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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Pin down a cure: The Mammastatin Research Institute of Ann Arbor will host a Breast Cancer Awareness Month fund-raising event, "Pin Down a Cure," from 7-p.m. to midnight at Super Bowl on Ford Road. All proceeds will support clinical trials of Mammastatin at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

MONDAY

Be a star: The Canton Seniors Play Theatre Group meets at 2 p.m. to begin working on its spring production, "The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter." Rehearsals for the play begin in November and performances are in May. A full cast of characters and workers is needed. For information call the senior program desk, (734) 397-5444.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

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Driver to face charge in crash

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

Sarah Cappuccitti, 20, is expected to be arraigned Monday afternoon in 16th District Court on a charge of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, said Sgt. Wes McKee, supervisor of the Livonia Police Department traffic bureau. A warrant for Cappuccitti was approved last week by the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

Cappuccitti was at the wheel of a 1988 Ford Tempo the evening of Sept. 20 when the car left eastbound I-96 west of Wayne Road. The car went up the southern embankment, through a fence, across the service drive and struck a tree, landing on its roof.

Front-seat passenger Alisha Robertson, 17, also of Canton, died of injuries from the crash en route to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Cappuccitti and two other passengers, Natalie Reynolds and Sarah Vitto, both of Canton, were also hospitalized.

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

Legislators to discuss funding

■ EDUCATION SUMMIT

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

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

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

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A little fowl play in Heritage Park



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Feeding time: Ruth Norman Owen, 2½, tosses bread to the ducks and gulls in Heritage Park Thursday. She was there with her nanny, Lauren Cashman, who said Ruth really enjoys coming to the park regularly to feed the "gucks," as she would pronounce it.



Middle school changes raise concern

■ The addition of Discovery Middle School in Canton - and boundary changes for all 4 middle schools next fall - drew mixed reaction in a forum Wednesday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Now you want to bus my son 3.2 miles away to Pioneer; it doesn't make any sense," said Blackburn. "One of the reasons I bought my house is the school. And now, I think you've deval-

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Internet access debate clouds cable transfer

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

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

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

Representatives from both sides argued in front of the township boards

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

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Two new auto suppliers set up shop in Canton

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A pair of automotive suppliers are coming to Canton.

Du-Plast and Uni Boring both received tax abatements from the Township Board of Trustees at its Oct. 12 meeting. About 170 new manufacturing and technical jobs will be created.

"We hope we are successful," said Du-Plast Director of Operations Rick Silverman. "We are coming to Canton for that reason."

About 110 people are expected to work for Uni Boring. Company representative David Lindbauer said most of the positions would be filled by a staffing service initially.

"Eventually," he added, "they will all

be full-time Uni Boring people."

Canton resident Robert McCausland spoke out against the abatements, which will be 50 percent for eight years for both companies.

"The tax abatement program in Canton should be put aside and put up to a vote on the next ballot," said McCausland, who has voiced similar concerns in the past. "It should be up to the people how we want to spend our money."

While he generally doesn't like abatements, Supervisor Tom Yack disagreed with the resident. He said by law, an "advisory" issue can't be placed on the ballot in a charter township such as Canton.

The duration and level of tax abatements are determined by preset township criteria.

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Police go high-tech at Walker Winter



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Public Safety Day: Canton Police Officer Eric Kolke, a member of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team, demonstrates the smoke grenade launcher for group of fourth-graders during Canton's Public Safety Day at Walker Winter Elementary School Oct. 14. For more photos, please turn to page A4 in today's Observer.

Police cite 4 stores for tobacco sales to minors

Four Canton businesses were cited for selling tobacco to minors recently.

The township police department's special enforcement unit conducted a decoy operation. Those cited included:

- Shell Gas at Ford and Hagerty roads.
- Meijer's gas station on Ford Road.
- Amoco on Joy Road.
- Sunoco on Joy Road.

Child abuse

A 13-year-old Canton boy was placed in protective custody after township officers found evidence of physical abuse, according to reports.

A middle school counselor contacted the department of social services and Canton police after a friend of the boy reported the abuse Wednesday. Police came to the school and interviewed the 13-year-old.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comment in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office at 500 West Monroe, Suite 3600, Chicago, Illinois 60661, before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15th day following this publication. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

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ued my home and those in my neighborhood." Lisa Donovan lives south of Discovery, meaning her child will be walking to the new school. However, there's no contiguous sidewalk along Canton Center Road.

"There's only a sidewalk halfway there and it passes a bar," said Donovan. "I don't want my child being hit by someone who has a three-martini lunch."

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

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

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

■ **'Whoever was doing the planning didn't care about kids. Children who live within visual distance of the school should be going there.'**

E.J. McClendon,
former school board president

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

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

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

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

COP CALLS

Reports said multiple bruises were found on the boy's face and arm. Welt marks were found on his back.

The boy's 40-year-old father is suspected of the abuse, according to reports. He's listed as being 6-feet tall, 240 pounds.

A DSS worker took the boy to his maternal grandparents.

Assault

A 27-year-old Canton woman was the victim of an assault and battery Monday.

The woman, a resident of the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue, was watching a movie with friends at her home shortly before midnight. A 26-year-old Canton man was there and began arguing with a girlfriend, reports said.

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

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

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

Other state representatives

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

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

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

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

"Few people are aware there are 156 bills introduced in the legislature that impact public education," said Stewart. "We need to get bi-partisan legislative support for public schools."

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

The group sent out five separate invitations to all 148 state lawmakers, with only one Republican (Law) agreeing to attend. Senators Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, have yet to tell the group if they'll attend. Rep.

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

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

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Literacy Council is real winner in annual spelling bee



Rooting Interest: Cheering on their favorite team, the "Functic Friends," sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, at Wednesday's Community Literacy Council Spelling Bee are (from left) Plymouth residents Joan Gerigh, Sally Poux, Pat O'Hara (taking picture) and Sharon Rucinski.



Teamwork: Members of "Spell Chicks," sponsored by Starkweather Adult/Alternative Education, (from left) Linda Lawson, Amy Trombley and Bernadette Morse, take their turn during the event at the Summit in Canton. A team sponsored by Friends of the Canton Public Library won the event for the second consecutive year.

Watching: Community Literacy Council Executive Director Kim Black applauds as 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, a director of the council, acts as official time keeper.

Studio site still up in the air

■ **'We, at no time, intended to abandon that (studio) obligation.'**

Michael Grover,
MediaOne attorney

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

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

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

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

John Gendron, senior manager of procurement for MediaOne, spoke of the delays in looking and preparing for a new studio and office.

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

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

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

"Everybody is dancing around this," Curmi said.

MediaOne never asked permission to close the Rhonda Drive facility, Cronin said.

MediaOne unilaterally breached the agreement, for its own reasons," he added.

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

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

"John and his group have worked very diligently to get the new facility up and running," MediaOne's Grover said.

"With the construction environment in Michigan it took more time than we expected. It has caused problems with our employees and disruptions for our customers."

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

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to attend and offer comments.

OpenNET attorney Bryan Amann asked the boards to stop AT&T/MediaOne from becoming a monopoly in providing high-speed cable access to the Internet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amann said litigation and regulatory duties by the townships could be avoided. Attach-

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

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

ing a "me, too" clause to the open access conditions of franchise-transfers would protect the municipalities, he explained.

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

Angry residents

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

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

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

Fellow Canton resident Steve Knoesel agreed.

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

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

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

Hands-off approach

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

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

OpenNET members have more to lose in the fight, he added.

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

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

However, in his Sept. 17 speech at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors conference in Atlanta, FCC Chairman William E. Kennard seemed to side with AT&T.

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

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

Staff writer Sue Buck contributed to this story.

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DEAN'S LIST
Army Cadet Kyle D. Petrosky was placed on the dean's list at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. To qualify for the honor, the cadet was required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The cadet plans to graduate in the year 2000 with a bachelor's degree and will

be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He is the son of Larry and Sandy Petrosky of Plymouth. Petrosky is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

COMPLETES TRAINING
Army Lt. Lawrence C. Anderson has been assigned to the

82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The new member of the division became airborne qualified after completing training at an Army Airborne School. Each member of the 82nd performs duties according to the soldier's military occupational specialty or duty title.

Anderson, an automated logistics specialist, is the son of Linda R. Anderson of 11701 Spicer Drive, Plymouth, and Lawrence E. Anderson of 44201 Fair Oaks Drive, Canton.

In 1998, he graduated from Plymouth Canton High School.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
Ordinance #99-10

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

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

70-29
Sec. 5.15. Persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance; operating motor vehicle; penalties; prior convictions; payment of costs; plea bargain; special circumstances.

(1) A person whether licensed or not, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the city if either of the following applies:

(a) The person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or a combination of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance.

(b) The person has an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(2) The owner of a vehicle or a person in charge or in control of a vehicle shall not authorize or knowingly permit the vehicle to be operated on a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the city by a person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, or who has an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(3) A person, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the city when, due to the consumption of an intoxicating liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of an intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, the person's ability to operate the vehicle is visibly impaired. If a person is charged with violating subsection 1, a finding of guilty under this subsection may be rendered.

(4) If a person is convicted of violating subsection (1), all of the following apply:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) and (c), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by one or more of the following:

(i) Community service for not more than 45 days.

(ii) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

(iii) A fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00.

(b) If the violation occurs within 7 years of one prior conviction, the person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500.00 and one or more of the following:

(i) Performing service to the community for not less than ten days or more than 93 days and may be imprisoned for not more than 90 days.

(ii) Imprisonment for not less than 48 consecutive hours or more than 93 days and may be sentenced to community service for not more than 90 days.

(c) A term of imprisonment imposed under subsection (b)(ii) shall not be suspended.

(d) A person sentenced to perform service to the community under this subsection shall not receive compensation, and shall reimburse the state and/or appropriate local unit of government for the cost of supervision incurred by the state or local unit of government as a result of the person's activities in that service.

(e) As used in this subsection, a "prior conviction" means a conviction for a violation of MCL 257.625(1)(a) through (d) and (7) or § 5.15(1)(a) and (b)(3), (11) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, or a former corresponding Plymouth City Code Chapter, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to Michigan law.

(f) In the judgment of sentence under subsection (a), the court may order vehicle immobilization as provided in § MCL 257.904d. In the judgment of sentence under subsection (b), the court shall, unless the vehicle is ordered forfeited under § MCL 257.625n, order vehicle immobilization as provided in § MCL 257.904d.

(5) In addition to imposing the sanctions prescribed under subsection (4), the court may pursuant to MCL 760.1 et seq. order the person to pay the cost of prosecution.

(6) A person who is convicted of violating subsection (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, or both.

(7) Subsection (3) violations; misdemeanor, penalty. If a person is convicted of violating subsection (3), the following shall apply:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by one or more of the following:

(i) Service to the community for a period of not more than 45 days.

(ii) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

(iii) A fine of not more than \$300.00.

(b) If the violation occurs within seven years of one prior conviction or more, the person shall be sentenced to both a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 and either of the following:

(i) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

(ii) Community service for not more than 90 days.

(c) If the violation occurs within ten years of two or more prior convictions, the person shall be sentenced to both a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 and either of the following:

(i) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

(ii) Community service for not more than 90 days.

(d) As used in this subsection, a "prior conviction" means a conviction for a violation of MCL 257.625(1), (3), (4), (6), (7), or § 5.15(1), (3) or (11) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, or any corresponding chapter in a former Plymouth City Code, or any law of another state substantially corresponding to Michigan law.

(e) In addition to imposing the sanctions prescribed under subsection (4), the court may pursuant to MCL 760.1 et seq. order the person to pay the cost of prosecution.

(f) A person sentenced to perform service to the community under this subsection shall not receive compensation, and shall reimburse the state or appropriate local unit of government for the cost of supervision incurred by the state or local unit of government as a result of the person's activities in that service.

(8) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced sentence under subsection (4)(b) or subsection (7)(b) or (c) based upon the defendant having one or more prior convictions, the prosecuting attorney shall include on the complaint filed in district court a statement listing the defendant's convictions.

(9) A prior conviction shall be established at sentencing by one or more of the following:

(a) An abstract of conviction;

(b) A copy of the defendant's driving record;

(c) An admission by the defendant.

10. A person who is convicted of an attempted violation of MCL 257.625(1) § 5.15(1) or (3) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code shall be punished as if the offense has been completed.

11. A person who is less than 21 years of age, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of motor vehicles, within the city if the person has any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subsection, "any bodily alcohol content" means any of the following:

(a) An alcohol content of not less than 0.02 grams or more than 0.07 grams per milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

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

12. A person who operates a vehicle in violation of subsections (1), (3) and (4) while another person who is less than 16 years of age is occupying the vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both. The judgment may impose the sanction permitted under § 5.15. If the violation occurs within 7 years of a prior conviction or within 10 years of 2 or more prior convictions, the court shall, unless the vehicle is ordered forfeited, order the vehicle immobilized under the provisions of this section. This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for a violation of subsection (1), (3) or (4) that is committed by the person while violating this subsection. However, points will not be assessed for both a violation of subsections (1), (3) or (4) and a violation of this subsection arising out of the same transaction.

Section 5.15a Driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance; warrantless arrest; preliminary chemical breath analysis; administrative hearing; plea bargain; special circumstances.

