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If you forgot to set your clock back one hour before you went to bed last night, do it now! Daylight-saving time has ended for the year.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

School site: The Plymouth-Canton school board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. to look at rescinding its earlier decision on a site for the new high school. The public meeting is set for the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers are planning an international theme for the group's monthly meeting, 7 p.m. at the Sunflower clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. The Newcomers is a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint women with other women in the area. Call (734) 451-5426.

SATURDAY

Potluck: The Canton Historical Society will hold its Potluck Harvest Dinner 4 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School. Guests are asked to bring their own table service, a dish to pass and a wrapped gift for auction. RSVP by calling (734) 397-1561.

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Station 2 is next in line

■ With Canton's new fire headquarters station a year old, the township will undertake an \$85,000 facelift at Station No. 2 on Warren, which is nearly 25 years old.



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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About \$85,000 will be spent on a face-lift for Canton's fire station No. 2 before year's end.

Remodeling will include roof and kitchen work as well as new furniture. Township trustees also

approved a vehicle exhaust ventilation system Tuesday.

"It's no secret that we've been concentrating on fire station No. 1 the past few years," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "Now it's time to concentrate on No. 2 and bring it up to where it should be."

The township opened its new station a year ago. The 15,000-square-foot facility, which is located at Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive, cost several million dollars.

Fire station No. 2 was built in 1975 on Warren Road just west of Haggerty. This year's remodeling project is the most extensive since it opened, said Rorabacher.

"We've painted it a few times," he added, "but this is the first time we've got into it and done repairs and renovations."

The ventilation system accounts for about half the project's cost at \$40,000.

The system hooks to the back of fire vehicles and whisks exhaust fumes out of the building. That's

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Central Park development nearing start

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Homes in Canton's "other" big planned development district will soon start to sprout up.

Central Park, a 680-acre, 894-unit subdivision, will include a nine-hole addition to Pheasant Run Golf Course and a 39-acre park. More than 200 lots are planned for the project's first phase.

"It's progressing," Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "We expect homes to be under construction by the end of the year."

Please see CENTRAL PARK, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Unkempt: Toppled headstones and weeds dot the grounds of the Downer Cemetery in Canton. The township budgeted \$3,000 for maintenance this year that went unspent. It will be coupled with additional money in fiscal 2000, township officials said.

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Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships' departure from the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority may not be set in stone.

An Oct. 18 meeting between Ypsilanti and Western Township Utilities Authority officials could lead to a YCUA expansion agreement by the end of next month.

"They were receptive to various

issues we proposed," WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said. "I think an agreement is possible."

Last month, WTUA's board voted to build its own wastewater treatment plant for an estimated \$130 million.

The move was designed to end the authority's relationships with YCUA and Detroit.

The townships were frustrated with Ypsilanti's reluctance to give them a voice on its board and its stance on solid waste composting. Until Monday,

the authority had refused to budge on either issue.

Director Larry Thomas said his board is now willing to listen to WTUA's ideas.

"We've agreed to continue discussions," he commented. "We hope to find some common ground or language that will be acceptable to both of us."

Last week's negotiating session was done at the insistence of Plymouth Township.

Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy

conditioned her approval of WTUA's wastewater plant on a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti officials. She said her board members were not convinced an amicable agreement with YCUA couldn't be reached.

"(If) after full and careful consideration and renegotiation with YCUA," Keen-McCarthy said in a prepared statement last month, "it is determined that a mutually satisfactory resolution, consistent with the specifications

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STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

On the prowl: Lucy Keas founded the Michigan Ghost Hunter Society and seeks out locations like the abandoned Eloise complex in Westland (pictured below).

Ghost hunter

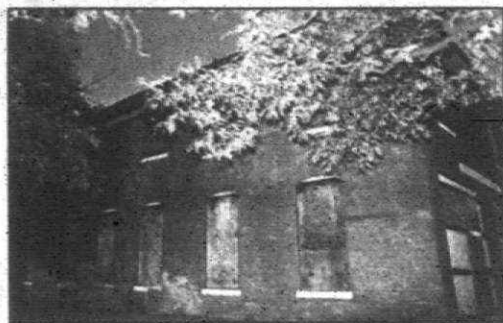
Canton woman stalks area sites for paranormal activity

BY DIANE GALE
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Lucy Keas chases ghosts ... for fun.

She moved from Chicago to Westland a year ago and now lives in Canton where she builds Web sites. None of her clients' requests, however, are as interesting as her own Web site (www.tmghs.com) for The Michigan Ghost Hunters Society, which was founded by Keas.

"I use different types of cameras and recording equipment to capture ghosts' voices and images on film - it's not so far off from Bill Murray (in the



movie "Ghost Busters")," said Keas, single and 30. "It's funny, but it's true. It's a hobby."

The ghosts Keas said she captures appear in many different colors and forms that basically look like a single cell seen under a microscope. She

seeks out locations throughout the state that are known to have an interesting history, like the old Wayne County Infirmary, Psychiatric and General Hospital Complex, also known as Eloise.

The complex now houses the Wayne County Office on Aging on Michigan and Merriman roads and Keas said it's hopping with ghosts that like to have their pictures taken.

"There's a lot of weird imagery there, like priests with their hands on sick people," Keas said. "I did capture a

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Historic cemetery needs work, guardians report

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

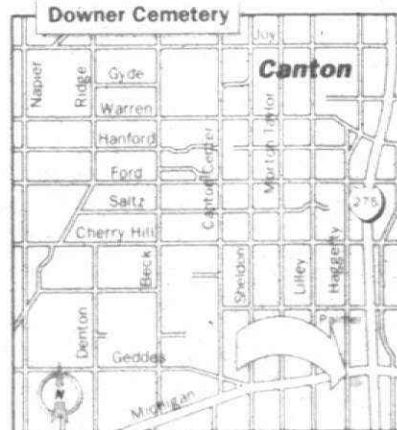
Downer Cemetery is Canton's oldest and most neglected graveyard, according to area historians and civic groups.

Finally, they say, the township is taking notice.

The forlorn-looking cemetery, near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road, is the final resting place for Civil War heroes, as well as many of Canton's pioneer families.

It was on the brink of ruin when the Canton Civitans adopted it as their own.

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WTUA keeping options open for expansion

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Thief gets cash Gay display removal draws ire

A break-in of a Michigan Avenue business resulted in the theft of an unspecified amount of cash.

According to police reports, the residence portion of the building, which sits in the 40000 block of Michigan, was ransacked between Tuesday afternoon and early Wednesday morning.

The 61-year-old Canton business owner left the building at about 1 p.m. Tuesday and returned early the following morning to find a door kicked in and several rooms ransacked, reports said.

Cash was stolen from a lock box. The suspect also did about \$100 damage to the door by kicking it in, reports. Canton Police is investigating the incident.

Wheels swiped

Tires and rims from a 38-year-old Canton man's vehicle were stolen either late Wednesday or early Thursday.

The vehicle, a 2000 Ford Explorer, was parked in the driveway of a home in the 2000 block of North Woods Court. The man discovered his car on cinder blocks Thursday morning. Police have no suspects.

Wires cut

Phone and other wires were cut at a Ford Road business late Wednesday or early Sunday in an attempted break-in. Store owners discovered the cut wires as well as pry marks

COP CALLS

Canton Police arrested an unidentified woman Monday after she attempted to purchase a fraudulent prescription at Meijer on Ford Road, reports said.

The woman came in at about 7:30 p.m. to make the pick-up. The prescription had allegedly been written by a dentist.

But a store pharmacist notified authorities because the prescription was for a pain control narcotic not usually prescribed by dentists, said reports. Canton Police responded minutes later.

The woman later told police that she was picking up the prescription for a 20-year-old Nov. woman. Officers then took her into custody, according to reports.

Equipment heist

A speaker amplifier valued at \$350 was stolen from a Canton man's car Thursday. The man, a Forest Trail Street resident, was watching television at about 11 p.m. when he went out to his car to get something. He saw the car's internal light was on and then found the amplifier missing. Police have no suspects.

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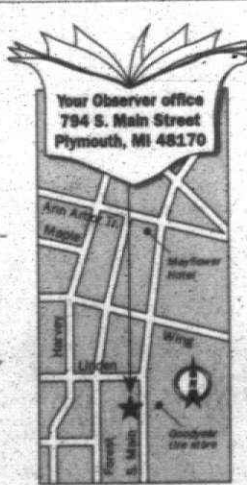


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MPA SN1 1996 Central Excellence Award

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Eight gay and lesbian rights supporters gave the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday night their side of the dispute over the removal of two controversial school building displays.

Speaker after speaker emphasized that the central issue is one of tolerance for diversity among people, not the promotion of a gay or lesbian lifestyle.

Only Teresa Sardinha, who spoke at a previous board meeting, supported Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott's decision earlier this month ordering two teachers to remove a bulletin board and a showcase depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

Sardinha said, putting this information into the schools is wrong. Lifestyle choices does not belong in the classroom.

Among those speaking against the decision was Tom Salbenblatt, the Plymouth Salem High School mathematics teacher who, along with West Middle School music teacher Mike Chimento, put up the displays. Chimento was conducting a con-

cert that night.

Salbenblatt's and Chimento's grievance over the action, filed with the Plymouth Canton Education Association (PCEA), the district's teachers union, is slated for a hearing Nov. 22 before Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel who is the designated administrator for this issue, according to Chuck Portelli, PCEA president.

Portelli said he expects the issue to go to arbitration because it is unlikely either Goldman or the school board will take any action.

He said arbitration will cost each side \$2,000 "and that's a shame. We should be solving our own problems" on such issues.

Salbenblatt told the board Tuesday night the central issue is "not... whether the school district sanctions a lifestyle, but (one of) being a child" who feels different from others but fears harassment and rejection.

The math teacher said that homosexuality "is not about sex, it's about being different."

After pointing out that, percentage-wise, it's possible the eight board members could have two gay and/or lesbian offspring among them, Salbenblatt said, "The most loving thing you can do is to allow children to grow up to be the person they were created to be."

"Don't waste time," Salbenblatt added, recalling the fear that kept him silent for 41 years.

When he asked when the board could tell him whether the school system will work for the security of all its students, President Judy Davis carefully responded that the board couldn't give a date.

Another speaker, Dennis Meinschein, the father of two boys, asked for a meeting with the board on the situation but was told by Davis it "was not strictly a school board issue."

Board member Roland Thomas said such a meeting is "something we need to discuss if we, as seven people, want to" hold one.

Area from Cherry Hill to Geddes Road and extends west from Beck Road to a point just west of Denton Road.

"This is more of a contemporary subdivision," Goulet said. "It will have a lot of open space."

Central Park will be more contemporary than Cherry Hill Village - the township's massive 1,400 home project.

The village, which centers at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, will be designed to look and feel like an American neighborhood of 50 years ago or more. Ground will be broken on the development next year.

As for Central Park, an estimated population of the development is 2,604 people. School district boundaries will be split between the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Van Buren Public Schools.

Most of the condominiums, which will be known as the "Vistas," are located within the Van Buren district.

Taxes paid by property owners would increase Canton Township's revenue by more than \$4 million.

According to Goulet, Central Park and Cherry Hill Village won't be Canton's last large PDDs.

About 500 acres are currently under option by an unnamed company for land between Denton and Napier roads and north of Geddes Road, Goulet said his department has not yet received a PDD application for the parcel.

"We're looking at probably five years before that's built out," he commented.

Because of the township's master plan and utility limitations, the development will probably be a very low-density, large lot residential area, Goulet said. Water sewer hook up availability will limit density to one home per acre, he added.

While PDD projects may seem monstrous in nature, Goulet said they actually give the township and developers more latitude in planning.

We end up with a more creative design and a better product," he said.

important considering most of the vehicles run on diesel fuel, said Rorabacher.

"They tend to blow smoke no matter how in tune they are," he commented. "It ends up getting into the heating and cooling systems and circulating around the entire building."

Smoke and soot build up has forced frequent paintings of the station. The ventilation system will reduce the number of repaints, said Rorabacher.

"It's necessary," he said. "It keeps the haze down in the station."

No. 2's apparatus room will get a fresh coat of paint, however. It'll cost between \$4,000-\$5,000.

Roof repairs will cost about \$22,000. The township looked at replacing the building's flat roof with a peaked one, but the cost was prohibitive, said Rorabacher.

Extensive work will be done in the station's kitchen. Firefighters will install new cabinets. Ceiling tiles will also be replaced.

The \$85,000 expenditure isn't the only money being spent on

Elaina Kielbaso, a second-grade teacher at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth and a city resident, asked if the district is saying that heterosexuals "are the only people we should trust and care about?"

Removing the displays "has taught that prejudice, hate and intolerance are OK in Plymouth-Canton schools," she charged, to resounding applause from supporters.

Her husband, Jim, chimed the district's actions, saying they "were not well-thought-out and are far more repressive than some of you want to believe."

Other speakers, such as Eric Wing, a student at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, cited studies showing gay and lesbian students being more likely to drop out of school or commit suicide.

Another EMU student, Rebecca Fischel, said her mother kicked her out when she "came out" at age 18, while a third EMU student, West Middle School and Salem High graduate Stephanie Totty, told the board "students cannot change" what they are "just because someone wants them to."

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■ Safety. ■ Structure, boundaries, and a clear sense of roles for themselves and their parents.

■ Intimate communication between parent and teenager about feelings.

■ Support and unconditional love.

■ Values, stated often and explicitly.

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"Understand this truth," Cooper said. "Unless you learn otherwise, you will do what your parents did, because that is the one thing you truly know."

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"Parents must be explicit

Parents and teens can live together, authors insist

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

"We tell parents they are not raising kids, they are raising adults," explains Plymouth-Canton teacher Rick McCoy, co-author of a new book about adolescence.

His point: Adolescents are not children and they are not adults. Parents often need special help because of the nature of this age group.

McCoy, a teacher in the Journey Program for ninth graders at Plymouth Salem High School, and Nic Cooper, a Saline middle school administrator, are publishing a book on parenting teenagers. The book is due out in late November.

Both started their teaching careers in Plymouth-Canton schools. McCoy lives in Canton Township and Cooper lives in Manchester. Cooper has two teenage daughters and McCoy is stepfather to two teens, a boy and a girl.

Their upbeat book is titled "How to Keep Being a Parent When Your Child Stops Being a Child." The two conduct seminars on parenting and those workshops led to the book.

"We found parents saying 'aha' a lot as we explained adolescence," Nic Cooper said.

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about values. When you've done something that involves values, tell your teen you're doing it and tell them why. Explicit means being very clear."

Cooper adds that good parents can do everything right and a teenager can still get into substance abuse and have problems.

"What comes across from kids is that they want limits," Cooper said. McCoy uses the analogy of a swimmer who hits the wall to make a turn in a pool. "If there is no wall there, they're pushing up against nothing... just floating. Kids need that wall."

The book reminds parents that almost no parent-teen relationship is without conflict.

"If there are no conflicts there is something wrong," McCoy said. "Kids are pulling away and they should be. The conflicts are a natural part of the process."

Totally unbearably parents can produce empty offspring who can't function as adults and "buddy" parents leave kids with no structure, the pair said.

Other points from the book: ■ Drugs: The two say zero tolerance on all drugs. There are no low or special occasion dosages that are OK for teens.

■ Sex: Be explicit about your values. Don't be lazy here, be active. Talk about healthy relationships and the huge risks and long-term consequences. Teens need a large dose of reality. The book contains an appendix that helps parents talk about sex.

■ Forbidding a behavior is not teaching a value. Simply being tougher is an oversimplification.

■ There are different types of family structures, including estranged or divorced parents. Sometimes one parent practices "protective parenting." The book is direct about an abusive parent, the spouse "must make a change."

■ The book includes work sheets, diagrams and checklists to aid the reader.

■ One chapter of the book deals with things parents absolutely must seek outside help with: Substance abuse, eating disorders and depression, among others.

"No two children grow up in the same family," McCoy said, meaning what was true for your first child will not be true for the next. Don't expect seamless continuity from teen to teen.

"The book really comes out of a deep respect for adolescents and



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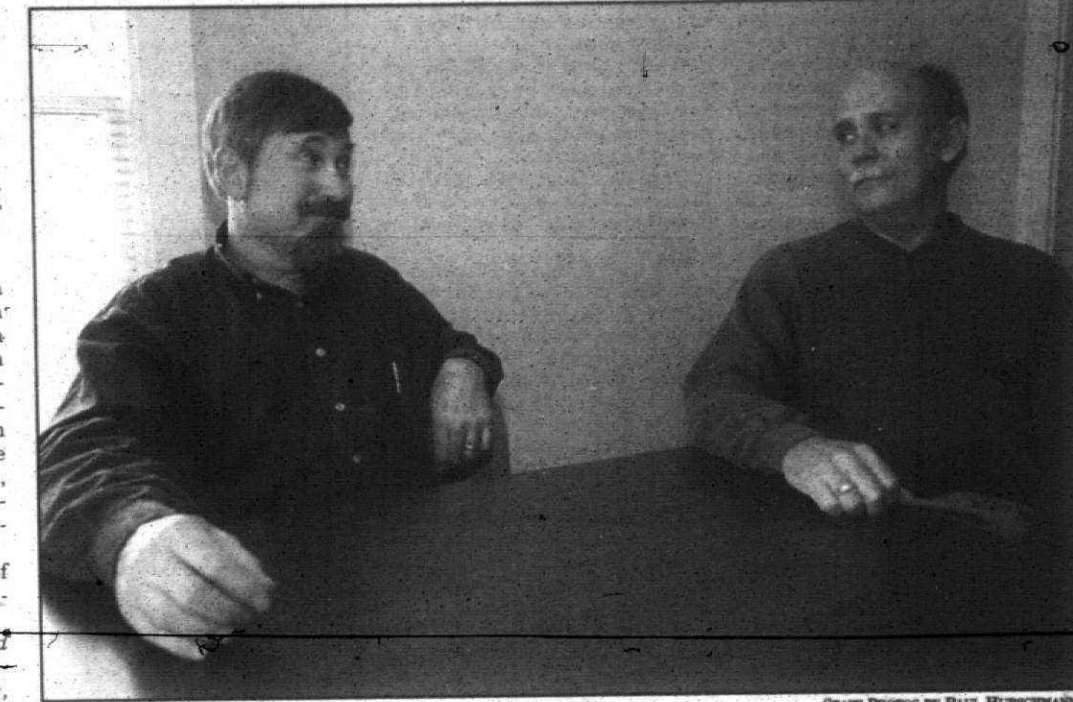
-Rick McCoy, Canton resident and author

for their parents," Cooper said. McCoy has a B.A. from Albion College in psychology and an M.A. in special education from Eastern. Cooper has a B.A. in psychology from Wittenberg University and an M.A. in counseling and student personnel from Western. Both have extensive experience with troubled teens, including Cooper's stint as a probation officer. Both are state certified social workers.

Cooper is in the final stages of work on a doctorate in education.

The book can be ordered through Willow Creek Publishing, 6506 Paul Revere Lane, Canton, MI 48187. Send a check for \$12.95; for advanced orders that price will also include tax, shipping and handling.

Authors: Rick McCoy (left), a Canton resident and teacher at Plymouth Salem High School, has teamed with Saline school administrator Nic Cooper to write a guide on parenting adolescents.



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Aside from routine mowing the township contracted out, no work had been done to maintain the site.

They found gravesites overgrown with vines, headstones knocked off their foundations and liquor bottles scattered, along with shattered grave-stones, throughout the grounds. "No one knows it's there," said Gene Kaffila, a Canton member. "It's overgrown and under attended."

Susan Parker, a member of the Civitans, has been at the forefront of the group's effort to restore the cemetery to a level of respectability — a job she says the township has ignored. "It's a crime what Canton has allowed to happen here," Parker said. "We've allowed history to be ruined."

Kevin Mill, operations manager for the township's maintenance department, cited a lack of staffing as a reason for the cemetery's poor maintenance.

"With the number of projects we have, it's tough for us to fit it in," Mill said. "That's why we're asking for more money from the township."

Some are asking what the township has been doing with the money it has already received for cemetery maintenance.

