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THE WEEK AHEAD

Forget? Did you remember to turn your clock BACK one hour before you went to bed. If not, better do it or you'll be an hour behind the rest of the state.

MONDAY

Demo: If you're a city of Plymouth voter, stop by city hall for demonstration of the new voting system, 9 a.m. to noon.

TUESDAY

Visit: The mobile office of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham will stop by in Plymouth 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kellogg Park on Main Street. Abraham won't be there, but you may talk to his staff.

Meet: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m.

Schools: The Plymouth-Canton school board meets at 7 p.m. at Hulsing Elementary School

WEDNESDAY

Helping: There's still plenty of time to donate to the Plymouth Community United Way's 1997 Campaign. Volunteers are now raising support from industry, business, professional, education, government, clubs, agencies and families. For more information, call the United Way, 453-7525.

THURSDAY

Trick or treat: The Great Pumpkin Caper is set for 5:30-7 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Don your costume and sign up for the best costume contest then trick-of-treat at downtown businesses. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth chamber.

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Adult ed wants back in the fold

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district is looking for ways to bring Starkweather Adult Education Center back into the fold. The school's staffers aren't exactly lost sheep, but they haven't been part of the district's decision-making processes.

"We've tried to be part of the flock, but we've always been looked at as different. We are a little bit different," said Carol Saunders, adult education coordinator.

In a two-hour workshop with school board members Oct. 21, Saunders and several of her staff presented the reasons behind their successes and their need for more resources in light of declining state aid.

Funding problems

Saunders said state funding for adult education declined in the last five years from \$350 million to \$60 million throughout Michigan.

The adult education program services two classifications of students eligible for state aid: adults, those students without high school diplomas

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Demo: Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser shows how the new Optech Eagle System works in preparation for the City Commission election Nov. 4.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Goodbye, old voting machines

■ A demonstration of a new voting system to be used in the city commission election is set for 9 a.m. to noon Monday at city hall, 201 S. Main.



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth voters won't cast ballots on machines on Nov. 4.

Instead, they'll indicate selections for city commissioner by using a special felt-tip pen or No. 2 pencil.

With the new Optech Eagle system, voters are given a paper ballot. An incomplete arrow is shown by each candidate's name. To choose that candidate, voters draw a short straight line connecting each end of the arrow.

When they're done voting in booths, voters take the card to the machine, which draws it inside and records the vote.

City Clerk Linda Langmesser, along with Michigan Bureau of Elections officials and representatives of Business Records Inc. which makes the machines, will be on hand from 9 a.m. noon Monday at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, for a demonstration of the machines. The public is urged to attend.

After investigating several new voting systems in recent years to replace voting

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Unforgettable Nat King Cole collectibles auctioned

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Unforgettable...such was the talent and voice of the legendary Nat "King" Cole. In addition to his exceptional musical abilities, Cole had a discerning eye for fine jewelry and artifacts.



Pieces: A close-up of collection pieces.

Joseph DuMouchelle, gemologists and dealers in fine and estate jewelry in downtown Plymouth, recently acquired a variety of jewelry and small, antique art items from Cole's estate. These items, which include a bright green

14.00 ct. peridot ring surrounded by diamonds and a Christmas card from Elvis Presley, will be auctioned at noon Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

"All the items come with a certificate of authenticity signed by Maria Cole," said DuMouchelle. Maria was Cole's wife.

Joseph DuMouchelle and his partner, Melinda Adducci, acquired the Cole items through a contact acquainted with Maria Cole. "I think she's looking to scale down her lifestyle," said DuMouchelle about Maria Cole's willingness to part with the items.

Adducci said her favorite among the Cole items is the heart-shaped peridot ring. "Being a gemologist, it's the color. It's a richly saturated stone," DuMouchelle added that even without the "star quality" the ring is worth much more than its auction price.

DuMouchelle's favorite is a 1910-

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Checking: Joe DuMouchelle looks carefully at a piece of jewelry from the collection.

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Finalists chosen for chief's job

The next Plymouth Township police chief is to be chosen from a field of four candidates.

