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MONDAY

City meeting: The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second level of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

TUESDAY

Membership mixer: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is holding a membership mixer at The Giving Spirit, 748 Starkweather in Old Village from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 453-1540 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

OVDA meeting: The Old Village Development Authority meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Old Village Community Center, 186 E. Spring. The meeting will be a goals-setting meeting focusing on Old Village Plan 2000.

Economic Club: Dean Bernard Dobronski of the Catholic University School of Law in Washington, D.C., is the guest speaker at the Tonquish Economic Club noon luncheon.

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Ridge closes for road work

The Wayne County Road Commission will be closing Ridge Road, from Ann Arbor Road to Powell, for reconstruction beginning Monday. Road commission spokesman John Roach, said the project won't be completed until next spring. However, they are hoping to have at least the first layer of asphalt down before the cold weather so motorists will have a hard surface to drive on during the winter. The road will be closed to through traffic from Oct. 18 to Dec. 15. There will be access for local traffic at all times.



Gay issue creates 'firestorm'

The Plymouth-Canton teachers union will move ahead with a grievance claim that the district violated the academic freedom of two teachers. The ACLU is also looking at the case.

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"They've created a firestorm." That's the reaction of West Middle School music teacher Mike Chiumento, one of two gay teachers forced by Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Ken Walcott to take down displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

And it may just be the beginning as groups, pro and con, line up to do battle on the issue.

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association's grievance committee decided Wednesday to take up the cause of Chiumento and Salem High School teacher Tom Salbenblatt, who also was forced to take down a bulletin board display in his room depicting gay and lesbian history.

A grievance is expected to be filed with the district's administration early this week.

"We're looking for a cessation to censorship and the reinstatement of the displays for gay awareness month ... not only for this year but coming years," said Joann Gustafson, co-chairman of the teacher's union grievance committee. "The district is in violation of academic freedom."

Gustafson cites the union contract, which states "teachers are free to teach broad areas of knowledge, including those areas considered controversial."

"One is a math teacher, the other is a music teacher, and that's what they

should be teaching," said Walcott. "I don't think this is about free speech."

Walcott said the district has received several hundred telephone calls concerning his edict to take down the displays, which he says "are running 8-1 in support of the district's stand."

Chiumento has contacted the American Civil Liberties Union, whose lawyers will discuss the issue later this month to decide whether it will get involved.

"It's amazing to me that in the wake of a number of hate crimes occurring on a monthly basis that an effort to

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School site remains a mystery



Mass exodus: Students pour out of Plymouth Canton High School at the end of a recent school day. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is debating whether to put the third high school closer to the campus or shuttle students to a farther location on the same property but closer to Beck Road.

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The question of how the Plymouth-Canton district came up with building site choices for a third high school remains a mystery.

Meanwhile, school district officials and the school board continue to negotiate terms of a mandate which could open the door for the school board to revisit the "where to build" issue.

It's no secret that former superintendent Chuck Little was adamant when he was around: the new school would be constructed on the west side of the district's property, at Joy and Beck roads.

The school board even moved in that direction, until Little left for a job at Indiana University in July and the architect showed up at an August school board meeting with two sites for construction.

However, no one has been able to say how the district moved from a west site location to the having to decide between an east and west location.

"I'm not sure how that happened," said school board president Sue Davis. "The opposition brought itself forward when Chuck left ..."

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City hopefuls spar at candidates forum

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There were a few fireworks at Thursday night's Plymouth City Commission Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Plymouth Observer and the League of Women Voters.

Several of the nine commission hopefuls in attendance took jabs at opponents in an attempt to bolster their standing among voters, as they discussed such issues as recreation, water and sewage problems, water rates, Old Village and who should become mayor. However, most of the explosions

The forum was taped and will be broadcast by MediaOne on Channel 25, the Plymouth local origination channel.

began after Commissioner Jon Vos joined the forum about an hour late, choosing to attend the City of Plymouth's Employee Appreciation Dinner first.

Vos sat next to commission hopeful Sean FitzGerald, who said "Glad you could make it."

Vos took the remark as sarcasm, and the two traded barbs and interrupted each other frequently during the remaining half-hour of the forum. They

even attacked each other's law firms.

Sally Repeck took her share of hits as several candidates questioned whether she owed back taxes and discussed whether she should drop out of the race.

"I don't owe any city taxes," said Repeck when the question was posed from the audience by the League's moderator, Ann Marie Graham.

Several of the candidates chose to stay focused on their own opinions,

declining to attack other candidates.

Candidate Dan Dwyer, in obvious reference to the current commission's penchant for argument, ended the forum by telling voters to "pick four people who can work together."

Eight candidates are vying for four, four-year seats on the commission in the Nov. 2 election. They include Kevin Decker, Dwyer, FitzGerald, Bill Graham, Michele Potter, Penny Rowland, Repeck and Jerry Vorva.

Two candidates are included in a special election to fill a two-year unexpired term. They are David Byers and Vos.

Byers: Fresh perspective needed on commission

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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David Byers says his lack of experience in politics is really another way of saying he has a "fresh perspective" when it comes to city government.

"I don't come in with a political lineup behind me, with appointees and people who will get special concessions," said Byers, who is running in the Nov. 2 special election to fill a two-year unexpired term. "I'm not a professional politician. If that's what the voters are looking for, then I may not be the best candidate."

Byers said he decided to get into the race after encouragement from his neighbors, who didn't like the fighting among commissioners and a 46 percent



David Byers

Vos: Incumbent wants to change city reputation

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John Vos is the only one of 10 candidates running for Plymouth city commissioner who is an incumbent.

However, Vos believes his demeanor on the commission is really part of the change that voters are seeking for the next board.

"Residents have been upset with the way commissioners have been conducting themselves," said Vos. "And it's really unacceptable because they're bringing the reputation of the commission down."

"Several people have told me they've seen a change since I was appointed to the board last spring," he added. "I may be part of the so-called Old Guard."



John Vos

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COP CALLS

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Drugs seized
Plymouth Township police arrested a Canton man, 17, shortly after midnight Oct. 9 for possession of what they described as "hallucinogenic mushrooms."

The substance was found in a baggie in his left pants pocket.

Police stopped the man east-bound on Ann Arbor Road near Main when they observed the tinted windows on the black Chrysler LeBaron he was driving.

The windshield had a film on it, police said.

The responding officer also detected the odor of alcohol "about the driver and vehicle," the report said.

The teen's parents were notified.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Arrest

A routine traffic stop resulted in Plymouth police capturing a man wanted in New York state on 16 sexual assault charges involving a young girl.

Police reports indicated the 35-year-old suspect from Queensbury, N.Y., was driving through Plymouth when he was stopped by Officer Tony Angelosanto about 10:30 p.m., Oct. 5, because of a defective tail light.

After checking the law enforcement computer network, Angelosanto found the outstanding warrants against the man, who was traveling with his wife and children.

The suspect is being held in the Wayne County jail awaiting extradition proceedings from New York authorities.

Staff writers Sue Buck and Tony Bruscato

45 hopefuls seek school boss job

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The search for a permanent Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent has resulted in approximately 45 candidates vying for the district's top administrative position.

However, none of the resumes received thus far by consultants handling the search are from administrators already working in the 16,000-student district.

"While our time frame was to have resumes in by Oct. 8, we are still accepting applications if they come in," said Ron Barnes, managing director of The Bickert Group, Ltd., from his office in Deerfield, Ill.

"The information I have right now is that nobody from within the

Plymouth-Canton school district has applied."

Barnes said generally 75 percent of most resumes in a superintendent search come from the home state or a state which borders it. He said that general assessment hasn't wavered in this case, though Barnes notes one resume came from a U.S. Defense Department worker in Saudi Arabia.

"I don't play the numbers game, but the amount of resumes are generally lower during a January search than they are for someone who would be expected to start July 1," added Barnes. "I'm optimistic we can find someone. However, the board has said on numerous occasions that if they can't find a suitable candidate to start by second semester

then it will wait to make a choice."

Barnes said most of the candidates who responded to ads in Education Weekly and more than 700 mailings are current superintendents or deputy superintendents from a variety of school districts, ranging from those in major cities to some with student populations of 2,000.

David Hendrix, senior associate with The Bickert Group, said the consulting firm has begun looking at the applications in an effort to identify 15 elite candidates. The consultants then will narrow that down to six top candidates by the Oct. 26 meeting with the school board and the Superintendent's Selection Committee. Those two groups will then

review the job specifications, develop questions for candidates and set up interviews, which are slated for Nov. 2-4.

"We're pleased with the number of resumes and the quality of responses we've received in this search," said Hendrix.

School board members are expecting to make site visits with a consultant Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, with the appointment of a new superintendent currently planned for Dec. 14.

Superintendent Chuck Little resigned the \$120,000-a-year position in July to take a position at Indiana University. The school board then hired Ken Walcott to serve as interim superintendent at \$10,000 a month until their search for a permanent replacement is complete.

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Mystery from page A1

Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott, who came on board in July, thinks the architects "came up with their own plan when they were asked to find buildable sites."

Architect Douglas La Ferle, vice president of French Associates, said he never believed the west location was etched in stone, despite what Little was expressing to the public.

"In his own mind Dr. Little may have thought it was on the west, but I don't think so," said

La Ferle. "I just came up with options for the district."

What appeared like a done deal to build a west site high school in July, has once again turned into a site controversy in October.

The board voted 4-3 last month to build on the west site. Three of the trustees left the door open to revisit the issue if mandates on changing the delivery of curriculum were met.

A revocation vote was scheduled for a special board meeting

Tuesday; however that has been taken off the agenda.

The reason: three trustees - Davis, Judy Mardigan and Darwin Watts - have not yet received signatures from all the high school administrators, showing their support for the mandate.

"We didn't get what we needed to move forward," said Davis. "I think we'll eventually get there, but not yet."

All three trustees have indicated to the Observer they will seriously consider changing their

votes and move the construction of the high school to an east site, closer to the current high schools, if they get total support from staff.

They would join Elizabeth Givens, Steve Guile and Roland Johnson in supporting an east site. Trustee Mark Slavens has said he will not change his vote.

Walcott said he has the signatures of central office staff, but had not received the signatures of all high school administrators as of Friday.

Make a difference Saturday

Plymouth Township is looking for a few good men and women

who are willing to make a difference on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Volunteers and donations are needed for a food drive at Township Hall for Make a Difference Day. Help is also needed to aerate lawns and pour top soil on the recreational fields at Allen and Farrand elementaries.

"We really need some volunteers to help fix up the soccer fields. The thing is the schools don't have the money to do it," said Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Goods collected from the food drive will go to the Plymouth Salvation Army. Cereal, boxes of macaroni and cheese, diapers and diaper wipes are some items needed.

To volunteer call Plymouth Township Hall at 453-3840.

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THE Observer

It's all about location, location, location

The Plymouth-Canton school board reconsiders new school site as debate among students, parents appears to favor the campus setting at PCEP

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The location of Plymouth-Canton's third high school is everything, according to district students and parents.

The school board recently opened the door to changing its mind on building the new school at Joy and Beck roads.

School administrators were handed seven mandates by the board which need to be met in order for the board to consider a re-vote on the location. No time-frame was set as to the completion of those mandates.

Student opinion has set a mandate of its own. A cross-section of high school and middle school students almost unanimously supported the east site.

But at least one parent who has enrolled her children in a local parochial school said the size of the campus is a negative factor for her and others.

Salem High School junior Amber Wohlfeil thinks the new school should be adjacent to the existing high schools.

"I think it should be the same distance away as Canton and Salem," she said. "It would be a lot easier to get to."

Wohlfeil believes the board's vote wasn't representative of the community's desires.

"I think it should've been handled better," she said.

"It should go closer to the other schools," Salem freshman Niraj Kapadina said.

Busing students throughout the day would make for a lot of confusion, he added.

"The shuttle would make it much worse," said Kapadina.

Salem freshman Cheri Porter favors the east site.

"Because it's close by," she said. "That way we can go to all three schools."

Porter thinks the west location

would curtail social interaction among students.

"You wouldn't get to meet everybody," she said. Canton freshman Claire Doolley agreed.

"We wouldn't have the same experience as everyone else," she said. "It should be closer to here. I think it's ridiculous to put it out there."

Several East Middle School students had similar opinions.

"I think it would be better if it was placed closer to the other schools," said Janine Korovesas, an eighth grader. "I think it would be easier for the kids to get back and forth to class."

The future Plymouth Salem student doesn't like the idea of taking a shuttle. She thinks the cost of running buses back and forth to the three schools wouldn't be justified.

"I wouldn't be comfortable with the risk of not making it to class on time," she said. "I don't think it's worth it, considering the money."

Eighth grader Christine Denstedt agreed.

"I think it should be close to Salem and Canton," she said. "I don't think it's fair to be shuttled back and forth. I think the kids will be more stressed out if they have to go to a third school."

Other students had different takes.

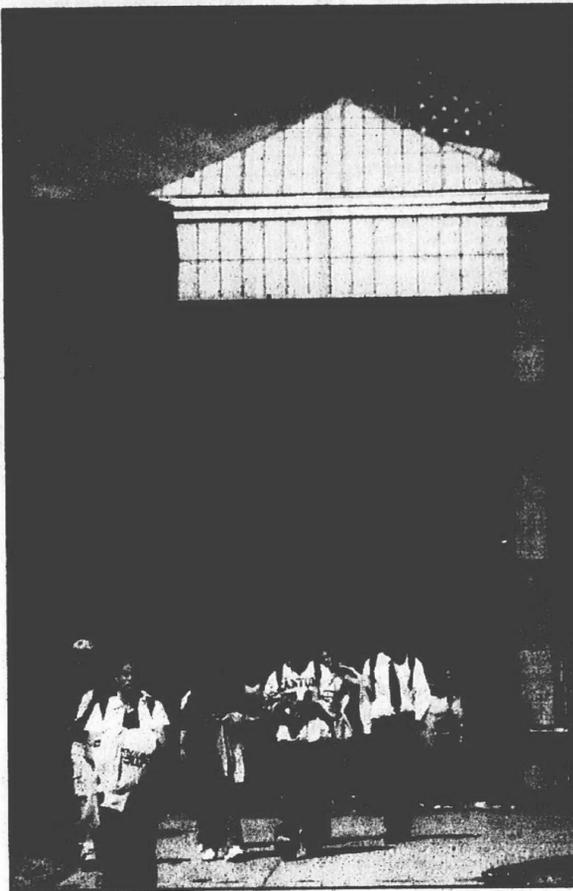
Steve James, a seventh grader, thinks the new high school should be at the west location.

"I think it should be there," he said. "Then Canton could have its own school. If Canton goes on to become a city instead of a township, it can have its own high school."

Eighth grader Lester Booker, meanwhile, was indifferent.

"I don't care where it's at as long as I get a good education," he said. "It really doesn't matter as long as they have good teachers."

Parent Debbie Schopieray has a stronger opinion. She currently has children at Central Middle School and Salem.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

School bells: Many students claim they'd rather have the third high school closer to the other two schools.

ers."

Parent Debbie Schopieray has a stronger opinion. She currently has children at Central Middle School and Salem.

"We've had kids at the (PCEP) park for the last 10 years," said Schopieray, who acts as Central's Parent-Council co-chairwoman. "I feel the system is working. I think the campus setting is only helpful to the kids. It's really a unique situation that most kids don't have."

Schopieray has several concerns about the west site. She thinks shuttling students between schools could lead to problems. Passing time between classes, she said, would have to be increased to as much as 15 minutes.

"For those that aren't taking the shuttle," Schopieray said, "it's a lot of time to get in trouble."

She thinks education at all three schools would suffer.

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Christine Denstedt
eighth grader

"I think they'd have to cut programs," Schopieray said. "If they put it on the east site, I think they can keep all the programs intact."

Her youngest daughter will graduate in 2003.

"I'd hate to see her not have the same advantages my other kids have had," Schopieray said. "It could be a step backwards."

Parent Janet Early is pleased the board may reconsider its vote. She said trustees should clearly define what type of school they are looking for before voting again, however.

"If they want a third high school and want to make it its own entity," Early said, "then I don't have a problem with the west location."

But she doesn't believe a Joy/Beck site would allow for curriculum integration with the two existing schools.

"If they want to do that then they should be together," said Early, who has a freshman and sophomore at PCEP.

Shuttle and other costs associated with curriculum integration would be too high for a district already strapped for cash.

"Don't spend money we don't have," said Early.

Canton resident Sue Hill has had four children attend either Salem or Canton. She thinks the campus setting worked well for her kids and should continue.

"If it made sense the first time they did it," Hill adds, "then why doesn't it still make sense?"

She doesn't buy the small school argument, either.

"I went through a large school in Detroit," said Hill. "You get out what you put into it regardless of the environment."

She feels a Joy and Beck location wouldn't be cost effective. Hill said the district would either have to duplicate programs or not offer them to students at the new school.

"Kids will miss out on certain programs," Hill said. "I don't see the reason for segregating kids from programs."

Parents Deborah Comer and Marcia Tong offer a different perspective. Both have children at Agape Christian Academy in Canton, which serves K-12 students.

Comer said the size of PCEP was a big factor in keeping her kids away.

"I wanted a smaller environment for my children," she said. "The cost savings for the schools being together would be great. But they're getting too big. When you get too big you don't know what's going on."

"The current high school situation is very large. Children can get lost in that big of a situation."

As a high school secretary at Agape, Comer keeps a keen eye on incoming students. She said as many as 50 percent of the school's 78 high school students come from public schools.

"We are getting some families that don't want to send their kids to those high schools," Comer said.

Tong and her husband made that decision long ago. Her kids have only attended Christian schools.

"I really believe in having Bible-based curriculum," she adds.

Tong thinks larger schools, and public schools in general, tend to have more problems with violence and drugs. As a substitute teacher in the school, she sees a stronger curriculum at Agape than at public schools.

"I feel like my kids are getting a better education," Tong said.

Other districts consider size

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The controversy of where to build the new Plymouth-Canton Community High School won't affect Jay Young's daughter Shauna, a senior at Plymouth Salem High because it will be several years until the new high school is built.

However, Young, a public relations spokesman for the Livonia school district, sang the praises of the campus setting shared by both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High School.

"It offers a broader range of subjects and can be beneficial in the range and breadth of programming," Young said.

While Young's daughter succeeded in this educational environment, he said students who aren't as driven and focused might fall through the cracks among the large student body.

In a decision which has divided the school board and split the community, Plymouth-Canton trustees voted 4-3 in August to build a new high school at Joy and Beck away from the present two high schools, despite an administration recommendation to build the new facility closer to the current high schools.

That decision is now being reconsidered.

The Plymouth Canton School District is unique in its shared campus on one site, school officials in other school districts said.

But other districts still grapple with issues of overcrowding and programming.

Sari Shifrin, a parent and Ann Arbor board member, who served on a high school futures committee studied reconfiguring grades.

"We're looking at the possibility of a new ninth grade building on an existing campus or on some other land," Shifrin said. "The ninth grade is a transition year."

Faculty can observe students' performance and determine which teens may need a little more help "getting up to speed" in the high school environment.

Steve Wasko, public information spokesman for the West Bloomfield School District, wouldn't comment on the merits of a high school campus setting

Comparative high school counts

(Preliminary numbers for high school enrollment at benchmark school districts)

SCHOOL DISTRICT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT
ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	6,491
Huron High School	2,020
Pioneer	2,435
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	2,939
Andover	963
LaSalle	1,076
DEARBORN	4,949
Dearborn High	1,426
Fordson	1,885
Edsel Ford	1,391
FARMINGTON	3,536
Farmington High School	1,256
Harrison	1,105
North Farmington	1,290
HURON VALLEY	3,173
Lakeland	1,365
Milford	1,715
LIVONIA	5,536
(Last year's numbers)	
Chubbill	1,919
Franklin	1,489
Stevenson	2,038
NORTHVILLE	1,463
Northville High School	1,463
NOVI	1,876
Novi High School	1,876
PLYMOUTH CANTON CAMPUS	4,962
(Last year's numbers)	
Canton High School	2,359
Salem High School	2,333
SOUTH LYON	1,690
South Lyon High School	1,690
VAN BUREN	1,781
Van Buren High School	1,781
WAYNE-WESTLAND	4,198
John Glenn	2,069
Wayne Memorial	1,966

considering it inappropriate in relation to articles being written about the Plymouth Canton school district.

"I can't comment on what is good for the Plymouth Canton school district," Wasko said.

Often school districts have a high school and middle school or a high school and junior high on a land parcel, Wasko said. Or, they may have an elementary, middle school and high school on the same site, Wasko said.

Having two or more high schools on one site is unusual, he added.

The West Bloomfield school district is committed to operat-

ing only one high school and has added a 60,000-foot addition. "That's the size of an elementary school," Wasko commented.

That means more teaching stations, classes and labs, he said.

Like the Ann Arbor school district, the West Bloomfield district is also looking critically at the ninth grade period of transition as well as a smaller learning environment.

The district is studying the Southfield School Public School district's development of small academies devoted to technology, business, fine arts, etc., Wasko said.

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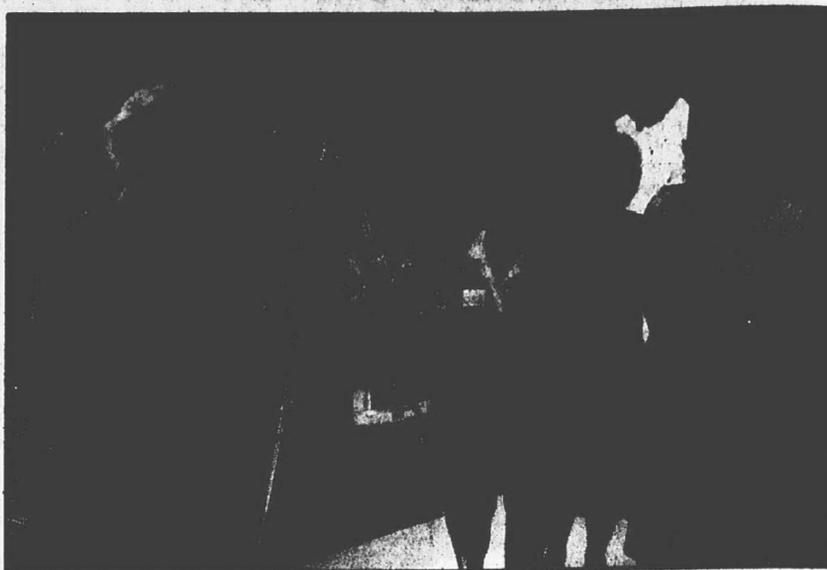
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Greens Mart pre-sale begins



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Sale under way: From left, Maureen Armstrong, Evelyn Gilbert, Stephanie LaGosh and Jill Ginder pose with the wreath.

The Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association's Greens Mart pre-sale is now in progress.

It is a major fund-raiser for the organization benefitting a wide range of activities from

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Firestorm from page A1

teach tolerance is met with government censorship," said Michael Steinberg, legal director of the ACLU Michigan from his Detroit office.

The ACLU office in New York, which successfully defended a lesbian teacher in Utah who was forced to resign as girls volleyball coach and ordered not to discuss her case, has also contact local union officials.

Meanwhile, the American

Family Association of Michigan has offered to defend Plymouth-Canton Schools in any legal entanglements.

"We join parents in applauding Superintendent Walcott for acting in the best interests of children rather than submitting to homosexual activists' political agenda," said Gary Glenn, president AFA-Michigan. "It is wrong to use our public school classrooms - and the tax dollars to

fund them - to promote homosexuality or any other behavior that puts our children at risk."

Glenn said lawyers for the AFA's Center for Law & Policy, headquartered in Tupelo, Miss., will offer legal support to the school district if union officials and homosexual activists attempt to overturn the district's decision.

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Local leaders oppose bill to divert civil fines

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The leaders of western Wayne County communities oppose a package of bills that would take away from communities revenue from civil fines — such as those collected from truck weight violations — and direct them to libraries.

Currently money collected from the civil fines is placed by communities into their general funds. House Bill 4927, one of six bills introduced on Sept. 30, would require that fines be paid to the county treasurer and applied to county libraries.

The Conference of Western Wayne members approved a resolution Oct. 8 opposing the bills. The CWW includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

In 1994 the Legislature passed bills to allow local units of government the option to create municipal ordinance violations bureaus and adopt by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code to better enforce the state's traffic laws. The laws allowed local law enforcement agencies to bring civil, rather than criminal, actions against people who violated local ordinances.

When the violations bureaus write citations under their own ordinances similar to state statutes the money collected can be retained by their local unit of government.

