

Tie One On With MADD

Millions of red ribbons will be distributed in Michigan this holiday season during the MADD Red Ribbon "Tie One On...For Safety" campaign. The campaign opened on Monday November 20 with a kickoff ceremony in Lansing.

The opening Event featured guest speakers, the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree, a Red Ribbon "Tie One On" demonstration, and a motorcade.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP) is again co-sponsoring the alcohol-free driving public awareness program which runs through January 1, 1990.

The Red Ribbon campaign encourages people to tie red ribbons to motor vehicle antennas, rear view mirrors, or door handles as symbolic and visual reminders to drive "sober and safe" throughout the holidays---and into the new year!

Lansing Mayor Terry McKane delivered a holiday welcome and was joined by

other speakers carrying the Red Ribbon message.

MADD, Michigan Executive Director, Bethany Goodman, presented the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree, which bears 793 red ribbons, commemorating the victims killed last year in Michigan by drunk drivers.

"As Michigan enters its fourth Red Ribbon campaign, more symbolic red ribbons will be distributed than ever before. But this year, there will be 793 red ribbons, tied to the branches of an evergreen, as a silent memorial and reminder. The holiday Red Ribbon Campaign is being conducted for somber reasons---793 to be exact." The impact of a similar memorial introduced last year by the MADD, Lapeer County Chapter led the state to establish the Red Ribbon Memorial Tree. It will stand in the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing throughout the holidays.

Michigan law enforcement agencies have joined forces to support the Red Ribbon campaign in local

communities.

"The Red Ribbon campaign has increased public awareness," stated Colonel R.T. Davis, Director, Michigan Dept. of State Police. "One only has to look at the office, family and other holiday get-togethers to see that drinking, then driving, is no longer accepted as part of the holiday tradition."

OHSP is providing red ribbon to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. OHSP Director Karen Tarrant commented, "The message is clear. The public supports projects and leaders that work for alcohol-and-drug-free highways. Will we all listen? Will legislators and community leaders---will we all---support law enforcement with tougher sanctions against drinking drivers?"

Vice President of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Barry County Sheriff David Wood (Hastings) said, "Sheriff's departments from all over the state will be decorating their cruisers with red ribbon as a

reminder to all, that a safe and joyous holiday season is everyone's gift to each other, by not drinking and driving." He added, "May the efforts by the Sheriffs of Michigan, to keep our streets and highways free from drunk drivers, be seen as our special holiday gift to each of you."

The President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief Allan Nalepa, Sterling Heights, said, "the MACP is 100 percent behind the MADD program, 'Tie One On.' Don't be a person to spoil your holiday or someone else's holiday by tying anything on other than a red ribbon."

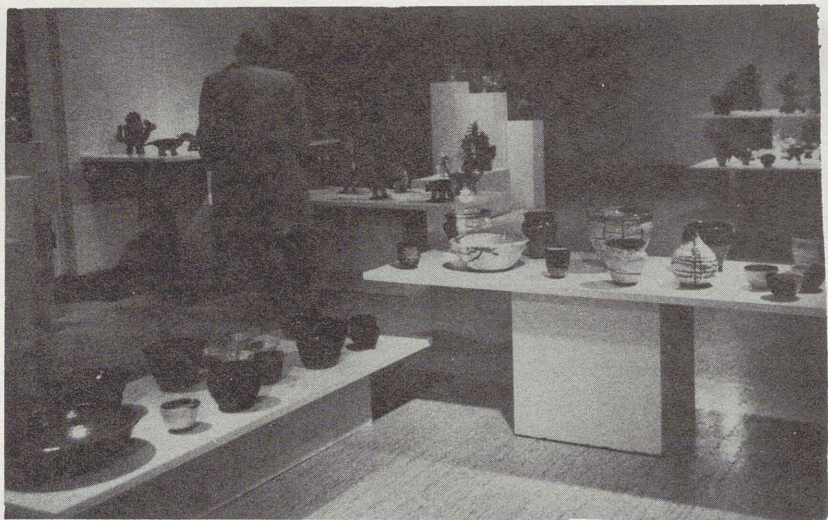
Keynote speaker Ellen Deverman, widowed by a drunk driver December 10, 1985, emphasized the personal impact of drunken driving. "There was no way our family should have had to deal with something like this. His death was so senseless," said the mother of two daughters. The 35-year-old Eaton County Deputy Sheriff, Donald Rice,

was killed instantly when he was struck by a speeding drunk driver. Deputy Rice had stopped to assist three stranded holiday motorists is changing a flat tire on a roadside near Charlotte. Mrs. Deverman remarked, "If I could do or say anything to keep other families from having to deal with this... if you drink, don't get behind the wheel of a car and put others in jeopardy."

Following the brief addresses, MADD representatives, honorary ribbon tiers and other dignitaries demonstrated how to "Tie One On...For Safety" as they ceremoniously attached red ribbons to motorcade vehicles.

The caravan of law enforcement, safety and sponsor vehicles then motorcaded down Michigan Ave., driving home the Red Ribbon message.

An appreciation luncheon for the kickoff participants concluded the event.



Joseph Donna had his first major solo exhibit at the Jesse Besser Museum.

According to the Museum Newsletter, the exhibit, which opened Sunday, November 12, is entitled, "Sculpture Ceramics." It will be shown at the museum through December.



The Bottom Line

Genesis drummer/vocalist Phil Collins has just released his fourth solo effort entitled "... But Seriously"

"...But Seriously" brings across a new Phil Collins. Granted the disc has at least 5 potential singles, but the song writing has greatly improved. It seems that this disc has more of a late 70's Genesis aura about it.

Featured cuts include "That's Just the Way It Is" and "Colours" which could have easily been Genesis songs on "And Then There Were Three" and "Duke". Also noteworthy is the

current single "Another Day In Paradise", which is representative of this disc, as well as the introspective "Father to Son".

Digitally recorded, "...But Seriously" is produced by Collins with longtime associate Hugh Padgham and it sounds great. The usual band of crack musicians were recruited: Darryl Stuermer on guitar, Lee Sklar on bass, the Phoenix Horns and Collins playing drums, percussion and keyboards and with that it is easy to see that Phil has found yet another formula for success.

Perhaps the days of "Sussudio" and "Don't Lose My Number" have gone to the background, but I'll take "...But Seriously" as exactly that. A much more serious effort.

The Bottom Line Report Card Phil Collins	
Music	A
Lyrics	A
Production	A
Performance	A
Final Grade	A

AVC Taking Wish Requests

The Alpena Volunteer Center (AVC) is now taking requests for their Christmas Wish List.

The Christmas Wish List is a program in which representatives from non profit organizations call the Volunteer Center about a child that they think is in need of clothing or other gifts.

Usually, AVC receives a lot of requests from secretaries and teachers that know of a child in need.

Representatives from non profit organizations usually know of low income families that work for them that are in need.

Local residents are usually

the ones that call AVC about a child they want to buy for.

When they get a name they buy a gift, wrap it, and deliver it to AVC, where it is then transferred to the child.

The children that receive the gift are never in contact with the people that purchase it for them.

Last year, approximately 9,000 dollars in gifts and money were collected and distributed.

The Alpena Volunteer Center has operated this program since the late 1970's.

The deadline for giving requests is December 1, and the deadline for getting a child's name is December 14.