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### Behind bars

Walter Escos may not be a familiar name to Plymouth residents. Unless, of course, you have spent some time at the Scott Correctional Facility.

Escos is a corrections officer at the prison and is part of a public relations campaign spotlighting the work of these individuals.

"We do it so you don't have to" is the theme of the campaign launched by the Michigan Corrections Organization. Commercials and a booklet are part of the program.

"We have to bow to the people that offend society. It's something that has to be done," Escos said in the booklet. "We're the people that make it safe for them to walk around out there in the streets."

### Cool days

Everyone knows above average temperatures in the fall are called Indian Summer.

But how many are aware that colder than normal days also have a name.

Squaw Winter is the name for the unseasonably cold weather we have had so far this autumn, according to James Callow, director of the computerized folklore archive at the University of Detroit.

And if you want to impress your friends, tell them that Indian Summer wasn't always called that.

"It was once called 'Smoke Summer,'" Callow said. "The indication is that early settlers blamed the hazy skies on smoke resulting from the Indian practice of scorching the earth after the harvest season."

### Senate support

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District has received the support of state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, in its quest for an educational grant.

The school district is seeking a "Computer Literacy and Educational Technology" grant from the Michigan Department of Education.

The project would serve special education high school students. It focuses on improving writing skills using computers.

Money would be used for computer equipment and to develop a computer bulletin board linking classrooms in the Plymouth-Canton schools with Woodhaven, another participant in the project.

### Bloom boom

Students and staff at Smith Elementary School can walk a little prouder now.

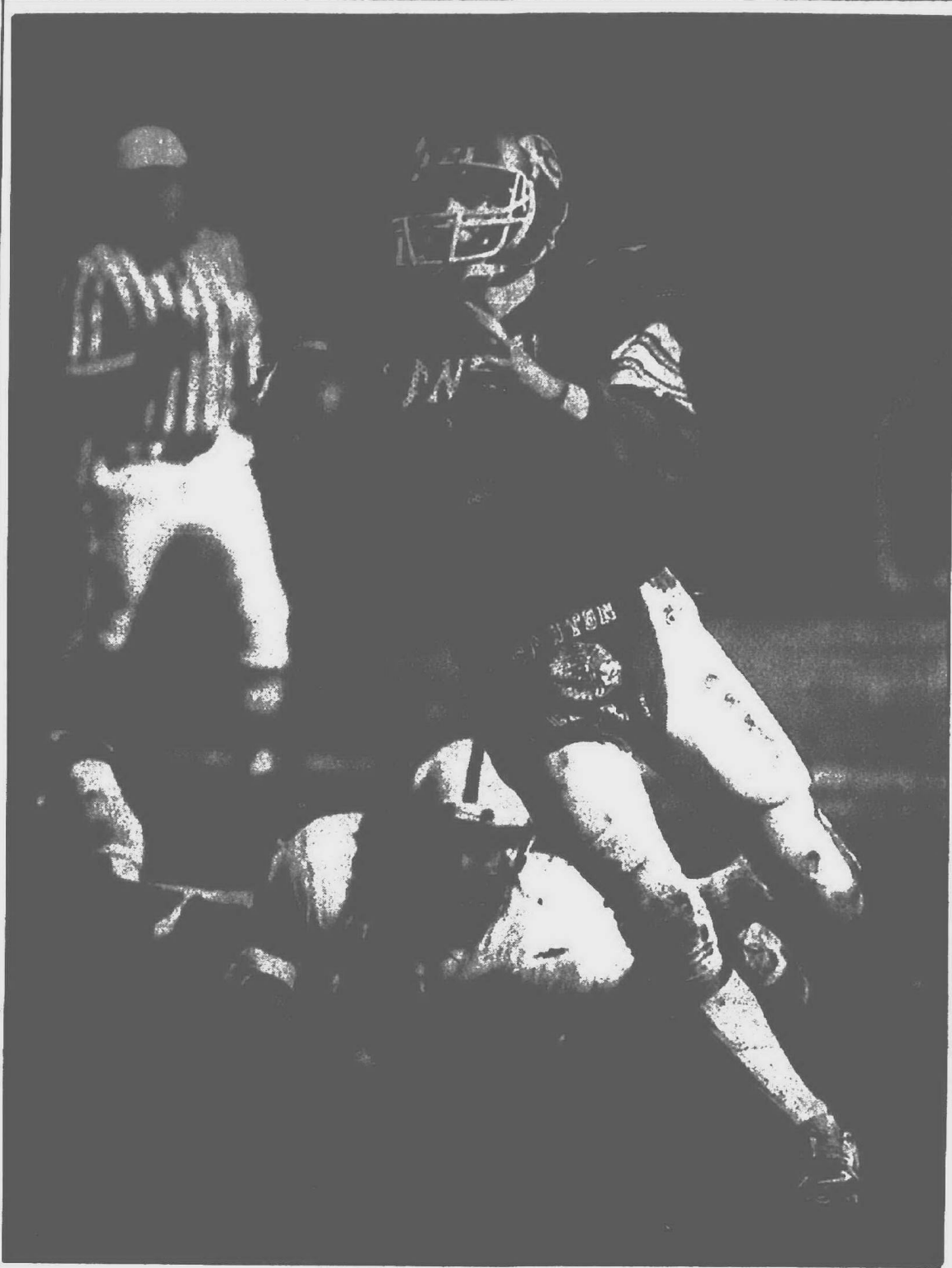
The school has received special recognition from the Plymouth Beautification Committee for its courtyard.

The courtyard is in bloom and the students are part of the reason why the school took the award, said Mary Childs of the beautification committee.

"It's our way of saying we appreciate your doing this and taking care of it," she said. "It's too bad this doesn't show from the street."

The committee also urged students, teachers and Principal George Dodson to keep their thumbs green.

"During these coming winter months, we hope you will continue to plan for your spring and summer plantings to again add beauty to our community."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## The domination ends

For the first time in CEP history, Canton came out on top in its season-ending clash with Salem. The Chiefs prevailed 21-14, with a large part of the credit going to Karl Wuk-

ie. The sophomore quarterback completed 12-of-20 passes for 101 yards and rushed for 87 more, tossing two touchdown passes and running for a third. Story on 1C.

## Few stores vacant in Plymouth

The no vacancy sign is out — figuratively speaking — in downtown Plymouth.

A recent walk through the central business district indicated that only a couple of shops among the hundred or so on major streets, in mini malls and hidden away in nooks and crannies are vacant as the lucrative holiday retail season nears.

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Real estate broker Pat Pulkownik said vacancies along Ann Arbor Trail should not last long.

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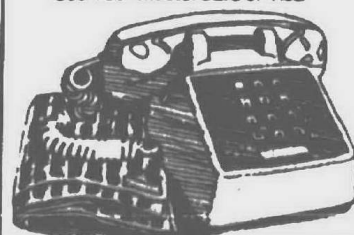
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## Chamber selects president for '89

By Neal Haldane  
staff writer

"Thanks Al, it's a fine night for the Community Gathering."

Well, Detroit Tiger broadcaster George Kell did not really say that Thursday night.

But the former Tiger and Hall of Fame third baseman could have used that opening line to describe the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 35th annual Community Gathering.

Kell was the featured speaker at

the dinner, which drew 200 people to the Mayflower Meeting House.

In addition to Kell, the annual dinner spotlighted the efforts of the chamber of commerce and introduced the new president and board of directors.

Another new twist was added to the festivities this year when the chamber, in cooperation with the Plymouth Observer, handed out the three awards honoring the business people of the year. (See story, Page 3A.)

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## Teen draws life sentence for murder

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Washtenaw Circuit Judge Henry Conlin sentenced Christopher Machacek, 18, of Ypsilanti Township to life in prison Friday for the murder of a Canton Township girl — a crime Conlin called "the most heinous situation I've ever been exposed to in almost 50 years in this system."

According to testimony, Mary Anne Hulbert, 13, thought she was pregnant by Machacek. Machacek and co-defendant Steven Stamper drove Hulbert to a field in Superior Township where they intended to shoot rifles, scaring Hulbert and inducing a miscarriage. Her body was found by hunters Jan. 7, 1987, eight days after she disappeared from her mother's mobile home.

An autopsy showed Hulbert was not pregnant. The Stevenson Junior High School seventh grader had been shot seven times.

A jury last month found Machacek guilty of first-degree murder. First degree, or premeditated murder is punishable by mandatory life imprisonment without parole.

Stamper, convicted by a jury of second-degree murder, was sentenced last week by Conlin to life in prison.

"I'VE SPENT many days reviewing this testimony," said Conlin, "and what impresses me in reading thousands of pages is that there has never been anyone claiming that these two men did not take this young lady, drive her in a truck, with a gun, to an area where no cars could go and together shoot her to death, dragging her into the bushes in the fashion represented in photographs shown to the jury."

"I believe the defendants are equally culpable of first-degree murder. They were able to spend days, while no one knew where Mary was, going to New Year's Eve parties and having a fine time while Mary lay in the bushes."

"Under my statutory authority and the Constitutional duty I have been charged with . . . I sentence

you to life in prison without parole," said Conlin.

"You are entitled to an appeal. I hope sincerely that the appellate court will look at my statements given today in reviewing this case."

SEATED IN the first row of the courtroom, Machacek's mother and several young female friends sobbed as Machacek was slowly led out of the room. Conlin left the bench and

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## Said he's sorry she was killed

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Before Christopher Machacek was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a Canton Township teenager, both he and the victim's mother addressed Washtenaw Circuit Judge Henry Conlin.

According to testimony, Mary Anne Hulbert, 13, was shot to death because she thought she was pregnant by Machacek.

Machacek, 18, of Ypsilanti Township and co-defendant Steven Stamper, also an Ypsilanti Township 13-year-old, were found guilty of murder in separate jury trials last month.

Asked whether he had any comments on the court's presentence report, Machacek said, "Yes, I don't think I'm that kind of person — unremorseful and all that. I'd like to say I am very sorry Mary was killed."

"I am not an unremorseful person. I'm bitter at how things turned out. I'm being sentenced for life about a crime I didn't

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## Robber hits bank in Plymouth

An unarmed robber escaped with an undetermined amount of cash about 5 p.m. Friday from Heritage Federal Savings, 650 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Plymouth police and the FBI were seeking a white male in his 30s. Few details were available from police or bank officials over the weekend. Plymouth Police Chief Myers urged anyone with information to contact police at 453-8660.

Officers said the teller who waited on the robber inside the bank did not see him carrying a weapon.

"We haven't been able to determine whether he was alone," said Plymouth Police Sergeant Wayne Carroll.

"Film (from the bank's security videocamera) isn't processed yet. The incident is still under investigation, Carroll said.

Unconfirmed reports indicated about \$2,000 was stolen.

The FBI is called in whenever a savings institution is robbed because deposits in most savings institutions are insured by the federal government.

This is believed to be the first time Heritage Federal's Plymouth branch has been robbed.

Heritage Federal Savings, headquartered in Taylor, has 48 branches throughout metropolitan Detroit and northern Michigan.

# Machacek is sentenced to life for murder

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speed sheriff escorted the courtroom. Sheriff then escorted Machacek's mother out of the building.  
Machacek, wearing a bright orange "high risk" jail uniform over his civilian clothes, was trans-

ported immediately to Ina. He'll be placed in one of five state prisons there.  
"CHRIS IS obviously shaken, because our position still is he's not guilty of murder one or murder two," said Richard Digon, Mach-

cek's attorney. At most, Machacek is guilty of accessory after the fact, he said.  
Nicole Markovits, one of Machacek's friends, said she talked to Machacek Thursday night.  
"He just wants to give up. He

doesn't think this is fair," she said.  
Machacek, who is indigent, is requesting a court-appointed attorney to handle his appeal.  
"I'm available as co-counsel," said Digon. "I'll keep an eye out for him. If he's unhappy with the appellate

attorney, I'll represent him.  
"I'd retry it if I have to do it for free. I'm personally committed because I feel justice requires it. Chris's rights were violated for political reasons."  
Both Digon and Jeffrey Stroum, Stamper's attorney, contend that sheriffs erred in failing to immediately turn Stamper and Machacek over to juvenile court authorities.

"This case has been through two courts. Two judges have indicated everything was done in a proper and legal fashion." McFarlane was referring to Conlin and Washtenaw Probate Judge Judith Wood, who conducted juvenile court hearings and ordered the youths to be tried as adults.

"The public would have been outraged if these two walked," said Digon. "There was collective momentum among the prosecution and sheriffs to put the onus on Chris. It was carried out throughout the entire process. With admission of the statements, they could seek and hopefully obtain a conviction."

