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School finance summit Monday

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How will Proposal A, charter schools, vouchers and tuition tax credits impact the future of public education?



Those are some of the topics to be discussed during a statewide education summit Monday night at Plymouth Salem High School, sponsored by the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

"We have a lot of new state representatives and senators, some of whom aren't aware of issues like Proposal A and school funding," said Mark Slavens

Please see **SUMMIT, A2**

Relaxing downtown



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Peaceful: A.J. Sherrill of Canton, 18, and Bethany Herr of Plymouth, 15, enjoy a beautiful autumn afternoon among the fallen leaves in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Tuesday. Friday night downtown will be full of kids and parents coming to town for "The Great Pumpkin Caper," trick or treating and a costume contest. Scarecrows are positioned around the park to add atmosphere.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Schools: The Plymouth Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. As of now the school site issue is not on the agenda. Plymouth Township trustees meet at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall.

WEDNESDAY

More action: The Plymouth Youth Forum meets at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall. Topics will include at least some preliminary results of a survey done by the Forum.

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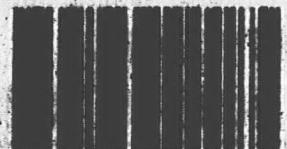
Chamber event: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will host a Halloween costume contest, and trick or treating with downtown merchants 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. "The Great Pumpkin Caper" is free to kids up to age 13.

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Houses razed for Haggerty condo project



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Demolished: Several homes have been razed at the corner of Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road as part of a development there.

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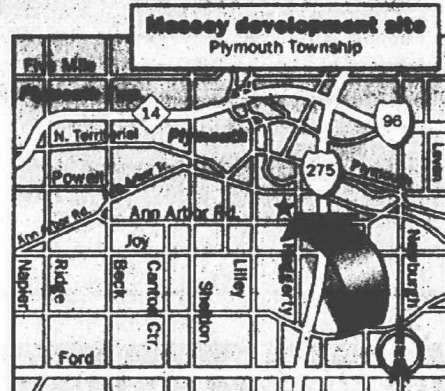
Automobile dealer Don Massey has had contractors raze several vacant homes on land he owns at the corner of Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads because of neighbors' concerns, according to Jim Anulewicz, municipal services director for Plymouth Township.

"I went to Mr. Massey and said, 'We have vacant buildings that the residents are concerned about because we're going to get animals in them and have the potential of vagrants,'" Anulewicz said.

Preliminary plans call for a 300-unit condominium complex at Haggerty Road and four restaurant/office buildings that face Ann Arbor Road.

The complex wraps around the Bill Knapp's Restaurant that already exists on the corner.

Farmington Hills-based Grand/Sakwa Properties is the developer of the site. Grand/Sakwa Properties also developed the shopping complex at Haggerty and Six Mile in Northville that includes an Applebee's and Papa Vito's restaurant. Similar



restaurants are expected, Anulewicz said.

Although the names of some proposed restaurants have been mentioned from time to time, no deals are sealed.

"The project as a whole has been approved by the township board," Anulewicz said. "It appears that an agreement has been reached between Grand/Sakwa and Don Massey."

Please see **RAZED, A7**

Internet access clouds cable transfer issue

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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All out war between AT&T and a coalition of Internet service providers has been declared with Canton and Plymouth townships serving as the latest battlegrounds.

Both communities must decide by Nov. 13 whether or not to approve transfer of MediaOne's cable television franchise to AT&T. At issue is the idea of "Open Access."

OpenNET, a coalition of more than 800 ISPs around the country - including colossus America On Line - wants the townships to force AT&T/MediaOne to open its Broadband network for their use.

Representatives from both sides argued in front of the township boards Tuesday in separate study sessions.

The Plymouth Township board will next discuss these issues at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at a study session meeting held in the board meeting room at 42350 Ann Arbor Road. The public is invited to attend and offer comments.

OpenNET attorney Bryan Amann asked the boards to stop

AT&T/MediaOne from becoming a monopoly in providing high-speed cable access to the Internet.

"The information superhighway is beckoning," he told Canton trustees. "With Broadband cable, it will look like the Autobahn instead of Ford Road at rush hour. AT&T wants you to let them turn it into a toll road with one port of entry."

AT&T/MediaOne countered that America On Line, through OpenNET, wants an unfair advantage so that it can keep its dominant position in Internet access.

"The township should refrain from doing anything," MediaOne Michigan Director of Corporate Counsel Mike Grover told Canton trustees. "Regulations will stifle competition."

AT&T Vice President Bob Ryan predicted that the townships would be embroiled in continual litigation if they placed open access conditions on franchise transfers.

"You will be required to determine which ISPs should provide service," he added.

Tim Cronin, attorney for Plymouth and Canton Townships, said he was unsure if the boards would be able to include those conditions.

Please see **INTERNET, A7**

McDonald plans run for House seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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In front of more than 50 supporters at his Plymouth home, city commissioner Dave McDonald Saturday night officially announced he'll seek election as a Republican to the 20th State House District seat in the 2000 election.

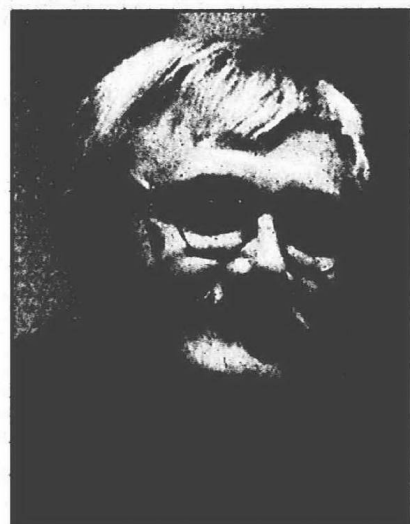
McDonald is striving to replace Gerry Law of Plymouth, who will be leaving the state legislature because of term limits.

"I want to be a voice on the steps of the state Capitol for strong families, outstanding schools and the everyday way of life," said McDonald. "I want to send a message that less government and fewer taxes can work, only if done right."

McDonald said his senior campaign adviser will be former Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township, while his treasurer will be Livonia resident and Schoolcraft College Trustee Dick DeVries.

McDonald, who is director of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Redford Union High School, doesn't believe his candidacy will affect his role as Plymouth city commissioner.

"I believe my service on the city commission won't be interrupted," said McDonald. "I will devote the



Dave McDonald

time necessary to do my job on the part-time commission, keep the high educational standards in the classroom and run for the state house."

McDonald has long been mentioned as Plymouth's next mayor. However, he declined to get into that discussion.

"The mayor will be selected by the next city commission at its organizational meeting on Nov. 9," he said.

McDonald has said in the past he could perform the duties of mayor and run a state house campaign.

Dispatchers' contract remains unsettled

Summit from page A1

By Greg Bunn
Staff Writer

Just one part-time City of Plymouth dispatcher has indicated he is willing to work at the new Plymouth Township Community Center. The merger between Plymouth and Plymouth Township dispatchers is set for Nov. 1.

The center will be set up in the Plymouth Township police station on Liberty Street. Some of the city's dispatchers are willing to see what emergency callouts will be like, said Keith Feltus, Chief Deputy Sheriff and union official.

Another participating state for a conditional union contract between the two Police Officers of Michigan locals is set for Oct. 27. Dispatchers must sign up for their shifts by then, he said.

Plymouth Township dispatchers are eagerly looking for the task ahead, if necessary, if city dispatchers choose not to join the center, said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy at an Oct. 19 board study session.

Two full-time dispatchers and

one part-time dispatcher will be assigned to each of the three shifts along with a current Plymouth Township dispatcher, Carey said. Full-time dispatchers are assigned to weekdays and part-time dispatchers to weekends, he said.

Carey acknowledges that the merger will increase anxiety. The fact that no jobs will be lost is equally important, he said.

Some union officials say the "anxiety" might turn to "animosity" because the dispatchers from the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be working under different contracts, with different wages and benefits. Plymouth Township dispatchers will train city dispatchers.

The city's dispatchers make \$30,678; township dispatchers earn \$25,000. Dispatchers also have the option of becoming police service aides which nets them an additional 5 percent in wages, Carey said.

Dispatchers who attended an Oct. 15 informational meeting at Plymouth City Hall wondered if starting the merger without a

joint labor contract would further delay a final contract.

"Once the merger takes place, we wonder if they will drop their feet on a merger contract," said Barb Scott who represents the six full-time township dispatchers.

Carey's view is that some of the City of Plymouth dispatchers don't want to merge, period. So, delaying the merger isn't a sound idea. The lack of a contract is only temporary, he said.

Michelle Chumatey, who represents city dispatchers, said that dispatchers received general orders and schedules and the possibility of a severance package that will not be discussed until Oct. 27. Some city dispatchers may decide to quit if a decent severance package is offered, she said.

Police Chief Carey said he won't know until Oct. 29 how many Plymouth dispatchers will decide to transfer, because that is the deadline for them to sign up for their shifts.

Delaying the merger shouldn't be an issue because some of the Plymouth dispatchers don't want change, period.

"We're picking up one-third additional manpower to handle an additional 28 percent increase in calls for service," he said. "So it should be more efficient."

Steve Mann, president of the police local of the Police Officers Association of Michigan, said the issue is equality.

"They are moving ahead for Nov. 1 but there hasn't been a lot of talk or a package offered," Mann said. "I'm quite concerned about that. Oct. 27 is only five days before the tentative implementation. As it stands right now, on Nov. 1 you will have township dispatchers make one pay rate and dispatchers sitting next to them making a different rate with different benefits."

That amounts to animosity, Mann said. "We're not asking for more. We are asking for parity."

of Canton, chairman of the group. "We want to show them certain school districts are getting state foundation allowances which are much larger than districts like Plymouth-Canton."

"At the same time, the inequities of school funding are a statewide issue," added Stevens. "We need to move toward equity."

Panelists for the event will include Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township; Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton; Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; and state Board of Education member Dorothy Beardmore.

Other state representatives who have confirmed their attendance include Rose Bogardus, D-Davison; Douglas Bovin, D-Gaylord; Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon; John Hansen, D-Dexter; Ruthann Jannick, D-Ypsilanti; Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; and Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing.

State Sen. Alma Wheeler-Smith, D-Salem, has also confirmed she'll attend.

The forum will be moderated by Tim Skubick, WWJ radio Lansing correspondent and host of his own public television show "Off the Record."

Plymouth attorney John Stewart, also a member of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, is a strong backer of public education. That's not surprising, considering he has two sisters who are teachers and seven aunts and uncles who have taught in Michigan.

"Few people are aware there are 166 bills introduced in the legislature that impact public education," said Stewart. "We need to get bi-partisan legislative support for public schools."

However, that may be difficult considering Law is the only Republican who confirmed he'll attend the summit.

The group sent out five separate invitations to all 148 state lawmakers, with only one Republican (Law) agreeing to attend. Senators Loren Bennett,

R-Canton, and Theodora McCotter, R-Livonia, have yet to tell the group if they'll attend. Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has told forum leaders the summit is on his calendar.

That doesn't sit well with Stewart.

"The Republicans don't want to take sides on vouchers, which would go against state Republican chairwoman Betsy DeVos who is in favor, or Governor John Engler who is against them. But we've got to start somewhere to influence public opinion," said Stewart. "We know the Democrats are not the majority in the House and Senate, but we are seeing some Republicans coming over," said Stewart.

Last year the education summit drew 600 people as 14 state lawmakers attended.

Stevens would like a similar or larger crowd at this year's summit, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School cafeteria.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comment in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office at 500 West Monroe, Suite 3600, Chicago, Illinois 60601, before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15th day following this publication. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photographs of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

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Crier files for Chapter 11

BY TONY BRUCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton Community Crier intends to file a reorganization plan in federal court to protect itself from creditors.

In a press release, Community Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover said the newspaper "filed Thursday, Oct. 21, for the opportunity to reorganize business operations as allowed by state law under Chapter 11."

"We're going to reorganize and protect ourselves against lawsuits and other debts," said Wendover.

"All debts will be put on hold, including legal issues. It's no secret that our company and its employees, friends and family have been the target of several harassment lawsuits recently. This course of action provides us a defense against that costly litigation."

Wendover declined to list the legal issues and debts. However, Carl Berry, former Plymouth Township police chief who is assisting Wendover, said the reorganization will help ward off a number of debts, including the costs associated with the \$100 million harassment lawsuit filed by Dr. Tom Prose of Plymouth against the Crier and City of Plymouth, and a \$76,000 debt owed to Michigan Web Press for printing the Crier.

"Ed will still be the publisher," said Berry. "It's our intention to pay the debts."

By filing with the bankruptcy court, Wendover will need to

come up with a plan to pay his creditors.

The Thursday filing in bankruptcy court came one day before Michigan Web Press was set to take action to collect a debt which is now at \$76,768, according to Southfield attorney Marc Fishman.

"Michigan Web Press was to receive \$76,419 plus interest by 5 p.m. Friday from an arbitration award," said Fishman. "We could have begun taking action Monday, such as garnishment or seizing property."

Fishman did note the bankruptcy court filing doesn't eradicate the debt, but allows Wendover to come up with a reorganization plan which can either be accepted or rejected by the court.

"Right now Mr. Wendover is forestalling creditors," said Fishman. "We'll be watching him like a hawk."

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

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Any person interested in attending is invited to do so.

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Parents, ex-board member don't like boundaries for new middle school

BY TONY BEUSCATO
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Nearly a dozen people spoke out against proposed boundary changes for Plymouth-Canton middle schools at last Wednesday's forum held at Pioneer Middle School.

Approximately 50 parents and interested residents showed up to hear about the changes and voice their concerns, which will affect nearly 800 students in the 2000-01 school year when Discovery Middle School opens.

Much of the discussion centered on Discovery, Canton's first middle school now under construction on Hanford Road. Students living on the west side of Canton Center Road, who can literally see the building, won't be among those attending the school because district officials don't want students crossing the busy street.

Instead, those students will be bused miles away to Pioneer.

The biggest tongue-lashing came from former school board president E.J. McClendon.

"I was flabbergasted when I saw the scheme for the assignment of kids," McClendon told members of the housing and

facility committee. McClendon said that, as a member of the planning committee for Discovery, he told neighborhood residents their children would be attending the new school.

"The whole premise was the kids who lived near the school would go there," added McClendon. "Whoever was doing the planning ... didn't care about kids. Children who live within visual distance of the school should be going there."

David Blackbird said he just moved from Seattle, Wash., and chose to purchase a home near Discovery because it was within walking distance.

"Now you want to bus my son 3.2 miles away to Pioneer; it doesn't make any sense," said Blackbird. "One of the reasons I bought my house is the school. And now, I think you've devalued my home and those in my neighborhood."

Lisa Donovan lives south of Discovery, meaning her child will be walking to the new school. However, there's no contiguous sidewalk along Canton Center Road.

"There's only a sidewalk halfway there ... and it passes a bar," said Donovan. "I don't want

■ 'The whole premise was the kids who lived near the school would go there.'

E.J. McClendon
former school board president

my child being hit by someone who has a three-martini lunch."

Some parents questioned why the district doesn't have crossing guards so students can safely walk to school.

