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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Meet your legislators:

State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is sponsoring a legislative summit at 7 p.m. in the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Other local elected officials will also attend.

WEDNESDAY

Spelling bee: The Community Literacy Council will hold its annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. at Summit on the Park in Canton to raise awareness and money for its literacy program. To reserve space for your team or for more information about the council, call Kimberly Black at (734) 416-4906.

THURSDAY

Update breakfast: School officials from Van Buren and Wayne-Westland will be featured speakers at the monthly Third Thursday Update breakfast hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The free program takes place at 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Summit. The program is sponsored by the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus.

Court forum: The 35th District Court will hold a community forum for local residents to talk about the criminal justice system and offer suggestions on how the court can better serve the public. The Canton forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Canton Township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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Rapist looking at tough sentence



A Taylor man convicted of raping a Realtor at a model home in Canton could be sentenced to up to life in prison without parole. Mitchell Dean Sproessig is a repeat offender with a similar conviction in Texas.

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A 38-year-old man recently found guilty of raping a Livonia Realtor in Canton will be sentenced Oct. 27. Mitchell Dean Sproessig of Taylor

faces the possibility of life without parole after being convicted of three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Warfield Moore will decide his fate. Assistant Prosecutor Mike Wagner

declined to speculate on Moore's decision.

"But I will be asking for the maximum sentence," he said. "I firmly believe this person is a serial rapist and would've done it again had he not been caught."

Sproessig is currently being held in the Wayne County jail. His Oct. 5 conviction, which took a jury less than one hour of deliberation, isn't his first.

Sproessig was on parole from a 1985 Texas conviction on a similar charge at

the time of the Canton incident. Wagner said that fact will likely play into Moore's sentencing decision.

"His decisions never come out of left field," he said of the judge. "They're always appropriate. He's fair, but tough."

Sproessig raped the woman, now 24, in a Canton model home last year.

She was working alone in a home on Woodbine Street Dec. 23 when he came in at about 3 p.m. Sproessig came into

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Home Depot wins OK

■ MICHIGAN AVENUE

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Home Depot won its most crucial approval Tuesday despite concerns of township residents.

Canton's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to grant site plan approval for the 121,000-square-foot facility, which will be on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center. Home Depot needs no further approvals from Canton Trustees, Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

Nearly two dozen Kimberly Meadows Subdivision residents voiced concerns ranging from noise and hours of operation to safety.

"The berm is the key issue," said Kevin Fisher, a liaison for the sub's homeowner's association. "It has been and will continue to be."

Darrel Williams agreed. He told the board he would be apprehensive about letting his daughter play in his backyard without some type of barrier between the store and adjacent homes.

"Security is my No. 1 concern," said Williams. "We need a fence."

Home Depot will be part of a regional shopping center at the site.

More than 300,000 square feet of retail space is planned. A grocery, electronics shop and drug store are possible center tenants.

Canton Community Planner Goulet said there is no timetable for the center's final development. Home Depot, however, plans to break ground next spring, he said.

The store will occupy 107,000 square feet, while a garden center will make up the balance.

Home Depot received a special land use OK from the board in August and was recommended for site plan approval by the planning commission on Sept. 20.

Engineering and building reviews by the township must now be completed, said Goulet.

Township ordinance requires commercial developers to create either a berm or masonry fence as a barrier to residential areas.

According to project representative Bryan Amann, Home Depot will con-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

On campus: Students pour out of Plymouth Canton High School at the end of the day Thursday, Sept. 23.

East vs. West

New high school location remains mired in controversy

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

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

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

The school board even moved in that direction, until Little left for a job at Indiana University in July and the architect showed up at an

August school board meeting with two sites for construction.

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

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

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

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

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Most oppose board vote

■ STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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

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

School administrators were handed seven mandates by the board which

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Teachers' group calls action 'censorship'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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"They've created a firestorm."

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

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

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

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

this week.

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

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

"One is a math teacher, the other is a music teacher, and that's what they should be teaching," said Walcott. "I don't think this is about free speech."

Walcott said the district has received several hundred telephone calls con-

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UPDATE

4 charged in robbery, assault at mobile home

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Four men ranging in age from 17 to 21 were arraigned Friday in connection with the armed robbery of a Canton woman and her son earlier this week.

Each was charged with identical felony counts of armed robbery, home invasion and firearm possession. Penalties range from two years to life.

Kristopher Myers, 20, Michael Palmore Jr., 17, and Keith Druyor, 21, were given \$750,000 cash bonds by 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthrust. A cash bond of \$1 million was set for Roosevelt Henderson, 19.

Each faces an Oct. 25 preliminary exam at the Plymouth court. If enough evidence is presented, the four men will be bound over for trial at Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

The men are accused of robbing a 28-year-old township woman of marijuana and cash at gunpoint Tuesday after-

noon.

Canton police and other area agencies worked almost non-stop until the time of arraignment, which was done by video from the township jail, to apprehend the suspects.

Three men broke into the woman's Michigan Avenue Sherwood mobile home trailer at about 3:20 p.m. Tuesday. The fourth acted as a lookout, according to Canton Detective Debra Newsome.

Canton police maintain the men were at the home earlier in the day Tuesday and later forced their way in.

One of the men allegedly pulled a handgun and threatened to kill the 28-year-old if she didn't turn over an unspecified amount of marijuana. Moments later the woman was taken to her bedroom and tied up with electrical tape.

Her 11-year-old son was tied up as

Please see **ROBBERY**, A6

Police track 2 exposure incidents in township

A pair of indecent exposure cases were reported to township police earlier this week.

An 11-year-old Canton girl was victimized late Wednesday. According to police reports, she was sitting at a booth at a Ford Road restaurant with her mother at about 8:30 p.m.

A man described as being in his 40s, 5-foot 8-inches tall and about 160 pounds, exposed himself to the girl. Reports said he was sitting a few tables away with his legs spread wide open.

Police reports said he was wearing green sweat pants. No other clothing description of the man was given.

A second incident occurred Thursday, again on Ford Road.

A 41-year-old Canton woman told police she was shopping at a shoe store shortly after 2 p.m. when a man in his 30s approached her with his genitals

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exposed.

Reports described the man as 6-feet tall, about 195 pounds and wearing blue jeans with a cream-colored shirt. The man left after exposing himself, according to reports.

The Canton woman reported the incident to a store employee. Reports said there were no other witnesses to the incident.

Break-in

A Warren Road homeowner was recently robbed of electronic equipment and cash.

A television, electric guitar and VCR, valued at \$800 combined, were stolen from the home in the 3900 block of Warren between Oct. 4 and 7. About \$600 in cash was also stolen.

Reports indicate the homeowner

told police he had been out of town on those dates. The man's son discovered the break-in on Oct. 7, saying the home had been ransacked. Police have no suspects.

Lawn job

About \$30 worth of damage was done to Canton Township's Independence Park Monday.

A 22-year-old Superior Township man told police he saw a vehicle jump the curb and drive on the park's grass. The vehicle spun around for a few moments before leaving.

The 22-year-old followed the car and got its license plate number.

Drugs seized

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

The substance was found in a baggie in his left pants pocket. Police stopped the man east-bound on Ann Arbor Road near Main when they observed the tinted windows on the black Chrysler LeBaron he was driving.

The windshield had a film on it, police said.

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



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

GUILTY: Mitchell Dean Sproessig at an earlier hearing in 35th District Court. Sproessig, convicted this month on three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, will be sentenced Oct. 27 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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the home pretending to be a potential buyer, according to testimony given in a March district court hearing.

After touring the home alone, he attacked her. Sproessig forced her into a bedroom closet where the assault occurred.

The victim testified at the district court that she was able to get Sproessig to leave by convincing him her boss was coming by to check on her. She called 911 and was treated at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after

he left the model home. Wagner said the victim's circuit court testimony was key to convicting Sproessig.

The 24-year-old, he said, clearly remembered handing Sproessig an informational brochure.

Canton Police were later able to lift his fingerprints from the brochure. It was Wagner's lone piece of physical evidence.

"She was a very good witness," the prosecutor said. "She put together a composite that looked so much like him that it looked like a photograph."

While jurors tend to believe traumatized witnesses can't identify suspects, Wagner said the victim was convincing.

"She was able to do so," he added.

It's unknown whether Sproessig stalked the victim, said Wagner. But police believed that he may have visited other Realtors prior to attacking her.

Mike Wagner, prosecuting attorney

'Healthy Me' show at Field

In an effort to promote the importance of proper nutrition and exercise to children, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will present the free Healthy Me program to students at Field Elementary School in Canton on Friday, Oct. 22.

Performances at Field are scheduled for 2 and 2:45 p.m. Healthy Me features Children's Theatre of Michigan actors and actresses who perform a 30-minute show that stresses the importance of establishing good health habits intended to last a lifetime.

While people often dismiss foliage as an inconsequential element in a floral arrangement, florists know that greenery is an integral part of a flower display. The shape, color, and texture of foliage can dramatically affect the appearance of flowers. Roses may appear to be formal and elegant when paired with upright, glossy foliage, but they may otherwise appear more feminine when arranged with trailing foliage. When looking for foliage to complement flowers, take berry-topped hypericum into consideration. Other foliage stems that warrant consideration include butcher's broom, boxwood, leatherleaf, spring catkins, birch ivy, laurustinus, holly, English ivy, and eucalyptus. The selection of any of these various green elements will certainly add interest to any arrangement.

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School site from page A1

to the public.

"In his own mind Dr. Little may have thought it was on the west, but I don't think so," said La Ferle. "I just came up with options for the district."

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

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

A revocation vote was scheduled for a special board meeting Tuesday; however that has been taken off the agenda.

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

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

All three trustees have indicated to the Observer they will seriously consider changing their votes and move the construction of the high school to an east site, closer to the current high schools, if they get total support from staff.

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

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Students from page A1

'I don't care where it's at as long as I get a good education.'

Lester Booker, Eighth grade student

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

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

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

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

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

"I think it should've been handled better," she said. "It should go closer to the other schools," Salem freshman Niraj Kapadia said.

Busing concerns

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

"The shuttle would make it much worse," said Kapadia. Salem freshman Cheri Porter favors the east site.

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

Porter thinks the west location would curtail social interaction among students.

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

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

Several East Middle School students had similar opinions.

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

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

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

Eighth grader Christine Densted agreed.

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

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Campus setting is unique to Plymouth-Canton district

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@eccehomecomm.net

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

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

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

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

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

That decision is now being reconsidered.

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Wasko, public information spokesman for the West Bloomfield School District, wouldn't comment on the merits of a high school campus setting considering it inappropriate in relation to articles being written about the Plymouth-Canton school district.

