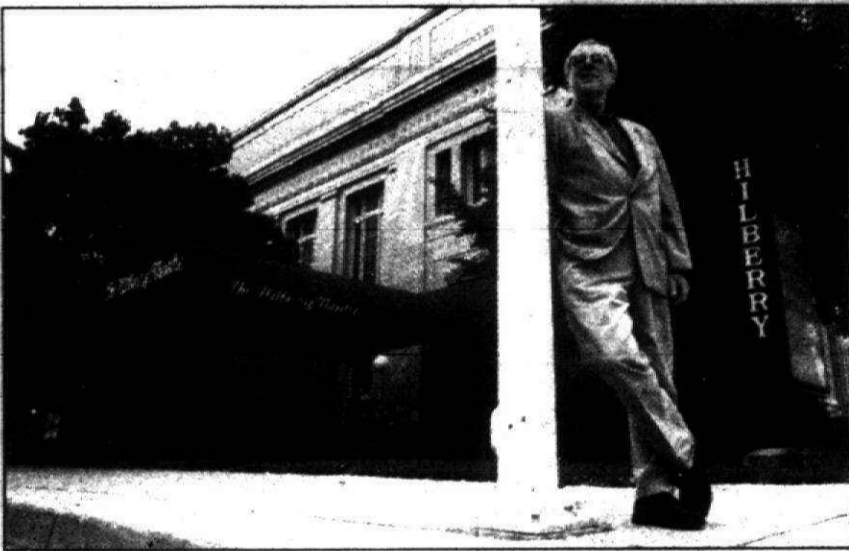
When Tom Sizemore, the strong sergeant in "Saving Private Ryan," returned last year to his alma mater, Wayne State University, he had a warning for the theater students.

It's a rough world out there and you have to be single-minded, focused and free of stars in your eyes.

Sizemore, who performed as an undergraduate at WSU's Bonstelle Theatre, is one of the university's success stories. Each year undergraduates at the Bonstelle and graduate students at the Hilberry prepare to take their places in one of the world's toughest professions.

"The hard part of the profession is that it's not like other professions like medicine or law with formal entrances. You are constantly looking for your next position, just as you land a position,"

Center stage: Jim Thomas, director of Wayne State University's theater program, outside the Hilberry Theatre where he and his staff help students prepare to take their places in one of the world's toughest professions.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

said James Thomas, director of Wayne State's theater program. "A lot of ambition and drive are involved."

Metro Detroit theater-goers are the beneficiaries of Wayne State's competitive theater programs as the university offers productions at three venues: the undergraduate Bonstelle, the graduate repertory Hilberry and the experimental Studio.

"There is a distinction between the undergraduate and graduate program," Thomas said. "The undergraduate theater is operated like 99 percent of the undergraduate theaters in the country with a main stage and four or five productions a year, lined up boxcar style. In the repertory system, the shows are continuously rotated out on a weekly performance schedule."

The Wayne undergraduate theater program began in the 1929 and moved into the Bonstelle, a

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Wayne State University Theaters

To order tickets: Hilberry and Studio, (313) 577-2972. Bonstelle (313) 577-2960.

HILBERRY THEATRE 4743 Cass, Detroit

- Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," Oct. 2 to Dec. 3
- William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Oct. 16 to Jan. 22
- Moliere's "Scapin," Nov. 13 to Feb. 3
- From Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities," Dec. 11 to March 4
- Moss Hart's "Light Up the Sky," Feb. 12 to April 1
- John Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World," March 12 to May 8
- Jeffrey Sweet's "American Enterprise," April 16 to May 15

BONSTELLE THEATRE 3424 Woodward, Detroit

- From Bram Stoker's "Dracula," Oct. 23 to Nov. 1
- From Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," Dec. 4-13
- August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson," Jan. 29 to Feb. 7
- Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," March 5-14
- Mary Rodgers's musical "Once Upon a Mattress," April 16-25.

STUDIO (Hilberry basement)

- Samm-Art Williams' "Home," Oct. 15-25
- Sam Shepard's "Geography of a Horse Dreamer," Nov. 12-22
- Ira Levin's "Veronica's Room," Jan. 21-31
- Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," Feb. 25 to March 7
- Frank Gilroy's "The Subject Was Roses," April 8-18

POPULAR MUSIC

Hootie works out insecurities on 'Musical Chairs'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The scene was serene for a rock concert, but then again Hootie and the Blowfish concerts aren't known to be filled with crowd surfers.

Sitting atop her father's shoulders, a little girl wore a glow stick around her head like a halo as she waved her arms to "Let Her Cry" during the band's Phoenix Plaza concert in Pontiac in August. Another toddler used his father's head as a drum, banging on it with empty Mountain Dew bottles.

But it didn't seem as calm on stage. Opening with a cover of the Stone Temple Pilots' hit "Interstate Love Song," Hootie and the Blowfish set the stage for an evening of insecurity.