Digon said Machacek "has a lot of potential. I don't think he's a callous kid. He's very pleasant, courteous and gentle-natured. That's what so ironic in light of the charges."

# Said he's sorry she was killed

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commit. I do feel sorry she was killed."  
Machacek's mother, seated in the front row of the courtroom, cried softly as her son spoke.

podium a few feet from Machacek, told the judge, "I do not understand how a remorseful person can make the gestures that have been made to me in this courtroom and in juvenile court. There is no remorse."  
"Nothing will bring Mary back. I don't wish death on anyone, but I

wish we had the death law in this state."  
Mary's grandfather, Norman McGarry, declined Conlin's offer to speak. But before Stamper's sentencing, he submitted a letter to the court.  
It read in part, "I just cannot find words to describe the awfulness of

all this and the impact it has had on my family. Myself, my wife, and my 4-year-old granddaughter Paula who asks almost daily why 'Mama' never comes to see her anymore are still in shock over this hideous, senseless act," wrote McGarry.  
Mary "had no idea that these men were already professional womanizers and had no feelings at all for her except lust," said McGarry, superintendent of quality control at GM's Willow Run plant.

"I fervently hope that both of these people suffer, as we will always suffer, and spend the rest of their days safely kept away from the streets so that never again will they be able to commit murder. Sincerely, Norman D. McGarry, Mary's Grampa."

THEY CLAIM the taped statements the youths gave sheriffs should not have been admitted as evidence, and that the youths were denied their Miranda rights. Miranda rights entitle suspects to remain silent and to have an attorney present during questioning.

Washtenaw County Sgt. William McFarlane said his department conducted the investigation properly.

# Few stores vacant in Plymouth

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That's good news for all businesses, said Ralph Lorenz, a developer and property manager in the community.  
And good for people who live here, too, he said.  
"It helps every property in town. It keeps their taxes down and real estate values up," Lorenz said.  
Two vacancies a couple of doors apart on Ann Arbor Trail west of Main are the most visible downtown now.

that had subleased from a photo processor, Palkownik said.  
Both have been vacant a couple of months.

THE ONLY other high-visibility vacancy downtown is a shop of 1,725 square feet next to Mr. Good Cut barber shop on Forest.  
A sewing craft shop had been in that space for several years, said Bob Dupuis, operator of the barber shop.  
Efforts to contact the owner of that building in California were unsuccessful.

TENANTS APPARENTLY aren't hard to come by downtown.  
Lorenz expects little trouble finding something to replace Shearson Lehman Hutton under the Mayflower Meeting House after he finishes negotiating with the brokerage firm about leaving before its lease expired.  
Dennis Pennington, owner of Westchester Square Shops on Forest, said he didn't have to advertise to fill two recent vacancies in his buildings.

THE CHARM of a small, concentrated business community and rents cheaper than large malls were the

drawing cards, he said.  
"You've got a small-town atmosphere, a little more personal attention when you shop," Pennington said of the downtown business district. "It's just a different pace than going into a big mall."  
Dupuis has operated his barber shop on Forest for about three years.

"It's a good business area," he said. "You get a lot of people on foot."  
Lorenz was more descriptive in making the same point about the concentration of small specialty shops.

"THE CENTER of town is like a big dog," he said. "If you are a flea, you want to be on a big dog."  
"You should talk to strangers," Lorenz said. "They come to Plymouth because it's unique, the charm. When you talk to people they say, 'You do something all the time.'"  
Palkownik, in the real estate business for 11 years all around metropolitan Detroit, doesn't need to be sold on Plymouth.  
"It's compact — you can get around and walk," she said. "The service you get in terms of sales people and individual owners in town — there's a kindness here."



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R. Bruce Zalobsky of Yale Tool and Engraving watches pantograph operator Joe Stanislawski.

## Community salutes 3 for involvement

One company started in 1982 during the recession in Michigan. Another company has seen sales increase 475 percent in the past six years. And the third has found exercise to be good for their corporate muscle.

But the three companies now have something in common.

The three men at the head of the companies were honored for their business and community efforts Thursday night during the "Community Gathering."

The Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Observer sponsored the business people of the year awards.

The awards, presented for the first time, honored business leaders in three categories — industrial/manufacturing, professional and retail.

The winners were R. Bruce Zalobsky, Yale Tool and Engraving, industrial/manufacturing; Wayne Daniels, R.J. Liddy Moving and Transport, professional; and Gary Walley, Fitness Things, retail.

ZALOBSKY WORKED for 15 years as a pattern maker at Yale Tool and Engraving. When the company closed shop in 1982, Zalobsky and two others bought out the engraving portion of the business.

Since then, sales have gone from \$224,000 the first year to \$475,000 during this fiscal year. The company has gone from three full-time and one part-time worker to nine full-time and two part-time employees.

The company specializes in milling, die cutting, specialty engraving and steel stamps.

But Zalobsky also has taken an active role in finding and training employees to work in the business. He has served on a state committee for co-operative education and has hired co-op students.

He also hired students from Michigan Technological University for summer employment.

Zalobsky is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Charter Member of the Machine Vision Association of SME, and Milford Presbyterian Church.

He has been married for 25 years and has five children.

DANIELS TOOK over Liddy when his father-in-law, Ross "Bud" Liddy died in 1983. Since then, the



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gary Walley said Fitness Things has enjoyed consistent growth since opening in 1984.

company has grown from seven employees and four trucks to 60 employees and 36 trucks and 89 trailers. Sales are up 475 percent in the past six years.

Labor shortages, taxes and safety issues are the major concerns in the industry. Rather than sit back and complain, Daniels has become involved.

He is an active member in the American Trucking Association and American Movers Association. Daniels sits on several national committees on both organizations.

Daniels also is on the board of directors of the Michigan Movers and Warehousing Association and chairs the Road Safety Committee.

Locally, Daniels is an active member of the chamber working on economic and governmental affairs committees.

He also is president of Lakes Athletics, a youth baseball organization, and was past president of the Michigan Novice Hockey

League and has worked with Wayne County Special Olympics.

GARY WALLEY opened Fitness Things in 1984. He worked part time at first and saw sales rise from \$370,000 in the first year to \$2 million today.

Walley said his company has concentrated on providing service to customers.

The company has signed on to provide equipment and services to large corporations, hospitals, schools and other organizations and individuals promoting health and physical fitness.

In addition to his duties at work, Walley is a member of the Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis and the Fall Festival Board.

Walley also serves as the secretary for an Ohio company, The Industrial Athlete, and acts as a consultant for the Association for Osteopathic Sports Medicine in Wisconsin.



Wayne Daniels of R.J. Liddy has become involved in the safety and taxation arena as it relates to his business.

## Professor established UM-D German program

Funeral services for Rainer Sell of Plymouth, a professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, were conducted Saturday at the Schrader Funeral Home.

The Rev. Phillip Rodgers Magee of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth officiated.

Mr. Sell, 49, died Oct. 25 in Plymouth.

He was born in Sprottau, Silesia, Germany and educated in Europe.

Mr. Sell established the German program at UM-D.

He taught a wide range of courses

including German language and literature at all levels, introductory Latin, introduction to literature and The Grottesque in Art and Literature.

Mr. Sell's research was equally diverse covering American literature, German-American culture, classical literature and German literature.

He was active as chairman of his department at UM-D, chair of the Dean Search Committee and a member of the Executive Committee for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Mr. Sell recently returned from a

sabbatical in West Germany where he was working on a German textbook for first-year college students.

"Professor Sell was especially talented in fostering a relaxed atmosphere in his introductory classes that made students want to learn German and led them, almost without their knowing it, to increase their vocabulary and fluency," said Christopher Dahl, chairman of the UM-D Humanities Department.

Mr. Sell is survived by wife, Donna-Christine; son, Julian; daughter, Claudia; and father, Erich.

## Center seeking volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help out at Catherine McAuley Health Center.

Prospective adult and teen volunteers can learn about volunteer opportunities at two upcoming general information meetings in November at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

The meetings are scheduled for 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in Classroom 4 and 2-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in Classroom 1.

Weekday, evening and weekend hours are available. A six-month commitment is requested. Complete orientation and training are provided for all volunteer programs.

To sign up to attend or for more information, call the Catherine McAuley Health Center volunteer office, 572-4159.

Volunteers help out at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Huron Oaks Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility, Mercywood, Maple and Reichert

Health Buildings, all in Ann Arbor, and at Arbor Health Building in Plymouth and McAuley Health Building in Canton.

Volunteers can work directly with patients or in non-patient contact positions. Volunteers deliver flowers, help patients select art prints for their rooms, support distressed families in emergency and critical care waiting rooms, assist patients and staff in occupational and physical therapy and much, much more.

## Focus: TV show encourages the disabled to vote

Thousands of Detroit metropolitan area citizens with developmental disabilities may not vote this year because they are unable to overcome many barriers to voting. In fact, in just Detroit alone, only 38 of the 309 polling sites are accessible to people who use wheelchairs.

"You Can Vote," a half-hour documentary aimed at encouraging people with developmental disabilities to overcome barriers and get out and vote, will air on Detroit's public television station, WTVS-TV, Channel 56, 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The program was taped in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

A developmental disability means a person may have autism, epilepsy, mental retardation, cerebral palsy or be vision or hearing impaired.

"EVERYONE IS important and everyone's vote is important," said Joe Dasnowagis, the producer with the Awareness Communication Team for the Developmentally Disabled (ACT/DD). "You Can Vote" in-

forms people of their rights as Americans, walks them through the voting process and offers solutions to problems.

"I believe we need to sensitize all people to the needs and concerns of people with disabilities and them many barriers to voting may fall," added Jerry Trainor, vice president of programming and operations at WTVS-TV.

"You Can Vote" was produced by ACT/DD and the League of Women Voters of Michigan with partial funding

from a grant from the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. Dasnowagis recently received the Media Person of the Year Award from Downriver Association for Retarded Citizens for his work on the documentary and on public radio station, WDTR.

"You Can Vote" is hosted by Lois Luellen and is believed to be the first program of its kind in the country. It was close-captioned for the hearing impaired. Also, it is being promoted nationally by the Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States.

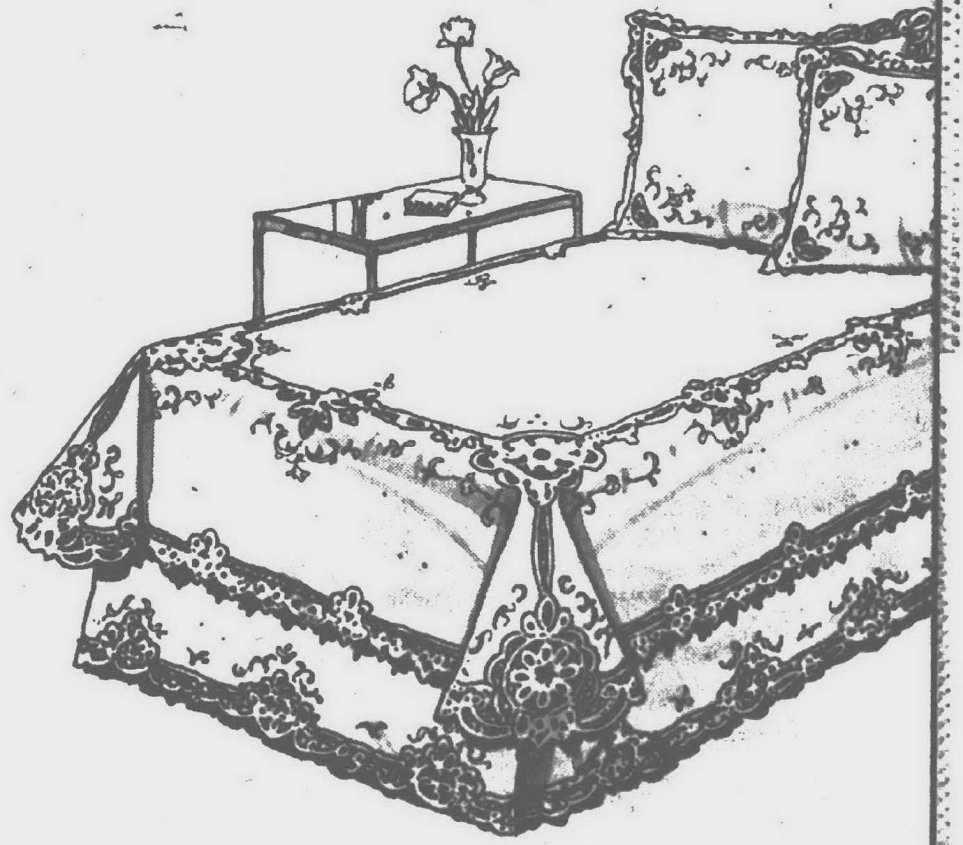
## Debate set Wednesday

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Carl Parnell, R-Plymouth, and challenger State Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, will face one another Wednesday in a luncheon debate sponsored by the Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville Chambers of Commerce.