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

Comparative high school counts

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT
ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	5,081
Huron High School	2,020
Pioneer	2,435
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	2,039
Andover	963
Lakewood	1,076
DEARBORN	4,846
Dearborn High	1,426
Fordson	1,385
Edsel Ford	1,391
FARMINGTON	3,536
Farmington High School	1,256
Harrison	1,105
North Farmington	1,290
HURON VALLEY	3,173
Lakeland	1,366
Milford	1,715
LIVONIA	5,526
(Last year's numbers)	
Churchill	1,919
Franklin	1,489
Stevenson	2,038
NORTHVILLE	1,463
Northville High School	1,463
NOVI	1,576
Novi High School	1,576
PLYMOUTH CANTON CAMPUS	4,692
(Last year's numbers)	
Canton High School	2,359
Salem High School	2,333
SOUTH LYON	1,660
South Lyon High School	1,660
VAN BUREN	1,791
Van Buren High School	1,791
WAYNE-WESTLAND	4,108
John Glenn	2,089
Wayne Memorial	1,966

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

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

The West Bloomfield school district is committed to operating only one high school and has added a 60,000-foot addition. "That's the size of an elementary school," Wasko commented.

SAKS FIFTH AVENUE

A fancy tale come true. René Lezard

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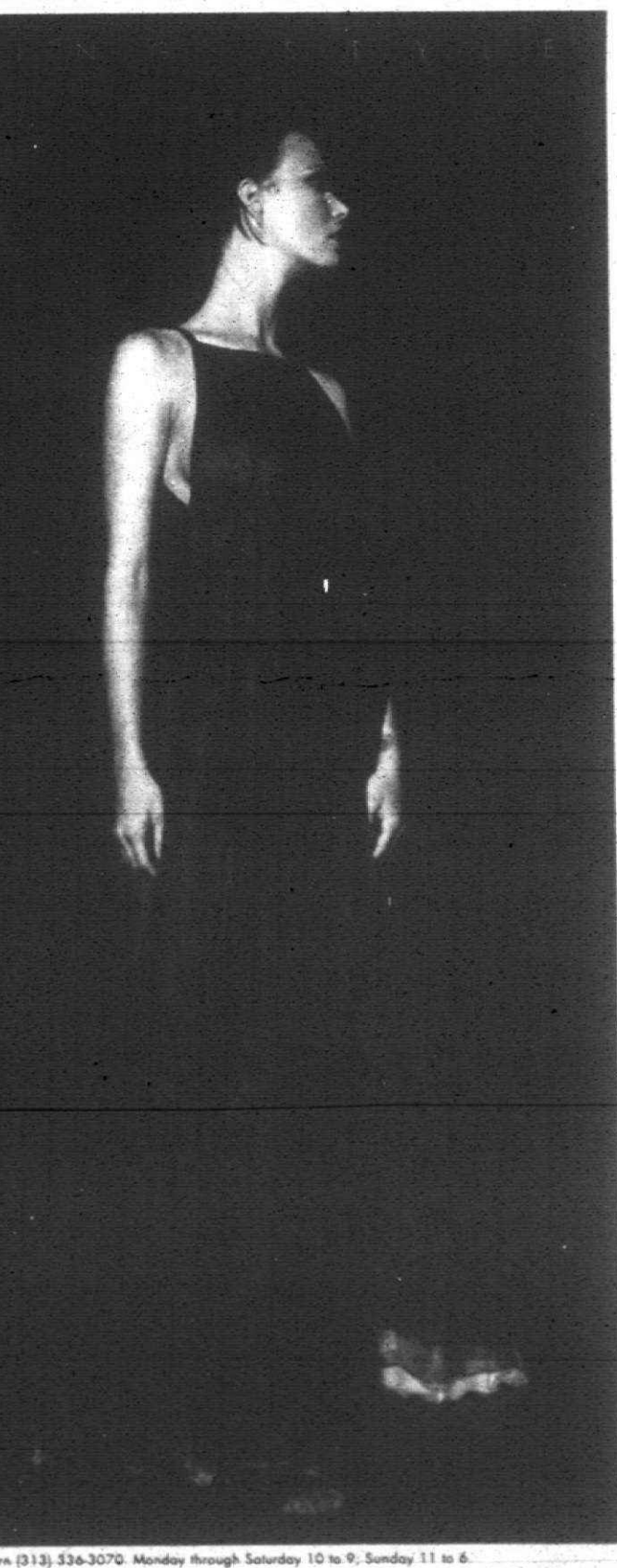
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CANTON CONNECTION

New venture

Canton residents Ken and Sue Voyles have launched a new venture.

Logos Communications will offer a variety of services for firms looking for assistance with public relations, marketing and communications, they said in a prepared statement.

The husband-and-wife team brings more than 30 years of communications experience to the new company. Areas the Canton-based company will specialize in include writing, public relations, photography, web design, special events planning, advertising and marketing. The company will offer technical and consulting services to area businesses, they said.

Susan Floyd Voyles has spent the past 13 years in the communications and marketing field, with experiences focused on public and media relations and marketing as well as special events and fund-raising for organizations like the Founders Society of Detroit Institute of Arts, Family Service Inc. and Madonna University.

Kenneth Harold Voyles has spent more than 21 years in the communications industry, with 15 years working in community journalism throughout metro Detroit, as well as seven years in government communications as the assistant to the township supervisor and then communications coordinator for Canton Township.

Logos Communications can be contacted by calling (734) 454-3645 or sending an e-mail to voyleske@metronet.lib.mi.us.

Treasurer honored

Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter is the recipient of a Certified Municipal Finance Administrator credential from the Municipal Treasurers' Association of the United States and Canada.

The professional certification program is designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate strong knowledge of the field of public finance.

Rockettes are tops

Plymouth Salem High School pom-pom/dance squad, the Rockettes, received the grand award at the Universal Dance Association competition at Michigan State University this past summer.

The 24-member team received a superior rating and trophy for winning first place in large divisions

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struct a 7-foot 3-inch berm to shield subdivision residents." He said plantings on the berm, such as trees and shrubs, will far exceed township requirements.

Fisher was skeptical. He noted that Kimberly Meadows developer had also promised a berm. While one was built, it's much shorter than what's needed, he said.

"Everybody in the subdivision agrees," Fisher added. "We want a fence. A wrought iron fence isn't too much to ask."

A letter from the homeowners association to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack buttressed that statement.

"We want to make it clear that we are not opposed to this development, or any other that will add to the quality of life for Canton residents," homeowners wrote. "But we feel that our request for the fence on the commercial side of the berm, or a mutually agreed upon alterna-

tion is a reasonable request." In light of resident concerns, Trustee Melissa McLaughlin suggested that the matter might be tabled. Residents and Home Depot, she said, needed time to work out a compromise.

But Amann bristled at the idea. "Any attempt to table would cause us months of delay," he said. "We do not want to delay."

Goulet thinks the berm will adequately buffer residents from noise and light pollution. "I think a 7-foot berm with evergreen trees will be a formidable barrier," he said.

The berm should cut down on the number of people cutting through the subdivision to visit fast food restaurants on Michigan Avenue.

Sidewalks will help in that regard, too, said Goulet. Sidewalks are planned from Geddes to Michigan Avenue.

DOLORES F. MYERS

Services for Dolores F. Myers, 81, of Canton were held Oct. 11 at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. She was born Nov. 11, 1917 in Detroit. She died Oct. 8 in Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Myers. Survivors include her son, Donald Myers of Canton and two grandchildren.

ROSE MARY CRISTELLI
Services for Rose Mary Cristelli, 94, of Plymouth were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visiting hours start at 10 a.m. Dr. Dean Klump from the Plymouth First United Methodist Church will be officiating.

She was born Feb. 4, 1905, in Hants, England. She died Oct. 10 in Farmington Hills. She came from England to Ottawa, Canada, in 1907. Her and her

husband moved to Detroit in March 1940. She became a resident of Tonquish Creek, Plymouth, in 1981. While in Canada, she worked for Civil Service at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. She was a member of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, Plymouth Senior Citizens, Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the Thursday afternoon Card Club at Tonquish Manor. She enjoyed golf, knitting, sewing, playing cards, crossword puzzles and bingo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew in 1977; four sisters, Helena Kill, Dorothy Kill, Bess Tilly and Georgina Clark. Survivors include her two daughters, Andrea (Donald) Graham of Northville and Linda Scheibel of Westland; four grandchildren, Donald (Susan) Graham of Southfield, Jay (Jodi) Scheibel of Westland, Keith (Shannon) Graham of Northville and Megan (Steve) Berry of Chicago, Ill.; and five great-grandchildren, Justin Scheibel, Ian Graham, Julia Graham, Kaylee Berry and Greer Berry.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

JOSEPHINE M. MISCAT
Services for Josephine M. Misca, 89, of Canton were Oct. 18 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George

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Charmley officiating. She was born Sept. 3, 1910, in Zietun, Malta. She died Oct. 13. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles C. Survivors include her three sons, Joseph, Vincent (Yvonne), Charles (Susan); one daughter, Mary (Alfred) Borg; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

NORMAN R. SMITH
Services for Norman R. Smith, 85, of Westland were Oct. 16 at the Church of the Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Porterville, Pa.

He was born Oct. 25, 1913, in Pickford, Mich. He died Oct. 13 in Westland. He was a training director for the state of Michigan. He was a member of the Church of the Divine Savior Catholic Church. He was a member of St. Mary Cathedral Church in Lansing. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3676. He was member of the Knights of Columbus. He had a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Michigan University and a master of arts degree from Michigan State University.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred J. and Jennie B. Smith. Survivors include his

daughter, Gretchen (Lawrence) A. Buslepp of Canton; three sons, James (LuzAngela) A. Smith of Lyon, Paul (Patrice) Smith of Argyle, Texas, Stephen P. Smith of Mt. Pleasant; four sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, P.O. Box 210, Nazareth, MI 49074.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

EVERETT C. ELLIS
Services for Everett C. Ellis, 68, of Plymouth were Oct. 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Jerry Yarnell officiating.

He was born May 25, 1931, in Detroit. He died Oct. 12 in Garden City. He was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church. He was owner and founder of Hull & Custom Boat Repair, Livonia. He was a past member of Marine Dealers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Jeffery Ellis. Survivors include one son, Jeffery Ellis of Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, Donald (Dolores) Ellis of Livonia; and two sisters, Kathleen (Edward) Garcia of White Lake and Janet (Jim) Squalia of Sarasota, Fla.

Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201.

Local leaders oppose bill to divert civil fines

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The six bills, House Bills 4927-4932, are tied together so that either all are enacted or none are.

An exhibit of silhouettes of Michigan family violence victims and their biographies will be featured at an awards luncheon presented by the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 300 in the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph Street in Detroit.

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

The event recognizes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Special awards will be presented to Lt. Gwendolyn Brown, commanding officer, Detroit Police Department; Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Halloran and past WCCAFV co-chair, Karen Porter, associate director, First Step West. Wayne County Prosecutors, and Andrea Solak, chief of special operations, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and past WCCAFV co-chair.

For additional information about the event, call (313) 224-5454.

Mayor opposed

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas also pointed out that

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

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

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

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

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

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

"At what point does legitimate

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

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

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JV, freshmen win

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

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

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

Collegiate standouts

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

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

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

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

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

Hockey boosters

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

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

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

Dragons roar

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

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

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

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

The coaches are Mike Benton and Steve Meek.