(1) A peace officer may arrest a person without a warrant under either of the following circumstances:

(a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was, at the time of an accident in this state, the operator of a motor vehicle involved in the accident and was operating the vehicle with an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(b) The person is found in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked or stopped on a highway or street within the state if any part of the vehicle intrudes into the roadway and the peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating the vehicle in violation of § 5.15(1), (3), (11) or (12) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code or MCL 257.625.

2. A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that a person was operating a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within the city, and that the person by the consumption of intoxicating liquor may have affected his ability to operate a vehicle, or reasonably believes that the person is less than 21 years of age and was operating a vehicle upon a public highway or other place open to the public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles within the city when the person has any bodily alcohol content as that term is defined in § 5.15(1), (3), (11) or (12) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code or MCL 257.625, may arrest the person.

(a) A peace officer may arrest a person based in whole or in part upon the results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis.

(b) The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis are admissible in a criminal prosecution for a crime enumerated in § 5.15(1)(i) or an administrative hearing for one or more of the following purposes:

(i) To assist the court or hearing officer in determining a challenge to the validity of an arrest. This subsection does not limit the introduction of other competent evidence offered to establish the validity of an arrest.

(ii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content, if offered by the defendant to rebut testimony elicited on cross-examination of a defense witness that defendant's breath alcohol content was higher at the time of the charged offense than when a chemical test was administered.

(iii) As evidence of the defendant's breath alcohol content, if offered by the prosecution to rebut testimony elicited on cross-examination of a prosecution witness that the defendant's breath alcohol content was lower at the time of the charged offense than when a chemical test was administered.

(c) A person who submits to a preliminary chemical breath analysis shall remain subject to the requirements of MCL 257.625, d, e, and f, and § 5.15(c), (d), (e) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code for the purposes of chemical tests described in those sections.

(d) A person who refuses to submit a preliminary chemical breath analysis upon a lawful request by a peace officer is responsible for a civil infraction.

(3) The following provisions apply with respect to chemical tests and analysis of a person's blood, urine or breath, other than preliminary, chemical breath analysis:

(a) The amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in a driver's blood or urine shall be determined by a chemical analysis of the person's blood, urine or breath as admissible in evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings.

(b) A person arrested for a crime described in § 5.15(1)(i) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code shall be advised of all the following:

(i) That if a person takes a chemical test of blood, urine, or breath administered at the request of a peace officer, he or she has the right to demand that a person of his or her own choosing administer one of the chemical tests.

(ii) The results of the tests are admissible in a judicial proceeding as provided under this Act and will be considered with other admissible evidence in determining the defendant's innocence or guilt.

(iii) He or she is responsible for obtaining a chemical analysis of a test sample obtained pursuant to his or her own request.

(iv) If he or she refuses the request of a peace officer to take a test described in subsection (1), a test shall not be given without a court order, but the peace officer may seek to obtain a court order.

(v) Refusing a peace officer's request to take a test described in subsection (1) will result in the suspension of his or her driver's license or chauffeur's license and vehicle group designation or operating privilege and the addition of 6 points to his or her driver's record.

(c) A sample or specimen of urine or breath shall be taken and collection in a reasonable manner. Only a licensed physician, or a licensed nurse or medical technician under the direction of a licensed physician and qualified to draw blood acting in a medical environment, at the request of a peace officer, may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in a person's blood, as provided in this subsection. Liability for a crime of civil damages predicated on the act of withdrawing or analyzing blood and related procedures shall not attach to a qualified person who withdraws or analyzes blood or assists in withdrawal or analysis in accordance with this act, unless the withdrawal or analysis is performed in a negligent manner.

(d) A chemical test described in this subsection shall be administered at the request of a peace officer having reasonable grounds to believe the person has committed a crime described in MCL 257.625(1), or § 5.15(1) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, or a person who takes a chemical test administered at the request of a peace officer, as provided in this section, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to have a person of his or her own choosing administer one of the chemical tests described in this subsection within a reasonable time after his or her arrest, and the results of the test shall be admissible and shall be considered with other competent evidence in determining the defendant's innocence or guilt of the defendant. If a person charged is administered a chemical test by a person of his own choosing, the person charged shall be responsible for obtaining a chemical analysis of the sample.

(e) If, after an accident, the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident is transported to a medical facility and a sample of the driver's blood is withdrawn at the time for the purpose of medical treatment, the results of a chemical analysis, that sample shall be admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding to show the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in the person's blood at the time alleged, regardless of whether the person had been offered or received a chemical test. The medical facility or person performing the chemical analysis shall disseminate the results of the analysis to a prosecuting attorney who requests the results for use in a criminal prosecution as provided in this subsection. A medical facility or person disclosing information in compliance with this subsection shall not be civilly or criminally liable for making the disclosure.

(f) If, after an accident, the driver of a vehicle involved in the accident

is deceased, a sample of the deceased's blood shall be withdrawn in a manner directed by the medical examiner for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance or both in the deceased's blood. The medical examiner shall give the results of the chemical analysis of the sample to the law enforcement agency investigating the accident, and that agency shall forward the results to the state police.

(4) The provisions of subsection (3) relating to chemical testing do not limit the introduction of any other competent evidence, bearing upon the question of whether or not a person was impaired by or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or whether the person had a blood alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine, or if the person is less than 21 years of age, whether the person had any bodily alcohol content, means either of the following:

(a) An alcohol content of not less than 0.02 grams or more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine;

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

(5) If a chemical test described in subsection (3) is administered, the results of the test shall be made available to the person charged or the person's attorney upon written request of the prosecution, with a copy of the request filed with the court. The prosecution shall furnish the results at least 2 days before the day of trial. The results of the test shall be offered as evidence by the prosecution in the trial. Failure to fully comply with the request shall bar the admission of the results into evidence by the prosecution.

(6) Except in a prosecution relating solely to a violation of § 5.15(1)(b) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code of 1995, the amount of alcohol in the driver's blood, breath, or urine at the time alleged as shown by chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath or urine shall give rise to the following presumptions:

(a) If there was at the time 0.07 grams or less of alcohol per 100 milliliters of the defendant's blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine, it shall be presumed that the defendant's ability to operate a motor vehicle was not impaired due to the consumption of intoxicating liquor and that the defendant was not under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

(b) If there was at the time in excess of 0.07 grams but less than 0.10 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of the defendant's blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine, it shall be presumed that the defendant's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired within the provisions of § 5.15(3) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code of 1995 due to the consumption of intoxicating liquor.

(c) If there was at the time 0.10 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of the defendant's blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine, it is presumed that the defendant was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

(7) A person's refusal to submit to a chemical test as provided in subsection (3) shall be admissible in a criminal prosecution for a crime described in § 5.15(1)(i) only for the purposes of showing that a test was offered to the defendant but not as evidence in determining innocence or guilt of the defendant. The jury shall be instructed accordingly.

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

(1) A person who operates a vehicle upon a public highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within the city, is considered to have given consent to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath or urine for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance or both in his or her blood or urine or the amount of alcohol in his or her breath in all of the following circumstances:

(a) If a person is arrested for a violation of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code of 1995, § 5.15(1), (3), (11) or (12) or MCL 257.625.

(2) A person who is afflicted with hemophilia, diabetes or a condition requiring the use of an anticoagulant under the direction of a physician, shall not be considered as giving consent to withdrawal of blood. The test shall be administered according to the provisions of MCL 257.625a(6) or § 5.15a(3) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code.

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

(1) If a person refuses the request of a peace officer to submit to a chemical test described in MCL 257.625(1) or § 5.15(3) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, a test shall not be given without a court order, but the peace officer may seek to obtain a court order.

(2) A written report shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary of State by the peace officer. The report shall state that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the person had committed a crime described in MCL 257.625(1) or § 5.15(1) of Chapter 70 of the Plymouth City Code, and that the person had refused to submit to the test upon the request of the peace officer and had been advised of the consequences of the refusal. The form of the report shall be prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of State.

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

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

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (2), immediately do all of the following:

(i) Forward a copy of the written report of the person's refusal to submit to a chemical test to the Secretary of State;

(ii) Notify the Secretary of State by means of the law enforcement information network that a temporary license or permit was issued to the person;

(iii) Except as provided in Subsection (2), destroy the person's driver's license or permit;

(iv) Immediately notify the person in writing that within 14 days of the date of the notice, the person may request a hearing. The form of the notice shall be prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of State;

(v) The notice shall specifically state that failure to request a hearing within 14 days will result in the suspension of the person's license or permit to drive. The notice shall also state that there is not a requirement that the person retain counsel for a hearing on the notice, and that the person would be permitted to represent the person at the hearing.

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

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

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

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

JOSEPH C. KOCH
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MARRION L. DELYA

Services for Marion L. Delya, 82, of Westland were Oct. 16 at the Vermuelen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Linda M. Carrington officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born March 12, 1917, in Chicago. She died Oct. 13 in Livonia. She was a retail bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Delya of Westland; three daughters, Madeline (John) Goulet of Canton, Judith (Jerry) Kowalsky of West Bloomfield, Linda (Peter) Carrington of Naeleth, Mich.; one nephew, Al Hastis of Seattle, Wash.; one niece, Adrian Smith of Zeeland, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Services for William E. Thomas, 66, of Canton were Oct. 18 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 9, 1933, in Detroit. He died Oct. 14. He worked as a chief petty officer for the Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred J.; three sons, William J. (Sharon), Steven E. (Beverly), Robert L.; three daughters, Janet E. (John) Madden, Nancy

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Services for Neva Travia, 82, of Northville were Oct. 30 in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in First United Methodist Church Memorial, Plymouth.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Canton JV, frosh win

Plymouth Canton's junior varsity and freshmen football teams finished the 1999 season unbeaten after recording victories over Plymouth Salem last Thursday.

The Chiefs' JV defeated Salem 47-12 to complete the season with a record of 8-0-1. The JV never trailed in this game, scoring 21 unanswered points before Salem scored.

The Canton freshmen defeated Salem in a hard-fought game, 22-21. Doug Davidson scored twice for the Chiefs and Reggie Joyner scored once. A 35-yard Andy Howald-to-Dave Nicoloff pass completion late in the fourth quarter allowed the Chiefs to maintain possession and run out the clock. The freshmen completed their season with a 7-0-2 record.

Lions still perfect

The Canton Lions varsity junior football league team ran its record to 6-0 with a 16-0 triumph over the Ann Arbor Wildcats last Sunday at Central Middle School. Drew Amble scored both Lion touchdowns, running one in and grabbing a David Thomas pass for another. Brandon Kilgore and Kris Whipple led the defensive effort.

The Lions' junior varsity also remained unbeaten with a 42-31 win over the Wildcats' JV Sunday. Chris Drabicki ran 4 yards for one TD and threw scoring passes of 8 and 12 yards to Nathan Rzeppa and 53 yards to Dominique Fisher. Fisher also scored on a 5-yard run, and Konrad Konsitzke raced 43 yards for a TD.

The Lions freshmen suffered their first defeat last Sunday, losing 6-0 to the undefeated Wildcats. The loss dropped the freshmen team to 4-1-1. Chris Fischer intercepted a pass in the end zone and forced a fumble, and Mike Rubick and Javon Brown recovered fumbles to lead the Lion defenders. Andrew Coogan, Ryan Mackin and Nick Dunleavy also played well defensively.

Steelers rout Rangers

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity got three touchdowns from Steve Howey and two more from Corey Walser in beating the Redford Rangers 42-14 in a junior football league game last Sunday. Howey caught one TD pass and scored twice on the ground, one a 59-yard run. Walser also scored on a 42-yard run. Brian Bradley rambed 44 yards for another TD. The Steelers are 5-1.

The Steeler junior varsity wore out their Ranger counterparts, beating them 32-6 Sunday. A short run by Charles Schumacher capped a 70-yard, first-half drive and left the game tied at 6-all at the intermission. David Koltunchik, Steven Lehane, Schumacher and Shawn Little broke the game open with second-half scores. Jeff Lake, Kevin Bradley and Lehane paced the defense with interceptions.

The Steeler freshmen improved to 4-2 with a 20-0 blanking of the Rangers. Dalton Walser and Deshon McClendon scored running TDs and Adam Powers three a scoring pass to Paul Kanaan. The defense was keyed by Cameron Falsetti, Steve Elliott, Devin Murphy and Michael Bashawaty.

Ambassador commits

Andy Burnes, a 6-foot, 185-pound defenseman from Battle Creek, has verbally committed to play at the University of Michigan next year.

Burnes is in his second season with the Compuware Ambassadors. Last year he helped Compuware capture the NAHL and National Junior A championships. He had one goal and 10 assists (11 points) and 69 penalty minutes in 53 games a year ago. He has two goals and an assist in his first seven games this year.

NAHL grad of the week

Jeff Reynart, a former Compuware Ambassador goalie now playing at Western Michigan University, was named the North American Hockey League graduate of the week.

The Sterling Heights native stopped 24 of 26 shots in WMU's 4-2 win over Ohio State Oct. 15, then followed that by making 28 saves in 29 shots as the Broncos beat OSU again, 5-1 Oct. 16. In 1997-98 with Compuware, Reynart was 28-14 with a 2.52 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage.

Rocks wreck Canton, 28-7

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Exactly one month after losing its fifth game in five weeks, its starting quarterback for the season and any hopes for a winning record, Plymouth Salem put the finishing touches on a never-say-die season.

On Friday night, the Rocks defeated cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton, 28-7. The win was their fourth in a row, allowing them to finish with a respectable 4-5 record following an adversity-filled start.