"My children live within walking distance of Discovery, so I don't understand why there aren't crossing guards instead of being bused to Pioneer," added Rita Smith.

"The district at this point doesn't have crossing guards for middle school students," said Chuck Portelli, committee member. "The school board could appropriate money for them, but it's not likely before next September."

John Sidor, who has lived in his home for 17 years, wasn't happy this will be the second change for his children in three years.

"We moved from Allen to Smith school, and now we have to move from East to West Middle School," complained Sidor. "You say you haven't changed the boundaries in 20 years, but did you take into consideration the elementary school boundary changes?"

Verna Anible, director of instruction for the school district, said the hardest part of coming up with equitable boundaries is the location of the current middle schools.

"There are four middle schools within 2 1/2 miles of each other, all in Plymouth and not near where most of the population lives," she said. "To have a neighborhood concept for middle schools just doesn't exist."

Anible said the committee will take the suggestions into consideration before making a final recommendation on middle school boundary changes to the board of education. Anible is hopeful the board will vote on the changes by the end of November.

Students currently enrolled in fifth, sixth and seventh grades will then get a letter confirming where they will attend middle school next year.

School board appoints 2 new principals

BY TONY BEUSCATO
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■ Marcia Porterfield and Marcia Moore have been named to principalships

Classes have been in session for nearly two months, and for the first time nearly all the schools in the Plymouth-Canton district have a principal.

The Board of Education last Tuesday approved the appointment of Marcia Porterfield as principal of Central Middle School. Porterfield was the assistant to Barbara Church, who left at the end of last year to take a position in the Clarenceville school district.

Next Tuesday, the board is expected to approve Marcia Moore as principal at Allen Elementary. Moore was named the interim principal this school year when Jim Burt moved to Eriksson Elementary.

According to Errol Goldman,

the district's assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, it's not too unusual starting the school year without a permanent principal in place.

"It really depends on the number of applications that are received, timing and a little luck," said Goldman. "Since July isn't an active month for recruiting, we really didn't get started until August. It can take up to two months to get through the interview process."

"And, of course, there's the matter of taking time to get school opened."



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Donations: Vases are continually needed for patients at Henry Ford Hospice. Sheila Friedrich, (from left) chairperson of the bud vase drive; Sharon Cain, hospice volunteer coordinator; Emily Otiso and her mother, Cindy Otiso, butterfly bouquet coordinator; and Victor West of Vanessa's Flowers pose with several of the 300 rosebud vases donated at the Plymouth Volunteer Center for the Henry Ford Hospice, 260 Union Street in Plymouth. Donations can be made Monday through Friday at the Volunteer Center, 638 Starkweather in Plymouth. Call 453-2920 for information.

Township will add voting precinct

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Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill plans to add a new voting precinct next year.

Increased development at the western edge of the township spurred the decision, she said.

Massengill is expected to split Precinct 7 to create Precinct 17. Precinct 7 is bounded by Powell, Beck, Five Mile, and Napier Roads. Precinct 7 residents cast their ballots at United Assembly of God Church, 46500 N. Territorial.

"There is so much growth going on out there," Massengill said. "I'm not sure how I'm going to split this precinct up. It's not

meant to confuse people but to make lines shorter, especially with the presidential election coming up."

Massengill is still within the 2,999 precinct voter limit in the precincts, she said.

"Years ago, when Temple Baptist first moved out here, I had asked them about using their facility as a polling place," Massengill said. "I was just thinking about how I was going to split the precinct up and they called and offered their location."

This would be the polling location for new Precinct 17, Massengill said. Temple Baptist Church is located at 49555 North Territorial.

She also plans to move part of Precinct 15 that is bounded by

McClumpha, Ann Arbor Road, Beck, and Ann Arbor Trail into Precinct 13, that is currently bounded by McClumpha, Ann Arbor Road, Canton Center Road, and Green Valley. Precinct 15 residents vote at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial. Precinct 13 voters cast their ballots at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ, 46250 Ann Arbor Road.

"The rest of Precinct 15 would remain," Massengill said. "I'm hoping that we can accomplish all of this within the next month."

There will be three elections next year: the presidential primary on Feb. 22, the state primary on Aug. 8, and the state general election on Nov. 7.

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Theater program kids sought for spring reunion

The 1999-2000 school year marks the 30th anniversary of the Park Players of Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.

For 30 seasons the drama students, under the direction of Gloria Logan, have been producing quality student theater.

This spring they will celebrate their tradition of excellence with an alumni tribute weekend and a special production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The April 8 performance of the show, which runs April 7, 8, 14, and 15 will bring together former and current Park Players on stage.

To get the ball rolling all Plymouth Park Players from 1970 to the present are asked to drop a line to: Gloria Logan, c/o Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 416-7723, with their current address, phone number, E-mail, and that information for any other Plymouth Park Player they may know about.

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Legislators propose licensing system for adult entertainment businesses

BY MIKE MALOTT
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In an effort to curtail pornography, and the crime that goes with it, Republican lawmakers have come up with a plan to license the "adult entertainment business."

Speaker of the Michigan House Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, unveiled a plan Wednesday, Oct. 13, for a series of bills which would create a statewide licensing system for pornography businesses similar to those currently used to control liquor sales and casino operations.

Adult entertainment businesses would have to renew their licenses annually, allowing the state to pull licenses for businesses where monitoring has detected violations.

The package would also call for health department inspections, prohibit closed interior rooms that "may be used to facilitate sexual activity," and add penalties for selling pornography to minors.

The bills further would limit hours of operation to between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Porn shops would be barred from staying open on Sundays or legal holidays.

And the package would allow area residents to sue the business and recover damages if it becomes a nuisance in the neighborhood.

Area lawmakers were quick to sign on to support the package.

"Finally, someone is doing something about it," Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, said. "When one of these businesses moves into town, people in the neighborhood can't do anything about it. This is one of the things you want to defend your neighborhood from."

She noted attempts to control pornography businesses through zoning laws have resulted in costly legal battles for the community, oftentimes unsuccessful.

And such businesses do often have adverse impacts on the community, according to House Majority Legal Counsel Carmel Roberts.

National statistics show sex-related crimes, including prostitu-

tutions, occur in areas surrounding pornography businesses at a rate four times higher than in other areas, she said. She said property values declined 20 to 25 percent in the areas surrounding such business, according to those national figures.

"Pornography makes men look at every woman as a piece of meat," Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, said, explaining why he plans to support the bills. "It awakens something in men."

A physician, DeWeese said he has often had to treat women in the emergency room for injuries they received from techniques their partners have learned through watching pornographic movies.

Likewise, Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said he is likely to sign on as a co-sponsor, although he wants to see how the bills are written for introduction before he makes a final decision.

Although such businesses are not coming to his district, Bishop said they are proliferating elsewhere in the state. They escape regulation at present, he said, mainly by avoiding selling liquor. With no liquor license at risk, porn shops get away with "simulated sex acts," such as lap dances, which are illegal and would cause the loss of a liquor license. By adding a statewide licensing system for adult entertainment, the proposal would put those licenses at risk when such violations occur, Bishop explained.

It's a huge industry in Michigan, netting an estimated \$3.4 billion each year. Nonetheless, Bishop said he does not anticipate much opposition when the bills come up for a vote in the legislature.

Rather, he believes they'll be subjected to lawsuits, challenging the restrictions in court.

Campaign promotes new safety belt law

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 19 /PRNewswire/ -- A new campaign designed to encourage Michigan drivers and passengers to use their safety belt and properly restrain children under the age of four is under way, part of an effort to remind motorists of the new, stronger Michigan safety belt law that takes effect next year.

"A safety belt is the first and best line of defense against serious injury or even death in traffic crashes," said Dr. David Johnson, Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health, during a special event to launch the state's public information campaign. "The toll caused by injuries that could have been avoided if someone had used a safety belt amounts to millions of dollars and millions of tears. That's why the new, stronger law will allow law enforcement officers to issue tickets to those who are not wearing belts."

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is leading a safety campaign to remind drivers of the new law in the months prior to its taking effect in late March, 2000.

The new law, Public Act 29 of 1999, will go into effect 90 days after the Michigan Legislature adjourns at the end of this year - probably in late March. It requires drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up, or face a citation that could lead to a fine of \$25 plus court costs. The new law also requires all children under the age of four to be placed in child restraint seats when riding in a vehicle in the front and back seat.

Many of service station operators have agreed to display information carrying the new slogan aimed at reminding everyone of the new law "Click it or Ticket - A new law you can live with."

Other details of the campaign will be unveiled in the months ahead.

Seminar reviews government packaging standards

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Violence prevention discussed

The Alliance for Peace, a coalition of agencies and individuals in out-Wayne County seeking peaceful solutions to violence in communities, is sponsoring a Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference.

The conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Salvation Army Building, 2300 Venoy, in Westland. A continental breakfast will be served.

Detroit Councilwoman Mary Ann Mahaffey will be the keynote speaker at 9 a.m. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and Probate Judge Frances Pitts will address the issue of community juvenile justice.


Other speakers include Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step.

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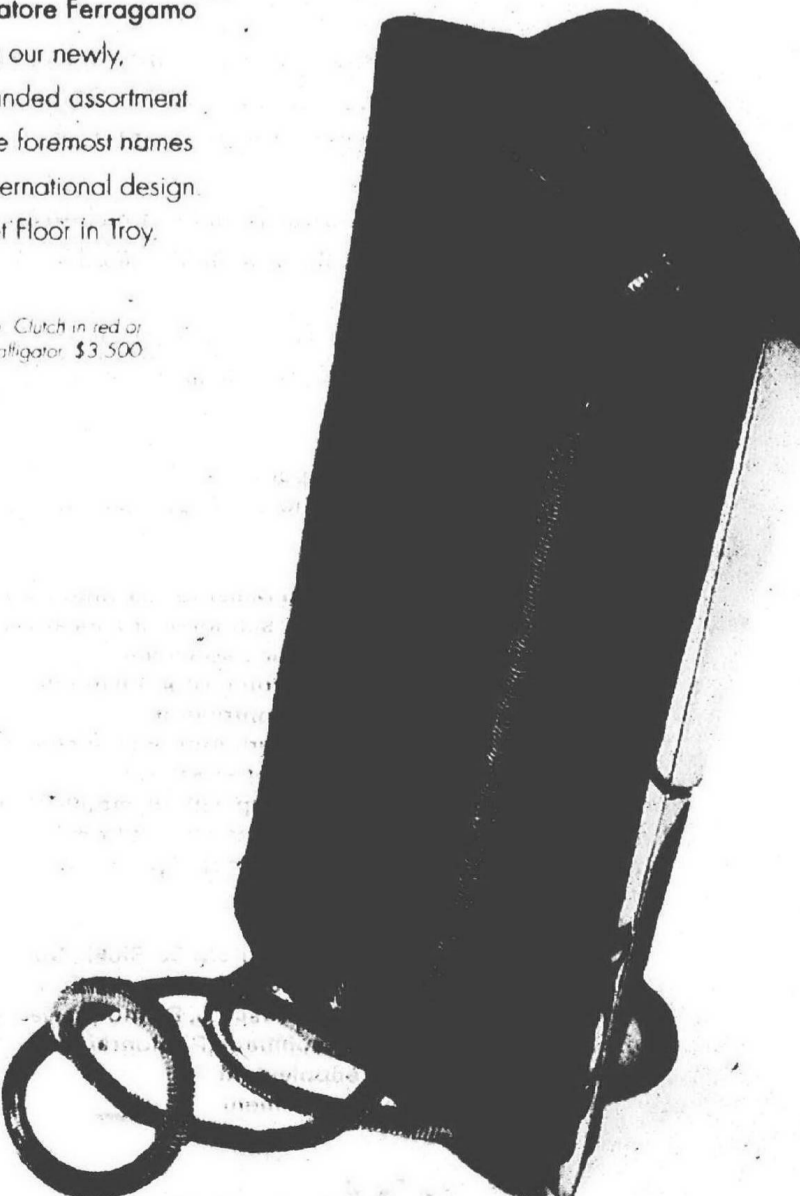


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A Canton Township woman faces a charge of manslaughter in the death of a friend in a September traffic crash in Livonia.

Sarah Cappuccitti, 20, is expected to be arraigned Monday afternoon in 18th District Court on a charge of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, said Sgt. Wes McKee...

Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Cappuccitti and two other passengers, Natalie Reynolds and Sarah Vitto, both of Canton, were also hospitalized.

If convicted, Cappuccitti could face a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH Ordinance #99-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 70-29 OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE, TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO KEEP LOCAL ORDINANCES PERSISTENT TO ALCOHOL RELATED DRIVING OFFENSES CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW

The City of Plymouth ordains: Section 1. Section 70-29 of the Plymouth City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.15. Persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance; operating motor vehicles; punishments; prior convictions; payment of costs; plea bargains; special verdicts.

- (1) A person whether licensed or not, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public...

- (2) The owner of a vehicle or a person in charge or in control of a vehicle shall not authorize or knowingly permit the vehicle to be operated on a highway or other place open to the general public...

- (b) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of intoxicating liquor, other than consumption of intoxicating liquor as a part of generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

Section 5.15a Driving under influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance; warrantless arrest; preliminary chemical breath analysis; administration; evidence; presumption.

- (1) A peace officer may arrest a person without a warrant under either of the following circumstances: (a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was, at the time of an accident in this state, the operator of a motor vehicle...

is deceased, a sample of the decedent's blood shall be withdrawn in a manner directed by the medical examiner for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance or both in the decedent's blood.

- (4) The provisions of subsection (3) relating to chemical testing do not limit the introduction of any other competent evidence, bearing upon the question of whether or not a person was impaired by, or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance...

Sec. 5.15c. Consent to chemical tests; exceptions; administration of tests.

- (1) A person who operates a vehicle upon a public highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designed for the parking of vehicles, within the city...

Sec. 5.15d. Refusal to submit to chemical tests; court orders; report to Secretary of State; form.

- (1) If a person refuses the request of a peace officer to submit to a chemical test offered pursuant to § MCL 257.625a(6), or § 5.15a(3) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, a test shall not be given without a court order...

Sec. 5.15e. Duties of peace officer if person refuses chemical test or if test reveals blood alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 milliliters of breath or for 67 milliliters of urine, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall do all of the following.

- (a) On behalf of the Secretary of State, immediately confiscate the person's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, and, if the person is otherwise eligible for a license or permit, issue a temporary license or permit to the person that is valid until the criminal charges against the person are dismissed or until the person pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of those charges.

Section 2. Right and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecutions for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not effected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part to be declared invalid.

Section 4. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof.

JOSEPH C. KOCH Mayor LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CM/AAE City Clerk

Enacted: October 4, 1999
Effective: November 15, 1999

Township cries foul on cable studio

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BY SUE BUCK
Sue Buck writes
about the business and community.

The transfer of MediaOne's franchise agreement for Canton and Plymouth townships is still snagged over the company's lack of a public access studio in the communities, an attorney for the townships said last week.

"I would recommend to the Supervisor (Kathleen Keen McCarthy) to put MediaOne on notice that they are in major default," Tim Cronin said.

The period from Nov. 1 to Nov. 13 would be a good time to review the franchise transfer to avoid losing the public access studio provision, Cronin said.