Rec basketball

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

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

Volleyball leagues

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

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

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

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



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

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see **SOCCER, B4**

Rockets scalp Chiefs, 40-13

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

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

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

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

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

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

John Glenn's offense set the tone

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

Please see **CANTON FOOTBALL, B4**

Kocoloski carries Rocks past Pats

This one can be called the Andy Kocoloski show.

The senior halfback/defensive back did it all Friday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game against Livonia Franklin, and it resulted in a 40-13 Plymouth Salem victory.

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

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

For the Patriots, things started going wrong from

SALEM FOOTBALL

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

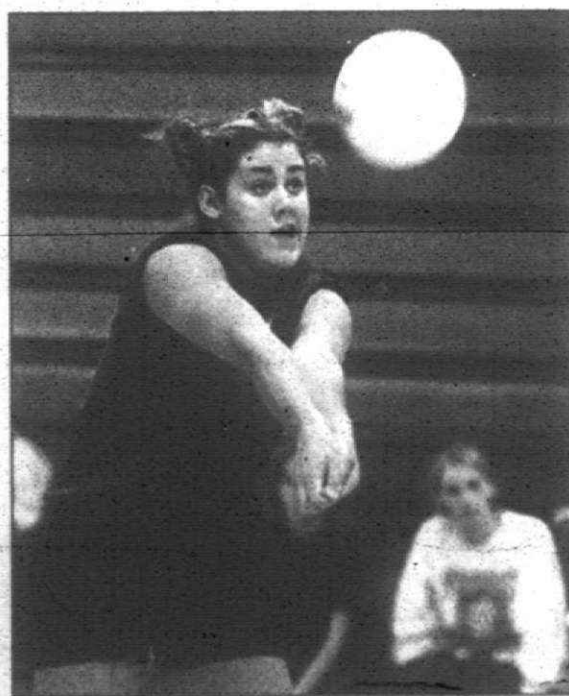
On its next possession, Salem was stopped by Franklin at its own 49. But on fourth-down-and-1, Gabe Coble took the snap on a fake punt and raced 13 yards for a first down at the Patriot 38. Kocoloski took over from there with runs covering 18 and 10 yards, the latter giving the Rocks a 12-0 lead.

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

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

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

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

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

In the hunt

Ocelots remain in title picture

The home stretch is approaching.

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

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

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

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

SC VOLLEYBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wensing ranks fourth in setting percentage (.302) and fifth in assists to kills per game (.667).

Chiefs club Pats

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

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

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

Tara Morrell scored 14 points and Lisa Balke 12 as Patriots dropped to 6-7 overall, 3-4 in the WLAA.

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

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

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

BASKETBALL

ever it tried to go inside for high percentage shots.

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

"We had a difficult time getting things going."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Randi Brown led Farmington with four points.

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

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

Canton gets 2nd win

Most of the wins went to Farmington Harrison in the Hawks' dual swim meet Thursday at Plymouth Canton.

Except for the most important: The one indicated by the final score.

Canton got victories in just four of 13 events, but the Chiefs' depth was far too great for Harrison, which lost this Western Lakes Activities Association dual 103-83.

"They've got a few really good swimmers, but not much after that," Canton coach Jeremy Kemery said of Harrison after his Chiefs collected their second dual win in seven tries.

Canton's 200-yard medley relay team of Milne Matheny, Erin Rogala, Danielle Drysdale and Chelsea Opydke won the 200-yard medley relay.

The Chiefs' individual-event winners were Drysdale in the

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100 backstroke (1:07.28), Jodie Berry in diving (180.45 points) and Lindsey Malloles in the 50 freestyle (37.56).

Harrison had a pair of double-winners in individual events: Taylor Goad in the 200 free (2:14.26) and 100 butterfly (1:10.29), and Lindsey Fetters in the 200 individual medley (2:14.70) and 100 breaststroke (1:08.64). Both were also part of the Hawks' winning 200 (1:53.63) and 400 (4:03.95) free relay teams.

Canton concludes its dual-meet season at Livonia Franklin Thursday.

Salem dunks Glenn
Six different swimmers collected firsts in individual events for Plymouth Salem as the Rocks wrecked Westland John Glenn 115-68 Thursday at Glenn.

The win pushes Salem's dual-meet mark to 5-2.

The Rocks also won all three relays. Kari Foust, Alex Evans, Monica Glowki and Sarah Rogers were first in the 200-yard medley relay (2:00.10); Jess Hale, Amanda Srodawa, Julie Holbel and Jenny Crabill teamed for a win in the 200 free relay (1:57.24) and Evans, Alicia Dotson, Trisha Dotson and Glowki combined for a first in the 400 free relay (4:04.89).

Individual winners for Salem included Trisha Dotson in the 200 free (2:12.32); Alicia Dotson in the 50 free (37.55); Jess Hale in the 100 free (1:07.87); Jenny Taylor in the 500 free (8:13.7); Rachel Underhill in the 100 backstroke (1:18.14); and Foust in the 100 breast (1:18.13).

The Rocks conclude their dual-meet season at home against Farmington at 7 p.m. Thursday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 21

Luth. W. vs. Hamtramck, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.

Salem at Canton (CEP), 7:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Churchville, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Howell, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City at Milford, 7:30 p.m.

Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Harrison at Country Day, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Churchville at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m.

Ladysmith at Regina, 7 p.m.

Mercy at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Truman, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7 p.m.

Agape at Temple Christian, 7 p.m.

Luth. East at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Ply. Christian at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Macomb, 7 p.m.

Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 18

Truman at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Macomb at Goshen Ind., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Indiana Tech vs. Madonna

at Livonia's Whitman Field, 4 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Harrison vs. N. Farmington

at Our Lady of Sorrows, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.

Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Churchville at Canton, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Howell, 7:30 p.m.

Wayne at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.

Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Truman, 7 p.m.

Cranbrook at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Light & Life at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Borgess at Ladysmith, 7 p.m.

Divine Child at Mercy, 7 p.m.

Fairlane at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Agape at Warren Zee, 5 p.m.

Oak Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 18

Truman at Wayne, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Oct. 20

Indiana Tech vs. Madonna

at Livonia's Whitman Field, 4 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Carlson at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Southgate at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

(WLAA Championship Final)

Churchville at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

River Rouge at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Aquinas at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Deerbrook at Redford Union, 3:30 p.m.

Aquinas at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

S. Lyon at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.

Agape at Warren Zee, 5 p.m.

Oak Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

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Ind. Tech at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Madonna at Goshen Ind., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Indiana Tech vs. Madonna

at Livonia's Whitman Field, 4 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Delta College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Spring Arbor vs. Madonna

at Livonia's Whitman Field, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Window at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Delta at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Hillsdale at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Scratch at Ill. Cent. Toumey, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Scratch at Ill. Cent. Toumey, 7 p.m.

Ontario Hockey League

Friday, Oct. 22

Whalers at Sudbury, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced

Madonna crushes Cards

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

The Fighting Crusaders proved they can.

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

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

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

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

Other goals came from Jim Misailovich (from Livonia

COLLEGE SOCCER

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

Brian Murphy had three assists in the game.

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

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

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

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Dueling duals

Canton, Salem girls clinch 2nd in divisions

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

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

Western beat the Chiefs 24-33.

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

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

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

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

Canton girls win 2
Plymouth Canton's girls cross country team won their dual meets against Walled Lake Western and Northville to finish the regular season at 6-1 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA's Western Division — good for second place.

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

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

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

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

Sarah Rucinski (22:11

Credit Union Membership Access Act Gives 63 Million Working Americans Access To Nonprofit Financial Cooperatives

By Lori Z. Bahrmueller

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

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

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

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

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

average size of these groups is about 90 employees.

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

To support financial service

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Lori Z. Bahrmueller

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The gap between bank and credit union consumer loan rates was unusually high in 1994 because banks had just raised their rates in response to a sharp increase in short-term market interest rates that began in early 1994," said Hampel.

"Since then, banks have gradually backed off from some of those increases."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Lori Z. Bahrmueller

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

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

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

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

or engage in other unlawful activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

and verbal authorization to transfer the money.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Credit Unions Best In Customer Satisfaction For 15th Straight Year

By Lori Z. Bahrmueller

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

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

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

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

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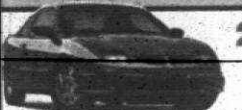
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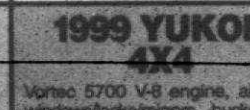
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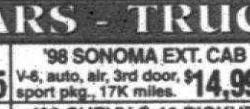
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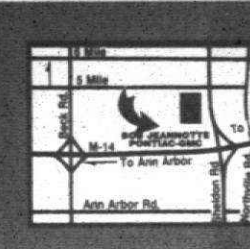
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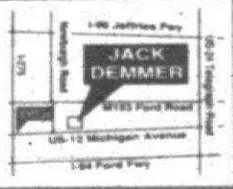
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Students win international design contest

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

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

What: Presentations of computer graphic animation winners 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, and 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

Where: In the auditorium of the Forum Building on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

The exhibit of winning posters continues through Friday, Oct. 29 in the Bradner Library on campus. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 4 p.m. Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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

Assistant professor Colleen Case spearheaded the effort to produce the catalog. She serves on Siggraph's education committee.

"Siggraph is the biggest computer graphics and interactive techniques organization in the world," said Case, a graphic designer for 20 years before she joined the college's computer graphics staff.

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

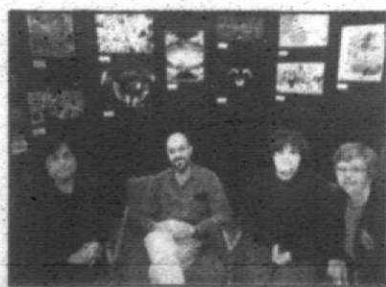
Art site

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

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

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

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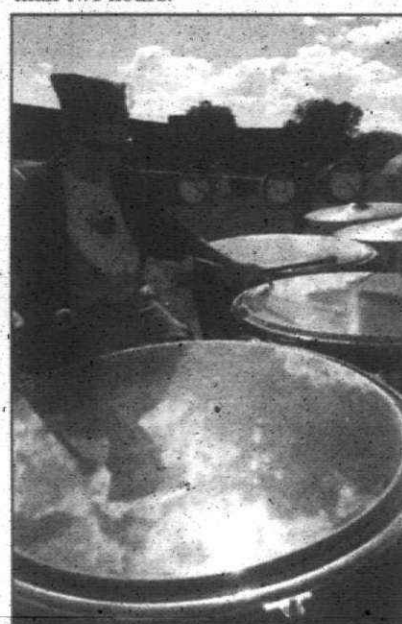
International competition: Donna Gniewek (left to right), Matt Walsh, Michelle Brown and Brenda Brummel competed in a graphics competition sponsored by Siggraph.



BANDS MARCH TO THEIR OWN PIPERS

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



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

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

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

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

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

he's already caught the spirit.