They are Lawrence Carey, Troy police chief; Dave Nicholson, retired Mt. Prospect, Ill., police commander; Richard Lively, Saginaw police lieutenant; and Robert Smith, acting Plymouth Township police chief.

Township trustees interviewed the four and three other candidates Oct. 17, and narrowed the field to four the next day.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said that over the next week, the candidates will each undergo a range of testing including psychological testing.

The testing results will be presented in a confidential report to the supervisor. "In the meantime I'll be meeting with each candidate and their spouse for dinner," McCarthy said.

"I've been on the other side of the recruitment process, I know they'll have questions about a community. This will give me a chance to get to know the candidates a little more, and we'll take them around and get to know the community," she said.

After the testing and dinner meetings are done, McCarthy is to present her choice to the board for approval.

Of the finalists' qualities, she said, "They have strong communicative skills, they have experience. With the exception of Bob, they all come from larger departments."

"Each of them (except Smith) have been in the law enforcement arena more than 20 years. And Bob's a strong candidate - he's been working in the job and has a master's degree," McCarthy said. "It's going to be a tough decision."

The supervisor said her appointment could be presented to the township board of trustees at a special board meeting in early November.

The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 18.

McDonald wants city commission to do more strategic planning

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Commission candidate Dave McDonald said his desire to perform public service didn't end when he retired after a career as an Army officer.

While he'd lived around the world, McDonald said he and his wife chose Plymouth upon retirement.

While McDonald failed to win a seat on the city commission when he ran in 1993, commissioners soon after appointed him to the city board of zoning appeals.

He said the new commission should demonstrate to citizens it has learned from mistakes made in the first year of the multi-year road paving program - namely delays to pave Ann Arbor Trail. "Many people are fearful of when the paving program is going to move down their street," he said, adding commis-

Eight candidates, two incumbents, are seeking election or reelection to the Plymouth City Commission. They will vie for four seats on the commission in the Nov. 4 election. The top three vote-getters will win four-year terms. The fourth highest will get a two-year term.

sioners shouldn't necessarily go with the lowest paving bidder. "With projects where you spend tax dollars you should look at it with a little bit more jaundiced eye," he said.

McDonald said the city should continue to review merging services with the township "if it's a better service and less costly."

"I don't know if it's wise to consolidate everything. The biggest stopper is getting past egos, dealing with politics. As an individual, I would not be in favor of coming up with one community. But as an elected official we should pursue it if that's the will of the people. People I've talked to are not in favor."

Of the current commission's record, he said it's positive that the commis-

sion has pursued some initiative to maintain and attract new businesses.

"The jury's still out on the agreement with the Mayflower," McDonald said, referring to the commission's waiving of some back taxes to make a planned major renovation easier to finance.

The new commission should put more attention on municipal services in Old Village, he said. "Grass is growing out of sidewalks, there's

Dave McDonald

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machines that often broke down, Langmesser chose the \$29,227 Optech Eagle system. "They've been around for years. This just seemed like the most reliable, the most voter-friendly system," she said.

The city clerk's office had a trial run of sorts with the system, as it has been used the past two years for absentee ballots. "We had very good comments," Langmesser said.

Langmesser said she expects an election turnout of roughly 15 percent of the city's 7,478 registered voters. That would be down slightly from the average turnout for a commission election.

Turnout for city commission

'They've been around for years. This just seemed like the most reliable, the most voter-friendly system.'

Linda Langmesser
—city clerk

elections in recent years has ranged from 10-25 percent of registered voters.

Her prediction is based partly on the number of absentee ballots requested so far, 579. Langmesser said 251 have been returned.

Registered voters can still vote absentee through Monday, by picking up a ballot in the clerk's office. Absentee ballots should be returned to the clerk's office before election day, but they can be turned in at precincts on election day.