The program is the only public debate for the 2nd Congressional seat scheduled in Wayne County.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served promptly at noon at the Plymouth Hilton Inn, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. The cost is \$15 per person.

For reservations and ticket information, call any of the chamber sponsors: Livonia, 437-2122; Plymouth, 433-1340; and Northville, 345-7666.



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# Tiger announcer opens Gathering

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Fran Kosteva, owner of the Cheese and Wine Barn, was named president of the chamber for 1989. She succeeds Judge James Garber, who was in charge for 1988.

**GARBER PRAISED** the work of chamber members and Mary O'Connell Roehr, executive director.

During his tenure in office, Garber said he was most pleased with the move of the chamber's office to Main Street and the use of five new committees — membership and internal affairs; small business and retail; economic development; governmental affairs; and community development.

"We've opened up the chamber through the use of the committees," Garber said about the 75 members who participated. "We now have a much broader participation of members through the standing committees."

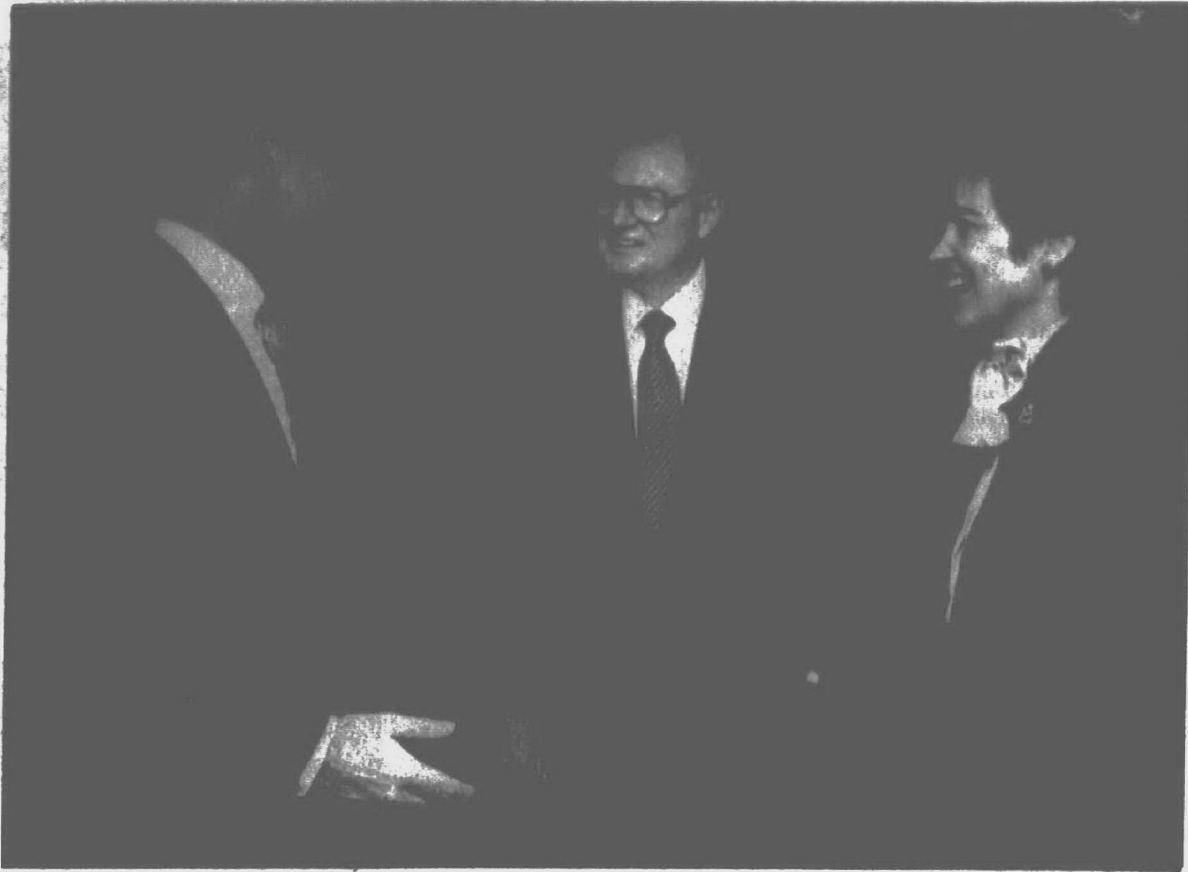
**KOSTEVA PLANS** to continue the good things that occurred in the past year.

"I'm comfortable with the position of the chamber," said Kosteva, who will take office Jan. 1.

"We'd like to be a little more effective in appealing to the small businesses out there," she said. "They have a lot to offer to the community and by being involved the community is going to benefit. We just have to give them a reason to be involved with the chamber."

Helping Kosteva guide the chamber through 1989 will be vice presidents Harold Bergquist, Tom Bohlander, Ken Currie and Gerald Triplet. The 1989 board of directors is rounded out by Garber, who will serve ex-officio.

The directors of the chamber for 1989 will be Kay Arnold, Mary Childs, Joyce Costanza, Sandra Florek, Mike Hoben, Abe Munkh, Chuck Lowe, Paul Pietila, Patricia Pulikowik and Rex Tubbs.



Tiger broadcaster George Kell meets with Mike and Nan Ball before the Community Gathering.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

# CREW set for survey review

One school survey tabulated, another one coming up.

A citizen's group expects to discuss at its next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9, results of a telephone survey just completed concerning several topics relating to the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Community Researching Educational Workings was appointed by the school board and charged with conducting an intensive review of the district after several tax increase proposals failed at the polls.

The school board took its own informal survey of active PTO members earlier this fall — admittedly unscientific — and discovered that communication needs to be improved between the board and community.

CREW chairwoman Annette Rensburg said she believes her group's survey is a much better statistical sampling of the community.

"WHAT WE'RE looking for is accurate reflection of concerns as well as strengths of the school dis-

trict," she said. "All questions were designed to give us information we can act upon, develop subcommittees and delve into specific issues."

Sam Fullerton, who owns a management consultant firm and lives in the district, coordinated the survey at no cost, Rensburg said.

Forty-eight volunteers obtained responses from 424 people Oct. 17-27. People were called from a computer generated list of random telephone numbers in the district.

Questions were asked about curriculum, quality of education, board performance, communication, recent millage election results and school financing.

A final report to the board is due next spring.

People interested in participating on subcommittees were asked to contact Rensburg, 451-7337, or Joan Claeys, CREW co-chairwoman, 455-2296.

CREW's Nov. 9 meeting at the school board offices, 454 Harvey, Plymouth, begins at 7 p.m.

## excursions

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### ● FRANKENMUTH

Monday, Oct. 31, the city of Plymouth, Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Bianco Travel and Tours will sponsor a day trip to Frankenmuth. The price of \$30 includes the following: round-trip transportation via deluxe highway coach, en route snack and beverage service, guided tour of Frankenmuth, lunch at the Bavarian Inn, a tour of the Carling Brewery, and shopping at Frankenmuth. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

### ● CANCUN/COZUMEL MEXICO

The Suncoast Singles (a travel club for singles) will sponsor a cruise to Cancun/Cozumel Mexico Nov. 7-12. Tickets will be from \$438 PP/DBL occupancy. A trip to Acapulco is scheduled for Nov. 26-Dec. 3 you will stay at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Hotel. Round Trip Air, Hotel and Transfers from \$439. PP/DBL occupancy. For information, call 455-5810.

### ● BERMAN'S CHRISTMAS AND GIFT SHOPPE

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Travel will be sponsoring a trip via deluxe highway coach, en route snack and beverage service, shopping at Berman's and the Libby Glass Factory Outlet, and Manufacturer's Market Place, Tuesday, Nov. 8. For further information call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

### ● WESTGATE DINNER THEATRE

The Canton Recreation Center will sponsor a trip for Canton residents age 55 and over to the Westgate Dinner Theatre in Toledo, Ohio. The coach will depart at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 and return at 6 p.m. at Canton Recreation Center. You must register in person at Canton Recreation Center. The cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation, buffet lunch and live performance of "Music Man." Make check payable to Canton Senior Citizens.

### ● ACAPULCO

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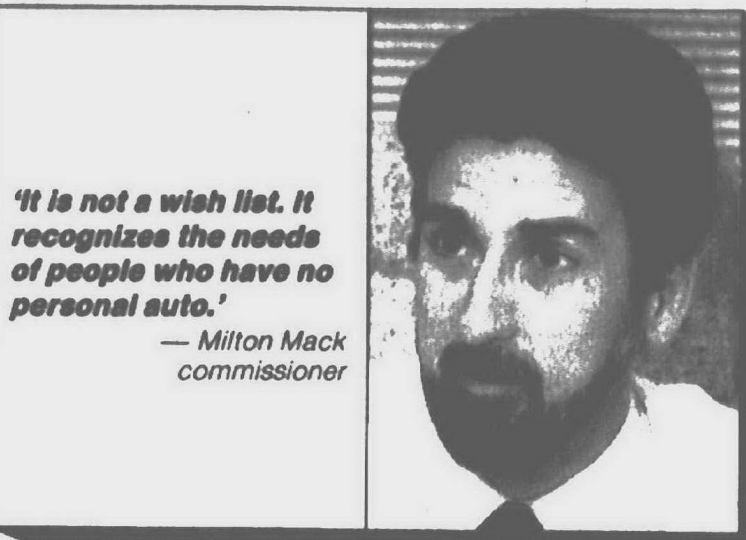
# SEMCOG transit plan has light rail lines

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

A compromise plan endorsing two rapid transit lines won a 5-1 margin of approval from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "It is not a wish list. It recognizes the needs of people who have no personal auto," Milton Mack, a Wayne County commissioner from Wayne, told the SEMCOG General Assembly meeting Thursday in Novi. Mack chaired a panel which proposed the bus-light rail plan. SEMCOG's plan calls for expanded bus service — particularly for east-west routes between suburban Oakland and Macomb counties and along Ford Road and Michigan Avenue in western Wayne County. And it proposed a rapid transit plan from the '70s — light rail in the Woodward corridor from downtown Detroit to Eleven Mile and in the

Gratiot corridor from downtown to Roseville. The final plan was a blend of four earlier "alternatives" discussed last summer at public hearings. TWO AMENDMENTS were shot down by SEMCOG delegates: • Pontiac's — to extend the Woodward light rail line there. It failed with 10 in favor and 41 against. • Macomb County's — to endorse an all-bus system. It was talked about but never came to a vote. SEMCOG is composed of 135 local governments in seven counties. It does long-range regional planning required by federal law to qualify the region for highway and other grants.

PONTIAC MAYOR Walter Moore got much Oakland support when he proposed that a light rail line pin-



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— Milton Mack  
commissioner

"looked at extensions to Pontiac and Troy. Pontiac was No. 3 on the list." SEMCOG staff members said that around the nation, transit systems are being built a leg at a time, not all at once. The SEMCOG plan calls for boosting public transit ridership 88 percent — from the current 72.6 million passengers a year to 136.3 million by 2005. It didn't identify a source of funding, designate what kind of transit agency should do the building or pinpoint specific lines. And it didn't specify whether the light rail should be built on the surface or underground — "subway," a word that causes fights in the metro region. The plan put operating cost per passenger at 58 cents for light rail, \$2.42 for large buses on fixed routes and \$6.36 for small buses serving the elderly and handicapped. It proposes expanding the region's boosting the large bus fleet from 822 to 1,326, particularly on crosstown routes between suburbs. It asks that the small bus fleet for elderly and disabled be expanded

from 196 to 432 vehicles. And it proposed rejuvenating commuter rail service between Ann Arbor and Detroit. MACOMB COUNTY, which stayed away from SEMCOG for about 15 years and frequently is at odds with Detroit, voted against the plan because of the light rail component. "It (light rail) is inflexible and not easily amended," said county commissioner Sam Petitto. "Its construction cost (\$1.7 billion) would consume capital that could be used elsewhere." George Killeen, a Macomb commissioner and board chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMATA), said public transit generally has too much of a Detroit orientation. "SEMATA operates 10 routes in Macomb, and eight are entirely oriented toward Detroit," said Killeen. "There's a tremendous growth in employment in Oakland and Macomb counties in recent years. We should increase the east-west service equal to the service to Detroit."