Parker wondered where the \$600 came from the township gave her to plant flowers in the cemetery.

"Where did that money come from, and where was that money last year?" she said. "There's money there to maintain these cemeteries, where's it going?"

Parker was surprised at how uncooperative the township was in response to her requests for having work done on the cemetery.

Parker repeatedly offered to help spruce up the cemetery and was all but ignored by Mill, she said.

"A year went by and nothing had been done. He wouldn't work with us, he always had an excuse — the softball complex or Libertyfest," Parker said. "We were offering them free labor and the township wasn't using it. What's wrong?"

An indeg planter, essentially a rectangular wooden box, was brought out to the cemetery for plantings.

"It was left over from somewhere, they just dragged it out there, it's an abomination," Parker said. "It looked like a coffin."

Mike Ager, head of Canton's Resource Development department, said his department received \$3,000 in the 1999 budget to clean up the cemeteries but the money wasn't used.

"That wasn't a big enough chunk to get going on," Ager said. Next year, \$12,000 is budgeted for cemetery maintenance.

Mill said he is working with restoration experts to see how many stones can be fixed or stood upright.

When asked if the \$3,000 left over from last year would be combined with the \$12,000 budgeted for 2000, Ager said "that would be available."

Canton Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said she's been harping on the subject for some time.

"We have a moral obligation to take care of these pioneer cemeteries ... to have respect for those who went before us," McLaughlin said. "They started civilization in Canton. If they hadn't started things here, we wouldn't be here."

Ruth Wiles, of Canton's Historical Society, worked for hours in Downer, recording information for the Society's records.

Wiles said when she first visited the cemetery she was stunned at the property's dilapidated state.

"It was a shambles," Wiles said. "We were disgusted. It looked lousy, there were pop bottles and beer bottles lying around. The township hasn't done well in terms of keeping it up."

Part of the problem, some say, is that the cemetery is so old (there hasn't been a burial there for at least 20 years) that no one visits it anymore, and consequently, no one complains.

The location of the cemetery exacerbates the problem as it's situated next to Sherwood Village mobile home park, an area known for its relatively high crime rate. Numerous incidents of vandalism and trespassing have occurred, and a rusty cyclone fence serves as the only barrier between the cemetery and the outside.

Parker said the cemetery's poor look contributed to its own desecration.

"It invites vandalism. When it looks eerie and overrun it's going to attract children," Parker said. In addition to planting flowers and removing vines that have run rampant, Kaffila is also trying to get the records straight at the cemetery.

Age and low-quality stone have made it impossible to tell who is buried where in some cases.

Kaffila said the township has yet to produce cemetery records. "There are places where you know there's someone buried there, but we have no idea who," he said.

Two years ago, Brandon Bitter, an Eagle Scout, created the 142-plot graveyard.

The records came in handy last year when two headstones, stolen from the cemetery, were found by police.

Kaffila was able to return the stones to their proper place. "That's the role that service clubs have traditionally filled — doing things that no one else has the ability or wants to do."

Resident recalls home's ghostly interior

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Debra Lake lives on Ridge Road, miles away from the nearest Jaycee haunted house. But she doesn't have to go far to find ghosts — they've been in her home since the 19th century.

The Kinyon House, where Lake and her family live, might be the most haunted house in Canton.

The Greek Revival style house was built in 1850 by some of the township's earliest settlers, Orrin and Roxanna Kinyon.

Shortly thereafter, a series of tragedies occurred that haunt the house to this day.

Lake and her husband moved into the house 15 years ago. It was in bad shape. Only after months of repair work did the Lakes let their toddler twins go upstairs.

According to a story recounted in Virginia Bailey Parker's book, "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton," it was then, after the renovation, that "the little boy in the window" started appearing to the Lakes and others.

"It was just very, very odd," Debra Lake says of some of the incidents that have allegedly occurred inside the Ridge Road home she moved into 15 years ago.

They saw him for the first time when the twins were taking a bath.

Lake's husband, who was outside barbecuing, swore to his wife that he'd seen David, their son, in an upstairs window.

"He's in the bathtub," Debra said.

The two dismissed the incident as just an odd happening but when similar "sightings" of a boy in the window occurred, they began to wonder.

Other things happened in the house. Doors opened by themselves, statues that had been knocked over mysteriously righted themselves, and sounds of shuffling feet, coming from upstairs, were heard with no explanation.

Then there was the night their niece and a girlfriend baby-sat the twins.

Unknown to them, they had brought a Ouija board.

Three years later, two more children died, probably as a result of a communicable disease, a day apart from one another.

According to legend, the mother visited the family cemetery everyday and never smiled again.

"I was just very, very odd," Lake was quoted in the book as saying.

The girls would have had almost no way of knowing of the house's history. "Cornerstones," a history of Canton's oldest families, which contains the story, was published in 1899, three years after the Ouija board incident.

As recently as three weeks ago, Lake said, her youngest son, who is 13, called her on her cell phone and said he kept hearing a heavy coughing sound in the house.

The boys who died back in 1846 were given medicine to soothe their throats. They were having coughing fits.

"He was creeped out," Lake said. "He distinctly heard someone coughing in the house."

Parker, the author, said her book, which was published last summer, doesn't try to prove or disprove the supernatural, but admits she was baffled by the events at the Kinyon house.

"For some of these, there is no rational explanation, there's no way you can explain these things," she said.

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voice recording verifying it was a priest. There are a lot of faces in the ground."

When she goes out in search of ghosts, Keas said: "It's really a crap shoot. You never know what's going to be there, if anything."

Keas said she believes she captured ghosts hovering over an Observer photographer while Keas was photographed at Eloise for this story.

"They were just curious about her," Keas said. "They already knew about me."

Strong evidence

With 1,000 pictures and recordings collected since May, Keas said she believes she has convincing evidence of the paranormal. That's enough to send any girl raised Catholic, like herself, running for a rosary.

"I am the biggest chicken there is," Keas said. "People think that you have to be really brave."

She relies on intuition in deciding whether to leave a place where she believes she found ghosts, especially since a lot of the locations are in high crime areas.

"I fear the living," she said. "I don't fear the dead. Sometimes you run up against some really, really bad karma. That's the only way I can explain it. You feel like you want to go. Or

the equipment can die, because the energy was drained out of it and they don't want you there."

A nonpracticing Catholic now, Keas said: "I believe there's a higher being and there has to be a lower being. I believe in balance. There are many different theories why (ghosts) are still here — whether it be by choice or they don't know they've passed on or they have unfinished business. We will never know."

She believes ghosts have the same personality they had in life. The Michigan Ghost Hunter's Society, founded in May, has about 200 people across North America and 50 people locally on an e-mail list.

"All you do is e-mail me and you get put on a private mailing list and get invited to different (ghost) hunts throughout the month," Keas said.

Keas recently went to the disaster site of an elementary school in Bath, Mich. In 1927, a one-time school board member bombed it while classes were in session. A memorial park was erected.

"It's very active for the paranormal," she said. "It's really very sad."

Growing up

Keas said she grew up with paranormal experiences. There was a haunted house on the

corner of her street and she was best friends with the girls who lived there. Keas said. Apparently, a little girl died in the bathroom years earlier.

"We grew up with moving stuffed animals, candy flying out of the dishes, the fireplace going on and off and full apparitions," Keas said, adding that pets were constantly running away. The three previous owners moved out quickly and the current owner couldn't understand why they got the house at such a good price.

"Paintings would appear on the wall that couldn't be removed with paint remover and bleed until one day it was gone," she said, adding that she recently conducted an investigation of the house.

"There were a lot of different people — two men and one woman and apparitions," she added.

Keas said she has done four private investigations — two in Chicago and two in Michigan. She doesn't charge for the service.

"People will have a feeling something bad is in the house and they no longer want it there," Keas said. "They ask me to get rid of it. It sounds like a glorified exorcism that they have in the movies, but all they're doing is removing negative energy from their homes."

"I use different religious affirmations. St. Michael, for instance, is the angel that had to descend from heaven against Satan and all the devils and he brought them all back to hell. I use him to remove the negative energy in the house."

"Candles, rosaries and crucifixes can be used, too."

"It all depends on the person's beliefs," she added. "We go through the house with a camera and a recorder. We record the temperature, smell in the house and who is there. After we get some photos and a recording, I set them down with candles and an affirmation to St. Michael and I bind spirits from doing harm. That's it. It takes about 10 minutes."

Generally, there's a two-to-four-week period that the residents have to watch the house and compare changes from before the investigation. With about 100 e-mail messages sent to her Web site weekly, Keas said, most requests are for her to analyze other people's photos.

"There are a lot of skeptics, too," she added. "I'm constantly being kept on my toes and constantly being asked to prove recordings and photos. If people are going to do that, it's OK. I don't condemn people for that — it's what they do."

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not regularly attending school. Senate Bills 758 through 761 would also require parental notification if a child is absent without an excuse twice in 30 days; require an "agreement for attendance" if a child is absent without an excuse five times in a month; allow court intervention if a child is absent seven times in a month; and increase penalties for parents who fail to send their children to school.

Sentences for parents could include fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, or jail from two to 90 days.

Doyle said he wouldn't want to see parents who are making an effort to get kids to school punished.

"I had one parent who would drive his daughter to school every day and walk her in the front door," he said. "As he was walking out the front door, she was headed out the back. Obviously, you don't want to see a parent like that punished."

Other parents, however, seem to encourage their youngster to skip school.

Still others "cover" for them, he said.

"I saw one student across the parking lot and went in to call his parents. His mother said he had been home sick for the last week. I told her I had just seen him across the parking lot and there was nothing but silence on the phone. I don't understand why some parents do that," he said.

It would be up to the family court and Protective Services to determine which parents are making the effort and which should be subject to sanctions, and Doyle said he believes they would be well able to make that determination.

Peters sees the package as a way to intervene early in the lives of youngsters headed for trouble. Truancy is often an early sign a youth is headed toward delinquency, he said.

"A lot of folks say they want to get tough on juveniles who commit serious crimes. There's the case in Pontiac," Peters said, referring to the trial of Nathaniel Abraham, charged with first-degree murder at age 11.

"He had a lot of contacts with police over the years and learned that nothing was going to hap-

pen to him. Then he commits a real serious crime and that's when we get tough. ... There are losers all around in that case. He's facing jail for 70 years, but the big loser is the victim."

At present, truancy is seen by police and courts as a "status crime," that is a violation that only counts as an offense because the perpetrator is under age, Peters explained. So some officials don't take it seriously.

The package has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further action.

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OBITUARIES

FRED BROWN WAGGY

Services for Fred Brown Waggy, 90, of Belleville (formerly of Canton) were held Oct. 28 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Sutton Cemetery, Sutton, W.Va.

He was born Dec. 23, 1908, in Sutton, W.Va. He died Oct. 25 in Westland.

Mr. Waggy was a self-employed car salesman. He came to the Canton community in 1990 from Redford. He moved to Michigan from West Virginia in the 1920s. He loved fishing, his work, and his family.

Mr. Waggy was preceded in death by his wife, Elma, and one son, Robert. Survivors include his step-daughters, Betty Windrem of Gregory and Florence Higgenbottom of Inkster; three grandchildren, Elizabeth (Bill) May of Belleville, Fred Waggy of Belleville and Heather Waggy of Westland; and three great-grandchildren, Kaytlyn, Fred and Carol.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

ROLAND G. RUSSELL

Services for Roland G. Russell, 81, of Plymouth will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at Vermulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Fairfield Bay, Ark.

He was born July 20, 1918 in Chicago and died Oct. 22 in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Russell was a resident of Plymouth for three years. He lived in Fairfield Bay for 18 years and in Oaklawn, Ill., for 33 years. He

was a rotary webletter pressman for R.R. Donnelly & Sons. He was in the Air Force and served in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris V. Russell; parents, Eli Anthony and Josephine Russell; and one brother, Edward (Imogene) Russell.

Survivors include his one son, Terrence R. (Linda) Russell of Tallahassee, Fla.; two daughters, Susan (Richard) J. Fetzkas of Glendale Heights, Ill., and Barbara (Charles) A. McMaken of Plymouth; one brother, Francis (Ann) Russell of St. Louis, Mo.; two sisters, Rosaleen Russell C.S.J. of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lillian (Keith) Owen of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Rd., Suite 110 Southfield, MI 48076 in honor of his late wife.

JAMES WILBUR DANAHAY

Services for James Wilbur Danahay, 60, of Canton were held Oct. 29 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City, with the Rev. Tom Kirwan officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 26, 1939, in Detroit and died Oct. 25 in Garden City. He was a systems analyst for General Motors.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Anne Danahay. Survivors include his two daughters, Suzanne Penn of Garden City and Mary Jo Oliver of Garden City; mother, Rita Danahay of Canton; two sisters, Priscilla Seipel of Cal-

ifornia and Mary Rita Allen of Canton; and four grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

FRANCES ZENIA ANDERSON

Services for Frances Zenia Anderson, 70, of Fenton Township (formerly of Plymouth) were conducted Oct. 29 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Mallia officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 30, 1928, and died Oct. 26 in Fenton. She was a homemaker most of her life, but worked for the Plymouth Observer in 1978 for three years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1960 from Detroit, then moved to Fenton in 1994. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and bowed at Merrilow Lanes for about 20 years. She enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Fenton Ladies Golf League. She started a baby-sitting club in Plymouth and loved to be with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson was preceded in death by her husband, Earl J., in 1992. Survivors include her two sons, Jeffery (Lisa) Anderson of Howell and Chris Anderson of Westland; one daughter, Jill Poma of Swartz Creek; one brother, Paul Tymn of California; one sister, Marianne Tymn of California; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Local arrangements were made by the Scharder-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

40 hospitalized after spill

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The third chemical spill this decade at McGean-Rohco Inc. forced Livonia officials to shut down roads and shut in residents and schools Friday.

In the aftermath, Livonia fire officials and the Environmental Protection Agency will continue investigating.

A flash fire in a stainless-steel blender occurred as a worker mixed dry chemicals for plating and coating aluminum just before 8 a.m., said Jim Rector, plant manager.

The fire triggered sprinklers, sending a green puddle out of the building, on Schoolcraft Road west of Newburgh, along with an ominous green cloud of toxic fumes.

It also sent 40 people to the hospital, including a 44-year-old McGean-Rohco worker. The Westland man was treated for minor, first-degree chemical burns at St. Mary Hospital and later released.

McGean-Rohco staff, firefighters and police officers were treated for shortness of breath and other ailments after breathing the fumes. Two lawn maintenance workers from Redford, ages 18 and 20, who were working outside the plant at the time of the explosion, were treated after walking over to check out the explosion and breathing fumes. They were in stable condition Friday.

Before going to the hospital, those people who had breathed the fumes went through a decontamination process by the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team. Firefighters used water and brushes to scrub down victims with their clothes on; then, the victim got a full-body rinsedown in a makeshift shower stall set up on Schoolcraft.

At the scene, Rector was assisting Haz-Mat team members as they prepared to send in teams wearing special blue suits, rubber boots, respiration monitors and compressed air packs.

"Our primary concern is for our employees over there," Rector said, looking across School-



Road showers: A member of the Western Wayne County Hazardous Incident Response Team rinses a man contaminated at the scene Friday, one of at least 40 people treated at the scene.

craft, "and the residents in the community. The fire department did an outstanding job getting it barricaded off."

A portion of the I-96 freeway was closed for about seven hours. It was reopened about 3 p.m. Staff and students at five elementary schools were kept indoors much of the day.

Meanwhile, residents in Castle Gardens were told to stay indoors until the cloud dissipated.

Ethel Grzywacz of Grennada Street heeded the warning after hearing television reports. The 39-year resident did go to an upstairs window to check out what she called an ugly green cloud.

Director bruised in cycle crash

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Vacation plans were scrubbed for Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro Oct. 22 after a motorcycle accident left him bumped and bruised.

He was riding along southbound I-75 near Dayton, Ohio when he lost control of the cycle at about 10:30 a.m.

"We were in stop-and-go traffic doing about 40 miles per hour. The best I can figure is that I hit an oil spot," said Santomauro. "I went right down."

A riding suit and numerous pads saved the director from serious injuries.

"It protected me and minimized injuries," Santomauro said. "I probably wouldn't have ended up with a busted elbow, knee and hip without the gear."

The spill didn't send him to the hospital. Santomauro and a friend, who were en route to the Carolinas for vacation, were forced to turn around and return to Canton, however.

He suffered a shoulder injury as well as some scrapes and bruises. Santomauro skidded

about 15 feet along the pavement before stopping.

"We thought I might have some compressed vertebrae," Santomauro added. "But they weren't."

The chief returned to work Monday. It was his first accident in more than 20 years of riding.

"When something goes wrong on a motorcycle," said Santomauro, "there isn't a lot of room for error."

Schoolcraft upgrades to faster phone registration system

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Schoolcraft College purchased computer equipment and software Wednesday to upgrade the college's interactive touch-tone telephone registration system to ensure fast phone registration for students.

Trustees approved a purchase of a Pentium personal computer, a 16-line telephone interface board and software for \$41,009 from EPOS Corp. of Auburn, Ala. It is expected to be installed by mid-December, in time for the January registration for winter term.

The current phone system allows students to register and pay by credit card, registering 3,216 students for the fall

semester. About 35 percent of students register early by phone each semester, according to Con-way Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

"(The system) handles credit card transactions between the college and the bank," Jeffress said.

Jeffress said later that the software purchase was not in response to problems reported by staffers this fall during the last-minute registration of students. They complained that a registration system with a separate software package was slow in transmitting information on financial aid for students during registration. Jeffress said there were major glitches on adding software continuously over the past few years.

The major complaint from the

staff is to move through all the screens," Jeffress said.

That Datatel system worked in conjunction with Colleague software. Officials from those companies were working with Schoolcraft's Information Technology staffers to resolve the glitches and speed up the system, Jeffress said.

Trustees also approved the purchase of 119 personal computers, 50 of which will be housed at two computer labs at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, 33 for staff, 25 for the Applied Sciences computer lab, seven for the Geography Department and four for Student Activities.

Quality Computer Systems in Livonia will be paid \$167,015 for the computers.

UM-Dearborn holds violence seminar

The Center for Corporate and Professional Development at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will host a one-day seminar Thursday, Nov. 4, focusing on reducing violence in public schools.

The event is designed to provide educators with the knowledge needed to implement a four-step prevention program to supplement new security measures in schools. The seminar is aimed toward public and private school administrators, principals, guidance counselors, school

board members and educators interested in reducing violence in schools.

The speaker is Stan Friedland, a former teacher, guidance counselor and high school principal. During his 12 years as principal, his Long Island, N.Y., high school won numerous awards for innovative programs.

Friedland writes for national journals, recently published the book "An Orphan Has Many Parents" and hosts a long-running television program, Inside Edu-

cation. He earned his doctorate in educational administration at Columbia University and has taught at the graduate level at several universities.

The seminar is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the UM-Dearborn campus. The \$195 entrance fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverage breaks and reference materials. Group and early-bird discounts are available. For registration information, call Jennifer Miller at (313) 593-3489.

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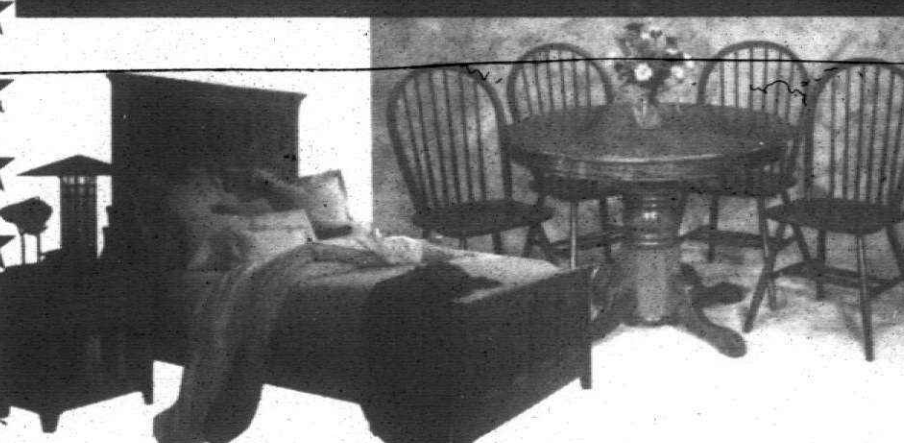
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County Head Start director brings 20 years of experience

Wayne County's new Head Start director has spent more than 20 years in early childhood programs.