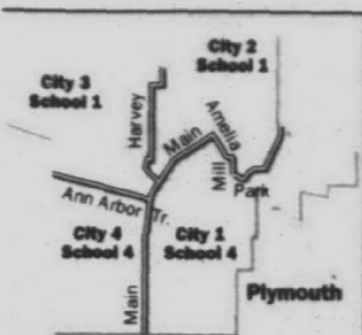
To encourage people to vote, Langmesser sends absentee ballot applications before each election to all registered voters age 60 and older "or anyone who asked to be placed on the list," she said. This year, 1,800 such applications were mailed.

"I think that as a courtesy and if it helps with voter turnout, I think it's worth it," Langmesser said.

Commission candidate John Thomas, who owns a Canton home but has established a city residence, apparently meets residency requirements for running for city commission. City Attorney Don Morgan, after determining this spring that a former city charter provision on residency was invalid, ruled a candidate must demonstrate residency 30 days before a commission election.

Thomas' voter registration filed with the city clerk shows he has met that provision.

Other candidates are Mayor Ron Loiselle, City Commissioner Don Dismuke, former city Finance Director and former acting City Manager William Graham, Zoning Board of Appeals member Dave McDonald,



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Colleen Pobur, Paul Schulz and Fred Dilacovo, who did not respond to the Observer's request for an interview.

The eight candidates will vie for four seats on the Plymouth City Commission.

Exhibit runs to Nov. 7

A fall still life exhibit featuring the work of Michigan artists, Mary Brecht Stephenson and Sharon Sandberg.

An opening reception for "Is There Still Life?" will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at the PCAC, 774

Sheldon Road. The exhibit will run through Nov. 7.

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Mayflower update

While the Mayflower restoration project has not started on the schedule first set by the hotel's owners, the project will still happen.

That's what hotel owner Matt Karmo said in a Oct. 6 letter to city commissioners.

Karmo said the project contractors bid the project June 6, yet bids exceeded the budget. After a new preconstruction cost analysis was performed, the decision was made to increase the project budget to \$4 million and delay a small portion for later, he told commissioners.

Bids were delivered Oct. 7 and should be received by Thursday, he continued. "If everything happens according to the plan, the contractor will be selected within two weeks after receiving the bids," Karmo said.

"We are committed to the hotel's renovation and to its future success, and we are going to do whatever it takes to make it happen," he said.

Hours extended

Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Cones, 550 Forest Ave. in Westchester Square Mall, has extended hours to 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The business is closed

Sundays, except during special events.

The restaurant also now makes its menu available through Takeout Taxi, Uncle Frank's owner Dave Kaplan reported.

Wait 'till next year

Plymouth City Commissioners on Monday turned down Police Chief Robert Scoggins request to buy a \$11,900 solar-powered traffic monitor.

Scoggins said some drivers have been speeding on freshly resurfaced city streets, adding the device should encourage compliance with posted speeds.

In a report presented to commissioners, he said an Old Village resident has also suggested use of such a device.

The cost presented to commissioners by Scoggins was on a low bid taken from vendors. The device shows drivers the speed they're traveling.

But city commissioners said that while it could be useful, the device hadn't been budgeted for this fiscal year. They said they'd be willing to consider such a purchase in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Plymouth-Canton Ski Club registration is set for Nov. 11

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Ski Club will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the Canton High School cafeteria.

The club travels to Mt. Brighton Friday and Saturday evenings, except during holidays.

The registration fee of \$85 includes transportation for up to 16 trips and four lift tickets as well as lessons at Mt. Brighton. The club also makes two overnight trips. For more information, call Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 416-2937.