## Judge drops contempt charges against Ficano

Contempt charges were dropped against Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, Thursday, ending a brief, controversial episode in a long-running court case involving the county jail. Ficano had been held in contempt by chief Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman for failing to allow court-appointed monitor Vincent Nathan to visit the jail Oct. 13. Removal of the contempt citation, Ficano said, proves his point that the charge was based on a misunderstanding, not a willful attempt by his

department to deny information to Nathan. "We always thought it (the contempt citation) was wrong," Ficano said. Thursday's action, he added, removed the charge "as if it never happened." Nathan had been to the jail "30-40 times" before Oct. 13 and "five-to-six times" after that date, Ficano said. Nathan is monitoring jail conditions under a 1971 lawsuit filed by jail inmates.

point his county seat city immediately. The adopted plan advocates building only to Royal Oak, then "assessing" whether the line should be extended to Southfield, Troy or the Auburn Hills-Rochester area. "If we shortchange on plans, we shortchange on votes," said Moore, arguing that taxes to support the public transit would be easier to approve if Pontiac were designed as a terminus now. "We need people from the south to come north, and northern communities to come south," said Pleasant

Ridge Mayor Jeff Sherbow. "If we present a total plan, we'd have something to present (to voters)," said Oak Park Mayor Charlotte Rothstein. "At least it's on paper where we're going." MACK REPLIED that his panel

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points of view

Medicine boasts dark side

THE BIRTHDAY card from my 3-year-old boasted that Daddies aren't scared of anything...

A day later I found something to fear that made 10-eyed monsters look like child's play.

The fear was more imagined than real, and everything turned out just fine. But I didn't know that at first.

Here's what happened: I do not suffer illness well. So when I finished work with the chills, a fever and a headache...

INSTEAD IT was the ringing of a telephone that struck through the silence. I ignored it until I realized that the voice on the answering machine was my wife's.

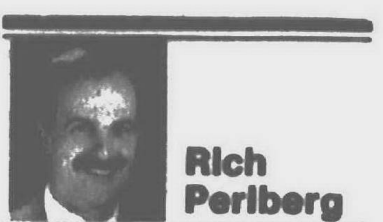
My wife's message was succinct: Jim apparently is having a severe reaction to his medication.

When I reach the clinic, my wife's car is already there. Inside, she and Jim are not to be seen among the four people waiting to see the doctor.

Slowly I gave her the names, dates, addresses and numbers, wondering all the while why they would rush my son to see the doctor when all these other seemingly ill and injured people were waiting.

Finally, the insurance interrogation was over, and I was allowed into a waiting room where my son sported a severe case of hives and a puffed lip that would do a boxer proud.

IT WAS a reaction to his medicine, and it wasn't serious. But that didn't allay his parents' fear, or their caution.



Rich Periberg

breathing. As a result, the boy slept with us that night.

The next day he was back to normal, but Dad was back at the doctor's getting medicine for his own strep infection.

Oh, my. Where 24 hours earlier I saw medicines as the cure-all for what ails you, now I had a newfound respect for the darker side of their power.

We gave Jim his new medicine that night. I would have much preferred doing battle with a 10-eyed monster.

Election time Cast ballot based on principles

IN PAST national elections, I've voted Democratic, Republican and Libertarian.

I never vote a straight ticket, and I'm not a card-carrying member of any organization.

But I always vote, and try to use both sentiment and intellect, heart and head.

Sentiment this year has been a turnout, at best.

Who cares to see a team of pseudo-Republican advisers complaining behind George Bush's back about his choice of a running mate?

Looking at it intellectually isn't much better.

WHAT WE really need today is leadership, but the two main characters in this scenario would rather sling arrows at each other than discuss facts and issues with their future constituency.

Given a choice, I daresay most voters would rather Dukakis and

Bush both picked up their marbles and went home. Political pollsters should do the same.

Less than two weeks before the election, we are not only caught in a pit of mudslinging between the candidates, but are now being told how we plan to vote.

Truthfully, how many people have yet decided how to vote? With the exception of diehard supporters of each party, it's hard to believe anyone has enough information to make an informed decision this year.

IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE why voter turnout in this country is so

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Casey Hans

low: We continue to believe the pollsters instead of reading about the issues on our own.

The better approach is a philosophical one.

Voting is important to elect our next leader, but also to know we made the right choices for ourselves.

Unfortunately, our country appears to be just an unprincipled as the major candidates who are running in this race.

That seems to be what we want, and that's what we'll get — a country wallowing in its own mess.

from our readers

Where is school spirit?

To the editor:

I must preface this letter with a small amount of personal history. Our family has lived in the Plymouth/Canton area for 14 years.

We have attended a large majority of their football games over an eight-year period. To say the style of football at most levels has changed in the last 15 years would be an understatement.

bone and how it worked.

So, how well do our opponents know what we are going to do if we've done the same thing year after year after year?

Another major problem exists for both schools. Neither school seems to demonstrate one ounce of school spirit.

We are blessed with the fantastic CEP band and its numerous accomplishments. Its great to walk in to the CEP stadium and see all the yellow jackets of the band parents.

Maybe 40 sets of parents and a few other interested people seem to be the only ones cheering and applauding.

approximately 2,500 to 3,000 students mill around with no apparent interest in what is happening on the playing field.

The cheerleader's parents have to pay for their children's participation and for the life of me I don't understand why.

There is a need to instill school spirit and pride in the student body and form a pep club.

So, let's hear your ideas. I do imagine after a few people get upset by this letter, for a day or two, this letter and idea will be forgotten.

I do hope that someone will stop and seriously think about what I've written. All these observations have been made over several years.

Philip T. LaVeck, Canton

Cost higher for abortions

To the editor:

I disagree with your editorial on Proposal A (Observer & Eccentric, Oct. 20). You are using specious reasoning when you argue that Medicaid abortions cost "less than a dollar a year for every Michigan resident."

First of all, the cost is higher to each taxpayer, since not all residents pay taxes. Most importantly, however, what you claim to be an inconsequential dollar amount to each resident adds up to a most significant body count of almost 19,000 unborn human beings annually.

I will vote yes on Proposal A.

Alice Radwick, Plymouth

Law merits re-election

To the editor:

Your readers deserve to know that our state Representative, Gerald

Law, is one of the more quietly effective members of the Michigan House of Representatives.

I know this because I've been privileged to work with Rep. Law on several issues of importance to our area.

To name a few: Rep. Law helped bring about caps on our local prison populations; he was a key player in securing the Wayne County bailout package; and he helped organize the Western Townships Utilities Association to resolve some longstanding environmental concerns.

Rep. Law has introduced over 30 pieces of legislation during the current session. For all these reasons and more, I'll be voting to re-elect State Rep. Gerald Law on Nov. 8.

R. Robert Geake, State Senator

Opinions are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are most fertile when shared with others.

That's why the Observer encourages its readers to share their views with others by making use of the From Our Readers column.

While the Observer expresses its opinions on the editorial page, it always leaves space open for readers to express their ideas.

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Large advertisement for The Plymouth Inn, highlighting temporary and permanent care options, amenities, and contact details.

Advertisement for Prestancia, a luxury resort, featuring descriptions of dining, golfing, and accommodations.

**obituaries**

**IRENE J. COOK**

Funeral services for Irene J. Cook, 89, were Oct. 29 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. Frederick Voburg officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Cook of Plymouth Township died Oct. 23. She was born July 20, 1899, in Nankin Township.

A homemaker, Mrs. Cook came to the Plymouth community in 1906 from Nankin Township. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth and the White Shrine. She belonged to the 60-plus Club at the First United Methodist Church, the Plymouth Senior Citizens and the Canton Pioneers.

Mrs. Cook is survived by sisters Elsie Cole of Plymouth and Ernestine Reddeman of Plymouth and many nieces and nephews.

**DAVID L. LEITNER**

Funeral services for David L. Leitner, 72, of Plymouth were Oct. 20 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark McGilvrey officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mr. Leitner died Oct. 17 in Plymouth. He was born June 9, 1918, in Beaverton, Mich.

Mr. Leitner retired from the Detroit Free Press after 34 years as the circulation manager.

Mr. Leitner is survived by his wife, Shirley L. of Plymouth; son, Andrew of California; daughter, Beverly Lucas of Pennsylvania; brother, Lewis Leitner of Wayne; and sisters, Aletha Rouse of Florida and Grace Hafendorfer of Arizona.

**JANE ELIZABETH SISCO**

Private memorial services will be scheduled for Jane Elizabeth Sisco, 83, of Plymouth who died Oct. 20 in Manchester.

Mrs. Sisco, a retired teacher from Monroe Public Schools, was born March 23, 1906, in Saginaw. She came to Monroe in 1930 from Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Sisco retired in 1960.

She graduated from Central Michigan Normal in 1924 with a life teaching certificate. Her certificate was renewed in 1945 at Michigan State College.

Mrs. Sisco was a member of the Monroe Chapter No. 226 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Sisco is survived by daughters, Margaret Custer of Pebble Beach, Calif., Ann Lee of Manchester, Nancy Dietrich of Manchester and Mary Weiss of Plymouth; sister, Margaret Soderholm of Scotts Valley, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**community calendar**

**BIRD LOVERS**

Thursday, Nov. 3 — The Friends of the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library are sponsoring a program with Bill and Evelyn Edgar at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room upstairs at the library. The Edgars are Plymouth residents and will speak on "Feeding and Enjoyment of Birds in our own Backyard" and will include tips on winter bird feeding and how to attract wild life to your yard with plantings. Evelyn Edgar is president of Friends of Miller Woods.

**GET ACQUAINTED**

Tuesday, Nov. 1 — The Old Village Association and Station 885 are sponsoring a Get Acquainted Meeting at Station 885 6-8 p.m. with appetizers and cash bar. Corporate business leaders, commercial business owners and residents may attend to discuss the 1989 schedule of events. Call Old Village Association for information at 455-7011.

**CANTON CRICKETS**

Saturday, Nov. 5 — Canton Crickets Registration (Winter Session) for Canton's Pre-School Program for 3 and 4 year olds will be held at 8 a.m.

at Canton Township Administration Building Lower Level. Children must be 3 years old by Jan. 1, 1990. The cost is \$65. The class will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For further information call 397-5110.

**EVERGREEN TOUR**

Sunday, Nov. 6 — The Holiday Nature Preserve evergreen tour will be at 1 p.m. The discussion will be about finding out why some plants stay green all winter. The public is welcome. The tour starts at Koppernick Road entrance. For more information, call 453-3833.

**PUPPET SHOW**

Monday, Nov. 7 — To celebrate Children's Book Week the Friends of the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library invite you to attend a performance of "Beyond the Moon," a puppet show for the whole family. Registration is required and will begin Monday, Nov. 7. The show is being presented by Johnson Marionettes at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the library. For more information,

please call the Library, 453-0750.

**CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

Monday, Nov. 7 — Citizens For Better Education's Christmas Craft and Bake Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Mr. and Mrs. Raymond's, 47661 Thross, Plymouth. Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon to Colony Farms Drive turn south and left onto Thross. Follow the signs. All are welcome.

**O.L.G.C. BOOK FAIR**

Our Lady of Good Counsel School located at the corner of Penniman and Arthur in Plymouth, announces its annual Book Fair. Dates for the Fair are as follows: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9; 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. In addition to books, there will be award-winning, educational games available to purchase. The Fair will be located in the school library and is open to the public.

**CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS**

The Henry Ford Medical Center — Canton, 42600 Ford Road, west of Lilley, will be offering cholesterol screenings 4-6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The cost of the test is \$5. The test takes only a couple of minutes, and results will be available the same day. Those interested in having their cholesterol checked should call 991-3300 to make an appointment.

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Flu shots at a reduced fee of \$5 for senior citizens over the age of 65, will be available during the month of October at the University of Michigan M-CARE Health Center in Plymouth and Northville. The schedule for immunization appointments at Plymouth Health Center, 9386 Lilley Road, will be as follows: 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday, 1-4:30 p.m. Friday. Anyone who is allergic to chicken eggs should not participate in this program. Those who qualify for the program should check with their physicians to determine the advisability of receiving the immunizations. Please call the Health Center to make an appointment at 459-0630.