The Chiefs, on the other hand, dropped their third-consecutive game and fell to 4-5.

Still dripping wet from a team-administered ice-water shower, Salem coach Tom Moshimer stood at the 50-yard line of the Centennial Educational Park field Friday night and gushed with pride over a group of players who refused to quit after five weeks of gut-wrenching losing.

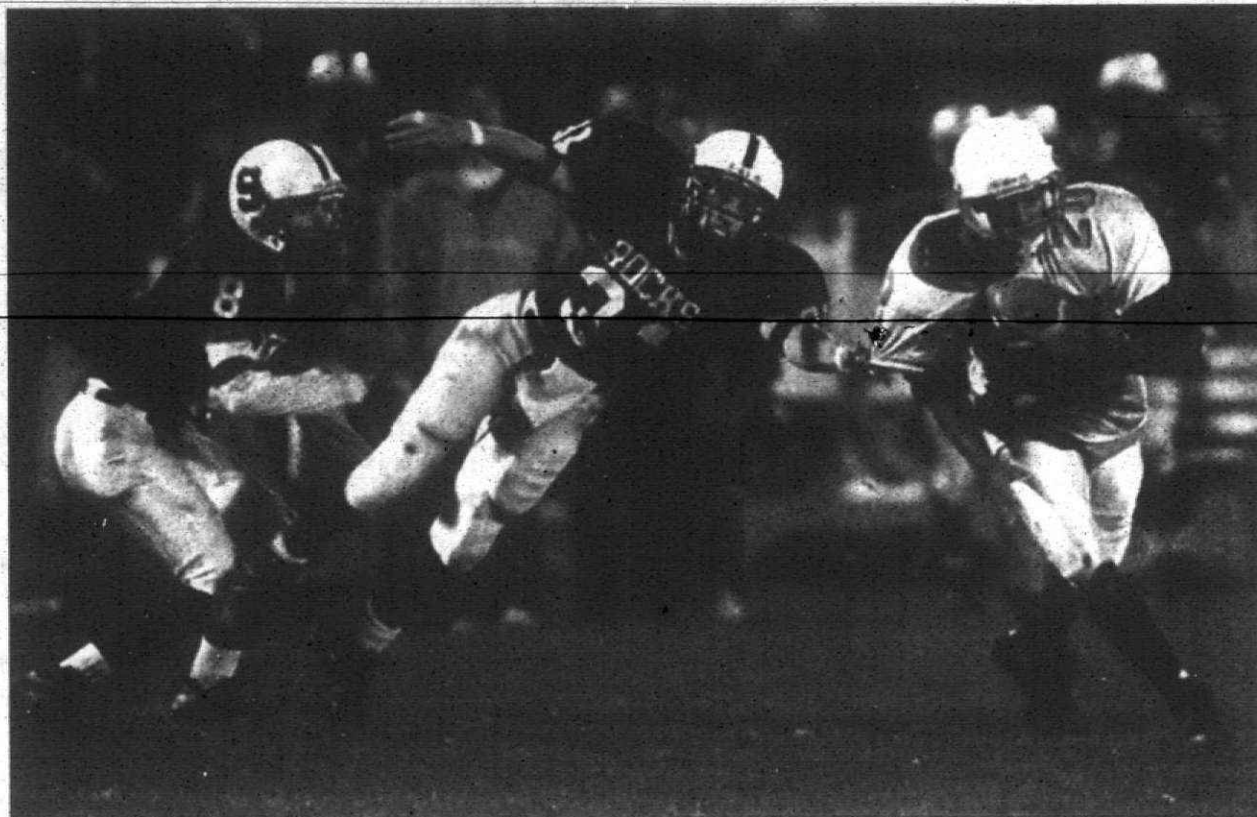
"I think the turning point came after that tough loss to Walled Lake Central (Sept. 24) when we lost a great quarterback in Matt Fair," Moshimer said. "The kids came together and made up their minds that they could still make something out of this season."

"Once we won our first game, the confidence level grew. Then when we beat John Glenn, they knew they could beat anybody."

"I'm very proud of this team. It's easy to quit when you're 0-5. This team didn't."

In a post-game meeting with his team, Canton coach Tim Baechler emphasized that, despite the disappointing finish, the Chiefs deserve to hold their heads high.

"I told them that the toughest thing in the world to do is build a winning



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Flyin' around: Salem's Andy Kocoloski (31) was just about everywhere against Canton, making a grab on Jerry Gaines (20) on defense and gaining 152 rushing yards while scoring three TDs.

program, but slowly and surely, we will do that," Baechler said. "When you build anything, there will be some minor setbacks along the way, but when those setbacks occur, you have to dig in deeper and work even harder."

"We won four games this year,

which is an improvement over last year's three wins. I told them we will get to where we want to be, and when we get there, it is going to be a great feeling."

Salem running back Andy Kocoloski won't soon forget his last game in a

Rock uniform. The senior captain racked up 152 yards rushing on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns. He also recovered a fumbled punt early in the second half to set up his second TD.

"Kocoloski is an outstanding foot-

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WESTERN LAKES CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Parker lifts Stevenson to title

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Andrea Parker said it wasn't one of her better races, but her first-place finish catapulted Livonia Stevenson to its sixth straight Western Lakes Activities Association girls cross country championship Friday afternoon at Kensington Metropark.

Despite unseasonable cold temperatures and stiff winds, Parker covered

the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 48 seconds to repeat as WLAA individual champion.

Stevenson withstood a formidable challenge from Livonia Churchill to win the team title, 52-72. Plymouth Salem held off Walled Lake Central for third place, 115-122.

WLAA GIRLS

Central's speed tops Spartans

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It was expected to be a down-to-the-wire type of race, and the team a lot of people figured would win the duel was Livonia Stevenson.

After all, the Spartans had beaten Central in a cross country dual meet just a week prior to Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Final at Kensington Metropark.

WLAA BOYS

Other teams figured to be in the mix — notably North Farmington and Livonia Churchill — but their chances to win the title weren't as great.

As North coach Paul Welch put it: "I knew one of four teams could win it, depending who ran well. I thought going in that Central was sliding a bit

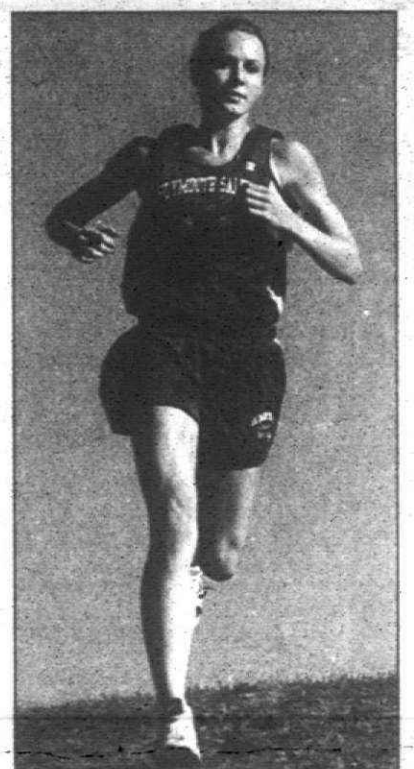
and Stevenson was coming up."

But in the final analysis, it was the Spartans who couldn't match Central's overall speed.

The up-front ability of Todd Mobley — he finished first by nearly a full minute — was anticipated. The difference came later for the Vikings, when they placed all five of their scorers in the top 16 overall.

It was an accomplishment Steven-

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All-conference: Salem's Rachel Jones finished fifth overall to earn all-WLAA accolades.

A senior's tour

Canton resident is new tourney director

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

It's a dream job come true for Jeff Mason.

Mason, who just moved to Canton, is the new director of next year's Senior Player's Championship in Dearborn.

His move here from Des Moines, Iowa, where he ran this year's U.S. Senior Open, is a return home of sorts; he grew up in Belleville and went to school at Michigan State.

An experienced tournament director, Mason brings design and architectural skills along with organization to the job.

"The skills that I acquired as a landscape architect were easily adaptable to running an event," Mason said. "It's just like building a house. It's a short term construction project that you do annually."

Mason has basically relocated annually. Before Des Moines, he did the Senior

Open from Cleveland in 1996 and from Chicago in 1997.

Now, as a full-time PGA employee, he can relax and regrow some roots.

"It's hard to make friends when you know you're going to leave a year or a year and a half later."

"It's nice being back. Living out of boxes isn't a fun thing to do," Mason said.

Even though he's been here six weeks, Mason has yet to play the lush fairways and greens of local courses like Pheasant Run or Fellows Creek.

In fact, he hasn't even played TPC. "I like to hunt, fish and spend time with my family," Mason said. "I don't like to recreate where I work. I've spent a majority of my time unpacking and working."

Mason moved to Canton six weeks ago with his wife, Millie, and their eight-month-old son, Joshua.

The tournament, held at the TPC in Dearborn, is one of the four majors on the Senior PGA tour.

Mason's job will be to recruit sponsors, bring in vendors, set up tents, orchestrate catering and collect and educate 1,200 volunteers for the six-day event, which will be July 10-16 next summer.

Will there be changes to the SPC? "There will be some minor tweaking, but it's an outstanding event already. If it's not broke —" Mason said.

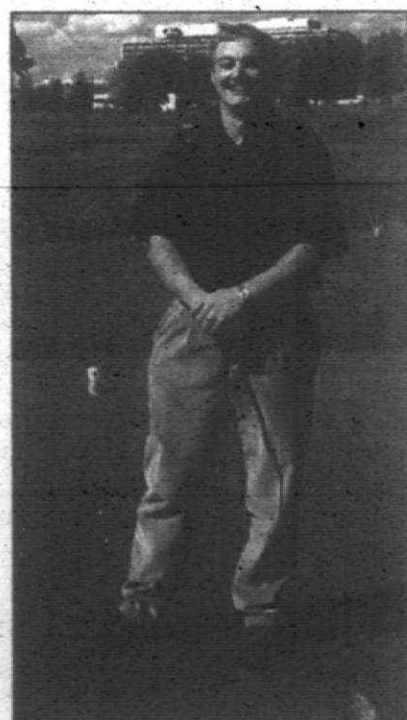
A landscape architect by trade, Mason graduated MSU in 1982 and moved to Denver where he worked at an architectural firm.

Later he moved to Grand Rapids. It was there that Mason volunteered his services for a Senior Tour tournament in 1987.

From that tournament, he worked his way up the chain of command and ended up running the tournament in 1993.

So sometimes, the ladder of success runs in a circle.

"It's just nice to come home to family and friends," Mason said.



Traveling man: Jeff Mason grew up in Belleville, but golf has taken him to three cities in the last three years.

Salem's depth dooms North; Canton rolls

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

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

McComb wound up with 31 points, giving her 406 this season, and added 13 rebounds but it still didn't prevent the Raiders from falling to 6-3 in the WLA North Farmington is 10-5 overall.

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

Tiffany Grubaugh led the Rocks with 13 points, with Bree Pastalanian and Mary Lou Liebau getting 12 apiece and Lindsay Klemmer scoring 5.

McComb went to the free throw line 15 times and sank 11 to contribute to 16-for-21 shooting from the line by the Raiders. Jehan Hinde had seven steals for North Farmington.

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

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"Kemmer hit a three, Tiffany hit a three and Bree scored seven. That really got us going. We took it up to 21-3, then really set in."

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

Salem outscored North Farmington by two points in each of the middle two periods before the Raiders posted a 13-7 edge in the final eight minutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pontiac Oakland 48, PCA 29: Pontiac Oakland Christian stayed undefeated in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, taking advantage of a home-court advantage.

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

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

(11-4 overall, 8-0 in the MIAC) in the second and third quarters before getting outscored 13-4 in the final period.

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

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

Michelle Jackson scored 12 for Pontiac.

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

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

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

Borgess broke on top, outscoring the Blazers 18-10 in the first quarter. The Spartans (4-10 overall, 3-5 in the Catholic League) stayed in front until the fourth quarter.

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

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

A steal by Harakas led to Ladywood's first lead of the game; she was fouled as she drove to the basket and hit 1-of-2 free throws with 1:51 left.

From that point on, it was a back-and-forth struggle. Michelle Harakas scored on a layup with 40 seconds left to knot it at 52-41, and then Lis Obrecht took a charge from Borgess' Amber Taylor with three seconds left to assure OT.

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

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

Jose Ciburn's 18 points was best for Borgess. Deshauna Hoskins added 12.

Ladywood advances to the Catholic League playoffs, hosting Riverview Gabriel Richard at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The winner advances to the league semifinals Nov. 3 at Schoolcraft College.

Warriors get a bounce

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

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

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

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

Salem sinks Farmington; Chiefs win

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

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

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

Sarah Rogers won the 200 freestyle (2:03.41) and combined with Monica Glowinski, Jess Hala and Christy Roy to finish first in the 200 free relay (1:47.72) and with Glowinski, Hala and Alicia Dotson for a win in the 400 free relay (3:58.68).