Audrey McKenzie will lead the county's new program, administered under the County's Health and Community Services Department. Vanessa Milton and Michael Johnson have been hired as the department's assistant directors.

"We welcome this strong team to Wayne County," County Executive Ed McNamara said. "People make the difference in successful programs such as Head Start and we conducted a thorough search to find the best for this critical program." Wayne County's program is one of the top five largest programs in the Midwest, county officials said.

McKenzie has worked as handicap services coordinator and also served as acting director of Detroit's Head Start grantee program, which was funded to serve more than 4,000 preschool children.

McKenzie also worked as a speech and language pathologist with Detroit Public Schools, working with preschool through middle school-age students. McKenzie also was employed as a Head Start on-site review consultant with the Chicago office of



Audrey McKenzie

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

McKenzie began her career at Wayne County's out-county Head Start in 1976 after graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in audiology and speech science.

Milton most recently worked as the owner/consultant of C&M Associates in Georgia where she conducted Head Start compliance reviews in a six-state

region. A certified Head Start peer reviewer and trainer, she also provided technical assistance to Head Start and Job Training Partnership Program staff.

Johnson worked as both the mental health coordinator and assistant director with the city of Detroit's Head Start program. That program served more than 7,200 children and families. His background included development of the Fatherhood Initiative Project. A graduate of the National Head Start Association Credentialing Academy, he has a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University.

Wayne County's Head Start program is available in 25 out-county communities at 17 sites. Children participating in Head Start receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and mental health services.

Children with disabilities who will be 3 or 4 before Dec. 1 also are encouraged to enroll. The program also assists the families of children in areas such as health care, employment and housing. Low income is defined as families who meet the federal government poverty guidelines.

For information on the Head Start program, call (734) 334-1300.

Group offers workshop to help nonprofits

Nonprofit organizations will learn how to get wider recognition for their work by attending Accounting Aid Society's half-day workshop on "Marketing, Public Relations and Media for Nonprofits." Instructor for the workshop is Walter P. Kraft, Caponigro

Public Relations, Southfield.

The workshop meets 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Salvation Army Kresge Education Center, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield. A Continental breakfast will be served and free

parking is available at the site. Pre-reservation is required for the program; \$45 for Accounting Aid Society members and \$55 for non-members. Registration information is available from Accounting Aid Society at 313-647-9620, Ext. 205.

GEESE AND BEARS AND GIFTS, OH MY!

You see them on just about every lawn in every neighborhood in Michigan—yard geese wearing trendy clothes. But did you know the clothes were made by local business owner, Deb Watson? Both the geese and the clothing are available at Deb's Crafts in Farmington.

Deb & her husband Ben began making geese together as a hobby. Ben made the geese and painted them, Deb made the clothes. She sold them at craft shows. "People would see the geese in our yard, come right up to the door and ask how they could get them," said Deb.

Her hobby soon turned into a full scale business out of her home. In 1987 she quit her job and began making geese clothing full time. She sold the clothes to wholesalers such as Hudson's Nature Nook and



Backyard Birds. She began a mail order business as well. When she had seven sewers working full time it was time to get a store, she said.

Her store, expanded from the original 360 sq. ft. to a 1200 sq. ft. retail gift store that sells a complete line of Boyd's Bears, Cottage Collectibles, cards, candles, holiday items, dolls and gourmet mixes in addition to her yard geese (painted or not painted) and their fashionable

and seasonal outfits (i.e., a Christmas tree with working lights, a snowman, a turkey).

Deb's bears are another of her creative ideas. The bears, designed from her own patterns, are made from German Mohair and are available in many sizes. Deb can also use old fur coats and turn them into a keepsake teddy bear.

Everyone on the store's mailing list is notified of Deb's monthly promotions and other specials, "which help make shopping fun," she said. Deb's Crafts is located at 33317 Grand River, in Farmington. Store Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. Call (248) 477-5837 to get on the mailing list or for more information about the store's inventory.

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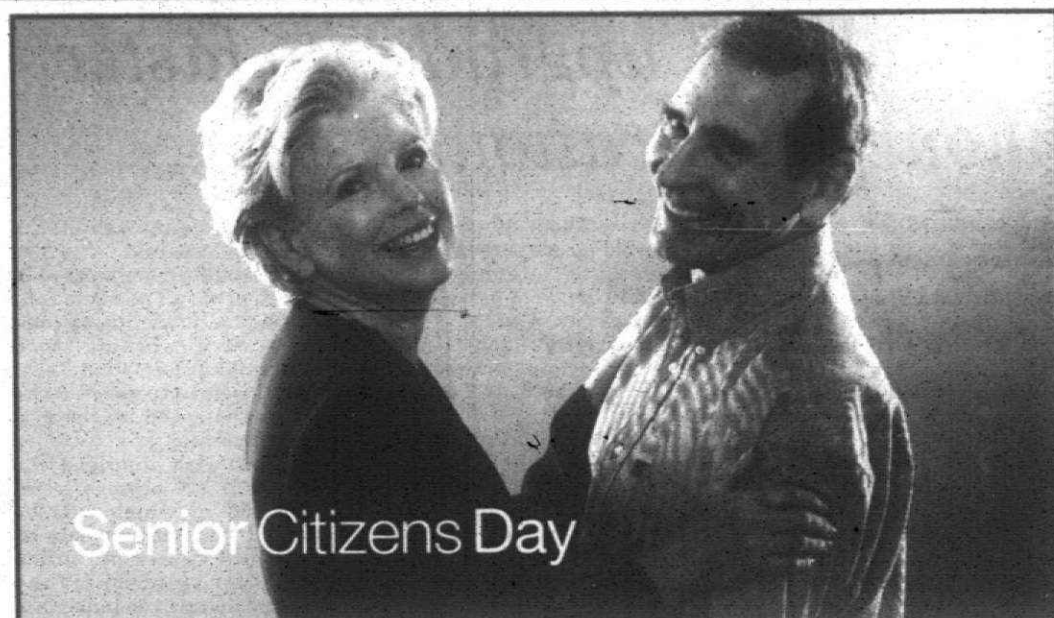
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rocks roll

The Plymouth Salem Rocks freshmen soccer team finished their inaugural season by defeating rival Plymouth Canton 3-1 Oct. 21. The Rocks completed their season with a 10-1-2 record and outscored their opponents, 26 to 6. Goalender Jeremy Boothroyd finished the season with nine shutouts.

Other members of the team include: Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Jeff Everal, Carl Fanning, Ryan Fazio, Justin Hajduk, Ben Johnson, Keith Kulick, Sean Leaym, Jason Lewis, Mike Masters, Jason Rose, Brandon Ross, Jimmy Stevens, Matt Wielechowski and Daniel Wong. The Rocks are coached by Bill Joker.

Madonna star signs

Former Madonna University outfielder Aaron Shrewsbury has signed a free agent minor league contract with the Seattle Mariners as an outfielder and back-up catcher.

Shrewsbury becomes the first Madonna baseball player to sign professionally.

Signed by Seattle scout Ken Madeja, Shrewsbury will report to Seattle's minor league spring training camp at the end of February in Peoria, Arizona. He will then be assigned to one of the Mariners affiliates in the minor league system.

Shrewsbury owns nearly all of Madonna's offensive records in baseball. Most notably, he ranks as the Crusaders all-time leader in batting average, home runs and runs batted in.

He played his entire four-year collegiate career at Madonna. The Dearborn native attended Dearborn Divine Child High School.

In addition to all of his baseball records, Shrewsbury was named an All-America scholar-athlete last season and will complete his degree in criminal justice this December.

CMU struggling

Despite the efforts of some local volleyball standouts, Central Michigan University's team has been struggling, losing six-straight matches in dropping to 5-15 overall and 2-8 in the Mid-American Conference.

Playing at home against Ohio University Oct. 22, the Chippewas lost 15-7, 15-13, 13-15, 16-14 — Ohio's first MAC win of the season. The win came despite 12 kills and five service aces from freshman outside hitter Jenny Young (from Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood).

Young remains a candidate for MAC Freshman of the Year honors, averaging 3.06 kills per game with a .210 kill percentage. In MAC play, Young is averaging a team-best 3.18 kills per game.

Jenny Trott, a redshirt freshman from Plymouth (Salem HS), has appeared in 66 of 75 games this season for the Chipe. She has 57 digs.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited.

For further information, call (734) 454-7335.

Rec basketball

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

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

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Chiefs roll into WLAA Tournament

It just seems proper.

Plymouth Canton concluded its regular season in girls basketball by blasting Walled Lake Western 65-21 Thursday at Western. The victory was the eighth-straight for the Chiefs, boosting their overall record to 12-5; they are 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Western falls to 3-14 overall, 2-9 in the WLAA.

The win clinched the third seed in the upcoming WLAA Tournament, which gets underway Tuesday. The Western Division teams host the first round; if two teams from the same division square off, the higher seed hosts.

For the Chiefs, it's the right kind of match-up. They host Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

After Canton opened its WLAA regular season

GIRLS BASKETBALL

with an impressive win over North Farmington, it lost consecutive games to Plymouth Salem (the league champion with an 11-0 record) and Northville (the tournament's No. 2 seed).

Following that, the Chiefs were going up against Glenn, which had defeated Northville and given Salem a real battle before losing. It didn't look good for Canton.

But the Chiefs responded, thumping the Rockets 62-18 Oct. 5. They haven't lost a game since.

That's when we started our streak," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "We played well against John

Glenn.

"We've played way more consistently defensively during this streak. We're not fouling as much, we're rebounding better. This (WLAA) tournament will be a good test to see if we can carry it over."

If the Chiefs carry over the kind of performances they've turned in the past few weeks, with an average margin of victory of 31 points, this tournament — and the next one, namely the state districts — should be extremely interesting.

"We've got good balance offensively right now," said Blohm. "We're starting to jell."

They jelled early and often against the Warriors Thursday. Canton led 20-4 after one quarter and

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Salem claims district title

BY C.J. RISAK

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Things are falling into place nicely for Plymouth Salem's soccer team. Perhaps these Rocks are a team of destiny.

In Saturday's Division I district final at Plymouth Canton HS, Salem scored twice in the first half and, despite missing all sorts of second-half chances, put away Ann Arbor Pioneer 2-0.

The district title means Salem (now 20-1-2) will advance to the Division I regional hosted by Kalamazoo Central HS. The Rocks meet Holland-West Ottawa in a regional semifinal at 7 p.m. Tuesday; the winner of that match advances to the regional final, 7 p.m. Saturday at Kalamazoo Central.

As for Salem's chances, well, consider this: Holland-West Ottawa was about the third choice of teams to advance out of its Grandville district, behind Kalamazoo Central and Portage Central.

For that matter, the Rocks weren't supposed to be playing Pioneer in the district final, for a couple of very good reasons — namely, Plymouth Canton and Saline. But Canton was upset by Saline in Monday's district opener, and then Saline was surprised by Pioneer in Wednesday's semifinal.

Pioneer's advancing to the final was all the more shocking because six starters had been suspended for allegedly taking part in a spray painting of rival Ann Arbor Huron's school after a match between the two. Two other players were also missing, one on a college visitation and another injured.

"The central backbone of my team, except my sweeper, was missing," said Pioneer coach Chris Morgan, his team finishing at 7-9-4. "So with no distribution from the middle possible, we tried to do the next best thing and play to our fast forwards on the outside."

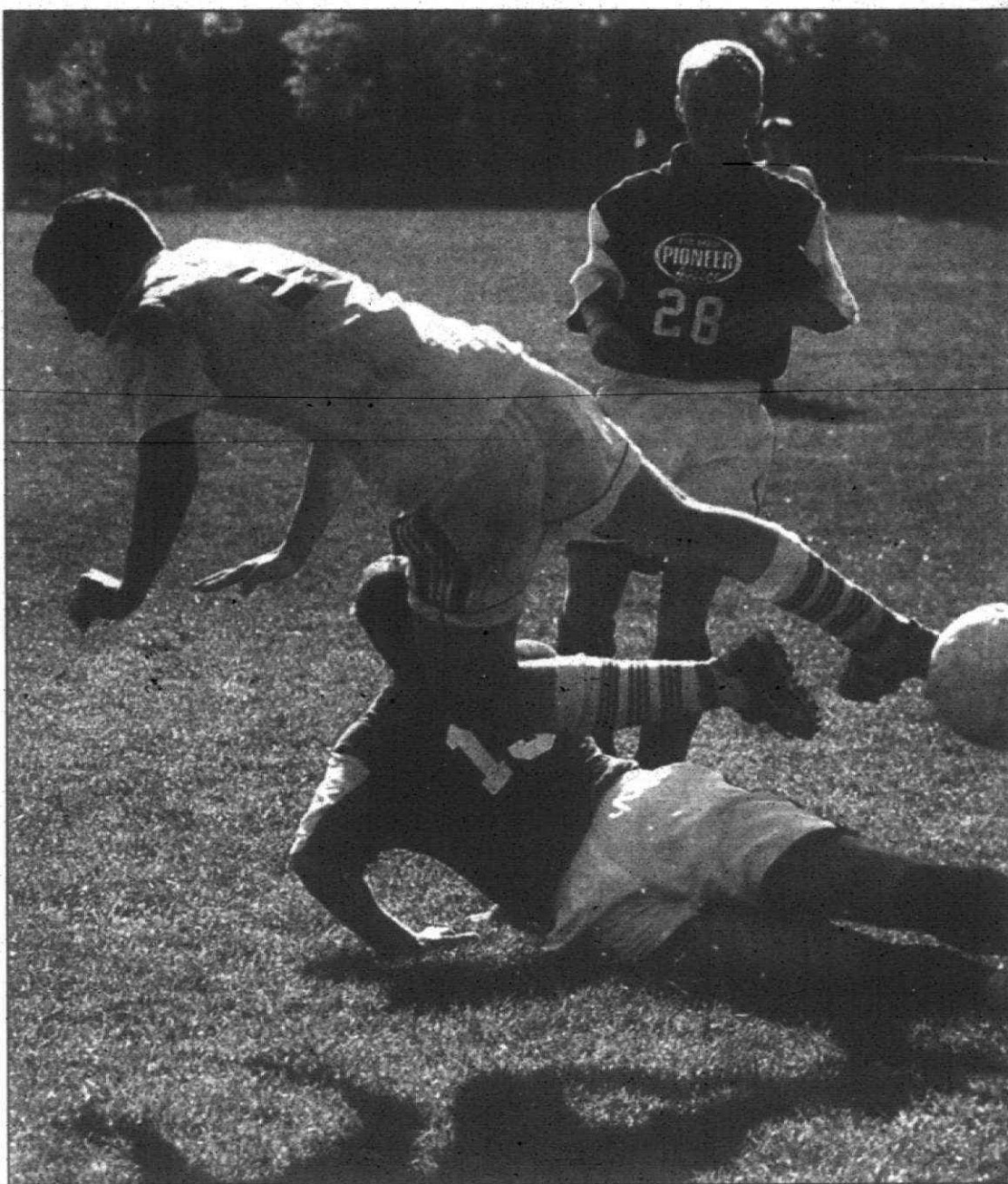
"But man, their sweeper is fast. And he's got some nice outside backs complementing him."

Indeed, the Salem defense was, again, unbeatable. In fact, Pioneer was never truly dangerous. Keith Schenkel, the Rocks' junior sweeper, handled anything that got past the Salem midfield, and outside marking backs Ben Wielechowski, Dustin Drabek and Mike Harkins, all juniors, virtually took the Pioneer forwards out of the game.

"Our marking backs do a great job and anytime there's a break (Schenkel) is quick enough to cover it up," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Schenkel was also making some quick runs on offense today."

Salem, which had defeated Pioneer 4-1 Sept. 25, wasn't quite at full strength, either. Leading scorer Scott Duhl had injured his ankle in practice on Tuesday and didn't play in the 6-0 win over Belleville in Wednesday's district semifinal.

Duhl didn't start against Pioneer, either, but he



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Airborn assault: Salem's Jeff Haar goes aloft trying to avoid Pioneer defender Chris Carwin in a game in which the Rocks had the better of the play throughout, thanks in part to a goal, scored by Scott Duhl, that was set up by Haar.

came into the match after three minutes. "He clearly wasn't running at 100 percent," said McCarthy.

But he was good enough to get what proved to be the game-winning goal. With the first half half over, the Rocks mounted a quick counterattack down the left side. Jeff Haar slotted a pass through to Duhl breaking down on the right, and Duhl beat keeper Micah Prochaska to make it 1-0 with 19:57 left in the half.

Duhl had several other opportunities to add to his total, but couldn't quite convert. Once he shot wide at an open net, another time his shot was deflected by Prochaska; then, in the second half after Drabek had been tripped in the penalty area, Duhl shot the resulting penalty kick wide.

"I'll tell you, (Duhl) was running well enough to get the game-winning goal," said McCarthy.

The Rocks, who had the play in Pioneer's end all of the first half and most of the second, got their second goal with 4:54 left in the opening half. A Pioneer turnover on the left side of their defensive zone was pushed from Brian Popeney to Jarod Lamborn for the finish.

Despite the two first-half goals, it was clear, the Rocks weren't scoring as well as they were capable. They missed all sorts of chances against a team short of several of its top players.

"There's going to be a game when we finish the way we should, and we pump in a lot of goals," said McCarthy. "I hope it comes at a time when we really need it."

The way destiny has played a part in the Salem season thus far, that time will come. Until then, the Rocks' defense — they recorded their eighth-consecutive shutout, the last goal against them dating back to a penalty kick scored by Livonia Stevenson Sept. 29 — appears to be up to the challenge.

SOCCER DISTRICTS

Once is enough: PCA trips S'field Christian

Plymouth Christian Academy won its Division IV district semifinal against Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Southfield Christian, 1-0, Thursday at Southfield Christian.

Freshman midfielder Clay Welton one-timed a pass from Jon Dale that surprised Southfield's goalie and went over his head in the game's 22nd minute.

"It was a rifle shot," Plymouth coach Rick Erickson said. "I don't think the goalie saw it."

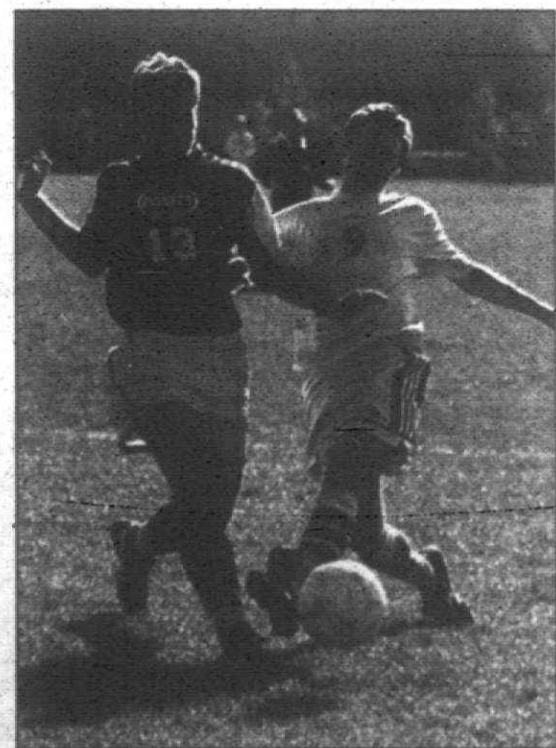
Plymouth (13-3-4 overall) and Southfield — ranked seventh in the last coaches' poll — split during the regular season, each winning one. Both times the final score was 2-1.

This time, though, PCA goalie Travis Yonkman denied Southfield 10 times on 10 shots for his ninth shutout of the year.