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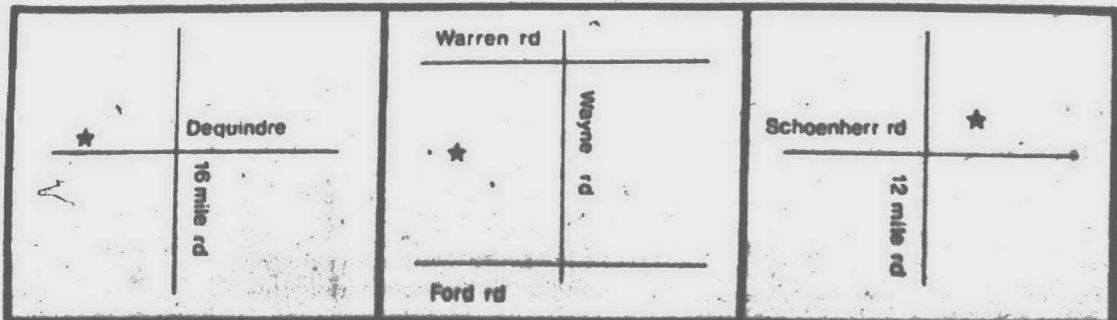
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# Report recommends selling Metro Airport

By Wayne Peal  
Staff writer

Customer satisfaction and county tax revenue would soar if Detroit Metropolitan Airport were sold to a private management firm, according to a report issued Thursday by an independent study group.

But Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the plan should be grounded. McNamara turned thumbs down on the concept even before receiving a copy of the report.

Privatization would make Metro a "consumer-oriented" airport, concluded a report compiled by the Mackinac Center, a private research group based in Midland.

"AT THIS point, it's a county-owned airport and, really, what interest does the county have in providing the best customer service possible?" said researcher John Kost, who compiled the report.

In addition, privatization would raise millions each year for the financially plagued county, including revenue from the newly approved county jail tax, Kost said.

McNamara, however, said private

ownership would make the airport less consumer oriented.

"I don't see any value in it at all," McNamara said. "It could actually cost people more to fly out of Metro. Those taxes would cost the airport, and they'd have to make it up somewhere."

Earlier this year, McNamara campaigned for a private jail for non-violent criminals — citing research from another Mackinac Center report.

This time, however the executive said privatization wouldn't work.

"There are things that could be privatized, and things the county should maintain," McNamara said. "And the airport is something the county should maintain."

The Mackinac Center conducted the study on its own not on the behalf of any county agency, center president Lawrence Reed said.

"No one came to us and said we'd like you to do this," Reed said.

Privatization, he added, remains an "on-going concern" for the research group.

METRO SUFFERS from inadequate layout and an outmoded contract agreement with its airlines, the

report concluded.

Airline deregulation, adding more peak-hour flights to heavy-demand areas like Detroit and creating "hub" airports, with major use by a single carrier, demands major changes in Metro's layout, the report said.

"Metro isn't laid out to serve as a hub airport," Kost said. "Years ago, you'd have airlines using one or two concourses. Now, you can have them using a half dozen or more concourses all over the place. Even with motorized walkways, you still have to walk a lot at Metro. I know, I fly out of there myself."

A private owner, the report concluded, would be more sensitive to consumer demands.

Metro is a hub airport for Minneapolis-based Northwest Airlines.

The private management firm could reduce peak-hour congestion by charging airlines more to land during peak hours, the report said, pushing less-profitable flights to off-hour landing times.

Metro officials acknowledge airport use has risen dramatically since 1984, when Metro became a hub, first for Republic Airlines, then for Northwest, Republic's new owner.

AIRPORT OFFICIALS have embarked on their own expansion plan. They seek to add a fourth north/south runway and an east/west "crosswind" runway and build a new air traffic control tower. They also want to create a new access road, connecting Eureka Road and Rogell Drive. Ultimately, they plan to build a new terminal.

Land acquisition has already begun for the fourth north/south runway, McNamara said. Privatization, he added, would make future airport expansion more difficult.

"A private owner wouldn't have the same right to condemn property that government has," McNamara said. "What you might end up with is a little old lady in tennis shoes sitting on her front porch right in the middle of a runway."

The report also concluded privatization would provide a profit motive for improving the Romulus airport.

"The operating agreement (between the airport and airlines) is outmoded," Kost said. "It's considered one of the worst in the nation."

Under the current agreement airport revenue surpluses essentially are returned to the airlines by reduc-

ing landing fees. While price changes wouldn't necessarily reduce ticket prices, the report concluded, savings could be used to expand airport services.

"THERE'S NO question the agreement could be more efficient, that there could be an incentive for profit but the basic problem is that privatization would give you a monopoly," said county commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, whose district includes the airport.

"Because airports are so large and expensive it's doubtful you would ever get competition," said Mack, whose district also includes Canton Township. "At least with the present system, we're all elected officials accountable to the public."

This year, for the first time in Metro history, some airport revenue is being returned to the county.

A change in state law last December allowed the county to use airport parking fees to pay off county debt. Before that, all Metro revenue was tied exclusively to the airport.

The 50-year basic operating

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The report said Metro Airport could be privatized under guidelines set by the British government two years ago when it sold seven airports, including Heathrow, London, through a private stock sale.



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- **management:** The airport is a division of the county public services department, a branch of the county executive's offices. Airport budgets and operations are

- also monitored by the county commission. Despite its name, the airport has no ties to Detroit city government.
- **use:** Metro is the 13th busiest airport in the United States and 18th busiest worldwide in terms of total passengers. It currently handles an estimated 19.7 million passengers a year, up from 10.4 million in 1983, the year before it became a hub airport and from 211,471 in 1958, its first year as a major commercial airport. A projected 30 million passengers a year are expected to use the airport by 1995.
- **number of airlines:** Though figures vary due to mergers and other developments, roughly 17 commercial carriers have used Metro in the past year. Northwest is the airport's major carrier, accounting for roughly half of all flights.

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## Pumpkins once used for brew

'Tis the season for pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns. Having just visited the local pumpkin patch for the ritualistic purchase of an assorted family of jack-o-lanterns and a few (undersized) pie pumpkins, I thought a trip down memory lane about how we discovered these beauties was in order.

It is believed that the wild ancestors of the pumpkins originated in the region that is now Mexico and Guatemala. The ancient Aztec, Inca and Mayan Indians used pumpkin seeds as food, but they probably discarded the pulp because the wild fruits contained only small amounts of bitter-tasting flesh. Most likely, the wilder varieties with an abundantly sweeter flesh arose when the Indians used mutant varieties for cultivation.

The European explorers of the New World thought that pumpkins were giant species of melons. By that time, these fruits were seen growing throughout Mexico, North America and the West Indies, from as far north as Canada and as far south as Mexico City. They were soon brought back to the Old World to be grown from Western Europe to Asia.

Sometimes the Indians' ways of utilizing the crops were adopted and modified by Asians and Europeans. For example, the farmers of Manchuria dried strips of pumpkin flesh in the sun and the Italians ate deep-fried, batter-covered pumpkin flowers. Both practices have been passed down through the ages and are still utilized. Of course, after this early wintry weather we've been experiencing, you won't have much luck finding pumpkin flowers.

**SO IF EATING** dried pumpkin flesh and fried pumpkin flowers sounds a little unappetizing, were you aware that the early settlers made beer from pumpkins, maple sugar and persimmons? Can't imagine gulping a few "pumpkin brews" with my redhots at Tiger Stadium.

Pumpkins require four months to reach maturity. They can be picked after the rind has hardened, but they may be left on the plant until after the first light frost or when the vines begin to wither. A light frost will make the pumpkins sweeter. However, the fruits should be picked before they are likely to be damaged by a heavy frost.

Pumpkins are processed by removal of the rinds and the seeds, followed by the cooking of the pulp prior to canning, freezing or baking into cakes, custards or pies. If you're looking for real pumpkin pies and pie fillings, read the label because many of the pie fillings and mass-produced pies often contain winter squash in lieu of pumpkin. This isn't all that bad, however, because some folks actually believe winter squash has a better flavor than real pumpkin.

Now, taking you back to Home Ec 101, you are aware, of course, that when I refer to cooking pumpkin, we are using what is normally called a pie pumpkin and not the jack-o-lantern variety? In order to prepare your own homemade fresh pumpkin, remove the seed and scoop out the "guts" of the pumpkin. Cut the pumpkin into halves or small sections and peel off the rind.

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Norman Scheck of Canton, manager of Byrd's Market in Livonia, shows a few of the cold cuts and

sausages he recommends for a tailgate picnic with German food.

STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

## Warm potato salad, sauerkraut, other dishes can go to the game

### WARM GERMAN POTATO SALAD

6 potatoes (boiled in jackets)  
6 slices bacon  
¾ cup chopped onion  
½ tsp. salt  
1 tsp. sugar

dash pepper  
¼ tsp. celery seed  
¼ cup vinegar  
¼ cup beef broth

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## German tailgate picnics hearty

By Wendy Rubin  
special writer

**S**ATURDAY IS ON its way. That means a lot of different things to different people. But for thousands of us, Saturday means getting up, packing the cooler, filling the thermos, heading for Ann Arbor, East Lansing or wherever the tailgate party is happening.

If you have grown tired of the same old tailgate party foods, why not try a tailgate party with a German theme?

We all know that the German cuisine includes some wonderful dark beers and white wines, but the meats, cheeses, mustards, breads and specialty items are good tasting, healthy and fun to pronounce.

German meats come in a variety of shapes and size. They have good flavors and are not known to be overly spicy. The cheeses typically are firmer with stronger flavors, and there is nothing sweet about those tangy, lively tasting German mustards.

**THE GERMAN** breads are, to put it bluntly, the best. Once a few of the varieties are tried, white and whole wheat just can't match up. German breads are a mixture of ryes, sourdoughs and pumpernickles. All the breads are nutritious. They use no preservatives, have loads of fiber, and many of the variations leave the rye or pumpernickel seeds whole.

"I crave the bread. I would pay a fortune for the bread (if necessary) to get it. I need it and want it," exclaims Farmington Hills resident Vall Byrd, owner of Byrd's Meats in Livonia.

Byrd's Meats is one of two German specialty stores that carry a genuine selection of German foods in the suburban Detroit area. Byrd's is managed by Norman Scheck of Canton, whose grandfather was German.

Byrd's stocks all 20 varieties of Dimpfmeier Bread, a German bakery in Toronto, the best resource around for German breads. Its selection includes Munich rye, hunter, pumpernickel, linseed rye and the customer favorite, schinkenbrot. Dimpfmeier bakes bread for the Detroit area Mondays and Thursdays, loads the loaves on trucks so that it arrives here fresh and tasty the next morning.

"All honest ingredients, no preservatives or addings to keep (the breads) fresh," promises Scheck.

**STAHL'S AND Chamberlin Bakeries**, both in Detroit, daily bake and deliver to Byrd's sour dough rye bread, a German specialty, along with cookies, rolls and struesel.

Selecting meats for a tailgate party may prove to be more difficult than first imagined. After all, what could be involved in selecting a few cold cuts?

There is a small, cozy, wonderful place on Long Lake Road in Troy where this task will become a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Han's Delicatessen is true German.

Han's is owned by Bloomfield Hills resident Inge Hosp, who bought the store years ago from retired founder Inge Lickl. Hosp, who has a love of specialty foods, began working at Han's after she arrived in the Detroit area years ago.

"Ninety percent of our customers are German," says Hosp, who welcomes visitors to the delicatessen as if they were in her home. Han's carries a full line of authentic German goods, including soaps; toiletries; video movies; staples, and fresh, canned and frozen foods.

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## Get started now making holiday hors d'oeuvres

By Nechama Bakel  
special writer

Now is the time to get busy cooking and fill up your freezer. Then when the holidays come around, you can "share good times and good food with good friends," said Marcia Sikarskie, in an informal introduction to her make-ahead hors d'oeuvres class.

Some 120 men and women who squeezed into the back section of Kitchen Glamour in West Bloomfield on a recent afternoon got a lot more than a simple demonstration of recipes.

Sikarskie, 51, of Okemos, has been giving cooking classes for about 15 years. At the store and cooking instruction center owned by Chris and Toula Patzallia, Sikarskie crammed nearly two hours with a running stream of invaluable tips, cunning techniques and useful information.

She believes a cook should be flexible. "Life is full of alternatives, compromises and substitutes," Sikarskie said. In cooking, "people have to learn what to do in these situations, just like you do in life."

**OF COURSE**, there are some things you just can't change, such as measurements in cakes, cookies, and especially tortes," she continued. In those recipes you need to use exact quantities.