"Performing's exciting," said Varney.

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

Championship

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

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

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

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

Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship Contest

When: Saturday, Oct. 30, Flight I 9:45 a.m., Flight IV 1:10 p.m., Flight III 4:35 p.m., and Flight II 8 p.m.
Where: Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone.
Tickets: \$12 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Call (248) 456-1600.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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

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

Pay to play

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

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

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

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

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



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

New beginning

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

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AWARD WINNERS

Young Americans bring home Irish gold

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

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

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

Bringing Home the Gold

What: A victory party to celebrate the musicians who won first, second and third place in the All-Ireland Championship Fleadh, Irish music and dancing.
When: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.
Where: Connors O'Neill's Irish Pub, 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 537-3489.

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

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

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

Irish roots

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

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

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

"I grew up with music," said Sean.



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

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

Award winning musician

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

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

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

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

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

Teamwork

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Professor Stephen Wroble said

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

Learning

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

Established in the fall of 1994, Schoolcraft's Computer Graphics Technology program prepares

students for careers in computer graphics and graphic design through a combination of classroom and "real world" experiences.

"We bring real world projects into the classroom from Ford, GM, Johnson Controls and the Westland Chamber of Commerce," said Wroble.

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

designers are scrambling to acquire those keyboard skills.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(313) 591-7279.

GOETHE EXHIBIT OPENS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTS MEETING

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

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

WINTER ART FAIR

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

Admission is \$5, children under age 10 free. Traditional and contemporary paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and hand woven clothing will be available. For information visit the Web site at <http://www.levyartfair.com>

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

Sinka, who earned degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and Indiana University, has served as the piano department chairman at Bradley University in Illinois. He was pianist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 16 years and currently holds the position with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

ANN ARBOR ARTISANS MARKET
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Regular market hours Sundays through December at Farmers' Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

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

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

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

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

FESTIVAL OF THE WORLD
The 73rd original World Market featuring dance troupes, choral and instrumental groups, a variety of ethnic foods and arts and crafts. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (313) 871-8000.

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

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

CLASSES
ART CLASSES
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BROWN BAG LECTURES
"Final Resting Places," a historical perspective on 19th century, Midwestern cemeteries presented by Bette Twyman from the Information Technology Auditorium at the Oakland County campus in

On display



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

Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

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CARY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - Sergio De Gaudenzi: Sculptures, drawings and watercolors through Nov. 13. Reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

C-POP GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - "Niagara Leaves Nothing Behind" through Nov. 17. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

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

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 22 - Bob Thompson, works on canvas and paper through Nov. 27. Reception, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

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

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Oct. 23 - Howard Kottler: Howard! through Nov. 27. Reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. 3257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
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Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-3300.

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Hair experts talk about cuts and looks for fall

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

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

Whether your hair is curly or straight, long or cropped, what you need to know is what's current in cuts, color, and products. To give you the most updated information about hair, I spoke to some of the areas leading hair stylists. Here is what a few of them had to say.

Jimmi of Palazzolo's salon in Royal Oak:

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

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

Debbie Miller at Red The Salon in Birmingham:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please send your questions to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 476 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or call me at (248) 203-9477. Mary Anne Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and makeup for film and print.

Something for everybody

The young and old celebrate Halloween



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

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

Everybody else is.

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

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

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

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

"They will get this and love it," said Morris. "Decorating is a big thing today. With this, they instantly have something to decorate their house." Priced at \$60, the gift heaps homemade cookies and candy, a set of bright orange twist candles and a bag of goblin pasta into a handpainted, Halloween clay pot. Halloween greeting cards also have been selling well at Merchant of Vino, said Sue Feldman, the store's basket designer.

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



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



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



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

Local Halloween events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Northland event to teach about safety

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

The program pairs Northland Center's private police force with the City of Southfield's police and fire departments to educate children and parents about safety issues.

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ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FUR DESIGNER APPEARANCE
Meet fur designer Zuki and view his fall collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, noon-4 p.m., Fur Salon, third floor.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

CHARITY SHOPPING DAY
To commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Somerset Collection's Liz Claiborne store in Troy donates 10 percent of the day's sales to local domestic violence partners and sells limited edition products to benefit the organizations.
CATCH BENEFIT
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and Esquire magazine host a special evening to benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford hospitals. Cocktails, strolling supper, entertainment and informal modeling of the Men's

Fall 1999 Designer Clothing Caravan, 5:30-8 p.m., Men's Store, first floor. Tickets are \$50. Please reserve tickets by Oct. 18. Call (313) 876-9399.

PATRON PARTY FOR VARIETY
Schubert Jewellers, 3001 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy, hosts a patron party to benefit Variety - The Children's Charity. The event, which previews Variety's annual Lights, Camera, Auction event on Oct. 26, features the fine jewelry collections of Michael Bondanza and Stefan Hafner. For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 258-5511.

COSMETICS CREATOR VISITS
Meet creator of Chantecaille cosmetics Sylvia Chantecaille at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cosmetics department, first floor.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

The Village Barn, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a show of Christopher Radko's glass holiday tree ornaments through Oct. 24, 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, call (248) 851-7877.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Floor skirting: There's no mandatory skirt length this season, but ankle-length A-lines are in abundance. DKNY's quilted cotton version in natural gray screams comfort, \$195 at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Literary scents: New from L'Occitane, the Feuille d'Herbe fragrance collection was inspired by Walt Whitman's poem "Leaves of Grass," \$48 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Tools of the trade: For inexpensive makeup brushes and other beauty tools, try French cosmetics company Sephora's private label, \$12-60 at Sephora, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

One box of Ivory Snow Flakes from a reader.

A reader who knits children's sweaters.

One reader with a set of "My Book House" books.

One white, wicker plant stand from an individual reader.

One copy of the children's book "Fletcher," the book is no longer carried in stores.

A portable wine storage cabinet with a minimum capacity of 200 bottles for Joe of Livonia.

The video tape "The One" by Elton John for Veda.

A 1997 American-Indian Barbie doll with papoose and turquoise-colored outfit (item #17313) for Sharon.

A 1950 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook for Katherine.

Cortland apples can be bought on Saturday at the Farmington Farmer's Market on Grand River in the Village Commons shopping center.

Ground bay leaf spice is made by Durkee and can be purchased at most grocery stores.

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Silk glove liners can be purchased in the Land's End catalog (p. 74, item #4847-6238, \$8), (800) 356-4444.

Power Ranger Halloween costumes are available at the 1/2 Off Gard Store on Rochester Road at Hamlin in Rochester Hills.

A store in the Redford/Livonia area where Beaver Creek Farms chili mix is sold for Camille.

An Anne Geddes baby mobile for Mandy.

A store where Men's short-sleeved sweat shirts are sold for Carol.

A seal for a 50-year-old Magic Seal Best Quality Pressure Cooker (item #716) for Marion.

Safeguard liquid hand soap for Joyce.

A shop where wicker furniture is painted and a store that sells 33-inch (basin) white, cast-iron sinks for Cindy, who lives in Canton.

A store that sells women's cotton camisoles for Eleanor.

A 1979 Lincoln Park High School yearbook for Mary.

A decorative hand pump to cover a shallow well for Rod.

A directions manual for a Duofold Mangle for Mary Ann.

A Rainbow Brite doll for Sally.

Revlon lipstick in "Silver Fox Pink" and Secret of Venus perfume for Zelmia.

A copy of the 70s movie Sunshine and the follow-up movie for Pamela.

A 1961 Rochester High School yearbook for Pat.

Corman light butter from Belgium for Mrs. Bush.

The "Lady of Charm" cookbook for Pat.

The game book for Carol.

Cassette tapes for a Teddy Ruxpin talking teddy bear for Margaret.

A long line bra by Sub-tract for Dorothy.

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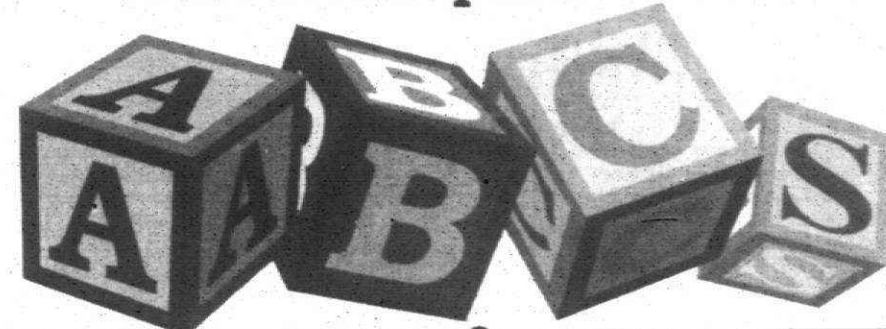
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TRAVEL

Atmospheric Williamsburg spins an authentic tale

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The crowd buzzed as Thomas Jefferson strode to the platform, looking every inch the 18th-century statesman. "I have been called here to address certain issues," said Jefferson, actually a man re-enacting his role at Colonial Williamsburg.

Jefferson discussed with the visiting tourists, or colonists, the fighting in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The day of his speech near the Governor's Palace was April 29, 1775, according to the Williamsburg calendar.

"I stand here not to voice treason." Rather, Jefferson advocated the right to hold and voice opinion, to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.

"Let us not step back but proceed forward accordingly," he said, parrying a question about his views on slavery.

"We must attend to this barbaric practice of slavery," said Jefferson, himself a slave owner, "upwards of 200 and 50." Jefferson advocated gradual elimination of slavery, and the teaching of skills to those freed.

Such re-enactments are common fare at Colonial Williamsburg, which aims to give visitors a firsthand view of life in 18th-century colonial America.

My husband, Mark Rembacki, and I took a September trip, flying into Richmond and taking an airport limo in and back.

I had been to Colonial Williamsburg in college. My husband had never been. He had an interesting experience on this trip. When we visited the old courthouse, he was put "on trial" for not attending church in the past four weeks. His defense of being Roman Catholic and unable to worship as he saw fit fell on deaf Protestant ears. The fine was five shillings.

The Williamsburg Web site is at www.colonialwilliamsburg.org, and information is also available by calling (800) HISTORY. Plentiful lodging is available in a variety of price ranges. We stayed at the most economical Governor's Inn, which required crossing railroad tracks and one busy intersection to get into town but was pleasant and comfortable.



Paying attention: Listeners heed the words of Thomas Jefferson. Such re-enactments are common in Colonial Williamsburg.



Elegant surroundings: The Governor's Palace draws many visitors to Colonial Williamsburg.

Other lodging sites are offered, and there's certainly plenty to see. We enjoyed the historic buildings, not only the Governor's Palace, Capitol and courthouse, but also the taverns and shops set up to show everyday life in Williamsburg more than 200 years ago.

The food in the two taverns we ate in was designed to be authentic, although I did get potato chips with my fish sandwich. We ate at Chowning's Tavern and King's Arms Tavern. There are two others: Christiana Campbell's Tavern and

Shields Tavern.