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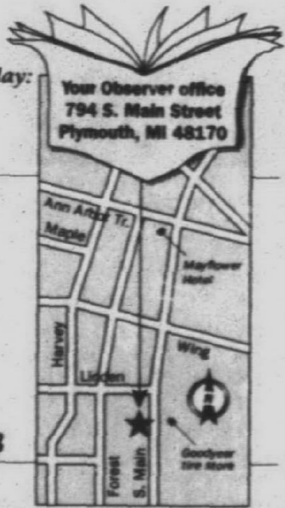
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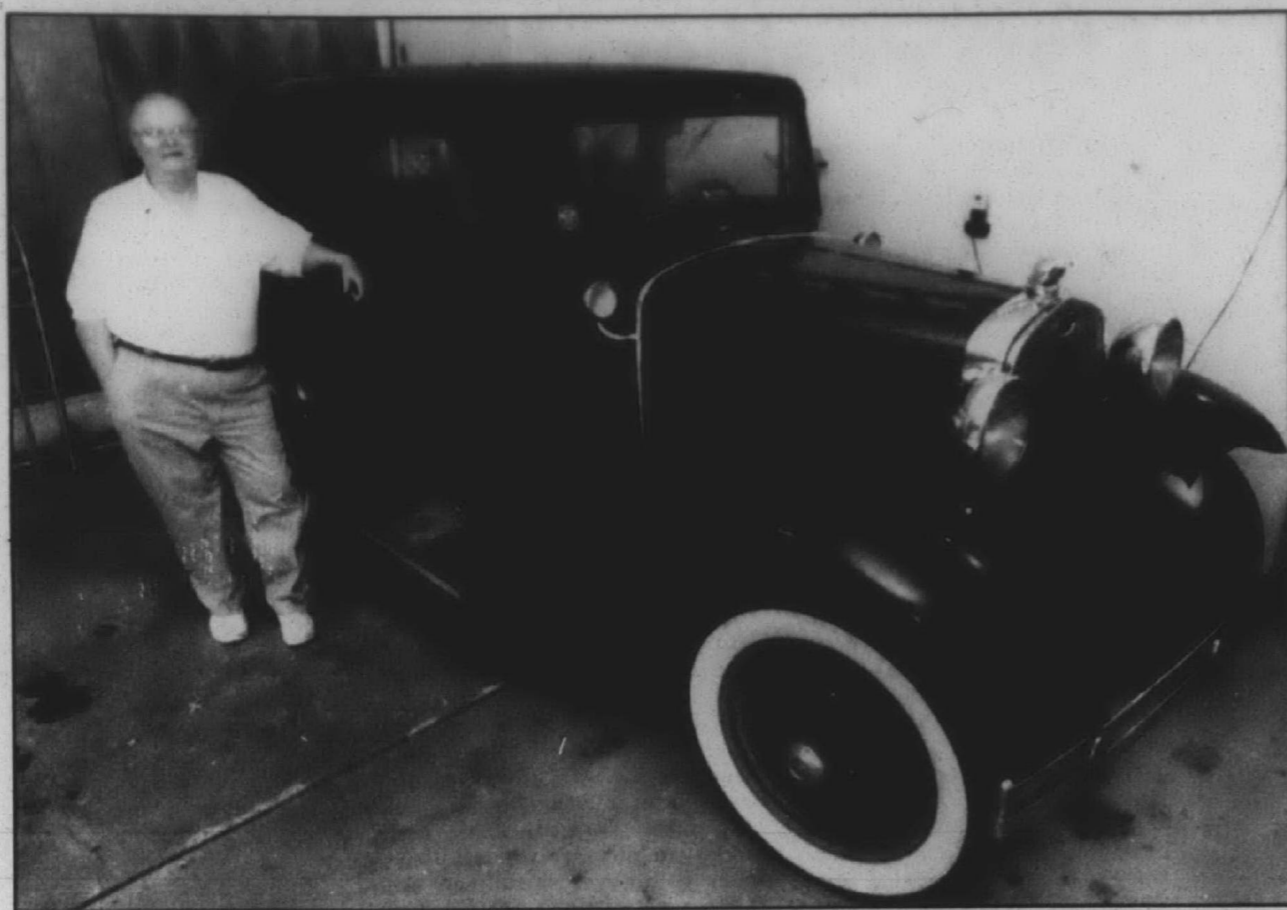


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A deal: Graham Laible and his wife, Bea, are selling their 1931 Model A Ford Victoria. The \$9,000 selling price includes a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Model A

Own a piece of history

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For \$9,000, you can own a piece of history and help support the Plymouth Historical Museum.

That's the price retired teachers Bea and Graham Laible are seeking for their 1931 Model A Ford Victoria.