The transfer is required now that AT&T has become MediaOne's parent company via

merger. MediaOne is scheduled to open a new billing office on Sheldon Center Road in Canton Nov. 1. The company has said it could eventually locate a new studio in the facility.

MediaOne closed its Rhonda Drive studio and billing-office earlier this year when employees complained about odors from a nearby stamping plant, said Michael Grover, a MediaOne attorney.

"We, at no time, intended to abandon that (studio) obligation," Grover stressed.

The cable service provider has made a studio in Dearborn Heights available to area residents.

John Gendron, senior manager of procurement for MediaOne,

spoke of the delays in looking and preparing for a new studio and office.

"Haven't you ever dealt with government before?" quipped Keen McCarthy.

As of Oct. 19, there was no final certificate of occupancy for the new Canton Township office, pending a fire inspection, Gendron said in response to Keen McCarthy's question.

Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi asked if anybody in Canton Supervisor Tom Yack's office could "cut through the red tape."

"Everybody is dancing around this," Curmi said.

MediaOne never asked permission to close the Rhonda Drive facility, Cronin said. "MediaOne unilaterally breached the agree-

ment, for its own reasons," he added.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said he believes MediaOne has no intention of building a new studio.

MediaOne has a consortium service area made up of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Canton Township.

"John and his group have worked very diligently to get the new facility up and running," MediaOne's Grover said. "With the construction environment in Michigan it took more time than we expected. It has caused problems with our employees and disruptions for our customers."

"We are not happy with it. It has not been MediaOne's finest hour," Grover added.

Sakwa has directed his architects to prepare detailed drawings to finalize the project. "Over the next three months, we will get details filed and get the consent judgment filed."

This project would be unique in the township because residents could live in the brownstone units and have a short walk to the restaurants, Anulewicz said.

Several years ago, Massey wanted to build a Saturn dealership on the property. Residents voiced opposition and the township denied the project, Anulewicz said.

The property had been the subject of a lawsuit but a settlement agreement was reached, he said.

Prior to the settlement, the township stipulated that development couldn't occur on certain wooded/wetland areas of the property and that certain setbacks must be maintained, he said.

"That would not permit a car dealership," Anulewicz said.

Later, Gary Sakwa approached the township. "He asked if we

A ways to get rubble is still to be removed.

were to come in with a project that addressed some of the concerns on the Ann Arbor Road improvement project and came in with single-owner condominium brownstones, would the township be interested?"

That offer had merit, Anulewicz said.

Project plans didn't move forward as expected in June, but are still anticipated, Anulewicz said.

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"Unfortunately, I have found no authority standing by itself to support the proposition that the township board has the authority to require open access," he said.

Amann said litigation and regulatory duties by the townships could be avoided. Attaching a "me, too" clause to the open access conditions of franchise transfers would protect the municipalities, he explained.

Essentially, the clause means that if one company is allowed to provide high speed Internet access in Canton or Plymouth, any other company would have the same right to provide service.

AT&T/MediaOne representatives said an unlimited number of companies using its Broadband network would result in a slowdown for Internet users.

Angry MediaOne customers told Canton's board that wasn't acceptable.

"I'm worried if this ordinance passes that other companies using their lines will clog my access," said resident Rich Pledia.

Follow Canton resident Steve Knoessel agreed.

"If we open it up you'll degrade the speed of access," he said. "Speed is of the essence for me."

Whatever the outcome in Canton and Plymouth, Amann said the battle will continue to rage in southeastern Michigan.

Communities such as Dearborn, Westland and Southfield are watching with a keen eye what happens in the townships. Officials from each were in the study session audience Tuesday.

Last spring, Portland, Ore., became the first municipality to deny AT&T a monopoly on cable services. The company subsequently sued Portland.

A federal judge ruled in the city's favor last month, but AT&T has appealed the decision to U.S. Circuit Court.

InternetNews.com reported that Miami-Dade County, Florida, commissioners earlier this week rejected a proposal to impose local regulations on cable Broadband offerings.

In a statement to the press, Greg Simon, OpenNET Coalition CO-director, said that AT&T prevailed over competition in Dade County.

"The action by the members of the Dade County Commission is unfortunate, but given the cable industry's threats of lawsuits

and denial of services not surprising," Simon said. "By giving in to the monopoly interests, the commission has effectively denied local consumers a choice in high-speed cable access."

Amann said Canton and Plymouth have a chance to avoid the same "mistake."

"Don't be in the business of making winners or losers between businesses," he commented. "It is your business to make winners of your residents by letting them choose through competition who the business winners and losers are."

Amann added that AT&T made similar threats in the battle over phone lines.

"Congress had the wisdom not to believe the threats then and this body is clearly wiser than Congress," he said. "The only things threatened by competition are profits and complacency."

University of Detroit Marketing Professor Mike Bernacchi said neither OpenNET nor AT&T/MediaOne are arguing altruistically. Both, he said, simply want dominant market positions.

"There is leveraging going on by both sides," Bernacchi said.

OpenNET members have more

to lose in the fight, he added.

"If AT&T gets their way," Bernacchi said, "OpenNET down the line will probably have some difficulties (surviving). We're talking about control. AT&T wants ultimate control."

The Federal Communications Commission has, for the most part, taken a hands-off approach on the debate.

However, in his Sept. 17 speech at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors conference in

Atlanta, FCC Chairman William E. Kennard seemed to side with AT&T.

"We should resist the urge to regulate because I think that it is likely that the market will sort this out," he said.

At the point AT&T or any other company became a monopoly in providing Internet access, Kennard said the FCC would step in.

Staff writer Sue Buck contributed to this story.

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Salem's depth dooms North; Canton rolls

Plymouth Salem got out of the gate fast and rode the sharp first quarter to a victory that let the Rocks clinch at least a tie for the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball title.

Salem limited North Farmington to just three Samantha McComb free throws in the first quarter Thursday night while scoring 15 points itself on the way to a 50-40 win in the Rocks' event.

McComb wound up with 31 points, giving her 406 this season, and added 12 rebounds but it still didn't prevent the Raiders from falling to 6-3 in the WLAA. North Farmington is 10-5 overall.

Salem improved its record to 14-1 overall and has won all nine league games.

Tommy Grubaugh led the Rocks with 15 points, with Bree Paastalanic and Mary Lou Liebau getting 12 apiece and Lindsey Klemmer scoring 5.

McComb went to the free throw line 12 times and sank 11 to contribute to 18-of-31 shooting from the line by the Raiders. Jehan Hinde had seven steals for North Farmington.

"We had a great first quarter," Coach Fred Thomann said. "We held them to three free throws by McComb while we had great balance (in scoring)."

"Klemmer had three, Hinde had three and Bree scored seven. That really got us going. We took it up to 21-3, then reality set in."

"That first quarter killed us," Coach Linda Perkins of North Farmington said. "We played pretty even with them after that. They've got a lot of skill. Everybody can shoot the ball."

Salem outscored North Farmington by two points in each of the middle two periods before the Raiders posted a 18-7 edge in the final eight minutes.

"We had a great, great start," Thomann said. "And once you get that, it's just a matter of hanging on to the end."

Salem also clinched at least a tie for the Lakes Division championship with the win.

Canton 51, Churchill 24: One half of pressing was enough for Plymouth Canton, which used a stifling defense and timely three-pointers to beat Livonia Churchill in a WLAA game Thursday at Canton.

The Chiefs (10-5 overall, 7-2 in the WLAA) got off to an 11-2 start and never looked back.

By the time the first half ended, Canton was up 25-11 and they took the pressure off.

"We defended pretty well, ran the floor. Our transition game got us some easy layups," said coach Jeremy Rheault, who filled in for varsity coach Bob Blohm.

Deanna Deroc of Churchill (3-11 overall, 0-9 in the WLAA) led all scorers with 12 points.

Churchill coach Dave Balog complimented his defense but said the team's season-long thirst for offense remained a problem.

"We had some open shots, we just didn't hit them," Balog said. "Their transition game hurt us."

Janine Guastella and Anne Merrell scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Chiefs.

Pontiac Oakland 45, PCA 28: Pontiac Oakland Christian stayed undefeated in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, taking advantage of a poor-shooting Plymouth Christian Academy team Thursday in Plymouth.

Laura Clark scored 10 of her 14 points from the free throw line to lead the Eagles in scoring.

After falling behind 16-6 in the first quarter, PCA (6-10 overall, 3-5 in the MIAC) played even ball with Pontiac

(11-4 overall, 8-0 in the MIAC) in the second and third quarters before getting outscored 12-4 in the final period.

"Shooting was the story tonight," Eagles coach Rod Windle said. "We didn't make our jump shots."

"They went up by 10 and we couldn't put a dent in their lead until they pulled away in the fourth quarter."

Michelle Jackson scored 12 for Pontiac.

Ladywood 60, Borgess 55 (OT): Melissa Harakas took command when she was needed most.

The Livonia Ladywood senior guard lit up visiting Redford Bishop Borgess for 22 points Friday in a battle that determined second place in the Catholic League's Central Division.

But it wasn't just how many points Harakas scored; it was when she did it. "She really took the game over," said Ladywood coach Andrea Goraki.

Borgess broke on top, outscoring the Blazers 18-10 in the first quarter. The Spartans (6-10 overall, 5-5 in the Catholic League) stayed in front until the fourth quarter.

Borgess led 43-38 after three periods and by eight with 4:30 left. But Harakas was already getting in a rhythm; she had 17 points in the second half and overtime.

A Kristin Barnes three-pointer with 3:40 left narrowed the Borgess lead to 47-45. On their next possession, Barnes — who finished with 11 points — nailed two free throws to knot it at 47-all.

A steal by Harakas led to Ladywood's first lead of the game; she was fouled as she drove to the basket and hit 1-of-2 free throws with 2:18 left.

From that point on, it was a back-and-forth struggle. Michelle Harakas scored on a layup with 45 seconds left to knot it at 49-all, and then Lisa Obrecht took a charge from Borgess' Amber Taylor with three seconds left to assure OT.

Ladywood dominated after that. Barnes hit two free throws for the Blazers, then Melissa Harakas took over completely, making two steals and scoring six points. She added five steals and six assists to game-high point total.

Obrecht collected 11 points and six rebounds, while Jen Hunley and Ruth Sventickas came off the bench to ignite a defense that limited the Spartans to 28 points in the second half and OT.

Joel Clyburn's 18 points was best for Borgess. Deahawna Hoakins added 12.

Ladywood advances to the Catholic League playoffs, hosting Riverview Gabriel Richard at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The winner advances to the league semifinals Nov. 3 at Schoolcraft College.

Warriors get a bounce

Lutheran High Westland used the wind to their advantage Thursday, earning a 2-1 non-league boys soccer victory at Gibraltar Carlson.

Senior defender Ryan Noel's boot from midfield took a Warriors' bounce over Carlson's goalkeeper's head and into the net at the 42nd minute for what proved to be the winning goal.

Lutheran Westland scored first, 15:32 into the first half when junior midfielder Ernie Fackler deposited a pass by Jeff Broge into the net.

Carlson got on the board 11:02 into the second half on a penalty shot by defender Pat McCabe.

Salem sinks Farmington; Chiefs win

Depth was the difference again for Plymouth Salem's swim team, which concluded its dual-meet season with a 130-56 victory over Farmington Thursday at Salem.

The Rocks finish with a 6-3 dual record, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Jenny Crabill led a Salem attack that accounted for 12 first-place finishes. Crabill was first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:28.22) and in the 100 butterfly (1:06.93).

Sarah Rogers won the 200 freestyle (2:03.41) and combined with Monica Glowski, Jess Hala and Christy Roy to finish first in the 200 free relay (1:47.72) and with Glowski, Hala and Alicia Dotson for a win in the 400 free relay (3:58.88).

Kari Foust, Alex Evans, Glowski and Emily Laskie were winners in the 200 medley relay (1:59.77).

Hala took top honors in the 50 free (27.60);

Kim Tamme won the diving (159.25); Laskie was first in the 100 free (1:00.20); Trisha Dotson took the 500 free (5:56.73); Foust captured the 100 backstroke (1:03.74); and Evans was first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.84).

Next up for Salem is the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference meet, which it will host Nov. 4-6.

Canton tops Franklin

Plymouth Canton swept all three relays and proved far too deep for host Livonia Franklin Thursday in rolling to a 129-57 dual-meet victory.

Danielle Drysdale, Erin Rogala, Michelle Nilson and Lindsey Muliolis combined to win

the 200-yard medley relay for the Chiefs (2:01.18). Jamie Bielak, Beth Provost, Katie Bielak and Sarah Slawski teamed for a win in the 200 free relay (1:58.63).

Muliolis, Natalie McBain, Jamie Bielak and Drysdale combined for a first in the 400 free relay (4:08.3).

Jamie Bielak was a winner for Canton in the 200 freestyle (2:14.74) as six different Chiefs captured individual honors.

Alex Derian-Toth took the 200 individual medley (2:39.05), Nilson captured the 100 butterfly (1:08.24), Drysdale won the 500 free (5:37.88), Charlene Dallos collected top honors in the 100 backstroke (1:09.56) and Rogala finished first in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.82).

Canton finishes with a 3-5 dual-meet mark. The Chiefs next varsity event is the WLAA Finals, hosted by Salem Nov. 4-6.

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A missed opportunity

Increase in pheasant flock means good hunt

The frantic rooster flushed swiftly and with a thunderous roar. Startled, and caught totally by surprise, I dumbfoundedly raised my 12 gauge and tried to draw a bead but it wasn't to be.

Not this time. As if to bid me adieu, the mature cockbird cackled twice as he winged swiftly to my right, sailed through a sparse, leafless tree line then disappeared into the golden standing corn on the other side of a fence - a fence I didn't have permission to cross.

Moments like this one seem to stick with me longer than those of shots I've made, or missed for that matter. Something about the element of surprise I suppose, and the fact that the round went to the rooster, etch the moment more vividly in my memory.

Pheasant season opened Wednesday and runs through Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. The season in the Upper Peninsula was

Oct. 10-20. The daily bag across the state is two roosters. The possession limit is four, the season limit eight.

While today's statewide flock is nothing close to what it resembled in the heydays of the 1950s and 60s, when hunters annually harvested 500,000 birds, it still presents a great opportunity for Michigan's 100,000-plus bird hunters.

A mild winter, coupled with a dry spring hatching season should result in slight increase in the flock over last year. Michigan hunters annually shoot around 120,000 birds between the regular season and late December season.

While ringnecks are scattered across the state the heaviest concentrations are found throughout the south-central counties in the Lower Peninsula and in the Thumb region. The agriculturally rich counties of Hilldale, Lenawee, Jackson, Washtenaw, Branch, Clinton and Shiawassee are traditional hot spots. Up in the Thumb, check farmland in Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron counties.

Much like southern Michigan's whitetail population, the vast majority of ringnecks is

found hunkered down on private land. The good news is that it's often easier to gain access to private land to hunt pheasants than it is to gain access to hunt deer.

For one thing, a pheasant hunt will usually only take a couple hours, compared to days, weeks even months of deer hunting.