Recipes like the ones she demonstrated for hors d'oeuvres are "designed to be like parts of a wardrobe. You mix and match 'em," she said.

For instance, a veal filling made with sautéed ground veal, mushrooms, onions and herbs is meant to fill a turnover.

But as Sikarskie pointed out, you can also use it to fill cherry tomatoes or



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Marcia Sikarskie pours salmon strudel mixture into fish-shaped pan lined with phyllo dough, during demonstration of make-ahead hors d'oeuvres, at Kitchen Glamour in West Bloomfield.

mushrooms, thereby creating a variety of interesting hors d'oeuvres. If you don't like veal, she said, substitute ground turkey, ground beef or lamb, anything that fits the bill.

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## Cheese, walnut pate suits ginger crackers

### GINGER CRACKERS

¾ cup milk  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 ½ cup whole wheat flour  
1 ½ cup all purpose flour  
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon baking powder  
additional milk to brush tops

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine milk with vegetable oil and set aside. Sift together into a large bowl, the whole wheat flour, white flour, cornstarch, sugar, ginger, salt and baking powder. Make a well in center and stir liquid into dry mixture starting from center until you obtain a crumbly dough that holds together when squeezed.

Divide dough into two parts. Roll one portion at a time between two sheets of lightly floured parchment paper into a rectangle ¼ inch thick. Cut into 2-inch rectangles with fluted pastry wheel and transfer to baking sheets. Prick crackers with a fork and brush with a bit of additional milk.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool on wire racks. Store in airtight containers or freeze.

### For the Parmesan Cream Cheese Pastry

6 ounces (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
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½ cup Parmesan cheese  
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# Make holiday hors d'oeuvres

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"What if you just abhor mushrooms?" a woman in the audience called out. "Is there anything else you can use in the filling?"

That one almost fazed Sikarskie. But, no, she came up with a solution. "Try adding shredded zucchini or summer squash in place of the mushrooms," she shot back, to the woman's delight.

**IF YOU DON'T** want turnovers, you can press rounds of the cream cheese pastry into miniature muffin pans, fill the dough with veal, top with grated parmesan, and you'll get mini-tarts.

As long as you've got the filling in the freezer, if someone comes home early for dinner, just serve the veal over rice, Sikarskie said.

A sun-dried tomato and provolone quick bread, served with miniature chicken roulade pinwheels, calls for provolone cheese and pine nuts.

Sikarskie explained that although provolone cheese adds a certain texture and flavor to the bread, a substitute for this cheese can be Mon-

terey jack, mozzarella or whatever cheese one prefers.

"I think people lots of times are so insecure about a recipe working out exactly if they don't have the ingredients that they're afraid to try it," Sikarskie said. She believes if people know you can substitute something you have on hand, they won't shy away from difficult-sounding recipes.

Pine nuts are actually made from pine cones and used a lot "in the Mediterranean and in India," she said. "They emit a special, raw, nutty flavor that doesn't compare to anything else."

Although it won't taste exactly the same, she suggests substituting almonds or walnuts if pine nuts are not available.

"THE THING TO remember about pine nuts is that they become rancid very quickly. You have to be able to taste them before you buy them."

Pine nuts are also quite expensive, running about \$6-\$9 per pound, but they're lighter than other nuts, so you have a greater volume, and you rarely need to use more than half a

cup, she declared.

A good idea for those who are watching their cholesterol, as many people do today, is to replace cream or margarine with light cream and light margarine, she said.

Sikarskie demonstrated that a delicious salmon strudel can be served in different ways.

"You can serve it cold accompanied by home-made mayonnaise, to which you add about half a cup of sour cream or yogurt and maybe some dillweed," she said.

Another scrumptious appetizer can be created by serving the strudel hot with veloute sauce to which dill is added. Veloute sauce is a white sauce made with flour, butter, and chicken or veal stock.

The strudel can be baked in a fish mold, which gives it a nice shape, and makes a good centerpiece. But it can easily be baked on a bread pan, or a bundt mold lined with strudel, and then sliced like a cake.

**THERE ARE** limitations to taking liberties with recipes, she warned. Here are some shortcuts, Sikarskie vetoed:

• Strudel must be baked in some sort of container or mold because it uses a soft filling that firms up as it bakes. Don't lay it on a cookie sheet.

• The cream cheese pastry used for veal turnovers must be refrigerated because if the gluten in the flour is not given a chance to relax the dough will shrink.

• When a recipe calls for clarified butter, such as in strudel, and regular butter is used, the moisture in the butter will settle at the bottom of the strudel, making it soggy, and the milk solids will cause the strudel to burn.

Most of the time, you can add your own personal touch," Sikarskie said. It may not come out exactly the same but "it will work."

Kim Robinson, who frequently attends Sikarskie's cooking classes, said the classes are great for picking up little tips. "The food is wonderful," she drawled, as she bit into one appetizing morsel. "Grab a plate."

The main thing, Sikarskie said, is that cooking be a relaxed and enjoyable experience giving people a "chance to feel confident and secure about entertaining."

Her motto? "Adapt and survive."

# Pumpkins once were used for making beer

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Place in boiling, lightly salted water for about 10 minutes. Then the cooked pumpkin can be drained, mashed and/or pureed in a blender, usually with a dollop of butter and a sprinkle of cinnamon and salt.

**IF YOU WANT** to process the seeds for later munching, remove as much of the fibrous strings as possible. Drop the seeds in salted, boiling water for 1 minute. Remove, drain and pat dry. At this time they can be roasted on a baking sheet in a 350-

degree oven for 15-30 minutes.

A sprinkling of kosher salt immediately after the boiling process will improve the flavor greatly. If you want an immediate product, you can fry them in small batches of hot oil for about 3 minutes, then toss lightly with salt before eating. One of my favorite recipes is for pumpkin soup. After the soup is made, you can hollow out a pie pumpkin and bake the soup in an oven for better taste, and it also makes a great presentation when you serve it at the table in the pumpkin itself. Bon Appetit!

# Cheese, walnut pate suits ginger crackers

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Cream butter and cream cheese in mixer. Combine Parmesan cheese, flour, salt, and paprika. Gradually beat into butter and cream cheese until well incorporated. Divide into 2 portions. Wrap in plastic wrap, flatten to discs and chill until firm enough to handle.

1 tablespoon lemon juice or white wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
¼ teaspoon dry mustard  
¼ cup olive oil

¾ cup vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon (scant) additional lemon juice or white vinegar

Combine egg, lemon juice, mustard, salt, pepper and dry mustard in food processor. With machine run-

ning very slowly, add oil until mixture thickens. Add 1 tablespoon additional lemon juice and process until well blended.

Transfer to a jar and refrigerate until needed. Use within 10 days. Yields 1 ¼ cups.

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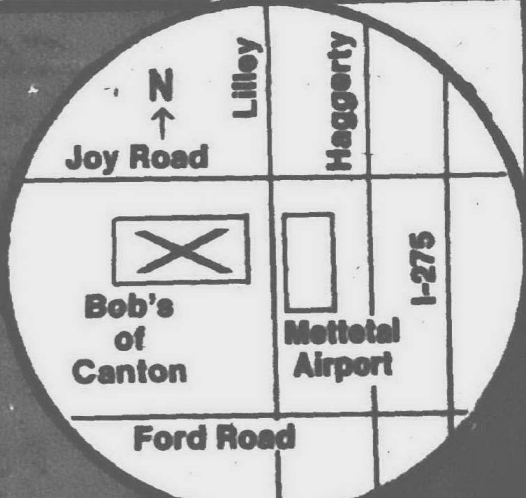
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# Why heart patients experience chest pains in the cold

During winter, heart patients often ask the bewildering question, "Why am I suddenly experiencing angina pectoris (chest discomfort) during my walks outdoors?"

Two physiologic mechanisms have been implicated.

First, inhaling cold air may cause a reflex that temporarily constricts the heart's (coronary) arteries. It may also increase the amount of blood pumped with each heart beat. In the presence of cholesterol-narrowed coronary blood vessels, these stresses may provoke chest pain or discomfort.

Second, a cold environment evokes your body into a temperature regulation reflex. The skin's blood vessels constrict to conserve body heat. Their narrowing increases blood pressure and the heart's demand for oxygen, thus more readily provoking angina pectoris.

TEMPERATURE ALONE, however, is not an accurate index of cold stress. Wind removes the layer of air your body has heated around you to keep itself warm.

Thus, you need to consider the "wind chill factor," which measures the cooling power of moving air. For example, at 10 degrees Fahrenheit in a 20-mile-an-hour



**fitness**  
**Barry Franklin**

wind, the cooling effect is equivalent to calm air at 25-below zero. (See chart).

To prevent angina and excessive exposure to cold during activity in winter weather, these recommendations may help:

- Wear a cold weather mask or scarf to avoid inhaling or cold air and exposing your face and neck. Such measures are often effective in reducing the symptoms of angina during activity in cold weather.

- Be extra careful when the wind is blowing. Wind chill equivalent temperatures of 25-below (Fahrenheit) or lower can mean increasing danger, including freezing of exposed flesh. And temperatures under 74-below are hazardous.

- Beware of wet clothing. If your skin or clothing gets wet, your body will lose heat much more rapidly. For this reason, you should change wet clothing, particularly socks and gloves.

## Figuring the windchill

Estimated wind speed (in mph)	actual thermometer reading (Fahrenheit)					
	30°	20°	10°	0°	-10°	-20°
Equivalent Temperature						
calm	30	20	10	0	-10	-20
10	16	4	-9	-24	-33	-46
20	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67
30	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-78
40	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-86

Figure the wind chill factor by picking a temperature and reading down to see how cold it feels at various wind speeds. Adapted from Patient Care.

- Dress appropriately. Avoid overdressing for activity in the cold to prevent overheating and excessive sweating.

- Wear several layers of light, loose clothing that can be shed or replaced as body heat changes. Between each layer there is trapped air which, when heated by the body, acts as an excellent insulator.

- The insulating properties of wool are widely recognized. It is one fabric which, when wet, still keeps the body warm. Most other materials, when wet, actually draw heat away from the body and pass it into the air.

- Avoid staying in one position too long when it's cold. Exercise increases heat production by contracting the skeletal muscles. Thus, body temperature can generally be maintained even in subzero conditions, as long as one stays moving. If you start to shiver to generate heat, get in out of the cold as quickly as possible.

**Temperature alone is not an accurate index of cold stress. Wind removes the layer of air your body has heated around you to keep itself warm.**

- Protect certain body areas. Body heat is most easily lost from parts that have a large surface area to mass ratio — for example, the hands and feet. Keep them warm and dry. Finally, wear a hat — a tremendous loss of body heat can occur from an uncovered head.

Barry A. Franklin is director of cardiac rehabilitation and exercise laboratories, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and associate professor of physiology, Wayne State University School of Medicine.

# Touch button turns on lamp



gerontology  
**A. Jolayne Farrell**

Dear Jo:  
I have a problem with arthritis in my hands. Even the simplest daily chore, such as turning on my reading light, causes pain.

The other day I found something — a touch control lamp converter — that turns lights on and off by simply touching the metal part of the lamp. It was easy to install, and now I don't have to anticipate pain every time I want to sit down to read.

The converters can be found in most stores that sell lamps and lighting fixtures.

Mr. K. T.

Ypsilanti Reader

Dear Mr. T:

Thank you for passing along this helpful information. I found several shops in my town that carry the converter. They also carried lamps that were already wired with the converter.

Apparently the converter is sensitive to the heat from the body causing the switch to be activated to either the on or off position. They are inexpensive and would make a nice gift.

Dear Jo:

I am a diabetic. When my doctor says to be extra careful of my feet — exactly what does he mean?

Mrs. L.A. Regular Reader

Dear Mrs. A.:

I am complimented that you are a regular reader. When your doctor says to be extra careful of your feet — this means:

Never expose your feet to too much heat, i.e. check the temperature of your bath water before entering the tub; do not use a heating pad on your feet; avoid too much sun.

Cold temperatures can also be a problem so remember to wear cotton socks and insulated boots in the winter.

Avoid tight clothing that could cut off your circulation.

Don't sit with your legs crossed; this also interferes with your circulation.

And never walk barefoot.

Some other safety measures include putting lights on in dark rooms and hallways to avoid injuries. Also, be careful on icy streets and sidewalks as injuries to the feet from falls are common in older people.

As you know, prevention is of the utmost importance when it comes to injuries to the feet of diabetics. With the increased time it takes for healing and the danger of severe complications such as gangrene, diabetics have good reason to be careful.

