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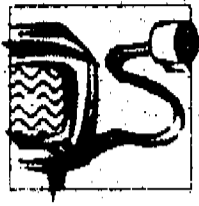
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Internet competition heats up



High-speed Internet access is the key for a group seeking to force MediaOne to end its monopoly. OpenNET seeks such access, with opponents vocally opposed. The issue was the subject of a city council study session.

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A coalition of Internet service providers wants Westland city leaders to force cable-TV company MediaOne to end a monopoly of its high-speed broadband network.

The coalition, OpenNET, says local consumers would benefit because they

could receive high-speed Internet access from providers other than MediaOne.

But critics contend the measure could hurt services and unreasonably force MediaOne to share technology it paid private dollars to develop.

The issue has arisen as Westland City Council members prepare in the coming weeks to vote to transfer

MediaOne's local cable franchise agreement to AT&T.

OpenNET wants the transfer tied to MediaOne's loss of Broadband exclusivity, but critics oppose such a measure.

The two sides made their pitch for support Monday during a council session at city hall. City officials haven't reached a decision.

At issue is whether potentially hundreds of Internet service providers (ISPs), including America Online, would be allowed to negotiate a price to use MediaOne/AT&T's high-speed network to deliver services.

Special city attorney John Pestle has recommended council members adopt a

"middle ground" approach by reserving their right to dissolve MediaOne's monopoly while refraining from acting now.

AT&T already has threatened a lawsuit, he said, "and it would be quite expensive."

Observers on both sides fully expect the issue to reach the courts anyway.

Similar Internet battles are being fought in other communities as close as Canton Township.

Westland cable customers who want high-speed Broadband service now have to pay MediaOne \$39.99 a month

Please see INTERNET, A6



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARLEY

They've got spirit, how about you? John Glenn coach Chuck Gordon exhorts his players to success during a Tuesday practice. The Rockets face Walled Lake Western at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Last Saturday, Glenn beat Detroit Public School League champion Detroit Henry Ford in a Division I district championship game, 27-23. For more, see today's Sports section.

School spirit sparks Rockets

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Neil Thomas, John Glenn High School principal, has noticed something different at school this week.

"It's exciting," he said of the Rockets' football victory Saturday over Detroit Henry Ford. "We're all hyped up. They're excited about it."

The playoff victory means that John Glenn will play Walled Lake Western 7:30 p.m. Friday in a Division I regional competition. Thomas has noticed posters around the school, along with decorated lockers.

Jerry Szukaitis, athletic director at Glenn, has ordered the bus to take the Rockets to Walled Lake Western,

'We're certainly wishing them the very, very best.'

Greg Baracy
—school superintendent

where the Friday game will be played. He said turnout was "excellent" for last weekend's game and he anticipates a similar show of support on Friday.

Szukaitis noted that four of the 12 teams still in the running are from the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Rockets last went to the finals in 1994.

"We've been doing it for quite some time now," Szukaitis said, adding a

hearty, "Go Rockets."

Thomas is equally enthused. "We hope we are the winners. We'll give it our best shot."

During Monday night's school board meeting, Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy praised the winning Rockets. Baracy is a Wayne Memorial alumnus, but has no problem cheering for Glenn.

"We're certainly wishing them the very, very best," Baracy said.

Football coach Chuck Gordon, speaking at Tuesday's First Citizen program at Joy Manor, congratulated honoree Jo Johnson, Gordon, a nominee for this year's First Citizen award, found time to get in a plug for his Rockets, who defeated Detroit

Please see SPIRIT, A6



Lynn Little

She finds appeal of job CATCHing

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Spending her time raising money for sick kids makes Lynn Little want to go to work every day.

"It's a worthwhile cause, and it's not hard to get up when you know you're helping children," the Westland woman said.

The recent University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate landed her first professional job last August as a spe-

cial events coordinator for CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals, launched in 1987 by Sparky Anderson, one of the most popular Tiger baseball managers.

Since then, the organization has given the two hospitals more than \$1.3 million and built an endowment to about \$4.2 million. CATCH's focus is to improve the quality of life for sick children.

The two biggest projects that Little

works on are CATCH's most profitable fund-raisers, Sparky Anderson's CATCH Motor City Golf Classic and the CATCH Night of Champions awards dinner featuring hall of fame induction ceremonies for community leaders in recognition of their charity work.

Other events also crop up during the year, like a softball fund-raiser last summer that featured local celebrities

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Traffic light gets praise

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A new traffic light at Marquette and Carlson appears to have eased traffic congestion around John Glenn High School, parents, educators and police say.

Parent Linda Long, whose sophomore daughter Angela attends Glenn, said her four-year battle for the traffic light has paid off.

"I pick my daughter up from school everyday, and I think the traffic flow is going good," Long said. "The traffic doesn't seem to clog up as bad as it

used to."

Long had feared that traffic congestion coupled with students crossing Marquette would result in a possible fatality. Some students have suffered injuries.

"I think it's going a lot better," Glenn Principal Neil Thomas said of the traffic flow. "It's still new, and it's going to take some getting used to, but I feel that things are going a lot better with the light."

School officials also have changed Glenn's parking lot driving patterns,

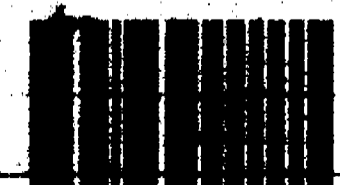
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First Citizen

Hats off: *Westland resident Jo Johnson was honored Tuesday as the 1999 First Citizen of the Year. The program at Joy Manor included praise for Johnson's volunteer work. Please see the editorial, Page A12.*



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Man gets 6-10 years in chase

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Taylor man who broke into a Westland bowling alley, led police on a high-speed chase and tried to run over an on-foot officer is serving six to 10 years in prison.

Byrl Green, accused of attempted murder and several other felonies, has been sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Kim Worthy after pleading guilty to reduced charges.

Green's decision, reflected in court records, averted a trial that could have sent him to prison for life.

Green had been charged with attempted murder for using his vehicle to try to run over Westland police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski on

March 2.

He received six to 10 years in prison after being allowed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, police Sgt. James Dexter confirmed.

But Green pleaded guilty as charged to auto theft, receiving and concealing a stolen van, fleeing and eluding police, and breaking and entering, Dexter said.

Green was accused of leading police at speeds up to 90 mph during an incident that started at 5:33 a.m. March 2 at Vision Lanes bowling alley on Ford Road, east of Dix.

Westland police chased Green from the bowling alley along Ford Road to I-275, where officers briefly lost him until they spotted the van at an interstate rest stop

near Palmer Road.

Canton officers using tracking dogs trailed Green through a wooded area at the same time Trzybinski searched a nearby residential area.

Green jumped inside Trzybinski's police Explorer while the sergeant was outside of it - and then tried to run him over, officers said.

Another high-speed chase ensued along Palmer and over the I-275 overpass to Haggerty, where the vehicles raced south until green veered into a field, police said.

One police car then intentionally hit the van to keep Green from fleeing again, and he was arrested.

A Taylor woman who was with Green during much of the ordeal wasn't charged.

Charity bowling event's on tap Sunday

Henry Ford Community College's radio station, WHFR 89.3 FM, will challenge the Plymouth-Canton schools station, WSDP 88.1 FM, in a bowling benefit 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Westland Bowl on Wayne Road north of Ford Road.

Both radio stations are non-

commercial and educational. All proceeds will benefit programs sponsored by the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation Children's Fund.

"Having fun with volunteers at a fellow educational station and raising money for charity at the same time is a win-win situa-

tion," said Susan McGraw, WHFR general manager. "We hope to make this an annual event."

Named the Dennis Brown II Charity Bowling Event after its organizer, this friendly competition will consist of three teams of

four members from each radio station. Each bowler must collect a minimum of \$20 in pledges to participate. Donations will be accepted at WHFR, located in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen in Dearborn, throughout November.

Students believe in doing good deeds

Nankin Mills Elementary School has just completed a successful community service project. This activity was organized by the Student Council. Rather than use soap and toilet paper as Halloween decorations for other people's houses, the students contributed these products as well as a variety of other toiletries to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter.

There were nearly 1,300 items collected. Members of the Nankin Mills Student Council are: Christine Novotny (president), Vanessa Schacht (vice president), Melissa Russell (secretary), Eric Watson (treasurer), Tony Gabry (sergeant-at-arms), Amanda Bay, Adrian Blasko, Julie Lewandowski, Robert Watson, Daniel Camilleri, Shannon Duffy and Whitney Harris.

He's out of running

Larry Thomas, educational consultant to, and former superintendent of, the Wayne-Westland district, is no longer under consideration as Plymouth-Canton superintendent.

The Plymouth-Canton school board has narrowed its search to three candidates, and will notify Thomas of his status. At Tuesday's board meeting, trustees discussed which of the four remaining candidates they would invite back for a second interview. All seven had Phyl-

lis Wilson, deputy superintendent of Columbus (Ohio) Public Schools, on their short list.

Four board members had William Weber, assistant superintendent at South Redford Schools, on their list. Four trustees also had Kathleen Booher, superintendent of Berkley Schools, on their list.

The list of five candidates quickly became four when Thomas Gay, Redford Union superintendent, withdrew from the selection process.

OBITUARIES

JACK TANELIAN

Services for Jack "Hagop" Tanelian, 74, of Westland were held Nov. 8 in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Timothy Nielson.

Mr. Tanelian was born Sept. 21, 1925, in Detroit and died Nov. 4 in Garden City. He worked for Cucle Checker.

Mr. Tanelian is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter, Patti Tanelian; and sister, Catherine

Duplesis. He was preceded in death by brothers Danny and Charles; and sister Anna Perez.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

VIRGINIA M. CHRISTIE
Services for Virginia Christie, 89, of Westland were held Nov. 10 in St. Theodore Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Christie was born Aug. 17, 1910, in Beaver Falls, Pa., and died Nov. 7 at her home in Westland. She was a baker and saleswoman for Sanders.

Surviving are her husband, Henry; daughter, Carole (David) Barnaby; three brothers; three sisters; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

JOSEPH C. BARR

Services for Joseph Barr, 62, of Westland took place Nov. 1 in St. Richard's Catholic Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. John McPhee.

Mr. Barr was born July 24, 1937, and died Oct. 29 at his home in Westland. He was a weighmaster.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; son, Joseph (Bridget); daughters, Suzanne (Dana) Bower, Mary (John) Oliverson and Cynthia (Randy) Hartfil; brother, Jack Barr; sister, Joanne Barr; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank or in the form of Masses.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Baker.

Mrs. Jones was born May 2, 1916, and died Oct. 20 in Florida. She was a former resident of Dearborn and a statistician clerk.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur; son, Bill (Barbara) Esper; daughters, Barbara (Don) Hemke of Westland and Donna (Lou) Giacomino; stepdaughter, Carrol Jones; brother, Joseph Miller; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her first husband, Albert Esper; brothers, Andy Miller, Charles Miller and Clarence Miller; sisters, Betty Saenz and Florence Brown.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

TIMOTHY M. TIDWELL

Services for Timothy Tidwell, 39, of Westland were held Nov. 3 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Roger Stombaugh.

Mr. Tidwell was born March 6, 1960, and died Oct. 29 at his home in Westland. He was a mechanic.

Surviving are his son, Tim Tidwell; daughters, Nicole Tidwell and Jody Tidwell; father, Anle Tidwell; mother, Maryann Krohn; brother, Wayne (Marcia) Tidwell; sister, Cynthia Tidwell; and grandson, Alan Thomason.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., November 23, 1999 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from Section 161.023.D.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, location of accessory structures, to erect an above ground watering system in the front yard. The property is located at 217 Henry Ruff.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk
RANDY TEMPLETON, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 21-11/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barnes, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
241: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 10/28/99
- Adopted Ordinance 248-A-14 to allow lots splits on existing unpaved private roads
- Bid for printing, inserting, & mailing of water bills to Corporate Mail Service by monthly mailing.
- Adopted budget amendment 2000-04: Purchase of low-wattage radio transmitter system, amt \$30,000
- Adopted budget amendment 2000-05: For the 2000 Westland City Charter, amt \$14,700
- Adopted budget amendment 2000-06: Y2K assessment & testing of equipment, amt \$31,800
- Introduced budget amendment 2000-07: Police capital outlay & Motor Pool capital outlay-vehicles, amt \$825,000
- Purchase of surveillance Van for the Police Dept from Audio Intelligence Devices, amt not to exceed \$130,800
- Introduced budget amendment 2000-08: Salaries of Equalizer personnel, amt \$20,000
- Interagency Agreement between City & Wayne County for funding storm water detention related to our General Fund from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Youth Assistance Program Coordinator's Contract through 6/30/2000
- Professional Service for Areas Feasibility Study to Architect & Planners, subject to stipulations, amt not to exceed \$25,000
- Approved resolution authorizing Mayor & City Clerk to execute a Release Agreement regarding Peter A. Basile & Sons, Inc & Federal Insurance Company in the above cases
242: Variances request of L.A. Inc to transfer ownership of 1897 Class C licensed business with dues perm. 20000 Ford Rd
243: Accepted bids made by persons for the purchase of listed parcels of property & upon payment to City of the bid amount & the \$220 processing fee
244: Approved Check List - \$201,949.45 & Proposed - \$4,240,983.99
The proposed at 8:48 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SAMANTHA A. CICIRELLI
Council President
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk
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CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7-3c

Section 1. That Article VII, Section 7-3c of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended as follows:

c. An unobstructed private road existing on the City of Westland Street System Map on November 1, 1999, when such private road provides access to a public street.

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance #248 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Renewal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ON MOTION OF BARNES, SUPPORTED BY GRIFFIN.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
Westland City Clerk

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Open house sheds light on Salvation Army

An open house Friday, Nov. 5, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army was a success.

"It was a very nice lunch and a nice slide presentation," said Lt. Chuck Yockey, commanding officer. "I'm very pleased."

There were about 15 for lunch at the Salvation Army. "All local businesspeople," Yockey said of the business Advisory Council, chaired by Margaret Harlow of Harlow Tire. The lunch was in appreciation of the businesspeople and also to tell them more about the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army has spring and fall campaigns, and will hold an evangelistic campaign next spring, Yockey said. He had spoken with a colleague in Warren, Capt. Nate Johnson, who has a collection of Salvation Army items.

The fall campaign on Salvationism was a perfect opportunity to show Johnson's items. "It's his own personal display," Yockey said.

Some who come regularly to

'I would just like to get the word out. We need help.'

*Lt. Chuck Yockey
—seeking bell ringers*

the Salvation Army on Venoy have become corps soldiers. Classes were this past Saturday, and they were enrolled Sunday.

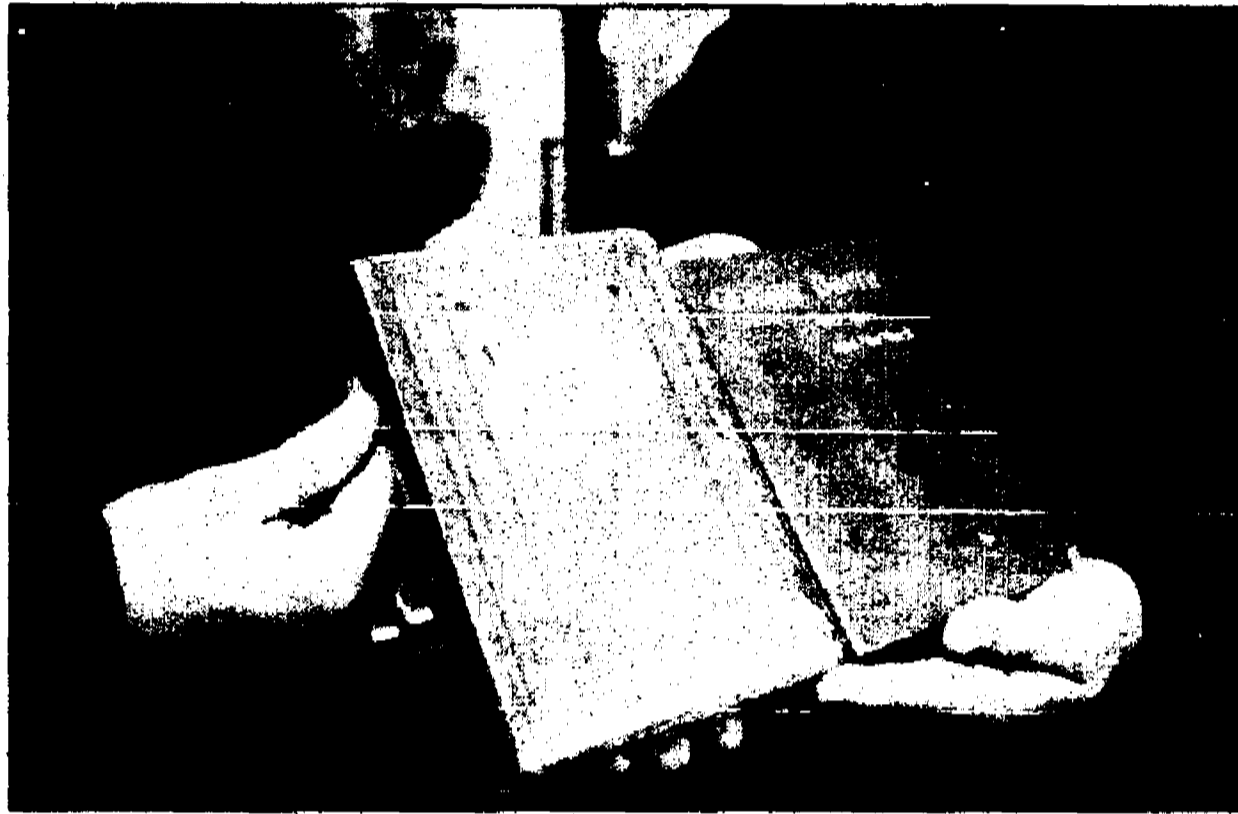
Yockey said he appreciates all the community support. The Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign will start Friday, Nov. 19, the Friday before Thanksgiving, and continue through Christmas Eve, to help needy people.

"People need to dig deep," Yockey urged, adding the Wayne-Westland goal is \$120,000 this year. He also needs help with volunteer and paid bell-ringers; to find out more, call (734) 722-3660.

"I would just like to get the word out," Yockey said. "We need help."



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE



Learning about Salvation Army: Lt. Chuck Yockey (above, left) and colleague Capt. Nate Johnson pause beside the extensive display of Salvation Army material. At left are a bound edition of the Christian Mission Magazine, predating 1878, and "William Booth: The Man and His Work." Booth founded the Salvation Army. At far left, Yockey and Johnson do some learning about the organization both of them serve.

Motorcyclist hurt Sunday

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A 38-year-old Garden City motorcyclist was in critical condition after he was hit by a car Sunday afternoon at Newburgh and Avondale in Westland, police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

John Suveg suffered multiple injuries, particularly to his right leg, when his 1999 Harley-Davidson was hit at 1:58 p.m. by a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Richard Kobe II of Westland, Brokas said.

Suveg was flown by helicopter to University of Michigan Medical Center. His injuries are so severe that it's possible doctors "may have to amputate his foot or his leg," Brokas said.

The accident happened when Kobe was turning left from Avondale onto northbound Newburgh

Road.

Kobe didn't see Suveg because Suveg's motorcycle was hidden from view by a van that was turning from southbound Newburgh onto westbound Avondale, Brokas said.

"The van had its turn signal on, and he (Kobe) couldn't see the motorcycle," Brokas said.

Suddenly Suveg and Kobe saw each other but were unable to avoid a collision, the sergeant said.

Suveg "was hit rather severely on the right side and became separated from his motorcycle," Brokas said.

Kobe was not injured. No one else was riding with Suveg or Kobe.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Brokas said alcohol is not suspected as a factor in the crash.

DARE officers are recognized

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Drug Abuse Resistance Education seeks to help kids steer clear of drugs. At Monday's Wayne-Westland Board of Education meeting, DARE officers were lauded.

"It is a program where kids learn a lot of information," said Sally Perkins, executive director for elementary education for Wayne-Westland. Students learn to "say no" to drugs from the officers representing Westland, Canton, Wayne and Inkster.

"They are doing a great job," Perkins said.

Vandenberg Elementary Principal Karen Zokas and four fifth-graders - Alvin Geddis, Brett Fennelly, Rachel Dilworth and Roberta Hardy - came to the meeting to tell the story of DARE.

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent, praised the officers and their municipalities for cooperation. "They've identified this as one of their top priorities."

Board member Martha Pitsenbarger said that as a social worker, she sees the effects of substance abuse and appreciates DARE. Robin Moore, board president, also praised DARE. "It is just a valuable asset in our communities."

Another recognition that evening went to the Western Wayne/Oakland Realtors Association, for a project involving sprucing up Walker-Winter Elementary. The real estate group provided athletic equipment, instructional material, and did landscaping.

Baracy also praised the advances of the Wayne Memorial High band, a sentiment echoed by board member Lorne "Skip" Monit. "It's great to see the kids and their enthusiasm," Monit said.

The board recognized Friday, Nov. 12, as School District Custodians/Warehouse Employees Recognition Day in Wayne-Westland schools.

Kids' books heralded

The Public Library of Westland and Hudson's Westland will celebrate National Children's Book Week Nov. 14-20.

"This is the second year that Hudson's has generously provided a grant to sponsor programs during our celebration of National Children's Book Week," said Joe Burchell, assistant to the library director. "It's great to work with a local company, like Hudson's, that cares so much about children in the community."

Scheduled events include the performance of a play

"The Emerald City of Oz," 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14; Phil Kaput, "The Rhythm Man," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15; Craft Day Wednesday afternoon and a Book Quiz all week.

Registration is required for some events. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for a staff in-service day. A guest presenter from Skilpath Seminars will discuss customer service in a program tailored for libraries. The Friends of the Library are helping to sponsor the program.

Santa's due

Santa Claus will arrive 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, by horse and carriage outside Entrance 6, just east of J.C. Penney, at Westland Center.

John Glenn High School's award-winning band will lead Santa and Westley Holiday Bear to West Court. Santa and Westley will meet kids and hand out candy canes.

Westland Center also presents P.S. Imaging & Events taking digital Santa photographs. Photos will begin immediately following Santa's arrival. Santa will be available for pictures 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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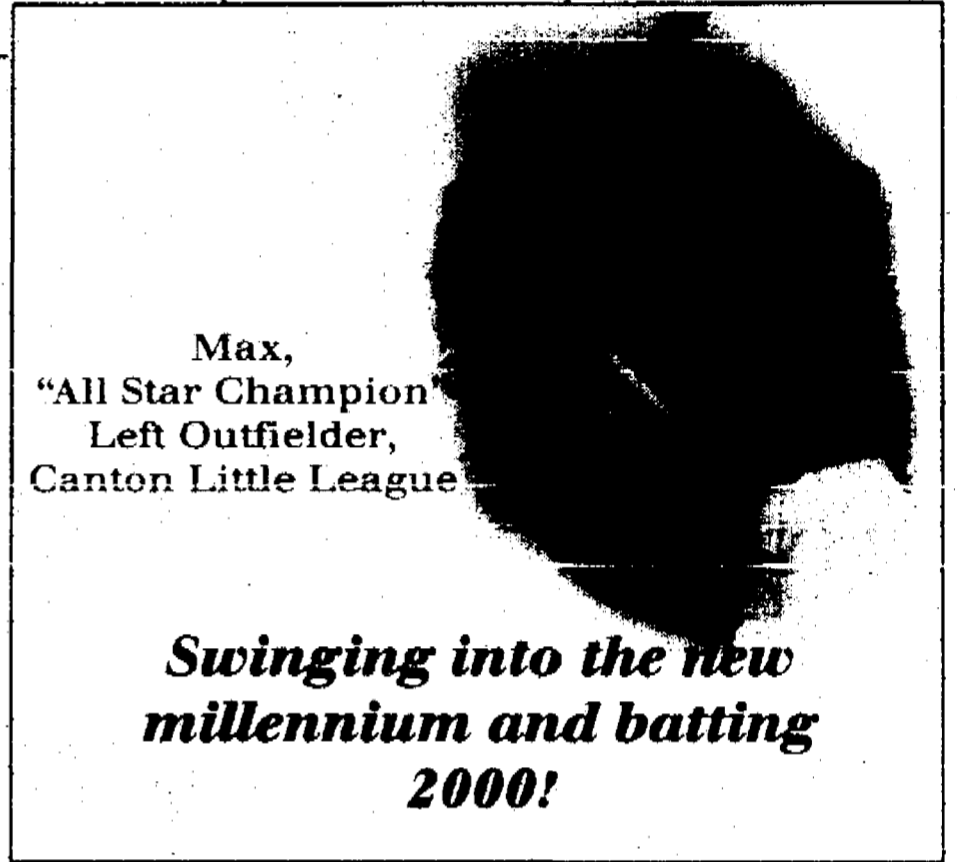


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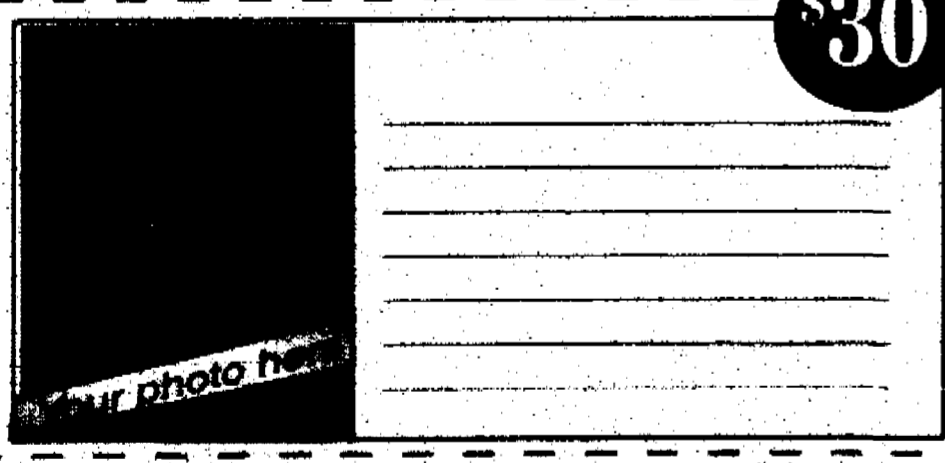
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Supporters say charter schools improve all education

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Lansing Mayor David Hollister saw where families were relocating in the Lansing area.