Since 1994, the number of violations written against commercial vehicles has increased "so substantially as to constitute deliberate harassment," truckers and commercial motor carrier operators testified before state lawmakers.

A legislative analysis stated that commercial carriers reported that "overzealous enforcement seems designed to provide a new revenue source for municipalities, rather than to protect the roads or the public."

Another bill in the package would allow a garbage or refuse hauler that exceeds the weight limitations to operate on a local highway if the local authority with jurisdiction over that highway adopts an ordinance or resolution to allow such movement. Another bill removes the possibility of imprisonment while increasing the monetary fine for some violations of the motor carrier safety act.

The six bills (House Bills 4927-4932) are tie-barred to each other so that none can become law unless all are enacted.

Mayor opposed

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said he told state Reps. Thomas Kelly (D-Wayne) and Eileen DeHart (D-Westland) that he would shut down that city's motor carrier enforcement if the bills passed. That bureau of two police officers and weighmaster equipment costs between \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year. Westland has yet to break even on the program, Thomas said.

"We just don't have the funding for two more guys to put on the road," Thomas said.

Thomas said Westland doesn't issue tickets to generate revenue, and he found the bills ironic because without local enforcement, overweight trucks tear up state and county roads.

"The trucks tear up Ford Road, which is a state highway anyway," Thomas said. "Are we doing it (writing tickets) to generate revenue? The answer is no. But it's our people who drive it every day and hit the potholes."

"I cannot fathom why they need to tap into our funds for this."

Thomas also pointed out that

if the trucks weren't so heavy and didn't have faulty equipment, the communities "wouldn't collect a dollar anyway."

Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst said a group of southeast Michigan police chiefs was expected to meet to discuss its opposition to the bill. "It is a critical traffic bill," Kunst said.

Kunst said often trucks weigh 10,000 to 12,000 pounds over limits.

Walter Heinritz, executive director of the Michigan Trucking Association, said that group supports the legislative package.

"We don't have a problem with local enforcement where there are safety-related problems," Heinritz said. "But in some jurisdictions, it's just so egregious where they are using the money to generate revenue for their general funds."

Heinritz wouldn't specify which communities conducted any "overzealous" enforcement. Heinritz said the local civil fines should be earmarked for libraries the same way state criminal fines are dedicated.

"At what point does legitimate

enforcement turn into a quest for cash?" Heinritz asked. "We have nothing against enforcement, but let's be reasonable and do what the state does."

Dan Gilmartin, Michigan Municipal League's manager in federal and local affairs, said the MML has not taken a position yet on the package. Gilmartin said he was working with the sponsor of the main bill, state Rep. Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy). The MML interprets proposed legislation and lobbies state and federal elected officials on behalf of Michigan cities and villages.

Robert Thomas

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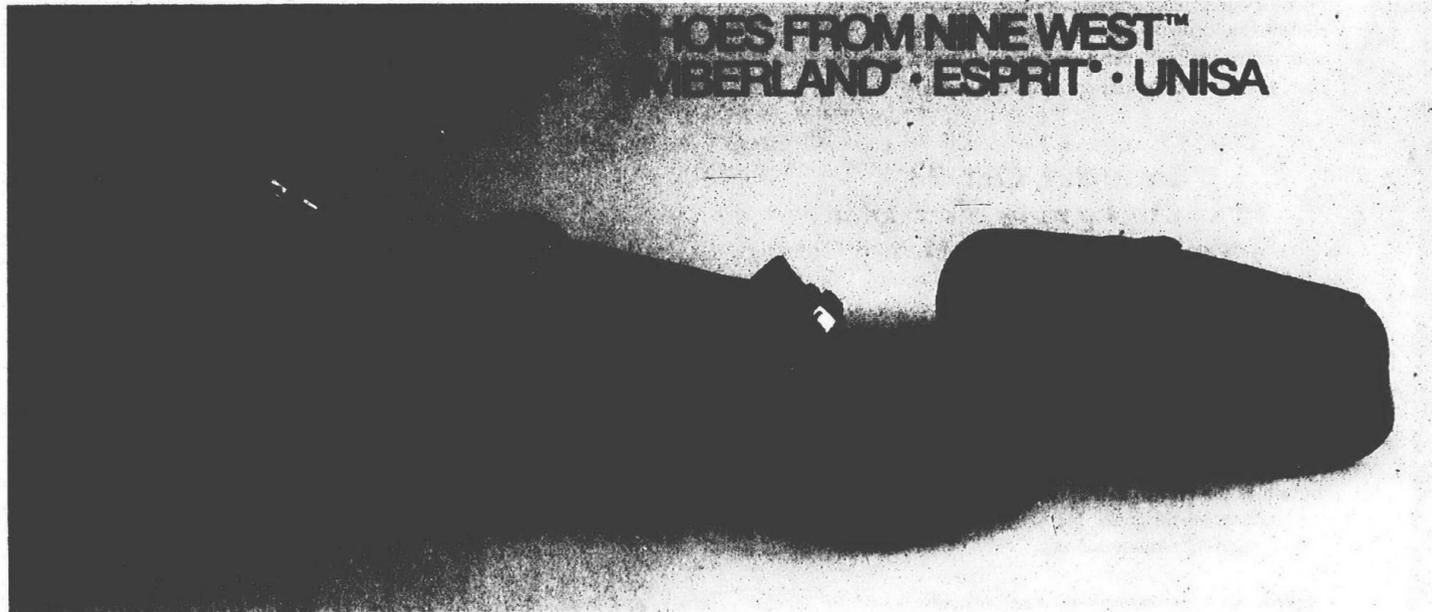
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Twelve silhouettes of victims will be displayed, along with biographies and descriptions of how each person died.

The event recognizes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Special awards will be presented to Lt. Gwendolyn Brown, commanding officer, domestic violence task force, Detroit Police Department; Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Halloran and past WCCAFV co-chair; Karen Porter, associate director, First Step Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and Andrea Solak, chief of special operations, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and past WCCAFV co-chair.

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Vos from page A1

but we helped establish a good image of the commission because we acted like adults and treated each other with respect. I'm proud of that."

Vos, who has served two previous four-year terms, is seeking the unexpired two-year term left vacant by former mayor Dan Diamuke. Vos was appointed by current commissioners to fill the void until the Nov. 2 election.

"I think one of the issues is whether there's going to be a merger of the two police departments," said Vos. "The fire merger has worked well, as I believe we have better response time and saved money, too. We save money for taxpayers on the dispatch issue. Plymouth was behind the times on equipment, and we'd have to invest a half-million dollars."

"However, the police department numbers

didn't come out financially one way or the other. And, I think the people of Plymouth will stand to the last to keep their police department here because the municipalities are different. I favor keeping them separate."

Vos believes maintaining a viable downtown is essential for Plymouth.

"We need to maintain the downtown so we can keep values up," said Vos. "The community can be brought down if we don't have a viable downtown. But, I think we're going in the right direction."

"The biggest complaint I hear is that businesses aren't open at night. However, when the new restaurants come in, I think you'll see some changes."

"I hated to see the Mayflower go, but it outlived its usefulness. I think the new structure will be a nice jewel for the city."

Vos, a former member of the Old Village Development Authority, would like to see some of the new development spill over into Old Village.

"If you compare Old Village to what it was five years ago, it has really changed. But it needs more revitalization," said Vos. "We need to work on getting more people there. We should advertise more and try to get more business to locate there. Old Village is really a unique area."

While voters are seeking change, Vos believes there has to be some history to help guide the new commission.

"I have the experience needed to tackle the issues. You just don't come on the commission and know what you need to know. It's a learning experience, and I already have that experience."

Byers from page A1

increase in their water bills. In fact, one of Byers' top priorities is to rebuild the city's financial integrity.

"Monies have been pulled from different funds, and we've had to raise additional money by raising water rates to compensate for funds that were diverted for other purposes," said Byers. "We need to collect back taxes more readily, as well as past due water bills, to improve the city's finances."

Byers feels the need to continue development in both the city's downtown and Old Village.

"The central business district is a high-priority item, but the real issue is controlled and planned development," Byers said. "I like the concept of a multi-use building on the Mayflower site, and that it's architecturally consistent with Plymouth."

"Polishing Old Village is also a top priority, with its own charm and appeal," added Byers. "I think Old Village residents feel somewhat neglected. We need to build on its core of railroads and night life."

"With planned growth comes accommodations for parking," said Byers. "I would like to see a sub group put together to come up with a comprehensive plan with easy access to parking. I don't like the idea of giving out tickets to customers."

Byers said he would also like to see the city come up with a plan to improve recreational facilities.

"Central Middle School needs to be creatively looked at, as well as the Cultural Center, to better use them," he said. "We need to capitalize on what recreational facilities we have already to provide better service and hours."

Byers, a financial analyst with experience as a banker and attorney, believes there's a diverse group of people in Plymouth who feel excluded.

"People need to be part of the process and have an opportunity to be heard," Byers said. "You have downtown representatives, Old Village residents, seniors, our youth, new residents and families who want a voice in our community. We need to listen to all of them."

Byers' neighbors said he should run because of his leadership abilities, and that's what Byers is banking others like them want on the commission.

"My academic credentials and work experience, along with my interpersonal skills and negotiating perspective, will lend itself well to serving on the commission," added Byers. "The crown jewel of the city is its reputation and image, and we should always think about what impact everything has on the city as a whole."

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999

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All polling places in the City are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped. You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows (please note that the school and City Precinct locations are different):

PRECINCT	LOCATION
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3	Central Middle School 650 Church Street

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET

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The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the Proposed Budget will be subject of this hearing.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 7:30 PM at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: October 17, 1999

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ELECTION EQUIPMENT TESTING
FOR GENERAL ELECTION,
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The City of Plymouth will be testing the Optical Scan Voting Equipment for the General Election for City Commissioner on October 21st, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. The testing will take place in the City Clerk's office at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Any interested person that would like to attend to oversee this process is invited to do so.

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE, City Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The City of Plymouth will conducting a Special City Commission Meeting on Monday, November 8, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to swear in the new City Commissioners. These new Commissioners will be the four candidates that receive top votes from the General City Commission Election on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1999. Also, the swearing in of the candidate with the top votes from the special race for the two year position.

Any person interested in attending is invited to do so.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
 City Clerk

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By: **MICHAEL J. ROSS**
 President & Chief Executive Officer

Publish: October 17 and 24, 1999

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Senate reverses, OKs 4-day school Labor Day holiday

BY MIKE MALOTT
 Detroit News Service
 mmalott@comcast.net

It didn't take long for Michigan Senators to reverse themselves and approve a controver-

sial bill to mandate that school districts give their students a four-day weekend for the Labor Day holiday.
 The Michigan Senate had rejected it in an 18-15 vote Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Twenty votes are needed for passage in the 38-member chamber and supporters found five additional "yess" and reconsidered the measure on Tuesday, Oct. 12.
 This time, the measure passed

23-15.
 Among those additional "yes" voters was Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, who had not voted in the first ballot.
 "I was really torn on that," Bullard explained. "I was very

opposed to the original bill, which would have given a whole week off. But the tourism industry made a very good case that it would help tourism. Because I'm the chairman of the Transportation and Tourism Committee, I thought maybe I should be voting with tourism. And I wanted to vote with school districts.
 "We did adopt the school code a few years back that gave control of the calendars to local school boards.

"What we did, in the end, is we created a legal holiday for the school districts, and the worst that is going to happen is that the school districts will have to tack on one additional day at the end of the school year."
 All other local senators stayed with the positions they had taken on the bill the first time.
 Already approved by Representatives, House Bill 4099,

sponsored by Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, now heads to Gov. John Engler, who has promised to give the bill a swift signature.

Because of the state-mandated longer school year, many districts now return to classes in August, before Labor Day. The tourism industry in Michigan argues that effectively shortens the summer vacation season.

Opponents argue that local boards of education alone should set the calendars for their school districts.

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 yes.

Sens. John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, George Z. Hart, D-DeARBorn, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, voted no.

County juvenile facility dedicated

COUNTY NEWS

Wayne County officials dedicated the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit with a ceremony Thursday that drew more than 200 community justice professionals.

The new 184,000-square-foot facility will house non-convicted youths, age 17 and under, while they await trial and sentencing.

The facility, at 1326 St. Antoine at Clinton Street near Detroit's criminal justice center, is a secured facility with 188 detention rooms, courtrooms, judges' chambers, prosecutors' and court referee offices.

Detained youths will receive mental health and substance abuse therapy, medical and dental services and recreation programs. The new \$50 million structure also houses the Benjamin Carson Academy, a school chartered through the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

"While this is a state-of-the-art facility, the youths who come here know they are in serious trouble," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive, in a prepared statement. "We have made it our business in Wayne County to get these kids back on track with some very serious programs that deal with their underlying problems with violence and drugs."

Approximately 170 workers operate the building, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The facility, under construction for the past three years, replaced the old facility at 1333 East Forest.

The new three-story building, built by Barton Malow, has 13 secure housing units. Each unit has 20 individual rooms grouped

around a day room — open areas where youths can move about during the day when not in either structured educational or recreational programs. The day rooms also contain showers, counseling rooms and staff work stations.

Some of the changes from the old facility include:

■ Security: A computer in a master control room manages the entire building. Supervisors can monitor larger sections of the building and youths. Touch screens handle such operations as unlocking doors, alarms and cameras.

■ Education: The Benjamin Carson Academy is on the second floor of the facility, has 27 staff members and 14 classrooms allowing youths to be separated by abilities — not age — for more effective learning.

■ Recreation: The new facility houses seven gymnasiums, the

old one contained one. One is a full-court rubber floored gym. The six others are half-court gyms shared by two 20-room housing units. A small outdoor recreation area is located on the roof. This area is secured with a high brick wall, double security screening and security cameras.

■ Medical: The facility has separate wings for boys and girls examination and treatment rooms. The medical area also allows the staff to separate healthy youths from those with contagious illnesses. The facility also includes several mental health evaluation rooms.

Mental Health: This unit has 20 beds with multiple services provided by psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers.

WILLING TO SETTLE

Parties to civil lawsuits should take more than monetary amounts into consideration when weighing the decision to settle their lawsuit out of court. Litigation is a time-consuming and expensive proposition that many people tend to underestimate. It involves being away from normal activities, disruption of life, and a drain on emotions. Settling out of court enables litigants to avoid these distractions, something to consider when being offered a settlement figure. While there is no precise formula for calculating settlement amounts, plaintiffs usually settle for less than they want and defendants usually end up paying more than they feel they should. Thus, a good settlement can be said to be one that does not leave anyone entirely happy.

How do you know if the settlement offer is reasonable? An experienced attorney will know what comparable cases settle for and how high a jury award is likely to go. Occasionally, people who refuse what their attorneys suggest is a reasonable offer proceed with litigation only to find they come away with far less than the proposed settlement — or nothing at all!

HINT: While it is a lawyer's job to provide advice concerning a settlement, the client has the ultimate responsibility for the decision to settle a case.

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JV, freshmen win

Another game, another win for Plymouth Canton's junior varsity football team.

The Chiefs' JV improved to 7-0-1 with a 36-6 trouncing of Westland John Glenn Thursday. They have one game left, on Thursday against Plymouth Salem.

The Canton freshmen upped their record to 6-2 with a 24-0 blanking of John Glenn. Reggie Joyner scored two touchdowns and Doug Davidson got another, with Ryan Edwards' interception deep in Chief territory preserving their first shutout of the season. The freshmen finish with a game against Salem Thursday.

Collegiate standouts

•Siena Heights' men's soccer team gained its sixth-straight victory, all in Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference games, when it defeated Indiana Tech 4-1 on Oct. 9.

Giuseppe Ianni, a freshman forward from Plymouth Salem, scored one goal and assisted on another in the triumph. The Saints' 4-0 win over Spring Arbor Wednesday was their eighth-straight, seven coming in WHAC play, and raised their record to 12-3 overall, 9-1 in the conference.

For the season, Ianni has four goals and three assists for 11 points. Sophomore midfielder Andy Power (Salem) has six goals and three assists for 15 points. Three of Power's six goals are game-winners.

•Central Michigan University freshman Jenny Young (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) is second on the women's volleyball team in total kills (165) in 16 matches.

The Chippewas are 5-11 overall and 2-4 in the Mid-American Conference. Young had a team-high 12 kills in a loss Oct. 8 at Ball State.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parent of all students planning to attend tryouts are encouraged to attend.

Information will be available on the pay-to-participate program. Tryouts begin Nov. 1; the opening game between Canton and Salem will be Nov. 16 at the Cultural Center.

For further information on the Boosters, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518.

Dragons roar

The Dragons, with players from Westland, Garden City and Canton, took first place in the 14-under division in the Detroit National Hockey League 1999 Breakout Inline Hockey Tournament last month in Troy.

The Dragons won their five games by a combined score of 34-2.

The Dragons are one of 22 teams from North America invited to the NHL Breakout World Championship in Jan. 2000 in Orlando, Fla.

Players include Steve Meek, Brandon Osterman, Derek Banka, J.T. Rayburn and Brady Jensen, all of Westland; Mike Benton and Danny Donnelly, Garden City; Justin Loos and Kyle Tollison of Canton.

The coaches are Mike Benton and Steve Meek.

Rec basketball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is now registering returning and new teams for its adult men's basketball league. Upper division teams will play Wednesday nights; lower division teams will play Monday nights. All games will be at Central Middle School.

For further information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation at (734) 455-6620.

Volleyball leagues

A new adult co-ed reverse volleyball league is being formed by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department. Games will be played Friday nights at either Central Middle School or The Summit.

Also, registration is underway for returning teams for an adult co-ed volleyball league; new teams can begin registration Oct. 21. All games will be played Friday nights at Central Middle School or at The Summit.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation at (734) 455-6620.

Canton vs. Salem: This time it's a tie



There was a lot to overcome for both Canton's and Salem's soccer teams when they clashed Wednesday, including the weather and a match dominated by tenacious defenses — all of which proved unbeatable, for both sides.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The final score of Wednesday night's Plymouth Canton-Plymouth Salem match-up was indicative of a game dominated by brilliant defense,

great goal-tending and Arctic-like weather conditions: Canton 0, Salem 0, Wind Chill 0.

The scoreless tie, which was played in a steady, bone-chilling rain and gusting winds, was the final regular-season test for both teams. The Rocks

head into Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship showdown (game time: 7 p.m.) against Livonia Churchill with a 16-1-2 record.

The Chiefs, now 11-4-2, play at Livonia Stevenson in a WLAA crossover match at 7 p.m. Monday.

Last Wednesday's game was the third in three nights for Salem, which defeated Livonia Franklin Monday and state power Warren DeLaSalle Tuesday.

"It looked like our legs were a little tired, but I thought we played well,"

said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, referring to the fatigue factor his team had to offset. "We made a couple of good runs in the final 10 minutes, but we couldn't finish them off. Fatigue may have had something to do with that, but Canton's defense had more to do with it."

Canton coach Don Smith said rain-soaked fields usually favor the offense, a point which made both teams' defensive efforts even more impressive.

Please see **SOCCER, B4**

Rockets scalp Chiefs, 40-13

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Qualifying for the state playoffs took a backseat to something far more important Friday night for Westland John Glenn — winning a football game, something the Rockets hadn't accomplished since September 24.

Thanks to a record-setting performance by tailback Eric Jones and dominating offensive-line play, the Rockets halted their un-Glenn-like two-game losing skid and thumped Plymouth Canton, 40-13, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover battle.

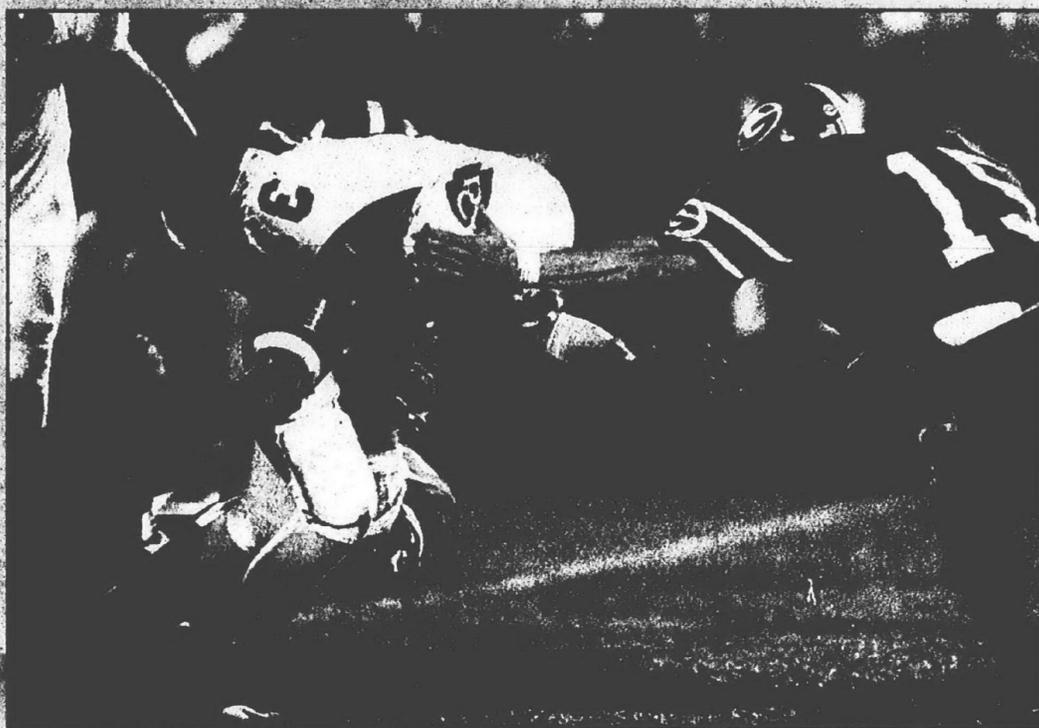
With the win, the Rockets, now 6-2, earned their fourth straight trip to the playoffs. The Chiefs dropped to 4-4 and saw their slim playoff aspirations disappear in the cloud of dust created by Jones' churning legs.

"Making the playoffs wasn't an issue tonight," John Glenn coach Chuck Gordon stressed following his team's overpowering performance. "The most important thing for us was getting back to playing Glenn football again and just winning a game. We figured if we started playing like we're capable of playing, making the playoffs would take care of itself."

Now that the playoffs are out of the picture, Canton coach Tim Baechler said his team needs to focus on its season-ending showdown with Plymouth Salem Friday night and the winning record that would accompany a victory.

"I just hope the kids aren't satisfied with our four wins and the fact that we've improved on last year's record," Baechler said. "I don't sense that happening, though. I think they'll be up for Salem."

"We just didn't play well defensively tonight. We'd have our players where we wanted them when Jones



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELAG

No easy going: Canton's Ryan Cooley is grounded by a pair of Glenn defenders as Dan Smitherman (right) closes in. The Chiefs gained some ground offensively, especially in the second half, but they couldn't offset the Rockets' 26-point first half. And they couldn't stop Eric Jones.

had the ball, but he would make a great move, cut back against the grain, and be off to the races."

John Glenn enjoyed equal success on three primary plays against the Chiefs: Jones right, Jones left and Jones up the middle. The elusive senior finished with a single-game

school record 263 yards on 24 carries. Jones' effort eclipsed Tony Boles' previous single-game standard of 260 yards, which was set in 1985.

"Eric is getting better and better every game, especially with his field vision," Gordon raved.

John Glenn's offense set the tone

for the game on its first possession. Following a Canton punt, the Rockets took over at their 31-yard line and marched deliberately down the field. Jones finished off the 12-play drive when he scored from 21 yards out

Please see **CANTON FOOTBALL, B4**

Kocoloski carries Rocks past Pats

This one can be called the Andy Kocoloski show. The senior halfback/defensive back did it all Friday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game against Livonia Franklin, and it resulted in a 40-13 Plymouth Salem victory.

The win was the third-straight for the Rocks, who opened the season with five losses. Franklin falls to 2-6 overall.

Kocoloski rushed 23 times for 191 yards and three touchdowns, and he intercepted two Joe Ruggiero passes. Two of his TD runs came in a 20-point first quarter.

For the Patriots, things started going wrong from

SALEM FOOTBALL

the start. On their first possession they fumbled and Salem recovered at the Franklin 19. On the second play after the recovery, Kocoloski rumbled in from 17 yards out and the Rocks had a 6-0 lead.

On its next possession, Salem was stopped by Franklin at its own 49. But on fourth-down-and-1, Gabe Coble took the snap on a fake punt and raced 13 yards for a first down at the Patriot 38. Kocoloski took over from there with runs covering 18 and 10 yards, the latter giving the Rocks a 12-0 lead.