Erickson had to rearrange his lineup because one of his starting defenders, James Bauslaugh, suffered a severely sprained ankle in a game earlier in the week. John Sink moved from forward to defense to fill the hole.

The goal came off of a throw-in inside the Southfield zone. After a touch, Dale made a centering pass to Welton.

"It was a great effort. Southfield is a class team, with class coaching. It was a well-played soccer match," Erickson said.



A battle ragin': Salem's Sean Loewe (9) and Pioneer's Chris Carwin fight for possession in Saturday's district final.

Crusaders clip Cornerstone

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This kind of competition breeds rivalries. And rivalries like this never disappear quickly.

There always seems to be another round, each one growing in importance.

Last Thursday was Round Two, featuring the top two volleyball teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference: Cornerstone University, which came into the match with a 32-2 overall record, and Madonna University, the defending WHAC champ.

The two teams had met once before this season. In Round One on Sept. 30 in Grand Rapids, the Golden Eagles swept Madonna 15-7, 15-8, 15-6 to take over first place all alone in the WHAC, a standing they retained — until Thursday.

The Lady Crusaders recaptured a part of the top spot by winning Round Two, 15-7, 9-15, 15-7, 15-11 in Livonia. The win boosted Madonna's overall record to 26-9; the Crusaders are 9-1 in the WHAC. Cornerstone slips to 32-3 overall, 9-1 in the WHAC.

"It's tough to play here," said Golden Eagle coach Amy Dettmer. "It's always tough to play here. We played well, but we didn't execute as well as I had hoped we would."

The sizable crowd, on hand for what most likely will be Madonna's final home match of the season, certainly helped the Crusaders — and bothered the Eagles. In each game, Madonna jumped out to a quick lead; in games one and three, they scored the first four points, and in game four they led 3-0.

Constantly trying to battle back from a deficit drained Cornerstone, particularly against a team built around power, like Madonna.

Stephanie Ubalde, a senior, and Kelly Artymovich, a junior, were the main offensive weapons on this night. Ubalde riddle the

Eagles with a match-high 22 kills, with an impressive .514 kill percentage. Artymovich was next best with 17 kills at a .405 percentage.

Ubalde also had four solo blocks and 14 block assists, while Artymovich collected three solos, six block assists and 21 digs.

Next best for the Crusaders was Nicole Burns, the only other senior on their roster. She totaled 10 kills (.500 percentage), five solo blocks, 16 block assists and 18 digs.

"Stephanie and Kelly and Nicole, I talked to them before the match and told them we needed them to step up," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "And they did."

The last time we played (Cornerstone), we didn't hit it at them aggressively. We did tonight."

The past few weeks have not been easy for Madonna. Abraham has been trying to piece together a lineup after losing some key players, like junior Erin Cunningham, who went down with a knee injury and is lost for the season. Artymovich and sophomore setter Jennie Wind had also been out with injuries and were just returning to action, and freshman setter Jen Wing missed some time.

"We've been struggling with the lineup for the last three weeks because of injuries," Abraham said. "We've had different setters, and that doesn't help. We've been lacking consistency."

That wasn't too much of a problem against Cornerstone Thursday. "Things came together tonight," agreed Abraham.

Madonna led all the way in the opening game, allowing Cornerstone to close to within a point (5-4) before scoring four straight with Brandy Malewski (from Redford-Thurston) serving. The Eagles never got closer than four after that in that game.

Cornerstone seemed to right itself in the second game, building a nine-point lead before settling for a six-point win. But there

was no momentum gained; the Crusaders led from start to end in game No. 3, and in game No. 4 the Eagles led just once, at 7-6.

The Eagles did tie it at 10-10, but once again with Malewski serving Madonna took command, scoring four straight points — two of them Artymovich kills to make it 14-10. A kill by Ubalde ultimately finished the game, and match.

Malewski finished with eight kills (.318), two service aces, four solo blocks, nine block assists and 16 digs; Marylu Hemme (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) had two aces and a team-best 24 digs; and Wind totaled two aces, 55 assists-to-kills and 22 digs.

Sarah Haney led Cornerstone with 10 kills; Amy Cottrell had nine.

"We look forward to that (next meeting)," said Dettmer. "They're a great team and we like playing great teams."

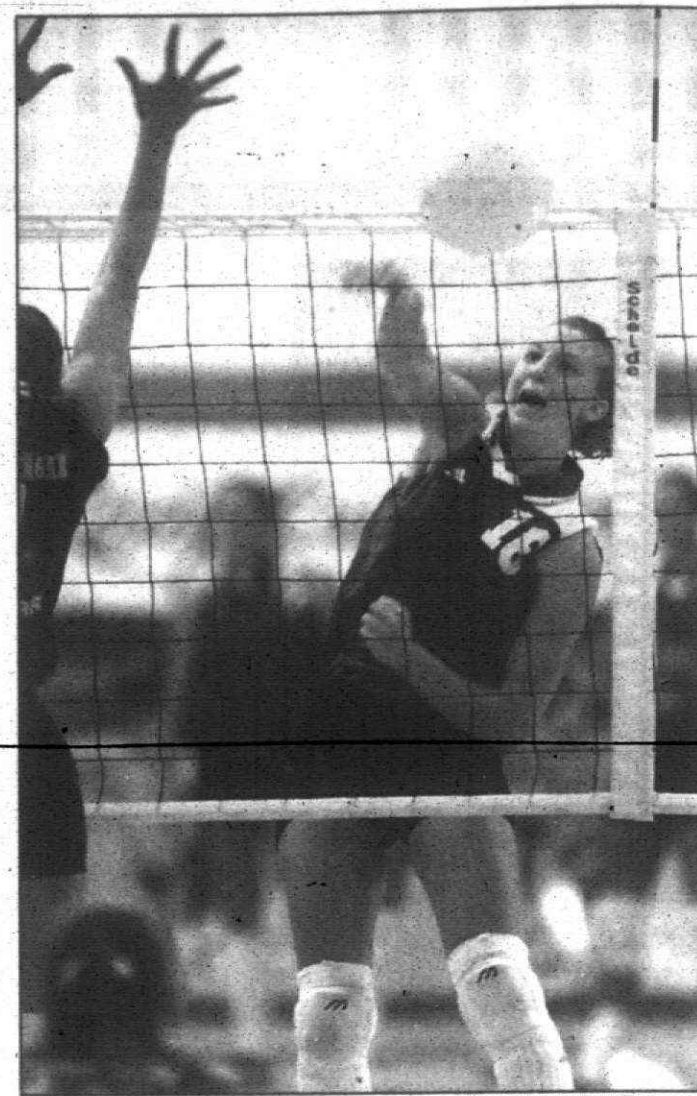
Abraham was equally certain that the two teams paths would cross again, if not in the WHAC Tournament then in the NAIA Great Lakes Regional. "There are a lot of battles ahead," he said.

SC rattles Wayne CCC

Schoolcraft College concluded its Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference regular season Thursday by sweeping Wayne County CC 15-2, 15-4, 15-3 at Wayne County CC.

The win pushed SC's record to 11-3 in the league; the Lady Ocelots are 19-20 overall. It was their third-straight victory in conference play.

Cindy Maloof ignited SC, posting team highs in kill percentage (.462), service aces (four) and blocks (two). Chrissy Chavez led the Ocelots in kills with 11; Rebekah Thornton, Toni Forsynski and Allison Luczak had five apiece. Nicole Boyd (from Livonia Franklin) had 11 digs.



Right on target: Madonna's Kelly Artymovich got 17 kills, nine blocks and 21 digs against Cornerstone.

Madonna tops Siena Heights in OT

It was a victory of major proportions, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Madonna University, still playing without leading scorer Sam Piraine — out with an injured leg muscle — got a goal from Keith Barber at 3:58 of overtime to edge Siena Heights University 2-1 Wednesday at Siena Heights.

The victory sent Madonna, the third seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, into the opening round of the tournament with some momentum. The Crusaders are 13-5-1 overall, 9-4-1 in the WHAC.

Siena Heights concludes the WHAC regular season at 10-3-1; the Saints are 13-5-1 overall. Charlie Bell gave Madonna the

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SC stops CMU Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, ranked sixth in the NJCAA coaches' poll and ninth by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, improved its record to 17-1-2 with a 4-0 shutout of Central Michigan University Thursday.

The Lady Ocelots got goals from Marina Vazquez (from Farmington), Shannon Konarski and Alyson Botke on a header in the first half. Assists went to Tracy McIntyre, Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton) and Emily Alford (Livonia Clarenceville).

Michele Baldori (Plymouth Salem) got SC's only second-half goal. Shannon Brooks and Kerrie LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) were in goal for the shutout.

Eller leads Stevenson to 4-1 win over CC

BY BRAD EMOUS
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Tom "Stellar" Eller was at it again Wednesday, figuring in all four goals to propel Livonia Stevenson past Redford Catholic Central in a Division I district semifinal matchup, 4-1.

The game was played on the beautiful grounds of Livonia Ladywood High School.

Stevenson, now 15-2-1 overall, advances to the district championship game Saturday against Livonia Churchill (10-10). Game time is 11 a.m. at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

Eller, a senior forward, ran his season totals to 23 goals and 17 assists after shredding the CC defense for two goals

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to go along with two assists.

"I'm not promoting for anybody for Mr. Soccer, but Eller has to be one of the top three players in the state," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "He's got the total package. He's got speed, and if you get physical with him, he can muscle you. And he's got the fire. He does a little bit of everything out there. He's just a gifted player."

Eller, however, had plenty of help. Stevenson opened the first five minutes of play by scoring twice within a span of 34 seconds.

Mike Thomas made it 1-0 on an assist from Eller.

With 35:43 left in the half, Eller fol-

lowed with a nifty one-on-one individual effort to put the Spartans ahead 2-0.

"I think our game Monday against U-D High (a 5-3 win) got rid of the nervous jitters we had going into the tournament," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "That game gave our fullbacks good training because they U-D were fast and kind of an unorthodox type of team. I couldn't be more pleased with the way we played in the back."

As usual we got strong efforts from Joe Zawacki, our keeper, and our sweeper Jeff Budd, who really helped organize things for us in the back."

The score stayed 2-0 until halftime, but as far as Orsucci was concerned, the two quick Stevenson goals had inflicted heavy damage.

"The first five minutes set us back

tremendously," said Orsucci, whose team hadn't played since Oct. 16. "I don't think the layoff hurt us."

"But we're battling tradition and the mystique of Stevenson, not just the 20 guys. And when the state tournament starts it seems they can turn it up a notch. They're fantastic from top to bottom."

"You have to hand it to Stevenson, they played well."

Eller set up Stevenson's third goal just 7:17 into the second half. Teammate J.T. Katikos was the recipient of his pass.

CC goalkeeper Eric Sullivan kept it from being more lopsided than the final score. He made 11 saves, once robbing Eller on a breakaway attempt.

The Shamrocks averted the shutout

with 10:17 to go when Kent Toporek rifled a shot from 30 yards out on a touch from Pat Griffin off an indirect free kick.

Zawacki had no chance on the play. Eller then put the final touch on the Stevenson win when he broke in alone with 2:53 left for his second.

"Every time Tom touches the ball you feel something big is going to happen," Richters said. "He definitely turns it up a notch in the big games."

CC finished the season at 8-4-5 overall. "Nobody likes to end a season this way, but if you're going to lose to a team, you want to do it against one of the best," Orsucci said. "I thought we fought hard to the end. I was proud of the effort."

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 1:59.47
Plymouth Canton 2:01.18

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 2:01.09)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.16
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:57.46
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:57.69
Kristin Lomas (Mercy) 1:58.61
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:59.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.40
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:00.07
Kari Fout (Salem) 2:00.95
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:01.10
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:01.75

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 1:43.99)
Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17
North Farmington 1:45.00
Plymouth Salem 1:47.72
Plymouth Canton 1:50.28

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 1:02.79)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.27
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.80
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Linda McEneaney (N. Farmington) 1:01.83
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 1:02.87
Kari Fout (Salem) 1:03.18
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut: 2:17.49)
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:10.22
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:11.71
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:11.86
Linda McEneaney (N. Farmington) 2:12.34
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:13.23
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:14.39
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05
Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:18.20

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:13.29)
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 1:08.45
Elizabeth Garrow (Mercy) 1:09.25
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:10.04
Linda McEneaney (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:13.82
Lindsay Robie (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.20
Alex Evans (Salem) 1:14.64

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 Canton 4:02.12

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 25.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.51
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 24.73
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.36
Linda McEneaney (N. Farmington) 25.46
Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 25.84
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.88
Emily Howard (Mercy) 25.94

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Katie Ballantine (Stevenson) 257.40
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 218.85
Jenny Down (John Glenn) 208.35
Kristy Blazo (Churchill) 205.80
Allison Bentley (Livonia) 204.57
Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 204.55
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 202.85
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 194.18
Natalie Ciszewski (Stevenson) 185.70

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 1:02.29)
Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.83
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 Lomas (Mercy) 1:02.27
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.85
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.04

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 55.69)
Amy Smith (Franklin) 51.42
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.33
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.18
Linda McEneaney (N. Farmington) 55.22
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
Kristin Lomas (Mercy) 55.59
Christina Mocer (Livonia) 55.95
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 56.10

800-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cut: 5:25.39)
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 4:56.98
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 5:13.41
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.22
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:14.64
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 5:19.66
Kristin Lomas (Mercy) 5:19.97
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24
Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 5:23.96
Meghan Mocer (Livonia) 5:25.02
Jackie Barrowcliff (Mercy) 5:27.03

THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT
REGIONAL BOYS SOCCER PAIRINGS

DIVISION I REGION 1
at KALAMAZOO CENTRAL
Tuesday, Nov. 2: Plymouth Salem/AA Pioneer winner vs. Grandville Dist. 1 winner, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 4: Jackson Dist. 2 winner vs. Rockford Dist. 14 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, 1 p.m. (winner to Jackson vs. South Lyon regional winner, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.)

REGION 2
at SOUTH LYON
Tuesday, Nov. 2: Livonia Stevenson/Livonia Churchill winner vs. Temperance-Bedford Dist. 4 winner, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 4: Wayne Memorial Dist. 5 winner vs. Novi Dist. 12 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, 1 p.m. (winner to Jackson vs. Kalamazoo Central regional win, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.)

DIVISION II REGION 3
at EATON RAPIDS
Tuesday, Nov. 2: Lansing St. Joseph's Dist. 27 winner vs. Tecumseh Dist. 19 winner, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 3: Farmington/Redford Thurston winner vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern Dist. 28 winner, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, 1 p.m. (winner to Richard Gull Lake vs. Portage Northern Region 5 winner, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.)

DIVISION IV REGION 14
at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN
Tuesday, Nov. 2: Riverview Gabriel Richard Dist. 53 winner vs. Jackson Baptist Dist. 51 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 3: Lake Fenton Dist. 52 winner vs. Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian Dist. 54 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, noon, (winner to Linden vs. Sterling Heights Bethesda Chris, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.)

Girls Basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 2
Wayne at Kalamazoo 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Harper Woods 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at St. Alphonsus 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville 7 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at W.L. Western 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Nov. 2
Madonna at Siena Heights 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 4
Madonna at Eckerd (Fla.) TBA

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 5
Ply. Whalers at Oshawa 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Ply. Whalers at Belleville 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7
Ply. Whalers at Toronto 2 p.m.
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(CHSL Playoffs at Schoolcraft CC)
Divine Child vs. Borgess, 6 p.m.
Livonia vs. Marian, 7:30 p.m.

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Whalers win on late goal

Justin Williams' second goal of the game, with 2:51 to play Friday night gave the Plymouth Whalers a 3-2 victory over the Sarnia Sting.

The Whalers then had to spend the last 1:59 of the game killing off a penalty to record the win. The Sting pulled goalie Greg Hewitt with 1:04 to play but were fended off even with two extra attackers.

Both teams scored in the first two minutes of the game but when Sarnia took a 2-1 lead with 4:13 gone, Plymouth coach Peter DeBoer took his goalie out.

Aaron Molnar replaced Rob Zepp and turned back the last 11 of Sarnia's 14 shots to backstop his team to the victory. The Whalers fired 20 shots at Hewitt.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead on Williams' first goal of the game at the 1:28 mark. Steve Weiss and Randy Fitzgerald assisted on both of Williams' goals.

Andy Burnham tied the score for the Sting 20 seconds later and Sarnia broke the tie on Eric Himelfarb's goal.

Damian Surma re-tied the score with a power play goal at 9:15 of the opening period. Eric Goody and Shaun Fisher drawing the assists.

Spartans blank Churchill in final

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson proved it can win without resorting to the Tom Eller show as they shutout crosstown rival Livonia Churchill 4-0 Saturday at University of Detroit Jesuit High School in a Division I district soccer final.

Spartan captain Mike White scored two goals and assisted on another as Stevenson advanced to the sweet-16 round of the state playoffs.

They will play the winner of the Temperance Bedford district winner in a Division I regional semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at South Lyon Middle School.

"I'm pleased with the result. We came off of two difficult games that took a lot of energy out of us. I was concerned about a letdown," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

The Spartans, who improved to 16-2-1, scored the only goal they would need early in the game when T.J. Djokic and a Churchill defender slid into the ball together near the Charger goal mouth. The ball somehow found its way into the net, giving the Spartans the lead three minutes into the game.

White assisted on the goal.

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"We gave up a goal in the first few minutes of each half. You can't do that and expect to win any game, much less against Stevenson," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, his team bowing out at 10-11. "We put ourselves in a hole."

Stevenson dominated play in the first half, keeping the ball in Churchill's zone and winning most of the battles in the air.

When the Chargers did win the ball, they seemed content kicking it out of their zone or attempting a long pass.

The first half ended with Stevenson ahead, 1-0.

Five minutes into the second half, the Spartans added an insurance tally when Churchill keeper Eric Sicilia and one of his defenders crossed wires going for a loose ball in the box.

The ball squirted out to Spartan forward Dan Lipon, who, with the keeper and defender down, booted it into an empty net.

"That was just hard work," Richters said. "He never gave up on the play."

Down by two goals, the Chargers tried opening the game up, pushing two defenders up into

the play and leaving just two back.

The gamble backfired in the 49th minute when Eller hit a streaking White with a pass behind the defense.

White battled his defender and got a shot off that beat Sicilia, putting the game virtually out of

reach for low-scoring Churchill.

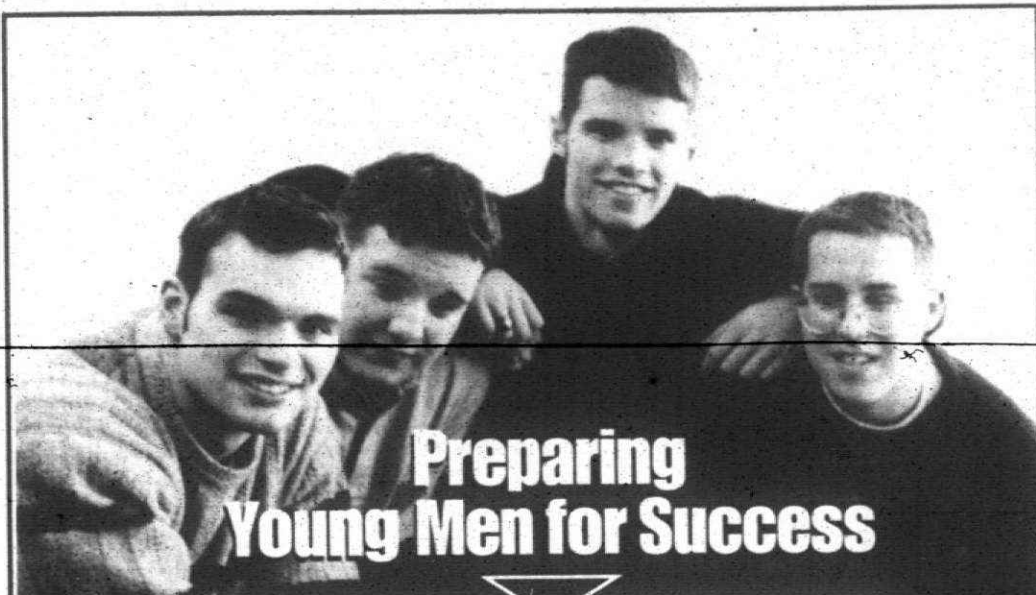
Up 3-0, Richters substituted for Eller, since his star forward had received a yellow card in the first half. A red card would have meant him missing the next game.