They were moving to Lansing's surrounding communities of DeWitt, Grand Ledge, Holt and Okemos, which led him to describe Lansing as a "doughnut," according to James Goenner.

"The mayor talked about that (growth) and that keeping the young families in Lansing would keep the doughnut from getting bigger," Goenner said. "He said, 'We have to improve schools.'"

Of course, as the director of the charter schools office at Central Michigan University and a charter school advocate, Goenner agrees. Improving the schools will improve many of Michigan's cities, Goenner said. "As Compuware comes to Detroit, where will they send their kids?" Goenner asks.

Goenner also uses that argument to push for the elimination of the 150-school cap on the number of university authorized charter schools. State legislators may discuss the possibility of removing the cap during sessions this week.

Goenner believes the cap should be lifted because schools have waitings list up to 1,000 students long and the possible partnerships between charter and public schools in areas like food service, and eventually in education, may save tax dollars.

Goenner and the Michigan Association of Public School Academies believe adding charter schools to the educational marketplace, thus creating competition, will force existing public schools to improve.

Chartering a school

CMU maintains contracts with charter schools as do several other Michigan universities. CMU required the schools to incorporate a national test and Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests for reference

What is a charter school?

Since August 1994, Michigan's elementary and secondary public school system has added more than 150 new public schools commonly referred to as public school academies or charter schools.

The schools must follow the same laws that govern traditional public education. Educators, community leaders, business people and parents who start charters select the curriculum, philosophies and emphasis of the schools.

Public universities, local districts and community colleges authorize charters, which supporters say adds a level of accountability not seen elsewhere by ensuring that each school upholds its written performance contract. Charters operate solely on state aid of \$6,000 per student; they cannot levy millages or issue bonds.

All charter schools are nonprofit, as required by law. A charter board may hire a service provider for administrative chores instead of hiring a central office staff.

Approximately 50,000 Michigan students attend 173 Michigan charter schools.

points and outline mission goals, Goenner said. Parent involvement is spelled out as a nonacademic goal, Goenner said.

"We issue contracts for three to five years," Goenner said.

Four CMU-authorized academies have closed. One had too small an enrollment to operate; another for pregnant teens was transformed into a private partnership. For the third closed academy, CMU was not "comfortable" in allowing a Catholic school on the first and second floors, and the charter school on the second and third floors.

It also characterized the difficulties in starting a charter school, Goenner said.

"Getting physical facilities is one of our toughest problems," Goenner said.

The closing of the fourth school — the Sierra Leone Academy in Detroit — was not viewed as a failure but what Goenner called a "victory" to show how the universities hold the academies accountable. "They were not good to work with, we did not get disclosure and cooperation," Goenner said. "We said, 'These schools will be accountable, we will oversee them.'"

Class size is regulated, so if a

school wants to increase above their contracted amount, they must amend their current agreement, Goenner said.

Parental requirements

Wilhelmina Hall, a former educator in the Detroit school system for 32 years and a charter schools advocate, said charter school teachers also are held accountable. "I know someone is checking on me to find out if I am doing this," Hall said.

Hall said parents must sign a contract, which includes a specified number of hours that parents must spend on academics with their child or children. Parents also must attend a parent-teacher conference, and the academy must provide them training.

"When you give (parents) a choice, it gives them a different aura," Hall said. "It doesn't matter with the poverty level. Because this is a choice, I have made this choice and I have chosen this school."

Parents like a "nurturing environment," Goenner said.

"We can predict a child's test scores based on income," Goenner said. "That's a sad commentary."

"I think the majority of parents love their children and want what's best for them. A majority of students are from minority households, a majority do care but they couldn't move to suburban districts."

Safer schools wanted

Goenner was asked about charter schools and their ethnic focus and whether that contributed to segregation.

Goenner said Hispanics in the Saginaw area wanted a charter school, so one was started. Many students continued to struggle with academics at that school and had problems with drug abuse. MEAP scores did not improve, but the school eventually graduated its first student and the Hispanic community helped her obtain a college scholarship. She continues to study at that college, Goenner said.

Many Detroit academies are African American with 95 percent or more of the population African American. Hall added: "They have the same needs, they have the same deficiencies and they have the same desires. They are looking for something different."

"They want the schools to be safe."

Hall said the schools do not pull from the "elite."

Students learn reading, writing and arithmetic, along with respect, responsibility and character education, highlighting values, honesty, truth and integrity, Goenner said. Academies also focus on the fine arts, automotive manufacturing and environmental science.

Western Wayne County does not have many charter schools because they tend to be proposed in areas that "need" them,

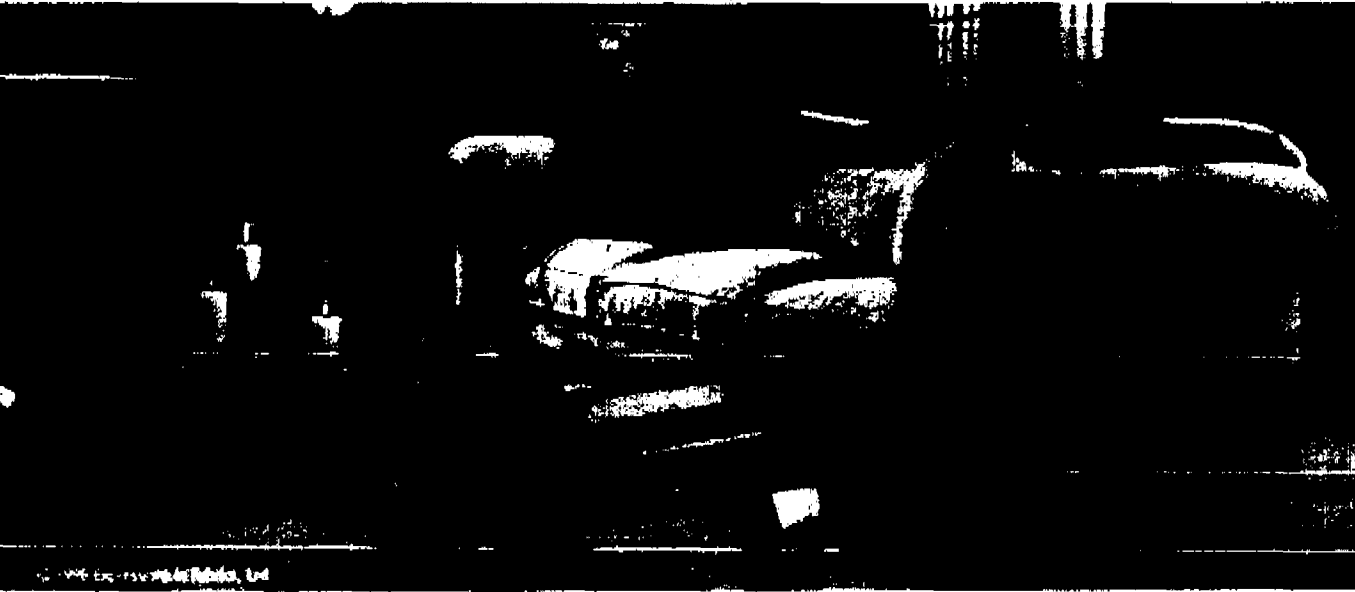
though that isn't always the case, Goenner said.

"Forest Hills in Grand Rapids is one of the top three in the state, and a charter school went there and filled up. It doesn't necessarily mean a school district is bad, it's just that a core of parents want something different."

Charter school instructors generally earn between \$25,000 and \$32,000 to start, Goenner said. With experienced instructors in public schools earning more than double that, Goenner admits it will be "hard to be competitive."

"They are looking at merit pay, and they are struggling with that," Goenner said. But charter school instructors praise the professional development offered at the schools, along with the appreciation and support of parents, Goenner said.

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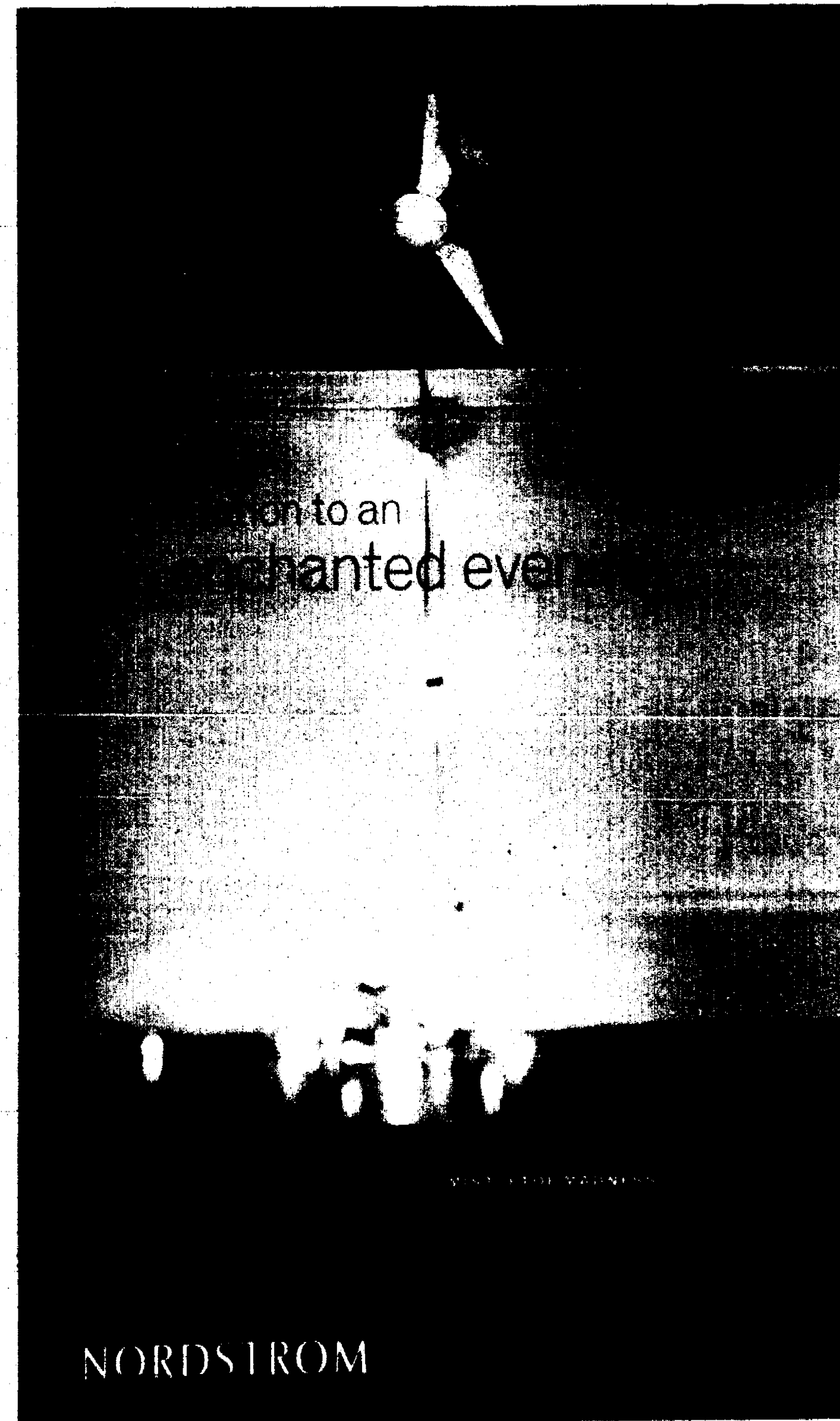
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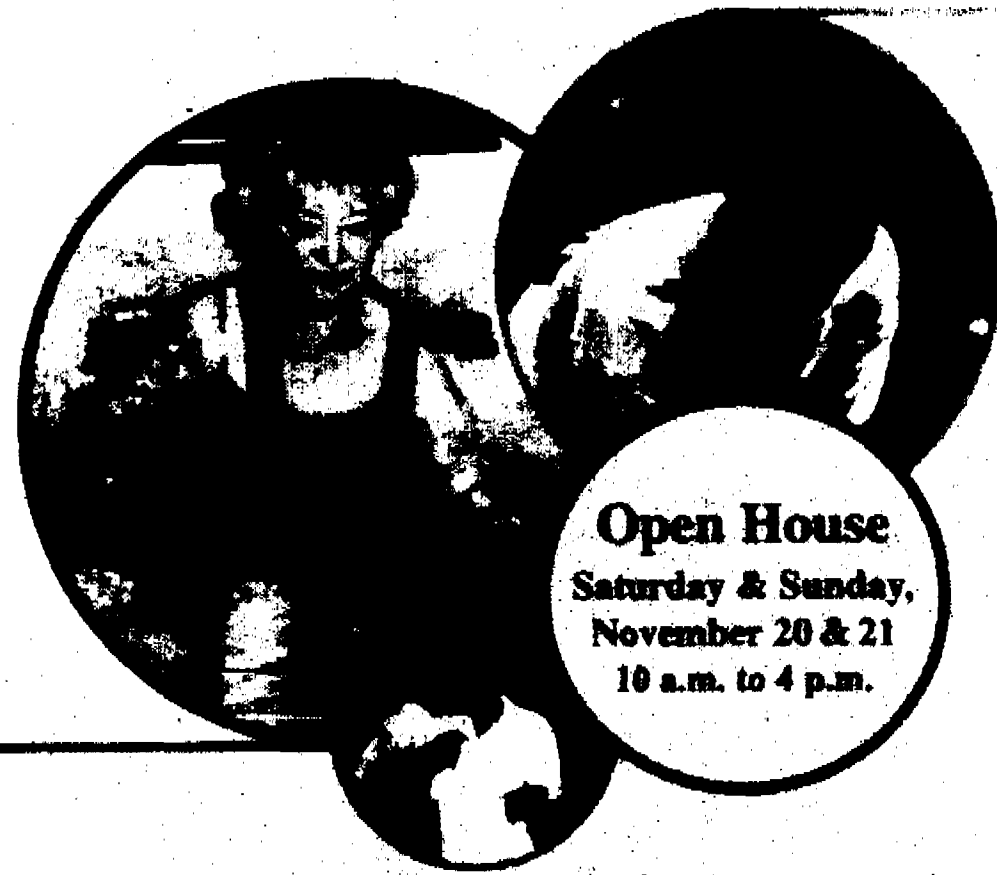


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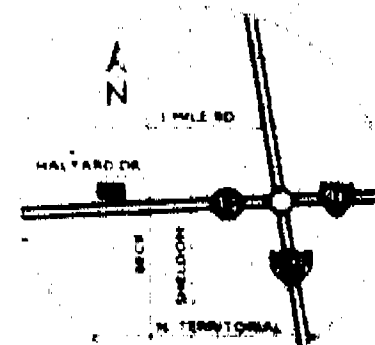
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Traffic from page A1

making the westernmost drive a one-way entrance and the easternmost drive a one-way exit.

During peak rush hours, traffic still backs up somewhat when westbound Marquette motorists try to turn left into Glenn's parking lot, Thomas said.

But he said he is "pleased overall" with the new traffic patterns.

Some motorists had grumbled because the traffic light project forced the closing of Carlson between Ford and Marquette for

several weeks.

Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said some fender-benders had been expected with the new light because any traffic pattern changes tend to cause a few initial problems.

"So far, so good," he said Tuesday. "We haven't had any accidents linked to it."

"It's still kind of early," Brokas said, "and everybody at the school will still have to get used to the new traffic patterns."

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Sgt. Peter Brokas
—Westland police

Internet from page A1

or, if they don't have cable, \$49.99.

But, they can pay extra to use other services such as AOL.

OpenNET attorney Bryan Amann implored city officials to open up MediaOne/AT&T's network to give local consumers more ISP choices for less money.

"All I know is that Westland residents should be able to dictate their own future and not have it dictated to them by AT&T," Amann said.

Amann criticized MediaOne/AT&T for threatening lawsuits that he said amount to "holding your customers hostage to a single source."

He charged that AT&T "wants to make the super-information

highway a toll road."

But Michael Grover, MediaOne's director of corporate and legal affairs, said Amann and others simply want cities to "fight their battles for them" on Internet issues and to assume the role of the Federal Communications Commission.

Grover said such actions would amount to "a regulatory morass," and he also questioned whether the shared network that others want is actually feasible.

"Reasonable engineers disagree about whether this thing can really work," he said.

Mary O'Connell Roehr, Ameritech public relations director, urged council members to free up MediaOne's Broadband

network, saying that "choice and competition and fairness" will best serve consumers.

Westland residents Roderick Curry and Renee Cannon told council members they're satisfied with the high-speed Internet service they have through MediaOne.

Cannon said she uses her home computer for work. Curry said his family's computer is used for his work, his son's schooling and his wife's graduate school work.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said he fears that many small ISPs will be squeezed out of the market unless MediaOne/AT&T is forced to end its Broadband monopoly.

"I do see it as a big issue," he said, "but I'm not sure yet that it's something we should jump right in the middle of."

Councilman David Cox agreed and said he needs more information. He also noted that MediaOne "has a good point" by opposing other companies who want to use services it paid private dollars to initiate.

City officials are supposed to decide the issue by Dec. 7, which is when council members are expected to vote on transferring MediaOne's cable franchise agreement to AT&T.

However, City Attorney Angelo Plakas said a delay is possible.

Polygamy from page A1

had argued early on that Wisnieski's Canadian marriage certificate should be ruled inadmissible under court rules because it's a foreign document that lacks authentication by the U.S. government.

Melissa Wisnieski testified that she knew her bridegroom

already had a wife when she married him.

Deegan said she didn't know if most polygamy cases end as this one did — with dismissal.

"All of our cases are dealt with on an individual basis," she said.

"I, myself, have never dealt with a polygamy case."

Henry Ford 27-23 Nov. 6.

Glenn students are certainly feeling the excitement this week. "Most definitely," said Steven Tamaroglio, a 16-year-old junior.

"We're going to drive up to Walled Lake to support our team."

Jessica Prater, a 17-year-old senior, also is looking forward to the big game. "I think everyone

is pretty confident," she said Wednesday morning. She and Tamaroglio cited the school spirit and coaching as helping to make victory possible.

"We have a lot of pride in our team and our coaches," said Prater.

"I think we have a very good chance," said Tamaroglio. "I think we can definitely win."

Spirit from page A1**Polygamy** from page A1**Play opens**

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Steven Tamaroglio
—Glenn junior

Livonia Franklin High School will present the play "Is There a Comic in the House?" Performances of the comedy will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 11-13, in the Franklin Theatre, on Joy east of Merriman in Livonia.

Tickets will be available for \$5 at the door or by calling (734) 523-0506 during school hours.

Appeal from page A1

and sportscasters playing against Red Wings stars. Working on these events, Little, 23, said, is a lot like planning a wedding. First, you decide where it will be, then you take care of all the details.

"It's difficult when you're planning something and things don't always go the way you want them to, like a wedding," she said. "But it's worth the headaches for the children. And I've gotten to meet all the people I grew up watching on television."

Many rewards

She always comes back to the satisfaction she gets helping sick children. CATCH recently bought a gravestone for a child who died. It helped ease the burden on the girl's parents who were struggling to pay doctor bills, Little said.

"We helped another mother who couldn't afford formula," she added. "One Christmas, we replaced toys for a youngster who was in the hospital with a brain tumor and his house was burglarized."

"We pay for the things that the insurance companies won't pay for, but are necessary to improve the quality of their lives," she said.

Other examples of where the money has gone include paying for a computerized communicator that was mounted to the wheelchair of a young girl with cerebral palsy. It allowed her to talk for the first time in class.

CATCH also paid for a chairlift for a multiply disabled teenager who needed to be lifted daily to his second-story bedroom. The need was even greater when his father was murdered in a random act of violence. The lift allowed his mother, who also cares for her disabled mother, to keep her son out of a foster home.

In another case, CATCH paid the rent for a father to take an unpaid leave of absence from work to spend the last few weeks with his dying son. The organization also funds the Child Life program at both hospitals, which provides hospital items and services that range from videos to video cassette recorders and toys to make hospitalized children have the best experience possible.

Sparky's charity for children started as an idea for an event to raise money for sick children, but quickly grew.

"I've always said this isn't going to be any short term deal," Anderson said in a press release.

In his book, "They Call Me Sparky," released last year, Anderson also said: "CATCH is the greatest accomplishment of my lifetime. It has nothing to do with me. It has nothing to do with my career. It has everything to do with the kids. I don't know how it happened... I never want to be able to put my finger on it. I always want to think of it as a miracle."

CATCH history

CATCH was launched in spring 1987 after Anderson visited a young boy with leukemia in the hospital. He was the grandson of a good friend. While the sports great had visited many kids in hospitals throughout the country during his career, that was the first time for a child who was that close to him.

Anderson, now 65 and living in Thousand Oaks, Calif., decided to do something to help other children and he went all over the country collecting sports memorabilia for an auction. He raised \$190,000 in one afternoon and the organization has been in existence ever since.

The Henry Ford and Children's Hospital boards decide who receives the money raised by CATCH, Little said. An endowment fund has approximately \$4.2 million.

"The endowment started a couple of years ago and it will ensure the charity is running well into the future and well live past all of us," Little said.

Ford Motor Co. Director Edsel B. Ford II serves as CATCH chairman and former Tiger All-Star Alan Trammell serves as president with a board of trustees made up of business and civic leaders.

Meeting these and other celebrities is part of Little's job and every work day is different from the next, she said.

"It gives you a sense of satisfaction that you're doing something to help people," she said. "It's not just a job. For the terminal children, it's sad, but at least you know you've made their last days a little more comfortable and a little more easy."

Little graduated with a degree in psychology in December 1998. In the summers, she worked with children part time at Redford Township's Parks and Recreation programs. Sports, especially playing volleyball and softball, were important to Little while she attended John Glenn High School.

"I was a big sports fanatic," she said.

That kind of enthusiasm is exactly what CATCH director Jim Hughes was looking for when he was trying to fill the job she easily landed.

"She's had a tremendous work ethic ever since she started," Hughes said. "There isn't anything that you ask her to do that she won't and with enthusiasm. Most of what we do is working with patrons, sponsors and many corporate leaders. She sits down, rolls her sleeves up and gets the work done."

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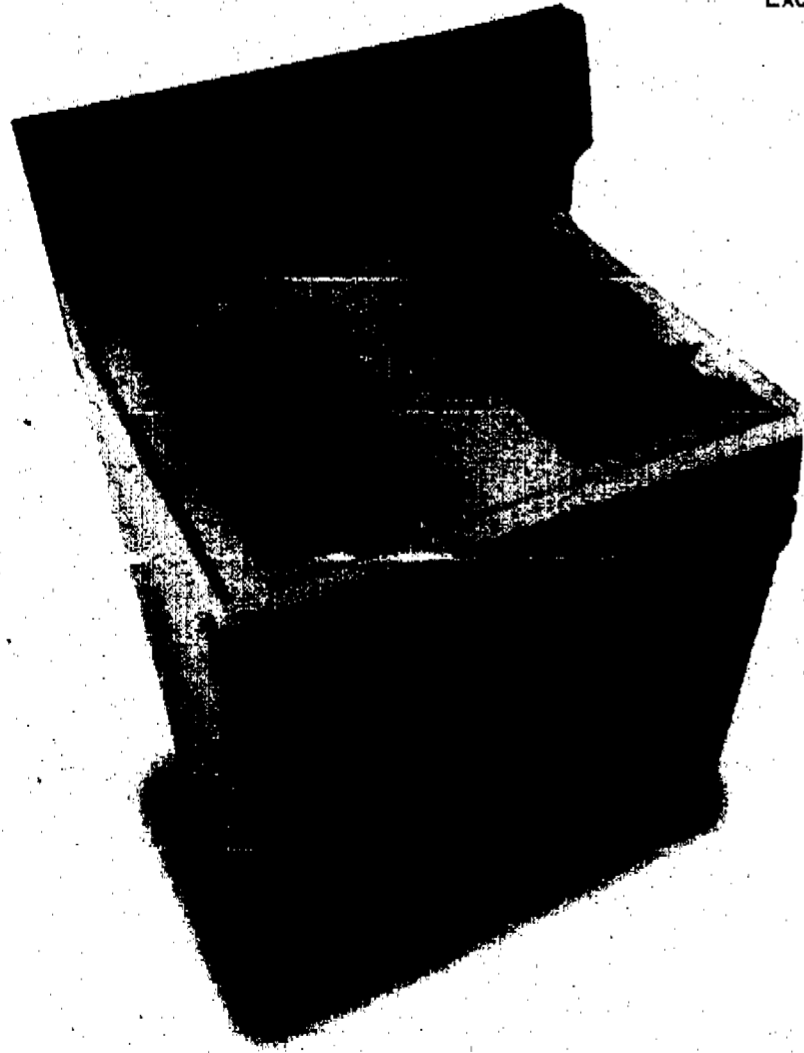
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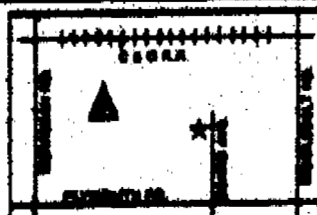
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HMO reform aims at care continuity

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Patients will be given a 90-day transition period if their doctors decide to leave their HMO, according to a set of bills just approved in the state Legislature.

Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), one of three sponsors for the three-bill package, explained the bills are intended to provide "continuity of care," giving patients time to find new physicians within the health maintenance organization without having to rush.

Additionally, pregnant women who have made it to their second trimester will be able to stay with that physician throughout their pregnancy. Terminally ill patients may stay until death.