Kocoloski's first interception stopped Franklin on its next possession and gave Salem the ball at the Pats' 25. But Coble was stopped on fourth-and-1 at the goal line, ending that threat.

Franklin could never get anything going offensively against the tough Salem defense. Indeed, the Pats didn't cross the 50 until midway through the fourth quarter.

Following a Franklin punt, Coble tossed a 49-yard touchdown pass to Jason Furr, then ran in for the two-point conversion to give Salem a 20-0 lead as the first quarter ended.

Please see **SALEM FOOTBALL, B4**



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELAG

All-around standout: Churchill grad Lauren Ruprecht had 10 kills and three blocks.

In the hunt

Ocelots remain in title picture

The home stretch is approaching.

And Schoolcraft College's volleyball team is still in the running in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference race. The Lady Ocelots reinforced their position with a 15-12, 15-5, 15-4 victory over conference rival Oakland CC Thursday at SC.

The win improved the Ocelots' record to 8-2 in the league, 17-14 overall. The Lady Raiders fell to 3-8 in the league, 7-30 overall.

SC remains in a three-way race for first in the league. St. Clair County CC leads with a 9-2 conference mark (43-10 overall); Henry Ford CC (20-12 overall) is tied with SC for second at 8-2.

The Ocelots play at Henry Ford Tuesday, then host Delta CC on

CCC VOLLEYBALL

Thursday. Following a trip to the Illinois Central CC Invitational Friday and Saturday, they conclude their regular season against Macomb CC and Wayne CCC.

A pair of Livonia Franklin graduates led SC in the win over the Raiders. Nicole Boyd topped the Ocelots with 16 kills, while Danielle Wensing totaled 32 assists to kills.

Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) contributed 10 kills and three blocks; Cindy Maloof had six kills with a team-best .556 kill percentage; Amanda Yaklin got a team-high 18 digs and two service aces; Rebekah

Thornton (Livonia Ladywood) had 10 digs and one ace; and Toni Forynski collected four kills.

Boyd and Ruprecht remain the Eastern Conference leaders in kills per game, with Boyd first (4.09) and Ruprecht second (3.79). Ruprecht is also 10th in kill percentage (.213).

Maloof is also the top-ranked passer in the league (.942 percentage) and is eighth in digs (3.2 per game). Yaklin is fifth in passing (.912) and Ruprecht is seventh (.907).

Wensing and Yaklin are tied for fourth in aces per game (0.48), and Maloof is seventh (0.45). Maloof is also seventh in serving percentage (.935).

Wensing ranks fourth in setting percentage (.302) and fifth in assists to kills per game (6.67).

Chiefs club Pats

Good basketball teams grind it out when they have to and that's just what Plymouth Canton did Thursday.

Canton broke away from Livonia Franklin with two solid middle quarters Thursday night to take a 56-41 Western Lakes Activities Association victory.

Katie Schwartz scored 17 points and Anne Morrell added 11, to lead the Chiefs to an 8-5 overall record and 5-2 WLAA mark.

Tera Morrill scored 14 points and Lisa Balko 12 as Patriots dropped to 8-7 overall, 3-4 in the WLAA.

The Patriots outscored the Chiefs, 9-7, in the first quarter but host Plymouth spurted out at the end of the half and took a 23-18 lead into the locker room.

"They came out ready to play," Coach Bob Blohm said of Franklin. "They made some hoops early and played real well defensively."

The Patriots played a zone against the Chiefs, packing it in to give Canton problems when-

ever it tried to go inside for high percentage shots.

"We had hard time with it," Blohm said. "They handled our pressure real well. Early on they were rolling and we had hard time converting against their zone."

"We had a difficult time getting things going."

But Canton came out and went 19-12 in the third quarter and eased home with a 14-11 margin in the final period.

Salem 48, Farmington 12: Plymouth Salem scored the game's first 14 points Thursday and never looked back in a game played at Farmington Harrison.

All 10 of the WLAA-leading Rocks (12-1 overall, 7-0 in the WLAA) played in this lop-sided triumph.

Tiffany Grubaugh led Salem with 10 points. Mary Lou Liebau and Dawn Allen had nine and

sight points, respectively.

Two games that could decide the outcome of the WLAA race are on Salem's schedule this week. The Rocks host Northville on Tuesday; on Thursday, they entertain North Farmington. Each has one league loss.

"It's going to be a great week for us," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "Our players are looking forward to playing those two games."

Against Farmington, the Rocks led 23-4 at halftime and extended their lead in the third quarter to 38-7.

Randi Brown led Farmington with four points.

PCA 59, Roeser 39: Laura Clark blistered Bloomfield Hills Roeser for 20 points and six assists as Plymouth Christian Academy improved to 5-8 overall, 2-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Kallie Gross added 17 points and Crystal Marti had 10 points and nine rebounds. Clara McKinney's 16 points led Roeser.

Madonna crushes Cards

For all those who thought Madonna University's men's soccer team couldn't beat anybody without scoring ace Sam Piraine, take note.

The Fighting Crusaders proved they can.

Okay, it was against winless Concordia College, a team that would have difficult beating any Observerland high school team. Madonna had no trouble with the Cardinals, thumping them 8-1 Wednesday in Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders improved to 8-5-1 overall, 6-4-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 0-13-1 overall, 0-10 in the WHAC.

Piraine, who was named NAIA national player of the week last week, sat out this match due to some minor injuries. As it turned out, he wasn't needed.

Keith Barber scored three goals in the game, bringing his season total to six. Two of those came in the first half, as Madonna built a 3-0 lead.

Other goals came from Jim Misajlovich (from Livonia

Stevenson), Jeremy Hornak, Rob Willard, Ron Baller, Joe Suchara (from Stevenson), and Dave Hart, normally the Crusaders' keeper.

Brian Murphy had three assists in the game.

SC shut down

According to Schoolcraft College men's coach Van Dimitriou, the Ocelots dominated the ball and the play—but not the scoreboard as they lost at Kellogg CC 1-0 Wednesday.

"We played on a junior high school football field," Dimitriou said of the loss, which left SC at 10-5-1 overall. "They had a pretty decent team. If we played them again on a normal-sized field, I think the results would be different."

SC, which was without two players suspended for violating team rules, could see the Bruins in the Region 12 final should both advance that far.

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 21
Luth. Wald at Hamtramck, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Canton (CEP), 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Howell, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Milford, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Harrison at Country Day, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 19
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Regina, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Truman, 7 p.m.
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Truman at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Kennedy at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Fordson, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Carlson at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Grosee He, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
(WLAA Championship Final)
Churchill at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
River Rouge at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Aquinas at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Dearborn at Redford Union, 3:30 p.m.
Aquinas at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
S. Lyon at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Agape at Warren Zee, 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 18
Ind. Tech JV at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Madonna at Goshen (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Indiana Tech vs. Madonna at Livonia's Whitman Field, 3 p.m.

Delta College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Spring Arbor vs. Madonna at Livonia's Whitman Field, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 12 p.m.
N. Michigan at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Delta at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Hilldale at Madonna, 7 p.m.
S'craft at Hl. Cent. Toumey, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
S'craft at Hl. Cent. Toumey, 7 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Oct. 22
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Dueling duals

Canton, Salem girls clinch 2nd in divisions

Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team lost their last two races of the regular season at a tri-meet Thursday at Walled Lake Western's Willis Park.

The Chiefs lost to Northville by losing a tie breaker. Both teams scored 28 points.

Western beat the Chiefs 24-33. Jon Mikosz, Scott Gillen and Brandon McClellan finished 4th, 5th and 6th respectively for the Chiefs, who fell to 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-3 in the Western Division.

The top three Chiefs finished within seven seconds of each other (18:15, 18:20 and 18:22, respectively).

Pat Pruitt finished 14th for the Chiefs (18:45) and Ross O'Hara came in 17th (19:04).

Canton coach Bill Boyd will take his boys to the WLAA conference finals Friday at Kensington Metropark.

Canton girls win 2

Plymouth Canton's girls cross country team won their dual meets against Walled Lake Western and Northville to finish the regular season at 6-1 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA's Western Division — good for second place.

Canton beat Western 23-33 and Northville 15-46 Thursday at Western.

Livonia Churchill beat Livonia Franklin Thursday to remain undefeated and clinch the division title.

"We were looking to get some help from Franklin, but it didn't happen," Canton coach John Venning said.

Krysten Jarrell from Western finished first with a time of 21:18.

Sarah Rucinski (22:11) and Stacie Griffin (22:29) finished second and third overall, respectively, for the Chiefs.

Northville's top finisher was Allison Loeffler, who finished 9th with a time of 23:10.

Other Canton varsity finishers were Mary Maloney, fourth overall (22:30); Terra Kubert, sixth overall (22:56); Erica Stony, eighth overall (23:06); Jamie Griffin, 11th overall (23:23); and Sarah McCormick, 17th overall (24:10).

The Chiefs compete at the WLAA Conference finals Friday at Kensington Metropark.

Salem boys triumph

Plymouth Salem's boys cross country beat Farmington 21-35 and North Farmington 25-31 in a dual meet Thursday at Oakland CC.

Donnie Warner, Manvir Gill and Greg Kubitski finished in times under 18 minutes to take three of the top four places.

"Our guys stepped it up," said Rocks coach Geoff Baker. "Our front two guys stuck to the plan. Kubitski and Showalter finishing before North's second runner won it for us."

North's Charlie Stamobulian was first with a time of 17:05.

Salem finishes 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the

Lakes Division.

Showalter finished seventh for the Rocks at 18:11, three seconds ahead of North's Mike Millat.

Mark Bolger finished 17th (18:43) and Kurt Sarsfield 22nd (19:11) for the Rocks.

The Rocks travel to the WLAA finals Friday at Kensington Metropark.

Salem girls 2nd

Plymouth Salem clinched second place in the WLAA's Lakes Division with a pair of dual wins Thursday at Oakland CC.

The Rocks finished 5-1 by besting North Farmington, 20-42, and Farmington, 23-38, in a double-dual meet.

The top finisher for Salem was Rachel Jones, who was second overall in 21:16 (North's Heidi Frank was first in 20:40). Next best for the Rocks was Brynne DeNeen, fifth overall (21:39), and Lisa Jasnowski, sixth overall (21:43).

DeNeen and Jasnowski started a string of five-straight Salem finishes, a demonstration of pack running that clinched the two wins for the Rocks.

Other top-15 Salem runners were Shae Potocki, seventh (21:45); Lauren Loftus, eighth (21:46); Miranda White, ninth (22:02); Kim Wood, 11th (22:21); Rachael Moraitis, 12th (22:28); Aisha Chappell, 13th (22:36); Heather Whittington, 14th (22:48); and Kristen Kukhahn, 15th (22:50).

The Rocks now head to the WLAA Conference final Friday at Kensington Metropark.

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Salem football from B1

The second quarter was one of interceptions, with Franklin getting two (one by Billy Merrifield, one by Dave Painter) and Salem one (by Koccoloski).

Salem got back on track in the third quarter, driving 66 yards in 10 plays capped by Coble's 6-yard touchdown run, making it 28-0.

The Rocks got two more TDs in the fourth quarter, the first on Koccoloski's final carry of the game — a 54-yard scoring dash. Ryan Cook, taking over at quarterback for Coble, got the final score on a 10-yard run, set up by Rick Rodriguez's 22-yard run to the Franklin 10.

Koccoloski's 191 rushing yards highlighted Salem's 431-yard offensive outburst. Coble had 62 rushing yards on eight tries, scoring once, with Jason Lukasik getting 38 yards on eight carries and Archie Kinney 31 on five attempts. Coble was 2-of-6 passing for 60 yards and one TD, but he suffered three interceptions.

Ruggiero was 8-of-25 passing for 63 yards with two interceptions for Franklin. Joe Meier led a ground game that totaled just 66 yards on 26 carries, gaining 23 of those on eight carries. The Patriots managed just 129 total yards. Painter led the defense with two intercepts.

Canton football from page B1

with 3:50 left in the opening quarter. Jeremy Catarino's extra point made it 7-0.

Jones, who carried the ball nine times during the Rockets' opening drive, was the workhorse again on the following drive — a three-play, 69-yard effort that the record-breaker capped with a dazzling 55-yard TD run with 29 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The good news for Canton: Jerry Gaines blocked the Rockets' extra-point attempt, leaving the score at 13-0. The bad news: It would be the Chiefs' brightest first-half highlight.

John Glenn's Nick Paddock momentarily stole the spotlight from Jones mid-way through the

second quarter when he dashed 47 yards to paydirt, upping the Rockets' lead to 19-0. Jones was successful on a two-point conversion run, however, a holding penalty negated the play. Catarino's ensuing 33-yard extra-point attempt was wide left.

Jones polished off the first-half scoring — and any reasonable chance Canton had of mounting a comeback — when he scored on a 1-yard dive with just 37 seconds left. The touchdown was set up five plays earlier when Rocket linebacker Jake Tharp picked off a Brian Applegate pass and returned it to the Canton 36-yard line.

The Rockets' lead grew to 33-0 early in the third quarter when

— surprise! — Jones ripped off a 50-yard TD run that was deserving of 20 seconds on Sportscenter. The play capped a seven-play, 73-yard drive.

Dan Smitherman closed out John Glenn's scoring when he ran 37 yards untouched to the end zone with 9:30 left in the game.

The Chiefs' simplified offense showed signs of life in the second half, when it mounted two impressive scoring drives, the first of which ended on the first play of the fourth quarter when sophomore Chad Fuller, who was just called up from the JV team, scampered in from 3 yards out.

Nick Stonerook scored the

Chiefs second TD on a 4-yard run with five minutes to go.

John Glenn racked up 360 yards in total offense — all without attempting a pass. The Rockets' only punt came with just three minutes remaining in the game.

Canton finished with 250 total yards. Stonerook ran up 65 yards in 18 carries while Gaines compiled 52 yards on 11 carries. Fuller provided hope for the future for the Chiefs, gaining 62 yards on just seven attempts.

Applegate, who was subbing for injured Chief quarterback Oliver Wolcott, completed 1-of-6 passes and added 24 yards on the ground.

Soccer from page B1

"When you have a wet field, it's easier to handle the ball than it is to defend because the ball-handler knows where he's going and the defender doesn't," Smith explained. "But I thought both teams defended well and the keepers made the plays when there were scoring chances."

Salem keeper Tavio Palazzolo (seven saves) and Canton netminder T.J. Tomasso (10 saves) played like they have all season — flawlessly. Tomasso's best save may have been his first of the night, when he laid out to

knock away a blistering shot by Scott Duhl in the game's opening minute. Tomasso now has shutouts in six of his last seven games.

"T.J. did an excellent job," Smith noted. "He made a couple of key saves for us, especially one (late in the first half) when he came out and took the ball off a Salem player's foot."

McCarthy complimented the play of Palazzolo, Duhl and junior defender Keith Schenkel. "Scott Duhl was all over the

field for us tonight," McCarthy elaborated. "And I thought Tavio and Keith stood out defensively."

Following 79 minutes and 38 seconds of end-to-end defense and several near misses, Salem senior forward Rob Ash nearly won the game when he maneuvered through traffic 25 yards in front of the Chiefs' net and fired a shot that sailed a few feet above the cross bar.

Close, but not quite. If the two teams meet again this season, it will be in the state Division I

district final Oct. 29 at Canton — and that match won't end until a winner is declared.

PCA 1, Greenhills 0: On Thursday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles held off visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills to collect their ninth win of the season.

PCA got a goal from David Carty 30 minutes into the match, with John Sink getting the assist.

Travis Yonkman got his seventh shutout of the season in goal.

300-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:56.79)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.83
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82
Plymouth Salem 1:59.85
North Farmington 1:59.84
Plymouth Canton 2:01.78

300-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 2:01.99)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.16
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:57.46
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:59.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.40
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:59.65
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:59.86
Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 2:00.95
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:01.10
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:01.75
Sarah Rogers (Salem) 2:03.10

300-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:17.48)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:10.22
Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 2:11.71
Lindsay McElean (N. Farmington) 2:12.57
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:14.39
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.51
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:19.61
Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:19.81

30-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 25.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.74
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.04
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.51
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.95
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.98
Amy Smith (Franklin) 25.99
Emily Howard (Mercy) 26.10

DIVING

Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 253.55
Kristy Blazo (Churchill) 205.80
Erin Uzura (Redford Union) 202.85
Jenny Down (John Glenn) 198.65
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 191.05
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 187.60
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 179.60
Amber Lysekowski (Canton) 176.40
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 166.54

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 1:02.29)
Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.04
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.05
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.20
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.26
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04

Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.04
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:03.31

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 58.89)
Amy Smith (Franklin) 51.42
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 54.33
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.46
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 55.59
Christina Mocerl (Ladywood) 55.95
Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 56.10
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 56.31

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 6:28.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:03.01
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.22
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:17.25
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 5:19.66
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 5:19.97
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 5:23.96
Meghan Mocerl (Stevenson) 5:25.02
Lauren Yagielka (Mercy) 5:29.54
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 5:30.75

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:43.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.43
Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17
Plymouth Salem 1:48.05
Plymouth Canton 1:50.28
North Farmington 1:50.40

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 1:02.79)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.67
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
Lindsay McElean (N. Farmington) 1:02.24
Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 1:02.87
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:03.18
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:11.29)
Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 1:08.45
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:09.45
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:10.04
Lindsay McElean (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:14.16
Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.20
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 1:14.72

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:49.89)
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:38.73
Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
North Farmington 3:55.42
Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

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OUTDOOR MOMENTS
While many outdoor enthusiasts are gearing up for the upcoming waterfowl, pheasant and firearm deer seasons, Canton's Linda Bennett is preparing for one of the biggest fishing tournaments of her life.

On Nov. 12-13, just two days before the firearms deer opener, Bennett will make the trek to Missouri to compete in the Red Man Regional Championship on Tablerock Lake.

The top 30 finishers after six qualifying events in each of four Red Man divisional circuits meet in the regional where the winner walks away with a fully-equipped Chevy pick-up truck and a Ranger bass boat.

The top eight finishers at the regional tournament advance to the Red Man All-American.

"This is the first time I've ever qualified for a (Red Man) regional. That was one of my goals this year," Bennett said. "It will be a busy weekend with deer season starting and everything, but I'm excited about it."

"I'm just real happy I made it. There has never been a woman from Michigan that qualified for a regional, so that's pretty cool," she said.

Bennett qualified for the regional by placing 12th out of some 200 anglers competing in the Red Man Michigan Division.

A two-time qualifier for the National Bass'n Gals Classic Star, Bennett is no stranger to big tournaments and has even fished Tablerock Lake once before.

"I fished it once, but it was years ago in a national Bass'n Gals tournament," she said. "I don't remember much about it. I do remember it was cold and we had snow, but I finished in the money."

Bennett just missed finishing in the money on Sept. 24-25 in the Michigan B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation state fish-off on Lake St. Clair.

After struggling to catch three fish on the first day of the two-day tournament, Bennett dominated the field on day two and weighed a five-fish limit that tipped the scale at 19.98 pounds.

She also had big bass for the day at 5.72 pounds and earned \$750 for that catch.

"The first day I ran all over that lake. I don't think I've ever gone that far. I used two tanks of gas to catch three fish," Bennett said. "But I came back with a bang on the second day. I didn't finish in the top eight, which would have qualified me for their regional, but I wasn't that disappointed after bringing in that limit on the second day. That's the heaviest stringer I've ever weighed."

Hunter success

Successful hunter reports are starting to trickle in. Remember, if you or a family member or friend has a successful hunt let me know and look for the results in upcoming editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Send in the name and hometown of the successful hunter as well as any pertinent details of the hunt. Also include a home phone number in case I need to call for additional details. Send information to the address or fax number listed at the bottom of this column.

*Troy brothers Joshua and Joel Calias proved to be modern day frontiersmen when they each brought down a black bear during Michigan's fall season.

Trained and guided by their father, Randy Blaszyk, the boys were hunting near Marquette. The biggest bear dressed out at nearly 350 pounds and the smaller of the two weighed approximately 150 pounds.

*Lake Orion resident Bob Gritzinger killed the second buck of his hunting career on opening day of the archery sea-

son. "A long-tined spike came in and I decided to pass on him," Gritzinger said. "Then a four-point came in behind him and I was about to shoot when I saw movement to the side, and here comes a 6-point. I was already at full-draw. He stopped and presented a shot so I took it."

*Livonia's Pat Duggan shot a 6-point buck on opening day while hunting from a tree blind in Washtenaw County. Duggan said the buck came in alone at approximately 9 a.m.

County fishing winners

Winners of the Oakland County Parks summer fishing contest were recently announced. Buhl Lake at Addison Oaks and Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks were the sites for the contest, which ran Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Anglers registered their catch with park staff. The biggest "catches" were determined by multiplying the length of the fish by its weight. Winners received \$50 gift certificates.

Winners at Addison Oaks were: Lance Holder of Rochester Hills, largemouth bass (22-1/2 inches, 6 pounds, 2 ounces); Norm Reske or Roseville, northern pike (29 1/2 inches, 5 pounds); and Josh Bartley of Ypsilanti, bluegill (8 inches, 9 ounces). Winners at Independence Oaks were: Fred Munger of Clarkston, largemouth (19 3/4 inches, 5 pounds, 2 ounces); Ralph Cormier of Eastpointe, perch (11 3/4 inches, 8 ounces); and Connie Aten of Bloomfield, bluegill (9 1/4 inches, 8 ounces).

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bpark@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

It's not a bug, and it isn't a pest; the ladybird beetle can be helpful



TIM NOWICKI

Last Sunday's warm temperatures enticed all the ladybugs, or ladybird beetles, to search for a place to hibernate.

A window above the deck door at the Lewis Wint Nature Center near Clarkston, Michigan was covered with them. Outside they were flying everywhere and landing on people to rest before continuing their search for a place to spend the winter.

These little beetles did not hurt, sting or bite anyone they landed upon, they just startled people. Actually, ladybird beetles are completely harmless and are one of the most beneficial insects in Michigan.

I prefer to call them ladybird beetles because they are actually a beetle and not a bug.

According to entomologists, there is a completely separate group of insects that are called bugs.

The hard, smooth, shiny covering that is often colored orange, red, yellow, or even black, is a pair of wings that have been modified to form a hard protective covering found in all beetles.

Each species of ladybird beetle has a distinct color and spotting pattern. Specific names of some are: fifteen-spotted lady beetle, ninespotted lady beetle, twicestabbed lady beetle and the red lady beetle.

Spots on the back do not determine how old it is.

After spending the summer eating aphids on plants, ladybird beetles begin to search for a place to hibernate.

Homes can often be selected because they provide shelter. A small opening, a crack in the caulking, or a board that

didn't fit properly are just some of the avenues that may lead them into a house.

If you find that an aggregation of hundreds has chosen your house, please think carefully before you react.

Killing them with a pesticide seems counter-productive for such a beneficial insect. Empty the shop-vac and then vacuum them into the canister so you can take them outside to a distant location.

Then, if you know where they were entering your house, you can plug that opening before more get inside.

Congregating in winter probably gets many individuals together for the purpose of mating in spring. When the weather warms both sexes are in the same location so they don't have to waste time finding each other.

Once mated, a female will search for some leaves that have aphids on them. Clusters of 10-50 light yellow, or even orange eggs are laid within the aphid colony.

In just three-five days the eggs hatch. Larvae emerge from the eggs and promptly proceed to eat the aphids.

After a period of 2-3 weeks, the larva will pupate and within days emerge as an adult.

A larva can eat 400 medium sized aphids, an adult can eat as many as 5,000 aphids in its lifetime.

Multiply these numbers times the number of individuals in a winter cluster and you can see how they can be very effective in controlling plant pests.

In fact, the name "ladybug" is derived from "Beetle of Our Lady" and dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Back in the middle ages people prayed to Mary to save their crops, when the ladybird beetles showed up, they thought they were sent by Mary.

ARCHERY

BROADHEAD PRACTICE

Detroit Archers will hold broad-head practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven

field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER

Archery season runs through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. An early antlerless-only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on private land in

Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs through Nov.

30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

At 84, he's good enough to roll 300



AL HARRISON

Emil Pando rolled a perfect game last Sunday at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

Emil Pando is 84 years old.

Pando thus became the oldest person in Michigan to bowl a 300 game, oldest in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and fourth oldest ever in the nation.

Emil averages around 161 in his trio league, the Sunday Moanin league, which just moved over to Bowl One Lanes from Roseville this season.

He breezed through all twelve shots without getting nervous or shaky.

That part came in the next game, a 139. But he managed to get back to business in the third game for a 200 to top off his most exciting day since he started bowling.

Actually Emil started bowling late, taking up the game at the age of 57. His previous high was 244.