The car has racked up about 66,000 miles. It has the original Niagara green body paint, original title and owner's manual, original upholstery, a set of 1931 Michigan license plates and more.

The couple is also offering several books and manuals about the car along with most Model A Restorer's magazines since May 1956.

The \$9,000 selling price includes a \$1,000 tax-deductible contribution to the museum.

"We've retired and we really don't use it now," Bea Laible said. Graham Laible said he'd like to buy a 1965 Mustang.

The couple got into old cars as a hobby 14 years ago, following the death of their daughter, Martha. "I needed something to do," Graham Laible said.

He originally bought a 1928 Model A, and got involved with a Model A restorer's club. Networking with club members provided social activity, and information was passed on how to keep the cars running.

■ It has the original Niagara green body paint, original title and owner's manual, original upholstery, a set of 1931 Michigan license plates and more.

What's the attraction of the Model A? "It's easier for an older person to take care of," Laible said.

For example, he recalled a story of someone who cut pieces out of a belt and wrapped it around the crankshaft as a part replacement — and the makeshift repair lasted a few years.

A few years after obtaining the first car, he sold it and bought the 1931 Victoria model for \$7,800 from a Northville owner.

Replacement parts are easier to come by than one might suspect.

"You can order a part and they ship it the next day UPS. It's real easy to fix," Laible said.

He's advertising the car in national Model A club publications. Those interested in buying it can call him at 453-3948.

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■ 'Perceptions are real that there's a nucleus in the city that gets what they want and others don't.'

Dave McDonald
—Candidate

general neglect you don't see in the upper part of the city," McDonald said.

McDonald said the commission has tended to be reactive to complaints of citizens that approach them at meetings, rather than anticipating needed action. He supports the total quality management initiative started by Commissioner Don Dismuke, which seeks to anticipate residents concerns.

"I think we ought to have some more strategic planning. Perceptions are real that there's a nucleus in the city that gets what they want and others don't," he said.

He favors the effort to get Plymouth Township to contribute to the city-run recreation program, adding recreation services should be maintained for families and youth. He said the commission should also be more vigilant about anticipating seniors' needs.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department union has proposed replacing current ambulance services provided by Huron Valley Ambulance with Advanced Life Support service provided by trained firefighters.

"You never want to put dollars on lives. I would support that, if it's managed properly, if we proceed with caution," he said.

McDonald also suggests that the commission should require annual performance evaluations of city employees

Plymouth City Commission ELECTION

Candidate profile

■ **DAVID A. MCDONALD**

■ **Eight-year resident.** Has lived in Plymouth-Canton area since 1978.

■ **Work history:** Director, JROTC Department and faculty member since September, 1993 at Redford Union High School. Prior employment with United States Army, officer, 29 years. Retired in June 1993.

■ **Education:** Bachelor of Laws, Master of Military Arts and Science.

■ **Political involvement:** Member, Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals, 1994-Present; Republican precinct delegate for Plymouth since 1994; member Michigan Supreme Court Foster Care Review Board for County of Wayne since 1996; member, Michigan Supreme Court Foster Care Review Advisory Board since 1997; former chair of the Macomb County Young Republicans; former member of the Macomb County Taxpayers Association.

■ **Community involvement:** Romulus Jaycees, administrative vice president, four years; Romulus Community Relations Commission, three years; volunteer probation officer, 35th District Court, three years; chair of board of education for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, three years; member, church council for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, three years; delegate, Lutheran High School Association, four years; member, Plymouth Post No. 6655, VFW.

■ **Family:** Linda, wife, two sons, Stephen, 14, Jason, 11, one daughter, Sheena, 22.

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Educating: The Starkweather staff includes (from left) Madeleine Deedler, Rosemary Morbitzer, Lois Moyer, Carol Saunders, director, and Irene Ras.

Starkweather from page A1

who are 20 years old by Sept. 1 of the current school year, and pupils, those students who are 16-19 years old.