"It was better to not take the risk," Richters said. "I like to

watch him play as well, but we need him for the next game."

White scored Stevenson's final goal in the 56th minute, heading in a throw-in from Matt Koontz.

"They played better than us," Friedrichs said. "You play the game to see who's the better team."



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increased that to 37-8 by half-time. In the second half, the Chiefs outpointed Western 28-13.

Janine Guastella, who had posted a season-high point total of 23 in last Tuesday's win over Livonia Stevenson, outdid that by a point, scoring 24 against Western.

Christina Kiessel, who missed several games due to an injury, was back in action and scored 11 points, while Katie Schwartz netted 10.

Becky Wulf led Western with six.

Salem 67, Walled Lake Central 23: Plymouth Salem completed an undefeated Western Lakes Activities Association campaign by outscoring Walled Lake Central by double figures in all but one quarter Thursday at Salem.

The Rocks ran the table in the conference with an 11-0 record (16-1 overall).

They will play Livonia Stevenson, the eighth seed in the conference, Tuesday at Salem in the WLAA playoffs.

Walled Lake (1-14, 1-10) failed to score in double digits in any quarter.

"Our defensive intensity was

unbelievable," Rocks coach Fred Thomann said. "We really got the defense cooking."

Tiffany Grubaugh paced the Rocks with 21 points and five assists. Kelly Jaskot and Monica Mair scored 15 and 11 points, respectively, for the Rocks, and Dawn Allen netted eight points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Thomann said his offense went with whatever Walled Lake's defense gave them.

"We did a great job of moving the ball. We don't run set plays for anyone, we play off the defense."



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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Characters come to life on walls

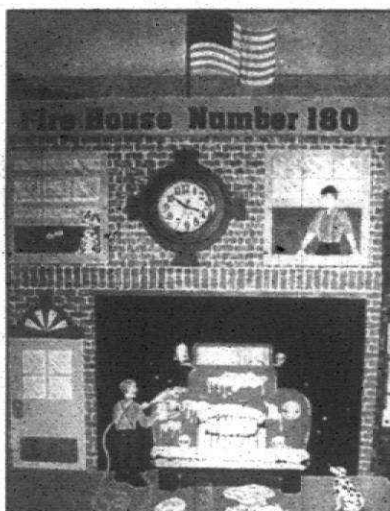
Jennifer Riopelle and Joe Rutherford admit "it's unusual for two artists to work on the same painting" even though they're the best of friends. But it can be done when you're sharing entire walls and sometimes rooms.

These two Plymouth artists make their living painting murals of lions, tigers and bears, and of course, other subjects.

"We realized we could work together, and that our ideas would work together," said Riopelle. "A mural is really a painting you step into."

Riopelle and Rutherford step into the rooms of clients before making a scale drawing, and if the customer wants, a palette of the colors. Then they transform walls into stories that frequently mean something special to the client. One homeowner had their Black Labrador painted into a garden scene.

"Many times we have people who want personal touches," said Rutherford.



Alarming: This clock was incorporated into a mural of a firehouse and engine.

ford. "They want us to incorporate their dogs, sailboats, favorite old teddy bears. Many things can be done with murals."

Rutherford and Riopelle will also incorporate three-dimensional works into the theme of a mural. A jungle scene is painted around a three-dimensional papier mache tiger. In another room a 7 1/2-foot bronze giraffe stands in front of a wall mural of the City Zoo. To bring it all to life, Rutherford and Riopelle added silk leaves for the giraffe to pluck from the tree painted on the walls and ceiling.

In a Rochester child's room, a framed watercolor painting looks as if it's suspended from a tree branch as



Storybook character: Jennifer Riopelle and Joe Rutherford painted this bear for a nursery wall.

raccoons lurk in the hollow of a nearby tree.

A Clarkston home features a 13-foot green dragon for a child named Ian. The door is painted to look like an old castle door. Playing card characters, ala "Alice in Wonderland," are grouped together to denote the child's birth date.

"It's always neat watching kids react to a room," said Riopelle, who's exhibited her decorative painting on wood at art fairs. "A lot of them were

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20th Century salute

Livonia Symphony says good-bye to old century, hello to new

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It was early Monday morning and Volodymyr Schesiuk's dining room was anything but quiet as members of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra gathered to talk about the new season.

Jui-Chao Wang was the last to lug in her cello. Schesiuk, now in his fifth season as conductor, sat at the head of the table enthusiastically listing the highlights of the first program on Saturday, Nov. 13. The "Salute to 20th Century Music" includes selections ranging from Rossini's "William Tell Overture" to John Williams' "Star Wars."

"I'm excited about the new millennium," said Schesiuk, a Garden city resident who immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine in 1991. "The first concert is not only music from century but American music, pops, music from shows and movies, some pieces for everybody."

Flutist Robynn Rhodes has played with the 65-member orchestra for nine years, and likes "the new season a lot."

"There's a lot of music we haven't played," said Rhodes. "I'm grateful to perform with the orchestra because it's an outlet for creative expression. And the new season gives us the opportunity to play great masters."

Carl Karoub is especially looking forward to playing Beethoven's Ninth with the Madonna University Chorale, Schoolcraft College Choir and other area choral groups on Saturday, Jan. 22 in "Hello New Millennium."

"It's a great experience for the musi-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

New season: Volodymyr Schesiuk (at piano), Linda Brucksieker (left to right), Earl Lundin, Carl Karoub, Kathy Zuchniewicz, Jui-Chao Wang, and Robynn Rhodes prepare for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Nov. 13 concert.

cians and the audience," said Karoub, who plays French horn. "The community orchestra has to play a balancing act between playing familiar music that audiences can relate to and music the musicians feel challenged to play. I'm also looking forward to playing the famous horn solo in Tchaikovsky's Fifth (Saturday, May 13)."

Kathy Zuchniewicz of Novi said "Beethoven's Ninth is the most challenging of works. It takes a lot to get it all together—the orchestra, choir and four soloists. It's not everyday you can hear this music. There's something for every musician. It's very difficult and so important for each musician to touch this music."

Zuchniewicz is proud of the growth the orchestra has seen in the last couple of years because of the challenging repertoire.

"The orchestra's come a long way since Volodymyr became conductor," she said. "He's brought some really neat musicians as guest artists from Russia and Ukraine and of course, Christmas isn't the same without the "Nutcracker." So I'm excited about joining with the Dearborn Ballet again in December."

Earl Lundin, a Plymouth violinist, agrees with Zuchniewicz that the orchestra's grown each of the three years he's played with it. Previously, Lundin performed 13 years with the Dearborn Symphony and eight with the Plymouth Symphony.

"He's by far the best conductor I've worked with," said Lundin. "I like it all this season because of the variety and opportunity to play some music we never have the chance to play. The range is such we can introduce new pieces along with war horses such as Tchaikovsky's Fifth."

Jui-Chao Wang, a Farmington Hills musician with a masters degree from the University of Michigan, says she's stayed with the orchestra four years mainly because of the members.

"People are very friendly and I feel we're progressing a lot," said Wang.

In love with the music

Linda Brucksieker, a 15-year member of the orchestra, loves everything the orchestra will play this season especially Haydn's "Farewell Symphony." It was the Farmington Hills violinist's idea to have lit candles attached to their music stands during the per-

formance of the work.

"Little by little through the concert musicians will leave, first blowing out their candle until two violinists are left on stage," said Brucksieker. "The audience, when everyone walks off the stage, they don't know what to do and there's a moment of silence before they realize it's over."

A Palm Sunday concert April 16 will once again bring together organist Dave Wagner, the Interdenominational Festival Choir and the Madonna University Chorale which Wagner directs. A Valentine chamber concert offers bargain ticket prices. Everyone will be admitted for \$10.

Wish list

Orchestra members, because they are content with the season's programming, feel there are other projects they'd like to take on. Karoub is proposing that the orchestra "get back into the schools during the season to introduce youth to the music."

"We would like to have our own hall to play in," said Schesiuk. "A city without theater is like body without heart. There's no spirit."

CONCERT

Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra challenges students

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Thrilled isn't quite the word to describe how Faith Scholfield, a Canton oboist, and Ross Gasworth, a Farmington Hills cellist, feel about playing with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 6. That's because the youth training orchestra presents their

concerts at the magnificent Orchestra Hall. The season opens with Adolph Hailstork's "Celebration," Saint-Saens' "Cello Concerto No. 1," Brahms' "Hungarian Dances" No. 1, 3 and 10, and Mussorgsky's masterpiece "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Gasworth, one of the finalists in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's concerto competition, is the fea-

tured soloist in the Saint-Saens concerto. Gasworth considers winning a "double honor" because this is the first time a Civic Orchestra member has soloed in a season concert.

"I've been playing the concerto for quite a while so it isn't as much of a challenge. I just hope I don't get nervous," said Gasworth, 15, a student at North Farmington High School.

He comes from a musical family (mom plays piano, dad played clarinet and electric guitar in high school) and frequently rehearses the concerto with his younger brother Leigh, a pianist. Gasworth began playing cello 12 years ago after his parents noticed him playing along with concerts they were watching on TV. By age three, he had his photograph taken with internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Now in his second year with the 90-member Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, Gasworth lives and breathes music. Last summer, he attended not one but two music camps—the Lyric Chamber Ensemble at Eastern Michigan University and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Institute at Meadow Brook on full scholarship. He also plays in the steel band at North Farmington and plans to join the marching band next year. His busy schedule also includes playing with his school orchestra and work-



Opening concert: Charles Burké leads the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra in a rehearsal for its upcoming season.

ing with the cable TV station at North Farmington.

Scholfield, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School and principal oboe with the Civic Orchestra, maintains as busy a schedule as Gasworth. In addition to performing with the Civic Orchestra for the last four years,

Scholfield also plays with her school orchestra and band, the Michigan Youth Orchestra, Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth Community Band.

In January, Scholfield won first place in the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's

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Youth Competition and soloed with the orchestra. She is planning on a performance career and is applying to the Eastman School of Music and The Juilliard School in New York.

"Musically I've grown so much since I joined the Civic Orchestra," said Scholfield who began playing oboe in sixth grade. "I like all the music. It's just fun to do and it's so incredible. The acoustics are incredible in Orchestra Hall."

Expressions

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Tailored to please

Riopelle said "underwater scenes have become a popular theme because fish are very soothing." One little girl went to the library and brought back books of pictures for the muralists to paint. Then she took the two artists to visit an aquarium in a friend's home so the color of the fish's eyes would be correct.

Although Riopelle and Rutherford can make the murals as realistic as you want (one West Bloomfield home spotlights a forest scene complete with 22 different species of birds), they excel at storybook characters. That's probably because Riopelle illustrated the children's book "Priscilla's

Something for everyone

Riopelle and Rutherford never get bored with painting murals because of the variety of requests they receive — a pink castle and a dalmatian for little girl's rooms, Beatrix Potter-like scenes, a giraffe in a Livonia nursery, faux tiles painted on the wall behind a kitchen counter. Rutherford's neck is still stiff from painting angels on the ceiling of a bedroom. The couple, who requested the heavenly scenario, were inspired by the "Angels from the Vatican" exhibition they saw at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Riopelle and Rutherford won't soon forget the two murals they donated to a battered women's shelter run by First Step which

is based in Canton. The sea scene features a turtle, dolphin and mermaid swimming down the walls of the hallway.

"While we were there a couple of kids came up to tell us writing on the wall was not allowed," said Rutherford. "I had to explain to them that sometimes people actually do pay you to draw on the walls."

For more information, about Riopelle and Rutherford's business, Upon a Wall, call (734) 354-9350.

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The Michigan Jazz Festival committee, in cooperation with Clarenceville Public Schools, is hosting a free Big Band clinic 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, north of Seven Mile, Livonia.

Johnny Trudell, founder of the festival, has assembled a "first call" band of Detroit musicians, and educators who will perform a variety of Big Band music while demonstrating basic concepts of style, technique and other necessary ingredients of Big Band performance. Jack Pierson, retiring executive director of the Michigan School Band Orchestra Association and current director of Schoolcraft College Instrumental Jazz Band, will narrate the program. Trudell and Pierson will cover organizing the sections, picking appropriate music, improvisation, playing behind the soloist and rehearsal techniques.

THE POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

The Poetry Society of Michigan is looking for more members for its workshops for poets held 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

For more information, call Ruth Lamb at (734) 762-7568.

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

BUCKHAM GALLERY

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

CARY GALLERY

Through Nov. 17 - Sergio De Giusti: Sculptures, drawings and watercolors. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

C-POP GALLERY

Through Nov. 17 - "Niagara Leaves Something Witchy." 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

CASS CAFE

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

THE CITY GALLERY

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

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through Nov. 14 - The Figure: Artists' reception 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fri., Oct. 22. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY

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

JACK CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through Nov. 21 - Women of the Book. Jewish Artists. Jewish Themes. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GALERIA CASA DE UNIDAD

Through Dec. 17 - Day of the Dead Ofrenda exhibit. 1920 Scotten, Detroit. (313) 843-9598.

GALERIA BIGEAS

Breaking Through: a multimedia art exhibit through Jan. 1, 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

GALLERIA

Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush paintings. 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

GALLERY NIKKO

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

GALLERY 212

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

G.R. N'AMDI GALLERY

Through Nov. 27 - Bob Thompson, works on canvas and paper. Opening reception, 2:5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HILL GALLERY

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

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

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

LEMBERG GALLERY

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ALLEY CULTURE

Opens Saturday, Nov. 6 - Dignified works by young artists and muralists of Southwest Detroit through Nov. 27. Opening reception 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6 at Alley Culture, the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, Red building south of Willis, Detroit.

GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Opens Sunday, Nov. 7 - The works of Sandra Carlew/Marilyn Schechter through Dec. 15. 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY

Opens Monday, Nov. 2 - Watercolor artist, Carol LaChiusa through Nov. 30, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY

Opens Friday, Nov. 5 - The works of Lauren Finn, Pat Pearce-Martin, Sue Schultz and Chris Trombley. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Opens Monday, Nov. 1 - Fabric art by Michigan Weavers Guild in the Fine Arts Gallery through Nov. 30. Opens Tuesday, Nov. 2 - Wood block prints by Michael McCullough through Nov. 30. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Opens Monday, Nov. 1 - Watercolors by artist Kathy Phillips through Nov. 30. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Opens Monday, Nov. 1 - A juried exhibition by members of the Palette & Brush Club through Nov. 20, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Opens Monday Nov. 1 - Howard H. Moss III displays his black & white scratch board pieces. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0460.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Opens Sunday, Nov. 7 - Torn paper collage by E. Lyne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke through Nov. 23. Artists' reception 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

UZELAC GALLERY

Opens Friday, Nov. 5 - Marko Spalatin, Geometric Abstractions through Nov. 27. Opening reception 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

An "Architecture" with David Stafford 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 in Auditorium A00 of the College of Architecture & Design Bldg. 10000



Sisterhood: Sisters Ani & Ida Kavafian perform Mozart and Sarasate with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-BBSO.

CONCERTS

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

The University Musical Society presents this group performing Beethoven, 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sisters Ani & Ida Kavafian perform Mozart and Sarasate with the orchestra at 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-BBSO.

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Soprano Glenda Kirkland performs the music of Gerstwin, Debussy and Mendelssohn, 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 7. The Kresge Court the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Ask the Experts Day is from 1-4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8. The public is invited to bring art and antiques. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

A special children's program on creating pop-up books taught by Diane Smith is 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31. (248) 661-7641.

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Even malls can make us sentimental

SHOP TALK
NICOLE STAFFORD

I don't think of myself as sentimental about shopping, especially when it comes to big department stores and shopping malls. At a time when big retailers and malls just seem to be getting larger and larger and less and less personal, who would?

Last week, though, I found myself reminiscing about childhood and teenage excursions to Somerset Collection South, what was then just Somerset Mall.

My recollections grew out of a conversation I was having with Kim Nye, the general manager at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy. Saks holds a plethora of events for shoppers, so we were discussing why that is exactly.

As a retail editor, it's easy to become jaded about such events; day in and day out I receive one press release after another about retail programs and events. In this way, they seem to blend into one and lose their individual value and purpose.

While speaking to Nye, I remembered my mom bringing my sister and I to visit Santa Claus at Saks each December. The waiting lines were long, and the garments Mom dressed me in seemed stiff and frilly.

And since I was a bit on the mischievous side as a child, I was usually worried Santa might confront me about my behavior. (Thanks to forgiving parents, I was never concerned about receiving a bag full of coal for Christmas.)

Of course, Mom needed to snap photographs of us on Santa's lap, a process that seemed to take forever and require all kinds of physical adjustments - bigger smiles, better hand placement and the like. It also struck me as trivial and a waste of time.

Nonetheless, as I stood in Saks last week, I recalled the tradition fondly. I could almost see myself dressed in a velvet dress and black patent Mary Janes, bumbling behind Mom, as we stepped on to the first floor elevator to go see Santa. After Mom would shop. More time wasted, but I didn't care; I was too busy sucking on a peppermint candy cane that Santa (Saks) had given me.

Somerset was also the backdrop for my first solo shopping excursion. Having reached the appropriate age, my parents agreed to allow my sister and I to spend a Saturday afternoon there without them.

For all I knew, Mom might have been running errands, browsing window displays and keeping tabs on the two of us all afternoon. And, while Mom had given us money to buy lunch at one of the mall's restaurants, neither of us had enough of our own money to purchase anything more than a pack of gum.

Nonetheless, we were free to roam wherever we pleased, relished in showing each other clothes we liked and looked forward to heading to the restaurant to order and eat lunch.

I think we ordered a cheeseburger and fries and one hot fudge sundae to split. Mom had instructed us how to tip our waitress, but being new at this sort of thing, we skimped on the food, fearing we might run out of money for the tip.

As I got older, trips to the mall with my sister and girlfriends were more frequent but still treasured.

As a teenager, going to the mall with my best friend in late summer to search for back-to-school clothes was a ritual. Again, neither of us had much money, and shopping meant looking for clothes for Mom to buy later. Or, so we hoped.

My girlfriend and I did, however, routinely stop at the mall's candy store - I'm fairly certain it was Fannie Mae Candies - to buy two or three handmade chocolates to gobble up while we made shopping rounds.

At lunch time, we headed to the same restaurant where my sister and I ate lunch by ourselves for the first time. By now, eating there had become old hat. I had, for example, learned I needed to order my cheeseburger medium-well, rather than medium. Having computed the tip many times before, I also was less anxious about ordering what I wanted, so individual sundae always followed our cheeseburgers. But what struck me most about this experience was a new boldness in my best friend when it came ordering her sundae: mint chocolate-chip ice-cream with strawberry sauce.

Dialogue with Dana



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORERMAN

Woman to woman: A local Neiman Marcus shopper talks with clothing designer Dana Buchman (at right) after a runway show of Buchman's clothing. The designer also spoke to members of the Women's Economic Club in Detroit.

Clothing designer Dana Buchman talks to local women about lifestyle and fashion

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Today, it's not uncommon to hear fashion designers talk about how women ought to wear comfortable, pleasing clothes, fashion to suit their personality and lifestyle.

But how many fashion designers actually look at the clothing American women are wearing and convince us that's so?

Well, at least one designer, Dana Buchman, who made a two-day stop in the metropolitan Detroit area last week, does.

Buchman's visit, which was sponsored by Neiman Marcus, included speaking at a meeting of the Women's Economic Club and a Thursday fashion show and luncheon at Neiman Marcus to benefit Angels' Place.

After the in-store luncheon, Buchman spoke with fans, dispensed fashion advice, signed autographs, helped customers pick out merchandise and even followed a few shoppers into the dressing room to provide support.