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

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

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Kim Tamme won the diving (159.25); Laszkie was first in the 100 free (1:00.20); Trisha Dotson took the 500 free (5:56.73); Foust captured the 100 backstroke (1:08.74); and Evans was first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.64).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:56.79)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82
North Farmington 1:58.32
Plymouth Salem 1:59.85
Plymouth Canton 2:01.78

300-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 2:01.09)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:14.16
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 2:17.46
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:17.69
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:19.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:19.40
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:19.86
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:20.07
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:20.95
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:21.10
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:21.75

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:17.49)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:10.22
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:11.71
Linda McElrean (N. Farmington) 2:12.34
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:14.39
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.91
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05

50-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 24.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.73
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 24.73
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
Jen Blacklock (Mercy) 25.36
Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Linda McElrean (N. Farmington) 25.66
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 25.84
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.95
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.98
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 25.98

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 1:02.79)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.67
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Linda McElrean (N. Farmington) 1:01.83
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:02.87
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:03.18
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.36
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:43.99)

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:08.45
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:09.25
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:10.04
Linda McElrean (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:14.16
Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.20
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 1:14.72
Jennifer Berdick (N. Farmington) 1:14.72

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:49.59)

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:35.27
Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
North Farmington 3:48.33
Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 1:42.29)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.04
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.05
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:00.74
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.26
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:02.27
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04

DIVING

Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 257.40
Krisa Blain (Churchill) 205.80
Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 205.80
Erin Lutzra (Redford Union) 202.85
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 202.80
Jenny Down (John Glenn) 198.65
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 197.95
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 194.18
Natalie Ciszewski (Stevenson) 185.70

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Barber boosts Madonna in OT

It took overtime, but Madonna University managed to edge Indiana Tech 4-3 Wednesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer match at Whitman Soccer Field in Livonia.

Keith Barber fielded a pass from Adam Purcell five minutes into overtime and carried the ball 25 yards before unleashing a shot that beat Tech keeper Will Bedard with the game-winner.

The victory raised Madonna's record to 11-5-1 overall, 7-4-1 in the WHAC. Tech slips to 6-9-2 overall, 2-8-2 in the WHAC.

Madonna took the early advantage, scoring twice in the game's first 20 minutes. Seamus Rustin put the Fighting Crusaders on the board at 2:45, with Barber assisting. Oleg Chovkovy made it 2-0 at the 20:18 mark with an assist from Joe Suchara (from Livonia Stevenson).

But Tech rallied to tie it by halftime on goals by Matt Keller and Curtis Lockwood, then took the lead on a goal by Bill Krips 17 minutes into the second half.

Barber responded with a goal at 3:01, setting a clearing kick by Madonna keeper Dave Hart with five minutes left in regulation and putting it in the Tech net.

Madonna outshot Tech 18-15, including a 2-1 advantage in OT.

Schoolcraft College's Delta
Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team,

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after struggling through a week's worth of rather lethargic play, got ready for this weekend's NJCAA Division I Regional at Lakeland CC in Ohio by blasting Delta CC 9-0 Wednesday at SC.

"Everyone's eligible, everyone's back on track," said SC coach Van Dimitriou, his team making a 12-6-1 record into the postseason.

The Ocelots scored seven times in the first half against the Pioneers in what Dimitriou called his team's best performance in a month. "It looked like a team I hadn't seen in a while," he said.

Gary Bell opened the scoring, putting in a direct kick taken by Aaron MacDonald (Plymouth Salem). Tom Stark made it 2-0, heading in a corner kick taken by Johnny Demergis (Plymouth Canton).

Demergis got the third goal, assisted by Tony Maldonado (Livonia Stevenson). Other first-half goals were produced by Jesse Solocinski, from Dan Wielechowski (Salem); Maldonado, from Demergis; Wielechowski, from Bell and Maldonado; and Maldonado, from Wielechowski.

In the second half, Maldonado got his third goal of the game, with Wielechowski again assisting, followed by a score by Nick Skotakis.

At Saturday's regional, SC will meet either Cuyahoga or Cincinnati State in the second semifinal at 2:30 p.m. The first semifinal will pair Kellogg against Lakeland.

The championship is slated for 11 a.m. Oct. 31. The regional champ advances to the NJCAA Division I Midwest District hosted by SC Nov. 6-7.

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nis, assisted by Jeff Azumah.

Ben Davis (Canton) was in goal for the first half; Eric Anderson took over for the second.

Last Monday, SC was supposed to play a non-league match against Indiana Tech's junior varsity but, because several Ocelots failed to turn in their academic progress reports the match was officially forfeited.

The players were allowed to play, since the Tech JV had made the trip, and the score was SC 4, Tech 0. Demergis had two goals and two assists, with Mike Jones and Bell also scoring goals. Skotakis and Rob Barnes (Canton) had assists.

On Oct. 16, SC played a non-league match against St. Mary's College and lost, 2-1. The only SC goal was scored by Demergis on a corner kick, banked in off a defender in front of the net. That tied the match at 1-1 at half, time.

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Ocelots rebound to sweep Delta; Madonna falls

Schoolcraft College dropped out of its first place tie in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference when it lost at Henry Ford CC Tuesday, but the Lady Ocelots didn't stay down for long.

They responded with a 15-7, 15-3, 15-7 victory over visiting Delta College Thursday, making it three conference volleyball victories in their last four matches.

SC is 9-3 in the conference, 16-15 overall.

Nicole Boyd (from Livonia Franklin) paced the Ocelots with 17 kills with a .387 kill percentage. Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) added 16 kills (.406 average) and six digs, and Toni Forsnyk had six kills and four digs.

Amanda Yaklin led SC with 12 digs, Cindy Malof had two ser-

vice aces and two blocks, and Danielle Wensing (Franklin) had 36 assists to kills.

The Ocelots finish their conference regular season with matches against Macomb CC Tuesday (7 p.m. at SC) and against Wayne County CC Thursday.

Hillsdale rips Madonna
It was even through two sets

Friday when Madonna University hosted Hillsdale College. After that, it was all Chargers.

The NCAA Division II power beat the Lady Crusaders 15-8, 4-15, 15-13, 15-3.

Madonna fell to 24-9 overall. Its match against the University of Windsor, scheduled for last Thursday, was cancelled.

Brandy Malowski (Redford Thurston) led the Crusaders with 14 kills (.414 kill percent-

age) and 20 blocks; she also had nine digs.

Stephanie Uball had eight kills, nine blocks, four service aces and a team-high 14 digs; Nicole Boyd had three kills, three aces, eight blocks and 12 digs; Donna Birkenhied had three kills and nine blocks; Marylu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) had three kills, five blocks and 12 digs; and Jennie Wind had three kills, 81 assists to kills, 14 blocks and 11 digs.

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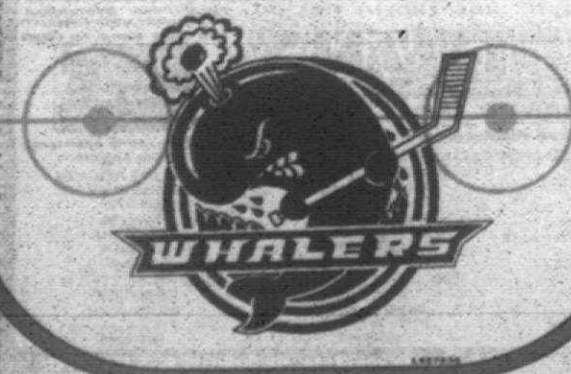
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PLYMOUTH CANTON (host)	
Monday, Oct. 26: (A) Plymouth Canton at (B) Saline, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Ann Arbor Huron at (D) Plymouth Salem, 7 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 28: Final at Canton, noon. (Winner to Kalamazoo Central vs. Grandville district champion).	
WAYNE MEMORIAL (host)	
Monday, Oct. 26: (A) Dearborn Fordson at (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 27: Garden City at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 29: Final at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Novi district champion).	
UNIV. OF DETROIT-JESUIT (host)	
Monday, Oct. 26: (A) University of Detroit Jesuit at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Northville, 7 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 27: A-B winner vs. Redford Catholic Central at Livonia's Whitman Field, 4 p.m.; C-D winner at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at U-D Jesuit, 11 a.m. (Winner to regional site to be determined vs. Temperance-Detroit district champion).	
DIVISION II	
FARMINGTON HILLS (host)	
Monday, Oct. 26: (A) Redford Union at (B) Redford Thurston, 4 p.m.; (C) Farmington at (D) Farmington Hills Harrison, 7 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 27: A-B winner at White Lake Lakeland, 7 p.m.; North Farmington at C-D winner, TBA.	
Friday, Oct. 29: Final at Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. (Winner to East Rapids regional vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern district champion).	
DIVISION IV	
D.J. FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN (host)	
Monday, Oct. 26: (A) Fairlane Christian at (B) Southfield Christian, 4 p.m.; (C) Plymouth Christian at (D) Ann Arbor Greenhills, 4 p.m.; (E) Lutheran High Westland at (F) Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.; (G) Livonia Clarenceville at (H) Southfield Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 28: C-D winner at A-B winner, 4 p.m.; G-H winner at E-F winner, 4:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 30: Final at Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian, 3 p.m. (Winner to Southfield Christian regional vs. Lake Fenton district champion).	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Monday, Oct. 26: Agee at Greater D.J. 6:15 p.m.; Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.; John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m.	

A missed opportunity

Increase in pheasant flock means good hunt



BILL PARKER

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

Not this time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008. Fax information to (248) 844-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Slow-moving snakes seek shelter



TIM NOWICKI

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

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

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

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

Maybe because summer snakes were gone from view before I could see them since they could move much faster. Most recently I saw two garter snakes along the trail in the

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cold temperatures like we have been having stimulate cold-

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

Homes near fields and forests may have excellent wintering sites.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boys cross country

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son could not match. Central totaled 53 points; the Spartans were next with 69, followed by North with 100 and Churchill with 102.

Walled Lake Western finished fifth (140), followed by Plymouth Salem (142), Farmington (184), Northville (190), Plymouth Canton (212), Livonia Franklin (223), Farmington Harrison (324) and Westland John Glenn (364). See statistical summary.

"They ran hard," said Churchill coach John McGreevey of his team's overall effort. "I know they were a little disappointed because one of our goals at the beginning of the season was to be in the top three."

"We were so close (to North). On any given day, either team

could finish on top. They just ran better today."

The top seven runners were named all-conference. Joining Mobley were North's Charlie Stamboulion, who was second (17:02.0); Western's Kevin Naughton, third (17:09.9); Stevenson's Eric Mink, fourth (17:10.6); Churchill's Jason Richmond (17:12.5); Northville's Brian Bilyk, sixth (17:17.7); and Salem's Donnie Warner, seventh (17:22.3).

"He had a good race," Welch said of Stamboulion's effort. "And I thought Ethan Goodman ran a good race for us. He finished about where I thought he would (12th overall)."

"But our third-fourth-fifth runners were about 10 slots behind

what I thought they could do. We ran competitively. But we were kind of hoping to finish in the 60s (in scoring). I knew Stevenson and Central would be tough to beat, but I would have liked to have been closer to them."

Weather conditions — gusting winds, occasional rain and frigid temperatures — certainly took a toll. Still, it wasn't a meet dominated by one team; indeed, only Central managed to have two runners place in the top 10.

"Our second and third runners have to move up just a little bit — two or three places," said McGreevey, echoing a sentiment shared by several WLAA coaches.

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WLAA BOYS

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

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Canton-Salem

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ball player," Baechler said. "After watching him on film all week, we knew he was the one we would have to stop, but he had a great game."

Koceloski broke open a scoreless game three minutes into the second quarter when he bolted 25 yards to the end zone. Jason Furr's extra point attempt was no good, but the Rocks led 6-0.

Canton threatened to cut into the lead on its final first-half possession when, with eight seconds left, Oliver Wolcott hit a leaping Jerry Gaines with a 38-yard flea-flicker pass that put the ball on the Salem 26-yard line.

The Chiefs lined up for a 42-yard field goal. However, the center-to-holder exchange was botched and Wolcott was forced to throw an incomplete, desperate

pass into the end zone. Two plays after recovering a fumbled Canton punt three minutes into the second half, Koceloski zigged and zagged his way to the end zone from 23 yards out. Coble's two-point conversion pass to Koceloski made it 14-0 Salem with 8:29 remaining in the third quarter.

Salem iced it five minutes later when Koceloski scampered 37 yards untouched to paydirt. Furr's extra point boosted the lead to 21-0.

Canton mounted its most impressive drive of the night on its next possession when it marched 70 yards in 15 plays and scored on Jordan Chapman's 2-yard run. Wolcott kicked the extra point to make it 21-7.

The Chiefs' last gasp came with 3:24 left when a fourth-and-

6 pass from Wolcott to Gaines ended up getting just 5 yards, two feet and 11 inches.

Three plays later, Coble busted loose on a 66-yard scoring jaunt, and it was all over but the shouting — and the dumping of the ice water.

The Rocks outgained their rivals, 263-251, in total yards. Coble complemented Koceloski's fine effort, running for 87 yards on 11 carries. The senior signal-caller also completed 2-of-4 passes for 9 yards.

Gaines exceled for the Chiefs offensively, amassing 97 yards on 20 carries. He also hauled in two passes for 43 yards.

Defensively, Salem was spearheaded by Steve Guidic, who made several key tackles and recovered a fumble.

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year set at the Brother Rice Invitational.

"I figured the weather would calm down, even after it hailed for 30 seconds," she said. "The wind was not too bad. I could feel it more in the flat parts."

"It was not one of my stronger races and I didn't feel too quick, but I felt relaxed."

With the wind at her back at the two-mile mark, Parker cruised home to victory.

"Her time (19:48) is fast for this course because it's long and slow," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "It might be 100 meters too long. But to be under 20 minutes is pretty phenomenal."