According to Law, the change to state laws regulating managed care is one of the last areas in need of reform. With a few additional "tweaks," the Michigan Legislature will have accomplished the major portion of reforms the U.S. Congress has been unable to address.



State Rep. Gerald Law

Law's bill, House Bill 4487, is needed because within any three-year period, on average, there is a 20 to 30 percent turnover in the health care providers who have signed up with a given HMO.

That has posed some difficulty for some patients who arrive for their regular appointments only

to find the doctor has left the HMO. They then have been faced with paying for the visit uninsured, or rushing to find a new doctor in the HMO system.

Law said HMOs in Michigan did not oppose the legislation. Some HMOs were already offering such transition periods to their customers.

The most controversial portion of the bill revolved around a requirement that doctors notify patients within 15 days of deciding to leave the HMO. Law said that notification was left as optional for the doctors, explaining he believed most doctors would send such notification in an effort to keep their clientele.

The bill was tied to House Bill 4485, by Rep. Sandra Caul (R-Mt. Pleasant), and House Bill 4486, by Rep. Randy Richardville (R-Monroe). Law's bill was approved in 105-0 and 36-0 votes in the House and Senate, respectively, after amendments were rejected to extend the transition period even further.

Also on Law's list for HMOs is a change addressing prescrip-

tions. Currently, HMOs are allowed to specify what drugs patients can use for various treatments. Law wants doctors on the HMO boards which decide which drugs are to be used.

Already in place in Michigan is legislation which allows a doctor to go off that list of prescribed drugs, if a different treatment is medically necessary. The doctor can call for a different drug, Law explained, but the HMO may have a higher deductible or copay for drugs off the list.

Law said Michigan HMO reform is well ahead of Congress' efforts because the state has already adopted a patient's bill of rights. Although little known and poorly publicized by the state so far, Law said, legislation has already been enacted in Michigan allowing for appeals to the state should an HMO deny a drug or treatment to a patient.

Appeals of denials from HMOs are decided by the state Department of Community Health. Appeals of denials from other health insurers are resolved by the state Financial Institutions Bureau.

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Detroit Public TV has launched an on-line version of its annual televised Auction, bringing the convenience of 24-hour, 7-day-a-week Internet bidding on donated items to area shoppers who wish to browse for a bargain.

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with 31 years of auction experience," says Megan Miller, Detroit Public TV vice president of local development and auction.

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Information on bidding or donating is also available by calling (313) 876-8350.

Wayne County joins Project Zero program

Four Wayne County Family Independence Agency district offices have joined the Project Zero welfare reform initiative.

The Redford, Greenfield-Joy, Inkster and Schoolcraft-Stansbury districts joined the drive to reduce the number of FIA families without earned income to zero, said FIA Director Douglas Howard.

The offices are part of 36 Project Zero sites joining 35 existing sites across the state. Joining Howard at the Wayne County Project Zero kickoff were: Ann Marie Sims, zone manager of Wayne County FIA, Vince

Ranger from the Michigan Department of Transportation; Janet Howard of the Michigan Department of Career Development; managers from the four FIA district offices and community partners.

"Project Zero is what welfare reform is all about - communities coming together to identify barriers to employment and redirecting their efforts and resources to remove those barriers," Howard said.

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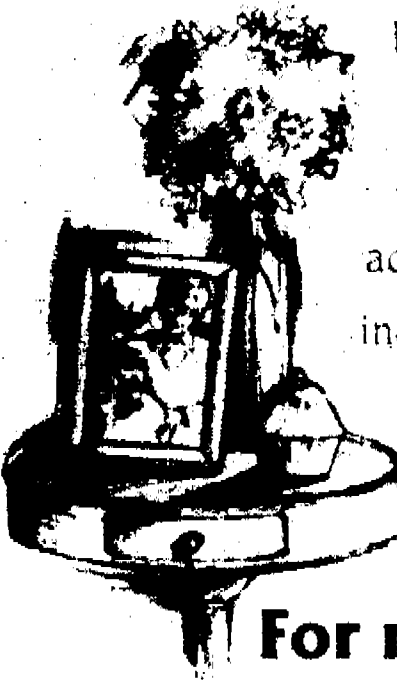
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Great occasion: (Far right) Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit, leaves the Felician Chapel House after presiding over a solemn Eucharistic Liturgy.

(At right) About 700 joined the sisters for their celebration which included a Mass at the Chapel House and a reception and dinner at Laurel Manor.

(Below) Felician sisters and distinguished guests participate in a Mass marking the order's 125th year in the United States.



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SOLEMN MASS

MARKS FELICIAN ANNIVERSARY

The Felician Sisters of Livonia marked the 125th anniversary of the order in the United States Sunday with a Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy at the Felician Chapel presided over by Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit.

Eight bishops and 30 other clergy concelebrated the Mass with about 700 in attendance. The Mass was followed by a reception and dinner at Laurel Manor. Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, minister general of the international community of Felician Sisters, was the keynote speaker.

The Livonia province of the Felician order has 230 members and grew out of a movement in Polonia, Wis., in 1874 when Father Joseph Dabrowski invited five pioneer Felician sisters from Poland to teach the children of Polish immigrants in the rural Wisconsin community. The order had been founded 19 years earlier by Sister Mary

Angela Truszkowska.

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

The order's central headquarters was moved to Detroit in 1882 and to Livonia in 1936.

The sisters operate several institutions at their 300 acre Livonia site bounded by Schoolcraft, Five Mile, Levan and Newburgh - Angela Hospice, Ladywood High School, Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Marywood Manor and Marybrook Nursing Care Center, Montessori Center of Our Lady and Senior Clergy Village. They also operate retreat centers in Jackson and Holly.

The order has 2,300 sisters world wide.

The celebration in Livonia is one of several being held at the order's facilities in Poland and the United States.

During September and October, Felician sisters from Michigan and Indiana flew to Warsaw, Poland, to join more than 300 Felician sisters from around the world for a pilgrimage honoring the 100-year anniversary of their founder's death.

Another pilgrimage is planned for Nov. 19-28 as sisters travel by bus from Polonia, Wis., to Buffalo, N.Y., retracing their beginnings in North America.

"The highlight of this trip will be the sisters visiting the cemeteries where the five pioneers are buried, including the leader, Sister Mary Monica Sybilki in Mt. Elliott Cemetery and Sister Mary Raphael in Mt. Olive Cemetery, both in Detroit," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, provincial secretary.

The pilgrimage will be in the Metro Detroit area Nov. 24-25 and will include a Thanksgiving Day Mass at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Livonia. The public is welcome.

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Rival bills try to improve school building inspections

By Mike Maloney
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All new buildings in Michigan are inspected for structural integrity when they are constructed — all buildings except schools.

According to state senators, they haven't been since about 1978.

Wall collapses in two Michigan school districts have brought the issue to the forefront in the state Legislature — one at a middle school in Woodhaven in 1990 and another at a high school in Flushing in 1998.

No one was hurt in the collapse at the '70s-era Woodhaven school, but repairs cost some \$6 million, according to Joe O'Reilly, legislative aide to Sen. Christopher Dingell (D-Trenton). Four workers died, however, in the collapse at the Flushing high school, where the wall was part of an auditorium under construction at the time.

Both incidents have been attributed to improper design and construction, and senators believe inspections would have caught the problems early.

Senators now aim to address the oversight, Republicans and Democrats alike, but there are disagreements over the best way to accomplish that goal. Those differences led to heated words recently.



"Senate Republicans are endangering the lives of school children across Michigan by repeatedly refusing to include schools in the state construction code. By not mandating the inspection of school buildings — by inspectors trained to look for structural integrity, we run the risk of putting our children in dangerous buildings like the one

in Woodhaven," Dingell said.

His comments came after senators rejected a revision to the state construction code, Senate Bill 463, which was originally sponsored by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) and co-sponsored by Sens. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) and Diagne Byrum (D-Onodaga). The state code is enforced by building officials in local municipalities. The bill had been amended in the House to eliminate exemptions to the code, and therefore local inspections, for school buildings.

Bills differ

According to O'Reilly, the reason for the rejection was that Senate Republicans would prefer another bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell). Senate Bill 805 would require that all new schools be inspected by the state Bureau of Construction Codes, but it would allow school districts to opt for inspections by local municipal building officials instead.

The difference between the two bills is not just politics, Rogers' press secretary Sylvia Warner assured. Taking the exemption for schools out of the state construction code might have some unintended consequences, she warned. Rogers' bill, on the other hand, adds inspections in education law, resulting in the "cleanest public

policy," easiest for school boards to understand and follow, Warner explained.

Rogers' bill, SB 805, has received one hearing in committee, she said. Members asked for additional research before voting, so she predicted the bill would not reach the full Senate for a vote until early 2000.

According to O'Reilly, the delay to Rogers' bill is over the question of whether inspections should be conducted now for those schools which have been built in the past few years.

SB 463, proposed by Sen. Stille, was once approved by senators and won approval in the House. But representatives amended the bill to end the exemption for schools, causing senators to reject the measure. The bill is now headed to conference committee. Action on that bill may also be delayed until after the start of the new year.

When all is done, O'Reilly said the goal is to get schools inspected. If senators reject SB 463, Dingell will support Rogers' bills, O'Reilly said.

Long history

The oversight that led to the lack of construction inspections has a long history, according to O'Reilly. It dates back to the 1920s and '30s. At the time, he contended, school buildings were often the largest and most com-

plicated building projects in many communities.

Municipal building inspectors often did not have the expertise at the time to review construction for buildings of that size. Additionally, there were problems with animosities between school districts and the municipalities in which they were located — which is still an issue in school construction — as well as problems with so-called sweetheart contracts and out-and-out bribery.

"The one person considered to be above reproach was the state superintendent of public education," O'Reilly said, so the job of inspecting school buildings was turned over to him. But state superintendents also did not have expertise in construction standards, so they increasingly relied on contracts with outside offices to conduct the actual on-site reviews.

In 1978, the entire job was turned over to the Office of Fire Safety under the state fire marshal.

"The number one safety issue for schools is fire safety, don't get me wrong," O'Reilly said, "and the Office of Fire Safety does an excellent job." But inspectors there also are not trained to review structural integrity, he added.

New buildings

New school buildings have long been a source of disagreement between municipalities and local districts. Schools have for years been outside the control of zoning authorities within local governments, so while city councils and township boards are able to control the placement of all other buildings in their communities, placement of schools rests solely with the school board.

Up until 1992, zoning regula-

tions did apply to all non-school land and buildings in a district, O'Reilly explained. So municipalities could control placement of, for example, the district's bus garage. That ended in 1992 under a bill offered by then-Sen. Jack Faxon, which exempted all school land and buildings from local municipal control.

If zoning officials don't like those rules, city fire chiefs have long had stronger arguments with the state law. While it is state inspectors who do the reviewing, it is city fire departments that are expected to put out any blazes there. Some chiefs have complained that the rules mean their first look inside new school buildings has come when they were called there for an emergency.

All those are side issues for the time being, O'Reilly said.

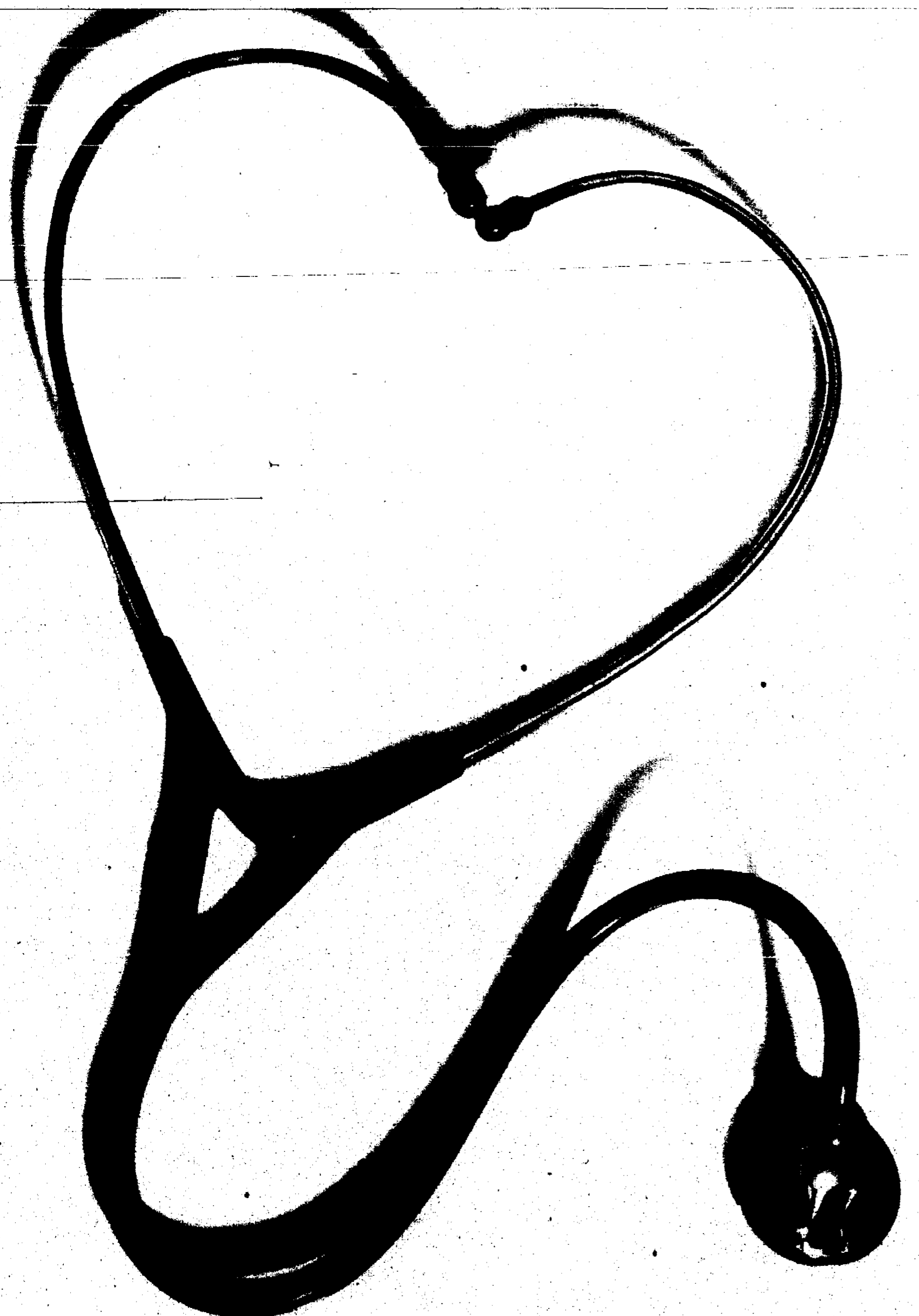
"The vast majority of school buildings typically exceed public building codes, but inspections are not required during construction," Rogers said. "Tragically, this oversight already has resulted in the deaths of several workers who were building an auditorium in Flushing just over a year ago. Requiring inspections of new construction projects assures parents that their children will be safe. Inspections help assure that human error won't result in another tragic incident."

Senators rejected the amended SB 463 in a 16-20 vote Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Sens. George Z. Hart (D-Dearborn) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) voted yes.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) voted no.

Sen. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio) was absent.



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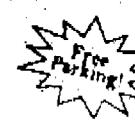
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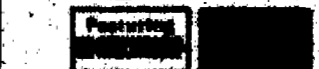
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Bill would end 'spousal privilege'

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An age-old concept in common law known as the "marital privilege," which means criminal defendants can keep their spouses from testifying against them in court, may be ended by legislation currently under consideration in Lansing.

The privilege now means that what you say to your marriage partner in confidence, even if you tell your spouse you committed a murder, can't be used against you in a criminal case. But it would be eliminated by House Bill 4684, sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Faunce (R-Warren).

"Do you know where the privilege comes from?" Anica Letica, assistant Oakland County prosecutor, asked. "Its origins go way back in common law to a time when you were not allowed to testify in your own case because it was presumed you were too biased. When you got married, your spouse became one with you." Of course, now people can testify in their own cases, but we've kept the marital privilege. Today, it's known as the sit-down-and-shut-up rule."

Letica appeared before the House of Representative's Committee on Family and Civil Law to testify in support of the bill in October.

But the long-standing legal tradition also has its supporters, so the proposed change is beginning to draw fire. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Michigan Family Forum, a conservative family advocacy

'This bill is family-friendly. It gives the option to the (witness spouse) so they can testify when it is the moral thing to do.'

Rep. Jennifer Faunce
R-Warren

group, announced its opposition, saying ending the privilege could destroy marital harmony in some relationships.

"True, the bill might assist prosecutors in their endeavors, but it might also produce the unintended consequence of exposing spouses to threats about whether they should testify or not," Family Forum Executive Director Mike Harris wrote in a letter to the House.

"This is not a family-friendly situation. One can certainly argue that deserving families don't get themselves into such situations, but the argument ignores the principle that the law should equally protect everyone whatever their social status might be.

"Divorce and marital strife get enough promotion from Michigan law via no-fault divorce statutes. We'd rather not add to the carnage by turning the marital privilege laws on their heads."

Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said he can't support the bill in its present form, which he sees as a blanket elimination of the privilege.

"If someone drives home drunk," he said, "a prosecutor would be able to force a spouse to testify that he came home

drunk. This is a very dangerous bill for families." But Brown did say he would vote for it if exceptions are added.

Faunce disagreed. She contended that her bill doesn't end the privilege, it simply changes who gets to make the decision about testifying. Under present law, the defendant is the one who has the option as to whether the spouse can testify. HB 4684, Faunce said, would give that option to the spouse.

"This bill is family-friendly," Faunce argued. "It gives the option to the (witness spouse) so they can testify when it is the moral thing to do.

"They say they're afraid prosecutors will use this to be mean, to coerce spouses to testify. In my experience, prosecutors are not mean people. They are elected officials and they get there by being trusted individuals. If they are mean, then get rid of them," she said.

Having worked as an assistant prosecutor for seven years, Faunce said spouses could not be coerced to testify. "Prosecutors are not allowed to threaten people."

"I don't see how you are disrupting marital harmony," Letica said, arguing in support of Faunce's bill. "You are putting

the privilege in the (hands of the) testifying spouse. It's their call if they want to be married to a murderer or whatever ... In many of these cases, there is no marital harmony left. Who better than the witness spouse to determine if there is any marital harmony left to be preserved?"

Current law gives the option to the defendant spouse, but there are exceptions. The privilege already does not apply in cases of divorce, crimes against children, bigamy, abuse, abandonment or desertion.

According to Faunce, 21 states and the federal courts have already taken the marital privilege away from the defendant spouse, turning it over to the witness spouse. Only 12 states have left the option solely in the hands of the defendant spouse.

The bill had been scheduled for a vote Wednesday, Nov. 3, but Faunce pulled it from the House calendar when she learned of the opposition from Family Focus. Having met with the organization and been unable to negotiate a compromise or convince the group's members to support the bill, Faunce said she would proceed with a vote anyway.

She said she believes the bill has enough support in both chambers to win passage.

New law makes credit identity theft a felony

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Identity theft - when a criminal applies for credit in someone else's name - can cost the victim a great deal of time.

"If someone takes my identity, it may take nine months to a year to clear my name," Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said. "There may be additional costs, like losing out on low-rate mortgages in the meantime."

Because credit card companies and credit bureaus have had to establish security departments to prevent such forms of fraud, Brown said he believes credit identity theft has become the costliest form of fraud today, "costing us millions if not billions."

"What many people don't realize is that credit identity is often worth more than the money actually taken, because people spend a lifetime building up their credit histories. Credit is often the most valuable asset we have," Brown said.

To address the problem, Gov. John Engler signed Brown's

legislation, House Bill 4413, on Thursday, Nov. 4, making it a felony punishable by four years in prison or a \$2,500 fine to apply for credit in someone else's name.

Previously, the law did not address credit applications. Brown explained that police often had a hard time charging perpetrators when they applied for credit using a false identity. It wasn't considered illegal until something of value had changed hands. Police were in a position of "trying to concoct a charge" against those caught making such applications, he said.

Brown's bill was tie-barred to House Bill 4598, sponsored by Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington), which makes it illegal to possess credit information with the intent of passing it on to another for the purpose of credit fraud. So serving as a "clearinghouse" for stolen credit information, Brown explained, could net perpetrators four years in prison or a \$100,000 fine.

Brown said he believes his bill is the first Democrat-originated initiative to win the governor's signature this year.

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You don't see Jo Johnson's name on the pages of this newspaper as frequently as some others, but that doesn't mean she doesn't have a great impact. She's more likely to be in the calendar listings than on the front page, but this week's an exception.

Johnson, honored Tuesday as this year's First Citizen of the Year, has impressive credentials. She helped revive the one-room Perrinsville School. She served with the Westland Youth Athletics Association and the Westland Historical Commission, of which she is president.

She was a co-founder of the Westland Cultural Society, which brings outdoor concerts to Westland each summer. Johnson has served on Westland's library board.

The First Citizen program of the Westland Chamber of Commerce and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers seeks to honor an outstanding community volunteer. Johnson, one of six people nominated this year, was nominated separately by City Councilman Richard LeBlanc and Sandra Valovick.

"I was very proud," Johnson said. "I've enjoyed what I've been doing, and I'm made so many friends over the years. But it makes me feel good that I am recognized."

She and husband Ernie are seen regularly around town, helping with one project or another. They have more time for volunteer-



First Citizen Jo Johnson

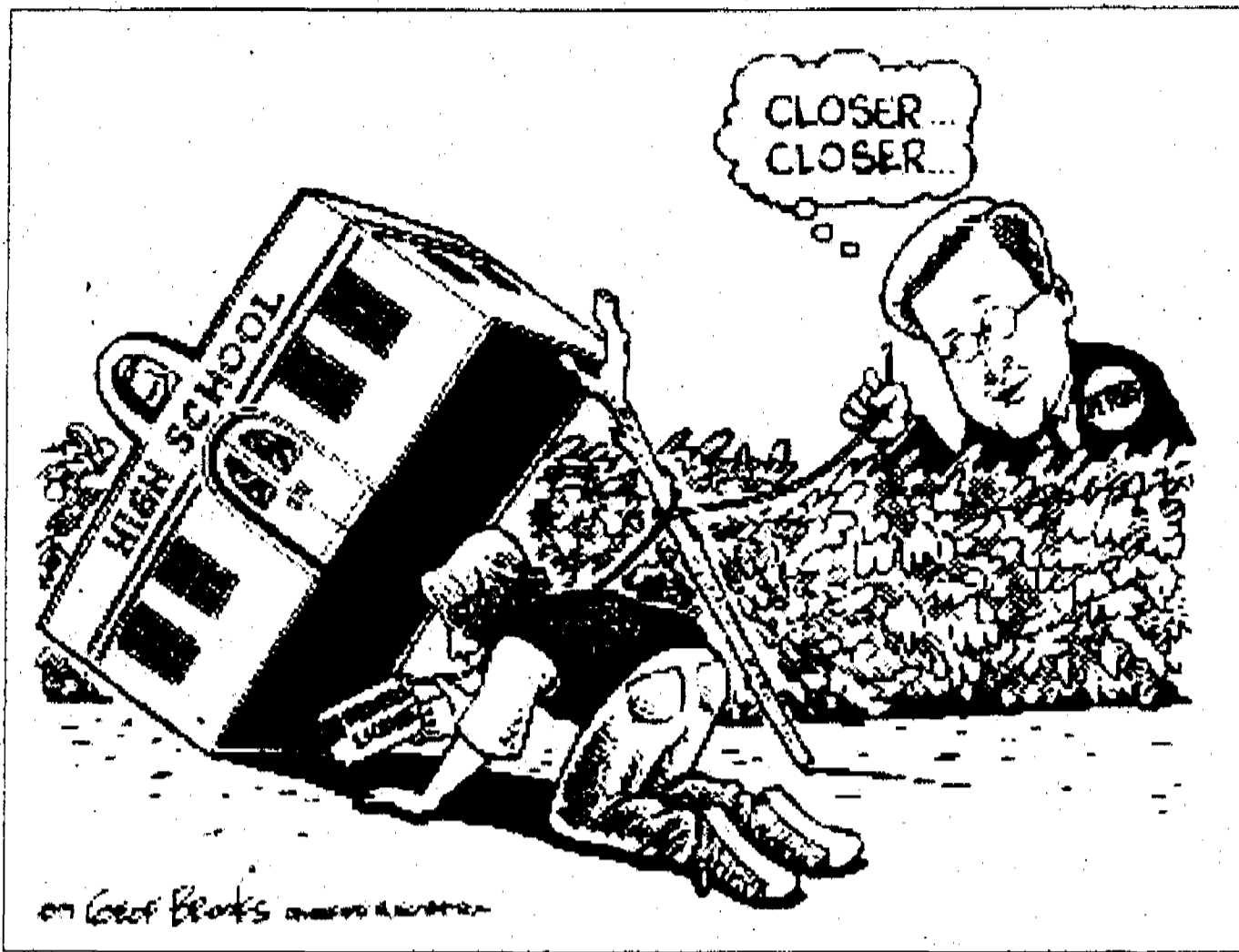
ing now, with their five children grown and Ernie Johnson retired.

Jo Johnson's work has been mainly as a volunteer, at a time when many women have chosen to enter the paid work force. Her contributions certainly rival those of any modern businesswoman, though Johnson, with characteristic modesty, would downplay that.

Westland is fortunate to have people like Jo Johnson, to take the reins of various volunteer groups and lead them to accomplishments. All of this year's nominees had impressive backgrounds and the voting certainly wasn't easy.

Congratulations to Jo Johnson, the 1999 First Citizen of the Year!