Another possible reason is that most rural property owners in southern Michigan are besieged with deer hunters seeking permission to hunt while the number of pheasant hunters looking for an open filed is considerably less.

If you do gain access remember to offer to share your harvest with the landowner. A little appreciation and common courtesy will go a long way in keeping the door open for a return trip in the future.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

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Slow-moving snakes seek shelter

MATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Cold blooded animals, like amphibians, reptiles and insects, are always more active in summer when the temperatures are warm.

After all, a cold-blooded animal's inside temperature is about the same as the air that surrounds it.

So when the temperature gets cold, they become less active because they cannot move quickly and easily.

Why then have I seen more snakes in the last two weeks than I did all summer?

Maybe because summer snakes were gone from view before I could see them since they could move much faster.

Most recently I saw two garter snakes along the trail in the

shade of the forest edge. They were not moving very fast. Maybe that is why I've been able to see them recently.

One of the garter snakes was an adult, while the other was a younger snake, based on its size. It might have been a young from this year.

Though they were not in the same area, adult garter snakes do lay down a scent trail to guide young toward a wintering den site.

Since young of the year have never been to this traditional location. They need some direction.

Wintering congregations are beneficial for getting males and females together in spring for the purpose of mating.

During summer their solitary behavior would make finding a mate difficult and time consuming.

Cold temperatures like we have been having stimulate cold-

blooded animals like snakes to seek a winter shelter. One patron brought in a brown snake that was in her window well.

Homes near fields and forests may be excellent wintering sites.

Some homes may be wintering sites without the owners even knowing about their presence. Snakes do not need much room and often seek out dark undisturbed areas.

Snakes often stop eating before entering hibernation. Their body can get so cold inside that ice may form.

If food particles are in their gut, ice crystals could form around those food particles. Formation of crystals in the gut could kill the snake.

Cold temperatures and fasting result in docile snakes this time of the year. But one snake found just a couple weeks ago was a young Massasauga, Michigan's only venomous snake. It was a young one with a couple buttons

on the end of the tail.

Found on some high dry ground near a wet area, it was probably looking for a wintering site too. It was treated with a great deal of respect.

Young snakes do not always look like their adults in coloration. A young blue racer, for instance, has a similar coloration to a young Massasauga.

Blue racers have a long, tapering, pointed tail, while the Massasauga has a blunt, rounded, button at the end of the tail. Adult Massasauga turn a brown-gray blotchy color, while the blue racer turns an even blue-gray color.

As the nights get colder and the days remain cold as well, it won't be long before all snakes will be secure in a hole, tunnel or a rock pile.

Then I will have to wait for the warm temperatures of spring before I'll see another slow moving, hungry snake.

SOUTH COAST HONORARIAN DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER REGIONS DIVISION I
PLYMOUTH DIVISION (best)
Monday, Oct. 25: (A) Plymouth Canton at (B) Salem, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Ann Arbor Huron at (D) Plymouth Salem, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27: Ann Arbor Pioneer at A-B winner, 4:30 or 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. Belleville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at Canton, noon. (Winner to Kalamazoo Central vs. Grandville district champion).
WAYNE MEMORIAL (best)
Monday, Oct. 25: (A) Dearborn Fordson at (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27: Dearborn at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; Garden City at A-B winner, 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29: Final at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Novi district champion).
UNIV. OF DETROIT-JESUIT (best)
Monday, Oct. 25: (A) University of Detroit Jesuit at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Northville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27: A-B winner vs. Redford Catholic Central at Livonia's Whitman Field, 4 p.m.; C-D winner at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at U-D Jesuit, 11 a.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Temperance-Bedford district champion).

Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchville, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Warren Zee vs. Huron Valley at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 28
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 27
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Rio Grande vs. Madonna at Livonia Ladywood, 2 p.m.
(NCAA Regional at Lakeland (OH)
Kelllogg vs. Lakeland, 1 p.m.
S'craft vs. Cuyahoga/Cincy St., 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Final at Lakeland, (Ohio) 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Siena Heights at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 28
Schoolcraft at Cornerstone, TBA.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Schoolcraft at O.L. St. Mary's, 3 p.m.
WHAC Quarterfinal playoffs, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 28
Wayne County CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29
(Big Game Classic at St. Francis, Ill.)
Madonna vs. St. Mary's (Neb.) 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
(Big Game Classic at St. Francis, Ill.)
Madonna vs. Dordt College, 1:15 p.m.
Madonna vs. St. Francis, 3:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Oct. 29
Sarnia vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Sault Ste. Marie vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.
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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.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion.

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. 18-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452.

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.

PHASANT
Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY
The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK
Woodcock season runs through Nov. 8 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

ROCK CLIMBING 102
The second of a two-part clinic on rock and ice climbing begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at REI in Northville.

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A snowmobile Safety Certification Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Novi Expo Center.

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MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers.

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Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield.

vation Association will hold its annual sighting-in days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily through Nov. 14. Range fee is \$6 for two guns and \$3 for each additional gun.

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (sneet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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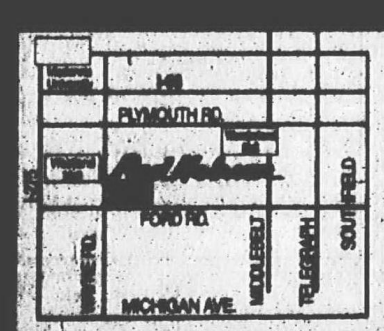
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Arts & Leisure



LINDA ANN CHONG

It's time to check out the summer arts camps

Deborah Malinowski-Podolka fondly remembers the summers spent studying music at Interlochen Center for the Arts in the 1970s and 80s. The camps made her more self confident not to mention a better musician.

Now that the Plymouth resident is teaching flute on the 1,200 acre campus, she wants to tell other parents about the arts camp experience Interlochen offers for sixth graders on up. (Her own daughter Megan Malinowski studied with the choir there in

July.) Malinowski-Podolka will give an Interlochen Information Session Saturday, Nov. 6, at Evola Music in Canton. Catalogs and applications will also be available. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Institute will have their catalogs available in December. (See chart for phone numbers and addresses.)

"I'm really surprised a lot of people do not know about Interlochen," said Podolka-Malinowski, who also teaches flute at Evola in Canton and the Flute Specialist

in Royal Oak. "As a recruiter in this area it's my job to inform parents on how to prepare for Interlochen which offers four and eight week sessions, and a two-week All-State session for Michigan students only. Most people don't realize the stepping stones leading to acceptance—picking the right teacher, the right repertoire. You have to be able to get along with people. You'll be working with people from all over the world. It's very structured. A lot of parents don't realize the commitment. It's easier to get in the first time. After that they're expecting you to be at a certain level and to achieve more."

Malinowski-Podolka will also reveal to parents and students "everything you wanted to know about solo ensemble, another important step to being accepted at Interlochen." In addition to telling how to find an accompanist, she'll also give a good solo ensemble performance and a bad one.

"Interlochen looks at the whole person including grades and community service," said Malinowski-Podolka, director of music at Evola in Canton. "They also take into consideration a student's participation in solo ensemble to be held in February through MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association). It rates students on their instruments. To participate in solo ensemble judging your school has to be a member of MSBOA. On the Interlochen application students need to list the score they received in solo ensemble."

The MSBOA faxed all the rules, including the new ones, to Malinowski-Podolka. For more information about solo ensemble judging, the students should see their band director.

Camp costs

Summer arts camps, ranging from around \$700 to \$8,000, can place a financial strain on a family. Megan Malinowski-Podolka's daughter, has received service club scholarships from the Plymouth Lions and Kiwanis the last couple of years. Interlochen offers financial aid for middle and lower income students on a first-come, first-served basis, and some

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Creates energy-filled show

Judy Buresh studied from the 1950s to the 1980s in the fine arts tradition on her pottery exhibit at Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Garden City ceramicist was about to demonstrate her wheel-thrown techniques for a husband and artist talk Wednesday, Oct. 20.

"It takes a lot of energy to create all this work," said Buresh, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree at Western Michigan University.

Electric blue pots greeted visitors to the "High Voltage" exhibit at the arts council. With all the construction and barricaded streets, the vibrant works in the front window serve as a beam of brightness to direct those persistent enough to find their way to the front door.

The exhibit opened Sunday, Oct. 16, with Buresh, sculptor Shanna Sims and photographer Patricia Izzo. Discouraged by the difficulty

Clay works: Garden City ceramicist Judy Buresh combines Oriental, classical and contemporary influences in her pottery.



One of Judy Buresh's porcelain covered vessels is one of the works in the exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

reaching the arts council building because of the construction, Sims and Izzo pulled their work from the show. It's too bad. Many of Izzo's photographs evoke whimsy. Instead of capturing a Dalmatian covered with black spots, Izzo covers the dog with a confetti of color. Sims creates delicate metal figurative sculptures that frequently refer to passages in the Bible.

Construction or not, Buresh was pumped and ready to tell the art lovers assembled for the talk about the glaze she creates for the porcelain, terra cotta and stone ware. A master potter and glaze chemist for 30 years, Buresh mixes the ingredients—silica (or glass), flux to melt the glaze and alumina to stop the melt, then adds metallic oxides such as copper or titanium for color.

Matting agents provide texture, or lack of it, on surfaces. A tea bowl shines with its luster glaze. A large scale vessel has a flat finish enveloping its sculpted surface. The rich blue on another vessel comes from combining copper and lithium. Buresh prides herself on specializing in the colors of the ocean, sky and earth.

"The history of glaze chemistry is very

interesting," said Buresh, who teaches hand building and sculpture for children and adults at the arts council. "Humans have been glazing for 7,000 years."

Charged with energy

Buresh carves some of the exterior forms before firing the works which blend Oriental, pre-Columbian and contemporary influences. Then she adds the finishing touches—turquoise from China, trade beads from Tibet, Jade from Japan, cork from Portugal, and handmade glass orbs.

"Judy is a fun artist," said Jennifer Tobin, arts council executive director. "I love the colors and the shapes, and the stamps are a wonderful surprise."

A hand stamped into the bottom of a pot signifies it's handmade. Another stamp indicates it comes from her Rising Moon Pottery. Buresh believes there are universal shapes, colors and symbols which promote a sense of shape and harmony. One such symbol is a spiral shape. Round vessels signify fertility, abundance and fulfillment.

It's no wonder, Buresh has been asked to exhibit these masterful works all over southeast Michigan. The spirituality in the clay work is probably the reason Buresh was recently hired as the head ceramicist for the newly-opened Assarian Cancer Center's Arts Studio in Novi. A joint venture between Providence and the University of Michigan health systems, the center revolves around art, faith and science in the healing process.

In addition to creating pots, though, Buresh frequently gives her time in the community. In the past, she's helped students create art works at New Morning School in Plymouth. The works were then auctioned off to benefit the K-8th grade parent cooperative.

Girl Scouts, trying to earn their badges, are also close to Buresh's heart. She's helped more than a few to make pots.

True to her giving spirit, Buresh is also one of the artists in the 10th annual Gala Art Benefit for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, at the corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. A portion of the art sales will go to the Girl Scouts. Tickets are \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. For more information, call (800) 328-0309, ext. 445, or (313) 972-4475, ext. 445.

Livonia etching/engraving artist Jeanne Poulet is also featured in the benefit show.

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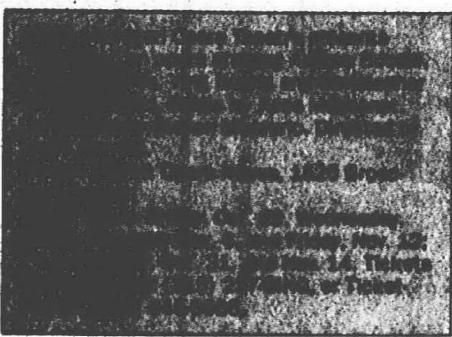
MOT's 'Werther' features a local up-and-coming baritone



Andrea Bocelli

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Not far from the brilliant spotlight aimed by the international media and paparazzi on the upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Werther" stands Christopher Schaldenbrand,



Mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves

Unassuming and reflective, he apparently knows his place, and more importantly, he's not likely to miss his mark. The tall and lean baritone from Farmington Hills sings the role of Albert, the friend and archrival of the terminal romantic, Werther, whose melancholy makes Woody Allen appear happy-go-lucky.

While "Werther" is the talk of the opera world because it features international singing-sensation Andrea Bocelli in his North American staged operatic debut, Schaldenbrand's reprisal of a role he performed twice before at the Met—and recorded on BMG classics—should offer a dramatic

foil, if the opera is to wring pathos from the melodramatic music of Jules Massenet.

When well executed in a play or opera, the rivals elevate the story into a mythic struggle of unrequited love and hopeless romanticism. The story is based on Goethe's immensely popular and influential late-18th century novel,

"The Sorrows of Young Werther."

In Goethe's tale, the artistic and speculative poet Werther is consumed with passion. He falls in love with a rather simple girl, Lottee, who has been promised to a more stable man with a bourgeois temperament, Albert. When he can't have the woman of his dreams, Werther is devastated. He takes his own life.

On several levels, the story reveals the chasm between hope and reality, imagination and practicality, passion and obsession.

For Schaldenbrand, "Werther" strikes at the heart of his own artistic struggles.

Rising star

While he didn't grow up listening to opera, Schaldenbrand found that his range and timbre went well beyond the demands of singing in his high school rock and pop bands.

After graduation from Interlochen, Schaldenbrand, 32, earned a full scholarship to the University of Miami, then later transferred to the University of Indiana, where he studied voice.

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"I started to listen to opera when I was being sent," he said.

The wife has come that end serious since Schaldenbrand won the Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions in 1990. Since then, he's sung in more than 100 performances at the Met, including "La Bohème" and "Werther."

In addition to performing in New York, where he currently lives, Schaldenbrand has appeared at opera halls in Paris, Amsterdam, Italy, Germany and Japan.

"I've seen the world living out of a suitcase five weeks at a time," he said.

The musical journey of life on the road is heavily conducive to building relationships, he said. In the last few years, Schaldenbrand has traveled with a small dog.

"Singing is a lot of work and takes a lot of time. It's tough to come back to an empty hotel room."

Initially, the competitiveness of pursuing a singing career often provided its own incentive, appearing at the Met. Making a living. At one point, it was an end-in-itself for Schaldenbrand.

But that's changed.

"After the 'feeding your ego' falls away, you're left with the question: 'How can I stay in the business and make it work for me for the next 20-30 years?'"

"There's different reasons why people perform. For me, it's about finding that thing within each performance that really feeds my soul."

For his role as Albert alongside Bocelli's Werther, Schaldenbrand has less anxiety than if he were performing the role for the first time.

By theater standards, operas are rehearsed in a relatively short period. It takes only three weeks for singers to learn the words, staging and blocking for "Werther."

In contrast, Schaldenbrand had more than a month to rehearse for his role in the Russian opera, "Eugene Onegin."

A stickler for technique, Schaldenbrand continues to work with a singing coach whenever he's in New York.

"I feel like I've been given a gift, and you have to devote your life to it."

Although he's under contract for the next three years to perform and entering his prime as an operatic singer, Schaldenbrand realizes that he couldn't have anticipated the type of commitment when he chose his career.