Starkweather receives the \$5,986 state foundation grant for the FTE (full-time equivalency) of its 288 students who are 16-19 years old. However, the FTE is based on 1,041 hours a year, which equates to approximately 17.35 classes. Saunders said few of these students take that many classes due to family upheavals or work obligations. In essence, Starkweather's younger student populations translate into 80FTEs.

The district receives \$2,850 for a FTE adult, based on 450 hours a year, or approximately 7.5 classes. Again, the school's 240 adult population translates into 90FTEs.

"The money for adult learners is not what it was, and there's a shift of kids not going to PCEP but to Starkweather," said Sue Davis, board vice president. Davis emphasized that a solution to the "needs of certain population groups" must be found since there may be up to a five-year delay in building the new high school.

Other concerns

Within a context of possibly conjoining curriculum and class space, board members were concerned with student age variances and core curriculum skills. Starkweather teacher Irene

Roz said mixing younger students with adults produces positive results. "It works wonderfully. They pick up good habits."

"Do you want an 18-, 19- or 20-year-old student attending PCEP?" asked teacher Madeleine Deedler. "These are not losers. They're not dropouts. There would be no alternative if there was no Starkweather."

Davis asked if Starkweather's curriculum base met the needs of its students. "What will they go out in the world with? What about applied skills? Is it math versus balancing a checkbook? These people need the same amount of skills as other students. Some of the curriculum needs to parallel what's at the Park," she said.

"We have no P.E., no art, no jewelry making, no Zen," said Deedler. "We're down to the basics for graduation."

Saunders said Starkweather offers no physics or calculus courses, however, enrollment in the geometry class has tripled over the last few years. She also said Starkweather has never been involved in curriculum input or included in teacher inservices at the high schools.

Saunders also said class size at Starkweather is increasing. Currently it's 30-35 students. Also classroom use is at a premium. "If you put it all together, we're pretty crowded," she said.

Davis brought up potential problems with staff certification if services are conjoined. Saunders said the problem lies with salary differences. Her teachers are not contracted; they receive hourly rates.

Positives

Deedler said in addition to the close teacher-student involvement, Starkweather provides students with a college-like structure of two or three classes a day.

"It's great for the child who has difficulty maintaining focus," she said. "Students don't move back and forth between schools and there's less changing of classes."

Science teacher Rosemary Mowitz said Starkweather offers students stability. "You may have science with me for three years. We know the students intimately after a year."

Superintendent Chuck Little said that many students at Starkweather "know who Carol (Saunders) is." He added that "knowing the kids is a critical piece that we have lost at the Park."

Saunders said a plus to many Starkweather students is starting their school day at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. Davis said if students "can go to school at different hours, this allows us to be more creative in our use of facilities."

Solutions

Assistant Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell said resources and support services have to go into Starkweather. "There needs to be some fluid movement between Starkweather and the Park. I'm not looking at something that costs more. I'm looking at what we have."

Davis agreed. "If we are taking foundation dollars for these kids we need to put some back into their educational site." She also said the district's grant writer needs to explore special funding for "at-risk" students.

Finance director John Birchler said the district "hasn't fully looked" at adult education as a major source of cash. However, Little said the district "went after" adult learners last year. Students over 20 years old may attend any district.

Little also said the fee-paying students, or recreational learners, are a significant source of income for the adult education program.

Board president Mark Horvath cautioned that any decisions by the board would be "bounded by the dollar." Board members asked that a committee be formed with teacher and parent input and recommendations presented to them in time for part of the budget process in January.

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Panel debates school age, dress and discipline codes

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The House Education Committee is mired in the most elementary of school questions: Should kids have to wait until their fifth birthdays to start kindergarten?

Many suburban teachers and principals are supporting a bill by Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, that would gradually move forward the birth date to start school: Nov. 1 to start kindergarten in 1998, Oct. 1 in 1999; Sept. 1 in 2000.

"This will allow our young people to be more successful," Brackenridge told the panel Oct. 22, citing high failure rates in later years of kids who started too young.

The panel discussed the bill an hour but took no vote.

Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, was cool to the idea. "I look at my two grandchildren who are the brightest in the world," she smiled.

Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davidson, liked the idea, citing a tiny four-year-old who couldn't open the schoolhouse door.

"We are taking decision making away from the parent," said Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights.

"Some children are ready before the age of five," said Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton.

Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, wanted to see more kids in school. "In my district, most of the ready children have a home life that is counter-productive to education."

The Department of Education had no position on the bill. Renee Johnson, a consultant and former teacher in other states, said there is "no particular test we can give" to determine if a child is ready for kindergarten.

"There will always be the youngest," she said. The key isn't the starting age but the curriculum, Johnson added, and Michigan has no standard curriculum for kindergarten. That is up to the district.

One of her brightest kindergarten pupils to start in September had a Nov. 20 birthday, she said.

Steve Manchester, of the Michigan Association for the

Education of Younger Children, said the bill would solve nothing. "In Sweden they start formal education at seven. They say kids who start at six years and nine months aren't ready."

Life experience is more important than calendar age, Manchester went on. "Some children have been read to every day of their lives. Others have the vocabulary of one-third to one-half of those who have been read to."

Manchester agreed with the state that the kindergarten curriculum is more important than calendar age. The curriculum includes not only academics but social skills, self-reliance and problem solving.

Under Brackenridge's bill, a school board could grant children waivers to start school earlier than calendar age five. The idea was frowned on by Jim Rundborg, of DeWitt, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle Schools Association.

Waivers, he said, "put parents and teachers on the opposite side. It puts us at odds with the parents from the very first meeting. . . All parents think their children are gifted," Rundborg said.

Brackenridge produced excerpts from letters by parents and educators supporting the Sept. 1 birthdate for starting kindergarten. Among them:

Richard C. Davidson, Farmington Hills: "My daughters face the prospect of going to school with children up to 16 months older than them, literally a 25 percent difference in age. Although my four-year-old may be able to keep up with children 16 months her senior academically. . . she also needs to be able to keep up with these children physically, socially and emotionally."

Susan Wurtz, Lathrup Village: "As a pre-school teacher for 15 years, I have talked to many parents who regretted starting their children who had a fall birthday in kindergarten when he/she was four years old."

Susan Burnham, principal of Farley Hill Elementary, Pinckney: "Numerous studies have shown that children will

learn best and be more successful in school when given information that they are developmentally ready to learn. The gift of time for our younger students can be priceless."

Baiba Jensen, principal of Hawkins Elementary, Brighton: "As an elementary principal for 14 years, I have seen the expectations for children increase. Although there will always be a gap between the youngest and oldest child in the classroom, having the children more developmentally ready for school challenges should help us prepare our students for the 21st Century."

Twenty teachers at Village Elementary, Hartland, signed a form letter supporting the bill.

Refer to House Bills 4697 and 4698 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. The House Education Committee meets at noon Wednesdays in 424 of the Capitol Building.

Discipline bills

The House Education Committee has formed two bipartisan subcommittees to deal with emerging school issues.

One will deal with safe classrooms, a topic the Senate has made a priority this month. The Senate is working on bills to allow school dress codes (see item below) and require the expulsion of kids who assault teachers or other pupils. Its seven members include Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

The other will hold hearings on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests of fourth through eighth graders. Its seven members will include Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, and Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville.

Dress code

The state Senate Oct. 21 approved 28-6 a bill encouraging school districts to adopt dress codes.

All area senators voted yes except Alma Wheeler Smith, D-

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Cyber college

SC expands distance learning program

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College trustees took a step Wednesday toward expanding distance learning by approving a concept of the program, 6-0.

Distance learning allows students to earn a degree by using a computer with an Internet service provider and a Web browser without physically attending class at the campus. Students can study and learn at home or at work.

Schoolcraft and Madonna University already offer a on-line business degree program called OMNIBUS for Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business.

The board authorized Schoolcraft administrators to put

together a committee to examine other programs that could evolve into distance learning.

While the board unanimously approved the concept, trustees still have concerns about distance learning.

Trustee Dick DeVries wondered if there were security issues for students with distance learning. Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction, said security issues on OMNIBUS were taken care of "long ago to prevent students from wandering away" from that program and ensure that people who get a grade or degree are the people who started the program.