GEORGE BROOKS



Make charter schools perform

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LETTERS

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Disability concerns

On Sept. 28, 1999, the Michigan Department of Community Health issued a position paper that establishes the framework for competitive bids to take over the publicly funded Community Mental Health Systems. The position paper failed to mention, however, that it will be the Department of Management and Budget, not the Department of Community Health, that will make final decisions on who gets the lucrative bids.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Metropolitan Detroit Inc., along with many other disability organizations, has been a harsh critic of the ways in which Oakland County Community Mental Health has been administered over the past several years. Last year, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to transfer the county-run CMH Board to an independent "Authority." UCP/Detroit opposed the board's decision simply because we felt that the OCCMH Administration did not have the expertise needed to compete against well-run business ventures in winning the upcoming bidding war.

UCP/Detroit has never opposed the introduction of sound business efficiencies into the delivery of mental health service. Our concern is how to get the best efficiencies out of a non-profit organization so that money identified as potential "profits" can be reinvested into more and better services. Recognizing that a well-managed business can "buy" the current CMH system and within two years squeeze a comfortable profit out of their inefficiencies, we fear that eventually, high-cost users (people with the most significant disabilities) will be rationed out of services. Then what???

UCP/Detroit projects that, if the bid to operate the public Community Mental Health System is awarded to the lowest, "for-profit" bidder, profit, not quality of services, will be the primary motivation. It is also feared that within two years, all of the community's capacity to serve people with extensive needs will have evaporated. The current policy makers in the governor's office will have been "term limited" out of office by the time the ramifications of their poor decisions are realized. The governor and his Department of Management and Budget will not have to live with the devastating consequences of their decisions.

The governor's office is staging an effective

"shell game" by allowing public testimony to be heard by the Department of Community Health, while quietly positioning the Department of Management and Budget to make real, final and potentially devastating decisions. The Department of Management and Budget will write the bid specifications and ultimately decide which private entity will receive the lucrative bid to provide services and supports to Michigan's most vulnerable populations.

UCP/Detroit anticipates that large, "for-profit" corporations are waiting to "buy up" the inefficiently managed public CMH systems, only to bleed it and to leave it.

UCP/Detroit cautions the state of Michigan to proceed very carefully into the realm of placing the publicly funded Community Mental Health System on the auction block.

A copy of the Michigan Department of Community Health's Position Paper can be accessed at the Web site (www.mdch.state.mi.us) or call Barb Mongeau at (517) 373-6440.

Elmer L. Cerano
executive director

Teach academics

It has occurred to me that the problem with the homosexual agenda is one of definitions. As you know, the president himself does not know what the meaning of the word is, is. Perhaps it might clarify things if I were to submit to you the definitions in question for your acceptance and approval or just your tolerance.

Acceptance: The act of accepting, especially with approval.

Accept: To receive with consent, or favor.

Tolerance: The ability and disposition to tolerate opinions, practices, or habits differing from one's own without accepting them or changing one's own.

Perhaps now you can understand that the two words can not be used in conjunction with each other, since they indeed are opposites, as are, truth and deception. Perhaps also, in light of these facts, our teachers should just start teaching our students academics again.

Teresa Sardinka
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
Why are you in this play?

We asked this question at a rehearsal of the John Glenn High School production of "The Millionaire." Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday.

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| "I love performing. The theater's like a second home to me." Bradford Clark senior in cast | "Because I enjoy acting. I'm the assistant director, and I like getting involved." Corinne Barrett senior in cast | "Because I love entertaining people." Letoya Seattle senior in cast | "I've been performing all my life. I'm happy to perform for John Glenn." Allana Hamilton senior in cast |

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Trip down memory lane leads to theater

It was a trip back in time. Not literally, of course, but in the sense that the visit to John Glenn High School reminded me of my own younger days.

Photographer Tom Hawley and I went to Glenn last Thursday to do a story on the production of "The Million-Heirs," with performances 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. I was quickly reminded of my own senior year at Birmingham Groves, working as a dancer in our production of "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

It's hard to believe that was 1977, as I still can recall so vividly the names and faces of those involved.

Most of us weren't looking to make a career in the theater, although a few did. Classmate Sam Raimi went on to directing fame, first with his "Evil Dead" movies and later with "For Love of the Game," starring Kevin Costner.

Bruce Campbell, just a year ahead of us and a friend of Sam's, went on to become an actor following his high school productions.

My niece, Kathleen Rembacki, a Mercy High School student, is in the cast for the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "It's a Wonderful Life." Her mom and I went to the theater to pick her up Sunday after rehearsal. (Kathleen is Mrs. Martini.)



JULIE BROWN

It's great to see young people such as Kathleen and the Glenn-cast take the time to get involved in theater. Not all will go on to star on Broadway — in fact, most won't, but the experience will serve them well for years to

come. Sheri Smith, director of "The Million-Heirs," told me at rehearsal that students' involvement in plays is a great way to learn commitment and responsibility while enjoying themselves. Of course, those on the winning Glenn football team and their supporters are learning that, too. But football's not for everyone.

Having such opportunities for students, whether with school productions or community theater, is a great outlet for their talents. Even those who don't care to take to the stage can work on the crew, building sets, creating costumes or contributing in a variety of other ways.

Being in drama helped me overcome a fear of public speaking and, of course, provided friendships, some of which last to this day. Winning an Emmy or Tony would be nice, but I think most student thespians would settle for friendship and lifelong memories.

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'Discounts' can't compete with private sector

Long ago, when I was a bleeding-heart liberal on social and fiscal matters, I always felt that most, if not all, services could be provided at a lower cost to the public by the government rather than by private companies.

My reasoning was simple: Governments don't have to worry about market share, stock prices or profit margins.

Continuing that logic, I assumed that governmental services would automatically be lower priced than identical services provided by the private sector — that nasty area of the economy that collects those filthy profits at the expense of us poor consumers.

But in the past year, I noticed a difference. In some cases, the private sector is not only lower in offering prices for goods and services, but MUCH lower than governments.

I first noticed the difference several years ago at a nearby post office, which had a lobby copy machine. The

charge was 25 cents per sheet. A short time later, I observed that a local library was charging 10 cents a sheet for copies. That seemed like a bargain — until I observed several office supply businesses as well as commercial printing businesses offering copies for as low as 3 cents a copy, with most being priced at 5 cents.

But the philosophical change in my thinking about the public and private sector prices came while pricing personal computers at the University of Michigan and nearby businesses.

After I enrolled at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the summer of 1998, I received a school newsletter announcing that I am eligible for "major student discounts" on major brand computers.

At first, I took a quick survey of the computer prices at Best Buy, Circuit City and CompUSA and calculated that I could get a comparable computer at a major discount through the



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university. Well, readers and future U-M students or their parents, hang on to your credit cards.

Not only were the university prices higher than those in the retail stores, but you had to pay first and then wait several weeks before receiving the product. On top of that, a student had a very limited choice of brands.

In addition, the less-expensive models at your local retailer were a much better value than those offered by the university — such as offering a faster chip, more RAM, more hard

drive memory and more built-in software.

AND — at the retail shop, you pick up the new computer a moment after your credit card or credit application is cleared.

You can be home surfing the Internet within minutes after driving home with your new toy and connecting the monitor and printer.

On top of that, the retailers offer interest-free financing for up to 18 months. At Ann Arbor, there is no comparable break.

You pay now and get your personal computer later.

In addition, the retailers offered reasonable prices for extended warranties for service and repairs. No so at the "Go Blue" school.

While I enjoy being a U-M student and receiving student football tickets, I will soon exercise my new-found economic theory and buy my next computer through the private sector — at a substantial savings.

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Needs of young children a profound public policy issue

The findings of a decade of medical and scientific research on how babies develop are perfectly clear and undisputed.

■ A child's intelligence arises from the set of sensory experiences during the first 10 years of life, with the most crucial period being from birth to age 3.

■ If the very early years are squandered, the ability to learn is forever after compromised.

■ What parents of newborns should do is hardly rocket science: Talking, singing and reading to them, tickling them while changing their diapers, helping them draw with chalk, holding and snuggling them. What's new is that the intuition and experience that guided parents in the past are today being validated by hard science.

Despite overwhelming evidence, today's reality in Michigan remains stubbornly deficient in focusing on the needs of children, parents and child care providers during the key early years.

■ A study by the Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants found that children in Michigan attending kindergarten after age 5 receive three times the public and private support that pre-kindergartners get: \$7,200 versus \$2,200 per year.

■ The same study found that 96 percent of Michigan workers have no employer-sponsored early childhood benefits, whether paid family leave or subsidized child care.

■ Over the weekend, the Detroit News reported that the people who care for children in Michigan often make less than a hamburger flipper at the local fast food restaurant. The median hourly wage for child care workers is \$7.03, compared to a bus driver's \$11.55 or a kindergarten teacher's \$19.85.

What we have here is a classic disconnect between what we know — we should focus our resources on our children from birth to the time they enter kindergarten — and what we actually do. I can forgive people or societies for not doing the right thing when they don't know any better, but it's hard to forgive when people knowingly persist in dumb behavior.

There are signs wise people in Michigan are beginning to take this situation seriously.

In the Michigan Legislature, of all places, a bipartisan Children's Caucus is beginning to look hard at what the state can do to assist the development of very young children. Caucus leaders include Reps. Patricia Godeaux (R-Birmingham), Hubert Price (D-Pontiac), Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) and Edward LaForge (D-Kalamazoo).

The first meeting last month attracted



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around 25 representatives and senators. Rather than jumping to develop specific legislative proposals, the caucus is intended to provide lawmakers with information about early childhood development they can use later in weighing policy responses.

Roots for the caucus lie in the Ready-To-Learn Leadership Summit, which took place in June and gathered some 50 leaders from all sectors of the state. The group listened to a report by Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood expert and consultant for Oakland schools, who presented a summary of what scientists have learned about child development over the past 20 years.

The impact of what Firestone and other experts had to say was head-spinning. For example, one study suggested that the return on investment in early child development could be enormous. If society were willing to spend \$12,000 per child for the years from birth, total social spending (in reduced crime, prisons, and other social ills stemming from incomplete childhood development) could be cut by \$88,000.

The best perspective for me (I attended the summit and was fascinated) was a quote from Becky Beauchamp of Traverse City's United Way: "The most important thing that can come out of this is to realize that children are a priority. We revere youth in this country, but we do not value children. We've proven again and again that if something is a priority, we can find a solution. If we decide a football stadium is a priority, we find a way to build it."

I wouldn't be at all surprised if concerns about early childhood development wind up to be a central issue in Michigan public policy over the next decade.

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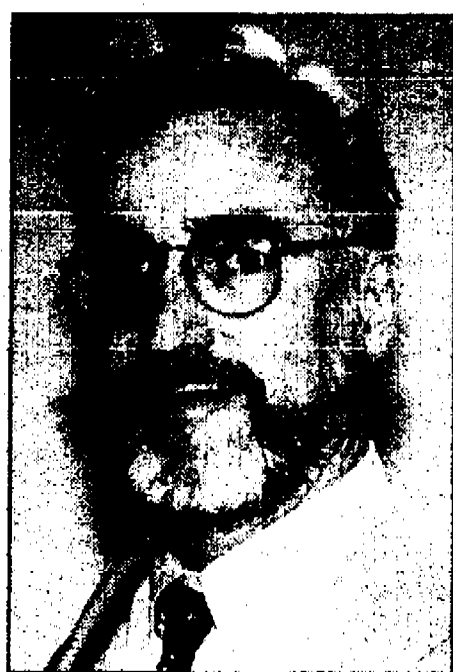
Madonna University creates new College of Education

In 1947 when Madonna College in Livonia was established, the training of teachers was one of three academic programs instituted. During the following 52 years, the college became Madonna University and grew to offer more than 50 undergraduate majors and 14 master's degree programs enrolling approximately 4,000 men and women.

Recently, the Madonna University Board of Trustees approved the change of the Education Department to a College of Education.

"This organizational change recognizes the Education Department's role in the growth of the university and its solid reputation in preparing teachers," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "The education of teachers has been central to our mission of service to the community."

The College of Education directs the teacher preparation curriculum at the undergraduate level, as well as four master's degree programs. The academic majors in family and consumer science, child development and early childhood education are also housed in the new college. All the undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of



New dean: Robert Kimball

Teacher Education.

In conjunction with the designation of the College of Education, Robert Kimball was named dean. Kimball had been chair of the Education Department for the last nine years. The South Lyon resident earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. His teaching experience spans more than 30 years and includes serving as director of student teaching and chair of the Teacher Education Department at Mercy College of Detroit.

Kimball has long been interested in educational computing and has written five computer programs for school children. He also designed Web pages for the College of Education, which can be found at the University's Web site - www.munet.edu.

"The goals of the College of Education are to offer high quality instruction, to nurture and support all students through faculty mentoring and to meet the career need of future and current teachers," said Kimball.

Students are expected to benefit from the change, since the new college will offer more personal attention and academic resources, said Kimball.

Over the past decade the teacher education program has grown dramatically. Four graduate programs were developed - a master of arts in teaching with specializations in learning disabilities and literacy education and a master of science in administration with specialties in Catholic school leadership and educational leadership.

Madonna University's College of Education is an approved Michigan teacher preparation institution authorized to grant teaching certificates at the elementary and secondary levels. For more information about teacher education programs, call (734) 432-5339.

Henry Ford holds pre-education forum

Find out how Henry Ford Community College can help you get started on a teaching career at HFCC's second annual Pre-Education Conference. The conference is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Administrative Services and Conference Center, located on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

At the conference, participants will learn about teacher certification, the job market outlook and how to apply and interview

for teaching positions. HFCC representatives will provide information on the college's pre-education transfer program.

During break-out sessions, participants can speak with HFCC instructors as well as HFCC alumni who have transferred to teaching programs at four-year colleges and universities.

A continental breakfast will start the conference at 8 a.m. After breakfast, keynote speaker Carolyn Logan, director of teach-

er certification for the Michigan Department of Education, will discuss the teaching profession in Michigan. Other speakers include Janice Cataldo, director of the Early Child Care program for the Dearborn Public Schools and Nancy Wilkinson, assistant human resources director for the Dearborn Public Schools.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

For more information, call Deborah Zopf, HFCC mathematics instructor, at (313) 845-6430.

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Getting there: Her TripTik vs. my map

It was that fool TripTik that got me into trouble. That, and those highway signs that use exit numbers instead of telling you where you're going, if you get off at a particular exit.

Women love TripTiks. They're small, compact, detailed. They tell you which exit numbers to take. But they don't show the whole picture.

They plot your trip in 30-minute or one-hour segments. When you come to the edge of the page, you have to flip to a new one to see where to go next.

Men like road maps. They're big and awkward, but they do give the whole picture. Detroit is here and Orlando is down there, and there's more than one way to get from here to there. TripTiks just show you one marked route.

In this case, we were headed to Stratford to catch a couple of Shakespearean plays. And we were running late.

We had just crossed over the Blue Water bridge at Port Huron and were cruising east on Provincial Highway 402. The Feminist had the TripTik in her lap but got distracted and wasn't paying attention to it as I sailed past exit 44 without a thought.

A few minutes later she looked up. "Where are we?" she asked.

"Somewhere in Canada," I said.

"What was the last exit you passed?"

"I don't know. I think it said exit 44."

She looked at the TripTik.

"That was the one we were supposed to take," she said, somewhat irritated. "If you passed it, we've gone too far."

■ **'See, if we'd followed your TripTik route, we would have had to turn around and go back.'**

"I wasn't looking for exit numbers," I said. "I was looking for something that said Highway 7."

"I thought you looked at the map before we left," she said,

really irritated now. "I thought you knew where you were going."

"I did look at the MAP," I said. "The MAP. Not this thing."

"Look up there," she said. "We're coming up on exit 56. We missed our exit."

I pulled off on the shoulder of the road, illegally, I'm sure.

"Let me see the map," I said.

She handed me the TripTik.

"Not that. I mean the REAL MAP."

I unfolded the bedsheet-sized Official Road Map (Carte Routière) of Ontario and checked our location.

"Look," I said, "we get off here, take Highway 6 north, cross Highway 12 and then we'll pick up Highway 7 right here."

"Whatever you say," she snapped.

"It doesn't show that on the TripTik."

About 20 minutes later, we pulled up to a stop sign.

"This is it," I said. "This is Highway 7. We're just a few miles east of where we would have been if we had gotten off at your exit."

Fortunately, for me, the westbound route on Highway 7 was barricaded.

"Bridge Out," the sign read.

"See," I said, "if we'd followed your TripTik route, we would have had to turn around and go back. This actually saved us time."

"Well..." she said. "Lucky for you."

Yeah, lucky for me. We got to the Festival Theatre five minutes before curtain time.

But we made it.

All through the performance, I kept thinking about something The Teenager's best friend had said just before we left.

"Oh, you guys get TripTiks, too," she said, after seeing it lying on the kitchen counter.

"Yeah," I said. "I don't like them."

"Neither does my dad," she said.

"But my mom always gets them."

Somehow that made me feel better.

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WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT



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Autumn Kucka has a work ethic her sister Brandy Krupp felt needed some recognition. So without her sister knowing, Krupp nominated her for an award.

And so it was a surprise when Kucka was one of six women honored Nov. 5 by the YWCA of Western Wayne County as Women of Achievement for 1999. The Redford resident was the Young Woman honoree.

"I was very surprised. I didn't know she was doing it," said Kucka at a reception prior to the luncheon at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. "They (YWCA) called and left a message on my answering machine. I wasn't sure where it came from."

This is the eighth year the YWCA has recognized women in six categories who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both the professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of western Wayne County.

Joining Kucka as honorees were Marnette Perry of Northville, president of Kroger Co. of Michigan, in business/industry; Joan Dyer-Zinner of Belleville, editor of The View, in arts/communications; Karen Fort Hood of Detroit, presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court's Criminal Division, in government/law; Jane Romatowski of Trenton, associate dean of the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education, in the professions; and Willia M. Miller of Detroit, a retired nurse, in the volunteer category.

A 'work ethic'

At age 23, Kucka "embodies the American work ethic," according to her nomination. A graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, she carried a full class load while working two or more jobs to pay for her education.

And the multiple job experience carried over in her life after college. In addition to working as a communications specialist with the Canton Department of Public Safety, four nights a week she is a manager at a bar and restaurant and three days a week helps out at the tanning salon

of an ailing friend. Even though she has the responsibilities of owning a home, she has found time "squeeze in" many of the volunteer activities of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, including chairing the Zeta 2000 Day and "Race for the Cure" to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

She also is a member of the Leukemia Society's "Team in Training" fund-raising program and volunteers her skills at the child Abuse Prevention Council by preparing press releases, fliers and other marketing materials.

"I guess they looked at my age, 23, and all that I've accomplished so far - all the volunteer work, owning my home, working three jobs," said Kucka. "It's where it has led me down the road."

Standing nearby was Canton resident Dollie Lieberman, who was "overwhelmed" when Maureen Karby, Canton's volunteer coordinator, nominated her for being a "volunteer extraordinaire in Canton."

"She and her husband Ron are always available to volunteers for township-sponsored activities," said Karby. "I call and they're always there."

Lieberman happily tells you she has "retired from three careers and I'm looking forward to the fourth one." She was director of a day camp for the Easter Seals Society, a hospice nurse for Individualized Home Nursing Inc. in Ann Arbor, and a quilting teacher at Wayne County Community College and Summit on the Park.

She belongs to the greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild and the Plymouth Piecemakers and her quilts decorate the Canton Township Treasurer's

office, Canton Chamber of Commerce office, Gallimore Elementary School, and Canton Fire Station No. 1.

"I make quilts for First Step and the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Counseling Center ... and whatever Maureen wants me to do," said Lieberman with a chuckle.

The mother of six and grandmother of 10, she now is teaching her granddaughter to quilt.

"These are the joy of my real life," Lieberman said of her family.

Like Lieberman, Nancy Remick of Plymouth was nominated

for her volunteerism.

"I definite couldn't believe it," said Remick of her nomination. "I don't deserve something like this."

Good listener

Her nominator Sandy Luoma disagrees.

"She has given so much time to wanting to help people," she said. "She has a good listening ear."

For 11 years, Remick has been a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center in Livonia, handling the WRC's mailing list and counseling people who come in for assistance.

For the past two to three years, she has been a docent at the Plymouth Historical Museum, spending hours adjusting and modifying her presentation to suit the group she will be guiding through the museum.

Among the nominees for Women of Achievement Awards were Livonia residents Maureen Miller Brosnan, a Livonia city councilwoman; Charlotte (Charlie) Mahoney, regional manager for Detroit Edison; state Rep. Laura Toy, 19th District Republican; and Cynthia Wishart, vice president of Aon Risk Services Inc. of Michigan.

Also nominated were Dr. Patricia Johnson of Wixom, Jeane Lee of Orchard Lake, Doreitha Armstrong of Belleville, Dr. Patricia Boyle of Detroit, Mary Bugaja of Dearborn, Catherine Cooper of Inkster, Marietsa Edge of Inkster, M. Jeannie Fields of Oak Park, Linda Hallick of Dearborn, Sheila Sasser of Taylor, Joy Squire of Taylor, Beth Stanton of Southgate, Margaret Watson of Dearborn, Dorothy West of Taylor, and Sarah Young of Inkster.

'Healthy Teens' - so parents can get involved

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The checking and rechecking is done; the last chapter has been signed off on.

Now all Alice McCarthy has to do is wait until Monday, Nov. 15, when the third installment of her "Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" goes on sale.

"It's been a long, long process, and one of the most interesting ones I did," said McCarthy. "I had the counsel and help of many, many authorities who could talk about teens. The content is the most important element. If you don't have anything to say, you don't have a book."

With two-thirds of 1,000 high school students in a recent Shell Poll saying it's "tough" being a teenager today, "Healthy Teens" is written for parents and professionals who work with them.

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" is a one-stop, easy-to-read guide that provides a broad base of information on high risk life issues for youth as well as a variety of tools and resources to deal with them



Alice McCarthy

Among the subjects the book looks at are many of the issues that are in the news almost daily - teen sexuality, substance abuse, school violence, relationship violence and physical and

mental health.

"I'm not a therapist. I'm an educator and I want to help parents understand what's happening in the world of teens today," said McCarthy. "Parents, if they know what's going on in their teens' lives, can do a better job."

McCarthy is a nationally known educator and writer with degrees in human ecology and education from Cornell and Wayne State universities.

In addition to "Healthy Teens," she authored "Health 'n Me," a national curriculum in health for kindergarten through sixth grade. She also produces a four-page "Healthy Newsletter" for families of kindergartners through sixth graders.

Pamphlet to book

"Healthy Teens" started out as a pamphlet in 1995, took on book form in 1996 and grew to 194 pages by the time the second edition was printed in 1997.

And 14 months ago, when the Birmingham resident decided to do a third edition, she heeded the advice of her son Jimmy and had the second edition critiqued by a group of "eminent people," including the parent of two

teenagers, a high school principal, health education professionals and a high school student.

It was their suggestions and recommendations that helped shape the latest version.

Dr. Victor Strasburger of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine found the second edition "very old-fashioned looking." To address that, McCarthy went to "the finest design firm in the United States," Ford & Earl Associates in Troy, to do the design work.

Donald Ganey, a high school principal in Milford, Mass., said the children in the photographs looked too happy, so McCarthy turned to Mary Douse for illustrations and to her grand-son, Michael Edward McCarthy, a high school junior, for a dozen of the photographs that were used.

"This book sort of snowballed because of the demands, because of all the things people felt it needed," said McCarthy. "It kept growing and growing and growing. We knew from the advice we received we had to expand."

Ganey found the book to be "an

Auction soars to new heights at Light Up a Life benefit

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fighter pilot? You can spend a day finding out if you're the highest bidder for that item at the 12th annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice.

Sponsored by Jacobson's of Laurel Park Place and the Italian American Club of Livonia, Light Up a Life will treat guests to an evening of gourmet foods, fun, live and silent auctions and shopping 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Jacobson's, Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Last year's benefit raised a record \$100,000 for the many programs offered through Angela Hospice, including its "My Nest is Best" pediatric hospice program.

Honorary chairs for the year's event are David Brandon and wife Jan, with Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Giovanni, Carolyn DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci the benefit chairs.

The evening will kick off with a special VIP celebrity and champagne reception at 5:30 p.m., giving party-goers a chance to rub elbows with such celebrity guests as Cheryl Chodin, Mark Hayes of WXYZ-TV Channel 7, Paul Gross of WDIV-TV Channel 4, Jimmy Launce of WYUR-FM and David Scott of WKBD-UPN 50.

Tickets for Light Up a Life are \$40 with special \$100 tickets

that include the VIP reception and benefit. They're available at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, or by calling (734) 464-7810.

Auctioneer Dan Stall will be looking for the highest bid on a variety of items, including the chance to be a fighter pilot for the day. The highest bidder will receive actual flight training then practice in an afternoon game of laser tag combat.

Also up for bid are an autographed hockey stick signed by the 24 members of the Detroit Red Wings, cultural packages including the Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan Opera Theatre and Meadow Brook Theater, Detroit Red Wings tickets, resort and travel packages, autographed 1999 Masters Tournament memorabilia and a variety of Harrods bears and collectible TYCO Beanie Babies.

There also will be a "Fortune \$5,000" raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each for the chance to win 10 cash prizes, ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

The annual \$1-per-ticket raffle will have a 4-day/3-night trip for two to Las Vegas, including airfare courtesy of Northwest Airlines, accommodations, a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate, 13-inch color television and TYCO "Millennium" Beanie Baby as prizes.

The strolling supper will fea-

ture fine wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, presented by some 30 areas restaurants and food companies, including the Beirut Bakery, Chimento's, Confectionately Yours Bakery, Copper Creek, deRos Delicacies, Domino's Pizzas, Great Harvest Bread Company, La Shish, Macaroni Grill, Mary Denning's Cake

Shophe, Knights of Columbus Building Association, Pap Vino's, Rocky's Santino's Place for Pasta, Sweet Lorraine's, Szagadi's, Italian American Banquet Center, Uptown Cafe and Villa de Roma at the Summit.