Lead singer Darius Rucker hid his face under a floppy hat. Following the song "Time," Rucker talked about his band's new album "Musical Chairs" (Atlantic Records).

"I hope you all go out and buy it. If you don't, well, that's all right too," he said.

A few songs later, guitarist Mark Bryan reminded fans of its State Theatre show in Detroit on Saturday, Oct. 3.

"Get your (butt) out and buy the rest of the 300 tickets that are available." Chatting about "Musical Chairs" on Sept. 2, drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld admitted that the night was a little "weird."

"We were feeling a little weird that night. I'm not sure that will happen

WHO: Hootie and the Blowfish and special guests Todd Snider and the Nervous Wrecks

WHEN: Perform Saturday, Oct. 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show-time.

WHERE: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit

HOW: Tickets are \$25 and available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

Other events:

■ The Friday, Oct. 2, Hootie concert at the House of Blues will be broadcast over the internet with the world's first viewer-controlled multi-camera Webcast at <http://www.ear1.com>. You will need RealAudio and also you will need to sign up for a "virtual pass" at this web site. The concert is free. Fans will be able to view the concert from six different cameras including one backstage.

Hootie and the Blowfish's web site is <http://www.hootie.com>.

again," Sonefeld said about opening the set with a cover song "In the dressing room we were having a big heavy discussion about something and that set this weird mood."

It's been a few years of weirdness for the South Carolina roots rock band. Its 1994 debut album "Cracked Rear View," sold 17 million copies, but the follow-up "Fairweather Johnson" didn't sell half that amount.

Sonefeld shrugged off the downside saying he's just as fickle when it comes to music.

"I do it as much as anybody. You'll

buy Green Day's first album and love it but now I'm just not there. That's not what I want in my stereo. I don't care if there's 10 million Hootie fans showing up at record stores or 1 million or 3 million or somewhere in the middle," Sonefeld explained.

"You can't concern yourself with that or you'll go crazy. You just can't control it. If you catch yourself thinking about it, all you can do is just not worry about it."

Worrying is not something that the quartet did during the recording process of its third album "Musical Chairs." Hootie and the Blowfish recorded the album on the heels of a nine-month break and allowed itself more time on pre-production.

"It took us awhile to get back into the groove of communicating and interacting with one another, especially having been together for literally six years mainly touring and recording," Sonefeld explained.

"We decided to experiment more musically. Hopefully we'll even be successful."

That experimentation involved contributions from violinist Boyd Tinsley and saxophonist Leroy Moore, both of the Dave Matthews Band, and the inclusion of a dobro, chamberlin, pedal steel and accordion. Multi-instrumentalist Jon Nau returned to play Vox Jaguar, Hammond organ, Wurlitzer, piano and harmonica.

"Once again, Jon came to play. This time, he was in the studio cutting a lot of live tracks, often times without a



Playing the State: Hootie and the Blowfish - counterclockwise from top: guitarist Mark Bryan, singer Darius Rucker, bassist Dean Felber and drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld.

practice run. We were able to catch a lot of spontaneous new moments that way."

On "Only Lonely," the band is accompanied by a full string section directed by David Campbell, the father of alter-napop star Beck.

"Bringing the string section into the song was a really big challenge because we didn't want strings that sounded like Celine Dion," Rucker explained.

Sonefeld added, "We decided to free ourselves up a little bit. We came to the

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Comedian finds his voice with 'He's the Man'



**BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER**

Sometimes a song changes everything. Sean Morey has been singing, and making people laugh for a long time. Now "He's the Man," with a radio hit, "The Man Song," and a growing following of fans.

"I'm doing great, we're making money," said Morey who will be performing this weekend at Joey's Comedy Club in Dearborn. "I've never been to Detroit before, but we're getting a lot of airplay. We have fans there. It's really great, they all have my sense of humor."

Morey always had songs, but "The Man Song," and CD "Sean Morey - He's the Man," hit a nerve. "It's self deprecating humor," he said in a telephone interview from L.A. "There's a joke every single line."

Because, as Morey sings, "What I say, goes around here...right out the window. And I don't want to hear a lot of whining! ... so I'll shut up. The sooner you learn who's boss

Sean Morey
When: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4. Performances: 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Joey's Comedy Club at Paisano's, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn.
Tickets: \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, call (313) 584-8885.
CD: Sean Morey's comedy album "He's the Man" contains nine comedy songs and a "live" stand-up comedy show. It can be purchased only by calling Sean Morey Productions, 1 (800) 96-SONGS. Check out Sean Morey's Web Site www.seanmorey.com

around here! ... the sooner you can give me my orders, dear. Cause I am the head honcho...but it's all in my head."