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WESTERN LAKES

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Oct. 22 at Kensington Metropark

Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 52; 2. Livonia Churchill, 72; 3. Plymouth Salem, 115; 4. Walled Lake Central, 122; 5. Plymouth Canton, 134; 6. Farmington, 172; 7. Northville, 208; 8. North Farmington, 214; 9. Walled Lake Western, 228; 10. Livonia Franklin, 236; 11. Farmington Hills Harrison, 244; 12. Westland John Glenn, 305.

Individual finishers: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 19:48.6; 2. Heidi Frank (NF), 20:45.2; 3. Breanna Turkany (WL), 20:46.4; 4. Susan Duncan (LC), 20:52.9; 5. Sarah Westrick (LC), 20:59.8; 6. Rachel Jones (PS), 21:04.2; 7. Megan Annarino (F), 21:05.3; 8. Kristen Balla (F), 21:06.2; 9. Tara Tarole (LS), 21:11.9; 10. Krystin Jarrell (WLW), 21:14.4; 11. Marissa Montgomery (LS), 21:15.1; 12. Alyson Fish (N), 21:16.7; 13. Tessa Tarole (LS), 21:16.7; 14. Ashley, 21:19.3; 15. Sarah Annarino (F), 21:20.6; 16. Stephanie Griffin (PC), 21:22.0; 17. Michelle Phillips (LC), 21:23.1; 18. Sara Pilon (LS), 21:25.5; 19. Sharron Ryan (WJG), 21:26.5; 20. Julie Sachau (LS), 21:27.3; 21. Stefanie Rousseau (LS), 21:28.3; 22. Mary Maloney (PC), 21:35.8; 23. Sarah Rucinski (PC), 21:36.5; 24. Darlene Griffin (WL), 21:37.3; 25. Lauren Loftus (PS), 21:38.1; 26. Sha Potocni (PS), 21:53.4; 27. Erica Johnson (LF), 21:55.0; 28. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 21:56.4; 29. Lori Jones (PS), 22:05.9; 30. Aisha Chappell (PS), 22:02.1; 31. Mandy Hein (LC), 22:05.1; 32. Amy Dupuis (PC), 22:07.2; 33. Monica Kordemsky (LF), 22:08.7; 34. Stephanie Swiers (LC), 22:16.4; 35. Christine Witte (LF), 22:20.1; 36. Amy Quitor (WL), 22:21.6; 37. Kelly Kuo (NF), 22:24.6; 38. Claire Czapicki (F), 22:34.0; 39. Lauren Liebowitz (FHH), 22:34.7; 40. Terra Kubert (PC), 22:40.4; 42. Jamie Griffin (PC), 22:41.5; 43. Erica Stoney (PC), 22:42.1; 44. Melissa Loomans (WLW), 22:43.2; 45. Jennifer Compton (WL), 22:44.0; 46. Nicole Blum (WJG), 22:45.8; 47. Christine Metry (FHH), 22:47.3; 48. Allison Oeffler (N), 22:49.0; 49. Kimberly Wood (PS), 22:50.9; 50. Angel Bushner (WLW), 22:54.3.

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BOWLING & RECREATION

Youth Classic hits 300 mark

For the second time in three weeks, the Sunday Youth Classic Bowling League has had a 300 game out of the Classic I Division, which is the younger or lower aged group.

Last Sunday, Mike Demouche of Livonia rolled his first perfect game at the Monroe Sports Center.

Just three weeks earlier, Howard Hardy had hit at Cleveland.

Mike, who had just turned 16 a few days earlier, is a student at Livonia Franklin High.

His series was 637, which boosted the average up to 174.

Ed Wright of Farmington Hills continues to produce a fine group of youth bowlers in the SYC each year and with the added adventure of traveling to a different venue each week, it helps the kids learn to adapt to different lanes and conditions.

Who will be the first man to shoot a 300 game in the new millennium?

Over 1,200 greater Detroit area bowlers enjoyed perfect games last year, and for the very first time to bowl a 300 game nationwide in the year 2000, ABC has announced that it will conduct a special contest to reward the inaugural winner.

The winner will receive a complete collection of all the American Bowling Congress premier awards including a gold ABC 300 ring, a watch, a 300 game leather jacket and a specially engraved wall plaque.

The game must be bowled in an ABC sanctioned league or tournament and may not begin earlier than 12:01 a.m. on Saturday Jan. 1, 2000.

The difference in time zones will be evened out to make it fair wherever it may occur.

If you have not seen the recent movie, "Mystery Men," consider yourself lucky.

That's because the lead actress, Janeane Garofalo, was pictured in Bowling Digest magazine with a rather unusual bowling ball, a clear plastic type which contained the skull of her late father, Carmine the Bowler.

She plays the part of a super hero out to avenge the death of her father, using this ball as a lethal weapon.

Unlike the movie "Kingpin" or the "Big Lebowski," which were also big office duds, there was no actual bowling taking place. And there was not much of a storyline, only a few good laughs.

When it gets to the dollar rental rack sometime, it may be worth seeing, or sleeping through it.

A youth bowler from Westland, Steve Engstrom came away with the Michigan Junior Masters title at the 13th annual "Lodge Ladies" open in Belleville.

That was the opener for the MJMA's 14th season.

In his final match, Steve was faced with beating the hottest bowler in the MJMA, Demetris Crum of Flint, who had won the last two tournaments of the previous season.

The two battled back and forth, and when the smoke had cleared, Engstrom needed two strikes and a good count in the tenth to win.

He struck twice and had an eight-count to take the championship, 203-200, receiving \$100 in scholarship funds.

In the next event at Bay City, Engstrom did not win, but had the high game of them tournament with a 290.

Another Westland youth bowler, Roy Hixon finished second.

The MJMA also announced a new sponsor, Alro Steel, will help provide scholarship funds for the winners.

To date, the MJMA has provided nearly a \$250,000 in scholarships to youth bowlers from Michigan and neighboring states.

For more information on the MJMA, call director Dan Ottman at (248) 524-3640.

At last Sunday's meeting for Project Retention, it was announced that greater Detroit is one of six cities designated nationally for a test market.

After 60 years of bowling in the same league formats,

leagues are losing more bowlers each year than gained.

This human loss can be reversed by inclusion of some or all of the methods developed by Bob Jarlenki in the Ultimate Bowling League concept.

As a comparison, look at the way all major sports have changed after forming their original leagues.

You had hockey's original six. In baseball, you had two leagues with eight teams until 1969.

They have all formed a play-off system, which includes separate conferences and divisions, leading to playoffs and championship series.

Instead of just a couple of cities involved, many others get in on the excitement because they all have a chance to win.

In most bowling leagues, the same ones seem to win year after year, and towards the end of the season, there's less interest and don't even show up.

By placing teams in separate divisions, there are more winners. It is more competitive and more fun for everybody.

Best of all, it is more fair. The best team may still win, but they will just have to go the extra mile to do so. At least more teams still have a chance at the end of the regular season.

League officers should take a good look at the system and try to adapt to at least some of the system if they have had losses of members.

These formats can be custom designed to meet the needs of any particular league, large or small.

It is also possible to grow the size of the league during the season using these methods. There is even a method of bowling scratch that can be used for any league, but that is a whole different subject, to be brought up at a later time.

Several persons from the GDBA and Detroit Women's Bowling Association who are there to inform and help any sanctioned league in using these new tools.

Call the GDBA office at (810) 773-6350 or DWBA at (810) 773-3050.

ARCHERY

BROADHEAD PRACTICE
Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. each Thursday through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

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

FLY TYING

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

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

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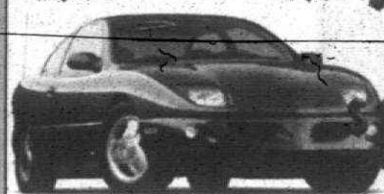
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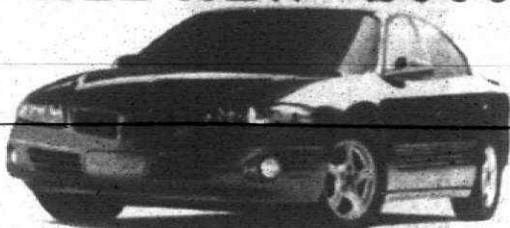
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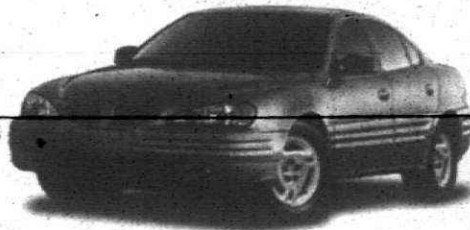
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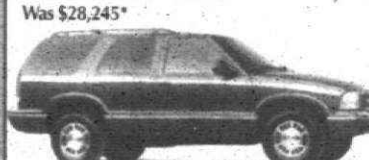
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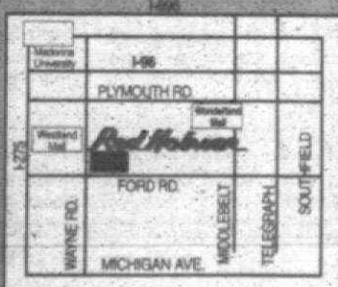
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

It's time to check out the summer arts camps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camp costs

Summer arts camps, ranging from around \$700 to \$3,000, can place a financial strain on a family. Megan, Malinowski-Podolka's daughter, has received service club scholarships from the Plymouth Lions and Kiwanis the last couple of years. Interlochen offers financial aid for middle and lower income students on a first come, first-served basis, and some

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Artist creates energy-filled show

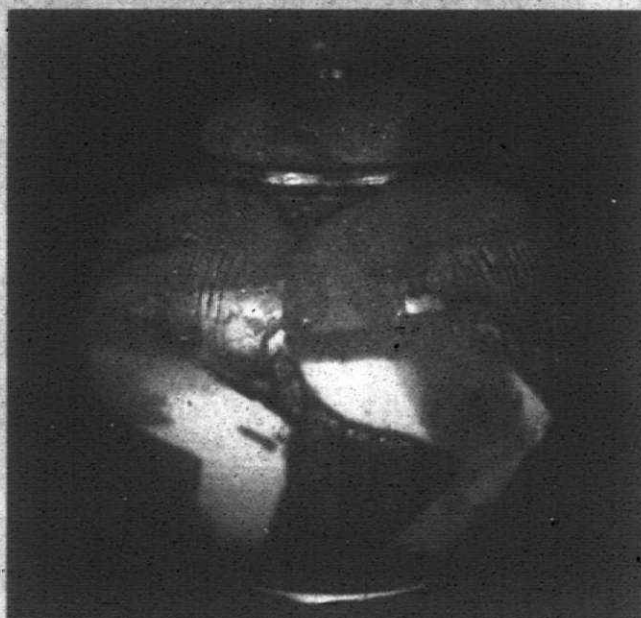
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Judy Buresh dashed from one display pedestal to another as she put the finishing touches on her pottery exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Garden City ceramist was about to demonstrate her wheel-thrown techniques for a luncheon and artist talk Wednesday, Oct. 20.

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

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

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



One-of-a-kind: Judy Buresh's porcelain covered vessel is one of the works in the exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

OPERA

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



Andrea Bocelli

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

What: Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves, Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldenbrand. Music by Jules Massenet. Conducted by Steven Mercurio. Directed by Mario Corradi.
Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, Wednesday, Nov. 3, Saturday Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, and Nov. 14. Tickets: \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or Ticket Master (248) 645-6666.

Unassuming and reflective, he apparently knows his place, and more importantly, he's not likely to miss his mark.

The tall and lean baritone from Farmington Hills sings the role of Albert, the friend and archrival of the terminal romantic, Werther, whose melancholy makes Woody Allen appear happy-go-lucky.

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



Mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves

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

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

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"High Voltage"

What: An exhibit featuring the pottery of Judy Buresh.
When: Through Wednesday, Nov. 3. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Weekends by appointment. Call (734) 416-4278.
Where: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

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

Charged with energy

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

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

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

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"The Sorrows of Young Werther"

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

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

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

Rising star

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

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

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Opera

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

The calls have come fast and furious since Schaldenbrand won the Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions in 1992. Since then, he's sung in more than 150 performances at the Met, including "La Bohème" and "Werther."

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

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

The nomadic journey of life on the road is hardly conducive to building relationships, he said. So, in the last few years, Schaldenbrand has traveled with a small dog.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Wilderness' plot is showing its age in WSU production

Wayne State's undergraduate Bonstelle Theatre Company presents Eugene O'Neill's nostalgic coming-of-age comedy "Ah, Wilderness" Oct. 24. Show time is 2 p.m. on Sunday (today). The Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward in Detroit. For ticket information, call the Bonstelle box office at (313) 577-2960.

By Sue E. Suchyta

SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

ANN ARBOR ARTISANS MARKET

Features arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Regular hours: Sundays through December at Farmers Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

ARTISAN FAIR

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The American Polish Cultural Center's 10th annual fall show is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30-31. The Center is at 15 Mile and Dequindre in Troy. For information call (810) 658-0440.

AUCTION

An auction of Charles Aime artworks to benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council takes place through Monday, Nov. 22, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 1734 41st Ave. (734) 416-4471.