Like Werther, he, too, had to make a choice between the practical and artistic path. Before he chose to study voice, Schaldenbrand was studying mechanical engineering and had just been awarded a work-study job at Ford Motors, where his father was an engineer.

"When you're starting out, you don't know any better. As you go along, it becomes a leap of faith."

'Wilderness' plot is showing its age in WSU production

Wayne State's undergraduate Bonstelle Theatre company presents Eugene O'Neill's nostalgic coming-of-age comedy "Ah, Wilderness" Oct. 24. Show time is 2 p.m. on Sunday (today). The Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3434 Woodward in Detroit. For ticket information, call the Bonstelle box office at (313) 577-5900.

BY BEN E. BUCHNIA
Special Writer

Eugene O'Neill's semi-autobiographical and nostalgic play "Ah, Wilderness" is a coming-of-age comedy that suffers from a slow script and only mild insights.

A plodding study of rebellious youth with a subplot devoted to alcoholism and co-dependence is boring by today's standards.

Despite an enthusiastic cast who put their best into their parts, the production's stilted script (cut from three hours to two) is still too long.

Fans of Eugene O'Neill will appreciate the contrast the play supplies to his more serious and troubled semi-autobiographical narrative in his play, "A Long Day's Journey Into Night."

Richard Miller is a turn-of-the-century high school graduate excited by the amazing ideas to be discovered in books by revolutionary writers.

Though bright, he is impetuous and headstrong, as well as in love with his shy and conservative high school sweetheart. His mother is scandalized and confused by the books he hides in his room, while his patient and wise father waits for him to outgrow his anger and settle into adulthood.

The family must also deal with the added stress of a maiden aunt with an alcoholic suitor who constantly disappoints both of their dreams for happiness.

Among the cast, Brian Marable stands out as a superb actor for his dynamic and warm portrayal of the family patriarch, Nat Miller. His natural stage presence sets him apart from his well-versed but less charismatic colleagues. The personable delivery of his many long speeches breathes life into the otherwise staid production.

Sarah Heinzman as the matriarch, Essie Miller, needs some serious age make-up: She looks too much like her son's sister than his mother, and she needs to match Marable in age. Though she captures her character's maternal and changeable nature, she didn't captivate audiences as Marable does, and at times she borders on whininess.

Richard, played by Patrick Loos, plays the young man on the verge of adulthood with a permanent pout: He doesn't let us see other sides of the character's deep and intellectual personality.

The character is bright and eagerly embraces new ideas, but we only see the brooding side, and not the eager enthusiasm. We see his romantic hurt and anger, but not his obvious affection for his young lady through his facial expressions or voice. Though teens are known for their stubborn moodiness, Loos overplays the hand.

The play has a subplot of a maiden aunt and a drunk-



Family comedy: Richard Miller (Patrick Loos, left) struggles to come of age while his father (Brian Marable, right) watches with care and concern that his son is not lost in the passionate writings and new philosophies of the 1900s in "Ah Wilderness."

en suitor who never manages to stay sober long enough to convince her to marry him. It is a classic case of co-dependency. Today's audiences are too well-versed in the intricacies of alcoholism and fractured relationships and are alternately bored and frustrated by the dysfunctionality of this doomed courtship.

Playing a young boy, sophomore Kelly Rossi is convincing as the kid brother Tommy, and Rachel Gessert is pert and perky as the bubble-headed younger sister Mildred.

The costumes were interestingly cast in the brown hues of a turn-of-the-century tintype photo to match the formal family portrait dominating the set's backdrop. The only color is provided by the changing hues of the backdrop, which attempted to influence the mood of the scene.

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scholarships as do Blue Lake and the DSO's Summer Institute. For the first time next year, Megan will receive a returning scholarship from Interlochen. But even if she didn't, Malinowski-Podolka would still send Megan to camp.

"A son or daughter might not continue in music or make it a career but they'll have that discipline, and that discipline carries over to their school work."

Blue Lake arts camp

Requirements for acceptance vary at the three arts camps. To attend Blue Lake, which will hold auditions in this area in December, students from grade five to high school age must have an endorsement from their arts activity teacher (band, choir, art, dance, etc.) and the principal of their school, according to spokesperson Tom Farrell. Located 15 miles north of Munising in the Manistee National Forest, Blue Lake, like Interlochen, offers concentrations in band, orchestra, choir, jazz, theater, ballet, piano, harp, and the visual arts. The largest number of its students come from Oakland, followed by Wayne County.

DSO Summer Institute

Closer to home, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra offers a two-week intensive day camp with hands-on training by its musician members. Associate director of education Charles Burke said 85 students, ages 12-18, attended last year's Summer Institute, a program the DSO "resurrected from 30 years ago."

"What's special about the Summer Institute is it's a local camp, the only local camp that provides the high quality of musicians that the DSO offers," said Burke, a Canton resident who is also conductor of Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the DSO's youth training orchestra. The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra give its first concert of the season 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. For tickets, call the DSO box office at (313) 576-5111.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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Fund-raiser planned for comedian

Detroit comedians are hosting two fund-raising events for fellow comedian Alyce Faye of Farmington Hills.

Join The Friends of Alyce Faye 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street in Royal Oak (248) 542-9900; or 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia (734) 261-0555. Tickets are \$10, additional donations accepted. Shows are for people 21 and over.

"Here you have a woman who is not only loved by other comedians, but she was also instrumental in Gilda's Club even before she found out she had cancer," said Mark Ridley, owner of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle and organizer of these events. "She's also a woman who is involved in other charities and never really asked for anything in return. We in the comedy community put rivalry aside (to show) our support."

Donations will go to three funds: The Providence Hospital Foundation, The American Cancer Society and Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Ridley said: "She's just a wonderful, wonderful person. I would love to see people turn out."

World-renowned cornet virtuoso Russell Gray will join the Motor City Brass Band in a benefit for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, or \$25 for families. Call (248) 424-9022.

Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit was founded to extend comedienne Gilda Radner's vision of a special meeting place of social and emotional support for people whose lives are touched by cancer.

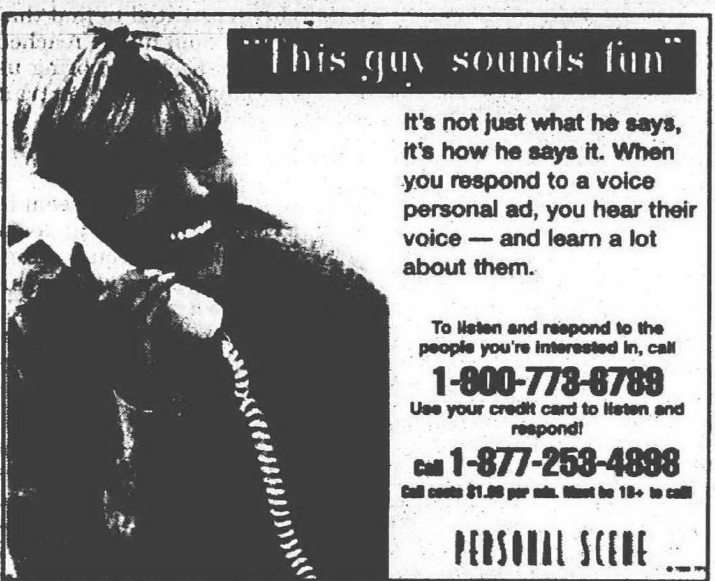
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Area travelers hit China at just the right moment

(Part 1 of 2 parts)
By JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

No fortune cookie foretold that we would be so lucky.

We made our reservations for China last spring, with no inkling we'd be there as the country celebrated its 50th anniversary as the People's Republic of China.

But there we were in Beijing from Sept. 25-30 watching the city-wide preparations for the Oct. 1 extravaganza in Tiananmen Square.

And there we were in Tiananmen Square on the last day it was open to the public.

And there we were in Xian (pronounced Shee-on) on Oct. 1, where in 1974 farmers accidentally discovered thousands of life-size terra cotta figures guarding the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang (248 BC-209 BC).

We took time out to watch China show off its military and cultural might. The pomp and circumstance seemed generally confined to Beijing, but was televised to the nation in its entirety.

Beijing prepared for this celebration as you would for an important party at your home. The government spent months and millions getting its house and grounds in order. Officials had a big job, since



Anniversary decorations: Workers water a pillar of flowers with a dragon. It was part of the 50th anniversary celebration decorations in Beijing.

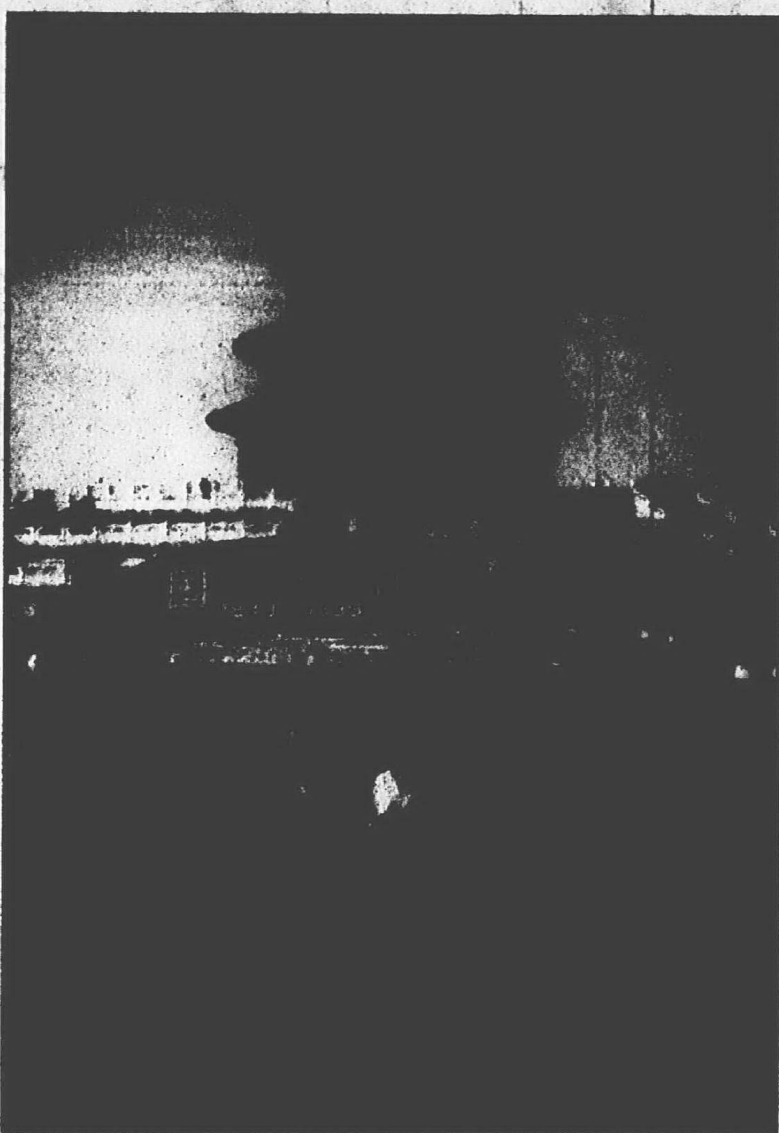
this city of 12 million is both heavily polluted and in obvious transition between old and new, architecturally, economically and politically.

Our Chinese guide detailed some of the preparations: the 25 largest industrial polluters were shut down for a month; the polluted city moat was completely drained and newly filled with water; prostitutes and beggars were rounded up and removed from the city center; roads were built and the new airport was timed to open for domestic flights; workers were given a seven-day vacation; people from outside Beijing were told to stay home to avoid further traffic congestion; entry to Tiananmen Square to watch the festivities was by invitation only.

We saw for ourselves the millions of flowers arranged throughout the city, most in pots rather than actual plantings; a couple hundred school children practicing for the festivities in a plaza near our hotel; the nighttime fireworks.

And in Tiananmen Square itself, we watched as the red carpet was laid, the thousands of VIP seats installed and the last-minute potted flowers arranged.

On the last night before the square was closed to the public the traffic was unimaginable. Everyone wanted to see what he could only view on television from then on. We had tickets for the Beijing Opera, without realizing how close it was to Tiananmen.



Famous landmark: A 50th anniversary sign adorns the front of the Temple of Heaven, Beijing.

Although we had no trouble getting a taxi back to our hotel - red-painted taxis are abundant - that didn't mean a whole lot, since no one in the sea of cars, bikes and pedestrian traffic could move more than a few feet at a time.

Talk about a slow boat to China! The diesel fumes from the buses all around us didn't help the situation.

Still, you couldn't help but be caught up in the excitement - and the hope, expressed openly by a number of Chinese to us, that government repression is on the wane.

But even if we hadn't been there for "China at 50" as the cover of Time Magazine's Oct. 11 issue headlined, Beijing would have both captivated and perplexed us.

If you had been in Beijing 15 years ago, as one member of our tour group had, you wouldn't recognize it. At that time, she brought her own food and was completely restricted as to where she could travel. She had to use tourist money as opposed to the Chinese yuan, and people dressed in dull-colored, Mao-style clothing.

Shangri-La

By contrast, we stayed in a world class hotel (the Shangri-La) where both Western and Chinese food was available (an Italian restaurant was one of the choices!).

Although our tour was led by a government guide, we wandered at will through the streets whenever we had free time. And both our yuan and dollars were not

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only accepted, but solicited by often over-zealous souvenir sellers.

We saw only a handful of old people wearing the Mao uniform. Women bicycle to work in high heels and bright blouses; men wear sport shirts and slacks, if not jackets.

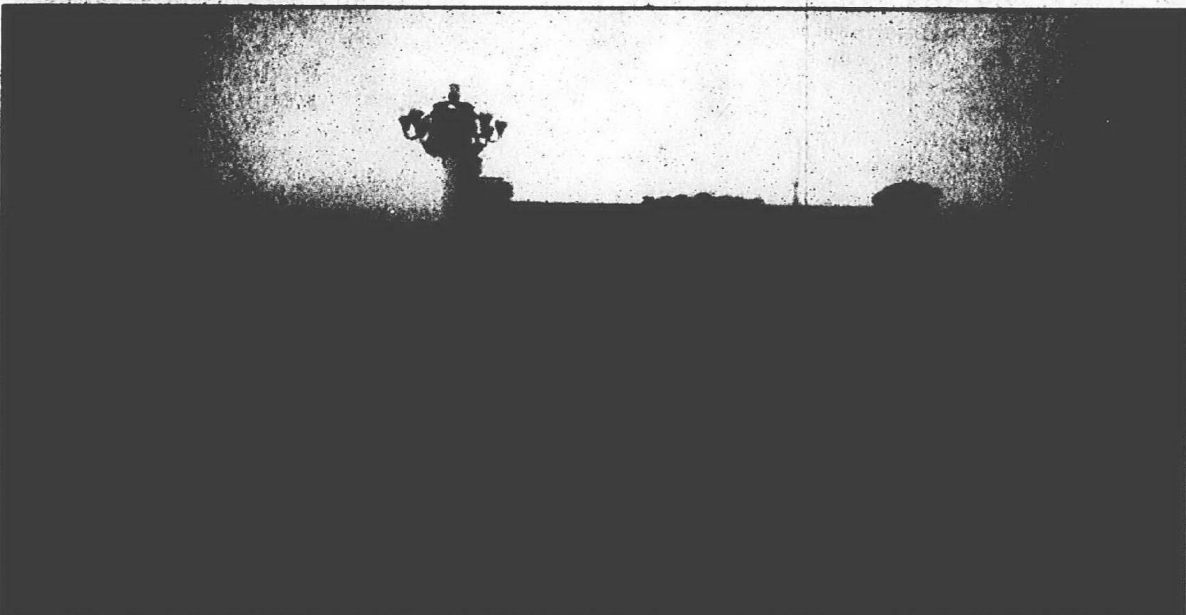
Contrasts

Towering high rises and gaudy neon signs are juxtaposed against dimly lit, dilapidated, nondescript apartment houses and the walled, old city neighborhoods, known as hutongs.