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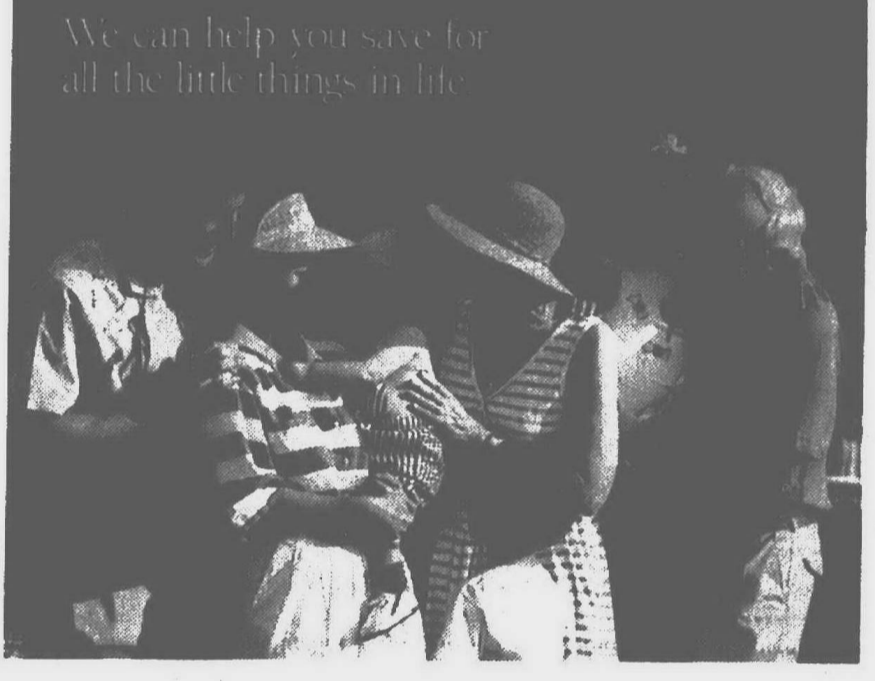
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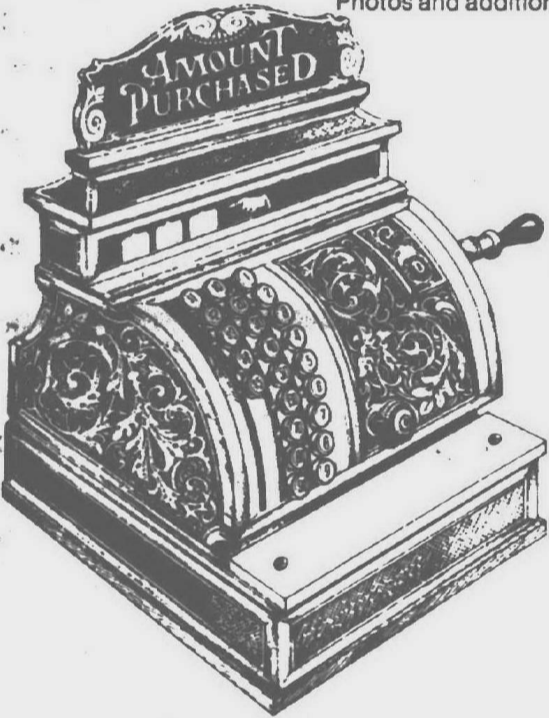
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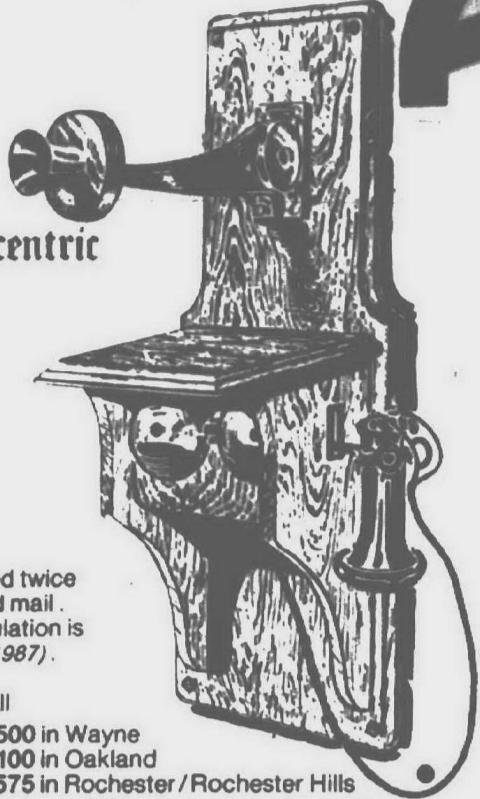
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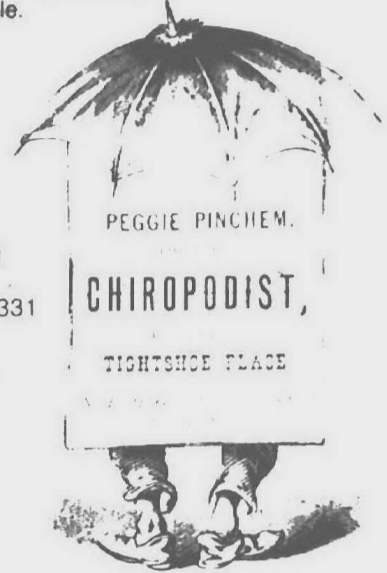
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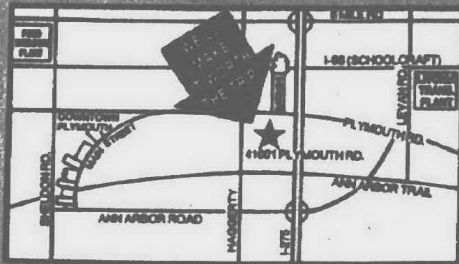
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It's been called Devil's Night, Mischief Night and who knows what else over the years. Halloween is a time for kids to be kids, much to the dismay of adults, who conveniently forget what they did at that age. Iris Sanderson Jones takes a look at Halloween through adult eyes on Page 6D.



# ATVs: Deadly or safe?

By Mary Rodrigue staff writer

Revvng around on all-terrain vehicles can be fun, but the Michigan State Medical Society wants owners to be aware of the dangers.

"You don't need a special driver's license to operate an ATV and as a result, kids as young as 5 years old are driving them," said Dr. Elliot Grysen, an East Lansing-based emergency room physician and spokesman for the medical society. Grysen is also an attorney.

Grysen's group advocates abolishing the three wheel ATV, which is no longer sold but still in use by thousands of owners, he said. For the four-wheel ATV, the medical society is urging greater restrictions on usage.

"More than 50 people have been killed on these three-and four-wheel vehicles in Michigan," Grysen said. "And over 50 percent of them have been under the age of 16. We've had (fatalities) as young as 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9."

The doctor's group became enraged recently at the response of ATV dealers to public service announcements airing on television warning about the dangers.

ATV dealers have convinced some television stations to pull doctor designed public service announcements off the air. Don Craig, the motorcycle dealers association's executive director, said a complaint will be filed with the Mass Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission.

"THAT KIND of publicity doesn't bode well for any kind of product," Craig said. "We didn't feel the spot met the criteria for a public service announcement. It's supposed to be a non-biased release."

The message the dealers find objectionable features a child in an emergency room, where a nurse says: "Another ATV injury. Third one this week. We've got the trauma surgeon. Call the neurosurgeon."

The final message: "Off-road vehicles can be fun, but also dangerous. The Michigan State Medical Society wants you to learn the facts before you buy. Don't learn them the hard way."

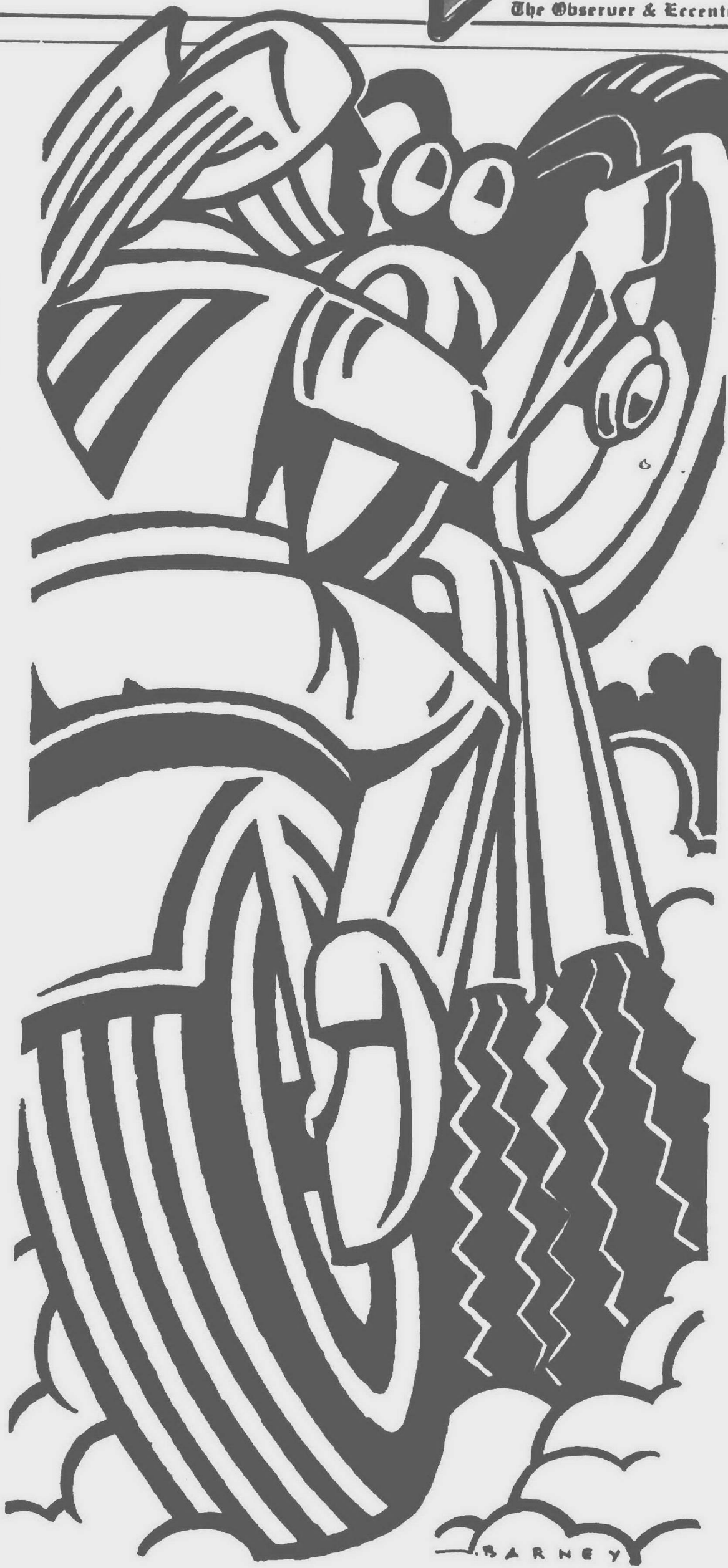
"We specifically did not condemn these machines," said society president Dr. Fred Bryant. "We simply wanted to get the message out that these vehicles are killing and crippling children at an alarming rate and that parents should learn all they can about them before they buy one for their children."

"Frankly we were shocked at their response. The safety of teens and young children is at question here," Grysen added.

Grysen, who last year was a member of a state subcommittee on off-road recreational vehicles, is well versed in its history.

"I've been working on this for four years," he said. "The ATV was originally designed in 1971-72. It was popular through the early 1980s and

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# 'Cycles' get high tech 'fix'

By Mary Rodrigue staff writer

Motorcycles aren't just for macho guys anymore. To be sure, there are still the huge engines for those who want that kind of power fix. But not everyone was born to be wild.

Today, motorcycles are as apt to come in hot pink and turquoise, with helmets and jackets to match, as they are in basic black.

Tattooed bikers clad in black leather share the highways with guys on their way to work, saving gas money on long hauls across town. And more women are buying bikes.

"BIKES ARE getting more sophisticated," said Joe Hickman, sales manager for Andrew Pelc BMW Motorcycles in Canton Township.

"BMW released the first motorcycle ever to have an anti lock braking system. In an emergency situation, on a slippery road when quick stopping is required, the tendency was to brake too hard, causing the bike to go down. This system will eliminate that problem."

"The trend is going toward more durable cycles. Four or five years ago, the Japanese cafe racers were very big. They go very fast, but they're only built to last a few years. Now, the trend is toward more durable bikes."