DAVISON CRAFT SHOW

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

FALL FINE ART SHOW

Colorworks Studio presents its annual fall art show featuring hand-woven Turkish area rugs 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27 and 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28. 32506 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills. (248) 851-7540.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

Annual fall exhibit and sale 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8. Artists' reception 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4. Spicer House in Heritage Park on Farmington Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Road). (734) 462-2904.

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The 21st annual arts and crafts show is 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6. O.E. Dunkle Middle School, 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington. (248) 477-4951.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR

The 5th annual arts and crafts show is 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Novi Expo Center, Novi. (800) 210-9900.

WESTCARES ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The 25th annual juried show is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6 at Westcare Clubhouse, Westland. (248) 360-3934.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CRAPTERS CALL

Crafters wanted for the Troy Athens Band and Orchestra Boosters' Festival 1999. Craft Show, Sat. Nov. 20 at Troy Athens High School. Call Jackie Garcher at (248) 680-0253.

CRAPTERS WANTED

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Michigan's premier modern dance company announces open auditions for the EDE Center for Dance Holiday Concert. Spectacular at 9 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24 at 1541 W. Hamlin, Rochester Hills. (248) 952-5850.

FOCUS: HOPE

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

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

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

METROPOLITAN SINGERS

The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new members, especially for 10 singing voices, pop, rock, and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School, room 27000.

RADIO CITY SPECTACULAR

Auditions for children to sing in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular are 4-30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Fox Theatre Grand Lobby. Boys and girls 8-14 must make a reservation by calling (313) 471-3288 by noon, Friday, Nov. 5.

SEEKING CRAFTERS

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

BENEFITS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

The "Opening Palette" a black tie dinner "dance 7 p.m. - Sat. Oct. 30 at the Ford Product Development Center in Dearborn. Ticket information (248) 644-6666, ext. 104.

THE FRIEND OF ALICE BENEFIT

Join The Friends of Alice at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, or \$25 for families. Call (248) 424-9022.

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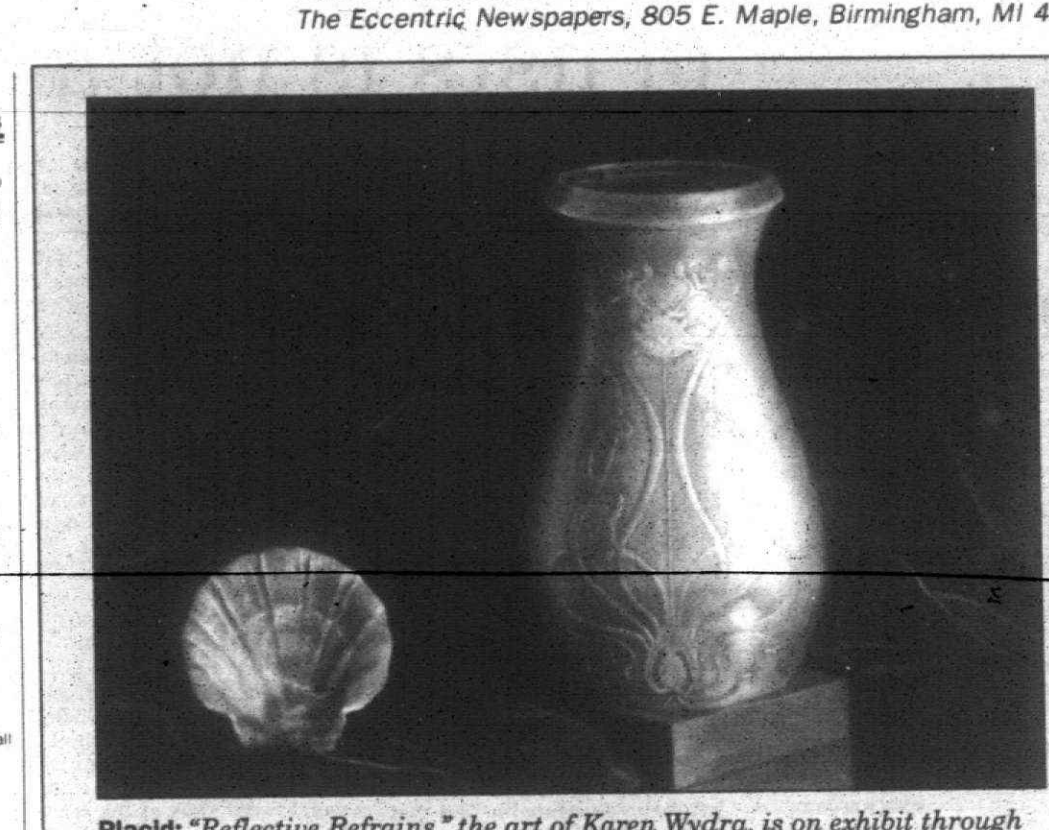
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Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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Placid: "Reflective Refrains," the art of Karen Wydra, is on exhibit through Nov. 15 at the Posner Gallery, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 647-2552 for details.

CRANBROOK BRUNCH SERIES

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music at the center, 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Through Nov. 31 - "Disappearance at Sea," the first solo museum show in the U.S. by Tacita Dean. Through Oct. 31 - "Background: Modern Living." Furniture, Textile and Fashion Designs by Pippa Searns. 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-660-CRANBROOK.

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Shoppers, and not just sales clerks, ought to be friendly

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

The state of customer service is constantly under surveillance by shoppers and the media, but who monitors and scrutinizes shoppers' behavior?

A couple years ago, I doubt anyone would have thought to ask such a question? Generally speaking, shoppers were well-behaved and sales clerks were eager - and had ample time - to provide quality customer service. Mutual respect was in play.

Today's retail landscape, however, is quite different: store staffs are smaller and less knowledgeable; the pool of local independent retailers has diminished significantly; and keen competition, plus the sheer number of retail venues out there, means consumers shop more than a just handful of favorite stores.

It doesn't take a genius to realize the relationship between shoppers and sales clerks is less personal and more strained today than in the past.

But which came first? Poor customer service or poor customer behavior?

True, most shoppers are perfectly reasonable.

But, customers can be inappropriate and downright obnoxious.

Don't believe me? Read on.

It's a common shopping circumstance. I was waiting at a store counter to return merchandise while the clerk rang up a sale. Another shopper approached the counter carrying a pair of shoes. Upon completing her sale, the clerk looked up and said, "Can I help you with that?"

I raised my eyebrows and made eye contact with the clerk, but said nothing. I usually wait for the other customer to indicate I'm next in line. Hey, it's a fact, an obvious truth.

"I don't think I'm next, but I'm going to go next," the other customer suddenly proclaimed, stepping in front of me.

Like an idiot, I said nothing. It must have been the shock. I just couldn't conceive of someone brazenly "taking cuts" in an upscale women's clothing boutique.

While shoppers probably don't take cuts on a regular basis, they do frequently abuse merchandise return policies, according to many store owners and retailers.

Some return clothing after wearing it. Others bring back merchandise after it's rolled around in the trunk of a car for three months. Many shoppers also return items well past the price tag and take a loss.

Another customer behavior that particularly bothers me is customer entitlement, when shoppers act as if they own the store - and everything and everybody in it - because they spend or have spent or indicate they might spend a few bucks.

Just last week, I observed this behavior at a store event where the clothing was being informally modeled.

Rather than simply admiring the good looks of the show's male model, one of the store's female customers sauntered into the young man's personal space and ogled him like he was goods-for-sale.

Admittedly, I found the play of events amusing - the customer was old enough to be the model's mother - but I also found it disturbing. Having and spending money isn't a license to act like a spoiled monarch ravaging the kingdom.

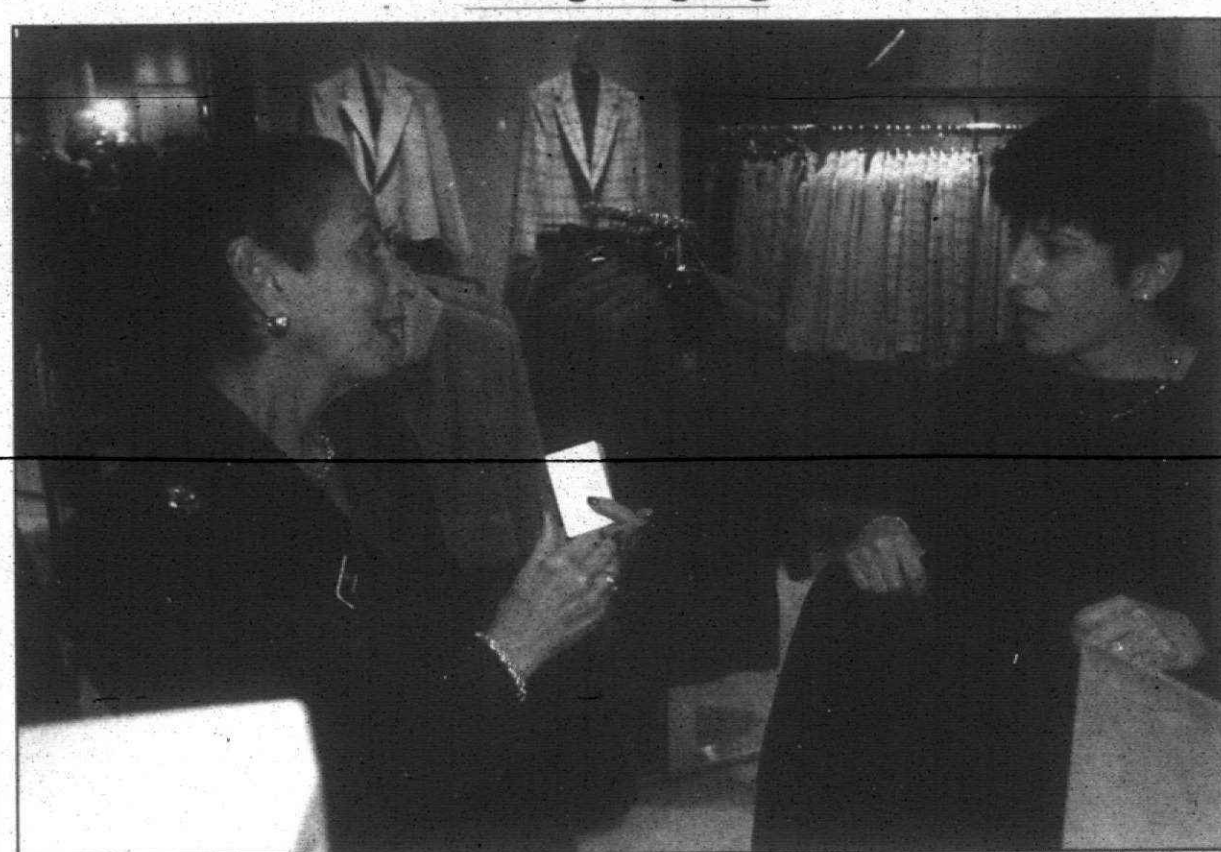
Sales clerks, store managers, models and others who work in the retail community are human beings, too.

The lesson is behavior. If not for yourself, then for the sake of our reputation as shoppers and consumers.

Hey, maybe we'll get better service out of the deal.

And, if my examples aren't compelling enough to motivate a little friendliness towards retailers, rewind to holiday shopping 1998 when a metropolitan Detroit woman physically assaulted a Hudson's sales clerk at the peak of the season for good will towards all.

Getting and giving



Shop 'til you drop: Susie Pappas of Bloomfield Hills, at right, buys a designer suit with her Lovelight Foundation Power Card at Saks Fifth Avenue.



For a good cause: Dr. Eudoro Coello, at left, enjoys a martini and tries on a suit for his wife, Clarice, at Saks' CATCH benefit on Thursday.

Shopped until they dropped, for a cause

It's not often you can shop in the name of a good cause, but shoppers at Saks Fifth Avenue and other Somerset Collection stores have been feeling good about dropping a few bucks of late.

The Troy mall teamed up with the Lovelight Foundation to offer shoppers a 20 percent discount on merchandise at nearly 70 stores with purchase of either a Power Card, at \$50, or SFA Patron Power Card, at \$100. The program runs through Sunday (except at Saks), and cards can be purchased at the mall's concierge desks. All proceeds from card sales benefit the Lovelight Foundation.

Saks, along with Esquire magazine, also sponsored a men's shopping event and party to benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford hospitals, last week.

Parties, trick-or-treating and other spooky events set for kids

Halloween is happening, and local malls and shopping districts know it. If you've yet to find an activity that suits you or your children, here are a few being sponsored by the retail community:

■ **Intelligent light display** of traditional Halloween forms, like ghosts and pumpkins, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m., Oct. 25-31 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

■ **Annual Halloween parade** and Pumpkin Patch event, including face-painting, a petting zoo, pumpkin decoration and mask-making, 1-4:30 p.m. (parade starts at 4:15 p.m.) on Oct. 24 in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park.

■ **Warm and safe trick-or-treating** in the mall, 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

■ **Halloween party and trick-or-treating** with face-painting, mask-making, a pumpkin-pie-eating contest and costume parade, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

■ **Halloween costume contest** and parade for children ages 4-11, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 30 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Fountain Court Stage. Trophies will be awarded to the best food-related costumes in honor of the opening of the mall's new food court.

■ **Trick-or-treating and show** at Lake side Mall in Sterling Heights, 2 p.m., free magic show, 3-5 p.m., costumed trick-or-treating for children.

■ **Other events** are planned at The Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy, the Livonia Mall in Livonia, Meadowbrook Village in Rochester Hills and Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. For additional information, call your local mall.