Even within the last several years, the cityscape has changed. Our tour manager, Richard Neale from New Zealand, continually said: "That's new, it wasn't here last year." And Alice, our local tour guide, continually pointed out: "That opened last month ... that opened last week ... that opened yesterday."

Next week: Part 2, The Great Wall, Forbidden City, and other wonders of mainland China.

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On patrol: A military presence is conspicuous in Tiananmen Square a few days before the state anniversary celebration.



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Home Saver



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Pumpkins are more than a frightening face

Think about this, a 2 ounce chocolate bar is the nutritional equivalent of four teaspoons of oil or butter, plus 10 teaspoons of sugar. Talk about a toothache! If your children receive quantities of high sugar candies for Halloween, monitor how much and when they are consumed. Eating too much candy affects their appetite and sleep patterns. Children don't have to go trick-or-treating to have a memorable Halloween. Parties can be a wonderful way to spend Halloween night, and you can provide wholesome goodies for treats.

Vegetable

Halloween is also the perfect time to teach children that a pumpkin is a vegetable rich in vitamin C, not just another scary face. You can even let the kids help you make something from scratch using a "real" pumpkin.

The Indians were planting pumpkins between rows of corn long before the Pilgrims arrived. The entire pumpkin was used, the flesh, the seeds, and then the inside shell was dried and used as a water container. The seeds were eaten as a snack or saved for the next year's planting. Pumpkin slices were sun-dried then ground to make flour for cooking.

If you plan on using your pumpkin for cooking, don't carve or draw on it. Rinse the pumpkin with water and pat it dry. Cut the pumpkin into several large pieces (use a large, sturdy knife to cut through the hard shell).

Cooking tips

To bake, arrange the pumpkin slices, skin side down, in a greased baking dish. Bake at 375°F until fork tender, 30 minutes to an hour depending on the size of the slices.

Pumpkin can also be cut into small pieces and boiled just like you were boiling potatoes. In a large, covered saucepan, boil the pumpkin pieces in a small amount of water for 30 minutes or until tender. Drain and cool to remove outer rind of the hard shelled pumpkin. Mash the pulp with a fork. Place the pulp in a strainer over a bowl and let it drain for 30 minutes. Pumpkins tend to be very watery so don't eliminate this step. Another excellent and fast cooking method is in the microwave just like you would squash.

You can reheat the pulp, season it, and eat as a vegetable. It will taste like any other winter squash such as acorn, butternut or hubbard. A tasty side dish can be made by adding fried bacon pieces, sautéed onions or garlic to mashed pumpkin. For those that say they don't like pumpkin, mix equal parts of mashed pumpkin and applesauce, mashed bananas or crushed pineapple. Add a little mashed pumpkin to pancake or muffin batter. Stir cooked pumpkin into some low-fat yogurt with a little brown sugar for a sweet treat. Don't forget pumpkin bread or pumpkin cookies. Make them for the holidays now, and freeze.

Vitamin rich

Pumpkin, fresh or canned, is rich in beta carotene, which is an important antioxidant and precursor of vitamin A in the body. Pumpkin also contains some vitamin C, folacin (a B vitamin), a little calcium and some fiber. Like all vegetables, it is low in calories — 83 calories per cup.

Pumpkin soup can be quickly made by combining canned plain pumpkin (not the premixed pie filling) with fat-free chicken or beef stock. For added flavor, mince onions, carrots, celery or other vegetables and cook them in the stock before adding pumpkin puree. Add skim milk, and seasoning such as curry powder, dried thyme or cumin. They are all compatible flavorings for pumpkin. To enhance the flavor of

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- It's tailgating time!

Antipasto

AN ITALIAN FAMILY TRADITION

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Antipasto. Call it summer in a jar, Italian style. Every year, the family of Chet and Norma Marson of Livonia, Mich., prepares the antipasto. The recipe is a family tradition that has been passed down for generations.

Chet Marson, Johnny Marson of Plymouth Township and Denise Cook of Novi — heads home with dozens of jewel-packed pints of grandma Vittoria Marson's original antipasto. They hoard their jars, serving the antipasto as a side dish and sopping up the oil with Italian bread.



"Johnny loves the antipasto the most," says Laura. "He'll just eat a jar for his lunch."

Chet Marson presumes his mother's antipasto fame has spread far beyond Sault

Ste. Marie, Canada, where he and Norma grew up and were married. The recipe originally came from the Udina region in northern Italy.

"Everybody in Michigan has my mother's recipe," he says.

Not quite, but close. "Aunt Virginia, Aunt Betty and Aunt Martha, my father's brothers' wives, all made it. My kids were raised with it. Johnny and I have been making it every year. Laura and Denise ran out last year."

Chet Marson criss-crosses the kitchen as the women deftly chop the celery, green beans, carrots, peppers, cauliflower and cucumbers. It's clear that, other than lifting heavy pots, the kitchen is not his domain. Still, he likes to oversee the annual ritual.

"I've had this since I was born," he says. "In the fall you get all these vegetables. There was no refrigeration, so this was their way of preserving the harvest."

Norma Marson puts out a plate of her fried peppers, slices some bread and offers aprons to her daughters. Both decline. Print aprons that snap in the back look better on their mother.

"Mom, are these onions too big? Are the green beans the right size?" asks Laura.

"They're okay, but you're celery pieces are too big."

"I hate anchovies," says Denise.

"Then don't put them in."

Once the vegetables have been



A family affair: Norma Marson (center) and daughter, Denise Cook, assemble the vegetables as son Johnny stirs the pot. The basement serves as a second kitchen in the Marson household when it comes to making antipasto.



Proud heritage: Chet Marson displays a picture of his parents, Luigi and Vittoria Marson, along with a jar of antipasto, vintage 1999. Everybody in Michigan has his mother's recipes, he says.

chopped and bagged, operations move to the basement, where Denise begins heaping bags of cauliflower on an ancient baby scale. "We're going less on everything and more on the cauliflower," she announces. "Everybody loves the cauliflower."

Johnny measures out the oil, vinegar and tomato paste into two gigantic pots and turns on the electric double-burner. As soon as the mixture boils, the women start handing him the bags of vegetables.

"I'm the dumper-inner," he says.

Laura begins teasing her brother, a captain with the Livonia Fire Department. "Isn't he handsome?" she says, hugging him. "You're still a hunk."

"Yeah, a 50-year-old hunk."

Norma Marson opens a jar of last year's antipasto, sets out more bread and uncorks a bottle of deep-purple homemade wine. Denise runs upstairs for some crystal wine glasses. It's 11:30 a.m.

"We Italians don't look at the clock. Forget it's before noon. When it's wine time, it's wine time," says Laura.

Finally, the drained jars of mushrooms, onions, tuna and anchovies are added. The scent of Vittoria Marson's antipasto once again wafts through the basement. Denise plucks a green bean from the pot and plunks it into her brother's mouth.

"It's a little hard," he says. "You made it more al dente last year."

Please see ANTIPASTO, D2



Expert touch: Norma Marson gently stirs the antipasto. Her mother-in-law, Vittoria Marson, brought the recipe from northern Italy when she came to Canada more than 80 years ago.

Snare some scary Halloween recipes on the Web

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

There's no trick to finding yummy treats and Halloween fun on the Web. Here's a rundown of just a few of the more than 2,000 Halloween recipe pages available on the Internet. You'll find it's not so scary surfing for Halloween treats.

Quick tips and Halloween hints can be found at www.cakerecipe.com/hints/tips-halloween.asp

An easy, tasty pumpkin cake recipe was quickly found at the Halloween section of this site. You can send cake recipes to friends, convert the recipes to metric instructions, and print out two sizes of recipe cards as well as do full page printing of recipes from this Web site.

You can browse the "International Cake Glossary," to clarify some cake terms and ingredients. The neat thing about this glossary is you can translate selected terms between 15 countries. For example, granulated (white) sugar can be caster sugar in Britain, sucre en poudre in France, azucar en polvo in

Spain. The site is interactive, and you can submit or request translations. The entire site features more than 1,100 cake recipes. It is easy to navigate, and you may browse the site by alphabetical categories.

A spooky time can be had at www.spooky.org.uk

This site from Scotland has kid-friendly jokes, greeting cards, and a "Cauldron Cookery" section. You browse to sections from a horizontal, not a vertical, page frame.

Since the site's from the United Kingdom, you'll find instructions for "turnip lanterns" as well as jack-o'-lanterns. Fearful Halloween facts are also present.

ed. For example, in the U.S., children say "trick or treat" to receive their loot. In Scotland adults demand more value for their sweets. Children are expected to perform a party piece — joke, song or story — before collecting their goodies.

A fun "Witches Fingers" recipe, made from boneless chicken breasts, can be found on this site.

"Healthy Halloween" sounds like a complete contradiction in terms, but kid-pleasing snacks can be found at www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Dungeon/2146/recipe.html

These recipes feature a variety of fresh, dried and canned fruits and vegetables, and children can generally make

the treats on their own. Some snacks, like the "ants on a log," require adult help to cut up the celery. Also included on the site are two recipes for pumpkin seeds.

Some very good soup recipes can be found at www.moonchild.ch/Halloween/Kitchen-Witch.html

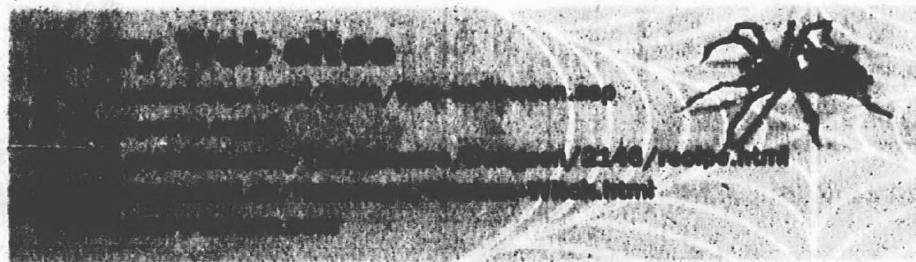
The page is titled, "Pumpkin Soup for the Soul." Along with the recipes, a helpful feature on basic pumpkin cooking methods, from range top to microwave is included.

If you just want to carve, not cook, your pumpkin, patterns and selection tips can be found at www.jack-o-lantern.com

Everything you need to know about carving and displaying your pumpkin, including photography tips, can be found at this site. Bookmark this site for summer, as there are also melon carving patterns to create fun warm weather centerpieces.

Happy hunting for haunting new recipes!

See recipes inside.



Trick the kids with nutritious treats

With all the candy your children bring home at Halloween, it's hard to hold the line on the fat and sugar they consume. There are lots of ways, however, to make treats more wholesome — by reducing fat and including ingredients that are actually nutritious.

Fruits and vegetables are out of sight in lowfat pineapple carrot bars made with whole wheat flour, brown sugar, grated carrots, crushed pineapple, raisins and cinnamon. Other nutritious additions to fruit bars include chopped nuts, apples or dates, dried apricots, peaches, pears and wheat germ.

Spice cookies are sensational made with applesauce and studded with chopped, dried fruit. Try adding lemon juice and grated lemon rind to sugar cookie recipes for a citrus-y tang and some extra nutrients.

Plain nonfat yogurt is the basis for a variety of scrumptious treats. Make a fruit freeze by processing plain nonfat yogurt in a food processor or blender with bananas, orange juice and orange rind until smooth. Freeze in a metal pan or bowl until hard. Then process

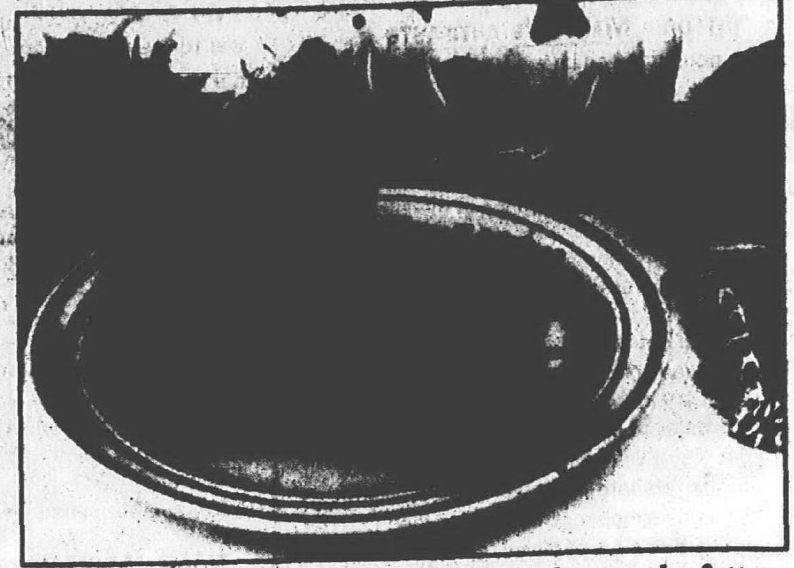
until the mixture is a hard slush before serving. Or, top gingerbread with a mixture of plain nonfat yogurt, lemon juice, honey and chopped bananas.

If your children's favorite treats call for chocolate syrup, here's a lowfat version. In a small saucepan, whisk together 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa, a tablespoon of cornstarch and 1/4 cup dark brown sugar. Add 1/3 cup skim milk and whisk well, then add 1/4 cup corn syrup. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat while stirring. Lower the heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce has thickened. Remove from heat and stir in a teaspoon of vanilla extract. This sauce is super with fruit or angel's food cake.

Your little goblins will surely gobble up these pumpkin-orange muffins, which are filled with beta-carotene.

PUMPKIN-ORANGE MUFFINS

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1-1/2 cups unbleached flour



Guilt-free eats: Halloween treats don't have to be fattening and bad for you.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

Beat egg, milk, pumpkin, oil and grated orange rind, mixing well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the pumpkin mixture. Spoon batter into greased

muffin tins, and bake in preheated 375° F. oven for 20-25 minutes.

Each of the 12 muffins contains 143 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Information and recipe provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research. Visit them online at www.aicr.org

Scare up fun with Halloween treats

See related Halloween Web site story on Taste front.

PUMPKIN CAKE

- Makes 1 10-inch bundt cake
- 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 (16 ounce) can pureed pumpkin
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 1/2 cups white sugar
 - 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - Chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease one 10-inch bundt or tube pan. Cream oil, beaten eggs, pumpkin and vanilla together.

