## Livonia Youth Symphony plays season finale

The Livenia Youth Symphony Society's Spring Pope Concert and I de Cream Social will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Churchill High School, 8960 Newburgh. Originally schooled for 7:30 p.m., the concert was rescheduled to allow more time for audience and participants to enjoy the Ice cream, Jemonade and coffee in the cafeteria folowing the performance. This season's final concert will involve nearly 5:00 compe miscians in

The concert will open with the string orchestria under the direction of Judith William Brason will conduct the conclider performing highlights from "The Sound of Music" and "I' Whistle a Happy Thue" from "The King and I." Both are Rodgers and Hammerstein arrangements for excent favorites to be performed are "Where is towe" from "Oliver" by Llond Bart and "The Ralabow Consection" by Paul Williams and Kemy Aber. An original composition, "Dance Conversation" by Rob-

petition winners Elena and Theresa Mack. The young planists will join the crobestra in a performance of Saint-Saers' 'Carnival of the Animals', 'which also features solos from other members of the orchestra including principal cells Stasan Limi in the popular "Swam."

The 100-member symphony orchestra its the advanced performing ensemble of LTSS. As a result of the high praba-

Tim Rakowicz, the orchestra's princi-pal trombonist, will be soloist in "Blue Bells of Scotland" by Pryor. Rakowicz was the first prize winner in the LYSS

The 100-member symphony ornestra is the advanced performing ensemble of the LYSS. As a result of the high praise received for its performance at Orchestra Hall last March, the organization was honored by a Senate resolution naming them musical ambassadors from Michi-

Admission to the concert is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children and senior citizens. The ice cream is \$1.50 including drinks.

## Author details theories on educational reforms

By Shirles Iden staff writer

From principals to presidents, people with power are presiding over the curtailment of educational programs.
Gladys Hansen is swimming against that tide.

age 3.

"For one thing, this would help in the detection of physical and behavioral and behavioral are easier to correct at problems that are easier to correct at any early age," she said in a Southfield interview.

Hansen, who wrote "Violence in the Sandbox," will appear at Bookpeople in the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield

the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield from 1-3 pm. today.

She will answer questions about her educational theories as well as the book and will show a videotape she produced on early childhood education.

"Violence in the Sandbox" is a book that took its author several years to write. The title was the product of a brainstorming session with the publi-cist.

cist.
"No one up to now has developed expertise in the training of preschool personnel," Hansen said.

CHILDREN ARE BORN with curi-

osity and motivation, and when they get the proper nurturing, with an avoidance of punishment and blame, they don't lose these attractive, innate qualities, she said.

"Our failure to feed and educate carries a high price," the crusading educar said. "Pregnant mothers need good food and care as much before the birth as after.

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Hansen contends we all raise our children pretty much the way we were raised because that's all we know.

Parents and teacher should avoid

forming their own opinions about a quarrel between children. Instead they should help one child work it out with the other, she said.

"We expect too much of young children. We expect them to think the way we do, but they don't reach that stage until they're 7 or 8.

Very young children are so egocentric that if they bear thunder, they fear they've done something wrong, she said so the stage of th

said.
Every 3- and 4-year-old should at-tend a preschool, she said. "They can learn to get along with other children and develop skills necessary to learn to read and learn later.

GOOD PRESCHOOLS allow children to play in sand, dough and clay and get really dirty. "Children have to learn to be messy before they can learn

The government should subsidize mothers with skill in raising children so that they can stay home during their children's early years, she believes.

"The early years, the first three years, are the most important. Behav-ior and learning patterns are all set by then."

Hansen is extremely critical of to-day's teacher training practices — they lead to the production of babysitters

After earning BA and MS degrees from the University of California, Han-sen did graduate social work studies at the University of Chicago. She also served a European internship as a member of the Study Abroad Program.

She was a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and has participated in other seminars and forums on early childhood education.

She has produced films and video tapes showing small children ways to deal with their emotions without resorting to violence.



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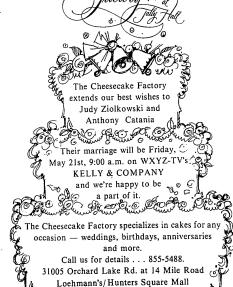
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