Morey has mastered the art of "taking something little that affects you and exaggerating it." For example, on prisons, "Did you know that it costs \$40 thou-

sand a year to house each prisoner? Jeez, for 40 thousand bucks a piece I'll take a few prisoners into my house! I live in Los Angeles. I already have bars on the windows."

Part comedian, part actor, part writer, Morey says it's all about breaking down the third wall so that his audience is part of the show. He even makes up a song about the audience. With an eye on his audience, Morey tries to strike up conversations, and believes they always have something to contribute. His 1-1/2 hour one-man show includes stand-up comedy, songs and improvising with the audience.

"I like writing, creating, that's the most fun for me," he said. "I Did It Her Way," is a parody of "I Did It My Way." Morey is doing comedy his way, and having a blast. "I love my job," he said.

He's been making people laugh since he was 8 years old, and growing up in South Jersey. In his school he fantasized about becoming a comedian but went to Northeastern College instead, where he studied speech commu-

Hilberry, SRO present mysteries

Held onto your seats as you enter a murderous world where there is a killer on the loose and everyone is a suspect or possibly the next victim in "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie, Hilberry Theatre Company's season opener on Friday, Oct. 2. (See related story on front)

An eerie, English manor terrifies sets the stage for this mysterious melodrama. As new inkeepers, Giles and Molly Ralston, are welcoming guests to Monkswell Manor for the first time. As the unique and colorful group of guests arrive, each more peculiar than the last, the time is right for the murders to begin.

As victims begin being found and the snow keeps piling up outside, it becomes clear that one of them must be the murderer and that none of them can escape. The pressing question is not only whodunit, but who's going to be done next. In true Agatha Christie fashion, no one knows until the very end.

Set design is by Larry Kaushansky of West Bloomfield, lighting design is by Tom Schrader of Beverly Hills, and costume design is by John Woodland of Royal Oak, all of whom are members of the Wayne State University Theatre faculty.

"The Mousetrap" runs in repertory through Dec. 3 at the Hilberry Theatre, corner of Cass and Hancock in Detroit. Performances begin 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$17, call (313) 577-2972 Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for details.

Also of note:

■ SRO Productions presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, beginning Oct. 9 at the City of Southfield's historic park "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children under 12, call (248) 827-0701.

Levin has created a masterful story of jealousy, deception and murder. Ticket leads the audience to believe one thing is taking place only to change completely months later.

With a cast of characters whom have their own dark, secret side, he entwines several subplots until he reaches the "hold your breath" ending.

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former movie theater and before that a synagogue, in the early 1950s.

The Hilberry was started in the late 1950s as a Stratford style repertory to train graduate students in classic theater, which originally meant Shakespeare. Thomas said that over the years the definition of classic has been expanded to include everything up to such modern masters as O'Neill, Ibsen and Shaw. This year's Hilberry schedule does include a Shakespeare play, "Hamlet," and Moliere's "Scapin" and a variety plays in a wide range of theatrical styles.

"We try to have a snappy show to open and close the season, a blend of comic and serious, plays with different styles," Thomas said.

The "snappy" plays this season are Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" and a new work about railroad car manufacturer George Pullman, "American Enterprise."

"We depend for about 10 percent of our income on school matinees. That plays a role in selection of at least two plays," Thomas said. "Every Tuesday, school students are brought in for these plays. Plays from Shakespeare, also plays they

would be reading in school. This year it's "Hamlet" and "A Tale of Two Cities."

Thomas said the school matinees draw between 13,000 and 15,000 students a year from more than 100 Detroit, suburban and outstate schools through a grant from the Skillman Foundation.

"The mission of the university as an urban university is outreach," Thomas said. "We feel our school programs play an important role."

A selection committee is formed in the fall to go over a pool of hundreds of plays submitted by faculty, students and administrators for the three theaters. Final selection is usually completed by December for the following year.

The Hilberry is a competitive graduate program with 80 students studying acting, promotion, management and production specialties. Auditions for the acting company are held in January in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Detroit. This year the 18-member acting company will include many new faces due to a large graduating class last year.

Support for the theater programs is generated by the volun-

teer Understudies, a group of 80 city and suburban women who organize fund-raisers and provide other support. In addition, public attendance at the theaters has been growing. Thomas said that last year the theaters set a record for revenue.

"We've been able to market and expand our patron base," Thomas said. "We're figuring out what we can offer something to the community that makes us attractive - variety of programming and bargain cost."

Thomas said Hilberry is held to the same professional standards as productions at the Fisher, Masonic, Detroit Opera House and Meadow Brook.

Highlights of the season at the Hilberry include a new staging of Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" and Jeffrey Sweet's "American Enterprise."

"A few years ago the Hilberry did 'Nicholas Nickleby' to great success. It was difficult finding an adaptation that satisfied until we stumbled on this one last year. This is not a two-part epic like 'Nicholas' but it is a large production on that order," Thomas said.