Sift the flour, sugar, baking soda, ground nutmeg, ground allspice, ground cinnamon, ground cloves and salt together. Add the flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture and mix until just combined. If desired, stir in some chopped nuts.

Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake at 350° F for one hour or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan for five minutes then turn out onto a plate and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. This recipe is good any time of the year.

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WITCHES' FINGERS

- Serves 4
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 4 Boneless chicken breasts
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1 cup bread crumbs
 - Pitted black olives, halved lengthwise
 - Shredded lettuce.

Grease a baking sheet with the oil and set aside. Cut the chicken breasts part way to create five fingers (the uncut part being the palm of the hand).

Dust the chicken in flour, dip in the egg and coat in the bread crumbs. Grill for five minutes on each side until golden and cooked through. Trim the "fingertips" with the olive "fingernails" and serve on lettuce.

Maggie's "Spook-ghetti" variation: Serve on spaghetti and spoon your favorite tomato sauce around the dish.

Recipe can be found online at www.spooky.org.uk

ANTS ON A LOG

- Celery
- Peanut Butter
- Raisins

For each serving: Rinse one or two celery stalks. Have an adult cut the celery stalks into halves or thirds. Fill the hollow of each celery piece with peanut butter, then sprinkle raisins across the peanut butter.

Recipe can be found online at www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Dungeon/2146/recipe.html

PUMPKIN SOUP IN PUMPKIN TUREEN

Serves 6

- 1 large fresh pumpkin (about 12-inches in diameter)
- 2 1/2 cups fresh, cooked pumpkin or canned pumpkin
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- Juice of two oranges
- 1/2 cup dry sherry or apple juice
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/3 cup diced celery
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

With a heavy knife, cut off top third of pumpkin. Scoop out seeds and strings and discard. Set aside pumpkin shell.

Puree cooked or canned pumpkin, vegetable broth and orange juice in blender or food processor. Set aside.

In a large soup pot, heat sherry or apple juice over medium-high heat.

Add onion, celery and garlic and saute until soft but not browned, about 10 minutes. Add spices; cook, stirring, three minutes. Add pumpkin mixture and bring to a boil. Lower heat to medium and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat; transfer one cup of soup to a small bowl and stir in yogurt. Return to pot and blend well.

Pour soup into hollowed-out pumpkin tureen. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Helpful hint: If desired, heat pumpkin shell in a 200° F oven for 10 to 15 minutes before adding soup. The heated shell will keep the soup warm.

Recipe can be found online at www.moonchild.ch/Halloween/Kitchen_Witch.html.

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pumpkin, be generous with nutmeg, allspice, coriander, candied ginger, brown sugar and maple syrup.

Pumpkin pie is delicious, but can be fattening. Here are some tips to slim it down:

- Use evaporated skim milk instead of heavy cream
- Use a fat-free nondairy creamer instead of milk or cream
- Use an egg substitute
- Use a graham cracker crust
- Make a crustless pumpkin pie

■ Use several layers of phyllo dough, that have been sprayed with vegetable spray, as the top and bottom crust for the pie.

Pumpkin seeds can be used as snacks for later. Scoop them out of the pumpkin, rinse well, and drain. Air dry for a couple of hours and then toast in the oven at 200°F for 30-45 minutes. Sprinkle pumpkin seeds with salt after removing from oven if desired. Pumpkin seeds are high in protein, a good source of iron and lower in fat than most nuts.

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Antipasto recipes are family favorites

COOKING CLASS CALENDAR

See related story on Taste front.

VITTORIA MARSON'S ANTIPASTO

- 1 1/2 pounds green beans, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 pounds carrots, medium slices
- 1 1/2 pounds cauliflower, divided into small flowerets
- 1 1/2 pounds celery, chopped in medium pieces
- 1 1/2 pounds green and red peppers, cut in 1-inch squares
- 1 1/2 pounds cucumbers, peeled, cut in half and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 1/2 pounds pearl-sized onions, peeled (or jarred onions, drained)
- 1 1/2 quarts of Mazola oil
- 1 quart white vinegar
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 2 8 oz. cans sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 large jars or cans of olives, green or black, drained
- 2 6-oz. cans tuna, drained and flaked

1 2 oz. can anchovies drained and separated
Salt to taste, if desired

In a large pot, bring to boil oil, vinegar and tomato paste. Add green beans and carrots and boil ten minutes over medium heat. Add cauliflower and celery and boil 10 minutes. Add peppers, cucumbers and pearl onions and boil an additional 8 minutes. Add tuna, anchovies, mushrooms, and olives and heat until warmed. (If using jarred onions, add them at this time.) Turn off heat.

Fill sterilized pint jars to within 1/4-1/2 inch of rim. Cap with lids and rings. Tighten rings. Process 8 minutes in hot water bath.

Note: Everybody in the Marson family loves cauliflower. You can substitute a half pound of any of the other vegetables for half pound more cauliflower.

Recipe compliments of Norma Marson.

NORMA MARSON'S FRIED EGGPLANT

- 1 medium size eggplant
- 1/2-1 cup flour

2 eggs
Salt and pepper
2 tsp. dried basil
One clove garlic, finely chopped
Romano cheese
Oil for frying (should cover pan up to 1/4 inch)

Wash eggplant, cut stem off and slice into 1/4-inch slices. Place flour into plastic bag, add eggplant slices and shake to coat evenly. Set aside.

In shallow dish, beat eggs and add salt, pepper, basil, garlic and small amount of Parmesan cheese. Dip floured eggplant slices in egg mixture and fry in oil until browned on both sides. Remove and set aside.

Cover bottom of glass baking dish with spaghetti sauce and line with a single layer of eggplant slices. Spoon additional sauce on top of each eggplant slice. Sprinkle generously sprinkle with more Romano cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for one-half hour.

Recipe compliments of Norma Marson. She regrets that our readers cannot enjoy her Uncle Romeo's home-grown basil, which he dries especially for her.

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to: Keesy Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7979, or e-mail kwygonik@ec.homecomm.net

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Offered by Lenore's Natural Cuisine in Farmington Hills. This week, Sublime Soups 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25; Menu Planning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Call (248) 478-4455 for information about upcoming classes.

VEGETARIAN TASTING EVENT
Twelfth annual event hosted by Better Living Seminars with the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church Sunday, Nov. 14, at the church in Plymouth. Seatings 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. or 2-3 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$3 children ages 6-12. Call (734) 495-3602

for information and reservations.

The event, which featured tastings of vegetarian holiday dishes prepared by long-time vegetarians and semi-vegetarians, menu ideas and presentation suggestions, sells out quickly, so advance reservations are a must. A cookbook of all the recipes is available for purchase.

POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebration includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$39, call (313) 317-1500.

Antipasto from page D1

right, mom?"

"Last year's was the best," says Denise.

When this reporter asks Norma Marson for the recipe, Johnny stops stirring. "You're going to put this recipe in the paper?" he asks. "Mom, you got to leave out all the good stuff."

His incredulity is understandable; after all, the recipe has been a family treasure. It's passionately delicious, right down to the last drop of oil dribbling down my chin. The Observer photographer

agrees. He is sent home with a jar of last year's antipasto.

"The biggest problem with this is people don't always bring the jars back," says Chet Marson. "Every year we have to buy new jars."

Who wouldn't return the jar, especially with the promise of a refill. Grazia, Chet and Norma Marson. Grazia, grandma Vittoria. L'antipasto e' delizioso!

See recipes inside


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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Fibromyalgia talk

Dr. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki will present a lecture covering the etiology, diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia. Discussion will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, October 25 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. You do not need to register to attend. Call Sharon at (248) 344-0896.

Cellac sprue

Governor John Engler has declared Thursday, October 28 as Cellac Sprue Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. Supporters will gather in front of the Capitol in Lansing at 1 p.m. to visit legislator offices and offices of the Health Department, Education, Agriculture and other departments to talk about the availability of foods at hospital and schools and the proper labeling of Michigan food products. Participants will regather at 4 p.m. and go to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ for an informal tea then onto dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center. For more information contact the Michigan Capital Cellac/DH Group, Chapter 43 of CSA/USA Inc., P.O. Box 1482, East Lansing, MI 48828.

Low vision help

Let the Wayne Public Library help you "see" more of everything with aids such as an Optelec magnifier, Xerox reading edge machine, magnifying table lamp, high intensity lamps, hand-held magnifiers, and a hearing augmentation device (for use in the library). The library also has an enhanced collection of Large Print Books, Books on Tape, descriptive videos. The library recently received an LSTA grant to purchase equipment and material for people who have vision and hearing disabilities.

Health lecture

Dr. Joel Wallach, 1991 Nobel Prize Nominee in medicine for his discoveries in the use of trace minerals to prevent catastrophic diseases in newborns, will provide a free health lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington). For information call Sarah (734) 281-1483.

Thyroid support

The next meeting of the Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8th at the Plymouth Library with speaker Dr. Shapiro of the University of Michigan, Nuclear Medicine. For information visit Tracy Green's Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

Senior celebration

The Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton will host an event from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 27 for seniors featuring bone density screening (free), flu shots, refreshments and trick or treat for your grandchildren who will receive a sweet treat. Family, friends and caregivers are welcome. Call (734) 981-5159 to reserve a spot. Henry Ford Medical Center - Canton, 8100 Haggerty Road, Canton.

Health & wellness

Book store focuses on mind, body

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

A valuable resource for professionals and the general public, Therapeutic Books & Wonders, recently opened its doors — and its arms so-to-speak — in the Plymouth community as a bookseller of health-related materials for the mind, body and spirit.

"You get trained, licensed attention here," said Steve Powers, owner and licensed mental health counselor.

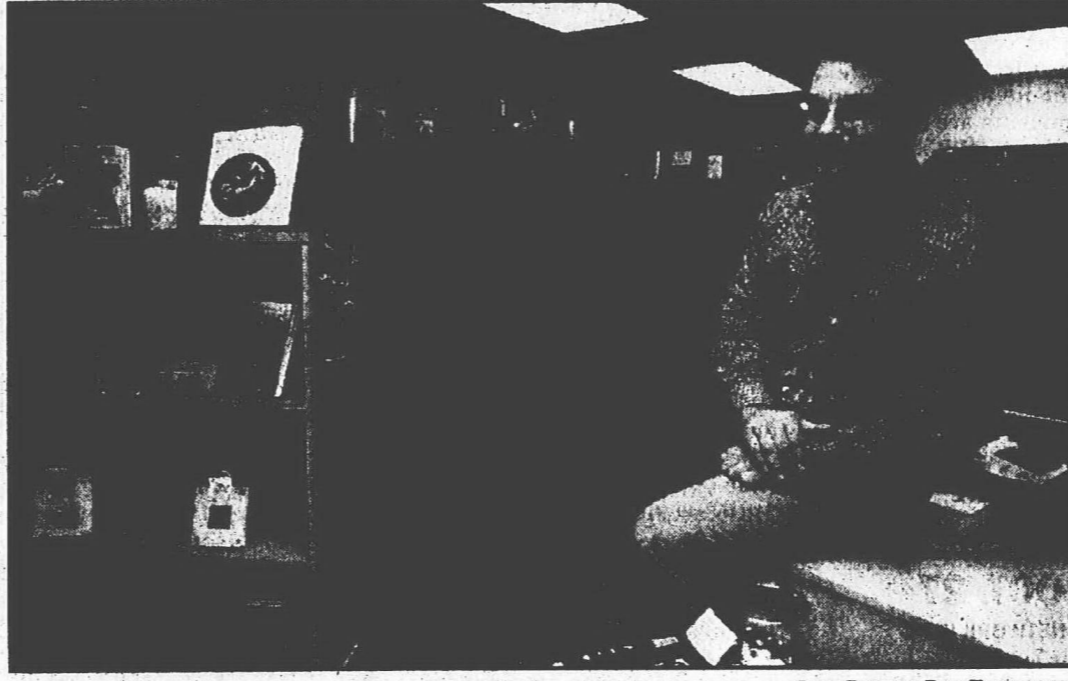
Powers, 29, was raised in Dearborn and now resides in Plymouth. A recent graduate of Oakland University, Powers says the idea of opening a bookstore seemed like a natural extension to his private counseling pursuits.

"I'm a trained resource for people," said Powers. "I know I had a lot of trouble finding supplemental reading material when I was in school so I've stocked a lot of hard-to-find items people might expect they would have to special order."

Located in the Linwood Square plaza on Mill Street in Old Village, the 700-800 square foot store features resources on topics such as ADD/ADHD, grief/loss, stress reduction, meditation, relaxation, self-esteem, relationships, parenting, motivation, children's issues, holistic health and chronic illness.

"I've noticed I'm becoming a cancer resource," said Powers who specializes in counseling people with grief/loss and chronic illness issues.

The Plymouth entrepreneur says he has the ability to order any publication or textbook in print for both



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCKHARDT

Specialty: Plymouth book store owner and licensed mental health counselor Steve Powers recently opened the doors to "Therapeutic Books & Wonders" in Old Village. The store is a valuable resource for reading materials such as holistic health, grief/loss, chronic illness, self-esteem and parenting.

the general public as well as teachers and students and offers a 15 percent discount for staff and students who present their identification.

Specialty items

Also featured are a unique selection of aromatherapy products, natural and handmade soaps, candles, cards, bookmarks and journals. Items, says Powers, that lend themselves to increasing the spiritual connection people seek when they are evaluating their mental and emotional health.

People interested in the philosophy of feng shui will find a number of resources to help create an environment that is ergonomic and follows the patterns of both nature and Qi (chee).

Powers has the bookstore arranged in the tradition of feng shui with a spacious entrance, mirrors and shelves grouped so that the customer meanders through the store compa-

table to the natural flow of energy.

Despite having only completed graduate school just six months ago, Powers says he has been working in the field of counseling and therapy since 1992 under the leadership of his mentor Dr. Hugh Bray. "Dr. Bray ignited my passion for helping people and I was lucky enough to start an internship very early in my education," said Powers.

Powers is proud of the casual atmosphere he's created in hopes of furthering the elevation of the spirit. "People are free to come in, sit on the floor and look at books," said Powers. "This place will always be evolving and will be what people want it to be."

Therapeutic Books & Wonders is located at 965 N. Mill Street in Plymouth's Old Village. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call (734) 453-4950.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Medal of honor

The Illinois College of Optometry has announced that Gregory B. Ferman, O.D., a 1977 graduate of the college, will receive the school's Presidential Medal of Honor in recognition of his contributions to the optometry profession. Currently the Michigan Optometric Association president, Ferman resides in Canton.

Practice focuses on women

Two local gynecologists have founded the area's first menopause institute. Jerrold H. Weinberg, M.D., and Milton L. Nathanson, M.D., and their uniquely-trained staff, including Stacy L. Ekelman, R.N. and nutritional specialist, are offering specialized services to women who are just beginning to encounter the challenges menopause often presents, or to women already diagnosed as menopausal.