Hickman points out BMW. Manufactured in Germany, it has "the best track record for durability," he said.

"It has a 300,000-mile club for bikers who have watched the odometer turn three times."

"Anyone who can't get at least a quarter of a million miles out of their bike, then something is wrong," Hickman said.

"WE HAVE an upbeat clientele," said Jerry Huttula, store manager for Anderson Sales & Service in Bloomfield Hills. "People in Michigan are outdoorsy and sports-minded. They like their toys and they like to be outside."

Anderson Sales & Services sells Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Suzuki motorcycles, scooters, all-terrain vehicles and motor-powered watercraft (jet skis).

Motorcycles today are engineering marvels. The multi-cylinder bikes have engines that run like a finely tuned Swiss watch, Huttula said. And the majority of the market falls into one of two categories.

"The touring bikes are heavy, with a strong base," he said. "They're very high tech and they appeal mostly to (customers) between 40 and 60 years old. The sports bikes are sleeker. They appeal to the 25- to 30-year-olds, mostly males, but you can't exclude the ladies anymore."

SCOOTERS ARE still a craze and Huttula was anxious to set the record straight on mopeds.

"Mopeds are not a brand name; it's a classification for the smallest scooter," he said. "It must have an automatic transmission, no more than a 50cc engine, and can't go more than 30 mph."

"Operators must be at least 15 years old and be licensed through the Secretary of State."

Moped buyers are given a safety handbook at the time of purchase in his dealership, Huttula said.

Bigger scooters appeal to adults for things like vacation transportation. These bikes have 90cc to 250cc engines with automatic transmissions. Operators must have a valid driver's license stamped for operation of a motorcycle.

"They attach them to the motor home," Huttula said. "We also sell them to college age kids to get around on campus. They're easy to operate."

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Karlos Barney



Thanks to remarkable foresight, Dr. Frankenstein's dream of enrolling his monster in charm school becomes a reality.

# Some ghouls, ghosts and things that . . .

By Rebecca Haynes staff writer

You may find tonight's goblins who come trick-or-treating at your door more believable than the following story. The decision is yours, in this, the season for ghost stories.

But, before we begin, you must be in the proper frame of mind. Sitting outside, in the chilly darkness around a campfire may be the best setting for listening to ghost stories. The fall wind whistling through the leaves is the perfect sound effect.

However, if you don't have access to a forest or a campfire, you may want to take your Street Scene copy down into your basement on a cold and windy night and sit by yourself by candlelight to read this story. Then you can decide whether or not you believe in ghosts.

JOHN KING says he doesn't — believe in ghosts, that is — but some of the events that have happened recently in

his Detroit bookstore have caused him to keep an open mind.

More than a year ago, King acquired a collection of books and possessions of a woman who committed a gruesome suicide, something he says isn't unusual in his business, which frequently deals with people's estates.

"It's sort of a normal thing for us to do, so we never really thought twice about it," King said. "Then I started noticing some strange things, odd, unexplainable noises and just a string of weird happenings all surrounding this collection. I don't think I would have thought anything of it if it had just been one thing, but when you string them all together, you have to wonder."

While the collection was still intact it was stored in a locked area on the building's fourth floor. King said he often worked alone there at night to catch up on paperwork.

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MICKY JONES

Even pumpkins have gone through some changes over the years. Painted faces have replaced the cut-out look for those who cringe at the thought of scooping out the seeds.

By Iris Sanderson Jones contributing travel editor

# HALLOWEEN

We are gathered around the flickering flames like ancient Druids. Outside the windows, the Halloween candles glow in the jack-o'-lanterns. Inside the light from the two silver candelabra light the crystal and china on the table. We are like ancient Celtic priests only they were tending their sacred fires and we are drinking martinis with two olives. A faint hum of music flows from the stereo cabinet on the wall.

"Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way? What's the matter with kids today?"

A firecracker pops outside the window.

"I don't remember using firecrackers on Halloween when we were kids," a voice says from across the table.

"We used dynamite," George says. "About four or five sticks per house."

Laughter erupts. "You mean you didn't tip it over, you blew it up?"

"Disintegrated," George says with satisfaction. "Toothpicks."

The voice moves forward in the candlelight. It is Mary.

"I've always hesitated to pursue that image," she murmurs. "The outhouse tipped over in the field, the gapping hole . . ."

"When I was 11 or 12 years old we went to a small rural school in Arkansas," George says. "They had a schoolhouse there that housed all grades from one through 12. They didn't have indoor plumbing; they had outdoor privies. Four holers — one for boys and one for girls."

"FOUR-HOLERS! Blooming swank."

"On Halloween, our favorite trick was to take one of those outhouses and put it on top of the schoolhouse," George says. "The last time that I remember, the principal came tripp-

ing across the schoolyard and fell into the hole."

"That's the image I've never been able to pursue," Mary says.

"He wasn't a sport about it," George says. "He was fighting mad . . . Pardon me Mary, are you enjoying your cake?" For some reason, Mary has put her cake fork down and is staring into space.

"Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way? What's the matter with kids today?"

"TRICK OR TREAT! TRICK OR TREAT!"

Our hostess, Eleanor, goes to the door. A ghost and a small tramp stand beside the jack-o'-lantern, their hands politely outstretched. Eleanor hands them each a paper-wrapped candy bar and closes the door. The table candles gutter as she re-enters the room.

"Of course, you know that Halloween goes back to pagan times," Emmy says suddenly. "It was once the autumn celebration of the Druids, the priestly order of the ancient Celtic inhabitants of the British Isles." Emmy is George's wife. We don't call her Encyclopedia Emmy for nothing.

"It was the beginning of the New Year wasn't it?" Mary begins to say, but her husband, Jim, is leaning on his elbow, staring through a martini

## A tale about kids and their always perfect parents?

glass at the candle flame. She knows the sign.

"MY MOTHER was one of 14 children," he says musingly. "Eleven of them were boys. They used to loosen the seats of the outhouses in the farm area where they lived. When the farmers sat down, the seats would start to collapse. Those farmers could jump right quick when they had to. One day they loosened the seat on the outhouse of a neighbor who weighed 200 pounds. It went down and so did she!"

There is a moment's silence while we picture the situation.

"Somehow or another she was rescued," John says. "But it was a pretty frightening experience. Which led one of my mother's brothers to say that it was the first time he'd ever heard of anyone being interred before they died."

George's laughter booms across

the table. He and John are doubled over the table before the rest of us realize what he has said.

"That reminds me of the story of the old grandfather on the farm," George says, but Emmy says "GEORGE!" in a wifely tone of voice and he stops.

"We used to put resin on a string, tie it to a spool and attach it to the doors," Emmy says. "That made an awful noise. If my kids did half the things we did, though, I'd whale the tar out of them."

" . . . oh well, they'd call them juvenile delinquents . . ."

" . . . they'd be in jail in five minutes . . ."

"Our favorite trick was to take wagons apart and reassemble them on the church roof," George says. "I'd like to see some of these soft kids do that today!"

THE MEMORIES are shattered

suddenly by a shriek at the window. Eleanor gathers her elegant hostess gown in her right hand and leaps from the table with a yell "Wait'll I get my hands on the little monster that did that. It takes hours to get that soap off the windows."

She runs out of the room, flapping like a witch.

My husband, Jamie, watches her with a ghostly grin on his face. "Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way?" he says. "Out in western Canada, our favorite trick was to shove potatoes in the exhaust pipes of cars. When the driver started the engine, there'd be a mighty explosion and WHOOSH, the potato went shooting out the back."

"That was great fun until the Halloween they found a man dead in his car because his leaky exhaust pipe was plugged and his car filled with carbon monoxide. Nobody thought it was funny after that."

"TRICK OR TREAT, TRICK OR TREAT!"

Emmy starts slightly as a spool and string go rat-a-tat against the window. This time our host, Welsh Jones, gets up. We haven't heard a word from him all night.

He opens the door. A hulking teenager in a mask and a black jacket stands there with his hand out. Beside him is a tiny figure dressed like a black witch. Welsh Jones hands two candy bars to the small child. "May you be delivered from

ghouls and ghosties, longleggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night," he says solemnly. The tiny witch stares up for a moment, then runs for its life

"WATCH THIS," Eleanor whispers. "He has a way of getting rid of teens who are too old to be trick-or-treating anyway."

Welsh Jones hands the boy a wooden kitchen match. "Ancient men gave thanks to the sun god for lighting fires," he says. "They gathered in solemn conclave to pass judgment on crimes and problems among their people. Go ye, and do likewise."

The boy takes the match hesitantly. He doesn't know whether to smile or sneer.

"It was a time of omens and auguries," Welsh Jones says. "A time when sorcerers and ordinary people divined the future. If you are one of those doomed to perish in the next 12 months, you may take a three-legged stool to the junction of three crossroads when the church bell strikes midnight . . ."

He stops. The teenager is running down the sidewalk.

The front door slams. Two elegantly attired young astronauts come in, followed by a grinning old man with a sack in his hand.

"Grandpa! Did you go out treating with those kids again?" Eleanor says indignantly.

"Hey, Mom, can we have some soap to soap windows. Grandpa says . . ."

"YOU CANNOT! And don't listen to anything Grandpa says. Grandpa, you old goat . . ."

"I recollect the year we put a horse on the second story of the Trimble barn," Grandpa muses.

"Did you, Grandpa, did you? Tell us about . . ."

"NEVER MIND," Eleanor says. She is turning a slow purple. "You two go to bed. Grandpa has told you enough stories!"

She turns up at the old man as Grandpa turns his head and winks at Welsh Jones.

## Fact or fiction? These books have 'spirit'

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"We would hear footsteps and other weird sounds that were unexplainable and sometimes the building would actually shake," he said. "It got to where I wouldn't go up there at night without a flashlight, and my wife wouldn't go up there at all. It was just like we felt something there, even though we knew nothing was."

KING SAID another odd thing happened when he went to the home, where the woman had shot herself, to pick up the collection.

"I had a brand new truck. Never had any problems with it," he said. "But after we loaded all of the boxes onto it, it wouldn't start."

"I played around with it for an hour before I finally got it to start, and we never could figure out why it happened."

Even more strange is that the

same thing happened the next time King went out to pick up the second load, even though his truck showed no problems at any time in between.

"I also found out that the person who bought a main portion of this collection had been having odd things happen to him," King said. "The day I called him he'd just come home from the hospital. He'd been involved in a car accident."

THE MAN also had experienced several small accidents in the home, and a couple of minor auto accidents since the time he'd purchased this collection.

King contacted local ghosthunter Mark McPherson, whose Daedalus agency investigates matters of the paranormal or unusual.

"I have a very strong belief that a human soul is impressed upon certain places or objects," McPherson said. "Intense emotions can make a

very deep impression and can hang around for some time."

McPherson said he is now into the third phase of investigation of the King bookstore.

"The first phase was to separate the physical from the psychical," he said, adding that often times weird happenings are explained by actual physical things wrong with the building. "The second phase was taking the psychic in to see what she could find."

The third phase involves more research on the building to find out about any other significant events that may have happened there.

"There could be other hauntings. We need to be sure that what's happening is related to this particular collection and not to something else that could be here," McPherson said. "The fourth phase will be to go in again with a psychic and try to make contact with whatever's there."

THE PSYCHIC involved in this investigation is Gloria Davis. She was told nothing about the case before making a tour through the building, but was given an object that belonged to the dead woman.

"I immediately felt the emotions of a very troubled adult," she said. "I felt such loneliness and sadness, and they wanted me to go through the building to see if I could pick up on those vibrations anywhere else."

It wasn't until she approached the fourth floor that she began to sense something.

"In the elevator going from the third to the fourth floor my stomach began to clench," Davis said. "At first, when I walked onto the floor, I didn't feel anything, but as I wandered toward a particular area I got almost a smoky sense, just very briefly, then it was gone."

"Then I had the same vibrations that I felt when I first held the ob-

ject, only they were more intense," she said. "I almost had the sense that if I could walk through the back wall this feeling would be even stronger."

King said later that part of the collection was still stored in a room behind this wall.

"I didn't see or hear anything," Davis said. "I simply felt the energy of a tremendous trauma and a very confused person. I felt there may be a troubled presence there that needs to be helped onto another plane."

King said he's not sure what the final conclusion will be to his predicament, saying he'll do whatever McPherson recommends.

"I'm hoping he'll be able to come up with an explanation," King said. "I haven't hurt myself, and I don't think I have anything to fear."

As McPherson says, "We live in a world where a lot of strange things go on. Nothing ever ceases to be, things never disappear completely."















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