The great Joe Norris of San Diego was 86 when he held the record in 1994, then along came Joe Dean, an 87-year-old from Ohio earlier this year. An 85-year-old from Pennsylvania, Anthony Radzville rolled his 300 game in 1997.

"This is the day Bob Jarlenski is in town, good news for league officers who are concerned about membership shrinkage.

If you are a league officer you might have already received a note from the Greater Detroit Bowling Association regarding today's (Sun., Oct. 17) 2 p.m. meeting at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Jarlenski heads up Creative Marketing & Promotional Specialists in Fort Myers, Fla.

He is also the driving force behind Project Retention, a program designed to make league bowling more competitive and evenly balanced thereby creating more interest.

The hope is for less drop-offs, leading to keeping league play more interesting.

The Ultimate Bowling League concept can vary according to the needs and structure of the different leagues.

The GDBA fully supports the program and by attending this meeting, your league will benefit now and for many years to come.

Sunnybrook Lanes is located at 7191 E. 17 Mile Road, just East of Van Dyke. It will be worth the trip.

*Time is running out to enter the popular Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes Fri.-Sat., Oct. 22-23.

There are three entry options: (1) entry without a ball for \$75, (2) entry with a Storm Meteor Flash ball at \$129, (3) entry with a Storm El Nino Wrath ball at a cost of \$179.

Anyone desiring a free entry plus their ball of choice must bring in ten paid entries from friends or teammates.

Prize money is available for every squad and participants will be able to meet and bowl with touring pros.

Imagine having Walter Ray Williams, Pete Weber, Brian Voss or Parker Bohn III as your doubles partner. Three games are bowled, with a different PBA partner for each game.

There are still openings on all squads.

The finals will be televised live by ESPN 7:30-9 p.m. Wed., Oct. 27.

For additional information call (734) 946-9092.

<p>Cloverlanes (Livonia) All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Anger, 290/778; Petesy Wray, 268/754; Lisa McClanahan, 244/694; Lisa McCurdy, 257/664; Carmen Allen, 247/681. Thursday Junior House: Bryan Lakatos, 290/760; Jim Mason, 276/715; Anthony Ash, 290/708; Bill Richardson, 279/705; Dan Harris, 259/748. Tel Com Men: Bob Heights, 300/682; Mike Draves, 298/714. Tuesday Drop-In Seniors: Tony Golchuk, 266/712; Andy Wright, 252/647; Ed Tosh, 237; Joe Buhagiar, 243; Sam Samueloff, 240/650. Bowlerettes: Karen Henderson, 232; Colleen Baranowski, 219; Lisa Jargochian, 211; Fay Oliver, 209; Wilma Esters, 208; Nancy Dobies, 208; Tammy Lathrup, 235. St. Aidan's Men: Bill Loiselte, 277; Joe Naujokas, 245/628; Pat Vandellarre, 236; Ryan Jackson, 220. Bowling Bags: Gloria Diffendorfer, 252/596; Mickey Ternan, 217. Prime Time: George Sadtler, 277/655; Sam Woods, 276/735; Justin Cole, 274/635; Jerry Williams, 246/707; Aly Khan Harper, 244/662; Pamela Wilson, 225. Ford Motor Men: Chuck O'Rourke, 300/774; Bob Ashcraft, 276/750; Mike Conatser, 267/722; Jim Griffith, 267/695; Dan Smith, 266/690. Friday Senior Drop-ins: Larry Slavin, 253/666; Joe Buhagiar, 279/648; Bob Golin, 221; Earl Beryman, 219. Metro Tuesday Mixed: Pete Fani, 247/673; Rich Radak, 245/662; Dan McAuliffe, 250; Andy Kramar, 255; Mike Walker, 250. Wonderland Lanes (Livonia) Wonderland Classic: Gary Takesian, 269/740; Mitch Jabczynski, 279/737; Bud Bogatay, 280; Mike Surdyk, 289; Steve Hatch, 279; Jim Burton, 279; Greg Cohen, 279/759; Jerry Heilstadt, 279; Brian Raf, 277; Dan Mytty, 272; Phil Horowitz, 277. Nite Owls: Ray Card, 675; Bill McKendrick, 253/669; Kenny Mynatt, 240/662; John Sewruk, 247/664; Nate Shields, 265. Wonderland Senior Men's Invitational: Bill Newbrough, 300/707; Jess Maciocco, 246; 246/695; Bob Wilson, 266/681; John Landt, 667; Cal Simmons, 663; Mel Albrite, 245/659. Thursday Nite Wonders: Anna Hamilton, 263. Kings & Queens: Tim Saunders, 701; Steve Pencola, 676; Rick Knurek, 674. NoNames: Ken Bashara, 710; Bob Hanson, Jr., 677. Westside Senior Men: Floyd Morris, 662; Tony Santora, 614. Woodland Lanes (Livonia)</p>	<p>Ford T & C Ladies: Marilyn White, 222. Ford Parts: Don Chambers, Sr., 289/693; Don Chambers, 707; Jimmy Cooper, 733; Jason Lollar, 720; Joe O'Connell, 720. Jacks & Jills: Art Maki, 266/694. Men's Trio: Scott Linsner, 279/710; Rusty Reed, 257/741; Charlie Parker, 277/695; Mark Howes, 731; Glenn Bradford, 721. Early Birds: Laura Sakata, 219/530; Lori Scally, 211. Guys & Dolls (seniors): Eleanor Rusu, 200. Senior House: Pat Engobretson, 257/724; Mickey Webb, 267/677; Jeff Roche, 290/753; Rob Schepis, 257/757; Mark Howes, 249/706. Gay 90's (seniors): George Gundlach, 216; Richard Derus, 215; Paul Brewer, 210; Harry Oumedian, 214; Tom Gerovac, 212. Livonia Strikers: Tim Bowen, 268/623; Ed Winters, 258/717; Bob Horbinski, 244/681; Randy Desjardin, 247/681; Mark Rodriguez, 247/659. Grandale: Don Rutkowski, 289. St. Edith Men: Tyiles, 297. G & G Auto: Mike Hitchcock, 712; Len Singer, 289. Lyndon Meadows: Diane Olivier, 205; Gwen Fedrigo, 201. Local 182: Darlene Lupa, 202-214/557; Frank Bertani, 263/626. Merri Bowl (Livonia) Tuesday St. Mary's: Larry Fields, 279. Wednesday Morning Early Birds: Lona Mark, 246; Linda Brandt, 243; Pamela Soave, 219; Shirley Heselbine, 215. September Bowler of the Month: Lona Mark. Wednesday Sundowners: Donna Kress, 221/558; Chris Campbell, 242/569; Mary Maben, 600; Laurie Sackett, 525; Marge Cooper, 520.</p>	<p>A.M. Ladies Trio: Veda Zettel, 222/520; Janice Tavormina, 191. Detroit Diesel: Kurt Couture, 300. Friday Twin Parish: Mark Finrock, 299. E/O Friendship: Ricky Allison, 216/511; Dennis Allison, 206; Mike Garlow, 200/509; Diane Vendemer, 193/501. NASCAR Trio: Mike Boucher, 279/589; Gregory Westbrook, 199/536; Lara white, 180. E/O Hard Times: Dale Ritter, 266/727; Gary Shiemke, 235/639; Bob Begley, 233/582; Charles Davis, 233/673; Katy Steines, 202/561. Monday 6:30 Men: Ken George, 265/594; Carl Kuehnel, Sr., 255/624; Tim Chambers, 245; Mark Perry, 236/692; John Castillo, 236/670. Tuesday Men's Invitational: Ken Paczas, 300/759; John Paz, 278/675; Jim Ingmir, 257; Troy Taylor, 256/640; Tony Loechli, 249/675. Sunday Sleepers: Lee Snow, 279/670; Rodney Barstow, 279; Paul McMurry, 278/783; Tom Johnson, Jr., 268/744; Chris Kliczinski, 266/672. Monday Morning Men: Joe Kovatch, 230/635; Danny Renberg, 206/515; Vernon Looney, 205/546; Fred Heater, 200/525. E/O Double Trouble: Jeff Straight, 245/614; Bill Barron, 227/622; Terry Hanley, 212/546; Dave Fisk, 210/592; Andy Barrett, 205/539; Kathy straight, 190/558. Westland Champs: Candy Loschiavo, 248/617; Sunday Gains, 203/574; Dana Wallis, 198; Kathy Baiho, 193/505. Thursday Nite Mixed: Doug Brueggeman, 259/576; Ken Forbes, 254/586; Dan Harrison, 235/662; Brian Bailey, 232/577; Candy Bailey, 214/571. Cherry Hill Lanes (Dtn. Hts.) Match Play Invitational Trio: Mary Mohacs, 259; Susan Levasseur, 256; Donna Urton, 677; Kathy Siemasz, 679. Friday Men: Tony Szafraniec, 289; Tim Banyai, Jr., 258; Jim Krotkowiak, 258; Dave Waldrop, 258/717. Friday Suburbanites: Mary Traxler, 226/566; Jo Rudoni, 207/593; Karen Waldron, 215/520; Theresa Turri, 211/559. Mayflower Lanes (Redford) Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Dick Thompson, 289/665; Charles Lawrence, 254/632; Don Martin, 244/661; Ron Gendjar, 226/224/225/675; Tony Wolak, 278/222/199/699; Ron Jones, 258/655. Good Neighbors: Kathy Risch, 201; Gloria Merz, 190. Friday Seniors: Lou Menard, 248/687; George Kompolowicz, 239/668; Frank Federic, 235/625; Stan Gagacki, 234/622; Ken Schell, 234/620; Rich Fisk 240/600.</p>	<p>Monday Seniors: Jack Kassaban, 258/670; Bo Nunney, 238/660; Paul Temple, 253/656; Big Bill, 244/646; Ron Bak, 264/628. Lanes Lanes (Garden City) Green Garden: Ron Latimer, 256/267; 214/737; Al Dobies, 231/230/233/694; Brian Jonca, 234/278/668; Frank Chrzanowski, 213/224/226/663; Bill Parris, 210/216/237/663; John Garland, 211/231/213/655. Suburban Proprietors Travel: (men) Mark Voight, 256/748; Paul Butler, 247/639; Tony Ballarta, 246; Norm Lepella, 228/621; Bob Chuba, 228/662; (ladies) Mary Solis, 214/528; Janet Doering, 212; Judy Washington, 212/544; Dot Fulton, 212; Shirley Steele, 199/544. Plaza Lanes (Plymouth) Sheldon Road Men: Larry Minehart, Jr., 255/212/278/745; Larry Minehart, Jr., 296/714. Powertrain's Men: Rich Plank, 267/699. Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 225/277; 246/748; Bob Johnson, 255/259/286/801; Dave Bauman, 221/266/265/752. Burroughs Men: John Umfleet, 267; Jim Morrell, 269/216/235/720. Novi Bowl (Novi) Westside Luthern: Terry Krohn, 654; Ron Williams, 628; Cliff Taylor, 623; Clark Stone, 616; Ron Beardsley, 609. Country Lanes (Farmington) Greenfield Mixed: Tom Cadeau, 248; 255/685; Debra VanMeter, 227/212/201/640; Bill Weed, 234/237/650; Walt Thomas, 255/636. E'nal Birth Place: Dave Edelmar, 212; 230/227/669; Wayne Lusky, 235/247/665; Keith Kingston, 244/232/662; Steve Lusky, 245/237/657; Howard Water, 213/246/646. Sunday Goodtimers: Al Harrison, 245; Tony Aiuto, 232; Wayne Lanning, 227; Lou Konopko, 217; Lou Frederick, 205. Strikers: Linda Alkanno, 223/558; Debbie Leon, 201. Afternoon D'Lites: Helene Spitz, 198; Meryl Schwartz, 191. Monday Night Men: Larry Franz, 278/744; Chris Brugman, 268/733; Leo Devine, 733. EVER - 7: Jeff Taylor, 257; John Marsh, 254; Bob Smith, 247; Leo Kisizek, 247/664; Robert Roy, Jr., 246/671. Country Keglers: John Eldred, 255; Walt Ullrich, 247/638; Bob Shimko, 246/626; Fred Ramirez, 236/653; Gerald Heath, 235/623. Dracoshire Lanes (Farmington Hills) E'nal Birth Mergenthan L'Clayton/Beagle-Gross: Sandy Freeman, 232/221/648; Allen Kiegon, 208/222-215/645; Ryan Lash, 222/235; Bob Franklin, 201/210; Bill Zucker, 224</p>
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Credit Union Membership Access Act Gives 63 Million Working Americans Access To Nonprofit Financial Cooperatives

By Lori Z. Bahnmüller

When President Clinton signed the Credit Union Membership Access Act on August 7, 1998, tens of millions of Americans regained the freedom to decide where they save and borrow money. One year later, there are now 1 million new potential credit union members, and 63 million working Americans are no longer locked out.

"The Credit Union Membership Act has proven itself in the past year," said David Adams, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Credit Union League. "This bill has helped ensure that more than 60 percent of the work force now has access to a not-for-profit cooperative alternative to banks."

Over the past year, federal credit unions have once again been able to reach out to new

groups of members—something they had been barred from doing by a banking industry lawsuit upheld in a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling on February 25, 1998.

Since passage of the Credit Union Membership Access Act, over 10,000 new groups have joined credit unions. The new groups include low-income communities and small businesses that had been locked out by the banking industry lawsuit. The

average size of these groups is about 90 employees.

A Michigan State University study shows that small business employees generally earn lower salaries and fewer benefits than average American workers. Credit union membership will offer them many benefits: higher savings rates, lower loan rates, and lower fees on all products ranging from ATMs to youth accounts.

To support financial service

for consumers at all income levels, credit unions are rolling out a new national brand campaign: "America's Credit Unions: Where People are Worth More Than Money." This brand strategy emphasizes that "credit unions care about people, not just the bottom line," said Adams.

Meanwhile, the bankers have not changed their strategy. The richest bankers' associations in

Washington are still attacking credit unions through lawsuits and legislative threats.

Credit unions are fighting back with new programs to reinforce last year's striking demonstration of grassroots strength.

"The goal is to weave credit unions into America's political future," Adams concluded. "We want to be in a strong position to preserve Americans' financial freedom."

Consumers Benefit From Lower Rates But Still Overpay, Losing Billions Of Dollars Financially

By Lori Z. Bahnmüller

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and Credit Union National Association (CUNA) recently released information on consumer loan rates, volumes, and trends that revealed many consumers still overpay for this credit.

The information pertained to seven types of loans: new car, unsecured personal, credit card, 1-year adjustable-rate mortgage, 15-year fixed-rate mortgage to 2.7 percentage points for a credit card.

"Across the board, consumers pay more for credit at banks than at credit unions," said Stephen Brobeck, CFA's Executive Director. "This credit union difference reflects mainly the fact that the non-profit cooperatives exist principally to serve their members," he added.

"Cardholders could save more than \$10 billion by shifting credit card debt from banks to credit unions," said Bill Hampel, CUNA's Chief Economist. "They could save an additional \$50 billion-plus by paying off this debt completely."

For individual consumers, there is also considerable potential savings. A household with \$7,500 in credit card debt would

pay \$197.86 more to service this debt at banks (charging the average rate) than at credit unions (charging the average rate) during the first year. (An estimated 55 to 60 percent of all households carry debt on at least one card with average balances exceeding \$7,500.)

A household with a \$20,000 home equity loan would pay \$138.23 more in interest to a bank (charging the average rate) than to a credit union (charging the average rate) during the first year.

Over the past five years, the gap between bank and credit union consumer loan rates has narrowed considerably while the difference between bank and credit union mortgage loan rates has widened somewhat.

At the end of 1994, the (bank-credit union) credit card interest rate gap was 5.2 percentage points; by the end of May 1999, this gap had shrunk to 2.7 percentage points. During the same period, the gap for a new car and personal loans shrank by about two-thirds of a percentage point.

On the other hand, for banks and credit unions the gap for the four types of mortgage loan rates rose slightly. For example, for home equity loans, at the end of 1994 this gap was only 0.16

percentage points; by the end of May 1999, the difference had widened to 0.73 percentage points.

"The gap between bank and credit union consumer loan rates was unusually high in 1994 because banks had just raised their rates in response to a sharp increase in short-term market interest rates that began in early 1994," said Hampel. "Since then, banks have gradually backed off from some of those increases."

Consumer and mortgage loan rates are lower than they were five years ago but have increased this year. The largest interest rate declines are in bank credit card loans -- from 18.2 percent at the end of 1994 to 15.7 percent at the end of May 1999 -- two and one-half percentage points. Auto and personal loan rates declined by only about one percentage point.

"Credit card rates have declined mainly because of price competition," said Brobeck. "But card issuers have made up for the lost interest income by aggressively imposing higher fees."

Consumer borrowing increased considerably over the past two decades but has slowed recently. From the end of 1980 to the end of April 1999, consumer credit (new car, credit card, and unsecured personal loans) increased from \$355.4 billion to \$1,323.1 billion, a rise of 272 percent.

The mid-1980s and mid-1990s were the periods of greatest growth. From 1982 to 1986, consumer credit rose by 68.6 percent -- a compound annual growth rate of 14.0 percent. From 1992 to 1996, this credit increased by 51.8 percent -- a compound annual growth rate of 11.0 percent. (However, for the past two years annual credit growth was around 5 percent.)

This two-decade growth reflected mainly increases in credit card debt. At the end of 1980, only 16 percent of all consumer credit was revolving credit (almost all credit card debt). By the end of April 1999, 43 percent of all consumer credit was revolving debt. During this period, revolving credit grew 863 percent.

CFA is a non-profit association of more than 260 consumer groups that seeks to advance the consumer interest through advocacy and education. CUNA is a primary national trade association serving the country's 11,200 state and federally chartered credit unions through leagues in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Bank Rate Monitor is an independent, weekly newsletter that calculates and reports a national index of consumer loan and deposit rates charged and paid by banks and thrifts.

Your Money Is Safe In A Credit Union

Credit unions are usually more modest institutions than banks, which can sometimes lead to confusion. Few credit unions have imposing granite pillars at their front door or costly oak paneled boardrooms where highly paid directors discuss billion-dollar transactions. Most credit unions are located in simple business offices. Sometimes this makes people think that credit unions aren't as safe as banks.

In fact, credit unions are the safest, most stable financial institutions in America. First off, all deposits at a Michigan credit union are fully insured by the federal government up to \$100,000.

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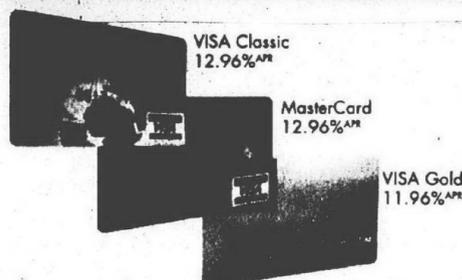
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Fraud, Scams Are Most Likely Legacy Of Dreaded Y2K Computer Bug

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

It's a scam artist's dream come true.

"I got a call from a man who said he represented my financial institution. He said they're having trouble preparing for the Year 2000 and that I need to transfer my money to a special account until the bank can comply with the Year 2000 requirements. I hung up when he asked me for personal information."

"I got a call from a woman who said she needed my credit card number to verify that the card would work after January 1, 2000. Is this a scam?"

Reported by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the above accounts illustrate the latest twist in "identity theft." Defined by the FTC, identity theft occurs when someone uses the identifying information of another person to commit fraud

or engage in other unlawful activities.

This personal information can be used, for example, to either take over or open a credit card account under someone else's name, take out loans in another person's name, and write fraudulent checks or transfer money from another person's bank, credit union or brokerage account -- all of which can have the dire financial consequences for the identity theft victim.

Identity theft isn't new, but thanks to the hype and hysteria surrounding the Year 2000 change, scam artists are pursuing a fresh angle.

"The confusion about the Year 2000 computer issue is providing more opportunity for scam artists to take advantage of consumers," said Darlys Lawinger of CUMIS Insurance Society, the property and casualty bond underwriter for more

than 11,000 credit unions in the country. Lawinger also oversees a fraud awareness program that arms front-line personnel with the latest fraudulent schemes directed against credit unions and their members.

Some con artists have tried to persuade people to take their money out of banks and credit unions to avoid computer foulups, then turn it over to be invested with them in gold, silver, small-company stocks or other assets.

Other unscrupulous fraudsters claim to be financial institution examiners or regulators. In this scenario, the caller insists that the financial institution is not Y2K-ready, and instructs the person to transfer funds to a bond account specially designed to safeguard funds into the new millennium. The scammer asks for personal information and/or the account num-

ber and verbal authorization to transfer the money.

The Year 2000 computer issue is likely to provide greater opportunity for fraud as the millennial date change draws nearer, Lawinger said.

"I expect to see more of these Y2K-related incidents as we get closer to January 1, 2000," Lawinger said. "Fraudsters typically strike when the iron is hot -- when fear is at its peak."

Knowledge is power. Because of the essential role they play in depositors' lives and the economy, credit unions and banks are closely regulated for safety and soundness -- and the Year 2000 issue is no exception.

Whether a Michigan credit union member or bank customer, your funds are federally insured up to \$100,000. In the case of credit unions, member deposits are insured by the National Credit Union Share

Insurance Fund. Bank customer deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Even if you have more than \$100,000 on deposit your funds still could be fully protected. That's because, under the insurance rules, money held in different types of ownership accounts (joint accounts, retirement accounts, etc.) is separately insured up to \$100,000.

That's why the safest place for your deposits -- in the new millennium and every day of the calendar year -- is with your credit union or bank, where your funds are federally insured.

Protect yourself. The FTC suggests consumers employ the following to avoid becoming a victim of identity fraud:

- Never give our personal information -- including your credit union or bank account or

credit card numbers -- over the phone or online unless you're familiar with the business and have initiated the contact. Scam artists have a way with words. Don't fall for lines from strangers telling you how to "verify" their identity. Scam artists can use your personal information to commit fraud against you.

- Be on the alert for unauthorized charges to your credit card. If you haven't authorized a charge, don't pay it -- dispute it. Follow your credit card issuer's procedures for disputing a charge.

- If you notice unauthorized debits to your checking or savings account, contact your financial institution immediately.

- Check the FTC Web site, www.ftc.gov, for interesting reading and further information on avoiding scams.

What Is A Credit Union?

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

A credit union is a cooperative financial institution, owned and controlled by the people who use its services. These people are members. Credit unions serve groups that share something in common, such as where they work, live, or go to church. Credit unions are not-for-profit, and exist to provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and to get loans at reasonable rates.

Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. And they operate in a very prudent manner. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration, an agency of the federal government, insures deposits of credit union members at 488 federal and state-chartered credit unions statewide. Deposits are insured up to \$100,000, and in some cases where a member has mul-

iple accounts, more.

What makes a credit union different from a bank or savings & loan? Like credit unions, these financial institutions accept deposits and make loans -- but unlike credit unions, they are in business to make a profit.

Banks and savings & loans are owned by groups of stockholders whose interests include earning a healthy return on their investments. Credit unions are usually more modest institutions located in simple business offices, which can lead to confusion. Sometimes this makes people think that credit unions aren't as safe as banks.

In fact, credit unions are the safest, most stable financial institutions in America. First off, all deposits at a Michigan credit union are fully insured by the federal government up to \$100,000. What is of interest to the hard-pressed American taxpayer is that credit unions -- unlike some other financial institutions -- have always paid



David Adams, CEO/President Michigan Credit Union League



Diana Nash, Chairman Michigan Credit Union League

for their own insurance program and have never taken a penny of taxpayer's money.

Because credit unions are not driven to squeeze out the most possible profits, they stay out of high-risk activity such as junk bonds, leveraged buy-outs, commercial real estate development and third world debt. Credit unions use their money to finance car loans, home mortgages, student loans and small consumer loans. This policy not only best serves the needs of credit union members and their community, but also gives credit unions a low-risk loan portfolio.

Credit Unions Best In Customer Satisfaction For 15th Straight Year

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

For the 15th straight year, consumers gave credit unions the highest ranking in customer satisfaction of any financial service organization. The Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), the state's leading credit union trade group, applauded the results of the latest independent public opinion poll conducted by the Gallup organization for the American Banker newspaper.

"When it comes to convenient, affordable customer service, credit unions continue to outpace other providers in the financial services marketplace," said MCUL President and CEO

David Adams. "Credit unions' commitment to the people we serve is unrivaled. Our business is people. This poll demonstrates aptly that we know our business."

Released during the summer, the poll results show 74 percent of consumers who identify a credit union as their principal financial institution are "very satisfied." This is one percentage point higher than when this poll was last taken in October/November 1997. Banks, savings institutions and other financial service providers all failed to register above 60% of this category.