We visited the DeWitt Wallace Gallery but had to pass on the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center when Hurricane Floyd cut our trip short. The DeWitt Wallace Gallery site houses the Public Hospital, showing the first such facility in North America to treat the mentally ill. The modern-day exhibit shows how treatment of mental illness evolved.

We heard some of slavery but didn't have time to visit the Carter's Grove Plantation, where slavery is re-enacted. The

slavery re-enactment has generated controversy in Williamsburg, and we hope to go back to learn more.

Jefferson, in speaking, advocated religious freedom for all, "all of us free to attend to our God as we choose." He also discussed the economy, saying "Citizens, it is my firm belief that we must practice a good economy."

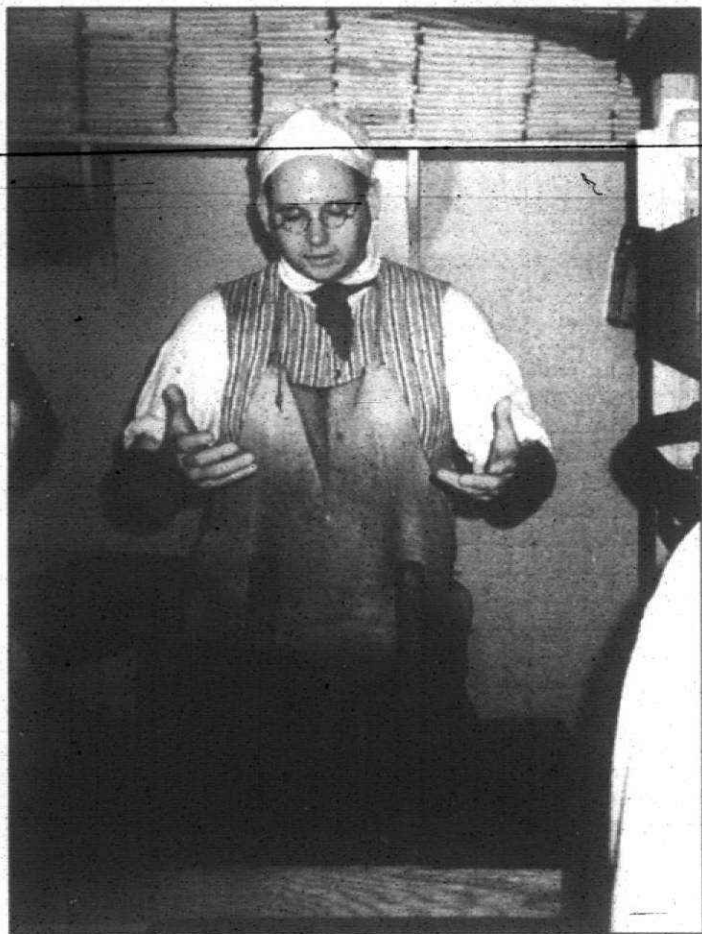
He favored not spending on items that couldn't be afforded, and also encouraged a sound educational system for the future. "Ignorance is not bliss. An education will always prove the true corrective for the abuses of government." The young Jefferson also advocated press freedom.

Early press history is an interest of mine, so I was pleased to visit the colonial print shop and ask questions. The re-enactments were particularly interesting, including a visit by George Washington, but the man in the print shop was able to speak to modern questions, too, which I appreciated.

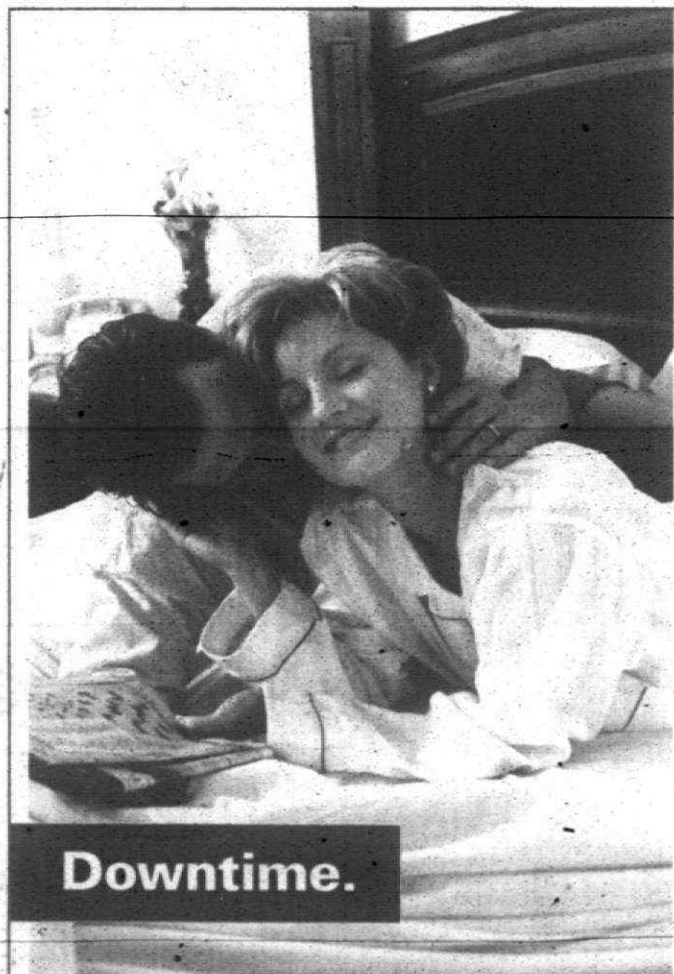
Williamsburg was Virginia's capital from 1699 to 1780. A visit will reveal just how "British" our young country was on those days, with influence from across the Atlantic still felt. One day, we gathered with others as Lord Botetourt convened the House of Burgesses for the first time in his governorship. The feel was British, yet those of us watching knew the Revolution loomed.

The more recent story of Williamsburg, of how visionary clergyman W.A.R. Goodwin in 1926 convinced John D. Rockefeller Jr. to restore the site to colonial glory, is told as well. Both it and the colonial stories combine to make Williamsburg a great travel destination.

Our passes are good through next September, and we'll be checking airfares to see about going back. We'll remember to wear good walking shoes, too, although there is bus service as well.



Getting the word out: The print shop is one of many facilities designed to show everyday working life in colonial America.



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Twist on Tradition



CHEF RANDY EMERT

Get to know the flavorful winter squash

With so many different varieties of winter squash, it's hard to decide how to prepare them. From acorn, chayote, summer, butternut, gold nugget, hubbard, spaghetti, to the very popular pumpkin and cucumber, there are lots of possibilities. They can be steamed, baked, fried or broiled, eaten raw, or jazzed up with spices, cream and butter.

The first thing you need to do is cut your squash down to size. Make the first cut with a heavy knife or even a hand saw. Some of the larger and more mature squash have very thick skin. These are fine to eat but must be cooked until tender, and the skin must be removed.

Pumpkin

If your squash choice is pumpkin, I recommend baking it at 350° F. Cut the pumpkin in half, remove the seeds and strings and place the pumpkin, cut side down, in a pan filled with water. The water will keep the pumpkin from burning during the cooking process, and help maintain the moisture content. When it is done cooking, in about 30 minutes, or until fork tender, let it cool to room temperature. Peel and puree the pumpkin for use in your favorite recipes. My son Nathan likes to eat it with just a little cinnamon.

Acorn squash

If you like acorn squash, cut it in quarters, and lay skin side down in a pan. Put some butter on the squash and sprinkle it with brown sugar and spices (cinnamon, nutmeg and salt). Bake at 375°F until it is tender, about 30 minutes.

Spaghetti squash

What about spaghetti squash? Good question. Spaghetti squash can be boiled or oven steamed.

To boil it, simply put it into a pot of boiling water and simmer until it is fork tender (when you stab it with a fork, the fork slides out easily).

To oven steam, use a fork to punch 15 to 20 holes into the sides, equally distributed around the squash. Leave it whole and place it in a shallow baking pan with about a half an inch of water. Bake at 350°F until fork tender about 30 minutes.

Let the squash cool to lukewarm or room temperature, cut it in half and use a fork to pull out the spaghetti-filled inside.

To reheat, you can batter fry, sauté with tomatoes, garlic and olive oil, steam or heat in butter and parsley over a low flame until warm.

Summer squash

Despite its name, summer squash is grown right up to the first frost in mid- to late-October. My wife, Amy, likes this one when brushed with olive oil, seasoned with salt and pepper, and grilled. I prefer to slice them about a quarter inch thick and grill over medium heat about four to five inches above the fire for only two or three minutes on each side.

Chayote squash

One of the newcomers that is gaining in popularity across metro Detroit is chayote squash. This variety comes from Central America. It's very similar to other varieties of squash in that it has a high moisture content and gets harder as it matures. It can be grilled, baked, stuffed, added to salads, or chutneys.

Cucumbers

If cucumbers are your favorite squash, then the variations are limited only by your imagination. They are great raw, marinated, pureed, pickled, put into salads or even cooked in soup.

Please see TWIST, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Antipasto, a family tradition

CHEFS STIR UP THE

Melting Pot

BY ELEANOR HEALD • SPECIAL WRITER

Because metro Detroit is not a popular vacation destination, its dining scene and chefs are frequently overlooked. This changed on Monday, Oct. 4, at Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills when it became the first Michigan restaurant to host a James Beard Foundation benefit dinner.

Tribute's Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi was joined by four of our nation's top chefs, each focused on a distinct style of cuisine, yet showcasing America the melting pot.

Why did they come to metro Detroit?

"All my chef friends are cooking here," said Roberto Donna, chef proprietor of Galileo/II Laboratorio in Washington, DC. "We have a lot of fun when we get together."

Susanna Foo, chef/owner of her eponymous eatery in Philadelphia, remarked, "I met Takashi two years ago at a James Beard award event, and I was impressed. His cooking is like mine. I fuse Chinese and French, and he does Japanese and French."

Food trends

Chef/proprietor David Burke of Park Avenue Cafe in both New York City and Chicago is best known for his innovative, contemporary American cuisine.

"My cooking is an ever-changing style with the seasons," he said. "As we move into the 21st century, chefs are focused on high-quality products because people are demanding the best with more pronounced aromas and flavors."

Burke said that diners are tired of overworked and under-flavored dishes. This has brought an influx of Asian influences, particularly Vietnamese and Korean, into American chefs' recipes.

At Galileo/II Laboratorio, Roberto Donna has a new spin, not only on northern Italian dishes but on restaurant schematics. Galileo is a classical dining room, but within it is the small seven-table II Laboratorio, where Donna presents a prix-fixe surprise to diners who reserve weeks in advance.

"Because I own an Italian restaurant, I hate to say this," he said. "But today's diners are going back to the Bistro era and French cooking is back in favor. Among chefs, there's also a trend to return to old, traditional

recipes, revived with new cooking techniques, making the dishes lighter."

Touted as the best Chinese chef in America, Susanna Foo sees a mixed culture dominance of foods in the new millennium.

"With the freshest ingredients, I can combine classic Chinese cooking with classical French techniques to make delicate, new flavor combinations," she said.