"American Enterprise" deals with issues that have been central to the Detroit area for gener-

'Nerd' characters well played

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "The Nerd," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$9 at door, and available by calling (248) 349-7110.

**BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER**

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's opening show of the season, "The Nerd" has some hysterically funny moments, but it's way too long, the dialogue drags, and many comic bits are underappreciated due to the actors' lack of comic timing during the exposition.

"The Nerd" chronicles the plight of William Cubbert, whose life was saved during the Vietnam War by a "hero" he has never met. When his rescuer, Rick Steadman, shows up he's not at all what William expected - in fact, he's his worst nightmare. How to get rid of someone to whom you owe your life becomes the story's comic focus.

The dialogue leading up to "the nerd's" arrival is tediously long, and much of the humor is missed because the actors' comic timing is off. Indeed, throughout the play, when the humor was cerebral instead of physical, the pace of the show suffered.

Which is not to say that individual performances weren't good. Although the director didn't always create believable or funny interactions, the actors themselves created some likable, humorous characterizations. And the physical comedy, though at times overdone, brought out the greatest laughter. The sock and shoe game and Lawry's metamorphosis into a pig were hysterically funny.

Tony Lawry of Garden City played William, the beleaguered host. After a rough start, in which his character appeared more sarcastic than sad, he settled into a likable and sympathetic character. Lawry's strength lies in his likability and his energetic physical humor. His run-around frantic antics fueled the audience's laughter.

Tiffany Bedwell of Garden

City portrayed Tansy McGinnis. William's love interest and ambitious weather girl, with talent and enthusiasm. She plans to leave both Terre Haute, Ind., and William to take a promising job offer in Washington, D.C.; which hasn't set very well with William.

Cindy Gontko, as Axel Hammond, had some good comic moments, but threw away too many funny lines with rattled off recitations. She has potential, but needs to develop a better feel for comic delivery.

James Roth of Northville was delightful as "the nerd," Rick Steadman. Nine year old Daniel Berryman of Canton provoked much laughter as Thor, a spoiled, tantrum-throwing brat. Jason Birkby of Novi and Lindy Spears of Canton as Warnock and Clelia Waldgrave both had their funny moments but showed little chemistry as a couple.

The set was implausibly laid out. Most notably, the coat closet and doorway were at an angle and so close together they appeared to share the same backstage space. The set was well decorated, though.



On stage: Daniel Berryman (left), Jason Birkby and Lindy Spears in a scene from Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Nerd," by Larry Shue.

'Oscar and Lucinda' lacks romance

**BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER**

During the Victorian era gambling, in whichever of its many forms, was a vice that drew censure from good society. It was an interest in that vice that leads to a bond between the title characters of "Oscar and Lucinda," a 1997 film based on Peter Carey's novel.

The film follows their respective childhoods, Oscar growing up with his severely religious father in England and Lucinda on a family home in rural Australia.

Played by Ralph Fiennes as an adult, a young Oscar bolts from his father's home and religion, eventually becoming an Anglican minister. It's while Oscar is at the university that he is introduced to gambling and finds he's

rather successful at it.

Oscar finds his love of gambling at odds with his religious life and on the flip of a coin decides to head off for mission work in Australia. He talks of religious faith as the ultimate gamble - an idea that should have been explored a lot more.

Lucinda, played by Cate Blanchett, meanwhile has come into a large sum of money when the family's land is sold under conditions of her father's will. She eventually buys a glass-works and meets Oscar while returning from a business trip in England.

Oscar and Lucinda develop a close relationship that is cemented by their love of gambling and hindered by some misunderstandings. Their ultimate wager is over the transportation of a glass church to a rural Aus-



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realization that if Darius opens his mouth, people are going to know it's us. We decided that we shouldn't restrict the music side of it."

Rucker even brings a new aggressiveness to his vocals, like the growl in "Bluesy Revolution."

"I felt like the last album had some pretty aggressive stuff. He's feeling pretty upbeat on this album," Sonefeld said of Rucker. "He doesn't write in

themes, but with this one, there's a little more of a theme of contentment."

"When you listen to the whole album, you can tell he's more at ease now."

Hootie and the Blowfish will return to the area Saturday, Oct. 3, and again will bring along percussionist Gary Greene and keyboard player Peter Holsapple. The band will play a bit of musical chairs itself, swapping instruments on

several songs.

"I've come out of my shell," Sonefeld explained about playing acoustic guitar, bass, and Hammond organ on a few songs at the August 'Q Concert for a Traig Running," Tom Wait's "Cure" show at the Phoenix Plaza. "I've always collaborated on the songs but I just never, for whatever reason, didn't need to get up and play in front."

"We have a free-flowing stage setting. I love getting up. It gets a little boring back there."