Party-goers also will have a chance to meet John Wagner, photographer of "Michigan

Lighthouses," and Gjisbert (Nick) van Frankenhuyzen, illustrator for the "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," "The Legend of Mackinaw Island" and "The Blue Spruce," a new children's book written by Mario Cuomo.

Setting the mood will be Dave Bevington on the keyboard, harpist Christa Grix and carica-

turist Chuck Borshanian. Jacobson's will be open for after-hours shopping and \$20 of each sales receipt totaling \$100 or more on purchases made during the benefit will be donated to Angela Hospice. Free shipping also will be available for packages weighing less than 10 pounds.

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extraordinary reference for parents, teachers, principals - anyone concerned about adolescents," while Northville resident Barbara Flis, the mother of two teenagers, said the book "is a great place to start" to build a better relationship between parents and teens.

"In a down-to-earth, insightful and very readable style, it asks adults to listen to important issues in teens' lives," Gainey said. "It is apparent that the author cares deeply about young people, and its style invites teens to read the book for themselves."

A wider focus

The focus of the book has broadened to be a guide for parents of children ages 11-18. It's reflected in a new chapter on physical health which covers everything from puberty and building an active lifestyle to

healthy eating and dental health.

Additional chapters offer information about the importance of family-school-community involvement in education and health education and college and vocational preparation.

"Throughout the book, I talk about the importance of parents' involvement in their teens' personal and school lives," said McCarthy. "I believe health education is an exciting and interesting place for a parent to be involved and I provide examples."

"I make an extended case for the importance of health education at the middle and high schools."

At the end of each chapter of "Healthy Teens" are annotated resources, Web sites and 800 numbers parents and educators can use.

"The books listed I have read

or seen," she added. "They're not superficial lists, these are by people I believe in."

McCarthy also has acknowledged the help of representatives of the Michigan School Health Foundation, American Association for Health Education, National Association of Secondary School Principals, St. John Health System and National Middle School Association in the production of "Healthy Teens."

"The most interesting thing was having these five organizations on standby during the period of review and to have them read every word and make suggestions," she said. "Every chapter that came in from the design-

ers was sent out to these five people.

"They gave us expert counseling and review."

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" costs \$14.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and is available through McCarthy's Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009. For more information or to order the book, call (248) 646-1020 or order by e-mail at bridgecomm@aol.com.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers also will publish excerpts from "Healthy Teens." Next week: School violence.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE

Presbyterian Village-Westland will have a bazaar and bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 at the facility, 32001 Cherry Hill Road. Handcrafted items, woodworking, tree ornaments, traves and treasures table and baked goods will be featured.

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual bazaar 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City. A turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Nov. 12 and lunch on Nov. 13. There will be arts and crafts, silent auction, cookie walk, white elephant room and bake sale.

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE

Sunflower Village Homes Subdivision will have its annual craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, Canton.

ST. EDITH

St. Edith School will have its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

CLARENCEVILLE

The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have its annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the high school, Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 and baby-sitting will be available. No strollers permitted.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland.

ST. SCHOOLCRAFT

Schoolcraft College will have its

annual fall craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Physical Education Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 and older, 50 cents for children 5-12 and children under 5 free. **ST. MARY HOSPITAL**

St. Mary Hospital will have a Christmas Craft Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Campus Development and Conference Room A and B (use the south entrance), 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia. The show is sponsored by the St. Mary Hospital Employee Activities Committee.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have its 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road, 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

The Mother Cabrini Guild of St. Simon and Jude Church will have its arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There also will be a free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle.

ST. VALENTINE

The Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual Holiday Crafts Shoppe 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Activities Building on Hope Street at Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, a Country Kitchen, bake sale and holiday raffle with a 27-inch TV as first prize. Admission will be \$1.

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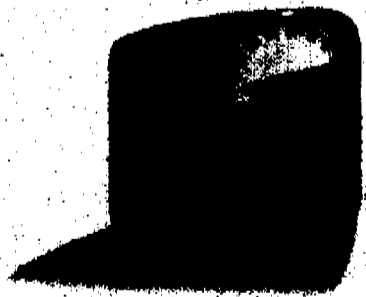
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, November 16, 1999 the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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|------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
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| 1988 BUICK | REGAL I DR | BLACK | 204WB14WJ1416139 |
| 1991 MERC | SEPRYS DR | GRY/BLK | 1MEB71B2BA613603 |

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6376 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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| 1998 GMC | S15/PICKUP | BLUE | 1GTRB14E8K2628995 |
| 1999 PONT | GRAND AM4 DR | BLUE | 1GANE4428C048178 |
| 1998 CHEVY | SPRINT DR | TAN | JG1MB0806K728313 |
| 1997 BUICK | BOCERBERTA DR | BLUE | 1G4NJ11UHDM045682 |
| 1998 GMC | VAN | BLUE | 1GT0C16R0J7600648 |
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| 1998 FORD | ARBORTRAVAN | BLUE | 1FTDA14U4KEB61029 |
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Webber-Klonowski

Karen Marie Klonowski and Corey Robert Webber were married July 10 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Detroit by the Rev. David Preuss.

The bride is the daughter of Arnie and Elaine Klonowski of Redford. The groom is the son of Dolores Godin of Farmington Hills and Van Webber of Oscoda.

The bride is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School, the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and Oakland University with a master of arts degree in reading and language arts. She is employed as a reading recovery teacher at Oakley Park Elementary School in Walled Lake.

The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and University of Detroit with a master of engineering management degree. He is employed as an automotive seating engineer at Magna International in Livonia.

The bride asked Shelly Hurwitz to be her matron of honor with bridesmaids Mary Holden, Amy Turney, Amy Sumner and Kerry Muncy as bridesmaids,



Rebecca Gallagher as junior bridesmaid and Kylie Hurwitz and Meghan Rozman as flower girls.

The groom asked Jason Klonowski to be his best man with Jamie Lawrence, Chad Muncy, Todd Jubenville and Paul Cohen as groomsmen, Mitchell Rozman as ring bearer and John Turney II as usher.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Warren Valley Golf course before leaving on a honeymoon trip to the Leelanau Peninsula. They are making their home in Commerce Township.

Gregorich-Gaffield

George and Helen Gregorich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Rose, to Benson Wilder Gaffield of Livonia, the son of Craig and Cynthia Gaffield, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



Smith-Anderson

Loren William Smith and Johanna Lynn Anderson were married Aug. 27 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by Deacon John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Linda Anderson of Canton. The groom is the son of Jeffery and Linda Rothbarth of White Lake.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Triad Performance Technologies in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and Oakland University. He is employed by Oakland University as the varsity head diving coach and is the owner of All Pro Painting.

The bride asked Erica Stowe to serve as matron of honor with Holly Butterfield, Erica Anderson and Holly Smith as the bridesmaids, Michelle and Kirstie Smiley, Katie Bykowski and Analiese Zaleski were the flowergirls.

Tom Ashfield served as best



man with Greg Werth, John DeRonne and Larry Smith as groomsmen and David and Larry Anderson as ushers. Geoffrey Zaleski was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at St. Thomas the Apostle Hall in Southfield. Following a trip to Nassau, the Bahamas, they are making their home in Northville.

Smith-Kuehneman

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Ernest Frank Kuehneman, son of Ernest L. of Farmington Hills and Donna Kuehneman of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

A December 1999 wedding is planned.



Meadows-Sellers

Harry and Delores Meadows of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Lynn, to Robert Donald Sellers, the son of Bill and Ginny Sellers of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. She teaches pre-kindergarten while attending Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He also attended William D. Ford Vocational Center in Westland to receive certification as a certified auto body technician. He is currently working in that field.

An October 2001 wedding is



Sultana-Taylor

Joseph and Maria Sultana of Canton, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Josie, to Damion Taylor, the son of Daniel and Kathy Taylor of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Dearborn. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed as an auditor with Arthur Andersen LLP.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. He is employed as a commercial lender by GMAC.

An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Providence



Catholic Chapel in Plymouth.

Demeester-Palombit

James and Theresa Dezelsky of Caseville announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Demeester, to Raymond Galliano Palombit, the son of Raymond and Cynthia Palombit of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a franchise consultant for General Nutrition Center Inc. Her fiancé works for Bathrooms Inc., a family business. They have purchased a GNC franchise which will open in June.

A March wedding in Milford is planned.



NEW VOICES

Keith and Jennifer Cunningham of Westland announce the birth of **Sydney Mikaela** May 13 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Sheri and Carl Clements of Wayne and Jackie Cunningham of Dearborn and the late Leon Cunningham.

Alvin and Grace Austria of Livonia announce the birth of **Aimee Grace Suarez Austria** June 4 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Gavin, 7. Grandparents are Carlito and Gloria Suarez of Detroit and Dante and Josefina Austria of Simi Valley, Calif.

Brian and Kristin Barnes of Westland announce the birth of **Alaina Addison** June 14 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She has three siblings - Ayllissia, 5 1/2, Austin, 2

1/2, and Bailey Karoub, 8 1/2. Grandparents are James and Kathleen Glasgow of Westland, Ronald and Jane Urbaniak of Canton and Dennis Barnes of Warren. Great-grandparents are MaryJane Urbaniak of Redford and Louise Barnes of Warren.

Mark and Donna Seremak announce the birth of their daughter **Brittany Katelyn** June 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ethel Seremak of Livonia, Ted Seremak of Vermillion, S.D., Betty McMillan of Livonia and the late Don (Mac) McMillan.

Jesse A. Lewis of Westland and Lindsay M. Cowell of Wayne announce the birth of

Chase Jaden Lewis July 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Monty and Susan Lewis of Westland and Roger and Debbie Cowell of Wayne.

John Charron and Sunshine Tesch of Westland announce the birth of **Kelcie Elizabeth Charron** July 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Breann, 4, and a brother, Timothy, 8. Grandmother is Shirley Charron of Westland.

Eric and Kimberly Forton of Garden City announce the birth of **Ryker Dane** July 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins brother Sawyer, 13 months.

Christopher and Sheila Hull of Westland announce the birth of **Sebastian John** July 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pat and Vaughn Hull of Westland, Bonnie Torres of Garden City and Robert Torres of Westland.

Robert Walker and Terry Lukacs of Garden City announce the birth of **Paige Noel** July 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Bart and Sherry Matthews of Westland announce the birth of **Kelsey Catherine** July 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Logan, 5. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Gorczyca of

Garden City and William and Sara Matthews of Uniontown, Pa.

Robb and Polly LaChappelle of St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of **Joel Thomas** July 19. He joins two brothers, Curtis Judd and Jackson Robb. Grandparents are Ruth and Ed Judd of Plymouth and Mary Lou and Gene LaChappelle of Marquette.

Daniel and Marlena Blazer of Wayne announce the birth of **William** July 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins sisters Maranda and Franny. Grandparents are James Blazer of Wayne and Sam and Emma Music of Westland.

Mark and Katie Ball of Dear-

born Heights announce the birth of **Roy David Nicholas** July 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jennifer, 20. Grandparents are Clarence and Fran Bell and Mike and Peggy Howe, all of Garden City.

Charles and Lucinda Johnson of Garden City announce the birth of **Christian Mikel** July 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has two siblings, Claude and Stefan. Grandparents are Mike and Judy Braun of Wayne and Ed and Sharon Johnson of Garden City.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

GLINN PLAY

The John Glenn Theatrical Guild will present "The Million-Heirs" 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the high school auditorium, on Marquette in Westland. Ticket price is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door. The play, set in the 1950s, tells of three grown children willed a million dollars by their father, with a few conditions.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS

The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA-synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE

Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 722-0527.

CAMELOT HALL

Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to the blind or just talking. The facility is located at 36100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-

1444, Ext. 27.

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottmeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Pius Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.


LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall-in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on

At St. Damian



Pupils fight drugs with red ribbons

Students at St. Damian School in Westland recently celebrated Drug Abuse Resistance Education Red Ribbon Week in style. They started the week with each class taking turns tying red ribbons onto the schoolyard fence to form the phrase "We are Drug-Free." The students wore red ribbons on their uniforms all week, had red ribbons above the doors of all the classrooms and made Friday "Red Day," when they wore their red outfits to school. The week focused on the theme of "DARE to resist drugs and violence." The Catholic school is staffed by the Felician Sisters, an order celebrating its 150th anniversary in North America this year.

Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration for the school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is located at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. A pre-kindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information for the 1999-2000 school year.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students

ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY

An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Adult Literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

MONEY TALK

A presentation on "Seven Steps To Create and Maintain a Life Plan That Works for You" will be offered at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Speakers will be attorney Sanford J. Mall and Kenneth W. Lyon, a certified financial planner. Investing and related topics will be covered. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

CHOLESTEROL CHECK

Free cholesterol screening is available at the Friendship Center courtesy of Lisa Boyd, RN, and the Westland Convalescent Center. It will take place 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. Screening is available by appointment only each month for the first 24 people to register. Registration may be completed at the Friendship Center front desk. Screenings will be done following the diabetes and blood pressure checks on the third Wednesday of the month. For information or an appointment, call (734) 722-7632.

TURKEY TIME

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) will hold its annual Thanksgiving celebration noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Price is \$6 for members, \$9 for Westland seniors who aren't members. There will be a turkey dinner, live band, dancing, prizes and

other fun. Tickets are available at the front desk or through clubs. Those attending should bring a piece of fresh fruit for fruit baskets for shut-ins. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2 to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

SENIOR CHOR

The Friendship Senior Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout for the older adult. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to big-band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to perform and the communities they want to work in. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a capella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Opti-mEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

HEARING IMPAIRED

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard-of-hearing people, their relatives and friends, devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. SHHH meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-3408.

SCREENINGS

Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (734) 467-5555 for early registration.

AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36001 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-963-7879. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-3104 if you have any questions.

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No doubt about it

Modern technology makes '92 Roosevelt expedition less perilous

BY SUE MASON
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Tweed Roosevelt readily admits that he doesn't look like the outdoor type, that his friends think the most adventurous thing he does is take out the garbage.

He also admits that when he was first approached about retracing his great-grandfather's trip down the River of Doubt in Brazil, he "made an instant judgment that the guy was a Bozo and it never would happen."

"I agreed to sign on because then I could tell my friends that I had signed on, but it never happened," said Roosevelt.

His assessment of the trip's organizer and its outcome were dead wrong. The opening act of Livonia Town Hall's 1999-2000 season, he entertained the 300-plus audience with the tale of two trips, the 1914 journey undertaken by Theodore Roosevelt (TR to his great-grandson) and his trip 78 years later.

The River of Doubt is in central Brazil, an area that in 1914 was unexplored. A Brazilian colonel had done some mapping and had discovered the headwaters of a river that "shouldn't have been there," and it was TR's plan to follow the river to the Orinoco in Venezuela.

"TR spent an average of one month a year under canvass as an adult. He was very used to going into the wilderness," Roosevelt explained. "He really cared about the outdoors and planned his trips very carefully."

Dubious beginning

Not so with the River of Doubt expedition. It was outfitted by a man whose experience was with Arctic exploration, and not knowing how long it would take, they took one month's supply of food, planning to supplement their diet with Brazil nuts and hunting and fishing.

"He went during the rainy season. There was no fish, no game and the Brazil nuts were having an off-year," Roosevelt said. "They almost immediately went on half rations. It was a gloomy outlook that got gloomier and gloomier."

Technology ruled in the 1992 expedition. Avon whitewater rafts replaced TR's 2,500-3,000-pound dugout canoes.

Where TR had to use block and tackle and create roads with cut trees to portage the rapids because the canoes had 1-2 inches of free board, the rafts, with the help of the "boat people," could ride over the rapids or be carried by three people.

"We only portaged six times and it took two days each," Roosevelt said. "TR had to do it 36 times and it usually took about six days."

The expedition also took all of its food and members dined on cuisine that was freeze-dried and which picked up the essence of



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Good talk: Tweed Roosevelt gets a handshake and positive comments from one of the more than 300 Livonia Town Hall audience members who turned out to hear his lecture last month.

In all, Roosevelt collected 3,000 insects, preserving the specimens in laboratory grade grain alcohol much "like 200 proof vodka."

"We had to drain some off at night, and if a cup was there, all the better," Roosevelt chuckled. "But the only thing we had to mix it with was Tang."

It took TR's expedition two months to make the 900-mile trip. Along the way, he encountered 130 villages, many recently abandoned by the Indians who put up a no trespassing sign - a severed monkey's head with arrows in it.

Roosevelt's trip lasted five weeks and the group encountered only 30 villages. In one they came across, no one could be seen, so they searched until they found the villagers in one hut.

"They had lugged in a TV, satellite dish and gasoline generator and were watching 'Star Trek' with Captain Kirk speaking in Portuguese," Roosevelt said.

The group did test a transmitter that was the expedition's link to the outside world in case of an emergency. The device, which was tossed in the water, sent out a signal to a satellite and the Canadian Army, which would mount a worldwide search.

"We tested it and nine days later a plane showed up, equipped with pontoons," Roosevelt said. "It flew around and threw out a Coke bottle with a message in it and flew away. The message was, 'are you OK?'"

In closing, Roosevelt let his great-grandfather have the last word about the trip. "It was a bully while it lasted and it lasted long enough."

Folklorist Jim Callow will be the next Livonia Town Hall speaker. His lecture on superstitions will start at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Lecture tickets are \$20 each and can be ordered by calling Emily Stankus at (734) 420-0383.

gasoline that had been carried on trucks to the edge of the river in "cheap Brazilian gas cans."

"We called it glop," said Roosevelt. "We ate pork glop, shrimp glop and beef glop. One week we would have rice with glop and

the next week noodles with glop. And the cheap Brazilian gas cans leaked like sieves, so we ate pork glop with gasoline."

One bug, two bug ...

While Roosevelt was repre-

senting the family on the expedition, he also collected insects for the American Museum of Natural History and mollusks for Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

He has been collecting insects since grade school. With no formal training in etymology - his college degree is in biology - his task was to collect, not identify, the insects. That was left to experts in the different fields.

The expedition encountered stingrays and black piranha that grow to two feet in size, rats the size of sheep, foot-long caterpillars and a praying mantis the size of his hand that consumed live mice from the nose down.

"All spiders are venomous down there," Roosevelt said. "The dinner plate spider weaves a web and catches birds, and there's a wasp that lives on those spiders."

Voices from page B3

and **Kassandra Hadyniak** of Garden City announce the birth of **Justin Michael** July 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Linda Couts of Garden City and Chuck and Cathy Hadyniak of Romulus.

Aaron and Jennifer Justice of Livonia announce the birth of **Chelsea Marie** July 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Macika of Westland announce the birth of **Alexis Marie** July 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Macika of Highland and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atkinson of Howell.

Bob and Debbie Janssen of Redford announce the birth of **Stephanie Ellen** July 29 at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. She joins a brother, Adam, 17

months. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Ellen Janssen of Dearborn and Bob and Stephanie Byrne of Redford. Great-grandmother is Catherine Byrne of Farmington.

William and Rebecca Haycox of Plymouth announce the birth of **Sara Lynn** July 29 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Katie, 8. Grandparents are Duane and Mary Clark of Can-

ton and William and Dianne Haycox of Redford. Great-grandparents are Marjorie Butler of Venice, Fla., and Margaret Haycox of Dearborn.

Lana and Tracy Hayner of Livonia announce the birth of **Troy Richard** on July 31. He has a brother, Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Everett and Velma Hammond of Westland and Richard and Jackie Hayner of St. Clair Shores.



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

'DIAPERS AND WIPERS'

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne is conducting a "Diapers and Wipers" collection now through Sunday, Nov. 28, as part of the national Make a Difference Day campaign. The diapers and baby wipes will be donated to the Wayne County Family Shelter in Westland. The shelter has a great need for large diapers (more than 25 pounds). Donations can be dropped off in the church fellowship hall, 3 Town Square, Wayne. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

VEGAS PARTY

St. Bernadine of Siena Parish will have its annual Vegas Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Nov. 12, at the church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman Road, Westland. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be \$5 per person. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point single adult ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have therapist, author and speaker Jeannie Gordon speak about "Are men and women different?" at Talk It Over 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Coffee and cookies will be served and a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the Single

Point office at (248) 374-5920.

Gordon also will speak about "Stuff of Life and Relationships," a growth seminar, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Room C907/309 of the church. Topics covered include "Anger, the Healthy Emotion," "Relax - You've Got to Be Kidding?," "Grabbing Hold of Your Future" and "On Your Mark, Get Set... Wait." The seminar costs \$20. Call the Single Point office to register.

SPECIAL CONCERT

Grammy-nominated songwriter Karen Taylor-Good will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Taylor-Good was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1995 for her song, "How Can I Help You Say Good-bye." Notables like Al Jarreau and Laura Branigan have performed her songs. Her voice has been heard on commercials for United Airlines and McDonald's. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

'RAISING POSITIVE KIDS'

Rick Miller of Christian Training Ministries in Greenford, Ohio, will lead a seminar, "Raising Positive Kids," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia.

Participants will learn about the positive factors in healthy families, how to generate values in children, tips for building a healthy self-image, meeting the challenge of discipline, ways to motivate your children, how to express loving support, teaching children to think and more.

The cost is \$7 for individuals

and \$10 per couples who register by Nov. 7. After that date, the cost is \$10 and \$15 respectively. To register, call Ray Sanders at (248) 478-8222.

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION

St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church will have its third annual silent and live auction, "Tropical Evening," 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Tickets cost \$30 and include a bidding number, gourmet hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, open bar and mini desserts, and Polynesian music 7-9 p.m. Only 250 tickets will be sold. They are available by calling Mike Middel at (734) 981-5383.

HAVING A BABY

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a workshop, So You're Having a Baby, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Room 450-452 of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

The workshop will prepare parents-to-be for the many life changes that accompany the birth of a child. Couples will learn how to balance protecting and nurturing their relationship with meeting the emotional and physical needs of their baby. There is a \$7.50 materials fee. To register, call (248) 374-5978.

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Agape Counseling Center in Suite 104A of the Plymouth Office Plaza, 40400 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Opened by the Plymouth Church of Christ, the center offers a compassionate counseling ministry with a Christian

perspective.

The open house will acquaint the community with the center and the services - family and marital problems, crisis intervention and personal problems, such as depression, anxiety, stress and loneliness, individually or in groups.

Counseling services will be provided by David Thomas, a licensed professional counselor who has a master's degree in community counseling from Eastern Michigan University. Thomas has done pastoral counseling for 25 years.

His training includes a bachelor of science degree from Harding University as well as advanced work at Harding's School of Religion. For the past 14 years, he has been the minister of the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road. Royce Dickinson Jr. is taking over Thomas's ministerial duties at the church.

For more information, call the center at (734) 454-1136 or the church at (734) 453-7630.

SISTERHOOD

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will present entertainment by Vivian Stollman and Sonny Lipenholtz at its paid-up membership luncheon at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 474-7616.

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Concert to celebrate dedication of organ

Organist Ray Ferguson will perform in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 12642 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road, Redford.

Accompanying him will be Michael McGowan on trumpet. They will perform music from the United States, France, England and Germany. The concert is being held to celebrate the dedication of a new three-manual Johannus organ.

Ferguson, a West Bloomfield resident, is co-director of organ studies in the division of organ and church music at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The organist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 20 years, he is active in the American Guild of Organists and has performed extensively both in North America and Europe.

McGowan, a Farmington Hills resident, has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre and appeared with



Ray Ferguson

the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and has taught in the Wayne State University Department of Music.

A light meal will be served following the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2060.

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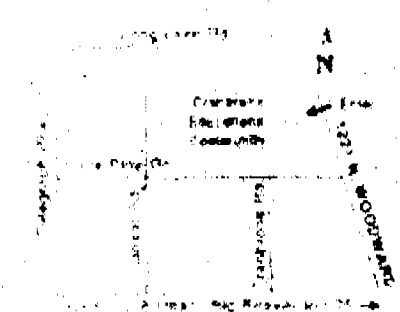
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Seventh-day Adventists consecrate new GC church

Elder Loren Nelson, director of the Ministerial and Evangelism Department of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the keynote speaker for the consecration of a new church building in Garden City.

The ceremony took place on Oct. 9 at the Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road. The multipurpose building serves as the sanctuary, sabbath school building and fellowship hall.

The consecration service began with morning worship and sabbath school, followed by a fellowship dinner at noon. The actual consecration took place at 2 p.m. and was followed by a dessert buffet.

In addition to Nelson, Pastor David Grams also attended. Grams was the driving force in

organizing the church congregation and served as its first pastor.

A constituent of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the congregation is the former Westland Seventh-day Adventist Church which had met at Grace Moravian Church in Westland since it formed in 1989.

When it purchased property in Garden City, the named was changed to better identify the surrounding community it serves.

In the service, the congregation recognized the many people who worked to make the building a reality. Much of the construction work was done by volunteers from the building trades who donated their time and often materials to build the church.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has approximately 10.5 million members worldwide. Adventists operate churches, medical institutions and an educational system to students from elementary through graduate school in more than 205 countries.

The Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, led by Pastor Michael Doucoumes, meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays for worship, followed by sabbath school, a friendly Bible-centered study time for adults and children, at 11 a.m.

The congregation also meets again on Saturday for vespers one hour before sundown, and there is a family fellowship time at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

For more information about the church, call (734) 427-3982.



Special occasion: On hand for the consecration of the new Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Garden City were (top photo, from left) Head Elder Timothy Woolf, Pastor Michael Doucoumes, his wife Gwen, David Grams, the first pastor, his wife Cheryl and Elder Dr. Irven Collins.

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DIVORCARE

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

HEALING SERVICES

Church of the Risen Lord is presenting a series of healing services for people who are in need of refreshment of body, soul, and spirit. The services are led by the Rev. Gary Seymour and are held on the third Wednesday of the month. The next service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the church, 821 Newburgh Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Westland.

The series is entitled "Rise and Come Forward." It is based on Luke 6:6-10 where, during a worship service, Jesus saw a man in need of healing and called him to come forward and receive the healing God wants us to have.