"It's her trademark. It's her thing," said Buchman's assistant, Doreen Zaldivar, as the fashion designer emerged from a dressing room. "She's very hands-on and likes the one-on-one thing. And, everybody wants her opinion."

Ironically, Buchman's opinion about what women should wear is probably more dependent on other women's attitudes and lifestyles than her own.

Not only did she pay close attention to what members of the Women's Economic Club were donning - more skirts than she would have expected, lots of accessories, a chic group - but she described her job as figuring out "what we women want to wear on our backs next year."

She also shared her observations about women's lifestyles today, saying, "there's been a trend of loosening up" in regards to how women balance priorities and responsibilities.

In contrast to the 80s, women are not singularly focused on their careers and work life. "And this shift, this loosening up, has affected fashion," she said. Women are not only "going after the emotional side of clothes again," but also resuming an interest in fashion in general, she said.

Here's what else Dana Buchman had to say in a one-on-one interview following her speech before the Women's Economic Club.

Q: You seem to sense and tap into an ambivalence many women have today about fashion and beauty, could you comment?

A: I think we're evolving back to a time when

fashion can be enjoyed again. We're allowing ourselves to enjoy getting dressed, which we haven't for a while.

Q: Other than we have to get dressed, how is fashion elemental to women?

A: Fashion is a cultural thing. The way you dress affects how you feel about yourself and how others perceive you.

Q: How can women make fashion work for them, rather than allowing it to impose itself on them?

A: The most important thing is to be open to something new, to try something new. The second thing is make sure what you buy fits. If it fits, there's nothing like it. And, then the sure-fire key thing is to look in the mirror.

Q: What drew you to speaking to the Women's Economic Club?

A: Speaking to a group like this is fun for me, but also I get to see what the women of Detroit involved in this aspect of business - what they're wearing, what they're thinking, how they look.

Q: What did you notice about the women here?

A: (They are) a chic group of women. There's not as much color as I would have expected. Detroit women have traditionally bought a lot of color. Lots of jackets, a lot of accessories. Fewer pants than I would have thought.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The game "Pit" can be bought at Adventures in Toys, 163 Maple in Birmingham.

- Colored elastic (by-the-yard) can be found at all Joanne Fabric stores.

- Tang powdered drink mix is sold at Costco, Sam's Club, Hiller's Market, Bush's Market, Farmer Jack and Kroger.

- Buster Brown's children's clothing is sold at Parisian in the Laurel Park Mall in Livonia.

- Short-sleeved sweatshirts can be purchased at the Vanity Fair store at Birch Run.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- Two teachers called us to say they are interested in the Apple IIE computer.

- We located a Lady of Charm cookbook and tape cassettes for a talking Big Bird toy.

- Sock clips are not carried at any Birch Run stores. However, Sock Express carries them. The retailer has three locations in Michigan.

- Bear Creek Chili mix can be bought at the Plymouth Market on Ann Arbor and Lilly roads.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Chantilly roll-on deodorant for Mrs. Barnett.

- Dykes Automotive Encyclopedia for antique cars and a 1979 Churchill High School yearbook for Linda.

- A "Barney at the Beach" video cassette for Karen.

- Duncan Hines "Blondies" brownie mix and Classic American chili mix (Cincinnati-style) in a box for Beverly.

- A manual for a Kenner child's pottery wheel for Francine.

- Redkin's "Suspend Hair" care products for Sandra.

- A 1963 Michigan State University yearbook for Jeanne.

- A store that sells Marabou Fur by-the-yard for Anne.

- A store that sells Hoffritz scissors and a store that carries used bridesmaid's dresses for Mrs. Board.

- A button hook for Markie.

- A 1980 Divine Child High School yearbook for Michael.

- A 1969 University of Michigan yearbook for Harriette.

- A 1984 St. Agatha of Redford Township High School yearbook for Shannon.

- A store that sells men's cardigan sweaters with shawl collars in extra large sizes for Mike.

- A store where DuBarry Sophisticated makeup (in a compact) is sold.

- Stores where women's black slacks by Counter Parts and women's hats with ear flaps are sold for Marilyn.

- A Foley cooking fork for Mrs. Liberman.

- A store where Jean Nate deodorant is sold for Marie.

- An engine for a child's Fisher Price Circus Train for Stephanie.

- A record of or song lyrics for "Little Man, You Had a Busy Day" for Beverly of Westland.

- The single "Say a Little Prayer for Me" by Diana King (but not the version from the movie "My Best Friend's Wedding") for Rachel.

- A store that sells Christmas stockings made on a knitting machine for Barbara.

- A shop where leather coats are repaired and a shop where a glass snow-globe can be repaired for Penny.

- A store that sells inexpensive, lightweight Harley Davidson leather jackets other than the Harley Davidson store for A.J.

- A metallic, shoe shining

kit that attaches to a wall for Jerry.

- A Pocahontas doll for Amelia.

- Detroit Red Wings player Darren McCarty's book about his father having cancer for Florence.

- Sheet music for or a copy of the song "A Mother's Love" for Jill.

- Wedgwood china dishes or serving pieces in the Lancaster pattern for Pat.

- A video cassette of the movie "The Champ" for Judy.

- A 1948 Clawson High School yearbook for Betty.

- Almay Moisture Renew night cream for dry skin for Rita.

- A store where Vanity Fair's long-leg girdles with a tulip design (item #41-015) are sold for Sheila.

- A store where used, high-quality furniture is sold.

- A store where Andrea Jovine knit separates are sold.

- The game "Kismet" (original version) for Kim, who lives in Garden City.

- A pair of snow/rain plastic boots to put over shoes for Florence.

- A store where Linen towels or dish toweling by-the-yard are sold for Norma.

- Replacements parts for antique oil lamps (glass chimneys and brass burners) for Ed.

- A video tape of the movie "He Is My Brother" for Barbara.

- Victoria Secret's Garden Indulgence bubble bath in "Peach Hyacinth" for Del.

- A store where an Austrian Swarovski crystal Unicorn might be available to purchase for Virginia.

- Photographs and prints of Bob-Lo Island, Tashmo Island and Put-In-Bay boats and Ford freighters for Marilyn.

- A store where "Debbie Munn" Halloween mugs, glasses and dishes are sold for Suzanne.

- A store where Wayne State University apparel is sold other than at Wayne State University for Ken.

- The lipstick "True Colors" by YVESROCHER for Sue.

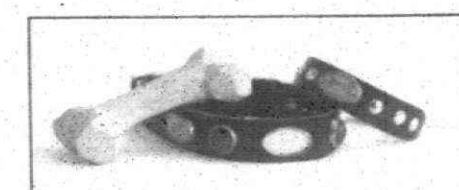
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STUFF WE CRAVE



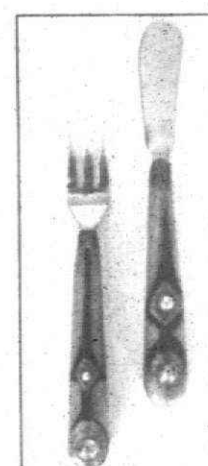
Flannel's flex: Anne Klein's oatmeal flannel pea coat, \$325, and skirt, \$160, are stretch fabrics. Shown with



To the dogs: Treat the dog to a colorful leather dog collar by Baxter & Charming, \$34-46, and bright yellow, pure gum rubber bone, \$15, both at Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in downtown Clarkston.



Handful of roses: Rosebuds meet classic black in Wooden Ships' evening handbag, \$42 at Jo' Lyn Fashions in downtown Rochester.



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HOLIDAY LOOKS
Learn about holiday fashion trends at the next meeting of the Association of Image Consultants, Southeast Michigan Chapter, 7 p.m., Big Daddy's Parthenon restaurant in West Bloomfield. Meeting is preceded by an optional networking dinner at 5:30 p.m. No charge for members and first-time guests. To make a reservation, call (248) 280-9219.

BOOK OF LOVE EVENT & EXHIBIT
View the writings of national celebrities like actress Susan Sarandon and playwright Arthur Miller while sharing your own thoughts in a nationally touring book. Pen maker Montblanc created the document, called the Book of Love, to allow customers to share their written thoughts and passion for writing. Montblanc Boutique, the Somerset Collection in Troy through Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
JOHN ATENCIO TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham hosts a trunk show of John Atencio's latest jewelry collection, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry department.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

DONNA KARAN TRUNK SHOW
View Donna Karan's latest resort collection through Nov. 5 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Designer Sportswear, third floor.

COUTURE BRIDAL SHOW
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts bridal wear designer Anne Barge-Clegg and her collection through Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 644-7200.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5
JEWELRY DESIGNER APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Douglas Elliott and view his latest collection through Nov. 6 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Designer Jewelry, first floor.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CHARITY DAY SALE
Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a day of special sales with a light breakfast and door prize drawing to benefit select local charities, 6-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (734) 953-7605.

MICHAEL DAWKINS APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Michael Dawkins and view his collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry, first floor.

ANNA SUI MAKEOVERS
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts makeover appointments with an Anna Sui makeup artist, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 614-3364.

FASHION/DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA
African-influenced clothing is combined with masks and West-African dance in clothing boutique owner's Sharrone Mitchell's We Wear the Mask dance and fashion presentation at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, 8 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$35 for general admission and \$12 for children, partly benefit an organization dedicated to helping Detroit children afflicted with HIV and AIDS. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 873-3889.

TRAVEL

Great Wall really is larger-than-life sight

(Second of a 2-part series)

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

On our full 17-day tour of China we saw more larger-than-life sights than I've experienced in any other country. Three are in the Beijing area: The Great Wall, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

The others are the terra cotta soldiers at Xian, the Three Gorges Dam, and the Yangtze River itself. (These wonders will have to be the subject of a future article.)

The Great Wall, widely advertised as the only man-made structure visible from space, was just as moving close up. We saw it from Mutianyu, about 45 miles from Beijing, where a Japanese-built cable car takes you on a scenic ride, depositing you within reach of the highest restored section. It's still a short, but steep climb to the top, where unfortunately a blasting loud-speaker and souvenir hawkers greet you. But it's possible to move down a few yards to find the serenity to contemplate this man-made wonder of the world.

Originally built in small sections by individual feudal states during the 5th Century BC, the Great Wall was connected at the end of the 3rd Century BC on orders of Emperor Qin when he unified China. The enormity of the task — the wall runs for 3,000 miles — is almost unimaginable.

On the same day, we stopped at the Ming tombs, where 13 of 16 Ming emperors are buried. We entered from the Avenue of Animals, a tree-lined path flanked by whimsical pairs of

stone animals and courtesans leading to the excavated tomb of Ming Emperor Wan Li (1573-1620). Legend has it that they were erected to save the dead emperor and his wives from danger in the afterlife. Other imperial tombs in this area remain unexcavated.

We re-viewed the film "The Last Emperor" shortly before we left for China.

But still we weren't prepared for the Forbidden City. Twenty-four emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties lived within its red walls, which until 1911 was the center of the Chinese world.

The square, flat architecture, the symmetry of its courtyards within courtyards, the treeless (nothing should be more imposing than the emperor), flat 200 acres are bisected by the Imperial Path, along which only the emperor could travel.

Halls, pavilions, palaces and courtyards comprising the Forbidden City were built between 1406 and 1420 by 200,000 men, we were told. Only the palace, where the imperial family resided, survived war and fire. The other buildings have been rebuilt, restored and repainted many times, maintaining the original design.

We visited Tiananmen Square, considered the heart of China, twice. Our 24-year-old guide, usually very open, brushed off a question about where in the square the 1989 conflict between students and soldiers took place. Of the building which houses Chairman Mao Zedong's tomb, closed while we were there, she said: "Only the old people go there. The young people don't

like him."

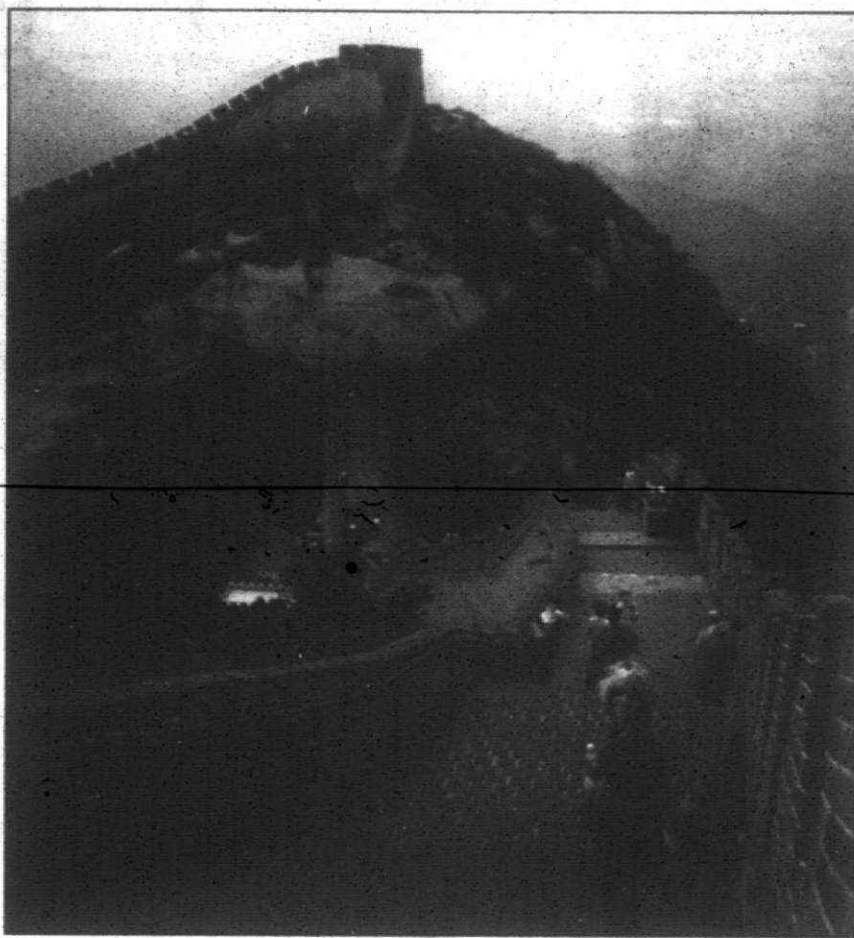
In Beijing, we rode in a rickshaw, visited a traditional Chinese home in the hutong and a nearby elementary school, toured the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven (the most famous temple in China) and Beihai Park. The latter was where we enjoyed lunch, on our own, at the illustrious Fangshan restaurant. According to Fodor's: "Established in 1925 by three royal chefs, Fangshan serves dishes once prepared by Qing emperors based on recipes garnered from across China."

We stumbled through a pre-set meal of a dozen dishes, with some help from a Chinese woman at an adjoining table.

The Chinese people are generally friendly, but seemed the most reserved in Beijing. I had a halting conversation with a young Chinese woman in the health club locker room of my hotel. She was eager to try out her English, to trade e-mail addresses, and proudly told me she had just hooked up to Yahoo. But when I began asking her questions about political issues, she clammed up.

We weren't friendless in a foreign land, however. Arriving a day earlier than our tour group, we were greeted by a large blue and gold University of Michigan poster in the lobby of our hotel. It turned out that a U-M alumni travel group had arrived a day ahead of us.

On that tour were Paul and Ruth Kadish of Farmington Hills, who are friends of friends, as well as former West Bloomfield residents Jim and Ann Beuerle, who now live in Suttons



Impressive: Judith Doner Berne pauses on the steps of The Great Wall. They say The Great Wall is the only man-made object you can see from space.

ED BERNE

Bay.

The food in China is built around fresh vegetables, and either noodles or rice, depending on the region, and the sauces are a lot lighter than here. We didn't eat off the street or from the markets, which in addition to abundant fruits and vegetables

featured delicacies such as live snakes, pigs ears and more entrails than I knew existed.

In Beijing desserts looked a lot better than they tasted. I never saw orange sherbet, the dessert staple of Chinese restaurants in the U.S.

And nowhere in China did I

see anything resembling a fortune cookie.

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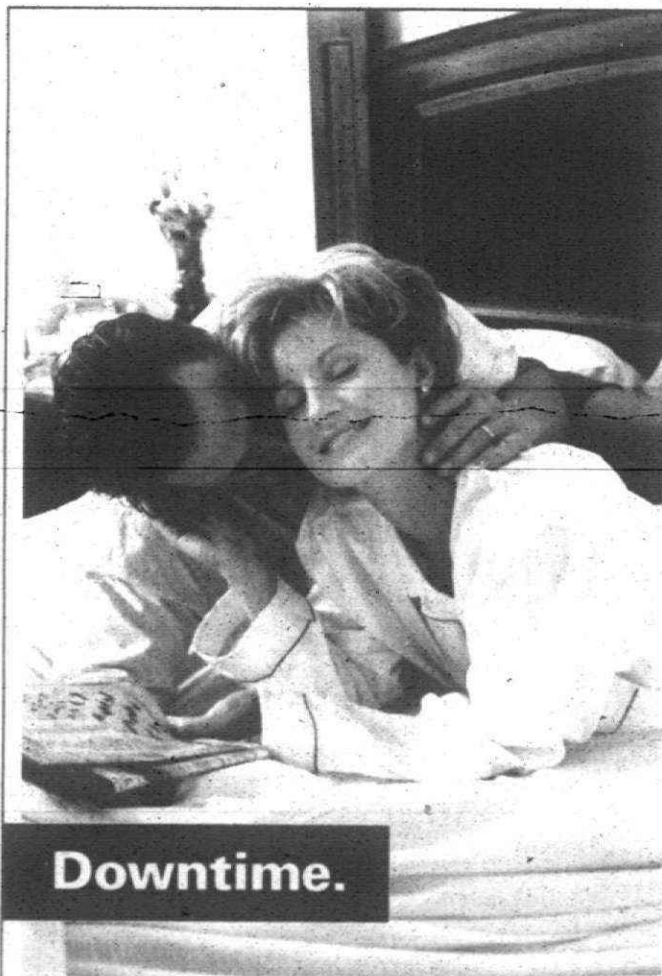
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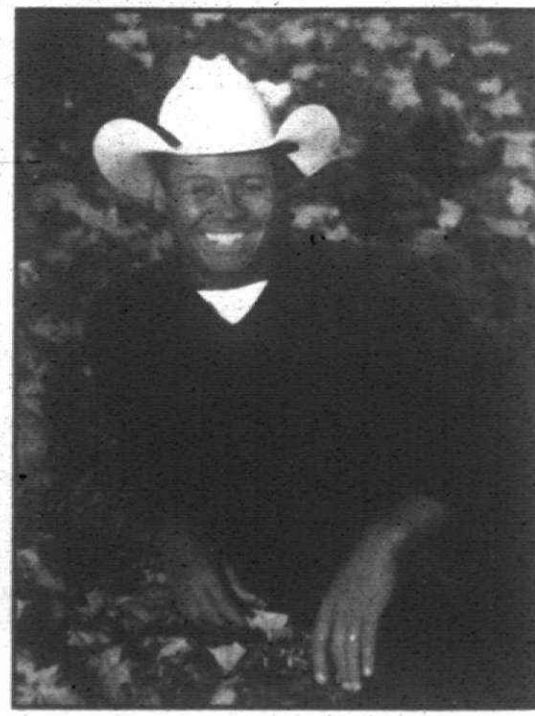
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CHEERS FOR BEER



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Comfort food, Oktoberfest beer in season

Well, here it is the end of October already. Bow season for deer has started, and another Oktoberfest has passed by, but the wonderful beer is still with us.

Oktoberfest beer is a bottom-fermented lager that is made stronger and lagered (aged) longer and made in March for Oktoberfest so it is also called Marzenbier (March beer). The original Oktoberfest beer dates from the 1840s and was brewed by Gabriel Sedlmayr as a tribute to the Viennese brewer Anton Dreher at his Spaten Brewery in Munich. There are only six brewers allowed to sell their beer at the Oktoberfest — Spaten, Paulaner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbrau, Augustiner and Lowenbrau.

The malt used is called Vienna malt, which is dried at higher temperatures than the very pale pilsner but lower than the darker Munich so it gives that lovely amber to pale copper color.