With three albums worth of material, Hootie and the Blowfish offer several cover songs

throughout its set. There's 54-40's "I Go Blind," Led Zeppelin's "Hey, Hey What Can I Do," Toad the Wet Sprocket's "Nothing," the Doobie Brothers' "Long Train Running," Tom Wait's "Closing Time," and Kiss's "Doctor Love."

"We play a good diversity of songs from night to night. There's some longer sets too, now that we have the ability to play that 2 1/2 hour set."

But, he said, he guarantees the band will open with a Hootie song.

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'Impostors' hilariously celebrates the actor's art

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

If Stanley Tucci's "Big Night" was a celebration of food and cooking, his new film "The Impostors" is a celebration of theater and acting.

This is a hilarious ensemble farce — broad, outrageous and even a little goofy.

Writer-director Tucci borrows liberally from the comedy tradition and makes it all seem new because he has assembled a great cast of character actors in a romp that moves quickly from one laugh to the next.

"The Impostors" is set in the 1930s (as we imagine the 1930s from countless movies), which is appropriate as it combines a little Marx Brothers, a little screw-

ball comedy and a little French farce that is sometimes as rich as Primo's timpano in "Big Night." But at the heart of this movie is a love for acting and actors who will do anything to play a part.

Tucci and Oliver Platt play two out-of-work thespians who refuse to even consider other work while pursuing their theatrical dream.

One night after being professionally insulted by the ham acting of a current stage sensation (Alfred Molina), they theatrical waterwing hot which leads to a chase, which leads to them being stowaways on a "ship of fools."

This "Night at the Opera" setting allows for the introduction

of a wild cast of characters in the grand comic tradition, each played by a wonderful actor —

Nani chief steward (Campbell Scott), the sympathetic object of his unwanted affections (Lili Taylor), a suicidal lounge singer (sed-eyed Steve Buscemi), a revolutionary first mate (Tony Shalhoub), the memorable Primo in "Big Night"), a leering Bill Tilden-type tennis star (Billy Connelly), an escaping queen (Isabella Rossellini), a couple of thieves (Allison Janney and Richard Jenkins) and more.

All of this is put in play by Tucci to honor the tradition of play itself. The movie opens with a sweet nod to silent film and the giddy joy of "dying on stage" and moves on to gather in every



Theater critics: Oliver Platt, left, and Stanley Tucci take a dim view of a ham actor's performance in "The Impostors."

comic tradition and play it out for full value.

An early scene sums up what "The Impostors" is all about: Tucci and Platt make faces at each other, grand and subtle, competing with each other to create just the right face for the intended emotion.

This is what acting is all about, finding the right face, the right gesture, the right turn on an old routine.

Tucci's Arthur is the more flamboyant of the two, in love with grand gestures and extravagant flights of speech. Platt, with his imposing Oliver Hardy physique, is the nervous Nellie Maurice, always following Arthur's mad flights of fancy.

Their routine in a bakery is a classic game worked to unintended perfection. There is even a hint of "Some Like It Hot" with Platt as a grotesque in drag.

Ensemble comedy isn't easy to pull off and each year we are presented with numerous examples of poorly cast, dull, written, lumpy performed examples.

A few young directors have succeeded with ensemble contemporary comedies such as "Swingers." But only Woody Allen has almost consistently been able to pull off these kind of pieces with panache.

Actors love to work with Allen because he gives them good material, allows them to freely improvise and sets a sure course for what he wants.

Stanley Tucci has now joined Allen as a comedy director with a deep respect for his actors and a gift for dialogue and action that parodies and twists rather than repeats the clichés of the genre.

"The Impostors" is broader than "Big Night" and is intended to be artificial. It doesn't have the warmth of that film, but it makes up for it with its knowing comic spirit and many belly laugh routines.

The usual elements are here but played with perfectly choreographed style — the slamming doors, the person under the bed or in the closet, the over-the-top vamp, the foot chase followed by the pratfall, the comic dance, the innocent lover.

"The Impostors" has a beautifully explosive ending. And don't leave before the credits are over, because Tucci puts a fine exclamation point on this tribute to his art.

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Hatfield keeps expectations in check on 'Bed'

Juliana Hatfield doesn't have high expectations about her latest album "Bed" (Zoe/Reverend Records).

"It's like I'm very, what's the word, I don't have high expectations. My expectations are low, which is healthy. I guess in the past sometimes I had unrealistic expectations. I used to think the whole world is gonna love my records but now it's more like I just did this new record for myself," she explained.

The new attitude is reflected on "Bed," Hatfield's best album to date. Confident and strong, the album opens with the Veruca Salt-like, rocking "Down on Me."

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like I was trying to get anyone's approval. It's just about feeling more comfortable in your skin."

Hatfield said aging has helped her build her self-esteem.

"It's so cool to see it happening, to just feel like, whatever, everything's fine and you don't have to make this guy fall in love with you. You just realize that you can just be yourself!"

She carried that over into her music.