For additional information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

BLOOD DRIVE

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Donors are invited to stop by and give the gift of life.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will attend Mass at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, followed by a turkey dinner and open mike - say a clean joke and don't pay for supper - at St. Kenneth's Parish, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township.

I'M NOT AFRAID!

A team of young adults will offer a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry at a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Captive Free band members commit to a year-long, full-time tour performing in hundreds of churches as well as schools, youth events, coffee houses, nursing homes, camps and prisons.

Incorporating contemporary music, drama, puppets, personal sharing and group building, team members reach out with a message of "Be Not Afraid," the theme of this year's program.

Captive Free is one of seven bands sponsored by the Minneapolis-based Youth Encounter. A free-offering will be taken at the performance.

For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will hold a special service on Thanksgiving Day for people to feel more of God's beneficence, to express their heartfelt thanks for the good God has for all, whether or not it

is presently felt.

The service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, north of Harvey Street, Plymouth.

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Taormina earns 1st place

Livonian Sheila Taormina, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay, continues to move up the rankings in the International Triathlon Union.

Taormina captured the St. Maarten's ITU Regional race at the Olympic distance held Sunday in the Netherlands Antilles.

The Stevenson High and University of Georgia graduate took the 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike and 10K run in 2 hours, 6 minutes and 31 seconds to pick up 250 ITU points.

Now ranked No. 57 in the ITU and 11th among Americans, Taormina edged native countrywoman Susan Bartholomew (2:06:42), ranked No. 24 in the ITU. Joanna Zieger (USA), ranked No. 72 in the ITU, finished third in 2:07:21.

It was the final race of the 1999 season for Taormina, who will be focusing her energy on the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Piraine leads All-WHAC

For the Madonna University men's soccer team, four players were selected to the all-conference including sophomore Sam Piraine, who was also named the WHAC Player of the Year.

Piraine — although limited to 16 games due to injury — set a new single-season school record for goals scored with 25. The Dearborn Crestwood graduate also had six assists.

Other Madonna selections to the men's team were midfielder Charlie Bell, a senior from Derry, Ireland, appeared in all 22 games for Madonna this season and was third in scoring with seven goals and eight assists.

Ryan Thomason, a senior from Plymouth (Plymouth Christian Academy), has been the Crusaders' steady defender the last four years.

Dave Hart was in goal for all 22 games this season for the Crusaders, posting four shutouts. He had a 1.67 goals-against average.

WHAC women's soccer

Madonna University garnered three spots on the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer team and Lady Crusader coach Rick Larson was named WHAC Coach of the Year.

Leading the Madonna women's team were Jenny Barker, a sophomore keeper from Livonia (Stevenson HS), started 16 games for the Lady Crusaders and posted an 11-4-1 record.

Melissa Jacobs, a sophomore defender also from Livonia (Stevenson), is Madonna's only repeat selection from last season.

The third Lady Crusader named to the all-WHAC team is Kelly Delaney, a freshman midfielder from Clawson (Madison Heights Bishop) who was second on the team with 11 goals and 10 assists.

Larson was responsible for taking Madonna's second-year program to a third-place finish in the regular season and all the way to the WHAC Tournament title match, where the Crusaders lost to Siena Heights, the regular season champion, 1-0 last Saturday.

Madonna was 14-6-1 this season.

All-MCCAA volleyball

The various teams selected for all-Michigan Community College Athletic Association's volleyball honors have been announced, and some familiar names are upon it.

On the all-Region 12 team, Henry Ford CC setter Laine Sterling, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, was among the 12 players statewide who were chosen.

The all-state Eastern Conference team included Lauren Ruprecht, a freshman middle hitter at Schockcraft College from Livonia Churchill, one of five selected; she was not selected to the all-region team because SC is in the NJCAA Division I.

On the all-Eastern Conference team, the Lady Ocelots landed two more players: Nicole Boyd, a freshman hitter from Livonia Franklin, and Jennifer Smith.

Amanda Yaklin, Cindy Maloof and Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin) were honorable mention all-conference for SC.

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Stevenson rocked by Salem, 3-1

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Semifinal?
Such a term leads one to believe that if this were good, wait'll you see the next one.

But Wednesday's Division I state soccer semifinal between Plymouth Soccer and Livonia Stevenson, played at Jackson's Mahall Field, was close to unbeatable.

It featured two evenly-matched teams, with strong defenses and lightning-quick forwards ready to prey upon any stray balls. With the score even at 1-1 and time dwindling down, it was becoming a test of nerves.

Who would err first?
It was Stevenson. A defensive lapse, a miscommunication, was all that Salem forward Scott Duhl needed; he quickly pounced on a loose ball in front of the Stevenson net and pounded it past keeper Joe Zawacki to give Salem its winning margin with 9:02 left.

Duhl added an insurance goal on a breakaway, scored in the final second of the match, to make it a 3-1 victory for the Rocks. They advance to play Rochester Adams, a 2-1 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice, in the Division I state final at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

"They both laid off of it and sat back," said Duhl, describing the Spartan defenders on the game-winning play. "I guess it was a miscommunication by their defense. Thank God I took advantage of it."

It was a game featuring massive emotional swings, with both sides riding the crest part of the time, then struggling to keep from drowning at others.

Salem got the first ride at the top, and it had to rankle Stevenson (18-3-1 final record). The memory of the 4-1 regular-season loss to the Rocks Sept. 29 — a defeat which cost Stevenson a shot at the Western Lakes Activities



Full steam ahead: Salem's Chris LaMasse (left) makes the rush with Livonia Stevenson's Mike White in hot pursuit.

Association title — was fresh; Salem had scored three times in the game's first 10 minutes of that game to make it a laugher.

Two minutes into Wednesday's match, Sean Loewe took a throw-in

deep in Stevenson's defensive zone. The Jackson field was narrower than the Salem/Canton field, and Loewe's throw-in showed it: It went well in front of the net, and Brett Stinar headed it home to make it 1-0 with 37:14

left in the first half.

But Salem's ride atop the emotional crest was short-lived. This was not going to be a repeat.

Stevenson made certain of it, scoring in the same fashion as Salem had, with Tom Eller tossing a throw-in deep in the Rocks' defensive zone all the way to Mike White, who headed it past Salem keeper Tavo Palazzolo to knot it at 1-1 with 33:05 left in the half.

That's the way it stayed, although both sides played extensively without key players. Salem lost Palazzolo, who had 11-straight shutouts (a school record) in goal coming into the match, to an ankle injury suffered in a collision with Stevenson's Jeff Budd with 4:45 left in the half.

With 25:15 remaining in the second half, Eller got a yellow card after a hard slide-tackle, forcing him to the bench for 10 minutes.

"This is a game of momentum," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was in our favor at that point (in the first half). We felt we were getting our chances."

Richters made few changes because of it. Ed McCarthy, the Salem coach, was facing a different situation, with his keeper sidelined and Stevenson controlling play.

"At halftime, when I was looking into some of those eyes, I was very worried," McCarthy said. "We were nervous. But we just went down our individual assignments and talked things over."

The discussion worked. The Rocks calmed down, then got back to the top of the emotional crest, aided by Eller's yellow card. "I think that gave us energy, too," McCarthy said. "When (Eller's) in, our marking game is completely different."

Richters could only agree that Salem, with Mike Harkins supplying the defense, marked Eller superbly. "Especially late in the game," Richters said. "That's why Salem has run off the string (of wins) they've run off. They're scrappy."

League foe Western to test Rockets

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Walled Lake Western and Westland John Glenn will renew acquaintances this Friday on the gridiron.

But this is not just another Western Lakes Activities Association game.

At stake is the Region II championship and a berth in the Division I state semifinals. (Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. at Western.)

Glenn and Western, in opposite divisions of the WLAA, don't have a long history, but they have some recent history.

The last meeting was 1997 between second-place WLAA teams. Western won the crossover, 20-14.

In 1996, Glenn defeated Western twice during the regular season, 28-17 and 24-0. Ironically, Western went all the way to win the Class AA title, while Glenn was ousted in the semifinals by Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Western is coming off a 24-7 win over two-time defending state champion and top-ranked Redford Catholic Central. The Warriors snapped the Shamrocks' 30-game winning streak and knocked them out of the USA Today top 25 national rankings.

"If that's the highlight of our season, it won't be a great season," cautions Western first-year coach Mike Zdebski. With the victory, the Warriors (11-0)

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are now No. 21 in the USA Today top 25.

An underdog last week, Western will be favored against John Glenn (9-2).

"Western is very good on defense, very sound," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "They have a good game plan and they're well coached."

"Offensively, they will show you every formation, shift and motion known to mankind. There's been a lot of preparation going in. You have to study what they're doing because you have to be lined up in the right spots."

Not many teams have thrown at Western's two talented cornerbacks — Lorenzo Parker (headed to Vanderbilt) and Paul Merandi (two interceptions vs. CC).

The team's playmaker has been outside linebacker James King, who leads Oakland County in sacks with 19. He also recorded 18 tackles against Catholic Central. Meanwhile, captain Delore Semaan (5-11, 225) anchors the line.

Offensively, quarterback Chris Payton is elusive and running back Cody Cargill (6-0, 210) provides the power with 1,125 yards on the year.

Glenn, riding a four-game winning streak, will rely once again on the legs

of senior tailback Eric Jones (5-11, 190), who has rushed for a school-record 2,016 yards (on 279 attempts) and 21 touchdowns.

Jones may not be mentioned in the same breath as former Glenn great Tony Boles just yet, but he's right up there among all-time Rocket ball carriers.

"He's the best runner we've faced in five years," said Zdebski, a 1983 Garden City High graduate. "He's just a relentless runner. He's big, strong and fast."

As they did against CC, Western will blitz and try to disrupt Glenn's ground attack.

"We're small, but quick and aggressive," Zdebski said. "We're a little more concentrated how we pick and choose to blitz. But on a whole, we probably blitz more than the average high school team."

Gordon said two-way starter Jake Tharp (6-3, 235), who went down in the Henry Ford game with a throat infection, will be back in the lineup. But 6-6, 260-pound All-WLAA junior tackle Nick Samples is out of the lineup with a knee injury.

His replacement, according to Gordon, has not been determined.

Despite Glenn's two tackles going out of the game, the Rockets rallied to beat Detroit Henry Ford, the unbeaten Public School League champions, with a

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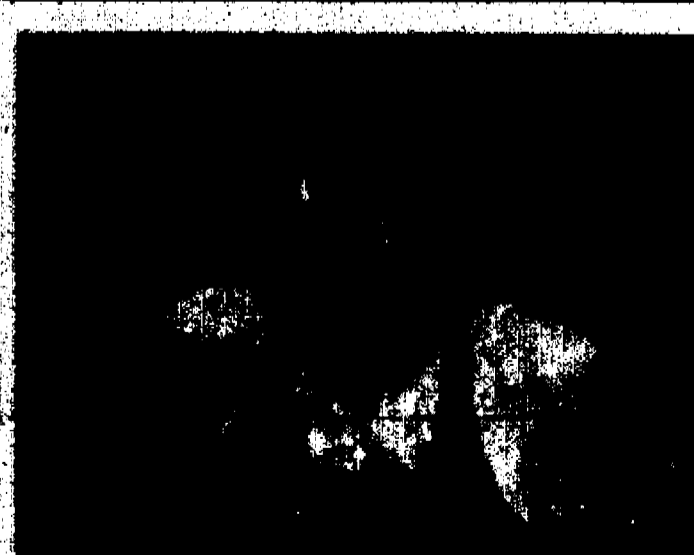
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- Ply. Salem 39, Ply. Canton 17
- John Glenn 40, Ply. Canton 13
- John Glenn 24, Wayne 7
- John Glenn 26, Monroe 14
- John Glenn 27, Det. Henry Ford 23

late Jones TD.
"Eric has always had excellent speed," Gordon said. "And I always had the confidence he could be a tough runner. But he's developed into even more of a powerful runner. In that Henry Ford game he took the hits against at top-notch defense and kept going. He earned every yard (182 on 35 carries) in that game."

Just another WLAA game? Hardly.



Western Lakes meet: Livonia Stevenson's Andrea Hurn (top photo) won the 100 freestyle to help pace the first-place Spartans, while Churchill's Angela Simethosky (right photo) was double-event winner. See story on C3.



Divine Child guards too much for Blazers

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Livonia Ladywood's trip to the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall turned out to be a Sunday afternoon of misery.

Unbeaten Dearborn Divine Child, ranked No. 1 in Class B, spoiled Ladywood's bid to become Catholic League Central-AA Division champions for the first time since 1984 by beating the Blazers for the third time this season, 61-38. (DC also defeated Ladywood during the Central Division schedule, 60-40 and 52-37.)

Divine Child, now 19-0 overall, will meet Detroit King (17-1) in the Operation-Friendship title matchup 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Calihan. Meanwhile, Ladywood (13-6) closes out the regular season against Detroit Renaissance, 1 p.m. Saturday at Calihan.

Divine Child guards Maria Jilian (17 points) and Chris Brewis (16 points) gave Ladywood fits with their adept ball-handling, passing and shooting, not to mention their ball-hawking defense.

The two combined for all 20 first-quarter points as the Falcons roared out to a 13-point lead.

DC was never seriously in trouble even when Jilian went to the bench with her third personal foul early in the second quarter.

The Falcons led 34-19 at half-time and 51-30 after three quarters.

"We just couldn't keep up and we had a hard time on the perimeter," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, a former DC player herself. "We let their guards drive to the basket. We were not aggressive or physical for some reason, and we backed off. Maybe we were nervous."

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DC appeared to be right at home in Calihan, knocking down numerous mid-range jump shots to the tune of 54 percent for the game (27 of 50).

"They have four outstanding passers and shooters and we really didn't have the quickness to match up with that," Gorski said. "You can't sit back in a zone because they'll just move it around and knock down outside shots. You've got to go out and challenge them."

Sisters Meliassa and Michelle Harakas combined for 25 of Ladywood's 38 points with 13 and 12, respectively.

But the Blazers committed 20 turnovers to Divine Child's 16 (only four in the opening half) and shot just 29 percent (14 of 48).

"I thought we handled their press well, we only really had two turnovers off of it," Gorski said. "We also got good looks at the basket, but they didn't fall."

Meanwhile, DC's guard tandem of Brewis and Jilian both have the green light to create their own plays.

"It's kind of free-wheeling style," Brewis said. "I'm comfortable with it. It's a matter of trusting their judgment because they have the tools."

The Falcons also know how to play defense. Every player is required to wear knee pads.

"When I looked this team over the summer I knew we'd press, be aggressive and be diving on the floor for loose balls," Brewis said. "It's more comfortable going down on the floor with knee pads and people kind of laughed at us for wearing them."

But when you play Divine Child, it's no laughing matter as Ladywood can attest.



Top scorers: Huron Valley's Stacie Graves gets surrounded by Agape's Margie Henry (left) and Sara Corbett.

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Spartans roll to title

13th WLAA crown in 17 years

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There were no surprises at the Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim championships last Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School.

Unless you're surprised by the level of domination continuously exhibited by Livonia Stevenson.

Yes, the Spartans won again — that makes it nine WLAA titles in a row, 13 in the conference's 17 years of existence. Yes, they did it by dominating even more so than last year.

Stevenson finished first by 202 points in '98; this year, the winning margin was 276. The Spartans scored 691 points to 415 for runner-up Northville.

North Farmington was third (366), host Salem was fourth (339), Walled Lake was fifth (295), Plymouth Canton was sixth (234), Farmington Harrison was seventh (162), Livonia Churchill was eighth (147), Livonia Franklin was ninth (123), Westland John Glenn was 10th (104) and Farmington was 11th (86). See statistical summary.

The Spartans won two of three relays, but only two individual events. However, their swimmers filled 19 of the 54 berths in the nine championship heats in

individual events. They had two swimmers in every championship heat but one: the 100-yard backstroke.

"This is the first year I've coached a team — and I've been doing this for 14 years — where we scored every entry," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill. "So that's a first."

"The kids just stepped up and had a great meet. And that was the end result."

Mind you, Stevenson's team — which numbers 74 swimmers — could only enter 22 in the league meet. If more Spartans had had a chance, the gap would probably have been wider.

"When you have a team effort, it's hard to single anybody out," said Phill. "We had a lot of kids sitting at home that would have scored in the meet that couldn't get in."

"It's unfortunate for them, but just the way it is."

There were two double-winners in individual events in the meet: Livonia Churchill's Angela Simetkosky, a senior, was first in both the 200-yard (1:57.05) and 500-yard (5:08.88) freestyles.

North Farmington sophomore Lindsay McErlean was a winner in both the 200 individual medley (2:09.83) and 100 backstroke (1:00.60).

"She is real focused on the state meet," Churchill coach Ken Stark said of Simetkosky. "We knew she was going to have a little bit of fun."

"It's a little indicator on what she's going to do in the state meet. She swam really well and is focused on getting into the top 12 (at state)."

Individual-event winners for Stevenson were senior Katie Clark in the 100 butterfly (58.85) and Andrea Hurn in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.64).

Lindsay Dolin, Hurn, Clark and Jessica Makowski combined to win the 200 medley relay for the Spartans (1:50.95), and Clark, Michelle Aristeo, Ashley Eilers and Hurn teamed for a first in the 400 free relay (3:43.22).

Other individual-event winners were Jenny Carr of Northville in the 50 free (25.08); Tonya McCarty of Walled Lake in diving (416.85 points); and Stephanie Sabo of Northville in the 100 free (55.96).

Salem's Monica Glowski, a sophomore, twice finished second by a narrow margin. Glowski was runner-up in both the 50 free (25.37) and 100 free (56.01).

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Observer & Eccentric

Parker 11th in girls

Livonia Stevenson settled for 14th place out of 27 teams in Saturday's state Class A girls cross country meet held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Rockford, taking three of the first five individual places, captured the team title with 40 points.

Stevenson, which lost No. 2 runner Tessa Tarole at the one-mile mark (allergic reaction), finished 14th in the team standings with 347.

Senior Andrea Parker, 10th overall in the 5,000-meter race a year ago, took 11th in 1999 with a time of 18:50.1.

Parker, the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional champion, ran 5:43 for the opening mile, 12:07 after two miles and hit the three-mile mark in 18:10.6.

Sara Pilon, who came on late in the season, also made a strong showing for Stevenson in 51st (19:59.3).

"Our goal was to be in the top

ten and most of our girls ran their best or second best races of the year," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "But when Tessa went down we lost quite a few places. She couldn't breathe. She had to be taken off in an ambulance."

In the Class C girls meet, also held at MIS, coach Dave Brown of Lutheran High Westland was missing his top runner, Tessa Kuehne.

The sophomore, who finished 53rd a year ago, was competing in the figure skating meet in Huntsville, Ala.

As a result, Lutheran Westland settled for 17th place out of 21 schools with 354 points. Kalamazoo Hackett took the team title with 107.

The Lady Warriors' best individual finisher was Angie Matthews (47th).

On the boys side, Redford Catholic Central, bolstered by the eighth-place finish of Matt Daly (15:43.0), took sixth in

Class A with 178 points.

Novi repeated as state champion with 68 points, while Rockford was second with 90.

Doug Gibbons (24th), John DiGiovanni (50th), Jeff Haller (90th) and Bryan Buchanan (132nd) also figured in the team scoring for the Shamrocks.

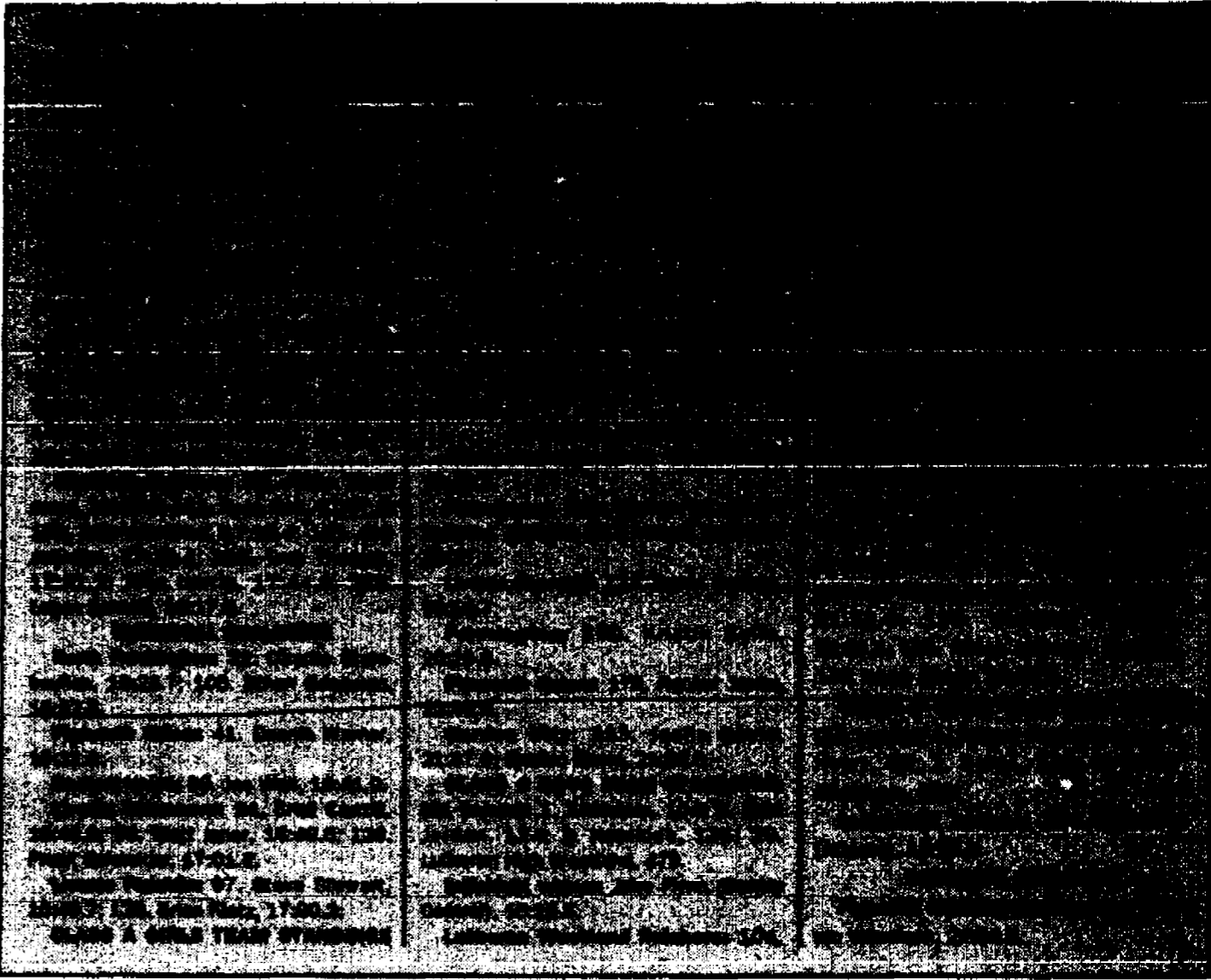
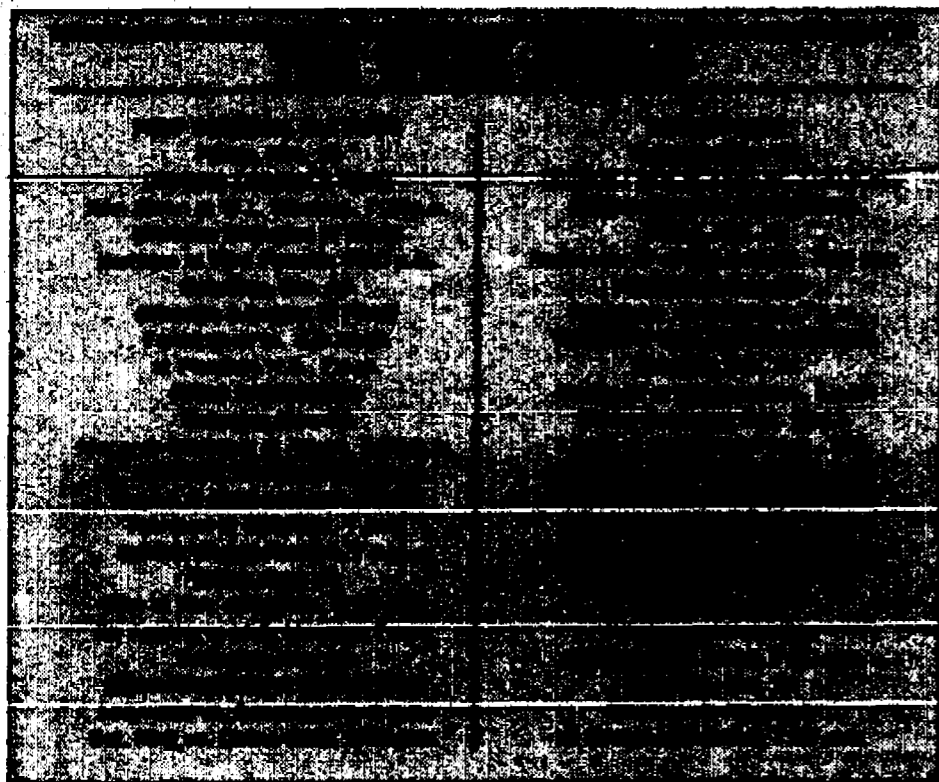
Livonia Churchill, earning its first qualifying berth since 1984 under coach John McGreevy, took 18th out of 27 teams with a 447 total.

The Chargers were led by senior Jason Richmond, who took 53rd overall in 16:37.7.

It was a tough day in Class C for the Lutheran Westland boys, who finished 20th out of 21 schools. Allendale captured the team title with 104, while East Jordan was second.

Steve McFall led Lutheran Westland in 104th place (17:35.7).