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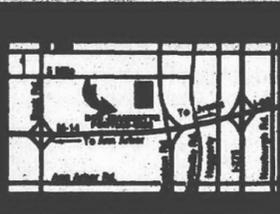
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Artistic Expressions



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Students win international design contest

Donna Gniewek proudly displayed the catalog she and fellow Schoolcraft College students Mark Erickson of Plymouth and Oak Yoon of Novi designed and prepared for Siggraph's Student Posters and Animation Competition and Exhibition.

Four Schoolcraft College students won first prize for interactive computer graphics projects in the Siggraph competition. The winners will give presentations of computer graphics animation Tuesday, Oct. 19, and Friday, Oct. 22. An exhibition of 35 of the winning posters continues through Friday, Oct. 29. All of the works incorporate this year's poster theme — Virtual Play Space. Many are surreal or futuristic, or both.

What Presentations of computer graphic animation winners 6:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, and 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. Watch in the auditorium of the Forum Building on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18000 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. The exhibit of winning posters continues through Friday, Oct. 29 in the Bradner Library on campus. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

"Designing the catalog was fun," said Gniewek, a Livonia student who also teaches publishing at the college part time. "We reference other materials. Some things will catch your eye, then you sketch."

Assistant professor Colleen Case spearheaded the effort to produce the catalog. She serves on Siggraph's education committee. "Siggraph is the biggest computer graphics and interactive techniques organization in the world," said Case, a graphic designer for 20 years before she joined the college's computer graphics staff.

"They're involved with engineering, imaging, programming and designing. What's special for us is we're competing in a world format. Siggraph, a special interest group of the Association for Computing Machinery, sponsors student competitions for posters, animation reels and interactive competition. Schoolcraft's been in the poster competition for the last three years."

Art site

Brenda Brummel of Brighton, along with Chera Hixson of Westland, won first place for designing Artweb, an educational interactive Web site targeted at students in the older elementary through middle school age range.

"If it was a real Web site it would have featured an artist-of-the-month," said Brummel. "We used Vincent van Gogh. There was also a game to expose them to artists of different styles from Monet to Escher, and a third part where we wanted to teach them something about art like perspective. An awful lot of work went into it."

Michelle Brown of Walled Lake and Matt Walsh of Ferndale won first place for a CD-ROM project. "Retrospect" documents the progress of communication technology over the last

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International competition: Donna Gniewek (left to right), Matt Walsh, Michelle Brown and Brenda Brummel competed in a graphics competition sponsored by Siggraph.

BANDS MARCH TO THEIR OWN PIPERS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER
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The saxophone still hung from Paul Reger's neck as he walked from the field at Plymouth Canton Educational Park. He looked tired. It takes a lot of energy to tote around an instrument while marching, sometimes sideways, across a field for more than two hours.



Providing the beat: Mike Shea, 13, plays timpani drums with the Plymouth Canton Marching Band while at top of page, the Plymouth Canton Marching Band members rehearse for the state championship they've won for the last five years.

But that doesn't dampen Reger's enthusiasm for playing in the marching band comprised of students from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

Rehearsals, held every day after school, help keep the band in the top rankings in the state and nation. Nearly every weekend, musicians and color guard compete somewhere in the state or country. They've won the state championship five times in a row and placed second in the nationals.

"It's exciting to be with people," said Reger, a senior who joined the marching band three years ago. "It's really not about winning. It's about being better than our last performance."

This is saxophonist Michael Varney's first year in the marching band and

he's already caught the spirit. "Performing's exciting," said Varney.

Five minutes after the end of rehearsal neither of the musicians could stand still. They were in high gear after going through the fancy footwork executed by the musicians and color guard, who spin flags or sabers. It takes a staff of 15-18 people to orchestrate the formations and make sure the 220 band members are all on the right foot and turning in the same direction.

Championship

The Plymouth Canton Marching Band, along with Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, will test their skills against the best in the state in the Michigan Competing Band Association's State Championship Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Plymouth Canton won first place (Flight I) in the 1998 championships.

David McGrath, director of bands, Plymouth Canton Educational Park, describes this year's theme — "Thought Crime: Music for an Orwellian Era" as thought provoking. The first part the band depicts a mechanical, conforming society. Part two is a struggle against the mechanical force with very fast saber work by the color guard who represent the police. A tango dance in part three symbolizes the death of an individual. The color guard goes through a costume change in the fourth section and represents the absence of humanity.

"Historically, the band used to play Broadway musicals and earned a reputation as theatrical and innovative," said McGrath, a Plymouth Canton graduate who marched with the band in the early 1980's. "We always used to tell a story. We're still theatrical. I think people need to come out and see to understand it and believe it. Marching bands evolved to such a level of artistry. It's a sport. Musicians are literally running and playing an instrument."

In addition to rehearsing every day after school and attending com-



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Blowing their horns: Above, Redford Union senior Phil Vanstone is in his fourth year with the marching band. Below, Redford Union band director Natalie LaFave tests the sound coming from Tammy Wojt's flute.

petitions on week-ends (sometimes from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on a Saturday), students are constantly raising funds. That also takes a lot of energy, said McGrath, band director for five years.

Pay to play

"We receive little district funding," he continued. "Most people assume because we do so well, we're well-funded. The district funds one paid staff person — me. Musical instruments are expensive. Each student pays \$1,000 for operational costs including staff, uniforms, equipment. We spent \$12,000 on percussion equipment this season."

McGrath estimates 94 percent of the students stay in the program from year to year.

"It's not winning," said McGrath. "We stress a standard for ourselves. We compete against ourselves. Every year we try to increase our level of standards. Students like to be pushed and challenged. They like high ideals and standards set for them."

McGrath and the students are looking forward to the nationals Nov. 10-14 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Last year, the Plymouth Canton Marching Band placed second in the Bands of America competition.

"When you're performing before a crowd of 35,000 to 40,000 people, it's a



tremendously gratifying performance experience," said McGrath. "It teaches them how to handle themselves especially under pressure. That will carry them far in life. And to know you set the standard nationally is very gratifying. The kids take a great deal of satisfaction from it."

New beginning

The Redford Union Marching Band isn't competing yet but new director Natalie LaFave has big plans for the 35 students who play music from the '50s to '80s including Prince's "1999" and Van Halen's "Jump" at high school games. LaFave, a Shelby Township resident, came straight from graduation ceremonies at Oakland University in Rochester, to the Redford schools. In the morning she teaches band at three of Redford Union's elementary schools. Afternoons are spent working with the concert, symphonic, freshman and

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AWARD WINNERS

Young Americans bring home Irish gold

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Mick Gavin of Redford smiles as he talks about his son Sean winning second place in the All-Ireland Championship Fleadh held in late August in the town of Enniscorthy in Wexford County, Ireland. Competitors came from all over the world to the festival held on the east side of the river Slaney.

Sean, Jeremy Kittle, Tyler Duncan, Colleen Burke and Colleen Shanks won second place in the Grupai Ceol (group music) division. Duncan, who took first place in the competitions, is one of only a handful of young Americans ever to take gold on the Irish pipes.

Gavin, who emigrated from Ireland to the U.S. in 1974, points out that Irish writer James Joyce won third place in the singing division of the competition at the 1904 music festival. He then quickly mentions that Irish dancer Michael Flatley of "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance" fame played flute in his early years and won first place in the All-Ireland flute competi-



"They competed against 12 groups and had the smallest amount of people in their groups," said Mick Gavin. "Some of the others had 15 to 18. You could see the stress on their faces just before they were to begin playing. It was 2,000 people sitting around and dead silence. To perform an eight-minute set, it takes a lot of discipline and courage."

To qualify for the All-Ireland competition, the group first had to win the Midwest Championship where they competed against musicians from St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati and Iowa. To celebrate their victory in Enniscorthy, the young musicians will perform traditional Irish music at Connor O'Neill's Irish Pub in Ann Arbor on Sunday, Oct. 24. The group played there during the

Ann Arbor Art Fair in July to raise money for their trip to Ireland.

Irish roots

Only 13, Sean has visited Ireland six times and competed there twice. He studied music and played soccer and hurling with his cousins in the Emerald Isle the entire month of August.

"We had a good time," said Sean, an eighth grader who began playing flute 2 1/2 years ago and studies with Terrence McKinney, who directs the group, in the U.S.

Sean studies flute at different summer schools, including the Gaelic Roots program at Boston College. He learned to read music and played in the band at Stuckey Elementary. He now attends U of D Jesuit High School and Academy. He'd eventually like to become a professional musician or engineer. Irish groups like the Chieftains, along with his father, are his inspiration. "I grew up with music," said Sean.



All-Ireland competition: Jeremy Kittle (left to right), Tyler Duncan, Sean Gavin, Colleen Burke and Colleen Shanks celebrate their victory with music director Terrence McKinney.

"My dad was always playing his fiddle. I like playing jigs, reels and marches."

Award winning musician

Harpist Colleen Burke, a 14-year-old student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, joined the group after meeting Sean and the others at the White Heather Club (Ferndale), where

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Marching band at the high school. Like the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, Redford Union students rehearse every day after school.

LaFave said cuts in the district's elementary band program six years ago are responsible for the depleted size of the Redford Union Marching Band. The program was restored but her freshmen have only had band since seventh grade.

"The students have worked really hard and met or exceeded the expectations I had," said LaFave. "I hope to double the band next year."

LaFave also plans to purchase new uniforms in the Panthers' blue and gold colors. Fund-raisers by the Booster Club require a lot of organizing and work, but events like the Buck Up the Band Campaign on Oct. 2 help with the cost.

Teamwork

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"You're friends with everybody in it," said Strong. "It's fun and takes away the stress of the school day. We work as a team. My job is to try to make everything fun and keep it focused."

One of the highlights of this year's "Celebrate the Century" theme are the majorettes twirling fire, said Linda Hanley. A flag sponsor, Hanley is delighted to have LaFave at the helm of the band which in addition to the musicians includes 17 pomps, 11 majorettes and 9 flag bearers.

"We're on our third director since 1991," said Hanley. "We like Natalie's fresh approach."

The majorettes have twirled fire since before Callan Moore took over as sponsor in 1988. Moore's own daughter twirled with Redford Union then so it was an easy choice to become involved with the band whose season doesn't stop after football but continues into spring with boys basketball games.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from working with teenagers. It's not

common to have a majorette anymore and most of them are self-taught."

Senior Paula Vensko began twirling in fourth grade at Bulman Elementary. She and the other majorettes can't wait until the Oct. 22 game against Redford Thurston because it's the last one of the season and they've been practicing their fire twirling routine nonstop.

"The scariest thing is freshman year because you're afraid of the fire itself," said Vensko. "But you practice a lot for it. It's like a hobby. It's fun and new things are a challenge."

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100 years. "We began talking about computers, voice mail, cell phones, pagers, and what would we do without those things," said Brown, an employee at EDS. "It's amazing the amount of information out there and we couldn't include it all. It covers decades of significant inventions — from Graham Bell to the cell phone technology that has been around since World War II. We found out those things as we progressed."

Professor Stephen Wroble said

the college's Computer Graphics Technology department, like the competition, brings together those who are novice artists as well as keyboard wizards.

Learning

"We have professionals and amateurs in the same classroom learning from each other," said Wroble. "They learn you have to make your deadlines, do it within a budget and work with people."

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Over the last decade computers have drastically changed the graphic design business. Many firms hire young employees who frequently lack design skills but are well-versed in technical applications. Experienced graph-

ics designers are scrambling to acquire those keyboard skills.

"The big thing for us is even though we teach application, it's being a designer that's central," said professor Mike Mehall who works with Wroble and Case in the Computer Graphics Technology department.

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members of the Irish Musicians Association meet. She has competed four times in the All-Ireland competition, placing second and third as a soloist. But this win was special.

"Winning is pretty exciting because it's pretty amazing for an American group to place, let

alone with only five people in the group," said Burke. "Irish is my favorite style of music. At the celebration, we'll be playing our group set that we won second place with, a lot of jigs, reels, marches, and a slow air."

Burke began playing harp at age 8 after learning Irish dance.

Although she also plays classical music with her high school's orchestra, the Novi resident would like to major in music in college then go on to teach traditional Irish music.

"There's not a lot of traditional Irish instruction in the state," said Burke. "I have to go to Ire-

land every year to study. Playing harp is unique because of all the different things you can do on it. Most instruments can only play a melody line, but on harp you can accompany yourself and play the melody."

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GOETHE EXHIBIT OPENS

An exhibit featuring the color theories of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe opens Monday, Oct. 18 at Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Goethe, best known in the

English-speaking world as the author of "Faust." Goethe, a German poet and writer, described himself as a visual person.

"The exhibit's about the interaction between light and darkness that creates the color," said mall general manager Reinhard Lemke.

A film, "The Light, the Dark and the Colour," will also be

shown during the exhibition's run. The film sets out to illustrate Goethe's interest in the natural sciences and how he carried out research in a number of scientific areas by means of his work on colors. His experiments with prisms and other optical devices helped to support Goethe's view that light and dark are inseparable and that colors are the product of their interplay.

The exhibit continues through Thursday, Oct. 28. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the mall at (734) 522-4100 or the Goethe Institute in Ann Arbor at (734) 996-8600.

ARTS MEETING

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will hold a membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Peter Gilleran, a Wayne State University professor, will show slides of his work. For more information, call Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.

WINTER ART FAIR

Audree Levy holds the 26th Ann Arbor Art Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

Admission is \$5, children under age 10 free.

Traditional and contemporary paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and hand woven clothing will be available. For information visit the Web site at <http://www.levyartfairs.com>

PIANO TEACHERS LECTURE

Pianist Arvi Sinka will be the guest speaker at the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 in Hammell Music's recital hall, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. All area piano teachers are invited. Call (734) 464-7813.

Sinka, who earned degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and Indiana University, has served as the piano department chairman at Bradley University in Illinois. He was pianist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 15 years and currently holds the position with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

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ANN ARBOR WINTER ART FAIR
The 26th annual fair at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor.

ARTISAN FAIRE
Features many types of fine crafts and jewelry at the Community House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6. 380 S. Bates. St. Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
The 8th annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. 8900 Newburgh Road. (734) 523-0022.

CRAFT SHOW
Sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma more than 100 juried crafters 9-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 416-2997.

DAVISON CRAFT SHOW
The 8th annual Davison High School Fall arts and crafts show is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23-24 at Davison High School, Davison. (810) 658-0440.

FESTIVAL OF THE WORLD
The 73rd original World Market featuring dance troupes, choral and instrumental groups, a variety of ethnic foods and arts and crafts. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (313) 871-9900.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ANTIQUES SHOW
Brass, silver, porcelains and American decorative arts are featured in the 5th annual show 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Preview night is 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. 26425 Wellington, Franklin. (248) 626-6606.



Still Me: Paintings by New York Artist James Del Grosso are on exhibit through Saturday, Oct. 30, at the David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. Call (248) 433-3700 for more information.

On display

Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

CRANBROOK BRUNCH SERIES
Beauty from the Earth: The shapes, colors and forms of the Cranbrook Mineral Collection at 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3210.

and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Fall Celebration Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, between 9 and 10 Mile Rods. Program of orchestral music will include Schubert's Symphony No. 5, Tchaikovsky's Waltz and Polonaise from the opera "Eugene Onegin," Elgar's "Three Bavarian Dances," and Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor Overture." Tickets \$12 general admission, \$9 students and seniors, available at the door. Call (248) 851-7408 for more information.

BALFOUR CONCERT
Israeli tenor David (Dudu) Fisher will perform at the 66th annual Balfour concert of the Zionist Organization of America, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 569-9934.

BARBERSHOP QUARTET SHOW
The Rochester Chapter Heart of the Hills barbershop singers present their 24th annual Parade of Harmony 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at Rochester High School. (248) 375-9453.

CARLO CURLEY
The organist performs 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 875-7070.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
Nightnotes series begins 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 with a horn recital by Corbin Wagner at the Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham. Season Opener: Autumn au Gratin, 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. (248) 362-90CW.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
Presents a concert with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at St. Hugo the Hills Church in Bloomfield. (248) 650-2655.

JAZZ VESPERS
The Kathy Kosins Trio performs, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

FLAVIO VARANI
The pianist performs with violinist Velda Kelly, cellist Nadine Deleury and narrator Michele Villatte at the Scarab Club, 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. Call (313) 831-1250 for information. Concert includes chamber works by Francis Poulenc and Frederic Chopin. The concert will feature "Histoire de Babar" the little elephant, narrated in French.

KEIKO MATSUI
The jazz artist performs at the Royal Oak Music Theatre 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20. (248) 645-6666.

MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
Presents pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Troy Marriott Hotel and pianists Aebersold and Nelweem 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy. (248) 689-8932.

NOVI CONCERT BAND
The annual fall concert is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 in the Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile Road west of Novi Road.

PARADISE JAZZ SERIES
The Count Basie Orchestra, led by conductor Grover Mitchell, will perform at Orchestra Hall 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

TEXAS BOYS CHOIR
Performs classics to pops 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Rectory of Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Halloween concert, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Costick Activity Center, 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Farmington Hills. Concert will include a costume parade for children, visits from Officer McGruff and Count Dracula, treats for children attending. No charge. For more information, call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDE with Aerial Dance Company presents "On the Move" 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 362-9329.

SHIVAREE
The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University's College of Arts and Sciences presents the funny, touching play by William Mastrosimone. Through Sunday, Oct. 24 in the Varner Lab Theatre, Rochester. (248) 370-3013.

EVENTS

GUY FAWKES BALL
The Cranbrook Academy of Art Women's Committee presents its 23rd annual Guy Fawkes Ball, Saturday, Nov. 6. Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3329.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Invites you to a Halloween Salon with art, music poetry and the cast of "Forever Plaid" 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

LITERARY

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Presents Dr. Ray Kamoo from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. He will speak on Ancient and Modern Chaldean History, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Features County Joe McDonald and several Woodstock and NY Beat Poets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at the Old Miami Bar, 3930 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-3830.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Oct. 31 - "Disappearance at Sea," the first solo museum show in the U.S. by Tacita Dean. Backgrounds for Modern Living. Furniture, Textile and Fashion Designs by Pipsan Saarinen Swanson. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK (1-877-462-7262).

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. "Tales from the Cranbrook Crypt," a special Halloween event, 6-8 p.m., Friday Saturday, Oct. 22-23, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" through Oct. 31. "Joseph Theodore Deck: The Art of Ceramics in Nineteenth-Century France" through Nov. 7. "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection" through March 5 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland, 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Opens Sunday, Oct. 24 - "The Michigan Friends of Photography Annual Membership Exhibition" through Dec. 12. Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5400.

CARY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - Sergio De Giusti: Sculptures, drawings and watercolors through Nov. 13. Reception 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. 228 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

C-POP GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - "Niagara Leaves Something Witchy" through Nov. 17. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

GALLERIA
Opens Monday, Oct. 25 - An exhibit of Chinese brush paintings through Nov. 29. 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 22 - Bob Thompson, works on canvas and paper through Nov. 27. Reception, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 22 - Murcko and the Maasal through Nov. 19. Artist reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 and 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham. (248) 647-4662.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - Howard Kottler: Howler! through Nov. 27. Reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

WOODS GALLERY
Opens Thursday, Oct. 21 - The Delightful Watercolors of Connie Lucas through Nov. 30. Artist's reception, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Nov. 7 - Annual all media exhibit. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Through Oct. 31 - Works of art by Royo, Sabzi, Viktor Shvaiko, S. Sams Parks, and art glass by Laurel Fyfe. 33216 West 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The work of Italian-American artist Donato Mancini and sculptor Sergio De Giusti. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0866.

BUCKHAM GALLERY
Figuratively Speaking: Painting and mixed-media works. 134 1/2 W. Second Street, Flint. (810) 239-6334.

CASS CAFE
Through Nov. 30 - Current works by David Snow, Robin Sommers and Rick Vian. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

THE CITY GALLERY
Through Nov. 5 - "La Vie Silencieuse: The Figure as Still Life" curated by Marianne Letasi. 13615 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (313) 943-3095.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Nov. 14 - The Figure. More than You Have Ever Seen. Artists' reception 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Through Oct. 31 - The Creative Arts Council exhibition. 11 South Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Nov. 21 - Women of the Book: Jewish Artists, Jewish Themes. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GALERIE BLU
Through Oct. 30 - "Helen Febbo: Tree Space Series," and "Robert Mirek: Recent Paintings." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY NIKKO
Through Oct. 31 - Fourth anniversary celebration. 470 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-0680.

GALLERY 212
Through Nov. 14 - Dark Amusements. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Oct. 30 - Work by Japanese artists, Kuniaki and Shinichi Higuchi. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Watercolors and paintings by Ellen Phelan. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

HILL GALLERY
Richard Nones, sculpture, installation and granite works. 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
"So What Kind of Name is That?" - paintings with text by Ken Apteker. 480 W. Hancock, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through Oct. 17 - Eighth annual Institute for Retired Professionals Photo-Art Show. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Oct. 29 - "Mixed Review" featuring works of mature artists. Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Nov. 9 - Paintings by Joseph Piccillo and sculptures by Ron Isaacs. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Paintings by New York Artist James Del Grosso. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Painter Jim Isakson. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6718.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Will Mentor: BioTech. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - Kathy Wolfe of Wolfe Studio exhibits her collectibles in the exhibition cases. Through Oct. 31 - Kevin Nichols of Ann Arbor presents his exhibition of cartoons and digital art. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490.

Through Nov. 10 - Kathy Phillips features her exhibition of watercolors. Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Originalism. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Through Oct. 26 - Making ReMarks. 8425 West McNichols, Retiro. (313) 927-1336.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Daze: Works on paper 1990-99. 137 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 594-9470.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Oct. 22 - Sculptures by Paul Webster and paintings by Dick Goody. Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester. **METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS**
Through Oct. 28 - "Art Official Intelligence." 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit. (313) 259-3200.

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PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Nov. 5 - Body and Soul. 75 artists examine the human form through various media. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PARK WEST GALLERY
Through Nov. 14 - The collection of Joseph Barbera, half of the Hanna-Barbera animation team. 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through Nov. 1 - Alexander Kanchik, fantasy surrealism. Artist's reception 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. 4301 Orchard Lake (Crosswinds Mall), West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWABC POTTERY
Through Oct. 30 - "Body Parts" and "Incubation 2" 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

POSA
Through Oct. 20 - The Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists Gallery & Exhibit. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Nov. 15 - Reflective Refrains. 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2552.

PRINT GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Guy Buffett exhibit. 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SISSON ART GALLERY
Through Nov. 12 - Altered Evidence. Photography exhibit. Henry Ford Community College MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 845-6490.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - An exhibition of work by James Spearman, Jr. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
"Make A Tiny Toy" workshop and auto-graph party featuring Carolyn Vosburg Hall. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue. (248) 647-7040.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CRAFTERS CALL
Crafters wanted for the Troy Athens Band and Orchestra Boosters "Festival 1999 Craft Show," Saturday Nov. 20 at Troy Athens High School. Call Jackie Garcher at (248) 689-0253.

CRAFTERS WANTED
"Seasonal Sensations." The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show. 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660, ext. 270.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Michigan's premier modern dance company announces open auditions for the EDE Center for Dance Holiday Concert Spectacular at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24 at 1541 W. Hamlin, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

FOCUS: HOPE
Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a self-addressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Lathrup Village, MI, 48076-0569.

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR
A parent meeting for parents of 5th to 8th graders interested in singing in a youth choir. 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18 at Newburg Methodist Church, Livonia. (248) 347-4134.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

SEEKING CRAFTERS
Farmington High School Football backers are looking for crafters for their 10th annual arts and crafts show for Saturday, Nov. 13. For information call Denise Bush at (248) 478-2397 or Ron at (248) 473-1538.

BENEFITS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
"The Evening Palette" a black-tie dinner dance, 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 30 at the Ford Product Development Center in Dearborn. For ticket information, call (248) 644-0866, Ext. 104.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

BROWN BAG LECTURES
"Final Resting Places," a historical perspective on 19th century Midwestern cemeteries presented by Bette Twyman from noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Information Technology Auditorium at the Oakland County campus in

Origin of familiar names makes fascinating book

"The Name's Familiar"
By Laura Lee
(Pelican Pub. Co., 1999, \$9.95)



ESTHER LITTMANN

Ever wonder where words like Jacuzzi, Leotard, and Frisbee come from?

The y' r e eponyms, words derived from people's names. According to journalist and former radio

announcer Laura Lee, there are hundreds of them, and their study provides both fascinating trivia and unique glimpses into our nation's past.