"I don't care what anyone thinks. I care less about other people's approval. It takes away the burden of dreams. It's more like I don't need the approval of anyone anymore."

Juliana Hatfield performs with Hayden on Thursday, Oct. 1, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com.

Hugs and kisses Hatfield and Hayden are two of a handful of singer/songwriters coming to the Detroit area in October. Academy Award-nominee Elliott Smith will perform songs off his latest CD "XO" (Dreamworks) on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

But don't expect him to play "Miss Misery," which appeared on the soundtrack to the movie "Good Will Hunting."

"I played it a bunch of times and I got kind of tired of playing it. I'll play it again someday. Nobody ever calls out that song, though," the painfully shy yet charming Smith explained.

His most popular request is "Last Call," off his 1994 debut solo album "Roman Candle" (Cavity Search).

Smith has been writing songs since he was 14, when he began recording material at a home in Portland, Ore., on a four-track recorder. In his early 20s, he started performing on the local music scene, both as a solo artist and with some friends in the now-defunct rock band Heatmiser.

"Last Call" is a sign of Smith's underground following that he gathered playing around Portland and near his new home of Brooklyn, N.Y. One of those interested in Smith was fellow Portlander Gus Van Sant. He asked Smith's permission to use a few of his songs in his new film "Good Will Hunting."

He agreed and wrote a new song, "Miss Misery." Following "Roman Candle," Smith released two more solo efforts, "Elliott Smith" (1995), and "either/or" (1997), both on the influential indie label Kill Rock Stars. His major-label debut "XO" is a thicker record than previous works.

"There were more instruments around so I put more instruments on it," he said of the studio setting. "We rented an orchestral bass drum for one song and hired a double quartet on string to play on a few things. Other than that, we just had fun and tried to play different things."

Trickled throughout "XO" are parts of songs he's written since he was 18.

"The music was written when I was like 18 or something. It's been through a lot of different versions. It just never really seemed right. Finally it just seemed to work out."

One thing that hasn't changed for Smith is his life. He explained that his life hasn't really changed much since the Oscar nomination.

Mostly people I know tell me that things change, but I don't know. I've been playing for several years and it seems like there's a few more people at the shows. More people come to the shows now because I don't know why."

When Smith comes to Detroit he will be backed by the band Quasi, with whom he will also play live.

"It doesn't sound like the record. It sounds like a three-piece band."

Elliott Smith and Quasi perform Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 833-FOOL or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com.

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'What Dreams May Come' is goey look at heaven and hell

BY LAWRENCE ULRICH STAFF WRITER

When it comes to expressing misty-eyed wonder or grief, few actors can touch Robin Williams.

In "What Dreams May Come," Williams gets plenty of chances to strut his stuff, in a fantasy whose working title might be "It's a Wonderful Afterlife."

Based on a novel by Richard Matheson, adapted by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Rob Bass ("Rainman"), the film follows Dr. Chris Nielsen (Williams), whose storybook marriage and family are shredded when an auto accident claims his two children.

Four years later, Nielsen himself dies in an accident and embarks on an odyssey through Heaven and Hell in search of his artist wife (Annabella Sciorra) and children.

The actors, from Gooding to the radiant, maternal Sciorra, are uniformly fine. But if the computer effects are, um, the somewhat homogenized view of the afterlife. Heaven is all flower, Greek-style temples, in a clear homage to illustrator Maxfield Parrish. Hell is a baroque vision cribbed from a Hieronymus Bosch painting, larded with clichés like shipwrecks filled with tortured souls.

Bosch's "Garden of Earthly Delights" does appear in one scene's background.

Early on, the film deals a good metaphysical hand. Observing his own death and funeral, Nielsen is tutored in the ways of the afterlife by a fellow traveler (Cuba Gooding Jr., whose soft ivory sweaters and pants suggest an angel by way of J. Crew).

But Nielsen isn't about to go gently into that good night. He vows to be reunited with his wife, even after her suicide delivers her to a personal Hell from which there appears to be no escape.

Nor does God intrude much in this Never-Land. After a grumpy British aristocrat despairs for a son's strike a deal. He will pay her debt on the condition that she bear his child. The bargain marks a turning point in both of their lives. Stars Sophie Marceau, Stephen Dillane.

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The Church praises a 'reformed' sound

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

The Church established its chiming guitar-driven pop sound with songs like the ethereal "Under the Milky Way" and the jangly "Metropolis."

But, according to guitarist Peter Koppes, The Church has changed its sound for its latest album "Hologram of Baal," released Sept. 22 on Thrifty Ear Records.

"We call it the 'reformed sound,'" Koppes said via telephone from The Church's San Francisco tour stop.

The "reformed sound" takes a bit of the classic Church sound and injects ideas from The Reformation, the side project of Koppes, drummer Tim Powles, and singer/bass player Steve Kilbey.