Marzen is made according to the 1516 German beer purity law called the *Reinheitsgebot*, which states that beer can be made only with water, malt, hops and yeast. It is a medium to strong beer with an alcoholic content of 5 to 7 percent by volume. It is medium to full-bodied with a very malty nose but has a lighter malt flavor. Hops are from Munich's own Hallertau district and have a little spice and bitterness to balance the malt sweetness. My favorite is the Ur-Marzen from Spaten.

Oktoberfest fare includes wursts (sausages) of all kinds, roasted oxen and chickens and venison, which is in season. This recipe below came from my grandmother and was the first venison dish I ever ate. I was 9 at the time and wasn't told I had eaten venison until I was done. I loved it and the spaetzle served alongside it. She called it a ragout of venison, but I told her it was a stew and was promptly told, "children should be seen and not heard." She told me ragout was just a fancy word for stew.

Spaetzle is the pasta of Germany and is thought to have come from Swabia. Spaetzle is often served in place of potatoes with gravy or just tossed with a little butter.

You can use a spaetzle-maker that looks like a monster garlic press or you can just push it through the bottom of a colander. The secret of good spaetzle is a dough thick and elastic but still thin enough to push through the colander. This stuff is comfort food on cold blustery days and will grow on you.

RAGOUT OF VENISON

- 3 pounds of venison shoulder (or beef or pork) cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup oil
- 3 medium onions, diced large
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 2-1/2 cups beef stock
- 2 cups red wine
- 1/2 ounce dried chanterelle mushrooms
- 1/2 ounce dried Polish, Black Forest or porcini mushrooms
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound peeled chestnuts
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a heavy pot big enough to hold everything, brown the meat over medium-high heat in batches and place in a bowl, adding more oil as needed. Add onions to pot and cook until almost a little brown and then add garlic and mushrooms.

Cook for 4 more minutes, stirring con-

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THE HONEYBAKED HAM CO.

A real pick-up meal: (Above) Your tailgating guests will love the easy-to-make roll-ups, corn chowder and chocolate chip and apricot blondies made from HoneyBaked ham recipes. (Below) Gerald Gramzay, executive chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, offers a toast to tailgaters with discerning taste buds. He's prepared smoked salmon roulade with caviar and grilled marinated lamb chops and vegetables.

Tailgating

WITH AN ATTITUDE



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Ooo sa, sa, sa. Ooo sa, sa, sa. Hit 'em in the head with a big kielbasa! Go, team, go!

What better way to entertain friends and cheer your favorite football team on to victory than with a stadium-size, back-bumper feast or coffee table buffet.

And remember, footballs aren't the only things wrapped in pigskin. Besides kielbasa, there's plump bratwurst, juicy hot dogs, tiny cocktail franks and succulent

Italian sausage heaped with onions and peppers.

Stadium kielbasa is the biggest seller at Kowalski Sausage Co. in Westland during football season, said store manager Wendy Vella. This is no thin-skinned, sissy sausage requiring gentle prodding or careful cooking, she added. This is manly FOOTBALL FAN kielbasa. Hut, hut, hut!

"Just throw it on the grill or simmer it in a little bit of water like they do at Tiger Stadium. Most people then top it with kapusta or regular sauerkraut,"

she said.

OK, so what's kapusta?

"It's sauerkraut with cabbage, mushroom soup mix and salt pork. We sell it by the pound," said Vella.

The secret to a touchdown-scoring tailgate party is to prepare foods that hold their flavors and textures, simple dishes that will taste great when served later in the day, said Kathy Stark, executive chef for The HoneyBaked Ham Company in Troy.

"We love tailgate picnics. They are a treat because all of the work is done in advance. The host can enjoy the food and atmosphere as much as the guests."

Simple fare often means sandwiches, especially roll-ups. Just spread your favorite filling on a lavash bread, roll and refrigerate for several hours. Serve with a few bowls of your favorite dip, a platter of chicken wings or cocktail franks basted in a tangy sauce, and you'll have a tailgate party that doesn't sideline the host.

If your guests have warm hearts but cold fingers, warm up those

Tailgate tips

- Bring along school-colored napkins, blankets or even school-sanctioned decorations. Purchase enough pom-poms for each of your tailgate guests.
- To pre-heat thermoses, place boiling water in them for five or 10 minutes. Empty and fill with soup, chowder or hot beverage.
- To protect the serving area of your vehicle against any spills, line with a plastic sheet. Cover the plastic with a school-colored blanket.
- Park your caravan of cars in a circle, if possible, to provide a little privacy while you dine.
- Bring a portable, battery operated TV or radio to listen to pre-game commentary.
- Pack a few extra folding chairs in your vehicle.

digits with steamy mugs of home-made soup or chili, poured piping hot from a large thermos, suggests Stark. Pass around some cheddar cheese biscuits — sliced, brushed with honey mustard and stuffed with a wedge of your favorite baked ham, and you've scored a

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Favorite tailgate fare of coaches and players

- **Larry Pocciatiello**, Detroit Lions defense coordinator: "Sausage and peppers."
- **Jason Hanson**, Detroit Lions place-kicker: "A barbecue-style grill that's made in a football helmet."
- **John Herrington**, coach for "The Hawks," Harrison High School in Farmington Hills: "Brats and mustard potato salad with a nice cold Coke."
- **Lloyd Carr**, coach for the University of Michigan "Wolverines": "I've never been to a tailgate. I'll take whatever they give me."
- **Tom Moshimer**, coach for "The Rocks," Plymouth Salem High School: "Either Italian sausage with green peppers, onions and mustard or a hamburger. Hamburgers are as good as anything. To drink? Maybe later in the year hot cider."
- **Chuck Gordon**, coach the "The Rockets" at John Glenn High School in Westland: "I've never tailgated. But I'm a chicken and ribs kind of guy. You can't go wrong. Get the barbecue out and don't mess it up."

Hearty Beans 'n' Sausage warms and comforts

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Hearty Michigan Beans 'n' Sausage "smells good when you bake it," said Elaine Schuster of Southfield. "It's a really good recipe. It has lots of meat and is real thick. I serve it as a main dish or a side dish at parties."

Schuster's recipe appears on page 78 of "2000 Taste of Home Annual Recipes" published by Reiman Publications.

Schuster a Taste of Home magazine subscriber, was surprised to learn that her recipe was chosen for the cookbook, a collection of 576 recipes, including ones from the 1999 issues of Taste of Home. Her recipe appeared in the February 1999 edition. All of the recipes in

Taste of Home come from the magazine's nearly five million subscribers.

"It's fun to share what you cook. It's almost like having people over to eat," she said.

Schuster's Michigan Beans 'n' Sausage recipe calls for chicken gizzards, but you can substitute chopped turkey or chicken. She recommends using chopped chicken thighs, but adds, "I do have to warn you that gizzards are very good." To save time, she sometimes substitutes canned beans for the dry navy beans.

Married to Jim for 30 years, Schuster has a grown son, and 5-year-old granddaughter. She works as a contract coordinator for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

"I throw everything in one pot — to

get dinner on the table fast," she said. "I'll start with a can of soup, add something, and thicken it up with rice. I'm always looking for fast recipes. If I can't get dinner on the table in a half hour we get carry-out. It helps to have a plan."

"2000 Taste of Home Annual Recipes," a 324-page hardcover cookbook, with full color photos, kitchen tested "family favorite" recipes, theme-related menus, and other surprises is available from Reiman Publications for \$29.99, (plus \$2.50 shipping/insured delivery). To order by mail send check to Taste of Home Books, Suite 4235, P.O. Box 990, Greendale, WI 53129. To order with a credit card, call (800) 558-1013, and specify item 27863. Here's Schuster's recipe.

MICHIGAN BEANS 'N' SAUSAGE

- 1 pound dry navy beans
- 6 bacon strips, diced
- 3 medium onions, sliced into rings
- 1 pound chicken gizzards, trimmed and halved, (optional); you can substitute an equal amount of cubed chicken or turkey
- 4 cups water
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound fully cooked kielbasa or Polish sausage, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/4-inch slices

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gastronomical touchdown.

But what if you want to serve something beyond the usual hamburgers and hot dogs? What if beer makes you belch, but champagne makes you delightfully giddy. What if you're more paté than potato salad?

Tailgate parties can be "foot-brawl, fancy and fun," said Gerald Gramzay, executive chef at The Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Go ahead, fans, get out the lobster pot and chill the bubbly.

Gramzay suggests preparing cold smoked salmon, rolled and stuffed with lump crab or shrimp salad. He's also fond of a cucumber dill salad filling. Simply peel, slice, salt and drain a few cucumbers. Add diced red onion, diced red and yellow peppers, and dress with salt, pepper, sugar, fresh dill and a splash of rice wine vinegar and olive oil.

If football season brings out the meat-eater in you, Gramzay's grilled rack of lamb drizzled with balsamic vinegar will score extra points. One rack usually yields eight small chops. Most football fans can devour at least four chops, so buy at least three or four racks. Choose Australian over New Zealand lamb, but try to get Colorado lamb if possible, said Gramzay. It has a

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richer, more intense flavor.

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Of course, Gramzay recommends serving lots of Illy Cafe or Jamaican Blue coffee to go with those chocolate cheesecake brownies.

"Just the smell of that coffee along with those lamb chops will bring everyone to your tailgate."

Whether its brats or caviar, Bud Lite or Veuve Clicquot, enjoy your tailgate party and let the crumbs fall where they may. And if you happen to get invited to a tailgate party, just remember: Never take the hostess.

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stantly. Return the meat to the pot and add thyme, rosemary, dried mushrooms, stock and wine. Simmer covered for 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Add chestnuts and simmer one hour longer. Check the meat for tenderness and cook longer if needed, especially if the deer was an older one. Add cream and salt and pepper, simmering for about a 1/2 hour more. Serve the spatzle on the side with some of the gravy from the stew.

Polish and Black Forest mushrooms can be bought at a *Rafel's Spice Co.* in the Eastern Market.

SPATZLE

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 extra large egg
6 tablespoons milk

Chef Joseph Styke is an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in *Taste*.

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1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Place beans in a Dutch oven; add water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 hour.

Drain and discard liquid. Return beans to pan and set aside. In a skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons of drippings; set bacon aside.

Sauté onions and gizzards (cubed chicken or turkey) if desired in the drippings until the onions are tender and the gizzards are browned. Add the 4 cups of water, garlic, salt, marjoram, bay leaf, pepper, bacon and onion mixture to the beans.

Cover and bake at 350°F for 3 hours or until the beans are tender. Discard bay leaf. Stir in sausage and tomato sauce. Sprinkle bread crumbs and butter; broil over top. Bake uncovered, 25 minutes longer or until golden. Yield 10-12 servings.

Green tomatoes
If you're like me, you've probably got a few green tomatoes clinging to your tomato plants.

Send recipes to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax recipes call (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.com.

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MODERN IRISH COOKING

Alacque Meehan will give a talk on traditional and modern Irish cooking 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Dr. Enter the building from the north parking lot. Meehan is the chef at Dish in Temple Bar in Dublin. She is also the author of "Brunch with an Irish Flavor." There will be recipe handouts. The program is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. The cost is \$5, refreshments will be served. Call (248) 540-6687 for information.

HOLIDAY VEGETARIAN TASTING

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.

Try this make-ahead tailgate party menu

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tailgate parties are as cheery a part of football as the point after touchdown.

They can be beer-swilling barbecue feasts with fans in complete regalia and painted faces. Or they can be refined affairs featuring prepared meals served on the best china, with linen napkins and wine goblets.

Here's a suggestion from the Culinary Institute of America: a simple make-ahead menu for a cool-weather picnic to serve from your tailgate.

Recipes are adapted from the institute's new cookbook "Garde Manger: The Art and Craft of the Cold Kitchen" (Wiley, \$54.95).

Pan bagnat, literally meaning "bathed bread," consists of marinated tuna salad, stuffed inside hard rolls and wrapped up tightly. The bread soaks up the savory juices of the salad and the robust flavor calls for an icy cold beer and salty potato chips.

For dessert try Hermit Bars, hearty spiced cookies. Serve them with mugs of steaming Mulled Cider you've kept piping hot in a thermos.

PAN BAGNAT

6 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 bunch basil, chopped, about 1/4 cup
3/4 bunch Italian parsley, roughly chopped, about 1/2 cup
4 anchovies

1 jalapeno, roasted, peeled, seeded and chopped fine
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
10 oblong, crusty hard rolls
1 pound oil-packed tuna, drained and flaked (about 4 cans)

5 plum tomatoes, chopped and seeded
1 1/2 cups marinated roasted peppers, chopped (about 1 small jar)
3/4 cup pitted black olives, roughly chopped

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 small red onion, minced
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped
3 tablespoons capers
4 teaspoons minced garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

Puree the vinegar, basil, parsley, anchovies and jalapeno in a blender. With blender running, slowly pour in oil to make the dressing.

Cut rolls in half lengthwise, and scoop out insides, leaving a shell 1/2-inch thick. Crumble the removed bread and combine it with the tuna, tomatoes, peppers, olives, cucumber, onion, eggs, capers and garlic. Add enough dressing to moisten and bind the filling. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Brush the insides of the rolls with the remaining dressing. Divide the filling equally between

the rolls and firmly press the sandwiches closed. Wrap each sandwich tightly with deli paper or wax paper. Let rest at room temperature at least 1 hour before serving.

Makes 10 sandwiches.

Nutrition information per sandwich bar: 486 cal., 21 g. pro., 29 g. fat, 36 g. carb., 709 mg. sodium, 53 mg. chol.

HERMIT BARS

2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter, at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup unsulphured molasses
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
3/4 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter and lightly flour a 9-inch by 11-inch baking pan.

Sift together the flour, baking soda, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Set aside. Cream together the butter, sugar and molasses until light and fluffy. Scrape the bowl to incorporate all ingredients fully. Add the eggs, one at a time, blending thoroughly into the batter. Add the milk and blend well. Stir in the sifted dry ingredients until just combined. Stir in the raisins gently.

Spread the cookie batter evenly in the prepared pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the center springs back when pressed with a fingertip. Allow the cookies to cool in the pan before cutting into bars.

Makes 36 bars.

Nutrition information per bar: 110 cal., 1 g. pro., 4 g. fat, 15 g. carb., 100 mg. sodium, 30 mg. chol.

MULLED CIDER

2 1/4 quarts apple cider
1 cinnamon stick
4 whole cloves
4 allspice berries
Zest of 1 orange
10 thin orange slices

Optional Garnish:
10 cinnamon sticks
20 allspice berries

Combine all the ingredients except the orange slices in a saucepan. Simmer until the flavor of the spices and orange zest are infused into the cider, about 20 minutes. Strain the cider and serve in heated mugs or glasses (cider may be poured into warm thermos to take out). Garnish each portion with an orange slice and a cinnamon stick and 2 allspice berries, if desired.

Makes 10 6-ounce servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 cal., 0 g. pro., 0 g. fat, 27 g. carb., 5 mg. sodium, 0 mg. chol.

Delicious tailgate treats fans are sure to cheer

See related story on Taste front.

HONEYBAKED HAM, SPINACH AND CHUTNEY ROLL-UPS

1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
1 cup prepared chutney (any flavor or brand)
8 whole wheat lavash wraps (or 8-inch flour tortillas)

1 red bell pepper, cut into thin slices
2 pounds HoneyBaked Ham slices
1 bunch spinach leaves, washed and dried

In a small bowl, mix the cream cheese with the chutney until combined. Spread lavash wrap with the chutney mixture. Layer the ham slices, spinach leaves and red bell pepper over the spread and tightly roll up each lavash. Slice in half and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Chill for up to two hours. Serves 8

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

HONEYBAKED HAM, CORN & WILD RICE CHOWDER

1 tablespoon olive oil
3 medium carrots, peeled and diced
2 celery stalks, diced
1 large onion, chopped
2 cups wild rice
2 cups tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
8 cups chicken broth

2 cups corn
1 pound HoneyBaked Ham, diced

In a large soup pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the carrots, celery and onion and sauté, stirring for eight minutes until softened. Add the rice and sauté two minutes. Add the tomatoes with juices and the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes until rice is tender. Add the corn and HoneyBaked Ham and heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve piping hot from a large thermos.

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

HONEYBAKED ROASTED TURKEY, SWISS & APPLE ROLL-UPS

2 pounds HoneyBaked Roasted Turkey Breast slices
8 Swiss cheese slices
1 head red leaf lettuce
2 Grassy Smith apples, sliced thin
Honey mustard
8 lavash wraps, plain or spinach (or 8" flour tor-

tilias)

Thinly layer each lavash wrap with three turkey slices, one cheese slice, two lettuce leaves, four apple slices and about one tablespoon of honey mustard. Tightly roll up the lavash. Slice in half, wrap tightly in plastic wrap (you may want to secure with a toothpick). Chill for up to two hours. Serves 8

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

Make the Walnut Crust: Combine walnuts, sugar, cinnamon and butter in a mixing bowl and stir until well blended. Press the mixture in an even layer on the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Set the pan aside.

To make the Apple Cheesecake Batter: In a mixer, beat the cream cheese, mascarpone cheese and applesauce together on low speed

until well blended.

In a small bowl stir the sugar and ground spices until well blended. Add the spiced sugar to the cream-cheese mixture. Scrape the bowl down after the addition and continue to beat on low speed until the spiced sugar is incorporated. Whisk the eggs and egg yolks together to blend them, then add the eggs to the batter. Scrape the bowl down once more and continue beating until the eggs are absorbed and the batter is well blended.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Place a shallow pan of water on the bottom shelf of the oven. Pour the cheesecake batter into the walnut crust in the 9-inch springform pan. Place on the middle shelf of the oven. Bake the cheesecake for 40 minutes, or until it is set. Remove the cheesecake from the oven and

allow it to come to room temperature. Loosen sides of springform pan and slip off the ring.

To make the White Chocolate Glaze: Chop the white chocolate finely and place it in a mixing bowl. Bring the cream to a rolling boil and pour it over the chopped chocolate. Stir the mixture until the chocolate has melted. Pour the glaze over the cheesecake to coat it

evenly, then place the cheesecake in the refrigerator until the glaze has set, 1 to 2 hours.

To make the Cinnamon Glazed Walnut Garnish: Combine the sugars, cinnamon and water in a skillet over high heat and stir to blend the mixture well. Bring the syrup to a boil, add the walnut halves and stir the walnuts in the syrup until the skillet is dry and the wal-

nuts are well coated. Remove the walnuts to a piece of kitchen parchment and let them cool. Garnish the cheesecake with the glazed walnuts and serve.

Makes one 9-inch cheesecake, 16 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 776 cal., 12 g. pro., 134 g. chol., 59 g. carb., 129 mg. sodium, 2 g. fiber, 57 g. total fat (22 g. saturated fat)

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Menopause support

Dr. Michael Gatt, OB/GYN of St. Mary Hospital, will host a question and answer session from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 on topics relating to menopause at St. Mary Hospital, West Addition B (South Entrance off Levan, (3645 Five Mile). No charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Low-fat turkey

Macro Val presents "Low-Fat Thanksgiving Dinner," cooking classes from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. Menarches turkey, yeast-free bread stuffing, millet mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce (with whole cranberries) and pumpkin pie (made without sugar). Call (734) 261-2856 to register.

First aid

An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Class begins Wednesday, Nov. 3. Call 458-4330.

Time change may affect sleep pattern

Sleepy the Dwarf, of Snow White fame, may be the most appropriate costume this Halloween as your body adjusts to daylight savings time.

At 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, clocks will be moved back one hour and standard daylight time will begin. This time change may disrupt your body's sleep rhythm and therefore your overall alertness, according to Thomas Roth, Ph.D., director of the Sleep Disorders and Research Center at Henry Ford Hospital.

"Many people assume that their body benefits by gaining an extra hour. Actually, it is more difficult for the body to adjust to a longer day in the fall than it is to adjust to a shorter day in the spring," Roth says.