See complete list of area finishes.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

COLLEGIATE SOCCER NOTES

•Siena Heights junior forward Nicole Tobin (Livonia Stevenson) was recently named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week after scoring the game-winning goal in a 1-0 WHAC tournament championship win over Madonna University on Saturday.

Tobin also had a goal and one assist in Wednesday's 3-0 semifinal victory over Cornerstone.

•Valparaiso (Ind.) University freshman Sarah Wittrock (Stevenson) was named to the Mid-Continent Conference all-tournament team in women's soccer after scoring a goal in a 2-1 overtime loss Sunday to Oral

Roberts in the inaugural Mid-Con championship final.

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

•Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, an under-11 girls soccer team, recently captured first place in the Open A Division with a 7-1-2 record while outscoring their opponents 20-3.

Members of United include Jacquelyn Covert, Jeanette Cruz, Lena Deiano, Stephanie Danko, Lauren Deiano, Jill Flaughter, Ashley Hayes, Britney Holtz, Meghan Horgan, Mary Lambert, Danielle Maxwell, Katie Osburn, Kristen Schaefer, Amber Sharp, Aubrey Warner, Britney Warner.

The coaching staff includes Jim Flaughter and Dave Horgan. The trainer is Anand Baichoo. The

manager is Pat Horgan.

•The Catholic Youth Soccer Club Blazers, an under-9 girls team, won the Superior Division of the Great Lakes League with an 8-0 record while outscoring their opponents, 44-1.

Samantha Reamy and Jennifer Gateley paced the defense, while Morgan Currier scored the game-winning goal in the final game. Every member of the Blazers scored during the season.

Other team members include: Bailey Brandon, Carolyn Duggan, Kathryn Ganas, Kayla Johnston, Kaylee McGrath, Julianne Puroll, Katie Rini, Cody Seiter and Sarah Shook, all of Livonia; Stefanie Turner, Westland; Tracy Whalen, Redford.

The team is coached by Mike Duggan, Laurie Whelan, Bob Turner, Eric Shook, Garrison Currier and Dan Puroll. The team manager is Toni Brandon.

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Lafata welcomes new Ocelots

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Last year Karen Lafata walked into a gold mine as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach.

She coached the veteran-laden Lady Ocelots to a 25-7 record and an Eastern Conference Michigan Community College Athletic Association title.

Now the main vein is played out — only one sophomore returns — but Lafata is hoping her new nuggets will yield new riches from the mine.

"We've got 10 players and nine of them are freshmen," Lafata said before her Schoolcraft College women's basketball team went to Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill. this weekend to defend its championship in a tournament there.

"But that's the way it goes," she said. "We're coming off a 25-7 season we accomplished with a lot of sophomores."

"I'm excited about the coming year. I think we have some talented freshmen. But it's going to take us a while to see what we

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have. "My hopes are we can compete for another league title."

That's life in the junior college coaching ranks. Some schools constantly reload, others continually rebuild.

Lafata's lone returning sophomore is a starter, Antone' Watson, a 5-foot-3 point guard out of Detroit Henry Ford High School.

"I believe she's going to be the best point guard in our region," Lafata said. "She's solid all the way around. We're starting with her, her experience."

Everybody else will be a star from a high school program coming into a program full of excellent players.

At center the Lady Ocelots will feature 6-1 Detroit Kettering product Angelica Blakely.

The shooting guard will be 5-9 Janelle Olson out of Troy Athens, a three-year prep starter, while the small forward will be 5-9 Carla Saxton from Southfield Lathrup.

Lafata's power forward in the beginning will be 6-footer Carly Wright of Garden City.

Rounding out the squad will be 5-6 guard Amy Durham of Taylor Truman, backup point guard Brandy Novicks of Dearborn Heights Crestwood and forward/center Erinn Torrence of Detroit East Catholic.

Lafata is also melding two multi-sport stars into her squad.

"We just got Wendy Jacobs (5-10, South Lyon) from the soccer team and we're waiting on Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill), whose volleyball team is in the districts."

Lafata intends to use the early part of the schedule to juggle lineups and see which players are effective in which roles. And finding out who's willing to play defense and who isn't.

"With freshman," she said, "they're learning the system. We've really been concentrating on the defensive side of the game. Putting that in is going to take a while."

"We're strictly a player-to-player team and a lot of the players have come from zone pro-

grams. "With a young team, it's taking a while longer. We're going slow, keeping it simple."

"We'll find out some things this weekend and go from there."

"We have good size and quickness. We're definitely strong inside. We can also shoot the three."

"It's just a matter of putting the pieces together. We want to develop things to start the conference run, in January. We use non-league games to prepare for that."

Schoolcraft rose as high as fourth in the national poll last season and, despite its lack of sophomore strength, was put in the honorable mention category in the preseason rankings. Possibly that was a courtesy call for last season.

Lafata will find out soon. "There are a lot of changes in the league. The rest of the league is young also," she said. "St. Clair probably has the most returning players so I would think they would probably be favored at this point."

Wesleyan trips MU

MEN'S HOOPS

Madonna University could get nothing going in the early going Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan, and that ruined the Fighting Crusaders chances as they fell 89-68 in a men's basketball game Saturday.

The loss evened Madonna's record at 1-1.

Mike Massey's 17 points paced the Crusaders (on 7-of-21 shooting); Josh Jensen added 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocks; and Chad Putnam had 13 points and six boards.

Danny Morris topped Wesleyan with 27 points.

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Foot action: SC's Sergio Mainella (middle) and Rob Barnes (right) battle Iowa Central's Stuart Carter.

AREA COLLEGIATE SOCCER ROUNDUP

Ocelots eliminated

Schoolcraft's national aspirations ended by Belleville, Ill., 2-0

It was a good season. Make no mistake about that. Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Van Dimitriou isn't, that's for certain.

Sure, his team might have gone further in the NJCAA Tournament than the District finals. But after a 1-3 start, maybe it isn't all that bad.

The Ocelots advanced to the district final, which they hosted Sunday, by beating Iowa Central 1-0 in Saturday's semifinal at SC.

In the final, the Ocelots — struggling with injuries to several key players — could not mount an adequate offense and lost to Belleville Area (Ill.), 2-0.

SC finishes its season at 16-6-1 overall. Belleville advances to the NJCAA Tournament with a 19-2-

NJCAA DISTRICT

1 record.

"We still had a very good season," said Dimitriou. "I think this team made more progress than any other team I ever had."

SC's hopes for advancement were diminished significantly by the luck of the draw. The Ocelots had to play a very tough, very physical Iowa Central team in the opening round.

With 24 minutes gone in the first half, Dan Wielechowski (Plymouth Salem) took a through-pass from Jesse Solocinski and put the breakaway into the net — the game's only goal.

SC's defense, led by marking

backs Paul Ansara and Andy Meyers, stopper Sergio Mainella (Livonia Stevenson) and sweeper Tom Stark, with Ben Davis (Plymouth Canton) in goal, choked off any Iowa Central attacks.

"They just had no serious shots on goal," said Dimitriou.

The same could not be said for Belleville. Mainella was sidelined with an ankle sprain and didn't play, leaving the middle of the field open to attack. Steven Hendrickson took advantage, scoring 18 minutes into the match to put Belleville up 1-0.

Wielechowski, who had suffered some leg injuries in the match against Iowa Central, was also forced to the sideline for a period of time (he did return). But with his team at less than

full fitness, Dimitriou knew a victory would be hard to come by.

Larry Scheller increased Belleville's lead to 2-0 with six minutes left in the half, scoring off a lob pass. Offensively, there was nothing SC could do to counter it.

Stark, a sophomore at SC from Brighton, was named the Region 12 player of the year. Mainella, Gary Bell and Johnny Demergis (Plymouth Canton) were selected to the all-region first team. Tony Maldonado (Stevenson) was named to the second team.

Stark, Mainella and Wielechowski were chosen for the all-Midwest team. And Dimitriou earned region coach of the year honors.

WHAC finales unkind to MU

A first-half goal by Sean Smith wrecked Madonna University's winning streak and its hopes for another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in men's soccer as Aquinas College held on for a 1-0 victory Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Both teams advance to the NAA Region VIII this weekend. The Saints host the Mid-Central Conference tournament runner-up Saturday, while Madonna travels to play the MCC tournament champ Saturday.

Smith scored the game's only goal for the regular-season champ Saints from close range, assisted by Nathan Rose and Aaron Riley.

Sean Fishbach, Aquinas' keep-

er, and Dave Hart, Madonna's keeper, each made five saves.

Aquinas improved to 18-2-2; Madonna, its winning streak snapped at nine games, is 15-6-1.

SIENA HEIGHTS 1, MADONNA 0 (WOMEN): Nicole Tobin, a Livonia Stevenson High product, netted the game's only goal and it brought Madonna University's season to a close Saturday as Tobin's Siena Heights team edged Madonna, 1-0, in Adrian.

The Saints, now 17-2-2, advance to the Region VIII championship game. Madonna's season ends at 14-6-1.

Tobin's goal was assisted by Dawn O'Neil; it was scored 18 minutes into the second half.

Jenny Barker, a former teammate of Tobin's at Stevenson, made 12 saves in goal for Madonna. Jennifer Wychowski did not have a save for Siena Heights.

Crusaders share WHAC crown

Co-champions.

Madonna University earned a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship Tuesday with a 15-3, 15-13, 15-7 victory at Aquinas.

The last match of the WHAC season left Madonna with an 11-1 conference record, the same as co-champion Cornerstone, and 29-13 overall.

Stephanie Uballe knocked down 14 kills to lead all players while Marylu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) served a match-best four aces. Jenny Wind was the Madonna assist leader with 29.

Hemme had 10 digs and Donna Birkenhieser blocked five shots.

The Lady Crusaders had to come back from a 9-1 deficit to win the second game from the Saints.

On Nov. 4, Madonna took a four-game non-conference match at Eckerd College, 17-15, 15-8, 15-15, 15-9.

Brandy Malewski and Uballe

VOLLEYBALL

...tied for the lead with 14 kills in the match with Birkenhieser drilling 11. Wind had 23 assists and a team-best 15 digs. Malewski, a junior middle hitter from Redford Thurston was named WHAC Player of the Week. She averaged 5.6 kills, 4.1 digs and 1.5 blocks per game in two matches.

Ocelots trim Cincy State

On Saturday, Schoolcraft College took the measure of host Cincinnati State, 15-7, 15-8, 16-14, in an inter-regional match.

Nicole Boyd led the Ocelots (20-21) with 19 kills while Lauren Ruprecht had 12. Ruprecht led with two blocks.

Danielle Wensing served six aces in the three games while Amanda Yaklin made just one error on 35 serve receptions. Yaklin had 24 assists. Cindy Maloof had a team-best 15 digs.

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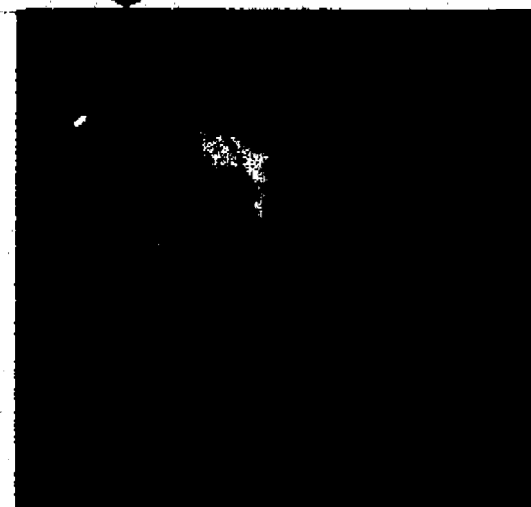
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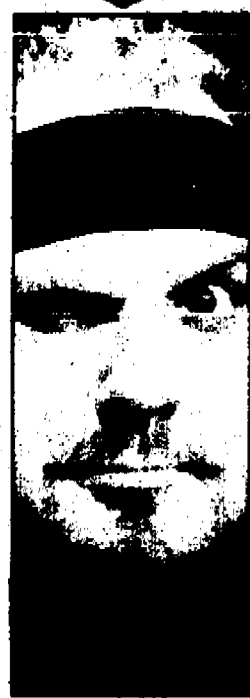
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



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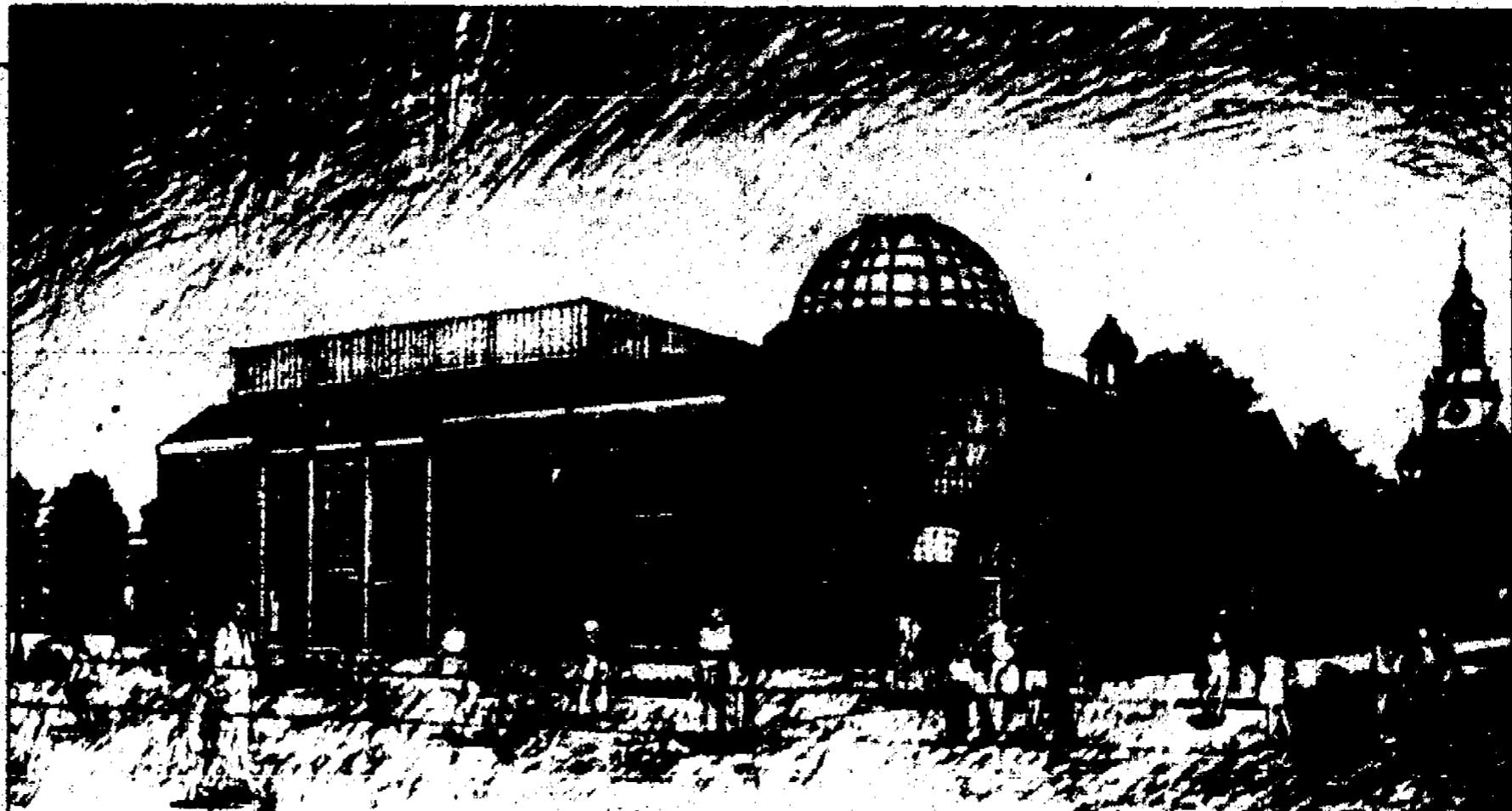
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HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

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Ford Museum IMAX Theatre makes you a part of the show

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IMAX is the biggest thing to happen at Henry Ford Museum in ages, and we're not just talking theater size.

The theater, opening Friday, Nov. 19, to the public, "is our gift to the community for their support over the last 70 years," said Steven Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

Built adjacent to the museum's clock tower entrance, the \$15 million facility is a short walk from the parking lot. You can enter the museum or Greenfield Village by walking through the lobby of the new modern theater. There's even a concession stand where you can buy popcorn, soft drinks and candy to enjoy during the movie.

Workers were putting finishing touches on the outside of the theater, landscaping, and laying carpet on the inside when I visited on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to take a sneak peek.

Wearing a hard hat, I walked up to the third floor projection room where Ron Bartsch of Troy, IMAX Theatre projection manager, and his crew were testing "The Magic of Flight."

Bartsch studied broadcasting at Wayne State University and worked as a cinema projectionist, but fell in love with IMAX on a vacation to Tampa.

After seeing his first film he decided that IMAX and he had a future together. He saw a film at the Detroit Science Center's domed IMAX Theatre, and got a job there. He left to start up an IMAX Theatre at a science center in Louisiana, and returned to work at Henry Ford Museum.

"I love the IMAX films," he said. "I've always been technically oriented, it comes naturally. I love putting

on the best show possible."

Bartsch is fascinated by the sheer size of IMAX - the screen is six stories tall and eight stories wide and covers nearly 5,000 square feet.

"It fills your vision area, and the film image is so large that it makes you feel like you're in the film," he said. "The sound enhances it, IMAX has the most powerful sound system. The speakers are behind the screen."

Even though the theater isn't open yet, Bartsch says he's "totally pleased with it."

Henry Ford Museum's IMAX is state-of-the-art. "We're capable of showing 3-D films," said Bartsch. "The audience will wear polarized glasses. You'll feel like you want to reach out and touch the images."

There are no plans to show 3-D films at the theater until the summer, but in the meantime, audiences have much to look forward to.

"The Magic of Flight," a 1996 IMAX film narrated by Tom Selleck takes viewers on a journey to discover the history of flight. You'll learn how birds fly, about the Wright Brothers, and join the Blue Angels for a practice session. The 39 minute film was produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films for the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla.

A short pre-show, narrated by James Earl Jones with musical backdrop by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, tells the story of "Edison to IMAX."

Bartsch said the pre-show and the film complement Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

"The Wright Brothers are part of 'The History of Flight.' You can see their shop in the village, and there are aviation displays in the museum. It ties in with our theme of technology and innovation. The film tells a great story of flight and features Blue Angels test pilots. It's



New attraction: Above, The IMAX Theatre, pictured in this drawing, is the newest attraction at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Left, "The Magic of Flight," narrated by native Detroit Tom Selleck, is the first film to be shown at the new theater.

fascinating to watch."

On Jan. 1, Henry Ford Museum's IMAX Theatre will premiere the first full-length IMAX film "Fantasia/2000," a 75-minute animated feature from Walt Disney Pictures.

If you don't want to wait, visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com for a behind-the-scenes look at the film.

IMAX Theatre director David Brown was quizzing newly-hired employees about the theater so they'll be able to answer audience questions.

Visitors can go up to the projection room after seeing the film to learn more about IMAX.

They'll learn such things as the projection lamp gets as hot and as bright as the surface of the sun. To enhance image clarity, there's an airflow system in the theater that continually cleans the dust out of the air.

A history enthusiast, Brown says people frequently ask him why the museum has an IMAX Theater.

He explains that IMAX is a great tool for telling stories about invention and innovation, which is an important part of the tradition of the museum and village. To illustrate, Brown talks about the pre-show produced in-house by Scott Dennis.

"Beginning with the magic of the kinestoscope images that Thomas Edison wowed early audiences with and culminating with the present day large-format experience, the pre-show is evidence of the museum's goal to share the scope of technology as it has affected us up to the present," said Brown.

"Fantasia/2000" is another learning opportunity. "It demonstrates new cutting-edge technology."

THE FACTS ON IMAX

WHAT: New IMAX Theatre opens at Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, in Dearborn.

WHEN: Opens Friday, Nov. 19. Shows every hour on the hour, subject to change. The IMAX Theatre will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (800) 747-IMAX (4629) or (313) 271-1570 for information. Advance tickets now on sale at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

ADMISSION: Adults \$7.50, seniors age 62 and over and children ages 5-12, \$6.50; children under 4, and members \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village and IMAX adults \$17.50; seniors \$16, kids \$12.50; children under 4, \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and IMAX, adults \$28, seniors \$27, kids \$19, children under 4, \$6. Call (313) 271-1620 or on the Web at www.hfmv.org for more information.

FILMS

- "The Magic of Flight" Nov. 19 through Jan. 1
- Walt Disney Pictures' "Fantasia/2000" opens Jan. 1 and continues through April 30. You can visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Henry Ford Museum Store - just outside the theater. Scheduled to open this week, lots of interesting gift items. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Accessible to shoppers just visiting the store through the new Visitor Reception area and entrance.
- "Traditions of the Season" Friday, Nov. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Holiday displays and activities.

FAMILY SHOW

'Toy Story' is a special playtime for ice skater

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She's been playing with the same toys since 1996, but Lisa Horowitz isn't bored.

"We're good friends, and have a good time. It's fun to put on a costume and be someone else," said Horowitz, who portrays Bo Peep in "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," which plays Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Nov. 17-21.

"It's been a great show since it started. The show evolves as people become more

comfortable with what they're doing. We get new cast members, and with time only get better," said Horowitz who has always played Bo Peep in the ice skating extravaganza based on Disney's popular 1995 film "Toy Story."

The ice show follows the movie. When 6-year-old Andy isn't around, the toys come to life. His favorite toy, a pull-string cowboy, is in charge until Andy gets a new toy, Buzz Lightyear. Buzz Lightyear is a very cool space ranger with retractable jet wings and a laser who believes he's crash-landed on a strange planet.

Bo Peep is Andy's girl friend, until Buzz Lightyear comes along. "All the toys are freaking out when Buzz Lightyear comes along," explained Horowitz. "Woody is no longer Andy's

THE STORY ON TOY STORY

WHAT: "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," an ice show based on Disney's 1995 film, "Toy Story."

WHERE: Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 17-21, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, with additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday, noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

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favorite. Bo likes Buzz, and tries to keep order with the other toys.

"Everyone was a kid once and played with a toy or a lot of toys. They come to the show and relive their childhood," said Horowitz. "A lot of us believed that when we closed the door to our room our toys came to life."

"Toy Story's" cast of characters includes a lot of childhood favorites such as Mr. Potato Head, green army men, and Slinky Dog.

"Adults bring their kids. It's a great time to relax, and the kids will be happy for two hours. The skating is incredible and very creative."

When Horowitz glides on the ice at Joe Louis Arena on Wednesday, she will have performed the show 1,200 times.

"Toy Story" hasn't lost its charm yet for Horowitz or, she believes, the audience.

"In rehearsal we put little twists in so it's still interesting for us," she said. "We have to be as excited the 1,000th time as

the first time. The audience is very special."

Horowitz, an award-winning figure skater, grew up in Minnesota. She joined Feld Entertainment Inc., which produces "Disney on Ice presents," in 1990 after completing high school.

After two years performing the role of Cleopatra in "Disney on Ice presents Time Machine," she joined "Disney on Ice presents Beauty and the Beast" as the understudy to Belle.

"I met my husband Craig in 'Beauty and the Beast,'" she said. "I joined 'Toy Story' in 1996. My husband was Mr. Potato Head in the show."

They performed in the show when it visited Detroit in 1997, and although Craig is in Louisiana skating in "Grease!," Horowitz is looking forward to returning to the Motor City.

"Figure skating is a small world," she said. "We have friends here. Anywhere we go we know people. It's really fun to get together."

There are 49 skaters in "Toy Story" who range in age from 17 to 32. Olympic Gold Medalist Robin Cousins choreographed the action-packed story about friendship, which features colorful costumes, car chases, and daring rescues.

The international cast features Eddie Gornick as Woody and Alexandr Klimkin as Buzz Lightyear.

The sequel to "Toy Story," "Toy Story 2" is scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 24, at metro Detroit movie theaters. Andy goes to summer camp and leaves the toys behind. An obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody, who doesn't know he is a highly valued collectible. Then it's up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang to save Woody from being a museum piece.

Horowitz doesn't think the movie sequel will affect the popularity of "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story."

"We're number one," she said. "They're number two."

Avon Players meet the challenge of 'Wait Until Dark'

Avon Players presents "Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13 at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in

Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, call (248) 608-9077. BY JOHN O'DONNELL SPECIAL WRITER

less and resourceful. Her ability to use her lack of vision to her advantage is the play's unbeatable hook.

Avon Players veteran Lesa Bydalek does an appealing job in her role as Susy, capably making the transition from prey to predator and retaining the strength of her character when the script suggested helplessness or craftiness. Bydalek was clearly well prepared for a demanding role.

There may be no greater challenge than a suspense drama for a theater company, because it depends greatly on the flawless execution of many elements. This production makes the most of Kim Garr's outstanding set design, which not only had the feel of a modest New York apartment, but accommodated the

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The second production in the 1999-2000 season at the Avon Players theater, Frederick Knott's "Wait Until Dark," is an ambitious undertaking for the company and a bold directorial debut for Jeff Stillman.

Set in the Greenwich Village basement apartment, the story centers on the efforts of three con-men to trick a blind woman into revealing the whereabouts of a doll they believe is stuffed with contraband. It's a mystery that relies heavily in the first act on the intrigue of changing identities, misplaced trust, and empathy for the seemingly vulnerable sightless woman, Susy Hendrix. After intermission, Susy emerges as formidable opposition for the trio — dupe-

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Wonderful performances in 'The Merchant of Venice'

Schoolcraft College presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Tickets \$8, call (734) 462-4596.

By BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

If you have shied away from Shakespeare, because it's "too hard to understand" you may want to reconsider, and attend Schoolcraft College's production of "The Merchant of Venice." The play is easy to follow and the

principal players turn in wonderful performances. Professor James Hartman has edited the play slightly to update archaic words from Shakespearean times to make it more palatable.