He and Kilbey continued to work together Kilbey produced Smith's album, on which Koppes appeared. Koppes also played on The Church's 1996 album "Magician Among the Spirits."

"I didn't go off in a huff or anything. I wanted to do some things I independently. You can get stuck in a roll when you're in a band. The music doesn't make it any easier either," he explained.

"When you're in a band, it is a form of a family, but we have so many solo projects and so many other things we do outside of the band anyway. We change the perspective of what it is in the band."

That perspective, Koppes explained, can be heard on "Hologram of Baal."

"Definitely you just come up with different things in different environments. The Reformation was a studio project where we didn't have any intention of playing the stuff live. So we had a lot of things left over to use."

Fans of The Church, which also includes guitarist Marty Wilson-Piper, can hear it live when the Australian band makes its only Detroit-area appearance on Friday, Oct. 2, at the 7th House in Pontiac. The show will include a retrospective of hits from "Under the Milky Way" to "Louisiana."

"We're trying to keep it to the last few years of albums. We're throwing in some of the older stuff. In Australia we had to pick 10 songs for a set and it was still 2 1/2 hours long."

The Church performs Friday, Oct. 2, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$17 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http://www.99music.com.

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DINING

You're not a stranger for long at Vassel's

BY KEELY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to feel at home at Vassel's of Plymouth. You're greeted with a smile, the wait-staff is quick to bring menus, a glass of water, and to ask if they can get you something to drink while you're reading the menu.

Owned by the Vassel family, the restaurant is cozy and comfortable. It doesn't feel like a hurry up and go diner. The hunter green color scheme and cherry crown moldings help create a clubby atmosphere. In a way, Vassel's is a sort-of club, one that's open to anyone. You're not a stranger for long, in fact, their slogan is - "Where good food and good friends meet."

Jerry Vassel and his wife Sheri own and operate the restaurant with their supportive staff, and son, Darren, a student at Eastern Michigan University. Son, Craig, an aircraft maintenance technician, helps on Sunday mornings, and Chris, a teacher, works Saturdays.

Delicious endings

Judy Burns of Plymouth used to stop at Vassel's for her morning coffee. Owner Jerry Vassel offered her a job baking desserts.

"She surprised herself. We've let Judy do her thing, and it's worked out well," said Vassel, commenting on how pleased he is with Judy's work, which includes big cookies, specialty brownies, apple caramel bars, low-fat zucchini bread, and tall apple pie. Half Moon Cookies are butter cookies hand-dipped in high quality chocolate.

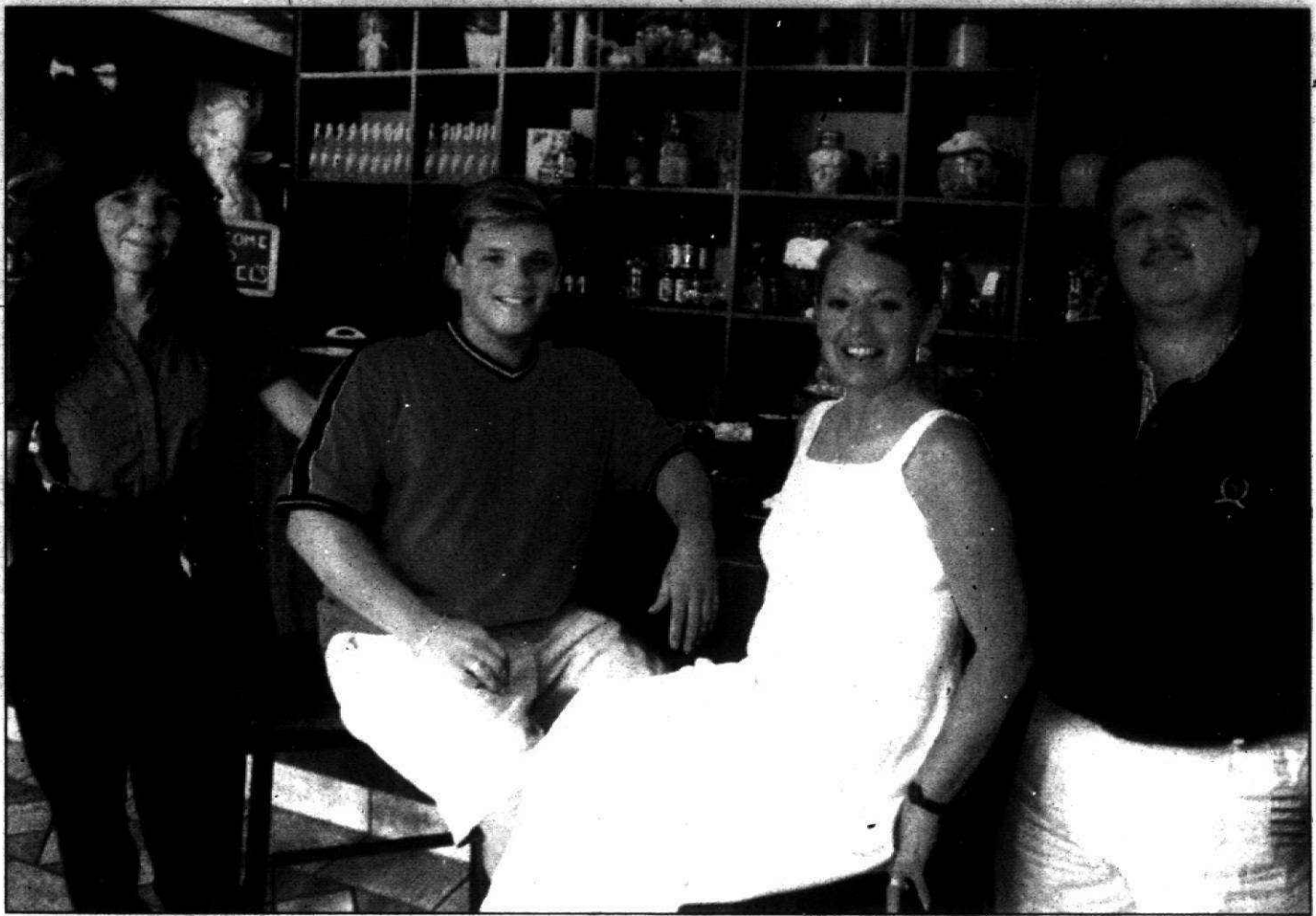
"I watched the cable Food Network and purchased a lot of cookbooks," said Burns, who has a graphic arts background. "I researched for a long time, and developed my own recipes. I like old-fashioned recipes that remind people of mom's cooking when they were growing up."