To ensure that you and your children are alert for any Halloween activities you may have planned, Roth suggests that you prepare your body's internal clock by going to bed 15 minutes earlier each day for several days prior to any time change. Also be aware that you may be less alert behind the wheel driving to and from Halloween parties. An increase in sleep-related automobile accidents is often seen in the days after time changes. He reminds motorists that they may be in danger of falling asleep behind the wheel if they:

- can't remember the last few miles driven;
- keep jerking their vehicles back into the lane;
- experience wandering, disoriented thoughts;
- yawn repeatedly or have trouble keeping their head up;
- have difficulty focusing or keeping their eyes open; or
- fatigue or miss traffic signs.

If you find you are falling asleep, find a safe place to stop; take a brief nap (20 to 40 minutes) if tired; and drink coffee or another source of caffeine to increase short-term alertness.

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 Databook (representing calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Upping the standards

Traditional school eye exams warrant second look

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTON
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If your child recently passed a school vision screening test you would probably assume he or she has good vision. Surprisingly, this assumption isn't necessarily true.

The "standard" eye exam given in schools throughout the United States doesn't test aspects of vision necessary for reading and grasping information for long periods of time. Vision problems could go unnoticed until children have suffered learning setbacks irrespective of the repeated and annual testing during their school years.

A child who receives a 20/20 score from a traditional school eye exam can identify the letters and numbers of an eye chart at a distance of 20 feet. This, however, fails to address vision skills necessary for learning such as where the object is, its size, distance from the observer, rate of movement, and texture — none of which are measured in a standard eye exam.

According to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, nearly 80 percent of what a child perceives, comprehends and remembers depends on the efficiency of the visual system.

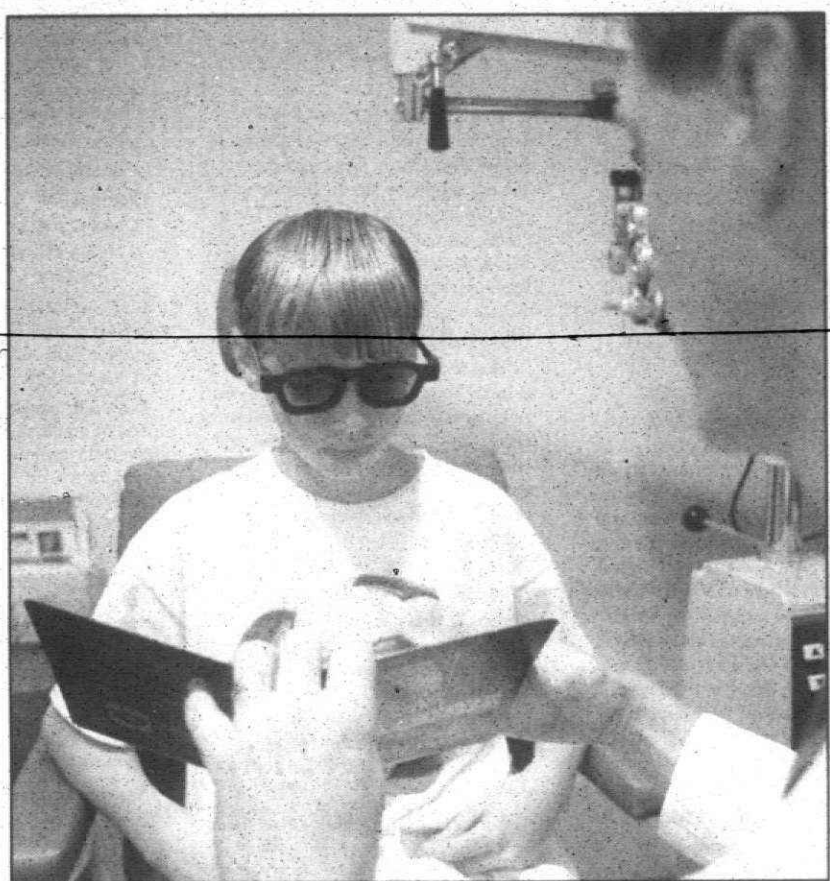
Asking more questions

"Despite the fact that a child has had an eye exam they may still have a problem," said Dr. Randy Houdek, O.D., of Vision Associates of Westland. "These standard tests fail to screen for more comprehensive visual skills and to test for learning-related vision problems — problems that may be impeding the academic progress of a child while masquerading themselves as behavioral problems, ADD or even dyslexia."

The Westland optometrist has long been a proponent of improving school vision testing not only by increasing public awareness of some of the standard exam inefficiencies but through free screenings in local public and parochial schools, in addition to offering the services at no cost from his office.

PAVE, Parents Active for Vision Education, is a national non-profit organization founded on the belief that there is a significant relationship between vision and learning and that early diagnosis is one of the best ways to keep a child from suffering both academically and emotionally because of a vision problem.

At a recent symposium in California PAVE pointed to research that implies one in every four children and seven out of 10 juvenile delinquents have vision problems that interfere with their ability to achieve, according to Marjorie Thompson, PAVE co-



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNIGAN

Test: Dr. Randy Houdek, an optometrist with Vision Associates of Westland, performs a depth perception test on 11-year-old Sean Dillon. Depth perception is a component of a comprehensive eye exam Houdek recommends all school-age children should receive.

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Parents Active for Vision Education (PAVE) — www.pave-eye.com/~vision/

founder and president.

PAVE members and Houdek hope to increase both parent and teacher awareness of the symptoms and the impact a vision problem can have if left undetected.

Learning problems such as poor reading comprehension, short attention span, letter and word reversal, slopping writing and trouble recognizing words could, and have in some cases, been misinterpreted as signs of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, when in fact the cause is a focusing or tracking disorder, faulty visual memory (inability to remember what is seen), faulty visual form per-

ception (inability to discriminate among different shapes) or faulty visual motor integration (inability to process and reproduce visual images by writing/drawing) — all conditions related to vision.

Learning-related vision problems share similar symptoms with other diagnoses such as food allergies, sensory integration dysfunction, ADHD and in the normal behavior of children under the age of seven.

According to Patricia S. Lemer, M.Ed., of the Optometric Extension Program, "the public needs to understand that some behavioral optometrists, physicians, educators, mental health professionals, occupational therapists and allergists are all addressing the same symptoms and behaviors."

In a brochure on the developmental approach to attention deficits Lemer states, "The difference is that medication, special education and counseling (can) mask these symptoms and behaviors, while vision therapy, occupational therapy and treatment of allergies can (may) alleviate the underlying causes and thus eliminate the symptoms long-term."

What to look for
"Parents and teachers have to be vigilant about the signs a child may be displaying such as rubbing their eyes, losing their place frequently when reading, squinting or a lack of interest in what they're reading. The tests that an optometrist is trained to perform enables them to detect and treat vision problems," said Houdek.

A large part of the problem of school vision screenings is that there are currently no national standards in place for vision screening of school-age children nor are there standards for who is administering the screening. Screeners can range from state-certified vision and audiology technicians to credentialed school nurses and teachers.

The passage or failure of a school eye exam should be the first step in testing to schedule a more extensive exam that includes testing aspects of vision such as visual spatial skills, visual analysis skills, visual motor integration and visual memory," said Houdek. "You shouldn't be afraid to ask your optometrist if he or she is checking for visual efficiency problems."

Vision Associates of Westland will be conducting free vision perception and testing for children in grades first through ninth from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16. Call (734) 326-2160 to make an appointment. The Westland office is located at 38979 Cherry Hill Rd., Suite B.

Applicants sought for free comprehensive vision screening

Low-income workers and their families can begin applying for free eye exams through a program called VISION USA.

VISION USA is a national non-profit program that matches low-income children and adults with optometrists in their communities who provide free comprehensive eye exams in their offices.

Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2000 will mark the start of the program's emphasis on aiding children.

To qualify for free eye care under VISION USA, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is at least one working member, have no health insurance that covers eye examinations, have income below an established level based on household size and have had no eye examination within two years.

Although the VISION USA eye exams are not given until March 2000, the American Optometric Association, which administers the program, is accepting applications for program participation now.

Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141 and starting in November, forms will be available from the American Optometric Association Web site (www.aoanet.org) in the "Meet the AOA" section. Completed

Pace your kids' consumption of candy to avoid tummy aches

'Suddenly the candy's gone from their system, their blood sugar is now coming down, and the insulin's still around and the kids get hypoglycemic, where their blood sugar is quite low and they often feel very sick, then get pale, complain of nausea, sometimes even vomit.'

— Dr. Chris J. Dickinson
chief of pediatric gastroenterology, U-M

eating too much, intolerance to certain foods and bowel spasms. But that is now always the case. At times like Halloween, a condition called hypoglycemia may also be a culprit of tummy aches after the chocolate and candy corn are gone.

"The kids sometimes just eat too much candy. The candies often have a lot of sugar in them, raising the levels of sugar in their blood stream dramatically, which causes release of insulin," said Chris J. Dickinson, M.D., chief of pediatric gastroenterology at the University of Michigan Health System.

"Suddenly the candy's gone from their system, their blood sugar is now coming down, and the insulin's still around and the kids get hypoglycemic, where their blood sugar is quite low and they often feel very sick, then get pale, complain of nausea, sometimes even vomit."

Dickinson suggests that parents limit the number of pieces of candy that their kids eat, especially that first evening, to avoid problems.

To treat the tummy aches, kids can take some of the over-the-counter medications, but for a lot of them, the dosages are much different for children than for adults, says Dickinson. "Check with your pediatrician beforehand to make sure that the dose that you're giving to give is appropriate for your child."

One general rule to follow is "if it is pain alone, we leave it alone," says Dickinson. Concerns arise if a child also experiences a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, poor weight gain, or even weight loss with their tummy ache. At those times, parents will want to have a physician evaluate their child.

While checking all candy for tampering, also remove candy that presents a choking hazard. Candies that are particularly easy to choke on are the large hard candies such as jaw breakers, or smaller ones that can get directly into the lungs such as peanuts or other small candy. Don't allow toddlers to have those types of candy.

Items for Medical Databook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Databook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36255 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmorton@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, NOV. 1

HEART PALS
Support offered for cardiac patients and for their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3322.

TUE, NOV. 2

GRIEF SUPPORT
Helping those grieving around the holidays. Starting Over, an ongoing support group sponsored by Arbor Hospice for men and women approximately 45 and under who have lost their spouse or fiancé to death, meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at Church of Christ in Plymouth on Sheldon Road at 7 p.m. Call (800) 783-5764 for information. They also have a child's group that meets in Plymouth on the same evenings at 6:30 p.m. New Directions group, ages approximately 45-60 meets in Plymouth the 2nd Thursday at Church of Christ at 7 p.m.

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.

THUR, NOV. 4

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh Day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Golatch; Arnold Aragon, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez, Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian; and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information call (734) 844-8660.

NOV. 5 & 6

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
Actor David L. Lander, "Squiggly," from television's Laverne &

FLU SHOTS

■ Livonia Senior Citizens, by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10800 Farmington Road. Call (734) 422-5010.
■ St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 9-10 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4. There will be an \$8 fee and

registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.
■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Livonia store Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at 37685 Five Mile, near Newburgh Road.

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MANAGING THE PAIN OF FIBROMYALGIA
Managing pain in fibromyalgia conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and fibromyalgia is difficult. The problem is that each of these conditions can continue for years, while medications designed to provide thorough pain relief do so best for periods of days or, for the person with a terminal condition, the last weeks of life.

Of the three rheumatic conditions mentioned above, the one most difficult to treat for pain is fibromyalgia. That happens because one of its features is a heightened sense of pain. The search for drugs useful in fibromyalgia has uncovered no medication or regimen of drugs that will consistently provide pain relief. The use of traditional antipainkillers such as Elavil has shown that the medication helps to initiate sleep but it cannot give the individual sustained relief or rest. Newer antipainkillers such as Prozac have not worked at all. None of the non-steroidal drugs such as Motrin, naproxen, or aspirin have brought the discomfort of fibromyalgia. The newer non-steroidal drugs such as Celebrex and Vioxx have not yet stood the test of time, but information to date indicates they will not be any better than their older colleagues.

Behavioral modification and group therapy programs have reported mixed results. To date the regimens with the best results are those that emphasize regular exercise, patient familiarity with the features of fibromyalgia, and use small doses of Elavil or Ambien at bedtime to promote sleep. Of particular importance is that sleep be done in the morning 6-7 days a week with the period of exercise lasting at least 30 minutes.

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RS: According to a 1998 American Dental Association survey, more than 50% of the dentists polled said their patients underestimated the risk of periodontal disease.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Shirley, will offer his personal perspective and insight on managing and living with multiple sclerosis Friday, Nov. 5 as well as Dr. Howard Rosman, Department of Neurology chairman at Bedford General Hospital. Saturday an MS chapter patient program: "Living with MS" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to the public. The Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Contact the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter at (248) 350-0020 ext. 239.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY
"Substance Abuse and AIDS," will be held on from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Madonna University. This course will acquaint students with treatment considerations, methods for reducing high risk behaviors, prevention measures, and high risk groups. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register call (734) 432-5731.

THUR, NOV. 11
GRIEF SUPPORT
Helping those grieving around the holidays. New Directions, an ongoing support group of men and women approximately 45-60 who have lost their spouse or fiancé to death, meets in Plymouth the 2nd Thursday at Church of Christ at 7 p.m.

TUE, NOV. 9
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Lisa Samerdyke, DuPont Pharmaceuticals, will present on Miraluma Imaging, a new diagnostic procedure used with mammography. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information or to register call 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Free of charge sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

WINTER READINESS
Henry Ford OptiEyes will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to noon at their Westland Super Vision Center (35184 Central City Parkway). You'll also have the opportunity to "Ask the Experts," with AAA, Consumers Energy, Westland Car Care and Westland Police. Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Richter from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 422-5200 for information.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT
An education program to help people self-manage diabetes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison St., Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330. Join in the celebration during National Diabetes Month. Bring your questions and ask our diabetes educators about the latest in self-management and medical nutrition therapy. Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and special activities.

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LEGAL SENSE
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

COMPENSATING VICTIMS

The notion of paying money to the victim of a crime has its roots in English Law of seventh-century England, which stipulated that money or property be extracted as punishment from criminals to be paid directly to the victims of their offenses. The thinking behind this manner of compensation was that, if it were the victims who were most directly injured by the crime, then they (and not the government) should receive compensation. Today, current law has modified this thinking into the tortious Law of seventh-century society as a whole. However, if victims wish to extract compensation for any wrong done to them, they may use the civil courts to do so.

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GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT
Are you ready for the Great American Smokeout? The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Participants will learn the latest products available to help them become smoke-free as well as other emotional and behavioral steps that can be taken to kick the habit for good. This is a free program but registration is requested at (734) 655-8940.

SAT, NOV. 13

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A seminar for couples who are either thinking of having a baby or are newly expecting. Class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at

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Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Free House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St., Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy, physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recent indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 CEUs, available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single; \$90 couple.

KUMON OPEN HOUSE
An open house for the Livonia Kumon Math & Reading Center is from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Kumon is a supplemental method of learning that has achieved worldwide success. Free diagnostic testing will be offered for all students. The center is located at 32625 Seven Mile, Pearson Center #3 (east of Farmington Road). Call (734) 458-1854 for more information.

TUE, NOV. 16

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I knew immediately that the way I did my work would never be the same.

So, it has again been for me over the past couple of months as I've experimented with what I believe will be the next big craze in personal computer technology.

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The boundaries between the printed word, pictures, video, sound and speech have been torn down. Everything is multimedia now. And it all happens inside a personal computer.

I'm amazed. To watch video and audio download from a camcorder directly onto my hard drive makes me feel like I'm again witnessing a sea change in technological development.

And then to be able to take those video and sound clips and arrange, cut, trim, mix and enhance them with all sorts of special effects into a finished production is not only fun but, creatively speaking, amazingly fulfilling.

Since late last summer, I've been using a powerful desktop video editing system to produce television stories. The system I'm using, a fully equipped NT Workstation from SGI (www.sgi.com), is of the same type George Lucas and his video artists used to edit some of the special effects on the latest Star Wars movie.

And while you can easily

spend tens of thousands of dollars for a loaded SGI system, you can also pick one up starting at just a few thousand dollars, or not that much more than a high-end consumer machine.

But because I'm using my system to edit my NBC-TV "High Tech Talk" computer and Internet reports that are sent out each week to 250 television stations, I need to make sure I'm producing finished stories that are of broadcast quality. So I have a lot of options on my desktop video editing system that the average consumer doesn't need.

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How to be a movie maker

Here's a quick primer on what you'll need:

Computer: To do it right, you'll want a fast processor. I suggest a minimum speed of 450 MHz. Get as much RAM, or random access memory, as you can, 256K at the least. The top-end SGI system I use has dual 600 MHz Intel Pentium III processors, a gigabyte of RAM and an array of four hard drives capable of holding nearly 70 gigabytes of data.

Video Capture Card: Expect to pay somewhere between \$500 to \$1,000 for a quality card that can take in, process and send out your video. Check out Pinnacle Systems (http://pinnaclesys.com) or Matrox (www.matrox.com).

Camera: Today's sub-\$1,000 digital camcorders are capable of producing better quality video than full-sized TV studio cameras did a decade ago. Make sure your camera has either an S-

VHS video out jack or a "FireWire IEEE1394" port to plug into the video card. The camera I'm shooting with is a pretty deluxe model, the XL-1 from Canon (www.canondv.com/xl1/index2.html). Chances are, though, the same camcorder you use to take vacation videos will work fine with desktop video editing.

Software: Good video editing software isn't cheap. The most popular package out there right now is probably Adobe Premiere (www.adobe.com). Expect to pay \$450 or so. I'm using a package called "Speed Razor" from a company called In-Sync (www.in-sync.com).

For more information on desktop video editing, check out a Web site called The Video Guys (www.videoguys.com). They offer a great guide to getting started, with lots of links.

And on the Internet newsgroups, read some of the posts in the rec.video.desktop discussion group to see how others are using this new tool.

PC Mike seminar

The next seminar will be "Maintaining and Troubleshooting Your PC" and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, in Southfield (near Evergreen).

The session will cover the basics of maintaining your PC and diagnosing and repairing common problems. Mike will also suggest ways to improve your system. The seminar is free, but you must have a reservation. Call the 24-hour seminar hot line at (248) 423-2721.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

WED, NOV. 3, 10

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

FRI, NOV. 5, 12

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.

MON, NOV. 8

CANTON BPW

The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace. We achieve our goals

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

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Sponsored by Great Lakes Christian College (Lansing) Gary Washburn, vice president of Financial Stewardship of Troy will make a presentation from 7-9 p.m. on ways you can be a good steward of your assets after your funeral including simple strategies that will guarantee that more of your estates goes the people/organizations of your choice than the government; and how to distribute your assets. Family, friends and co-workers

are encouraged to attend. No matter the size of your total estate, you will find something of value in this seminar.

TUE, NOV. 16

ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's in Plymouth (41661 Plymouth Road). The featured speaker will be Mary Uday of Prism Performance System. Her topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." Learn the art of persuasion, diplomacy and compromise. Cost is \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355 for a reservation.

THUR, NOV. 18

BUSINESS PLAN

Service Corps of Retired Executives will host a Business Plan Workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 895 in Detroit. \$40 per person. Topics include preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, example of a business plan and sources of help. Call (313) 226-7497 to register.

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- Q. I'm planning on having cataract surgery. Will I still need glasses?
A. Cataract surgery, using the traditional monofocal lens, is intended to correct vision. Good near vision is generally not possible. When using the new multifocal lens, the goal is to provide good distance and near vision, thereby decreasing your dependence on glasses.
- Q. What are the primary benefits of the new multifocal lens?
A. The new multifocal lens is really designed to be a form of visual rehabilitation. Statistics show that 92% of patients using this lens will not be dependent on glasses at any distance.
- Q. What are the risks associated with this new lens?
A. There really is no difference between the new lens and traditional cataract surgery, except for the possibility of halos and glare, but generally these effects get better.
- Q. Is the new lens FDA approved?
A. Yes.
- Q. What can I expect after surgery?
A. Vision after the first day should be as good as with the monofocal lens. Low level reading glasses may still be required for extended periods of reading.