Fresh is best

"The availability of fresh produce in major U.S. cities is making French chefs very jealous," French native Jean Louis Palladin said. His two restaurants — Palladin in New York City and Napa in Las Vegas — are food Meccas.

"Today, a chef in America can go to the market and find the freshest ingredients from around the world," he said. "In the last 20 years, availability of fresh products has made the leap of a century. I look at what's available from the market and a recipe pops into my head, and I make it that day. Today, American chefs and their dishes can compete with the best cuisine in the world."

"But in the American melting pot, the dish needs to have a unique twist for diners to consider it exceptional."

Palladin insists that more is not better and says chefs, as well as home cooks, should focus on retaining the flavors of fresh ingredients in whatever dish is prepared.

Michigan's top toque

Tribute's Takashi Yagihashi has made an impact on dining expectations in metro Detroit. The American melting pot theme for the James Beard Foundation dinner was his idea. It was orchestrated by Tribute's Maitre d' Mickey Bakst.

Takashi's Asian-influenced contemporary French cooking style concentrates on healthy, low-fat and organic produce. Peering into his crystal ball, he says American eating-out will resolve into two choices — fast food and highly specialized.

"Italian restaurants will continue to do well, but classic French is becoming more important," he said. "Trends, however, will

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Takashi Yagihashi, Executive Chef of Tribute, Farmington Hills



David Burke, Chef/proprietor of Park Avenue Cafe in New York City and Chicago



Susanna Foo, Chef/proprietor of Susanna Foo restaurant in Philadelphia



Roberto Donna, Chef/proprietor of Galileo/II Laboratorio in Washington, DC



Jean Louis Palladin, Chef/proprietor of Palladin in New York City and Napa in Las Vegas

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FOCUS ON WINE

What difference does a winemaker make?



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brand image and create new ones. His newest brand, Venezia, shows both his winemaking and marketing genius.

In 1989, we met Groom on one of his first days in the U.S. and discussed his plans for Geyser Peak. Since then, Groom has made wine waves with his style of sauvignon blanc. He also envisioned producing California's best shiraz (syrah) and is buying some of the finest grapes grown in California.

Today, all Geyser Peak wines sport new, smart and distinctive packaging. We don't ever remember such a quick turnaround for a winery that decided it was going to compete in the marketplace with high-profile big brands.

Besting the competition

In the 1999 California State Fair wine competition, Geyser Peak was awarded the Golden Winery Award based on the number of medals earned by its wines.

"Daryl Groom is an incredible winemaker," said G.M. Pucilowski, chief judge. "This is the second year in a row that Geyser Peak has won this prestigious award."

The winery earned six bronze, three silver, six gold and three double gold medals, which included California's best sauvignon blanc (Geyser Peak 1998, \$12), cabernet franc (Geyser Peak 1996, \$25), and sangiovese (Venezia Nuovo Mondo 1996, \$22).

And one of our personal favorites among new releases from Geyser Peak is the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, \$32.



Daryl Groom, Geyser Peak winemaker since 1989

"Since I came on board, we've developed association with top-quality growers and have secured some ultra-premium grapes," Groom remarked. "Geyser Peak as a brand now has a niche and is rightly viewed by the consumer as good drinking at a modest price. But today, the best California fruit has a high price tag. We didn't want to start another tier of wines under the Geyser Peak label at a higher price point, so we created Venezia as a home for top-flight fruit from our best growers. With this brand, we're carving out a new niche in the marketplace."

Groom knows that exceptional fruit is the key element in the creation of great wines. Venezia's grape growers play a role here. All wines under the Venezia label are made from grapes grown in vineyards, specially selected for superior growing conditions and consistent high-quality fruit. Once this hand-harvested fruit arrives at the winery, it is individually fermented to preserve unique characteristics.

Important growers

Groom cites important Napa and Sonoma County growers who have aided in his success. He emphasizes

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sizes, however, "the Venezia wings will not necessarily have the same grower recognition each year. We've established high standards, and if the fruit does not meet them in a given year, we won't vineyard-designate the wine."

Groom has been on a fast learning curve with his wines, especially with sangiovese and sauvignon blanc. The sales of sauvignon blanc, for instance, have been so brisk that production has more than tripled in the last two years.

Readers have inquired about spiraling California wine costs. Here, according to Mike Benziger, Benziger Family Winery is

the reason: 1997, '98 and '99 are years of short supply, especially in the North Coast. These years will be a distant memory when harvest 2000 and beyond hit. Because of increased planting, predictions for merlot in 2000 are 15 million more cases in the market.

Chardonnay shows the same aggressive increase with 16.5 million more cases. Will prices decrease? Most likely. For the top wines? Unlikely.

Cool autumn evenings can be warmed with new cognacs from Hennessy. With their singular personalities and character, three distinct brands appeal to a new consumer interested in

the latest trends. In spirits, that's Single Distillery Cognac, delivering the personal style of the individual distiller in which it is developed. The following retail for around \$50.

Le Peu has apricot, stone fruit, floral hints and a distinct oak component that makes it slightly rustic and right for the first autumn fire. Izambard is smooth and mellow with scents of violets, vanilla, caramelized sugar and ripe peach-honey. Serve it after a crême brûlée dessert for a unique taste experience.

Camp Romain has notes of orange zest and vanilla. Its floral wildflower character will be especially welcome as the weather takes on extra chill.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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never be as important as classic foods." The James Beard Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1986 to keep alive the culinary philosophy, ideals, and practices that earned James Beard his reputation as "the dean of American cooking."

Teacher, TV personality, food writer, and author of more than 20 cookbooks, Beard championed good food and great chefs. He believed in the cuisine of America as much as he loved the cooking of France. By the time he died in 1985, he had taught thousands of people not only how to cook but also how to appreciate good food, fine wine and the pleasures of the table.

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Located in Beard's townhouse in New York City's Greenwich Village, the James Beard Foundation offers chefs from around the world a place to perform.

The foundation's growing scholarship fund has made the world of culinary arts possible for aspiring chefs. For more information, call (800) 364-BEARD or E-mail: jbeard@pipeline.com

All wines for the Beard Foundation event were compliments of the Robert Mondavi Winery. I find this most fitting since it was Robert Mondavi, who in the late 1960s and early 1970s, went around the world introducing millions of people to his wines, the Napa Valley, and California's overall wine potential. A parallel can be made with the Epoch Restaurant Group (owners of Tribute) and its showcasing of fine dining in metro Detroit. The first James Beard event was not just Tribute's but a recognition of the area's cuisine and its excellence.

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Here's a twist on pumpkin pie

See related Twist on Tradition column on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Executive Chef

Randy Emert, Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

Pinch ground nutmeg, 1 low-fat pie shell, baked

Sprinkle gelatin into cold milk to bloom. Heat milk over low heat just long enough to dissolve gelatin and set aside.

In food processor, blend pumpkin, yogurt, orange juice, sugar and spices. Add milk while processor is running. Scrape mixture into bowl.

Drain cranberries and fold them into the pumpkin puree. Pour mixture into baked pie shell and chill until set.

1 medium pumpkin - seeded, roasted, peeled and cooled (about 1 1/2 cups)

1/2 cup dried cranberries soaked in brandy overnight

1/2 cup nonfat yogurt

1 cup nonfat milk

1/4 cup orange juice

1/4 ounce gelatin

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup each of julienne bok choy, sliced bamboo shoots, sliced lotus root, bean sprouts, daikon sprouts, sliced Japanese cucumber, julienne red onion, julienne green onion, and julienne fresh ginger

1 teaspoon black sesame seeds

cocoa powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 pint baskets (12 ounces each) strawberries, stemmed and halved

6 baked devil's food cupcakes, unfrosted (remove paper liners, if used)

6 tablespoons chocolate syrup or fudge topping

In large mixer bowl, combine cream, 2 tablespoons sugar, cocoa and vanilla; beat to form soft peaks. Set aside. In medium bowl, combine strawberries and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar; toss lightly.

To assemble, cut cupcakes horizontally in half. Place bottom of each cupcake on individual serving plate; top with 1/2 cup strawberries and 1/3 cup cream mixture. Cover with cupcake top; garnish with remaining cream mixture and strawberries. Drizzle each serving with 1 tablespoon chocolate syrup.

Makes 6 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 550 cal., 31 g fat, 115 mg chol., 400 mg sodium, 63 g carb., 5 g fiber, 6 g pro.

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Outstanding chefs share recipes from America's Melting Pot

See related America's melting pot on Taste front. Look for Asian products in specialty markets.

STEAMED YOUNG PHEASANT DUMPLING WITH ASIAN VEGETABLES IN A LEMONGRASS BASIL BROTH

Dumpling stuffing:
8 ounces ground young pheasant
2 ounces ground pork butt
2 ounces ground pork fat
2 ounces steamed julienne savoy cabbage

1 ounce steamed julienne shiitake mushrooms
1 whole egg
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons fresh ginger juice
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Sake
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper to taste
30 wonton wrappers

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix well until sticky. Place about 1/2 ounce of mixture on each wonton skin. Make any shape desired.

ASIAN VEGETABLES
1/2 cup each of julienne bok choy, sliced bamboo shoots, sliced lotus root, bean sprouts, daikon sprouts, sliced Japanese cucumber, julienne red onion, julienne green onion, and julienne fresh ginger

1 teaspoon black sesame seeds

Mix vegetables in a bowl and set aside.

LEMONGRASS-BASIL BROTH
2 quarts chicken broth
1 quart dashi stock
2 cups lemongrass, chopped
1/2 cup ginger, peeled and chopped

1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
3 ounces basil, chopped
1 cup Sake
Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a large saucepan and simmer 20 minutes. Strain through a coffee filter and return to pan. Heat to boiling.

To build the dish:
Steam dumplings in steamer for about 2 minutes. Place Asian vegetables into boiling broth and cook until tender. Using small soup bowls, ladle in vegetable broth and place 3 dumplings in center. Serve immediately. Serves 10.

Recipe compliments of Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi, Tribute restaurant, Farmington Hills.

POACHED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH RATATOUILLE ORZO RAGOUT

1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 cup canned tomato sauce
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 6 ounces each

Coarse or kosher salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste

1 red bell pepper, diced
1 yellow bell pepper, diced
1 zucchini, diced
1 yellow squash, diced
1 small eggplant, not peeled.

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1/2 small onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup chopped fresh basil or 2 tablespoons dried

2 cups cooked orzo pasta
1 tablespoon mascarpone cheese or grated Parmesan
4 basil leaves or parsley

Combine chicken broth and tomato sauce in a soup pot. Bring to a simmer.

Season chicken with salt and pepper and add to pot. Cover and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes or until chicken is cooked.

Add all remaining ingredients, except cheese and basil or parsley leaves.

Stir and simmer for additional 2 minutes. Remove chicken breasts and keep warm.

Cook vegetable-pasta mixture until vegetables are tender and orzo is hot. Correct seasoning.