Consider Mr. Candido Jacuzzi, an Italian immigrant who, along with his brother, designed a propeller known as the "Jacuzzi toothpick" for World War I planes. When Mr. Jacuzzi's son suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, he used his technical know-how to create a hot-water hydro-massage. Thus, the hot tub was born.

Then there was Jules Leotard, a French trapeze artist in the 1860s, the first to turn a somersault in midair and the inspiration for the song "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze."

Leotard would have been proud that the pants he wore during performances eventually caught on, albeit in a more subdued environment. He once urged men to "put on a more nat-

ural garb that does not hide your best features."

And William Russell Frisbee originally made fruit pies, not flying saucer toys. His bakery became popular with students at Yale University when they discovered the aerodynamic properties of his pie tins.

First manufactured by Wham-O Toy Company as the Pluto Platter, the toy's name was later changed to "Frisbee" when a company executive heard about the game played at Yale.

"The Name's Familiar" is chock full of anecdotal, fun-filled mini-biographies of people who gave their names, sometimes inadvertently, to products we use every day. There are the more well-known stories of Singer, Kellogg, Hoover, and Heinz but some less famous names are included as well: Adolphe Sax (saxophone), Sylvester Graham (crackers), and Maximilian Berlitz (language schools). Henry Heinz, by the way, succeeded in producing 1,100 different products, but as Lee explains, "he liked the sound of the number 57. So 57 varieties became a fixture in his advertising."

In addition to product names, the book also traces the origin of eponymous jargon. Why, for example, do we call a heavy drinker a "lush"? (The word originates from the name of the esteemed but often inebriated Dr. Thomas Lushington, a chaplain who later lent his name to a London pub.) How did a muscle cramp come to be called a "charley horse"? (After a real

horse who limped while pulling a roller in the Chicago White Sox ball park.) And why does "quailing" mean traitor? (Norwegian Vidkun Quisling helped the Germans invade his own country and was later tried for treason.)

The book by the one-time Farmington Hills resident contains many more entries, such as 18th century Elizabeth Foster Goose, who created rhymes to entertain her 10 stepchildren, and Gabriel Fallopius, who wanted to become a priest but ended up studying the female reproductive system instead.

But if you want to know the origin of Barbie and Ken, or who lent their monikers to Eleanor Rigby, James Bond, and Charlie Brown, you'll have to read the book yourself. "The Name's Familiar" is a concise read, sometimes witty and often inspiring.

The men and women who created the goods and services we take for granted today didn't wave a magic wand. Their success was built on hard work and the ability to bounce back after numerous failures.

Besides being a handy etymological resource, Laura Lee's book is a tribute to their perseverance and accomplishments.

"The Name's Familiar" is available at Border's Books.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 963-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Mort Crim's book uses good news to uplift spirits

If you ever heard the Apollo 11 moon landing reported on the ABC Radio Network, then you heard Mort Crim. For 35 years his warm style of illustrating the news with poignant stories have made listeners think twice.

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cerns and issues.

With all the negative and bad news reported, it is time to read "Good News for a Change!"

Crim is creator and host of the award-winning radio series, "Second Thoughts," now airing on over 800 stations nationwide. From 1978-1997, Mort was senior editor and anchor of the evening news at WDIV-TV (channel 4) in Detroit.

For five years, he was a national correspondent for ABC

News in New York and from 1980-1984 was Paul Harvey's backup newscaster. "Good News for a Change!" is available now through Servant Publications.

Celebrating 26 years in publishing, Servant Publications is an independent publisher in Ann Arbor. Servant specifically selects its 80-plus authors to meet a highly diverse and growing readership. Servant also has the ability to sell books in local book stores.

Tales ... and Then Some." Great for members of the whole family, this third edition of non-threatening ghost stories will have you on the edge of your seat. Hear the bizarre tales at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the store located on Ford Road near Greenfield. Call (313) 271-4441 for information.

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library present Literary Outsiders: Contemporary Voices. This series at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness, stories that lay bare the terrible lies of love and madness that bind us all. Programs take place the following Tuesdays:

Oct. 26: Beans of Egypt, Maine

The Southfield Public Library presents author Dr. Ray Kamoo in a discussion of his book "Ancient and Modern Chaldean History: A Comprehensive Bibliography of Sources." This book by the Southfield resident and Chaldean history expert will be a valuable addition to local reference materials - the metro-Detroit area contains a very large Chaldean community. Dr. Kamoo will appear from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the library, located at 26000 Southfield Road. Call (1-800) 462-6420.

BOOK SIGNING

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Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Borders, Auburn Hills.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m.,

Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights.

Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

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Hair experts talk about cuts and looks for fall

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

We've talked about makeup and skin care for the fall and winter season. Now, let's discuss - it's what everyone notices immediately - hair.

Whether your hair is curly or straight, long or cropped, what you need to know is what's current in cuts, color, and products. To give you the

most updated information about hair, I spoke to some of the areas leading hair stylists. Here is what a few of them had to say.

Jimi of Palazzolo's salon in Royal Oak:

"Overall shapes are strong, finished in a messy undone way. (We're also) returning to a healthier, shiny hair. Long hair is always in. And right now, razor-cutting is popular. This allows the hair to be styled with greater ease because of the weightlessness that is created by razor cuts. Texture then can be created with 'gunky,' gooey products, which allow you to flick the hair out," he said.

Jimi also believes, "Rich strong brunettes and red-hot hair are the craze for now. ... Fall seems to bring out a person's sexiness. This season allows you to play with options. ... Hair is messy, sexy, and raw."

Debbie Miller at Red The Salon in Birmingham:

"Following the lines of this seasons clothes, hair has a strong architectural structure," she said.

To keep the look sharp, use of products is key. Try Aqualine Up-Lifting foam to give fine hair fullness at the root and an overall boost. Bumble and Bumble Straight gel, on the other hand, smoothes out even the curliest hair.

"The finish is the big story - hot rollers, Velcro rollers, crimped, waved or flat-ironed straight," said Miller. "Imagine volumizing treatments. ... Anyone who wrestles their hair into submission with an arsenal of products would benefit from this treatment."

Red The Salon offers such a service. It's called the Rene Furterer scalp manipulating treatment and it not only hydrates the scalp and hair follicle, but also removes years of color build-up, promoting full and healthy hair growth.

Hip hair for fall

After talking to several area hair stylists about the cuts and styles that showed up on runways and the trends that seem to be gaining in popularity, I had to agree with one of them that "anything goes."

Nonetheless, here are a few trends to keep in mind and tips on achieving particular hair looks:

■ Pin-straight hair, all the rage this summer, is still big on the scene. Use a round brush to guide loose waves that frame the face into a slick do. To achieve hippie hair, air dry, then add styling wax.

■ Color is deep and rich. But, both blond chunky highlights and warm-toned, thin strands of highlights are big.

■ If you'd like to wear your hair up, the Laura Ingalls' hair on the television show "Little House on the Prairie" is the look. It's a peasant style of days-gone-by that has resurfaced with loose knots and braids.

■ The season's short hair is cropped, fits the face and combines wispy bangs and jagged ends. Try face-framing layers to give shoulder-length locks a sexy edge.

■ Dreadlocks are hip, too. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to stave off shampoo to obtain a good, casual set of dreads. You can get the effect with a small, barrel curling iron and volumizing spray. Towel-dry hair and add spray, combing through to the roots for even distribution. Separate one section of hair at a time, some sections bigger than others, and twist each around the curling iron.

Please send your questions to Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 309, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or call me at (248) 266-5477. Mary Anne Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant of RED The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at the Howard School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and makeup for film and print.

Something for everybody

The young and old celebrate Halloween



Haunted castle: The Somerset Collection's gigantic holiday castle went up early this year with a few Halloween decorations due to the growing popularity of the holiday.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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Have a few extra pennies to spend? Why not splurge on some stuff designed to spook and scare children and adults alike?

Everybody else is. "Halloween has become such a big thing with, not only kids, but with adults," Somerset Collection General Manager Tom Bird said of the phenomenon. "Halloween used to be just a one-night holiday. I think it's becoming more of a family event."

Capitalizing on the interest, local retailers are peddling Halloween goods to celebrate the holiday like they never before. And, they're not selling just costumes.

From ghost-shaped pasta to artful Halloween greeting cards to microphone-wired skeletons, retailers have something for everybody.

Even business-to-business gifts come Halloween-themed.

Hoping to delight a client, Al Morris, an advertising representative based in Southfield, ordered a Halloween gift basket from Birmingham's Merchant of Vino.

"They will get this and love it," said Morris. "Decorating is a big thing today. With this, they instantly have something to decorate their house."

Priced at \$60, the gift heaps homemade cookies and candy, a set of bright orange twist candles and a bag of goblin pasta inside a handpainted, Halloween clay pot. Halloween greeting cards also have been selling well at Merchant of Vino, said Sue Feldman, the store's basket designer.

At Dapy, a novelty store at The Somerset Collection, not only are costumes selling out daily, but adults are buying toys, like "Talking Boris," a microphone-wired skull that lights up, speaks and moves its jaw on voice command, said Tim Shelly, the store's manager. "So many people are really getting into scaring then kids when they come to get candy, today. It's not just a holiday for kids, anymore."



Talking heads: Tim Shelly, manager at novelty store Dapy at The Somerset Collection, demonstrates how to work "Talking Boris."



Treats: Birmingham's Merchant of Vino packs Halloween treats, from candy to pasta, in holiday gift baskets.



Dress-up: Kristen Mamula and daughter Erin look at costumes at FAO Schwarz.

Local Halloween events

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield: Friendly haunted house through Oct. 31; Halloween party with puppet show, trick-or-treating and Halloween costume photos, 1 p.m. Oct. 31. Call (248) 353-4111.

English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak: Kid's pumpkin decorating and best costume contest, 12:45 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (248) 280-9500 to reach Royal Oak store. Call (248) 851-7506 to contact West Bloomfield store.

Old Village in Plymouth: Monster Mash street dance, costume contests for kids and adults, music and refreshments, 6-10 p.m. Oct. 30. For information, call (734) 455-1279.

Oakland Mall in Troy: Trick-or-treating, Halloween costume photos with Frankenstein and Dracula, 4 p.m. Oct. 31. Call (248) 585-6000.

Livonia Mall in Livonia: Trick-or-treating and magic show, 3 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (734) 476-1166.

The Somerset Collection in Troy: Haunted Castle display in Somerset North through Oct. 31, musical storytelling and theater shows, 1 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday through Oct. 31. For more information, call mall's concierge desk at (248) 643-6360.

Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills: Trick-or-treating, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (248) 375-9451.

Annual Northland event to teach about safety

Safety, safety, safety. That's the motto behind Northland Center's annual Partners in Safety event, slated 1-5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 23 at the Southfield mall.

The program pairs Northland Center's private police force with the City of Southfield's police and fire departments to educate children and parents about safety issues.

Topics to be addressed include safe bike use, making 911 calls, auto theft and even precautions to take on Halloween night.

The Southfield Fire Department will provide information about in-home safety procedures with demonstrations using a miniature home that simulates fires.

Northland's private police will create

child photograph and fingerprint records to parents who wish to obtain them. The records can be used to expedite access to information when children are lost or missing.

Also, a K-9 police dog unit will be on hand.

Partners in Safety, in its 8th year, seeks not only to educate, but also entertain. Outside the mall, for

instance, children and parents may tour one or many safety vehicles, including a fire truck, ambulance, police helicopter and Coast Guard boat.

Inside, children will be treated to face-painted clowns, music, games, a pretzel rolling rally and give-aways. Also, Northland Center merchants will offer special discounts on the day of the event.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 806 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

BRIDAL SHOW
Brides-To-Be Inc. presents a show of bridal wear and a panel of more than 100 wedding experts at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia, 12:30-4 p.m. Tickets are \$6. For additional information, call (313) 225-3700.

ARTIFICIAL EYE EVENT
Artistic representatives offer one-on-one consultations and personal fittings of their prosthesis products at Jackson's stores through Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jackson Apparel Department: Oct. 19 at the Birmingham store; Oct. 21 at the Laurel Park Plaza store in Livonia; and Oct. 22 at the Rochester Hills store.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FUR DESIGNER APPEARANCE
Meet fur designer Zuki and view his fall collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, noon-4 p.m., Fur Salon, third floor.

CHARITY SHOPPING DAY
To commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Somerset Collection's Lis Claiborne store in Troy donates 10 percent of the day's sales to local domestic violence partners and sells limited edition products to benefit the organizations.

CAJON SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and Esquire magazine host a special evening to benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford hospitals. Cocktails, strolling supper, entertainment and informal modeling of the Men's

Fall 1999 Designer Clothing Caravan, 5:30-8 p.m., Men's Store, first floor. Tickets are \$50. Please reserve tickets by Oct. 18. Call (313) 878-9399.

PATRON PARTY FOR VARIETY
Schubot Jewellers, 3001 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy, hosts a patron party to benefit Variety - The Children's Charity. The event, which previews Variety's annual Lights, Camera, Auction event on Oct. 26, features the fine jewelry collections of Michael Bondanza and Stefan Hafner. For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 258-5511.

COSMETICS CREATOR VISITS
Meet creator of Chantecaille cosmetics Sylvie Chantecaille at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cosmetics department, first floor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
The Village Barn, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a show of Christopher Radko's glass holiday tree ornaments through Oct. 24, 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, call (248) 851-7877.

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STUFF WE CRAVE



Floor skirting: There's no mandatory skirt length this season, but ankle-length A-lines are in abundance. DKNY's quilted cotton version in natural gray screams comfort, \$195 at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Literary scents: New from L'Occitane, the Feuille d'Herbe fragrance collection was inspired by Walt Whitman's poem "Leaves of Grass," \$48 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Tools of the trade: For inexpensive makeup brushes and other beauty tools, try French cosmetics company Sephora's private label, \$12-60 at Sephora, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



What's New

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2656 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- One box of Ivory Snow Flakes from a reader.
 - A reader who knits children's sweaters.
 - One reader with a set of "My Book House" books.
 - One white, wicker plant stand from an individual reader.
 - One copy of the children's book "Fletcher"; the book is no longer carried in stores.
 - One copy of the book "Three Belly Goats Gruff."
 - Two readers had sturdy baby gates.
 - Madame Alexander Baby Huggum dolls are sold at Slade's on Northwestern Highway in Southfield, in the children's department at Briarwood Mall's Jacobson's in Ann Arbor and at the San Francisco Music Box Company store at Twelve Oaks mall.
 - Cortland apples can be bought on Saturday at the Farmington Farmer's Market on Grand River in the Village Commons shopping center.
 - Ground bay leaf spice is made by Durkee and can be purchased at most grocery stores.
 - Under-the-cabinet lights that are battery-operated are carried at Home Depot stores.

- Silk glove liners can be purchased in the Land's End catalog (p. 74, item #4847-8238, \$8), (800) 366-4444.
 - Power Ranger Halloween costumes are available at the 1/3 Off Card Store on Rochester Road at Hamlin in Rochester Hills.
- FEED A SEARCH NOTE:**
- Just a note of thanks to those readers who called and thanked us for information and items were able to find for them. It's always nice to hear appreciative feedback.
 - We no longer need: Hudson's Santa bears, clothing line polls, millinery supplies, Avon distributors or stores where ear wax candles can be bought.
 - Another school that recycles and accepts donated greeting and Christmas cards is the Keith Bovenschen School on Frazho Road in Warren.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- A portable wine storage cabinet with a minimum capacity of 200 bottles for Joe of Livonia.
 - The video tape "The One" by Elton John for Veda.
 - A 1997 American-Indian Barbie doll with papoose and turquoise-colored outfit (item #17313) for Sharon.
 - A 1950 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook for Katherine.
 - Instructions for using the Incredible Sweater Machine or the Sweater Machine, or information about the name of the company that made these machines for Wanda.
 - A store where Mystic Beauty cleaner, used on ceramic and stone floors, is sold for Jan.
 - A used or new camera

- case for an FT Cannon camera for Mike.
- A store in the Redford/Livonia area where Beaver Creek Farms chili mix is sold for Camille.
- An Anne Geddes baby mobile for Mandy.
- A store where Men's short-sleeved sweat shirts are sold for Carol.
- A seal for a 60-year-old Magic Seal Best Quality Pressure Cooker (item #716) for Marion.
- Safeguard liquid hand soap for Joyce.
- A shop where wicker furniture is painted and a store that sells 38-inch (basin) white, cast-iron sinks for Cindy, who lives in Canton.
- A store that sells women's cotton camisoles for Eleanor.
- A 1979 Lincoln Park High School yearbook for Mary.
- A decorative hand pump to cover a shallow well for Rod.
- A directions manual for a Duofold Mangle for Mary Ann.
- A Rainbow Brites doll for Sally.
- Revlon lipstick in "Silver Fox Pink" and Secret of Venus perfume for Zelma.
- A copy of the 70s movie Sunshine and the follow-up movie for Pamela.
- A 1961 Rochester High School yearbook for Pat.
- Corman light butter from Belgium for Mrs. Bush.
- The "Lady of Charm" cookbook for Pat.
- The game Book for Carol.
- Cassette tapes for a Teddy Ruxpin talking teddy bear for Margaret.
- A long line bra by Subtract for Dorothy.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Clairol traveling salon headed to town

Have you ever encountered a beauty salon on wheels? Well, here's your chance. Clairol, maker of hair coloring products, is sending its national touring Color Coach bus our way. The 26-foot bus, carrying a team of beauty experts eager to dispense free hair care advice, is slated to pull into the parking lots of several local Meijer stores. Scheduled Meijer store visits are: 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20 in Rochester; 2-5 p.m., Oct. 20 in Wixom; 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 21 in Ann Arbor; and 2-5 p.m. Oct. 21 in Westland. In addition to free, one-on-one hair care and coloring consultations, patrons can pick up product samples and sign-up to win a gift basket filled with \$100 of Clairol merchandise. For more information about the event, call (888) 432-8423.

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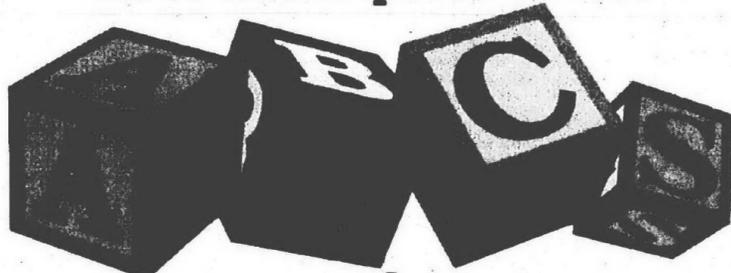
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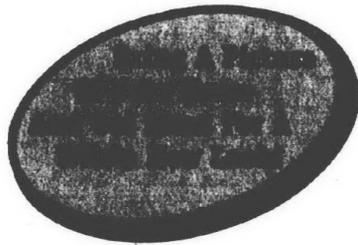


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Atmospheric Williamsburg spins an authentic tale

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER
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The crowd buzzed as Thomas Jefferson strode to the platform, looking every inch the 18th-century statesman. "I have been called here to address certain issues," said Jefferson, actually a man re-enacting his role at Colonial Williamsburg.

Jefferson discussed with the visiting tourists, or colonists, the fighting in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The day of his speech near the Governor's Palace was April 29, 1775, according to the Williamsburg calendar.

"I stand here not to voice treason." Rather, Jefferson advocated the right to hold and voice opinion, to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.

"Let us not step back but proceed forward accordingly," he said, parrying a question about his views on slavery.

"We must attend to this barbaric practice of slavery," said Jefferson, himself a slave owner, "upwards of 200 and 50." Jefferson advocated gradual elimination of slavery, and the teaching of skills to those freed.

Such re-enactments are common fare at Colonial Williamsburg, which aims to give visitors a firsthand view of life in 18th-century colonial America.

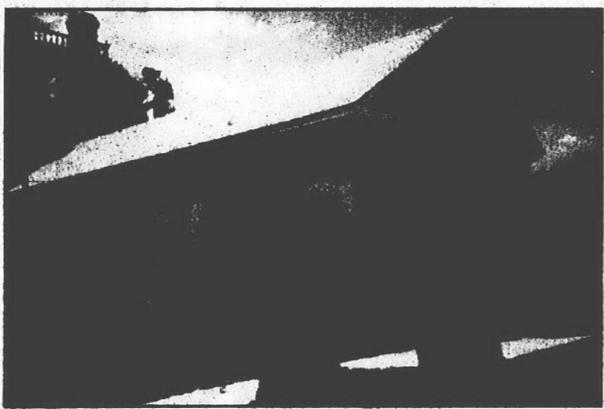
My husband, Mark Rembacki, and I took a September trip, flying into Richmond and taking an airport limo in and back.

I had been to Colonial Williamsburg in college. My husband had never been. He had an interesting experience on this trip. When we visited the old courthouse, he was put "on trial" for not attending church in the past four weeks. His defense of being Roman Catholic and unable to worship as he saw fit fell on deaf Protestant ears. The fine was five shillings.

The Williamsburg Web site is at www.colonialwilliamsburg.org, and information is also available by calling (800) HISTORY. Plentiful lodging is available in a variety of price ranges. We stayed at the most economical Governor's Inn, which required crossing railroad tracks and one busy intersection to get into town but was pleasant and comfortable.



PHOTOS BY MARK REMBACKI
Paying attention: Listeners heed the words of Thomas Jefferson. Such re-enactments are common in Colonial Williamsburg.



Elegant surroundings: The Governor's Palace draws many visitors to Colonial Williamsburg.

Other lodging sites are offered, and there's certainly plenty to see. We enjoyed the historic buildings, not only the Governor's Palace, Capitol and courthouse, but also the taverns and shops set up to show everyday life in Williamsburg more than 200 years ago.

The food in the two taverns we ate in was designed to be authentic, although I did get potato chips with my fish sandwich. We ate at Chowning's Tavern and King's Arms Tavern. There are two others: Christiana Campbell's Tavern and

Shields Tavern.

We visited the DeWitt Wallace Gallery but had to pass on the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center when Hurricane Floyd cut our trip short. The DeWitt Wallace Gallery site houses the Public Hospital, showing the first such facility in North America to treat the mentally ill. The modern-day exhibit shows how treatment of mental illness evolved.

We heard some of slavery but didn't have time to visit the Carter's Grove Plantation, where slavery is re-enacted. The

slavery re-enactment has generated controversy in Williamsburg, and we hope to go back to learn more.

Jefferson, in speaking, advocated religious freedom for all, "all of us free to attend to our God as we choose." He also discussed the economy, saying "Citizens, it is my firm belief that we must practice a good economy."

He favored not spending on items that couldn't be afforded, and also encouraged a sound educational system for the future. "Ignorance is not bliss. An education will always prove the true corrective for the abuses of government." The young Jefferson also advocated press freedom.

Early press history is an interest of mine, so I was pleased to visit the colonial print shop and ask questions. The re-enactments were particularly interesting, including a visit by George Washington, but the man in the print shop was able to speak to modern questions, too, which I appreciated.

Williamsburg was Virginia's capital from 1699 to 1780. A visit will reveal just how "British" our young country was on those days, with influence from across the Atlantic still felt. One day, we gathered with others as Lord Botetourt convened the House of Burgesses for the first time in his governorship. The feel was British, yet those of us watching knew the Revolution loomed.

The more recent story of Williamsburg, of how visionary clergyman W.A.R. Goodwin in 1926 convinced John D. Rockefeller Jr. to restore the site to colonial glory, is told as well. Both it and the colonial stories combine to make Williamsburg a great travel destination.

Our passes are good through next September, and we'll be checking airfares to see about going back. We'll remember to wear good walking shoes, too, although there is bus service as well.



Getting the word out: The print shop is one of many facilities designed to show everyday working life in colonial America.



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TWIST ON TRADITION



CHEF RANDY EMERT

Get to know the flavorful winter squash

With so many different varieties of winter squash, it's hard to decide how to prepare them. From acorn, chayote, summer, butternut, gold nugget, hubbard, spaghetti, to the very popular pumpkin and cucumber, there are lots of possibilities. They can be steamed, baked, fried or broiled, eaten raw, or jazzed up with spices, cream and butter.

The first thing you need to do is cut your squash down to size. Make the first cut with a heavy knife or even a hand saw. Some of the larger and more mature squash have very thick skin. These are fine to eat but must be cooked until tender, and the skin must be removed.

Pumpkin

If your squash choice is pumpkin, I recommend baking it at 350° F. Cut the pumpkin in half, remove the seeds and strings and place the pumpkin, cut side down, in a pan filled with water. The water will keep the pumpkin from burning during the cooking process, and help maintain the moisture content. When it is done cooking, in about 30 minutes, or until fork tender, let it cool to room temperature. Peel and puree the pumpkin for use in your favorite recipes. My son Nathan likes to eat it with just a little cinnamon.