R E T A I L R A P

Retail rap is an update on the people, happenings and talk in the retail scene. You can send Retail Rap items to us by mail, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009, fax, (248) 644-1314 or e-mail, nstafford@oe.com.

retail people

OPERA IS A LABOR OF love for Laura Weber-Spagnuolo, owner of downtown Birmingham's Figaro beauty salon. Literally. The opera lover not only named her salon after the "The Barber of Seville," main character, but went into labor during the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Madame Butterfly" last season.

More recently, she decided to offer up the services of her salon to the lead singers in MOT's production of "The Barber of Seville." The group was treated to manicures, hair conditioning therapy and scalp treatments. One singer indulged in her first set of hair highlights, while one of the male singers braved his first manicure. To the delight of Weber-Spagnuolo, Figaro's clients and passers-by, the singers then belted out a few tunes.

STYLE, SOME PEOPLE have it, some people don't. The woman behind

all those fabulous fashion shows at Saks Fifth Avenue, Cheryl Hall Lindsay, a former model herself, well, she's got it. As if fashion watchers in metropolitan Detroit were uncertain, the Detroit chapter of Fashion Group International made it official. The organization dubbed Lindsay, who serves as Saks' local fashion and public relations director, as well as Troy store vice president and general manager Kim Nye, as the area's Stylemaker of the Year.



Cheryl Hall Lindsay

new places

GLAMOUR APPEAL is the emphasis at Young Jones, a new, locally-owned women's clothing and accessory store at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. Young Jones, located in the former Winkelman's and then Crowley's space, has been described as a virtual showcase of all that women's fashion has to offer. Best off all, VIP charge accounts give customers 15 percent off purchases everyday! Located by Sears

Court near the mall's food court.

CULTIVATING NATURAL BEAUTY takes precedence over abiding silly beauty trends at Virtuoso, the newest addition in the salon category in beauty-conscious Birmingham. Trends address boredom, not real beauty, says Virtuoso owner Barsom, who began styling hair at age 12 in his native country of Lebanon. Virtuoso boasts spacious but private styling areas, a restful room for reception and lots of light from three sky lights.

Located at 1050 South Old Woodward on the northwest corner of Lincoln Road near Gail's Office Supply.

RECREATING LATE-NIGHT lounge ambience is Michigan's first Limbo Lounge, a trendy clothing boutique aimed at male and female shoppers age 16-25. Owned by ContempoCasual, the store has set up shop in Dearborn's Fairlane Town Center. Limbo Lounge's motto is to sell not only high-energy, "swinging" fashion but the "swinging lifestyle" through clothing, accessories and decor accents. Located on the mall's upper level near Sears.

news and talk

A SOLD-OUT CROWD of 5,000 peo-

ple partook Fash Bash 1999, an annual fashion, food and entertainment extravaganza held in August at the Fox and State theatres in downtown Detroit. Hudson's and the Founders Junior Council for the Detroit Institute for the Arts sponsor the event. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the event raised nearly \$400,000 to benefit the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

—Special editor Nicole Stafford



Fash Bash 1999 runway show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

LAFAYETTE 148 SHOW

Roz & Sherri, 6536 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, hosts a trunk show of season-to-season clothing by Lafayette 148 through Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (248) 856-8877.

FUR REMODELING CLINIC

Restore and update furs at a Birger Christensen fur remodeling clinic at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Fur Salon, second floor. Please call (248) 614-3346 to schedule an appointment.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills holds an antique show and sale through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more details, call (248) 375-9451.

ST. JOHN SHOW & BREAKFAST

Jacobson's, Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills, hosts an informal showing of St. John clothing and accessories with breakfast and assistance from a St. John representative, 9 a.m., St. John Boutique.

Please call to reserve a spot, (248) 651-6000. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

SHOW OF MEN'S SHOES

View Ecco's stock and special order collection of men's shoes at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 4-8 p.m., Men's Shoes.

TRUNK SHOW

Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, presents Kathryn Dianos' evening and special occasion dresses, including selections from the designer's resort and spring collections through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday (appearance by Dianos, 1-6 p.m.), 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call (248) 203-9050.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW

Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a holiday fashion show for men and women with looks by Dana Buchanan, Ellen Tracy, Michael Kors and other top designers, 7 p.m., Oval Room, second floor.

CHINESE ART FORM DEMONSTRATION

FIGI Graphics artist Zhang Baoli visits Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, to demonstrate a Chinese glass-painting art form, noon-5 p.m.

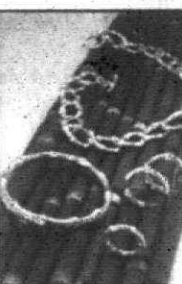
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STUFF WE CRAVE

Vertical black: Tahari's slightly A-line, ankle-length black skirt, \$238, creates a strong vertical. Shown with Tahari cropped black leather jacket, \$698, all at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.



Just for him: Cerruti Image launches a new scent for men in November, \$36-48 at Hudson's.



Classic in silver: Tiffany & Co. offers a classic look in sterling silver, including ring, \$75, earrings, \$125, bracelet, \$225, and chain-link necklace, \$450, at Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Cardigan renewal:

The season's cardigans are cropped and as simple as can be. Made of silver fine-gauge knit, this cropped cardigan, \$88, is paired with a sleeveless funnel-neck sweater, \$78, both at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.

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.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:
- A reader has an Apple IIE computer with a hard drive, 80-column card, dual disk drive he would like to donate to an organization.
- Levin's Beauty Supply does not carry Anne Klein II perfume, which has been discontinued and can no longer be purchased.
- A reader called to say she saw Wicked Wahini perfume at the airports in Los Angeles and San Francisco.
- The Incredible Sweater Machine is made by Bond America, 435 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11215, (718) 832-3523.
- We no longer need Teddy Ruxpin tape cassettes or My Bookhouse books.

WHAT WE FOUND:
- A 33-inch, white cast iron sink can be purchased at The NuWay Company on Auburn Road in Utica.
- Cotton camisoles are available in the Vermont Country catalog, (802) 362-8440.
- A 1950 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook is available from one of our readers.
- A decorative, red hand pump is available from a reader.
- Information about the manual for a Duofold Mangle for Mary Ann came from a reader.
- The game "Rook" can be purchased at the F&M store on Middlebelt and I-96 and at Toys R Us stores.
- Teddy Ruxpin cassette tapes are available from a reader.
- Secret of Venus perfume is sold at Levin's Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road in West

Bloomfield or on Coolidge in Oak Park.
- A video cassette of the movie "The Champ" for Judy.
- Always Moisturizer.
- Renew night cream for dry skin for Rita.
- A store that sells Vanity Fair's long-leg girdles with a tulip design (item #41-015) for Sheila.
- Elton John's video tape "The One" for Veda.
- A 1997 American Indian Barbie doll in turquoise-colored outfit (item #17313) for Sharon.
- A store where Mystic Beauty ceramic and stone floor cleaner is sold for Jan.
- A used or new camera case for an FT Canon camera for Mike.
- A store in the Redford/Livonia area where Beaver Creek Farms chili mix is sold for Camille.
- An Anne Geddes baby mobile for Mandy.
- A store where Men's short-sleeved sweat shirts are sold for Carol.
- A seal for a 50-year-old Magic Seal Best Quality pressure cooker (#716) for Marion.
- Safeguard liquid hand soap for Joyce.
- A shop where wicker furniture is painted for Cindy, who lives in Canton.
- A 1979 Lincoln Park High School yearbook for Mary.
- A store where used, high-quality furniture is sold.
- A store where Andrea Jovine knit separates are sold.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
- A store where Buster Brown's children's clothing is sold for Barbara.
- A store in the Birmingham area where Tang orange powder drink is sold for Valerie.
- Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty's book about his father having cancer for Florence.
- Sheet music or a copy of the song "A Mother's Love" for Jill.
- Wedgewood china dishes or serving pieces in the Lancaster pattern for Pat.
- A store that sells colored elastic by the yard (one-inch size) for Irene.

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TRAVEL

Area travelers hit China at just the right moment

(Part 1 of 2 parts)

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

No fortune cookie foretold that we would be so lucky.

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

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

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

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

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

Beijing prepared for this celebration as you would for an important party at your home. The government spent months and millions getting its house and grounds in order.

Officials had a big job, since



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PHOTOS BY JUDITH DONER BERNE

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

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

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

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

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

Shangri-La

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

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

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Had any funny, unusual or adventurous travel experiences?

Gone on any notable cruises or group tours?

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

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

Contrasts

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

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

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

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



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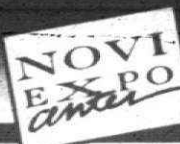
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HOME SENSE



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Pumpkins are more than a frightening face

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

Vegetable

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

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

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

Cooking tips

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

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

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

Vitamin rich

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

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

Please see HOME SENSE, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- It's tailgating time!

Antipasto

AN ITALIAN FAMILY TRADITION

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Antipasto. Call it summer in a jar, Italian style.

Every fall, the family of Chet and Norma Marson of Livonia comes together to cook up big, bubbling pots of this glorious Italian appetizer that tastes like a symphony of vegetables, oil, vinegar and just the right amount of anchovies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I hate anchovies," says Denise.

"Then don't put them in."

Once the vegetables have been



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



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

chopped and bagged, operations move to the basement, where Denise begins heaping bags of cauliflower on an ancient baby scale.

"We're going less on everything and more on the cauliflower," she announces. "Everybody loves the cauliflower."

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

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

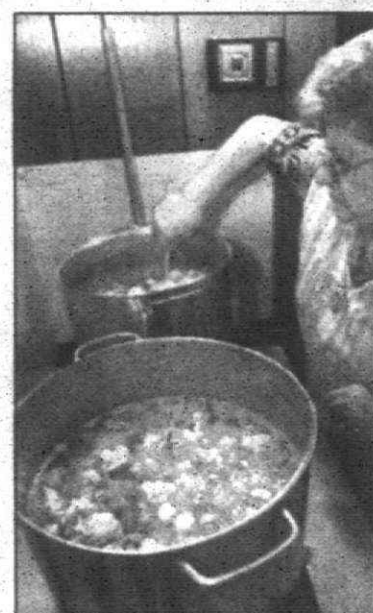
"Yeah, a 50-year-old hunk." Norma Marson opens a jar of last year's antipasto, sets out more bread and uncorks a bottle of deep-purple homemade wine. Denise runs upstairs for some crystal wine glasses. It's 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Please see ANTIPASTO, D2



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

Snare some scary Halloween recipes on the Web

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy hunting for haunting new recipes!

See recipes inside

Scary Web sites

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Trick the kids with nutritious treats

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

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

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

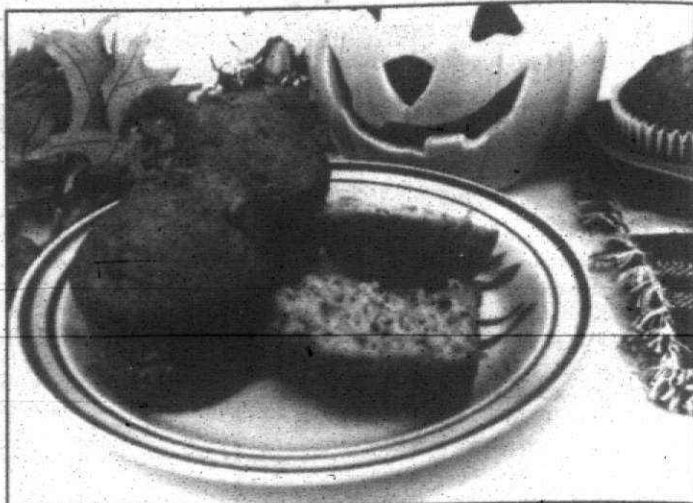
Plain nonfat yogurt is the basis for a variety of scrumptious treats. Make a fruit freeze by processing plain nonfat yogurt in a food processor or blender with bananas, orange juice and orange rind until smooth. Freeze in a metal pan or bowl until hard. Then process

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

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

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

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



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

1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
Beat egg, milk, pumpkin, oil and grated orange rind, mixing well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the pumpkin mixture. Spoon batter into greased

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

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

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

Scare up fun with Halloween treats

See related Halloween Web site story on Taste front.

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

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

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

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

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WITCHES' FINGERS

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

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

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

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

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

ANTS ON A LOG

Celery
Peanut Butter
Raisins

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

Recipe can be found online at www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Dungeon/12146/recipe.html

PUMPKIN SOUP IN PUMPKIN TUREEN

Serves 6
1 large fresh pumpkin (about 12-inches in diameter)
2 1/2 cups fresh, cooked pumpkin or canned pumpkin
2 cups vegetable broth
Juice of two oranges
1/2 cup dry sherry or apple juice
1 small onion, chopped
1/3 cup diced celery
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Antipasto recipes are family favorites

See related story on Taste front.

VITTORIA MARSON'S ANTIPASTO

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

12 oz. can anchovies drained and separated

Salt to taste, if desired

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

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

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

Recipe compliments of Norma Marson.

NORMA MARSON'S FRIED EGGPLANT

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

2 eggs

Salt and pepper

2 tsp. dried basil

One clove garlic, finely chopped

Romano cheese

Oil for frying (should cover pan up to 1/4 inch)

Wash eggplant, cut stem off and slice into 1/4-inch slices. Place flour into plastic bag, add eggplant slices and shake to coat evenly. Set aside. In shallow dish, beat eggs and add salt, pepper, basil, garlic and small amount of Parmesan cheese. Dip floured eggplant slices in egg mixture and fry in oil until browned on both sides. Remove and set aside.