For example, "in sooth" becomes in truth. And "rate of usance" becomes rate of interest.

The central conflict involves a young man borrowing money from a friend to finance a romance with a wealthy young lady. To test the values of her suitors, she promises her dead father to marry the man who makes the correct choice

between gold, silver and lead chests. Lots of comedic possibilities there - and no doubt 400 years ago Elizabethan audiences found it very funny. There is a dark side to the play, however.

Much of the world was virulently anti-Semitic in Shakespeare's time. Who better to be a villain than Shylock - the Jew - who lends money to Christians. Today, the derisive language directed at him is a bit disconcerting, similar to the way modern popular culture treated American Indians not so many years ago. Ray Van Hoeck (Shylock) creates a marvelously sym-

pathetic character. His "revenge" speech in which he explains why he insists on his "pound of flesh" in lieu of repayment of his loan is spellbinding. If only the actor entering at the end would delay a beat, however, allowing us to digest the moment.

Despite his wonderful character, Van Hoeck tends to hold one stage position too long. Both he and Jerri Doll (Portia) deliver Shakespeare's lines in such a natural manner that one is seldom aware that they are speaking in verse. Not any easy task as many of the less experienced actors can attest.

Doll, as Portia, lights up the stage with energy and style as a young woman hoping the man of her dreams selects the correct chest. It is a stunning performance. Brian Taylor gives his usual solid performance as, Bassanio, her love interest. John Rowland (Antonio) looks the part of a successful merchant, but needs to add more spice to the delivery of his lines and variety to his movement. Colleen Greenwell is very good as Portia's friend, Nerissa. Diane Aretz is most effective as Shylock's daughter, Jessica, who runs off with his money and marries a

Christian. Others appearing include Jason Birkby, Benjamin Karl, Nick Ward, David Ormsby, Lisa Brawley David Jenvey, Ryan-Iver Klann, Jeremy Hargis, Tom Rowland, John Abair, Brendan Smith, Charles LaCroix, Antonio Musse and Tom Noe.

The setting, lights, sound and costuming are well done, though there are an interesting variety of footwear for a period piece.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes about theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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varying movements of a blind character and the thugs, who tend to move erratically. It's a tug thing.

As you might imagine, a play with a blind lead character puts a premium on lighting to draw the audience in to the unfamiliar circumstance of having to rely on its instincts. Cast members were supported throughout this production by lighting techniques that enhanced their scenes. No simple task, given the importance that the many different degrees of light had to the plot. John Deierlein, who also did scenic design for the season opening production of "The Music Man," deserves applause in this area.

"Wait until Dark" is a dialogue-intensive play which taxes its performers and the director to sustain suspense. There were occasional lapses in the exchanges between characters and glitches in sound and special effects that prompted audience members to settle a bit deeper in their seats.

Director Jim Stillman is an unabashed fan of Knott's mysteries, including the classic "Dial M for Murder," which Avon presented two years ago. Here, he presents the story in an easy-to-follow manner, and although the production is not exactly a nail-biter, he does establish a distinct identity for each character. This is most evident with the con-

men, portrayed by Michael Jeffries, Mike Fraley and Anthony Sherman.

Musicals and comedies will always have an advantage in being consistent crowd-pleasers. An audience that believes community theater should also attempt to stretch itself by presenting more challenging productions will appreciate this one.

John O'Donnell is a Troy resident who writes about community theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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For three decades, Bobby Lewis and his Crackerjack Band have been rocking around Metro Detroit. The classic rock band will grab audiences attention at Livonia's Winter Wonderland Parade Saturday, Nov. 20 while performing at Wonderland Mall.

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It's a mystery to me. One Livonia reader wrote with a question. What has happened to

KISS FM? One night she turned on the radio to find it changed to a rock format? Anyone with information may e-mail seasola@oe.homecomm.net.

While Delilah may be missing from the airwaves, director Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") is in plain sight with

his latest film "Dogma." While the movie may be shrouded in controversy for its take on religion, Alanis Morissette's latest single "Still" should tide eager fans over before she completes another album. Look for Morissette's cameo as God in "Dogma," opening tomorrow.

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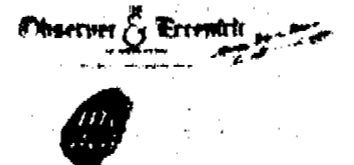
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'Light It Up' intense drama in high school setting

BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

The scene: A neglected inner-city high school in Queens, New York, a dedicated teacher is suspended, broken windows and no heat, six students protesting for a better education, and the students barricaded in the school take hostage a wounded police officer. Sound like a place you would want to

be nine months out of the year?

"Light It Up," presented by Fox 2000 Pictures, written and directed by Craig Bolotin ("Miami Vice"), and produced by husband and wife team of Gram-

my winner Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and Tracey E. Edmonds ("Soul Food"), takes a look at the life of inner-city high school students from their perspective.

The film stars R&B phenomenon Usher Raymond ("The Faculty") as Lester Dewitt, a complex and caring kid who has several personal issues stemming from the unnecessary death of his father. Lester has two things going for him, his loyalty and relationship with his friend Ziggy (portrayed by Robert Richardson) and his education. But all of that is about to change when his favorite teacher, Mr. Knowles (portrayed by

Judd Hirsch), is suspended and Lester, along with his fellow classmates takes a stand against their principal.

To break up the protest, in comes Officer Dante Jackson (portrayed by Forest Whitaker) whose recent demotion from the police force fuels his bad attitude. While attempting to break things up Officer Jackson is accidentally shot in leg by Ziggy, forcing Lester to take matters into his own hands. What starts out as a small protest turns into a hostage situation lead by Lester and five desperate students.

The frustrated students, real-

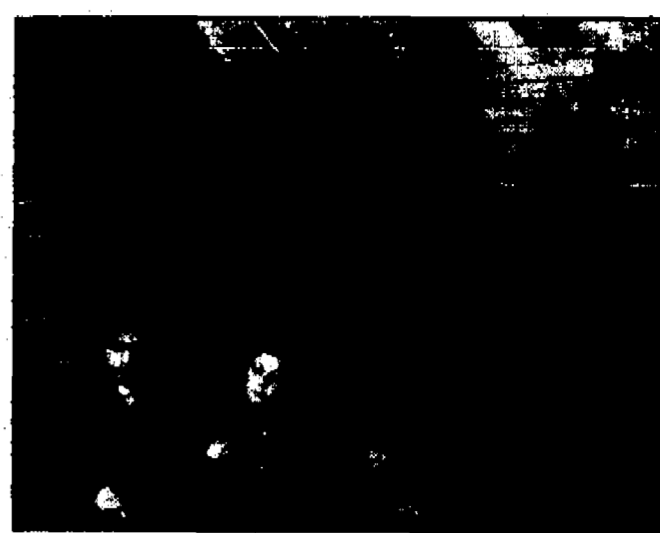
izing they are for the time being in control, decide to use their negotiating power to make a statement by asking for the right to have a decent education. The unlikely group of students made up of an artist, a basketball player, a hustler, a gangbanger, a pregnant teen,

and a student council member, lock themselves inside the school and attempt to make their voices heard.

While being held hostage, Officer Jackson is able to see into the lives of these six students and finds himself empathizing with them. He makes several attempts to get through to Lester, but fails. It looks as if the only voice that may get through to him is that of Stephanie Williams (portrayed by Rosario Dawson). Stephanie is the object of Lester's affection. She's smart, beautiful, practical, and she may be just the one to help Lester realize they have gone too far.

While the students continue to deal with their own personal conflicts, the police are trying to deal with the hostage issue. To do that they bring in hostage negotiator Audrey McDonald (portrayed by Vanessa L. Williams).

Audrey desperately tries to buy these kids some time before the police decide to bust into the school shooting first and asking questions later.



Drama: Clifton Collins, Jr., Rosario Dawson, Sara Gilbert, Robert Richardson, Fredro Starr and Usher Raymond star in "Light It Up."

She starts to sympathize with these kids and attempts to get through to Lester. But when her attempts fail, the results are worse than could be imagined.

Usher Raymond heads up the "young" cast in his first motion picture starring role as Lester, the leader of the group. Through Lester, Usher proves that there is more to being an entertainer than singing and dancing. Joining the Grammy nominee are Rosario Dawson ("He Got Game," "Kids"), Robert Richardson (Nickelodeon's "Cousin Skeeter"), Clifton Collins, Jr. ("187," "The Replacement Killers"), Fredro Starr ("Sunset Park," "Clockers"), and Sara Gilbert (TV's "Roseanne").

Balancing out the talented ensemble of young actors is veteran actor Forest Whitaker ("The Crying Game"). Whitaker, known for his work as a director

("Hope Floats," "Waiting To Exhale") as well as an actor, provides great inspiration for the young cast.

Joining Whitaker in the veteran actors department is Judd Nelson ("The Breakfast Club," "St. Elmo's Fire") and Vanessa L. Williams ("Soul Food," "Eraser").

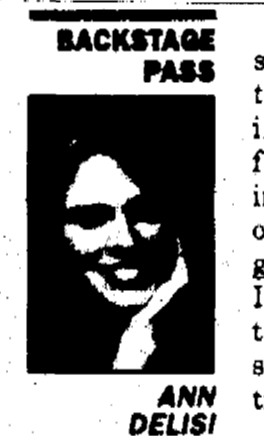
"Light It Up" is a very intense movie that is unlike any other film in a high school setting. Normally a principal or teacher would come into a school and change the lives of troubled students. In this film, the students take responsibility for their actions and try to change their own lives. It is an interesting concept, but very disturbing in the sense that you leave the theater feeling like you went through the ordeal with them.

For most of us it makes you appreciate the education you received.

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Insightful local artists have realistic perspective



ANN DELISI

It has been suggested that those who work in creative fields may be inclined to have only a tenuous grip on reality. I've discovered that the opposite is often true.

An instructor once told me that the best skaters in an ice show are the clowns because they have to know how to do it right before they can do it wrong. Similarly, artists who have an acute understanding of the way the world functions have a better chance of creating and presenting meaningful work.

Vancouver-based multi-media artist Stan Douglas spent several years researching and documenting the history of Detroit to develop his new exhibit "Le Detroit."

In the past, Douglas has visited Paris, Chicago and other metropolitan areas to create his insightful photographic and film works that reveal how changing social conditions can impact the history of a city. The "Le Detroit"

exhibit is featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and at midnight Friday, and is on display at the Art Gallery of Windsor in the Devonshire Mall. And since we're dealing in reality here, what better place to generate traffic for an exhibit than to locate it in a mall during the busy holiday shopping season?

Sculptors

In Hamtramck, two gifted sculptors are focused on the functionality of their creations. Is it art or a piece of furniture? In a real world, it can be both. Leslie Denyer and Margot Delidow use welding and woodworking as staples of their craft, and their studio is one of the reasons for the vibrant place the city has in the Detroit area's artistic landscape.

There have been a number of highly publicized clashes in recent years between religious groups and artists who are on the fringes of creative expression. Art and religion are not adversaries by nature. Throughout history, the powerful images of the masters have contributed greatly to the spirituality of modern man. There are also

many local examples of how artists are currently lending their talents to celebrations of faith.

Celebration of faith

At Detroit's Central United Methodist Church, an alternative worship service known as Saturday Night Central regularly features some of the area's finest artists. While it may seem like an unlikely venue for jazz, poetry, dance and theater, it's actually very practical. The ability to deliver an expressive performance to an audience transfers well in creating a greater spiritual experience for a congregation.

When BACKSTAGE PASS checked in with Alicia Gbur of Sister Seed about the band's performance to air at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, we interrupted her at her day job. With two critically-acclaimed CDs and a steady schedule of performance dates, why the 9-5 gig?

"It's nice to know that you're going to be able to pay the rent," she said.

Now there's a dose of reality we all understand.

'Tintypes' will leave you happy

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Tintypes" through Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$24-\$35, call (248) 377-3300.
BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

THEATER

Teddy ("Bully") Roosevelt as he charges up San Juan Hill, becomes president following McKinley's assassination and builds the Panama Canal. And there's lots of other history to learn. We didn't know, for example, that TR was a spoiled, stomping cry baby.

Leisa Way plays singing star Anna Held, who apparently was imported by Flo Ziegfeld from either Paris, France or Paris, Illinois. Or was it Indiana? Stacy White is social activist Emma Goldman in a time of incredible social activity.

Lea Charisse Woods is Susannah, a generic African-American woman of the day, relegated to being mammy to the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts and powerless to prevent the humiliation of blackface vaudeville shows. Bart Philip Williams is every immigrant who passed through Ellis Island searching for streets of gold.

If this paints a rather dark picture in contrast to happy-go-lucky songs like "Meet Me In St. Louis" and the jaunty rags of Scott Joplin, that's just as it

should be, because that's the way it was.

"Tintypes" is bubbly and cheerful, but bubbling below the surface is musical proof that this wasn't the time of innocence and simplicity we heard about. When Lea Woods sings "Nobody," written by Bert Williams, the first major black variety star, it is an eloquent history lesson indeed.

But it was also the time of Chaplin and Cohan. Stacy White and Bart Williams are marvelous physical comedians who strut their stuff in sketches interspersed throughout the performance. And when Williams does Old Guy doing "You're a Grand Old Flag," who can just sit there? Director Debra L. Wicks, musical director Steve De Does and choreographer Nedra Dixon (the original Susannah when the musical opened nationally in 1980) keep things briskly moving, like the "Merry Oldmobile" in the story. Overall, though, "Tintypes" will leave you happy to be singing about the last century while looking forward to living in the next one.

Jon Katz is a Rochester resident who writes theater and movie reviews for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Christopher Howe portrays

Society works to keep blues alive in Detroit

Ed Schenk is on a mission. As president of the Detroit Blues Society, he's determined to keep the blues alive and well in Detroit, and he's got a secret. Lurking in metro Detroit are several blues greats like Alberta Adams, Eddie Burns, Johnnie Bassett and Willie D. Warren. Adams has been singing the blues in the metro since the 1940s.

Schenk's happy to call them friends and assures there are many other talented blues masters in the area who keep a low profile.

The Detroit Blues Society was formed in 1988 under the name Detroit Country Music and Blues Society. Its members are dedicated to keeping the art of blues music alive and well. With special events like the Blues Heritage Series — which hosts free shows at the Scarab Club in Detroit — Schenk and the Detroit Blues Society are calling attention to the music which has nearly drowned in a sea of MTV-driven rock and hip hop. But his outlook is positive.

"I think (blues) is very popular right now," said Schenk. Seeing it live can be an educational and entertaining experience for all ages. The next installment in the Blues Heritage Series, Women of

Where to catch the blues

Listen for those shades of blue near your neighborhood. Some of the best blues clubs in the area include the following.

Detroit Blues Society picks:

- **Maglo Bag**, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
- **Music Menu Showcases Bar and Grill**, 511 Monroe, Detroit
- **Oxford Inn**, 43317 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Also try:

- **Lower Town Grill**, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth
- **Memphis Smoke**, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak
- **Fox and Hounds**, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills
- **Ford Road Bar and Grill**, 35505 Ford Road, Westland

Do you have a cure for the blues?

What's your opinion of the blues scene in Metro Detroit? Who's your favorite blues artist locally? Include your name, age and the city in which you live.

E-mail answers to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

Detroit Blues, is an event for anyone who loves the blues or has a curiosity to learn more about it. The Nov. 13 show features Bettye LaVette, Priscilla Price and Kerry Price.

LaVette is a native Detroit who has been from Broadway to Las Vegas and back. She's known for her "tell-it-like-it-is" form of the blues. Each of the women may be considered something of a blues treasure in our area.

"The music is thriving," he said. What sets our blues men

and women apart from those around the country is their strong connection to an original blues, untainted and pure.

"There is so much talent here under the surface," said Schenk. He credits stations like WDET and WHFR as being major supporters of the blues. Though he'd like to see it hit bigger radio markets, he understands that it's not popular enough for most commercial stations.

"I've always loved music," said Schenk, who discovered the soci-

ety when he hosted his own public access TV show in Eastpointe. He joined the group in 1995. Just over two years later he was chosen as president of the organization.

Why the blues? "It's very emotional," said Schenk. "It's just a very feeling music as compared to (other styles.) A lot of people think the blues is very simple. In order to do it well, a sense of timing has to (take place)."

He described blues as a musical style that moves in a circle. At certain points musicians jump off the path, creating various bridges. Those who know what they're doing playing the blues sense those moments and can create a depth and emotion in the music like no other style allows.

"Detroit has a wonderful blues community," said Schenk. "Everyone's willing to help out with everyone else's projects." They make up a sort of blues family.

At monthly meetings you'll find more than 200 members gathered at Hamtramck's Attic Bar, strumming guitars and jamming the blues. But it's more than just a chance to express themselves freely in the music. The Detroit Blues Society honors

a lifetime achievement artist each year. Last year the Butler Twins took the honor. The group is also formulating plans to reach out to younger members of the community. Schenk said he is interested in starting a "Blues in the Schools" program which would include education and live performances of the music.

"So much of the younger generation only know MTV," he said. "I don't personally enjoy rock music."

Moving into the future, Schenk is hopeful that doors will open for today's blues performers. It's unfortunate, he said, that most musicians must move away from the city to become successful. But the goal remains — "to be a good member of the cultural community and to give back to

the community as well." I couldn't have said it better myself.

Check out Women of Detroit Blues, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free All ages welcome. Call (313) 831-1250 for information. Blues fans can also see the Original Queen of Blues, Koko Taylor, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street in Royal Oak. Tickets \$10. (248) 543-4300 for information.

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Sounding off: November music reviews

In an effort to bring our readers in tune with the newest music by national and local artists, the Observer-Eccentric Newspapers will now be compiling music reviews. Local musicians may submit full-length compact discs, which have been completed or released no more than three months prior to submission, to the newspaper office. Send materials with a daytime phone number to Arts and Entertainment, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150. We do not guarantee that all submissions will be reviewed, but we'll try our best.

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"Our Little Secret" **

Dan Hazlett
Home Street Music
It's no secret how contemporary folk artist Dan Hazlett's new baby, Grace Paradise, influenced his work as a musician.

The latest release by the Waterford resident, "Our Little Secret," contains many reminders of the inspiration he gains from his daughter. "21 Inches of Paradise"

details the changes a man encounters when entering fatherhood. Little Grace is evident all over the CD; her cry ends one track and her likeness can be found on the cover.

For listeners, "Our Little Secret" creates a mood fostering contentment and reflection. Like a lazy day spent lounging in a Northern Michigan cabin, or a moment of calm found at the foot of Lake Michigan at sunset, the music is low-key and cozy.

The title track is a heartfelt look into the arrival of a new baby, a time to make room in our lives for the changes awaiting the future. "Hope Is Still" offers an uplifting opinion of what truly matters in the world. A song that shows value in love and emotion, dreams and aspirations, while disparaging the need for material objects and money.

Take a bit of a bluesy approach to folk music and you have "The Life is in the Roots." Hazlett's "Red Road" is reminiscent of gospel styles. Relying heavily on his acoustic guitar, the singer-songwriter incorporates these elements, along with touches of jazz and pop, with ease into his own dreamy folk sound. Songs were recorded at studios and perfor-

mances in Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills and Pontiac.

Hazlett's fourth CD and latest effort provides the perfect accompaniment for those subdued times of the day. Unwind with this one.

■ Best to listen to when: cuddling by a fire
—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

"Resignation" ***

Lori Amey
LEEMA Records
When I first met Lori Amey, in a Michigan State University lecture hall before a film class, I had no idea of her accomplishments.

I didn't know she snagged an opening spot at Lilith Fair. I was unaware that she was attending MSU with a vocal music scholarship. And I had no clue that her voice, that voice, could flutter and coo, evoking such passion and emotion. I am delighted and not at all surprised to hear this disc was the first CD ever by an unsigned artist to break into the top 25 best-selling albums at Tower Records in East Lansing.

Her second effort, titled "Resignation," shows depth and fire, both in its poetic lyrics and soothing vocals. At 22, the Livonia native has got quite a handle on life and

love. In "Shattered" she sings: "You chose only to see all that you desired me to be. And though you're shattered someday you'll believe what I say." It paints a softer picture of a failed relationship than listeners might expect. She's not vengeful like Alanis Morissette. She's not as frail as Tori Amos.

In "Better Day," Amey's the friend we all need in times of despair. A voice of hope, an up-lifting spirit. She urges: "I see the fire in your eyes, won't you let it burn? There's more to you than you know, so don't let go." This song, and overall the tone of the album, offers that sense that someone else shares those experiences which hurt us, and heal us. The subject matter is easy to relate to, like a close friend.

She's been compared to Paula Cole and Joni Mitchell, but Lori Amey has a mind, a voice and a talent all her own. Buy "Resignation" at Borders Books and Music, Harmony House, or online at www.loriamey.com.

■ Best to listen to when: In deep conversation with friends over coffee
—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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Cleveland's Gill & Grill offers familiar ambiance

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Cleveland's Gill & Grill, one of downtown Ann Arbor's newest eateries, promises to be a favorite for those who like fresh, well-presented seafood dishes, as well as tasty meat, chicken and pasta entrees.

While the emphasis is on fresh fish — there's always a list of daily specials — Cleveland's serves a wonderful sautéed pork loin in a marinated citrus glaze with sun-dried cherries (\$13.95 for dinner, \$8.95 for lunch). The dish, created by Chef Michael Dopkowski, developed quite a following at John Cleveland's former restaurant in Plymouth Township, The Water Club Grill.

"It sells even better in Ann Arbor," said Cleveland.

The London broil (\$13.95), served on a bed of oven-roasted potatoes, onions and sweets peppers, is another satisfying meat-eater's choice for cold, fall evening. So is the filet mignon (\$18.25), nestled in a fried onion basket and lightly covered with a Crimini mushroom sauce.

The filet is good, said Cleveland, very good.

Thank goodness Cleveland has transferred much of the Water Club's menu to his new place, including the creamy, rosy-hued Palomino clam chowder and the Maryland crab cakes with a roasted red pepper sauce. If my taste buds remember correctly,

Cleveland's Gill & Grill
Where: 311 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (directly across from The Ark), (734) 213-2505
Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Lots of seafood, a good selection of steaks, just enough chicken and pasta entrees. Homemade pumpkin pie.
Cost: Moderate to moderately high, lunches range from \$5 to \$10; dinners \$9-\$17. Most dinner items are in the \$11 to \$15 range.
Atmosphere: Comfortably bistro, with nautical themes. Mostly non-smoking. Smoking section on second floor.
Credit cards: All major credit cards accepted
Reservations: Recommended for parties over five. Diners may call ahead one hour for a table.

those crabcakes should be worth the drive to Ann Arbor.

"I liked the menu we had. I thought it was a well-balanced menu. I thought it would transition well to Ann Arbor. We've offered more appetizers to encourage grazing. People can come over before and after performances at The Ark and have appetizers and a glass of wine," said Cleveland.

Appetizers include shrimp cocktail, steamed mussels, crabcakes, several kinds of oysters, baked brie, sautéed wild mushrooms, and sautéed spicy black bean cake. Prices range from \$4.95 to \$7.95.

The black bean cakes are big sellers, as is the baked brie, said Cleveland. "In one month here we'll sell as many baked bries as we sold in three months in Plymouth."

Cleveland's wife, Sarah, has added a specialty to the menu:

Her homemade pumpkin pie. "It has more spices. It's hardy, interesting pumpkin pie. We sell out every weekend," said Cleveland.

Ambience also is part of Cleveland's new place. The building, which dates to 1901, has been reincarnated several times, mostly as a bar. It retains much of its comfortable turn-of-the-century look, with half-pannelled walls and original tin ceilings. And both floors — yes, this is a two-story restaurant — have their own vintage, wood bars.

The well-worn oak bar in the restaurant's main, street-level dining room comes from Ironwood, Mich. Cleveland believes it was constructed about 1900. It certainly bears testimony to a century of use.

"There are literally thousands of elbow marks rubbed into it," said Cleveland.

However, Cleveland has added enough contemporary touches —



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At your service: John Cleveland (left) presents Maryland crab cakes, and Chef Michael Dopkowski, black bean cakes, a popular appetizer, at Cleveland's Gill & Grill in Ann Arbor.

like the sweeping nautical-theme murals — to give his new place its own 90s-nostalgic, nicely hip personality. He calls it a "recycled ambience."

The personable Cleveland is a hometown boy. He grew up in Ann Arbor and knows many of

its merchants and business owners. He was the general manager of the Gandy Dancer from 1989-1992 and the assistant manager from 1977-81.

He likes to stop by tables and ask his guests about their meals.

He wants them to walk out the door having had a truly satisfying dining experience.

"I want them to feel like it was a comfortable place, an interesting place. Like they have been here before."

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

■ **Fox Hills Country Club** ● RJO Productions presents "Fox's Liar Dinner Theater" Saturdays through Nov. 13, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, followed by show,

at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$29.95 per person, call (734) 453-7272.

■ **Buddy's Restaurant & Pizzeria** — kicks off "got pizza?" 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at its Farmington Hills location 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills to benefit the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center. WDIV-TV Anchorwoman Carmen Harlan, the first "got

pizza?" celebrity sporting a red pizza sauce mustache, will be live at this Buddy's around 7 p.m. But the first 100 big and little kids will have the chance to create their own "got pizza?" mustache and have their photo taken and printed on a souvenir Buddy's tee-shirt. From the 16th through the end of November, visit any Buddy's and order the Carmen Harlan Signature Pizza includes cheese, bacon, ham,

sausage, green peppers and onions; and \$2 will go towards the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center. In the coming months, other local celebrities will get their mustache and signature pizza with \$2 going to their favorite children's charity.

■ **Candlelight dinner dance** — sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

5, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 32900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost is \$36 per person, includes dinner, drinks, capuccino, espresso, dancing to Steve King and the Dittilies. Call (734) 591-0042.

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