Acorn squash

If you like acorn squash, cut it in quarters, and lay skin side down in a pan. Put some butter on the squash and sprinkle it with brown sugar and spices (cinnamon, nutmeg and salt). Bake at 375°F until it is tender, about 30 minutes.

Spaghetti squash

What about spaghetti squash? Good question. Spaghetti squash can be boiled or oven steamed.

To boil it, simply put it into a pot of boiling water and simmer until it is fork tender (when you stab it with a fork, the fork slides out easily).

To oven steam, use a fork to punch 15 to 20 holes into the sides, equally distributed around the squash. Leave it whole and place it in a shallow baking pan with about a half an inch of water. Bake at 350°F until fork tender about 30 minutes.

Let the squash cool to lukewarm or room temperature, cut it in half and use a fork to pull out the spaghetti-filled inside.

To reheat, you can batter fry, sauté with tomatoes, garlic and olive oil, steam or heat in butter and parsley over a low flame until warm.

Summer squash

Despite its name, summer squash is grown right up to the first frost in mid- to late-October. My wife, Amy, likes this one when brushed with olive oil, seasoned with salt and pepper, and grilled. I prefer to slice them about a quarter inch thick and grill over medium heat about four to five inches above the fire for only two or three minutes on each side.

Chayote squash

One of the newcomers that is gaining in popularity across metro Detroit is chayote squash. This variety comes from Central America. It's very similar to other varieties of squash in that it has a high moisture content and gets harder as it matures. It can be grilled, baked, stuffed, added to salads, or chutneys.

Cucumbers

If cucumbers are your favorite squash, then the variations are limited only by your imagination. They are great raw, marinated, pureed, pickled, put into salads or even cooked in soup.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheese for Beer
- Antipasto, a family tradition

CHEFS STIR UP THE

Melting Pot

BY ELEANOR HEALD • SPECIAL WRITER

Because metro Detroit is not a popular vacation destination, its dining scene and chefs are frequently overlooked. The annual James Beard award event, Oct. 4, at Tribute restaurant in the Michigan Hills when it was held at the Michigan restaurant to host a James Beard Foundation benefit dinner.

Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi was joined by four of our nation's top chefs, each focused on a distinct style of cuisine, yet showing America the melting pot.

Why did they come to metro Detroit? "All my chef friends are cooking here," said Roberto Donna, chef proprietor of Galileo/II Laboratorio in Washington, DC. "We have a lot of fun when we get together."

Susanna Foo, chef/owner of her eponymous eatery in Philadelphia, remarked, "I met Takashi two years ago at a James Beard award event, and I was impressed. His cooking is like mine. I fuse Chinese and French, and he does Japanese and French."

Food trends

Chef proprietor David Burks of Park Avenue Cafe in both New York City and Chicago is best known for his innovative, contemporary American cuisine.

"My cooking is an ever-changing style with the seasons," he said. "As we move into the 21st century, chefs are focused on high-quality products because people are demanding the best with more pronounced textures and flavors."

Burks said that diners are tired of overworked and under-flavored dishes. This has brought an influx of Asian influences, particularly Vietnamese and Korean, into American chefs' recipes.

At Galileo/II Laboratorio, Roberto Donna has a new spin, not only on northern Italian dishes but on restaurant schematics. Galileo is a classical dining room, but within it is the small seven-table II Laboratorio, where Donna presents a prix-fixe surprise to diners who reserve weeks in advance.

"Because I own an Italian restaurant, I hate to say this," he said. "But today's diners are going back to the Bistro era and French cooking is back in favor. Among chefs, there's also a trend to return to old, traditional

recipes, revived with new cooking techniques, making the dishes lighter."

Chef/proprietor Susanna Foo sees a mixed culture dominance of foods in the new millennium.

"With the freshest ingredients, I can combine classic Chinese cooking with classical French techniques to make delicate, new flavor combinations," she said.

Fresh is best

"The availability of fresh produce in major U.S. cities is making French chefs very jealous," French native Jean Louis Palladin said. His two restaurants — Palladin in New York City and Napa in Las Vegas

— have found the market and find the freshest ingredients from around the world," he said. "In the last 20 years, availability of fresh products has made the leap of a century. I look at what's available from the market and a recipe pops into my head, and I make it that day. Today, American chefs and their dishes can compete with the best cuisine in the world."

"But in the American melting pot, the dish needs to have a unique twist for diners to consider it exceptional."

Palladin insists that more is not better and says chefs, as well as home cooks, should focus on retaining the flavors of fresh ingredients in whatever dish is prepared.

Michigan's top toque

Tribute's Takashi Yagihashi has made an impact on dining expectations in metro Detroit. The American melting pot theme for the James Beard Foundation dinner was his idea. It was orchestrated by Tribute's Maitre d' Mickey Bakst.

Takashi's Asian-influenced contemporary French cooking style concentrates on healthy, low-fat and organic produce. Peering into his crystal ball, he says American eating-out will resolve into two choices — fast food and highly specialized.

"Italian restaurants will continue to do well, but classic French is becoming more important," he said. "Trends, however, will

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Takashi Yagihashi, Executive Chef of Tribute, Farmington Hills



David Burks, Chef/proprietor of Park Avenue Cafe in New York City and Chicago



Susanna Foo, Chef/proprietor of Susanna Foo restaurant in Philadelphia



Roberto Donna, Chef/proprietor of Galileo/II Laboratorio in Washington, DC



Jean Louis Palladin, Chef/proprietor of Palladin in New York City and Napa in Las Vegas

PHOTOS BY RAY HEALD

FOCUS ON WINE

What difference does a winemaker make?



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Geyser Peak Winery, in the town of Geyersville in Sonoma County's (California) Alexander Valley, had a marginal brand image for many years. But in the 1990s, it has spiraled to a pinnacle of quality winemaking within its moderate price range.

Since his tenure began in 1989, Aussie winemaker Daryl Groom, has added energy and creativity to turn around the Geyser Peak brand image and create new ones. His newest brand, Venezia, shows both his winemaking and marketing genius.

In 1989, we met Groom on one of his first days in the U.S. and discussed his plans for Geyser Peak. Since then, Groom has made wine waves with his style of sauvignon blanc. He also envisioned producing California's best shiraz (syrah) and is buying some of the finest grapes grown in California.

Today, all Geyser Peak wines sport new, smart and distinctive packaging. We don't ever remember such a quick turnaround for a winery that decided it was going to compete in the marketplace with high-profile big brands.

Besting the competition

In the 1999 California State Fair wine competition, Geyser Peak was awarded the Golden Winery Award based on the number of medals earned by its wines.

"Daryl Groom is an incredible winemaker," said G.M. Pucilowski, chief judge. "This is the second year in a row that Geyser Peak has won this prestigious award."

The winery earned six bronze, three silver, six gold and three double gold medals, which included California's best sauvignon blanc (Geyser Peak 1998, \$12), cabernet franc (Geyser Peak 1998, \$25), and sangiovese (Venezia Nuovo Mondo 1998, \$22).

And one of our personal favorites among new releases from Geyser Peak is the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, \$32.



Daryl Groom, Geyser Peak winemaker since 1989

"Since I came on board, we've developed association with top-quality growers and have secured some ultra-premium grapes," Groom remarked. "Geyser Peak as a brand now has a niche and is rightly viewed by the consumer as good drinking at a modest price. But today, the best California fruit has a high price tag. We didn't want to start another tier of wines under the Geyser Peak label at a higher price point, so we created Venezia as a home for top-flight fruit from our best growers. With this brand, we're carving out a new niche in the marketplace."

Groom knows that exceptional fruit is the key element in the creation of great wines. Venezia's grape-growers play a role here. All wines under the Venezia label are made from grapes grown in vineyards, specially selected for superior growing conditions and consistent high-quality fruit. Once this hand-harvested fruit arrives at the winery, it is individually fermented to preserve unique characteristics.

Important growers

Groom cites important Napa and Sonoma County growers who have aided in his success. He empha-

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sizes, however, "the Venesia wines will not necessarily have the same grower recognition each year. We've established high standards, and if the fruit does not meet them in a given year, we won't vineyard-designate the wine."

Groom has been on a fast learning curve with his wines, especially with sangiovese and sauvignon blanc. The sales of sauvignon blanc, for instance, have been so brisk that production has more than tripled in the last two years.

Readers have inquired about spiraling California wine costs. Here, according to Mike Benziger, Benziger Family Winery is

the reason: 1997, '98 and '99 are years of short supply, especially in the North Coast. These years will be a distant memory when harvest 2000 and beyond hit. Because of increased planting, predictions for merlot in 2000 are 15 million more cases in the market.

Chardonnay shows the same aggressive increase with 18.5 million more cases. Will prices decrease? Most likely. For the top wines? Unlikely.

Cool autumn evenings can be warmed with new cognacs from Hennessy. With their singular personalities and character, three distinct brands appeal to a new consumer interested in

the latest trends. In spirits, that's Single Distillery Cognac, delivering the personal style of the individual distillery in which it is developed. The following retail for around \$50.

Le Feu has apricot, stone fruit, floral hints and a distinct oak component that makes it slightly rustic and right for the first autumn fire. Isambard is smooth and mellow with scents of violets, vanilla, caramelized sugar and ripe peach-honey. Serve it after a crème brûlée dessert for a unique taste experience.

Camp Romain has notes of orange zest and vanilla. Its floral wildflower character will be especially welcome as the weather takes on extra chill.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 963-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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never be as important as classic foods."

The James Beard Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1966 to keep alive the culinary philosophy, ideals, and practices that earned James Beard his reputation as "the dean of American cooking."

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All wines for the Beard Foundation event were compliments of the Robert Mondavi Winery. I find this most fitting since it was Robert Mondavi, who in the late 1960s and early 1970s, went around the world introducing millions of people to his wines, the Napa Valley, and California's overall wine potential. A parallel can be made with the Epoch Restaurant Group (owners of Tribute) and its showcasing of fine dining in metro Detroit. The first James Beard event was not just Tribute's but a recognition of the area's cuisine and its excellence.

See recipes inside on Page D3

Here's a twist on pumpkin pie

See related Twist on Tradition column on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Executive Chef

Randy Emert, Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

Pinch ground nutmeg
1 low-fat pie shell, baked

Sprinkle gelatin into cold milk to bloom. Heat milk over low heat just long enough to dissolve gelatin and set aside.

In food processor, blend pumpkin, yogurt, orange juice, sugar and spices. Add milk while processor is running. Scrape mixture into bowl.

Drain cranberries and fold them into the pumpkin puree. Pour mixture into baked pie shell and chill until set.

PUMPKIN CRANBERRY PIE

- 1 medium pumpkin - seeded, roasted, peeled and cooked (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries soaked in brandy overnight
- 1/2 cup nonfat yogurt
- 1 cup nonfat milk
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 ounce gelatin
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Twist from page D1

No matter what type of squash you select, there will always be a delicious recipe for it. I have selected a couple of my favorites for you to try at home. I hope you enjoy them as much as we have.

Randy Emert of Clarkston is Executive Chef of the Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester. He is a graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia,

and was captain of the 1996 Michigan Culinary Team, which won seven medals at the World Culinary Salon. In fact, Emert has received numerous medals and awards as a result of his participation in competitions since 1991.

Look for his next column in Taste on Dec. 19.

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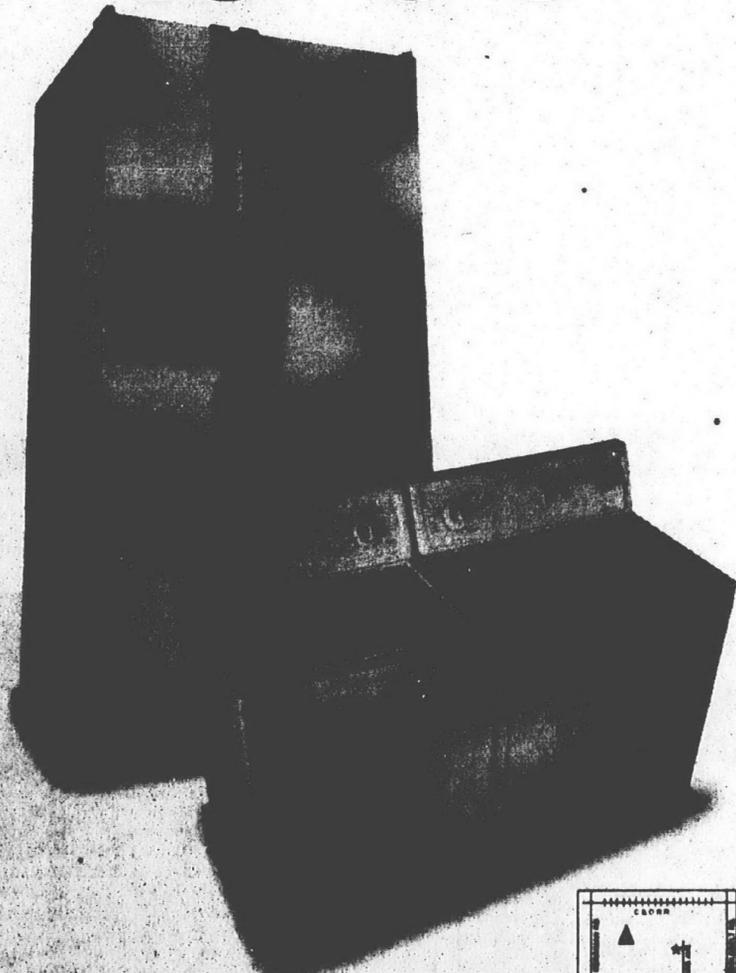
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Outstanding chefs share recipes from America's Melting Pot

See related America's melting pot on Taste front. Look for Asian products in specialty markets.

STEAMED YOUNG PHEASANT DUMPLING WITH ASIAN VEGETABLES IN A LEMONGRASS BASIL BROTH

Dumpling stuffing:
8 ounces ground young pheasant
2 ounces ground pork butt
2 ounces ground pork fat
2 ounces steamed julienne savoy cabbage
1 ounce steamed julienne shiitake mushrooms
1 whole egg
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons fresh ginger juice
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Saké
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper to taste
30 wonton wrappers

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix well until sticky. Place about 1/2 ounce of mixture on each wonton skin. Make any shape desired.

ASIAN VEGETABLES

1/2 cup each of julienne bok choy, sliced bamboo shoots, sliced lotus root, bean sprouts, daikon sprouts, sliced Japanese cucumber, julienne red onion, julienne green onion, and julienne fresh ginger
1 teaspoon black sesame seeds

Mix vegetables in a bowl and set aside.

LEMONGRASS-BASIL BROTH

2 quarts chicken broth
1 quart dashi stock
2 cups lemongrass, chopped
1/2 cup ginger, peeled and chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
3 ounces basil, chopped
1 cup Saké
Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a large saucepan and simmer 20 minutes. Strain through a coffee filter and return to pan. Heat to boiling.

To build the dish:
Steam dumplings in steamer for about 2 minutes. Place Asian vegetables into boiling broth and cook until tender. Using small soup bowls, ladle in vegetable broth and place 3 dumplings in center. Serve immediately. Serves 10.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi, Tribute restaurant, Farmington Hills.

POACHED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH RATATOUILLE ORZO RAGOUT

1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 cup canned tomato sauce
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 6 ounces each
Coarse or kosher salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 yellow bell pepper, diced
1 zucchini, diced
1 yellow squash, diced
1 small eggplant, not peeled,

outer 1 1/2 inches only, diced
1/2 small onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup chopped fresh basil or 2 tablespoons dried
2 cups cooked orzo pasta
1/2 cup mascarpone cheese or grated Parmesan
4 basil leaves or parsley
Combine chicken broth and tomato sauce in a soup pot. Bring to a simmer.

Season chicken with salt and pepper and add to pot. Cover and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes or until chicken is cooked.

Add all remaining ingredients, except cheese and basil or parsley leaves.

Stir and simmer for additional 2 minutes. Remove chicken breasts and keep warm.

Cook vegetable-pasta mixture until vegetables are tender and orzo is hot. Correct seasoning.

To build the dish:
Spoon ratatouille orzo ragout into 4 bowls. Cut each chicken breast horizontally into 2 pieces and place over ragout. Top with a tablespoon of mascarpone or Parmesan cheese and garnish with basil or parsley leaf. Serves 4.

Recipe from "Cooking with David Burke," Alfred A. Knopf, 1994, \$30.

SALMON WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE

4 salmon fillets, each about 6 ounces
1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 cup vodka
1 tablespoon soy sauce
Freshly-ground pepper to taste

Black Bean Sauce (recipe follows)

1 tablespoon peeled, finely julienned gingerroot
1 tablespoon peeled, finely julienned carrots or red radishes (optional)

Slash each salmon fillet diagonally in 2 or 3 places, being careful not to cut all the way through, so the marinade will penetrate the fish. Place fillets in a shallow dish.

Mix 1/4 cup of olive oil, the vodka, soy sauce, and some pepper; spoon over the salmon. Refrigerate 1 hour, turning once.

Meanwhile prepare the Black Bean Sauce and place in a medium saucepan.

Preheat broiler with a rack 4 to 6 inches from heat source.

Remove fish from marinade and add marinade to the sauce. Bring sauce to a boil, reduce heat to low and keep warm while cooking the fish.

Heat remaining 3 tablespoons oil in a large ovenproof skillet. When it is hot, add fillets and cook over high heat, turning once, until salmon is browned on both sides, about 1 1/2 minutes per side.

Place fish on a broiler pan and broil, without turning, just until fillets are done, about 5 minutes.

Divide fillets among 4 dinner plates, spoon sauce over and gar-

nish with a little of the gingerroot and carrots or radishes, if using, and serve. Serves 4.

BLACK BEAN SAUCE

1 tablespoon fermented dried black beans
1 tablespoon vodka
1 tablespoon corn oil
2 shallots, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tablespoon peeled, grated gingerroot
2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 1/2 cups fish or chicken stock
1 tablespoon chopped red bell pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves
Wash black beans and place in a small bowl. Cover with warm water and soak for 2 minutes; drain well and squeeze out any remaining liquid. Mix with the vodka.

Heat oil in a medium saucepan and add the black beans, shallots, garlic and gingerroot. Cook over high heat; stirring for 5 minutes or until garlic is lightly browned. Add the vinegar.

Mix the cornstarch with the stock in a small bowl and add to the saucepan. Mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 20 minutes more or until cornstarch has lost its raw taste. Mix in the bell pepper and cilantro; remove from the heat.

The sauce can be prepared 3 to 4 days in advance, covered and refrigerated or frozen for up to 1 month. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

From "Chinese Cuisine: The Fabulous Flavors and Innovative Recipes of North America's Finest Chinese Cook" by Susanna Foo, Chapters Publishing Ltd., 1995, \$36.

GAMBERETTI ALLA SANTARELLI

2 pounds shrimp in shells, heads on
1 cup olive oil
5 ounces unsalted butter, sliced in 1/4-inch pieces
4 garlic cloves, smashed
4 lemons, thinly sliced
Sauce:
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3 teaspoons black pepper
1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika
3 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
1 tablespoon dried, red hot, crushed pepper flakes

In a large sauté pan, sauté garlic in heated olive oil, over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add butter; cook for 1 minute. Add lemons.

After 30 seconds, add shrimp and sauce ingredients. Cook over medium heat for an additional 2 1/2 minutes. Remove from heat and serve. Serves 4.

From "Cooking in Piedmont" by Roberto Donna, Food Concepts Marketing Corp., 1996, \$30.

Strawberry splits: Easy dessert kids can make

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strawberries alone make a lovely dessert. But Devil's Food Strawberry Splits is an even sweeter indulgence, especially for lovers of chocolate.

Assemble this fancy-looking but very easy dessert from a few simple ingredients.

DEVIL'S FOOD STRAWBERRY SPLITS

(Preparation time 15 minutes)
11/2 cups whipping cream
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons unsweetened

cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 pint baskets (12 ounces each) strawberries, stemmed and halved
6 baked devil's food cupcakes, unfrosted (remove paper liners, if used)
6 tablespoons chocolate syrup or fudge topping

In large mixer bowl, combine cream, 2 tablespoons sugar, cocoa and vanilla; beat to form soft peaks. Set aside. In medium bowl, combine strawberries and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar; toss light-

ly. To assemble, cut cupcakes horizontally in half. Place bottom of each cupcake on individual serving plate; top with 1/2 cup strawberries and 1/3 cup cream mixture. Cover with cupcake top; garnish with remaining cream mixture and strawberries. Drizzle each serving with 1 tablespoon chocolate syrup.

Makes 6 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 550 cal., 31 g fat, 115 mg chol., 400 mg sodium, 63 g carbo, 5 g fiber, 6 g pro.

Recipe from California Strawberry Commission.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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Stop smoking

Breathe-free stop smoking programs hosted by renowned physician Dr. Arthur Weaver will be held Jan. 6, 10-14, 18 of 2000 at the Livonia Library auditorium in the City Hall Complex (5 Mile and Farmington roads). Call (734) 466-2535 for information. Program start at 7 p.m. and funded by donation.

Vegetarian event

The 12th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will be held from 11:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Metropolitan Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Rd. Tickets sell out early. You'll have the opportunity to taste dozens of delicious vegetarian entrees, salads and desserts in a festive holiday atmosphere. Adults \$10; children 2-12 \$3. Call Sue Parce (734) 495-3602.

Arthritis lecture

Providence Medical Center in Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., will hold a lecture on "Arthritis: Hip and Knee Problems," from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. This program presented by Michael Haynes, M.D. will focus on current arthritis medication, treatment options and hip and knee replacement. To register call (877) 845-5500.

New cancer therapy

To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer attend "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

Head-to-toe exams

The American Diabetes Association presents "Head to Toe," exams from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Henry Ford OptiEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. Free blood pressure testing, eye care presentations and free body fat testing will be offered. Call (888) DIABETES ext. 229.

Immunization clinic

An immunization clinic for children will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia. \$5 fee per child and covers all vaccines your child needs (except chickenpox). Call (877) 345-5500. Don't forget your records.



Lower back pain shouldn't be neglected

October is Spinal Health Month

Many of us go through each day typing on a computer, bending or lifting items, gardening, taking care of our children and playing sports. If not done properly, these activities can cause pain or injury which may become chronic if left untreated.

Because of the importance of taking care of the back and spine, doctors of chiropractic are using their knowledge of the spinal column and nervous system to promote the American Chiropractic Association's (ACA) national observance, Spinal Health Month, during the month of October.

In collaboration with the National declaration, Governor John Engler recently named October to be Spinal Health Care Month in Michigan.

"We are excited with Governor Engler's support of chiropractic for Michigan's citizens. This declaration represents an important shift in the paradigm of health care. The essential need of chiropractic care is evident as ever. Chiropractic's efforts of providing natural, safe and effective care to the spine and nerve system are well recognized and applauded," stated Dr. Kevin O'Dell, chiropractor in Westland.

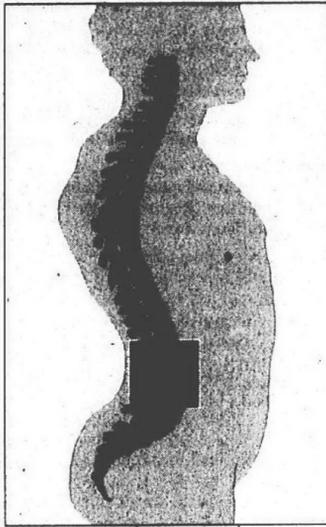
Universal problem

"Back pain is pervasive in our society. Eighty percent of us will suffer from it at some point in our lives, and 50 percent of us will suffer from back pain this year alone," said James A. Mertz, DC, DACBR, president of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA).

"Low-back pain is the most common work complaint experienced by Americans today. Many Americans today are health and body conscious. We want to look and feel our best by taking care of our bodies-exercising, getting regular dental and eye exams and by getting enough sleep. In doing so, we ignore the focal point of where much of the pain associated with our daily activities originates-our spine," Mertz added.

The central nervous system originates in the brain and channels down through the spinal column, extending to every part of the body. A misalignment of the spine may result in nerve interference, resulting in headaches, low-back and neck pain, among other problems.

Listen to your body. Use preventive measures at work and at home. The American Chiropractic Association recommends the following tips to help reduce the risk of spinal injury:



■ While at the office, remember to take frequent stretch breaks while working on your computer. The more hours per day you use your computer, the greater the risk of discomfort or injury.

■ While working on your computer, sit with your knees at approximately a 90- to 120-degree angle. Using an angled foot rest to support your feet may help you sit more comfortably.