To build the dish:
Spoon ratatouille orzo ragout into 4 bowls. Cut each chicken breast horizontally into 2 pieces and place over ragout. Top with a tablespoon of mascarpone or Parmesan cheese and garnish with basil or parsley leaf. Serves 4.

Recipe from "Cooking with David Burke," Alfred A. Knopf, 1994, \$30.

SALMON WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE

4 salmon fillets, each about 6 ounces
1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 cup vodka
1 tablespoon soy sauce
Freshly-ground pepper to taste

BLACK BEAN SAUCE
1 tablespoon fermented dried black beans
1 tablespoon vodka
1 tablespoon corn oil
2 shallots, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 tablespoon peeled, grated gingerroot
2 teaspoons white wine vinegar

1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 1/2 cups fish or chicken stock
1 tablespoon chopped red bell pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Wash black beans and place in a small bowl. Cover with warm water and soak for 2 minutes; drain well and squeeze out any remaining liquid. Mix with the vodka.

Heat oil in a medium saucepan and add the black beans, shallots, garlic and gingerroot. Cook over high heat, stirring for 5 minutes or until garlic is lightly browned. Add the vinegar.

Mix the cornstarch with the stock in a small bowl and add to the saucepan. Mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 20 minutes more or until cornstarch has lost its raw taste. Mix in the bell pepper and cilantro; remove from the heat.

Divide fillets among 4 dinner plates, spoon sauce over and garnish.

Remove fish from marinade and add marinade to the sauce. Bring sauce to a boil, reduce heat to low and keep warm while cooking the fish.

Heat remaining 3 tablespoons oil in a large ovenproof skillet. When it is hot, add fillets and cook over high heat, turning once, until salmon is browned on both sides, about 1 1/2 minutes per side.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Headache prevention

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present "Headache: Physical Therapy Management & Prevention," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. Program emphasizes management and prevention of chronic headache and TMJ. Presented at the Providence Park Medical Center, Suite B124, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. No charge, call (248) 380-3550.

Stop smoking

Breathe-free stop smoking programs hosted by renowned physician Dr. Arthur Weaver will be held Jan. 6, 10-14, 18 of 2000 at the Livonia Library auditorium in the City Hall Complex (5 Mile and Farmington roads). Call (734) 466-2535 for information. Program start at 7 p.m. and funded by donation.

Vegetarian event

The 12th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will be held from 11:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Metropolitan Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Rd. Tickets sell out early. You'll have the opportunity to taste dozens of delicious vegetarian entrees, salads and desserts in a festive holiday atmosphere. Adults \$10; children 2-12 \$3. Call Sue Parce (734) 495-3602.

Arthritis lecture

Providence Medical Center in Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., will hold a lecture on "Arthritis: Hip and Knee Problems," from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. This program presented by Michael Haynes, M.D., will focus on current arthritis medication, treatment options and hip and knee replacement. To register call (877) 345-5500.

New cancer therapy

To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer, attend "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

Head-to-toe exams

The America Diabetes Association presents "Head to Toe," exams from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Henry Ford OptiEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. Free blood pressure testing, eye care presentations and free body fat testing will be offered. Call (888) DIABETES ext. 229.

Immunization clinic

An immunization clinic for children will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia. \$5 fee per child and covers all vaccines your child needs (except chickenpox). Call (877) 345-5500. Don't forget your records.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness desk. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databases (openings, calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments, new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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October is Spinal Health Month

Lower back pain shouldn't be neglected

Many of us go through each day typing on a computer, bending or lifting items, gardening, taking care of our children and playing sports. If not done properly, these activities can cause pain or injury which may become chronic if left untreated.

Because of the importance of taking care of the back and spine, doctors of chiropractic are using their knowledge of the spinal column and nervous system to promote the American Chiropractic Association's (ACA) national observance, Spinal Health Month, during the month of October.

In collaboration with the National declaration, Governor John Engler recently named October to be Spinal Health Care Month in Michigan.

"We are excited with Governor Engler's support of chiropractic for Michigan's citizens. This declaration represents an important shift in the paradigm of health care. The essential need of chiropractic care is evident as ever. Chiropractic's efforts of providing natural, safe and effective care to the spine and nerve system are well recognized and applauded," stated Dr. Kevin O'Dell, chiropractor in Westland.

Universal problem

"Back pain is pervasive in our society. Eighty percent of us will suffer from it at some point in our lives, and 50 percent of us will suffer from back pain this year alone," said James A. Mertz, DC, DACBR, president of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA).

"Low-back pain is the most common work complaint experienced by Americans today. Many Americans today are health and body conscious. We want to look and feel our best by taking care of our bodies—exercising, getting regular dental and eye exams and by getting enough sleep. In doing so, we ignore the focal point of where much of the pain associated with our daily activities originates—our spine," Mertz added.

The central nervous system originates in the brain and channels down through the spinal column, extending to every part of the body. A misalignment of the spine may result in nerve interference, resulting in headaches, low-back and neck pain, among other problems.

Listen to your body. Use preventive measures at work and at home. The American Chiropractic Association recommends the following tips to help reduce the risk of spinal injury:

■ While at the office, remember to take frequent stretch breaks while working on your computer. The more hours per day you use your computer, the greater the risk of discomfort or injury.

■ While working on your computer, sit with your knees at approximately a 90- to 120-degree angle. Using an angled foot stool to support your feet may help you sit more comfortably.

■ Make sure your chair fits correctly. Allow for between the front edge of the seat and the back of your knees. The chair should tilt back so you can rest while you're reading what is on your computer screen.

■ Avoid twisting and turning motions. Always bend from the knees, not your waist, when lifting anything heavier than 10 percent of your body weight, such as a child or a heavy box.

■ Warm up and stretch before any physical activity, including all sports, raking, gardening and shoveling snow.



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According to O'Dell, all chiropractic care Oct. 30 will be complimentary to all families and individuals in observance of Spinal Health Care Month.

For information contact O'Dell Chiropractic Life Center at (734) 728-8100.

Be aware of your body form and technique; stand as erect as possible and let your legs and arms do the work, not your back. Allow your body and muscles time to cool down after such an activity.

■ It is important to get a good night's rest. Choose a comfortable supportive mattress as well as a pillow that supports the weight of your head, reducing the risk of back or neck pain.

The key to spinal health is prevention; listen to your body's warning signals and adjust your lifestyle. If you do experience pain for more than one or two days despite using these preventive measures, consult your local chiropractor.

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Concussions more than a bump on the head

Athletes who take a serious blow to the head on the field, court or ice should see a doctor immediately and leave the game for the day if they lose consciousness or have persistent or delayed symptoms, according to new concussion guidelines based on the latest scientific research and endorsed by six major medical organizations.

If their symptoms last more than 15 minutes, the guidelines say, athletes need to be monitored for up to a week and return to competition gradually based on tolerance of increasing physical demands. If their symptoms worsen, they should head straight for the emergency room.

The new recommendations give doctors and coaches a cautious, science-based consensus standard for dealing with one of the most common sports injuries. They are published in the current issue of the American Journal of Sports Medicine by a team led by Edward Wojtyls, M.D., professor of surgery in the University of Michigan Health System.

"Just because an athlete says he or she 'feels fine' doesn't mean he or she should get right back in the game. Concussion has already cut short too many professional athletic careers, and left too many amateurs with lasting problems," says Wojtyls, an orthopedic surgeon and associate team physician for the U-M Athletics Department. "As we discover more about brain functions, science and sport must come together to protect athletes using the most current

information."

The guidelines endorse the use of neuropsychological testing on the sidelines as part of the physical exam. They stress that a full examination by a physician usually can best judge the effects of concussion.

Above all, the authors state, only more research will answer questions about how quickly and how well the brain can recover from concussion, and how best to evaluate and treat injured athletes. From junior high and high school squads to college and professional teams, they recommend large-scale studies of brain injuries, standardization of post-concussion tests and a database to follow the progress of every athlete who sustains a concussion.

The guidelines were formulated after a 1997 conference that brought together representatives of prominent medical societies whose members treat athletes, and major national professional and collegiate sports leagues.

Experts define concussion as an alteration of cerebral function. Common symptoms include headache, dizziness, nausea, brief loss of consciousness, vertigo, light-headedness, ringing in the ears, difficulty concentrating, amnesia, vomiting and balance problems.

"The signs can be subtle and can clear up quickly or last hours or days," said Wojtyls. "But even after symptoms are gone, neurological research has shown that lasting 'bruises' on brain tissue may still be present. Rest, sleep, protection from additional impact and abstinence from alcohol can allow the brain to heal."

Meanwhile symptoms that are delayed, more severe or worsen over time can signal serious problems, including blood clots in the brain. With the advent of sophisticated medical imaging, the diagnosis of such problems is made easier — but only if the person is adequately examined.

More than 300,000 American athletes sustain concussions or other mild to moderate brain injuries each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control, but a 1991 survey found that a third did not see a doctor. Most sports-related concussions occur in people ages 15 to 24.

No reliable statistics exist for the number of concussion victims who had a second brain injury soon after their first concussion, but research strongly suggests that such repeated blows to the brain are likely to cause lasting damage.

INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA CLINICS

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Commerce store Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at 3010 Union Lake Road, near Commerce.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered Sat, Oct. 30 from 2-5 p.m. at the Farmington store at 22128 Farmington Road, near 9 Mile.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Kroger grocery store on Middlebelt and Ford Road in Garden City. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Kroger grocery store on Farmington and Eight Mile road in Livonia. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Flu shots by Botsford Hospital at Livonia Mall will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Garden Court area (near security office "G" Mall entrance). There will be a \$5 charge. Call (248) 476-1160.

■ Livonia Senior Citizens, by

appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10800 Farmington Road. Call (734) 422-5010.

■ Art Van Furniture Store, 29905 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be provided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Livonia store Saturday Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at 37855 Five Mile, near Newburgh Road.

■ St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 8-10 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-6627 for information.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Kroger grocery store on West Chicago and Telegraph in Redford. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Southfield store from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 29800 Southfield Road near 12 Mile Road.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations

\$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Northville store Sunday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. 17447 Haggerty Road near 5 Mile.

■ Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road in Novi, will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be provided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.

■ Plymouth Cultural Center will host an immunization clinic from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-6627 for information.

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MON, OCT. 18

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
Total cholesterol screening by finger stick. \$6. HDL screening \$15. No appointment necessary. Call (248) 477-5100. Botsford Center for Health Improvement.

TUE, OCT. 19

WOMEN'S DAY 1999
Join the staff of Henry Ford OptiEyes from 2-7 p.m. for Women's Day 1999. Catering ideas, holiday fashions, fitness demos, golf advice, body fat analysis, frame make-overs, make-up and skin care, refreshments, holiday cards and a laser vision correction presentation. Call (734) 524-7668 to register. OptiEyes is located at 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland.