Besides picture perfect, to die for desserts, Burns makes Vassel's popular chicken pot pies, which are Tuesday's special, and macaroni n' cheese, Friday's special.

Burns puts a lot of effort into her work. She's a baker with an artist's eye. Little details, such as the hand-molded carrots that decorate her carrot cake, make her homestyle desserts extraordinary.

Because of the popularity of her desserts, Vassel's now offers

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Where good friends meet: Judy Burns (left), Darren Vassel, Sheri Vassel and Jerry Vassel work hard to please customers at Vassel's of Plymouth. Burns, a former customer, bakes delicious desserts at the restaurant, which is owned and operated by the Vassel family.

gift baskets of Judy's baked goods for sale. The baskets start at \$30, dessert trays are also available with 24 hours notice.

"I'm always looking for new ideas," said Burns. "I like recipes that families share. The kind that people make when everyone brings their favorite dish. Those are the kind of desserts I make."

Her apple pie, really a torte, is available by the slice, or you can buy a whole one for \$18. You can also purchase one of Judy's cakes, such as coconut, cherry, almond chocolate or chocolate mocha, which sell for \$20 to \$25. Look for Judy's goodies in the bakery case as you walk into the restaurant.

Home away from home

The restaurant is a second home for Jerry Vassel who grew up in the business. Vassel's used to be a Silverman's, which Jerry managed. He bought the restaurant in 1985, and renovated the building in 1997. "We gave it a new fresh look," he said. "And warmed it up." The smoking section, also called the "Step Up Level," is scheduled for renovation.

Vassel describes his restaurant

as being "a step up from regular chain restaurants. It has a nice, comfortable, kind of classy look without being pretentious."

His customers are loyal. "Some of our former midnight customers have children and now come in for dinner," he said. "We try to use the best products we can, and try to keep our menu interesting. We offer a lot of things, good quality and quantity."

You can get a big meal or a small meal at Vassel's. There are a variety of sandwiches and salads, daily homemade specials are served with soup or salad and hot loaf of bread. "We do our own roast beef, and roast our own turkeys," said Vassel. "We offer unique breakfast items you can't

get anywhere else."

The Jogger's Breakfast for example - large orange juice, bowl of granola and banana, and choice of muffin, or toast for \$4.50.

No matter what your appetite, you're sure to find something satisfying at Vassel's. Besides the regular menu, there are menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner specials.

"I'm always looking for new things to add to the menu," said Vassel. "Every six months we weed out the stuff that doesn't sell."

Listening to customers is part of Vassel's secret to success. "Our customers played a big part in

our renovation," he said. "We wanted everyone to know what we were doing. We kept the best of what they liked and added new items to our menu."

In the works are Home Meal Solutions - "convenient, home cooked meals that are ready when you are."

Vassel said he's hoping to offer them after the first of the year. "There are a lot of two income families he said. We have the advantage of owning a restaurant. We want to offer homestyle meals to people who don't. You can put it on your table and pretend you made it yourself."

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All Ribs Are Served With Garlic Toast, Choice of Tossed Salad or Creamy Cole Slaw & Choice of Steak Fries, Red Skins or Baked Potato

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