Unlike any other local OB/GYN medical practice, The Birmingham Menopause Institute specifically focuses on all the important issues that face women during menopause including:

- Hormone replacement therapy and alternatives



Professional staff: Milton L. Nathanson, M.D. (left), Stacy L. Ekelman, R.N., and Jerrold H. Weinberg, M.D., have recently opened the Birmingham Menopause Institute.

- Personalized dietary and nutritional counseling
- Osteoporosis screening, prevention and treatment
- Breast cancer screening, risk assessment, prevention and medication
- Heart disease screening, risk assessment, prevention and medication
- Weight reduction through lifestyle changes
- Sexuality counseling
- Alternatives to hysterectomy
- Menopause discussion/support groups

"This is the realization of a dream of ours: Milt and I long ago recognized the need for special diagnosis, counseling and treatment of menopausal women."

There's nothing else like this in the Detroit area! We employ all the disciplines available to us today — sophisticated testing equipment, a wide range of prescription drugs, herbal and natural treatments, and even peer support groups. All this has been designed to make menopause a less stressful process for our patients," said Dr. Jerrold Weinberg.

The Birmingham Menopause Institute is located within the offices of Oakland Women's Health, P.L.C., 31815 Southfield Road, Suite 18, (248) 203-0490. Their Web site, which is currently being developed, can be located at www.birmingham-menopause.com

Nurse practitioner welcomed

Jeffrey Douglass, RN, MS, NP-C, has joined William Silverstone, D.O. and Westland Medical, P.C., as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Douglass graduated from the University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School with a Masters of Science and a specialty certificate in Community Health Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Under the direction of Dr. Silverstone, Douglass provides primary health care to a wide client population, including those with acute and chronic illness. Prior to this appointment, he practiced as an Intensive Care nurse for nearly 13 years. Westland Clinic, P.C., boasts the efforts of its many physician's, nurse practitioner's, and physician's assistant's in providing comprehensive, quality care to clients of all ages in the Greater Detroit area.

Conference to look at healing, recovery

The 5th Annual Ingredients for Healing conference will be held Thursday, Oct. 26. Designed to provide current knowledge and insight about the medical, emotional and spiritual aspects of confronting and dealing with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, the day-long event is sponsored by Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, Cancer Center of Excellence.

Topics to be addressed include "Spiritual Ingredients for Healing," "Sexuality in the Cancer Experience," "New

"What is a Genetic Risk Assessment for Cancer?," and "Looking for Laughter in all the Wrong Places."

A special guest appearance by Susan Ford Bales, daughter of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, national spokesperson for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will be made.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.; program 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Cost is \$40 for employees of the Oakwood System and \$50 for others — lunch included. For more information call (313) 446-1111.

Dispensing technology changes pharmacy experience

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER
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A primary source of health care that is readily accessible yet under utilized is your local pharmacist.

There's no cost in consulting with him or her about both prescription and non-prescription medications and, most importantly, an appointment isn't necessary.

Pharmacists' role in the last 40 years has changed little but the environment in which they function has changed dramatically with the boom in the pharmaceutical industry, the integration of computer technology and the heightened awareness by the public of alternative therapies (vitamins, herbs, supplements).

"Pharmacists are the most accessible health care provider people have to turn to when they have questions about their medications," said Laura Shaw, a pharmacist for Rite Aid in Southeastern Michigan.

Shaw, for the past 15 months, has been working with a new technology Rite Aid implemented company-wide this summer that will impact the pharmacists relationship with customers.

Automated systems like the one being implemented at Rite Aid, not only help prevent prescription filling errors, but can also free the pharmacist to work more closely with patients to help assure drug therapy is both safe and effective.

RapidScript is a unique dispensing technology that enables pharmacists to spend more time out from behind the counter counseling customers while a robotic system utilizing lasers and bar codes fills and labels each prescription as directed, triple-checking for safety and accuracy.

The pharmacist makes the fourth and final check before providing each prescription to the patient — dispensing only the most frequently ordered tablets and capsules.

"This has allowed me more freedom to talk with customers and provide information and advice than I have ever had," said Shaw. "It makes the patient feel more important and gives them the chance to ask questions they may not feel they ever had time to before. They're more apt to say 'I've always wanted to ask...'"

The Rite Aid pharmacist said the opportunity to create a rapport with customers will also help individuals avoid unnecessary drug-interactions, overmedicating or mixing prescription and non-prescription drugs with herbs that may put one's health at risk.

"When used properly, prescription drugs can be life saving. Pharmacists have the knowledge and expertise to help assure prescription drugs are used safely and effectively. But the mechanics of filling prescriptions often limit the time pharmacists can spend with patients," said Douglas A. Miller, Pharm.D., professor of Pharmacy, and director of the Office of Community Health at Wayne State University (College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professionals).

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Having a robotic arm handle the mechanics of filling a prescription may cause some concern with customers who worry they're going to receive the wrong medication.

"The system triples checks for accuracy and then I physically make the fourth and final check," said Shaw, who noted the pharmacist will continue to fill less common prescriptions as well as mixing liquids, creams and pre-packaged medications.

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You may want to think before hitting the 'send' key



Be careful. What you say in Cyberspace can live on long after you change your mind. Or wish you hadn't said it.

Just ask the new boss of Network Solutions, a Virginia-based company that keeps the master directory of Internet addresses. It's a very high profile company that owes its existence largely to the federal government, which gave Network Solutions a near-monopoly to assign those so-called "dot com" addresses.

Now that the Internet is so influential, and as more companies get involved in distributing those domain names, it is extremely important for a CEO of such a firm as Network Solutions to maintain good relations with the government. Thus, you can understand Rutt's angst when a Washington Post reporter came calling the other day

to present him with a list of hundreds of messages posted by Rutt on various on-line discussion groups since 1999.

Rutt made the posts on The Well, a popular California based on-line community that maintains thousands of discussions on everything from politics to parenting. They include plenty of hot-tempered comments about politics. At one point, Rutt characterized himself as a "Goldwater Republican."

Rutt wrote stream-of-consciousness-style rants about President Bill Clinton, calling him a draft dodger, a hypocrite, a liar. For most of us, such comments are no big deal. Hey, they're accurate. But for a new CEO of a multimillion dollar corporation that owes its existence to the government whose President he so disparaged, Rutt's on-line comments are embarrassing and in bad form.

That's why after being presented all those posts by the reporter, Rutt spent the better part of an afternoon erasing them from the Well. But his case serves well to remind all of us to think before

we push the "send" button to Internet news and discussion groups. Once posted, chances are anything you have written is still on file in some computer archive.

What did I say?

In fact, one on-line service, Deja News (www.deja.com), had every single Internet newsgroup post that anyone has filed since the mid-nineties.

Further, using Deja's advanced search options, you can type in someone's name or e-mail address and bring up a list of all those posts. I tried it and found messages I've posted that go back to 1997. Granted, my posts are pretty innocent. I was looking for information on camping in Northern Michigan back in '97.

In 1998, posts chronicling my frustrations with computer software and hardware are still there for everyone to see, even though I have long since solved the problems. More recently, Deja shows my efforts to get help about desktop video issues. But suppose those

posts were more opinionated? Or written in anger? They'd still be there. It reminds me of something I heard they teach up-and-coming executives at the Harvard Business School: "Don't do or say anything you don't want to see quoted in the hometown paper tomorrow."

The same warning applies to the Internet. But unlike a newspaper, the Internet is not tossed away at the end of the day or used to line bird cages. The Internet never forgets. It's always available and easily searched.

Here's some quick advice: Before posting any message on a discussion board, check out to see how long those messages are archived. Deja says it will allow you to delete your old posts from the archive if you send them a specific request but, they warn, if that post happens to be included in a reply made by someone else, it will not be removed. That means that after you hit send and your post goes on-line, it may very well never disappear.

Think before hitting "send." Ask your-

self, if you'll be comfortable with those words next week? Next year? In five years?

PC Mike's seminar
My next seminar will be "Maintaining and Troubleshooting Your PC," and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sat. November 13 at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, in Southfield (near Evergreen). The session will cover the basics of maintaining your PC and diagnosing and repairing common problems. Mike will also suggest ways to upgrade and improve your system. The seminar is free but you must have a reservation. Call the 24-hour seminar hotline at (248) 423-2721.

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.

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 Schoenfeld; or (414) 723-5470, Jim Oven.

WED, OCT. 27

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.

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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MON, NOV. 8

CANTON BPW
The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace. We achieve our goals through advocacy, education and information. WE have a local, state and national presence. Locally we meet the second Monday of

every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We meet formally September through November and January through May. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. Marilyn Alimpich of the Regional Field Office for Social Security will discuss "A Woman's Guide to Social Security." On Jan. 10, 2000 the guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, will discuss mentoring and career shadowing of today's high school students.

Business owners think BIG at annual creative expo in Novi

Thousands of business owners, Fortune 1000 marketing directors, advertising agency creative teams and independent contractors will embark on an annual, much-anticipated trek Oct. 27 and 28 to Novi, for "Creative Expo '99," the Midwest's only all

inclusive trade show. Featuring over 180 Michigan-based creative suppliers in the computer, web, print, video, digital, design, photographic, post-production, film and art fields. Presented for the third straight year by The BIG Idea, Detroit's

Link to Creative Thinking, Creative Expo '99 is co-sponsored by Apple Computer Inc. and Avid Technology Inc., two of the most innovative technology leaders in the United States.

In addition to linking business professionals to an impressive

roster of top creative suppliers exhibiting the latest innovations and applications in their fields, The BIG Idea's Creative Expo '99 will offer an informative seminar series featuring expert speakers discussing a wide range of topics impacting busi-

nesses who need to market themselves. To enhance the creative environment at the show, Creative Expo '99 will have a "vintage tv" theme. Exhibitors have already begun to "adjust their creative antennas" and are busy designing booths that incor-

porate elements from popular game shows, sitcoms, soap operas, cartoons and talk shows to create "must see tv" exhibits to "wow" the critics" (i.e. expo attendees!).

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In this condition, the injury to your wrist sets off a reaction from your sympathetic nervous system. This is part of the automatic nervous system which regulates the size of blood vessels. In Sudek's atrophy, the injury sets up a continued response of the sympathetic system in the area of your hand/wrist and shoulder. For unknown reasons, your elbow is spared.
The unregulated activation causes blood vessels in these areas to clamp down. The resulting lack of blood supply to the hand, wrist and capsule of the shoulder causes the pain that characterizes the condition.
Because of these features, Sudek's atrophy is also called shoulder-hand syndrome.
Treatment consists of heat and using the arm and hand as much as you can tolerate. Other treatments include a sympathetic nerve block or a short course of high dose prednisone. The long-term efficacy of these therapies is not established. Fortunately in most cases, time suffices to restore useful function.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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) 477-8300 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, James E. Selis, M.D., section chief of Mammography Providence Hospital, will discuss who's at risk for breast cancer, advantages of early diagnosis and mammography/ultrasound. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile road, Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500. Call (248) 926-6370.

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME
Restless Leg Syndrome, Greater SE Michigan Area Support Group will meet from 1-2:30 p.m.

at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information contact Lillian Bory at (734) 641-1185.

WED, OCT. 27

LEAVE TOO EARLY
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, M.D. 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

6:00P, NOV. 3
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) 458-4343.

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 provide 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: Mark Richter, M.D. from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 427-5200 for information.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT
An education program to help people self-manage diabetes from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison St., Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330. Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and special activities.

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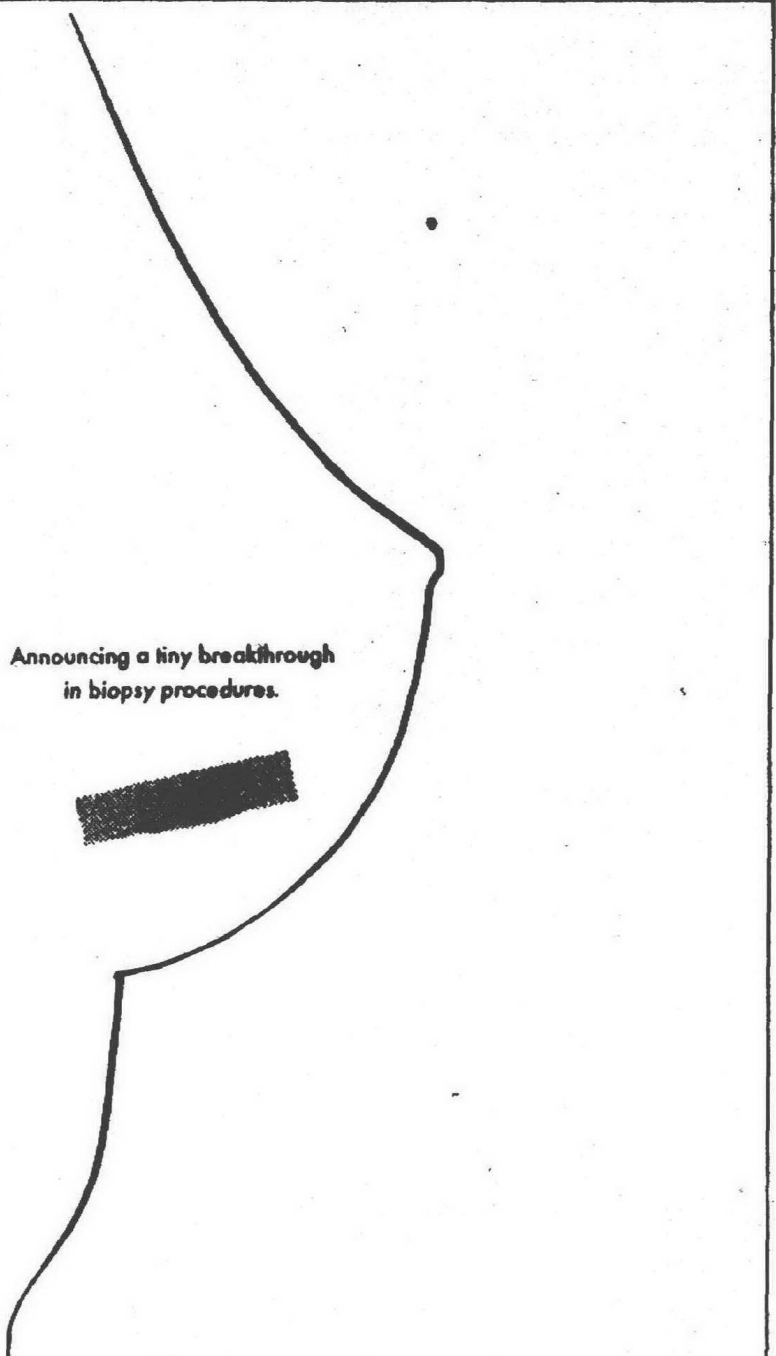
Canton Friday, November 5 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health 1600 S. Canton	Redford Tuesday, November 2 2 p.m. at Tim Horton's 11307 Telegraph Rd.
Dearborn Wednesday, October 27 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 3500 Greenfield Rd.	Southgate Thursday, October 28 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 15750 Northline Rd.
Detroit Monday, October 25 2 p.m. at Big Boy 7033 East Jefferson	Westland Tuesday, October 26 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 36601 Warren Ave.
Garden City Monday, October 25 2 p.m. at Garden City Library 2012 Middlebelt Rd.	



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