NEW CANCER THERAPY
To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer, attend "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

MILLENNIUM GRANDPARENTING
Nurse Cheryl Grougan, community educator, will discuss "Grandparenting for the new Millennium." Grandparents and prospective grandparents will learn the latest health and safety tips, from how to position sleeping infants to car seat safety. New product information and revised feeding schedules will also be discussed at this class held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1617.

BREAST HEALTH EXPO
This year's expo focuses on "Creative Coping Skills for all Women," and features art by breast cancer survivors, breast health information and a

keynote presentation by music therapist and breast cancer survivor Deforia Lane. Registration required. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 55301 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Program runs from 6-8 p.m.

WED, OCT. 20

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services.

HEAD-TO-TOE EXAMS

The America Diabetes Association presents "Head to Toe," exams from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Henry Ford OptiEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. Free blood pressure testing, eye care presentations and free body fat testing will be offered. For information call (888) DIABETES ext. 229.

THUR, OCT. 21

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. The fee is \$5 per child and covers all vaccines your child needs (except chickenpox). Don't forget to bring your child's immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

SAT, OCT. 23

HERNIA SCREENING
William Beaumont Hospital will offer free hernia screening from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the hospital's North Tower, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road. Appointments are available by calling (800) 633-7377.

HEALTH EXPLORATION STATION
The grand opening of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System's exploration station, Michigan's first interactive health education facility will use hands-on exhibits and displays, multimedia classroom facilities and professional health educators to focus on behavior change and self-care to promote positive lifestyle changes. Located at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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are 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Southfield store from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 29800 Southfield Road near 12 Mile Road.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Wayne store from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at 35400 Michigan Ave., near Wayne Road.

■ Wayne Health Center is accepting appointments at 33030 Van Born in Wayne. Call (734) 727-7100 to schedule a time.

■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Westland store from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 132 Merriman Road near Cherry Hill, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at 8050 Middlebelt near Ann Arbor Trail, from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 and from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at 34414 Ford Road near Wildwood St.

■ Garden City Hospital will offer flu/pneumonia vaccines from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Kroger grocery store on Merriam and Michigan Ave. in Westland. \$10 flu shot; \$9 with Kroger Card and no charge for seniors with Medicare Part B cards. Pneumonia shots, \$25.

■ Art Van Furniture Store, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland will be the host site of a flu shot clinic from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Immunizations will be pro-

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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 (784) 996-8285.

TUE, OCT. 26

MEDITATION
Learn to increase your response to stress, lower your blood pressure and calm your mind. Pre-registration and free required at 7 p.m. in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information. For your convenience, Botsford Integrated Medicine in Walled Lake also offers a Meditation program.

MAMMOGRAPHY
Mammography: What you should know. Sponsored by Women's Imaging Department, Mission Health Medical Center, Dr. James E. Selis, section chief of Mammography Providence Hospital, will discuss who's at risk for breast cancer, advantages of early diagnosis and mammography/ultrasound and breast stereo-tactics. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile road, Newburgh. Lunch will be provided free. Pre-register by Oct. 22. Call (877) 345-5500. Call (248) 458-3242.

HEART PALS
MON, NOV. 1
Support offered for cardiac patients and for their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242.

TUE, NOV. 2

SMOKEFREE, YOUR CHOICE
A series of four classes to help you stop smoking at 6 p.m. Sessions include strategies to stay smokefree; stress management techniques; healthy eating and physical activity choices. Register by calling (734) 458-4330.

LOVING TOO MUCH?
This workshop addresses this difficult and common pitfall in women. "Women who give or love too much" is a geared toward gaining awareness in the areas of self-esteem, co-dependency depression and family management. St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton from 7:30-9 p.m.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON
Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. The week's topic will be "Cardiovascular Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment." Located at Michigan

Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

THUR, OCT. 28

ABC'S OF ASTHMA
If you or someone you know has asthma, you will benefit from learning better ways to manage this disease. Get the tools you need for healthier living by talking with a professional. Dr. Rola Bokhari-Panza will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Park Medical Center, Conference Room B (47601 Grand River Ave.) in Novi. The conference is free and space is limited. Call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, OCT. 29

PARTNERS FOR PARENTING
Wayne RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) will sponsor a conference for teen parents "Partners for Parenting Teens," at the Crown 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.

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WED, NOV. 3

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call (734) 458-4330.

FIRST AID
An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Practice and learn emergency principles, CPR and how to correctly pro-

vide first aid for shocks, burns, bites, fractures and bleeding. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

WED, NOV. 10

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of persons 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.</

New hope for women suffering from bladder disorders

Up to 1 million Americans — most of them women — with a painful bladder disorder may find relief from their symptoms is available early in the next century as a result of research at William Beaumont Hospital.

Dr. Kenneth Peters, a Beaumont urologist, has found that a weakened version of a tuberculosis vaccine corrects an immune imbalance in the bladder that causes intersti-

tial cystitis (IC), a painful inflammation of the bladder. The research, published in the September issues of the medical journal Urology, supports his earlier research showing the bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine to be an effective and safe treatment for IC.

Now Dr. Peters is conducting research on a wider scale in an

effort to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for BCG as an IC treatment. At this point, BCG treatment for IC is still experimental, although the vaccine has been used since 1976 to treat bladder cancer.

BCG combats bladder cancer by stimulating the immune system in the organ. Bladder cancer and IC share common symptoms, including

urinary frequency and urgency. In addition, people with IC have severe chronic pelvic pain. Two medications currently approved by the FDA only work for a small number of people with IC, Dr. Peters says.

In the research published this month involving 35 people, participants' urine was tested to measure the level of enzymes that make up

the bladder's immune system. Dr. Peters found that of 15 people studied who had untreated, active interstitial cystitis, all had elevated levels of cytokines, a group of proteins that are part of the immune system in the bladder. In contrast, 20 test subjects whose IC was in remission after treatment with BCG or who did not have IC had normal levels of these same immune system proteins.

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vided by Michigan's Visiting Nurses Association. Cost, \$10 per person. Members of the Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card for a free vaccine. Call (800) 880-0020 for questions.

■ Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland will offer shots from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14; 5-7

p.m. Oct. 21; 9-11 a.m. Oct. 30 and Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2001 S. Merriman, Suite 100. Call (734) 727-1000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

■ Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland will offer shots from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 26 at

36555 Warren Road. Call (734) 414-9000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

■ Presbyterian Village 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 32001 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Call (734) 728-5222. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community.

Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail: kmortson@oe.com or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Advertising award Western Creative, Inc. (formerly Western Communications), a multimedia and advertising agency located in Redford, is a bronze winner in the 1999 Telly Awards competition for its outstanding creative work for Temo Inc., a national sunroom manufacturer. Western is also a 1998 bronze Telly Award winner for a Snethkamp Jeep Eagle commercial, The Wonder of Steve.

Merger Advanced Assembly Group (AAG), which operates two facilities in metropolitan Detroit, will merge its systems assembly capabilities with the manufacturing functions of its sister company Air Gage in Livonia. AAG and Air Gage are among four Michigan-based divisions of Advanced Industrial Technologies, formerly known as GSE, Inc.

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MIKE WENDLAND

But dozens of times throughout the day, he crawls out from beneath the rack, washes the grease off his hands and heads to a tiny corner of his cluttered shop. That's where "D.J." the auto mechanic becomes "The Cyberpaperboy," publisher of a very popular Web site (www.cyberpaperboy.com) that just may be one of the Internet's best resource sites.

On his Web site, Akerley posts headline links and brief summaries of news stories. The links are updated constantly from hundreds of Internet-based news sources. No matter what it's about... breaking news, stock reports, sports, politics, national and international news... you can find it on his Web site.

Akerley has no illusions about his skills. "I'm not making any claims about being any sort of journalist," he says in the computer corner of his auto repair shop. "I'm just a news junkie. I love the news. I have since I

was a kid. And I love the Internet. So I put the two passions together. I'm just like a regular paperboy, only I distribute the news on the Internet. I'm what you'd call a Cyberpaperboy."

The 43-year-old Akerley does it very well. He posts his links so fast that often major breaking stories can be found on the Cyberpaperboy Web site before you hear about them on radio or TV. So far this year, more than 150,000 people have visited the Cyberpaperboy Web site, more visitors than many newspapers have subscribers.

His Web site has links to newspapers in every state in the country, thousands of them, as well as dozens of worldwide papers. There are also plenty of resources, from computer help to TV listings, online dictionaries, chat rooms and the like.

Akerley does this all essentially for free. Though he runs some banner ads on his site, the revenue they bring does little more than pay for his cost of Internet access and Web server fees.

"I have no illusions about being another Matt Drudge," he says, speaking of the controversial online gossip and rumormonger. "I really like fixing cars. I just also happen to like the Internet and news. I'm lucky that I can do all three all day long."

The Internet, he says, continues to amaze him daily. "It's like being in the world's greatest library, only better. Everything's right there at the click of a mouse."

What he most appreciates about the Internet is the access it gives everyday people to vast amounts of information, information that used to be the exclusive property of big and established media companies.

"In terms of access, the average person is no longer dependent on big media," he says. "We can now get all sides of a story on our own, with just a few mouse clicks. I think in the long run, that makes the professional media more accountable."

Make no mistake, Akerley is not a media basher. Quite the contrary. "I have enormous respect for real journalists," he says. "It's not that I consider it to be a noble profession. I spend a lot of time every day scanning their headlines and linking to their stories, and I have to say that, day in and day out, I think they're doing a pretty good job."

The Cyberpaperboy says he feels the role of his Web site is to help people focus their information and news needs. "There's now so much out there on the Internet, I feel like I'm performing a valuable service just pointing people in the right direction."

So, purely for the love of it, Akerley says he'll keep spending 20-30 extra hours every week cyber-delivering the news links — between brake jobs.

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Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WYTT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observer/land area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

TUE, OCT. 19

WORK AFTER 5:00

The workplace and the concept of job security have changed drastically in the last quarter of the 20th century. To find out what is in store in the 21st century, come to Schoolcraft College, for a program on the world of work in the new millennium. The programs begin at 7 p.m. in the McDowell Center. The fee is \$7.50 for the general public and \$5 for any school or college student. Call Donna Nordman for information, (734) 462-4421.

WED, OCT. 20

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Detroit Oracle User Group will host their year-end technology conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. The full-day conference will feature presentations and discussions on how to use Oracle tools and database technologies to turn your data into information. Visit their Web site at www.doug-mi.org or call Eric Stegmeyer at (248) 626-6800.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia. The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

FRI, OCT. 22

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SAT, OCT. 23

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INDEPENDENT PROBATE FILE NO. 99-01123-01

ESTATE OF LEONARD M. MYATT, Deceased Social Security No. 373-03-0408

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 15009 Poth, Livonia, Michigan 48150 died September 23, 1999. As verified and dated November 18, 1999 has been admitted as the will of the decedent. Notice of the will is being given to all interested parties.

The interested parties are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the undersigned personal representative, Gary B. Myatt, 207 W. River, Harvard, Illinois 60130, or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Vicki V. Baker, M.D.

Director, Gynecologic Oncology Research

Tuesday, October 19, from 7-8:30 p.m.

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