■ Make sure your chair fits correctly. Allow for two inches between the front edge of the seat and the back of your knees. The chair should tilt back so you can rest while you're reading what is on your computer screen.

■ Avoid twisting and turning motions. Always bend from the knees, not your waist, when lifting anything heavier than 10 percent of your body weight, such as a child or a heavy box.

■ Warm up and stretch before any physical activity, including all sports, raking, gardening and shoveling snow.

Be aware of your body form and technique; stand as erect as possible and let your legs and arms do the work, not your back. Allow your body and muscles time to cool down after such an activity.

■ It is important to get a good night's rest. Choose a comfortable supportive mattress as well as a pillow that supports the weight of your head, reducing the risk of back or neck pain.

The key to spinal health is prevention; listen to your body's warning signals and adjust your lifestyle. If you do experience pain for more than one or two days despite using these preventive measures, consult your local chiropractor.

Doctors of chiropractic are trained to identify the cause of the problem and adjust or manipulate the spine to encourage the body's natural healing process. More than 20 million Americans sought chiropractic care last year for spinal injuries and pain.

The O'Dell Chiropractic Life Center is hosting a "Patient Appreciation Day" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1214 W. Wayne Road in Westland. Doctors of chiropractic, who are members of the Michigan Chiropractic Council, will be planning similar events throughout the month in recognition of Spinal Health Care Month.

According to O'Dell, all chiropractic care Oct. 30 will be complimentary to all families and individuals in observance of Spinal Health Care Month.

For information contact O'Dell Chiropractic Life Center at (734) 728-8100.

Concussions more than a bump on the head

Athletes who take a serious blow to the head on the field, court or ice should see a doctor immediately and leave the game for the day if they lose consciousness or have persistent or delayed symptoms, according to new concussion guidelines based on the latest scientific research and endorsed by six major medical organizations.

If their symptoms last more than 15 minutes, the guidelines say, athletes need to be monitored for up to a week and return to competition gradually based on tolerance of increasing physical demands. If their symptoms worsen, they should head straight for the emergency room.

The new recommendations give doctors and coaches a cautious, science-based consensus standard for dealing with one of the most common sports injuries. They are published in the current issue of the American Journal of Sports Medicine by a team led by Edward Wojtys, M.D., professor of surgery in the University of Michigan Health System.

"Just because an athlete says he or she 'feels fine' doesn't mean he or she should get right back in the game. Concussion has already cut short too many professional athletic careers, and left too many amateurs with lasting problems," says Wojtys, an orthopedic surgeon and associate team physician for the U-M Athletics Department. "As we discover more about brain functions, science and sport must come together to protect athletes using the most current

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information."

The guidelines endorse the use of neuropsychological testing on the sidelines as part of the physical exam. They stress that a full examination by a physician usually can best judge the effects of concussion.

Above all, the authors state, only more research will answer questions about how quickly and how well the brain can recover from concussion, and how best to evaluate and treat injured athletes. From junior high and high school squads to college and professional teams, they recommend large-scale studies of brain injuries, standardization of post-concussion tests and a database to follow the progress of every athlete who sustains a concussion.

The guidelines were formulated after a 1997 conference that brought together representatives of prominent medical societies whose members treat athletes, and major national professional and collegiate sports leagues.

Experts define concussion as an alteration of cerebral function. Common symptoms include headache, dizziness, nausea, brief loss of consciousness, vertigo, light-headedness, ringing in the ears, difficulty concentrating, amnesia, vomiting and balance problems.

"The signs can be subtle and can clear up quickly or last hours or days," said Wojtys. "But even after symptoms are gone, neurological research has shown that lasting 'bruises' on brain tissue may still be present. Rest, sleep, protection from additional impact and abstinence from alcohol can allow the brain to heal."

Meanwhile symptoms that are delayed, more severe or worsen over time can signal serious problems, including blood clots in the brain. With the advent of sophisticated medical imaging, the diagnosis of such problems is made easier — but only if the person is adequately examined.

More than 300,000 American athletes sustain concussions or other mild to moderate brain injuries each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control, but a 1991 survey found that a third did not see a doctor. Most sports-related concussions occur in people ages 15 to 24.

No reliable statistics exist for the number of concussion victims who had a second brain injury soon after their first concussion, but research strongly suggests that such repeated blows to the brain are likely to cause lasting damage.

Researchers' question: Is chocolate a food or drug?

It is the most commonly craved food in North America, especially among women, comprising nearly half of all food cravings. What is it about chocolate that causes these cravings?

Researchers at the Arizona Prevention Center at the University of Arizona review studies of the chemical, biological, psychological and nutritional properties of chocolate, finding that no solid evidence has "pinpointed exactly how chocolate induces its drug-like effects."

They look at dozens of studies examining factors like motivating chemosensory characteristics, desired psychopharmacologic effects and theorized self-medication of nutritional or neurochemical deficiencies as possible explanations.

While all these factors and more may contribute, the researchers say "the sensory reward of chocolate, shaped by physiological state and cognitive factors, is an especially potent force and appears to be the predominant factor."

They conclude with a reminder to health professionals that, when the cause, "chocolate cravings are real."

INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA CLINICS

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Commerce store Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at 3010 Union Lake Road, near Commerce.

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■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Kroger grocery store on Middlebelt and Ford Road in Garden City. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Kroger grocery store on Farmington and Eight Mile road in Livonia. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Flu shots by Eastern Hospital at Livonia Mall will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Garden Court area (near security office) G Mall entrance. There will be a \$5 charge. Call (348) 476-1100.

■ Livonia Senior Citizens, by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10800 Farmington Road. Call (734) 422-5010.

■ Art Van Furniture Store, 29905 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be provided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.

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■ St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 8-10 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27 and from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4. There will be an \$8 fee and registration is required. If you bring in proof that you have Medicare B, the shot is free. Call (734) 855-8940. St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley is located at 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman.

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Shots will be offered at the Northville store Sunday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. 17447 Haggerty Road near Six Mile.

■ Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road in Novi, will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be provided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.

■ Plymouth Cultural Center will host an immunization clinic from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-6627 for information.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Kroger grocery store on West Chicago and Telegraph in Redford. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, OCT. 18

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
Total cholesterol screening by finger stick. \$6. HDL screening \$15. No appointment necessary. Call (248) 477-6100. Botsford Center for Health Improvement.

TUE, OCT. 19

WOMEN'S DAY 1999
Join the staff of Henry Ford OptimEyes from 2-7 p.m. for Women's Day 1999. Catering ideas, holiday fashions, fitness demo's, golf advice, body fat analysis, frame make-overs, make-up and skin care, refreshments, holiday cards and a laser vision correction presentation. Call (734) 524-7668 to register. OptimEyes is located at 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland.

NEW CANCER THERAPY
To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer attend, "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

MILLENNIUM GRANDPARENTING
Nurse Cheryl Grougan, community educator, will discuss "Grandparenting for the new Millennium." Grandparents and prospective grandparents will learn the latest health and safety tips, from how to position sleeping infants to car-seat safety use. New product information and revised feeding schedules will also be discussed at this class held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1617.

BREAST HEALTH EXPO
This year's expo focuses on "Creative Coping Skills for all Women," and features art by breast cancer survivors, breast health information and a

keynote presentation by music therapist and breast cancer survivor Deforia Lane. Registration required. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor. Program runs from 6-8 p.m.

WED, OCT. 20

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services.

HEAD-TO-TOE EXAMS
The America Diabetes Association presents "Head to Toe," exams from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. Free blood pressure testing, eye care presentations and free body fat testing will be offered. For information call (888) DIA-BETES ext. 229.

THUR, OCT. 21

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. The fee is \$5 per child and covers all vaccines your child needs (except chickenpox). Don't forget to bring your child's immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

SAT, OCT. 23

HERNIA SCREENING
William Beaumont Hospital will offer free hernia screening from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the hospital's North Tower, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road. Appoints are available by calling (800) 633-7377.

HEALTH EXPLORATION STATION
The grand opening of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System's exploration station, Michigan's first interactive health education facility will use hands-on exhibits and displays, multimedia classroom facilities and professional health educators to focus on behavior change and self-care to promote positive lifestyle changes. Located at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUN, OCT. 24

PIN DOWN A CURE
The Mammastatin Research Institute will host a fund-raising event, "Pin Down a Cure," from 7 p.m. to midnight to be held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly toward supporting current clinical trials of Mammastatin at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. The event is open to the public at Super Bowl, 41500 Ford Road in Canton (between Sheldon & Canton Center behind Burger King. Tickets (\$20) are available at the door or by calling (734) 996-8285.

TUE, OCT. 26

MEDITATION
Learn to decrease your response to stress, lower your blood pressure and calm your mind. Pre-registration and free required at 7 p.m. in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information. For your convenience, Botsford Integrated Medicine in Walled Lake also offers a Meditation program.

MAMMOGRAPHY
Mammography: What you should know. Sponsored by Women's Imaging Department - Mission Health Medical Center, Dr. James E. Selis, section chief of Mammography Providence Hospital, will discuss who's at risk for breast cancer, advantages of early diagnosis and mammography/ultrasound and breast stereo-tactics. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile road, Newburgh. Lunch will be provided free. Pre-register by Oct. 22. Call (877) 345-5500. Call (248) 926-6370.

WED, OCT. 27

LOVING TOO MUCH?
This workshop addresses this difficult and common pitfall in women, "Women who give or love too much." It is geared toward gaining awareness in the areas of self-esteem, co-dependency depression and family management. St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton from 7:30-9 p.m.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON
Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. The week's topic will be "Cardiovascular Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment." Located at Michigan

Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

THUR, OCT. 28

ABC'S OF ASTHMA
If you or someone you know has asthma, you will benefit from learning better ways to manage this disease. Get the tools you need for healthier living by talking with a professional. Dr. Rola Bokhari-Panza will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center, Conference Room B (47601 Grand River Ave.) in Novi. The conference is free and space is limited. Call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, OCT. 29

PARTNERS FOR PARENTING
Wayne RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) will sponsor a conference for teen parents "Partners for Parenting Teens," at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A continental breakfast, lunch, raffle and prizes will be provided. This is a free workshop. Call Carol Bridges at (734) 246-8951 to register.

HEART PALS

MON, NOV. 1
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242.

TUE, NOV. 2

SMOKEFREE, YOUR CHOICE
A series of four classes to help you stop smoking at 6 p.m. Sessions include strategies to stay smokefree; stress management techniques; healthy eating and physical activity choices. Register by calling (734) 458-4330.

WED, NOV. 3

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call (734) 458-4330.

FIRST AID
An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Practice and learn emergency principles, CPR and how to correctly pro-

vide first aid for shocks, burns, bites, fractures and bleeding. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

WED, NOV. 10

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Free of charge sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

WINTER READINESS
Henry Ford OptimEyes will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at their Westland Super Vision Center (35184 Central City Parkway). You'll also have the opportunity to "As the Experts," with AAA, Consumers Energy, Westland Car Care and Westland Police. Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Richter from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 427-5200 for information.

SAT, NOV. 13

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A seminar for couples who are either thinking of having a baby or are newly expecting. Class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, (248) 477-6100. \$15 per couple; or \$7.50 per person.

TUE, NOV. 16

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden

City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4330 for information.

WED, NOV. 17

CAREGIVING OLDER ADULTS
This informative free series is presented by Dr. Bharti Srivastava, senior health specialist. Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURSE
Madonna University will offer two substance abuse courses this fall. "Chemical Dependency: General Information," will be held on Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m. beginning Nov. 17 through Dec. 16. The course will review the research on substance abuse, different theories of addiction, disease concept of alcoholism and the ethics of the profession. The non-credit fee is \$100. "Substance Abuse and AIDS," will be held on Friday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This course will acquaint students with treatment considerations, methods for reducing high risk behaviors, prevention measures, and high risk groups. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register call (734) 432-5731.

WED, NOV. 24

NEWBORN CARE
A two session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling (734) 458-4330.

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MERALGIA PARESTHETICA
This term is another example of how a sophisticated and scholarly word when broken down into its parts, makes a straightforward statement. The "mer" part is Greek for thigh, "algia" means discomfort, and "paresthetica" translates as numbness. What Meralgia Paresthetica says is that you have a discomfort in your thigh characterized by pins and needles feeling. In reality, the discomfort often is a pain, sometimes sharp, otherwise dull and throbbing. It becomes worse on arising from a chair and bending may be relieved at night, but if you rest on your stomach, the discomfort likely will increase. Sitting may increase the pain, while walking relieves it. The cause is not muscle strain, or a form of arthritis that radiates down the leg. Meralgia paresthetica results from a pinched nerve, the lateral femoral cutaneous nerve. This nerve comes from the low back, runs to the rim of the inside of the pelvis, goes under the groin, and completes its course on the outer part of the thigh. There it provides sensation and feeling to their upper-outer part of the leg. Impingement occurs at the point where the nerve runs under the groin, the usual cause is from fat tissue that falls over the nerve when you stand or change position. If you have diabetes, you are at risk for the same problem regardless of your weight. In this instance changes in metabolism coming from the diabetes, can cause the nerve to malfunction. Treatment consist of losing weight if being heavy caused the problem, or improving control of your sugar, if diabetes is the culprit.

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Wayne Health Center is accepting appointments at 33030 Van Born in Wayne. Call (734) 727-7100 to schedule a time.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Westland stores from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 132 Merriman Road near Cherry Hill; from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at 8050 Middlebelt near Ann Arbor Trail; from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 and from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at 34414 Ford Road near Wildwood St.

Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Kroger grocery store on Merriam and Michigan Ave., in Westland. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

Art Van Furniture Store, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be pro-

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Consensus of the final United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Commission on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) Regional Workshop on Firearm Regulation for the Purposes of Crime Prevention and Public Safety, held in New Delhi, India (Jan 1998), as reported by Philip Alpers, gun policy researcher, Auckland, New Zealand. See: <http://www.pcvp.org/firearms/intl/unlong2.html>

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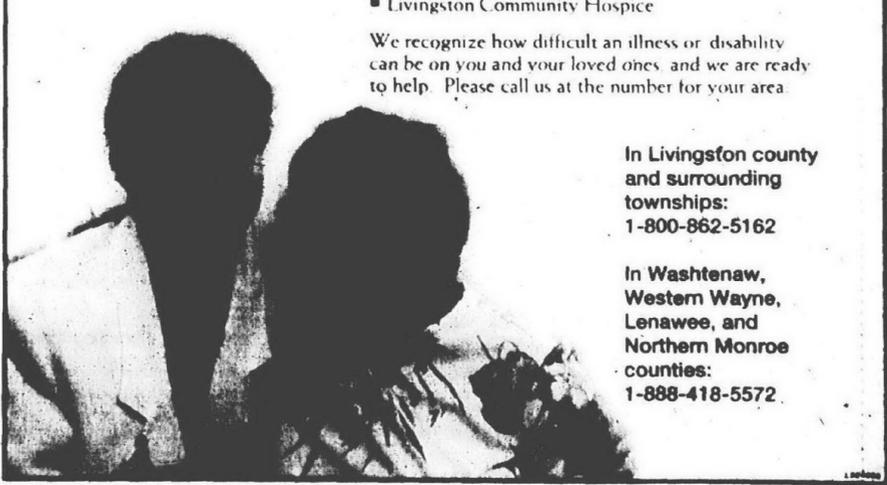
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New hope for women suffering from bladder disorders

Up to 1 million Americans — most of them women — with a painful bladder disorder may find relief from their symptoms in available early in the next century as a result of research at William Beaumont Hospital.

Dr. Kenneth Peters, a Beaumont urologist, has found that a weakened version of a tuberculosis vaccine corrects an immune imbalance in the bladder that causes intersti-

tial cystitis (IC), a painful inflammation of the bladder.

The research, published in the September issues of the medical journal Urology, supports his earlier research showing the bacille Calmette-Buerin (BCG) vaccine to be an effective and safe treatment for IC.

Now Dr. Peters is conducting research on a wider scale in an

effort to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for BCG as an IC treatment.

At this point, BCG treatment for IC is still experimental, although the vaccine has been used since 1976 to treat bladder cancer.

BCG combats bladder cancer by stimulating the immune system in the organ. Bladder cancer and IC share common symptoms, including

urinary frequency and urgency. In addition, people with IC have severe chronic pelvic pain.

Two medications currently approved by the FDA only work for a small number of people with IC, Dr. Peters says.

In the research published this month involving 35 people, participants' urine was tested to measure the level of enzymes that make up

the bladder's immune system. Dr. Peters found that of 15 people studied who had untreated, active interstitial cystitis, all had elevated levels of cytokines, a group of proteins that are part of the immune system in the bladder. In contrast, 20 test subjects whose IC was in remission after treatment with BCG or who did not have IC had normal levels of these same immune system proteins.

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vided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.
 ■ Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland will offer shots from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14; 5-7

p.m. Oct. 21; 9-11 a.m. Oct. 30 and Saturday Nov. 6 at 2001 S. Merriman, Suite 100. Call (734) 727-1000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.
 ■ Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland will offer shots from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 26 at

36555 Warren Road. Call (734) 414-9000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.
 ■ Presbyterian Village 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 32001 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Call (734) 728-5222. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

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Merger
 Advanced Assembly Group (AAG), which operates two facilities in metropolitan Detroit, will merge its systems assembly capabilities with the manufacturing functions of its sister company Air Gage in Livonia. AAG and Air Gage are among four Michigan-based divisions of Advanced Industrial Technologies, formerly known as GSE, Inc.

Advertising award
 Western Creative, Inc. (formerly Western Communications), a multimedia and advertising agency located in Redford, is a bronze winner in the 1999 Telly Awards competition for its outstanding creative work for Temo Inc., a national sunroom manufacturer. Western is also a 1998 bronze Telly Award winner for a Snethkamp Jeep Eagle commercial, *The Wonder of Steve*.

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RESHAPING TEETH

Tooth reshaping involves the removal of small amounts of enamel to minimize any number of imperfections. For instance, the points of upper canine teeth can be blunted somewhat to eliminate a fang-like appearance. Tooth reshaping ("enamel recontouring") can be employed to alter the shape, length, contour, or position of a tooth and its relationship to adjacent teeth to improve the look of a smile. The technique can also be used to reshape chipped, overlapped, or fractured teeth, as well as to minimize the appearance of crowding. Tooth reshaping may be utilized to correct such developmental imperfections and abnormalities as pitting and grooves in the enamel. And it accomplishes this without removing substantial amounts of tooth structure.

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Akerley is the proud owner and operator of "D.J.'s Brake and Strut" in Clawson. And as such, Akerley does his share of heavy work: brake jobs, car electrical work, mechanical

repairs - eight to four, Monday through Friday.

But dozens of times throughout the day, he crawls out from beneath the rack, washes the grease off his hands and heads to a tiny corner of his cluttered shop. That's where "D.J." the auto mechanic becomes "The Cyberpaperboy," publisher of a very popular Web site (www.cyberpaperboy.com) that just may be one of the Internet's best resource sites.

On his Web site, Akerley posts headline links and brief summaries of news stories. The links are updated constantly from hundreds of Internet-based news sources. No matter what it's about ... breaking news, stock reports, sports, politics, national and international news ... you can find it on his Web site.

Akerley has no illusions about his skills.

"I'm not making any claims about being any sort of journalist," he says in the computer corner of his auto repair shop. "I'm just a news junkie. I love the news. I have since I

was a kid. And I love the Internet. So I put the two passions together. I'm just like a regular paperboy, only I distribute the news on the Internet. I'm what you'd call a Cyberpaperboy."

The 43-year-old Akerley does it very well. He posts his links so fast that often major breaking stories can be found on the Cyberpaperboy Web site before you hear about them on radio or TV. So far this year, more than 150,000 people have visited the Cyberpaperboy Web site, more visitors than many newspapers have subscribers.

His Web site has links to newspapers in every state in the country, thousands of them, as well as dozens of worldwide papers. There are also plenty of resources, from computer help to TV listings, online dictionaries, chat rooms and the like.

Akerley does this all essentially for free. Though he runs some banner ads on his site, the revenue they bring does little more than pay for his cost of Internet access and Web server fees.

"I have no illusions about being another Matt Drudge," he says, speaking of the controversial online gossip and rumormonger. "I really like fixing cars. I just also happen to like the Internet and news. I'm lucky that I can do all three all day long."

The Internet, he says, continues to amaze him daily. "It's like being in the world's greatest library, only better. Everything's right there at the click of a mouse."

What he most appreciates about the Internet is the access it gives everyday people to vast amounts of information, information that used to be the exclusive property of big and established media companies.

"In terms of access, the average person is no longer dependent on big media," he says. "We can now get all sides of a story on our own, with just a few mouse clicks. I think in the long run, that makes the professional media more accountable."

Make no mistake, Akerley is not a media basher. Quite the contrary.

"I have enormous respect for real journalists," he says. "It consider it to really be a noble profession. I spend a lot of time every day scanning their headlines and linking to their stories, and I have to say that, day in and day out, I think they're doing a pretty good job."

The Cyberpaperboy says he feels the role of his Web site is to help people focus their information and news needs. "There's now so much out there on the Internet, I feel like I'm performing a valuable service just pointing people in the right direction."

So, purely for the love of it, Akerley says he'll keep spending 20-30 extra hours every week cyber-delivering the news links - between brake jobs.

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Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

TUE, OCT. 19

WORK AFTER 2000
The workplace and the concept of job security have changed drastically in the last quarter of the 20th century. To find out what is in store in the 21st century, come to Schoolcraft College, for a program on the world of work in the new millennium. The programs begins at 7 p.m. in the McDowell Center. The fee is \$7.50 for the general public and \$5 for any school or college student. Call Donna Nordman for information, (734) 462-4421.

WED, OCT. 20

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE
The Detroit Oracle User Group will host their year-end technology conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. The full-day conference will feature presentations and discussions on how to use Oracle tools and database technologies to turn your data into information. Visit their Web site at www.dougmi.org or call Eric Stegmeyer at (248) 626-8800.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

FRI, OCT. 22

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

SAT, OCT. 23

TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Learn to speak confidently one-on-one or before groups with the

Toastmasters Club of Livonia. The group is having a Saturday Sunrisers open house at 8:30 a.m. at Livonia Unity Church (28660 Five Mile Road). Contact (734) 525-0476 for more information.

OCT. 25-26

CUSTOM-SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIPS
The American Society for Quality will meet at the Union State-Wyndham Grand Heritage Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Nashville. The topic will be relationships: Good relationships are essential to business, without them we will surely sink. How do we build lasting relationships and mend damaged ones with

our customers and suppliers. To register and obtain payment information call (734) 522-0587, Tom Schoenfeldt; or (414) 723-5470, Jim Oven.

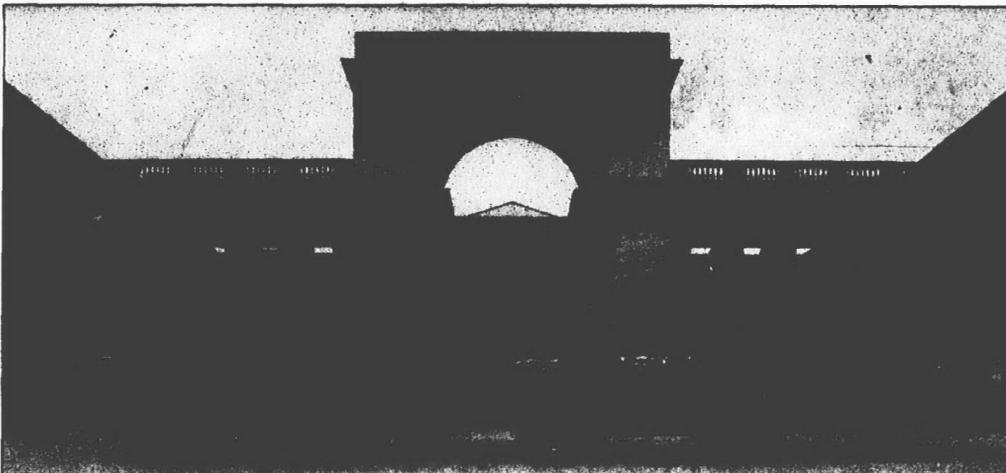
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TUE, OCT. 28

BUSINESS EXPO

The Detroit Regional Chamber and National Association of Purchasing Management-Metro Detroit are presenting **Business MarketPlace '99 - "Unparalleled Opportunities for Buyers and Suppliers,"** Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Burton Manor in Livonia. This full-day expo helps area suppliers meet corporate purchasing executives through the Procurement Pavilion, purchasing department introductions, electronic commerce demonstrations, Supplier Showcase and more. Cost for the event, which is open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., is \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 596-0392.



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