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

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

Antipasto from page D1

right, mom?"

"Last year was the best," says Denise.

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

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

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

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

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

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VEGETARIAN TASTING EVENT

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

for information and reservations.

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

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Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebration includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22566 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$39, call (313) 317-1500.

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PC Mike Internet column

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



PC
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Be careful. What you say in Cyberspace can live on long after you change your mind. Or wish you hadn't said it. Just ask the new boss of Network Solutions, a Virginia-based company that keeps the master directory of Internet addresses. It's a very high profile company that owes its existence largely to the federal government, which gave Network Solutions a near-monopoly to assign those so-called "dot com" addresses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

What did I say?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Think before hitting "send." Ask your-

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

PC Mike seminar
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Fibromyalgia talk

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

Celiac sprue

Governor John Engler has declared Thursday, October 28 as Celiac Sprue Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. Supporters will gather in front of the Capitol in Lansing at 1 p.m. to visit legislator offices and offices of the Health Department, Education, Agriculture and other departments to talk about the availability of foods at hospital and schools and the proper labeling of Michigan food products. Participants will regather at 4 p.m. and go to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ for an informal tea then onto dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center. For more information contact the Michigan Capital Celiac/DH Group, Chapter 43 of CSA/USA Inc., P.O. Box 1482, East Lansing, MI 48826.

Low vision help

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

Health lecture

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

Thyroid support

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

Senior celebration

The Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton will host an event from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 27 for seniors featuring bone density screening (free), flu shots, refreshments and trick or treat for your grandchildren who will receive a sweet treat. Family, friends and caregivers are welcome. Call (734) 981-5159 to reserve a spot. Henry Ford Medical Center - Canton, 6100 Haggerty Road, Canton.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Deskbook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/now hiring in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy 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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Health & wellness

Book store focuses on mind, body

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

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

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

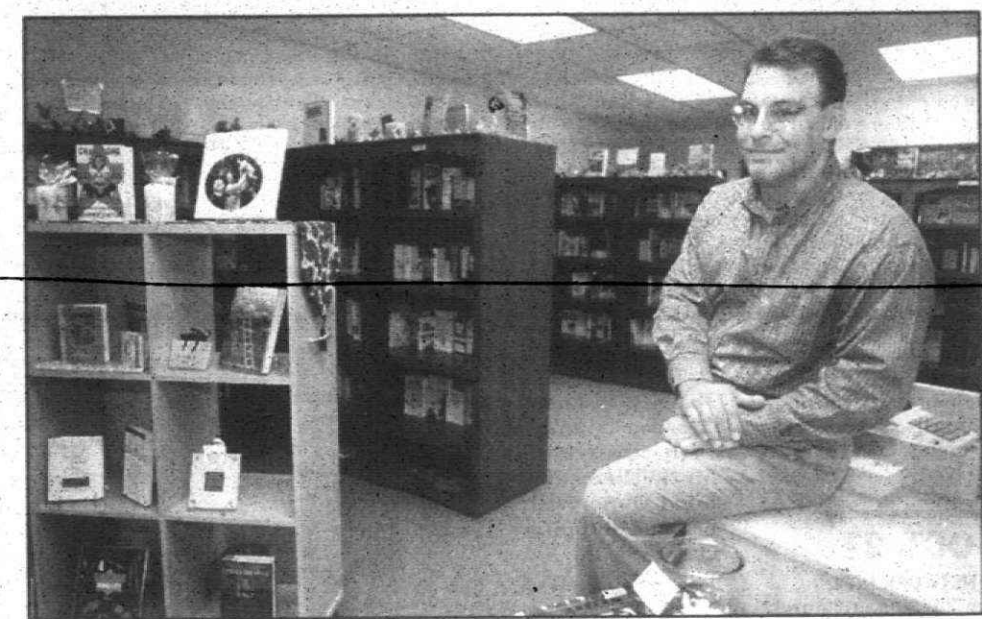
Powers, 29, was raised in Dearborn and now resides in Plymouth. A recent graduate of Oakland University, Powers says the idea of opening a bookstore seemed like a natural extension to his private counseling pursuits.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HENNINGSEN

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

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

Specialty items

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dispensing technology changes pharmacy experience

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

A primary source of health care that is readily accessible yet under utilized is your local pharmacist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The pharmacist makes the fourth and final check before providing each prescription to the patient - dispensing only the most frequently ordered tablets and capsules. "This has allowed me more freedom to talk with customers and provide information and advice than I have ever had," said Shaw. "It makes the patient feel more important and gives them the chance to ask questions they may not feel they ever had time to before. They're more apt to say 'I've always wanted to ask...'"

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS



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

Medal of honor

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

Practice focuses on women

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

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

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

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

Conference to look at healing, recovery

The 8th Annual Ingredients for Healing conference will be held Thursday, Oct. 28. Designed to provide current knowledge and insight about the medical, emotional and spiritual aspects of confronting and dealing with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses the day-long event is sponsored by Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, Cancer Center of Excellence.

Topics to be addressed include "Spiritual Ingredients for Healing: Sexuality in the Cancer Experience," "New Approaches to Cancer Treatment: Hope for the Future,"

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

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

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.; program 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Cost is \$40 for employees of the Oakwood System and \$50 for others - lunch included. To register call (800) 543-WELL.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

FRI, OCT. 29

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

WED, NOV. 3

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.

register and obtain payment information call (734) 522-0587, Tom Schoenfeld; or (414) 723-5470, Jim Owen.

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TUE, OCT. 28

BUSINESS EXPO
The Detroit Regional Chamber

and National Association of Purchasing Management-Metro Detroit are presenting **Business Marketplace '99** - "Unparalleled Opportunities for Buyers and Suppliers," Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Burton Manor in Livonia. This full-day expo helps area suppliers meet corporate purchasing executives through the Procurement Pavilion, purchasing department introductions, electronic commerce demonstrations, Supplier Showcase and more. Cost for the event, which is open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., is \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 596-0392.

FRI, NOV. 5

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MON, NOV. 8

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

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

"Detroit is the fourth largest

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Business owners think BIG at annual creative expo in Novi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUDEK'S ATROPHY

This condition occurs most often after you fracture a wrist. Your hand is in a cast, and although the cast is not tight, your wrist and hand feel compressed. Your hand feels swollen, pain shoots through it, and at times the fingers are numb.

Furthermore, though you do not move your shoulder, you find your shoulder on the side of your injured wrist, aching. Soon after your motion in the shoulder becomes restricted so you cannot put on a shirt or coat without pain and effort.

You have developed Sudék's atrophy. In this condition, the injury to your wrist sets off a reaction from your sympathetic nervous system. This is a part of the automatic nervous system which regulates the size of blood vessels. In Sudék's atrophy, the injury sets up a continued response of the sympathetic system in the area of your hand and shoulder. For unknown reasons, your elbow is spared.

The unregulated activation causes blood vessels in these areas to clamp down. The resulting lack of blood supply to the hand, wrist and capsule of the shoulder causes the pain that characterizes the condition.

Because of these features, Sudék's atrophy is also called shoulder-hand syndrome. Treatment consists of rest and using the arm and hand as much as you can tolerate. Other treatments include a sympathetic nerve block or a short course of high dose prednisone. The long-term efficacy of these therapies is not established. Fortunately in most cases, time suffices to restore useful function.

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The pharmacist also compares the pill or capsule to a computerized, color photograph that is cataloged from a graphic library of medications as yet another fail-safe, according to Shaw.

According to the Michigan Pharmacists Association, it's important that patients keep their pharmacist up-to-date on their current health status, change in prescriptions and other non-prescription products they're taking including vitamins, dietary supplements and homeopathic remedies.

"Educate Before You Medicate - Talk With Your Pharmacist," is the theme of the 1999 National Pharmacy Week (Oct. 24-30). During this week, the MPA encourages you to begin a relationship with your pharmacist by talking with him or her about the medicines you take and to learn the "Pharmacy ABC's."

■ Ask your pharmacist how best to take your medicine.

Remember, pharmacists are medication experts and one of the most readily accessible health care professionals.

■ Be sure you have received the right medicine. Take a quick look at the label on your prescription and the container's contents before you leave the pharmacy.

■ Call your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions once you leave the pharmacy. A brief phone call will put your

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Laura Shaw
—Pharmacist, Rite Aid

mind at ease.

Shaw said it's also important to clean and refresh the medicine cabinet in your home

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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.

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.

Company expands
Exhibits Works of Livonia, one of the largest design and fabrication firms, announced that it has taken 110,000-square feet of space in South Orange County, Calif. to house a new, full-service operation that will employ a start-up staff of twenty people. The West Coast division Exhibit Works officially opened in September serving current West Coast clients such as Lincoln-Mercury while building a western region client base.

New fitness facility
Life Time Fitness opened its doors to a state-of-the-art sports, health and fitness facility in Novi earlier this month. Life Time's philosophy is to provide an educational, entertaining,

The cabinet should also be stocked with first aid items such as adhesive bandages, pain relievers, sunscreen, thermometer, Ipecac syrup (to induce vomiting in the event of an accidental poisoning) and a milk antibacterial soap or antiseptic.

"The dialogue you create with your pharmacist can go a long way in your well being," said Shaw. "People should feel comfortable asking about dosages, interactions and side effects ... anything that impacts the health of the customer or their loved ones."

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

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Morris welcomed
Hatteras Printing of Livonia

names **Don Morris** as CFO. Morris was the Livonia Division Controller for Lason Systems Inc.

New appointments
Automotive interior supplier **Johnson Controls** of Plymouth recently announced the appointment of two top executives to new positions, effective immediately. **Jim Geschke** was appointed vice president of electronics integration. **Larry Fieroh** was named executive

director of advanced sales. In his new position, Geschke is responsible for developing new electronics opportunities for the future, as well as strengthening relationships with electronic suppliers in Europe and North America. He will report to Nate Young, group vice president — product development, marketing, planning and industrial design — worldwide and Suman.

Fieroh now is responsible for worldwide marketing activities for seating systems. He will report to Suman.

New consultant
Detroit Door and Hardware Company, with corporate headquarters in Madison Heights recently announced that **Howard Boynton** of Farmington Hills has joined their staff as a sales consultant in the Hollow Metal Door Division. His specialty is commercial and institutional markets including schools, hospitals and convalescent homes.

Partner named
The Michigan practice of Deloitte & Touche has announced the appointment of **Shafat (Shaz) Khan** of Canton to the position of partner in the firm's Human Resources Strategies Group. In his new position, Khan is responsible for organizational performance and change leadership. An internationally recognized management/quality expert, author and speaker, Khan recently received the prestigious Electrical Wholesaling Magazine GEM Award.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our October 24 insert, we advertised NBA ShootOut 2000 for PlayStation as available on Thursday, October 28. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Thursday, November 11. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this item. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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A GOOD REPLACEMENT STRATEGY

Thirty-two percent of U.S. women between the ages of 65 and 69 have lost all their teeth, according to a survey recently conducted by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. There is hope, however, in the form of a study of 42,171 postmenopausal women by researchers at Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel and Women's Hospital. It shows that women who resort to hormone replacement therapy (HRT) decreased their tooth loss by 24%. HRT works because it helps protect against the loss of bone-mineral density associated with osteoporosis. And, a strong jaw helps to anchor the teeth. Otherwise, the jawbone may well shrink and become more porous with age, setting the stage for periodontal disease and subsequent tooth loss.

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P.S. An alternative to taking supplemental estrogen for the prevention of bone (and tooth) loss is to take an osteoporosis preventive drug, such as alendronate sodium.

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SUN, OCT. 24

PIN DOWN A CURE
The Mammastatin Research Institute will host a fund-raising event, "Pin Down a Cure," from 7 p.m. to midnight to be held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly toward supporting current clinical trials of Mammastatin at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. The event is open to the public at Super Bowl 41500 Ford Road in Canton (between Sheldon & Canton Center behind Burger King. Tickets (\$20) are available at the door or by calling (734) 996-8285.

TUE, OCT. 26

MEDITATION
Learn to decrease your response to stress, lower your blood pressure and calm your mind. Pre-registration and free required at 7 p.m. in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 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, James E. Selis, M.D., section chief of Mammography Providence Hospital, will discuss who's at risk for breast cancer, advantages of early diagnosis and mammography/ultrasound. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile road, Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500. Call (248) 926-6370.

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

at Henry Ford OptiMed, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information contact Lillian Eary at (734) 641-1135.

WED, OCT. 27

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

AND THE BEAT GOES ON
Free cardiovascular education classes that provide helpful information for people with or without heart disease. The week's topic will be "Cardiovascular Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment." Located at Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor from 6-7:30 p.m.

THUR, OCT. 28

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

FRI, OCT. 29

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

HEART PALS

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

WED, NOV. 3

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

FIRST AID
An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Practice and learn emergency principles, CPR and how to correctly provide first aid for shocks, burns, bites, fractures and bleeding. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

WED, NOV. 10

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Free of charge sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

WINTER READINESS
Henry Ford OptiMed will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at their Westland Super Vision Center (35184 Central City Parkway). You'll also have the opportunity to "As the Experts," with AAA, Consumers Energy, Westland Car Care and Westland Police. Guest speaker: Mark Richter, M.D. from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 427-5200 for information.

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

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