Jeffress said the board's endorsement allows the college to further pursue distance


learning activity. OMNIBUS is the only distance learning program, which "does not mean in the future we won't want to consider other programs," Jeffress said. "It's a viable way to offer programs and degrees to students."

Trustee Carol Strom asked if the college was seeking accreditation for distance learning. "It's more like (accreditation) than not," Jeffress said.

North Central Accreditation officials were expected to visit the campus in early December. With the board action, administrators have a recommendation to give NCA officials.

Board chairperson Patricia Watson asked if Madonna

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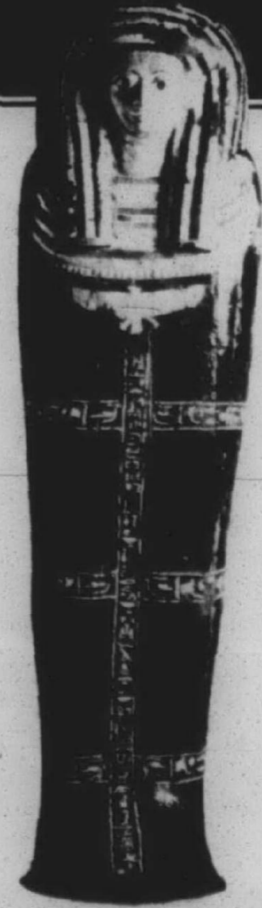
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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

STEPHEN KEARNEY

Stephen Kearney, 13, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Trailwood subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since December, 1995.

The West Middle School, eighth grader's favorite subjects are science, computers, and band. His hobbies are bowling, swimming, boy scouts, and studying the weather. He was Student of the Month, has received bowling awards, and also has been patrol leader for the Boy Scouts.

Stephen wants to go to college and become a meteorologist.

Getting a chance to meet other people in the neighborhood is what he likes most about his route.

Dealing with the public is a skill Stephen has developed by being an Observer carrier.

He also feels that learning responsibility if you want to be a Plymouth Observer carrier, please call 591-0500.



Stephen Kearney's ability could be a benefit to other young people by being an Observer carrier. Stephen is the son of Francis and Theresa Kearney. He has one brother, Patrick, 18 and a sister Maureen, 16.

Named

Michael Serdiuk was named AIA-Vice President of Technology Systems for Nordstrom Samson Associates (NSA).

Serdiuk heads activities relating to computer applications and the implementation of technology in architecture. His goal is to keep NSA "on the leading edge of

technology to better serve existing and future clients."

NSA, founded in 1960, is a 35-person architectural and engineering firm in Dearborn. It provides services to a broad range of clients in both the public and private sectors.

Michael Serdiuk joined NSA in 1987 and has been both project architect and project manager on renovations, improvements and additions to automotive technical centers and laboratories, as well as corporate headquarters and manufacturing facilities.

He holds a bachelor of science in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. Serdiuk is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects.

Serdiuk, his wife, Alexandra, and their daughter, Natalie, reside in Plymouth.

Recently competed

Mary L. Wagner, Schoolcraft College student and Plymouth resident, recently competed at the statewide Conference for Student Scholars at Michigan's Two-Year Colleges in Kalamazoo. Wagner won her division, a \$100 prize, and publication of her paper, "Can Wolf-Hybrids Be Ideal Pets?" in the Student Scholars' Journal.

The conference was sponsored by

PLYMOUTH Faces

the Liberal Arts Network for Development, a number of community colleges including Schoolcraft and the Michigan Department of

Education.

Elected chairman

Ford Division's National Dealer Council announced the election of former Plymouth resident Barry Merrill, president of Wadsworth Ford in Wadsworth, Ohio, as chairman.

The Ford National Dealer Council, consisting of 31 elected dealer representatives from across the United States, is a forum for open dialogue between Ford Division management and dealers.

Merrill is a member of the board of directors for both the Akron chapter of the American Heart Association and Cleveland Auto Dealers Association. He previously won the 1994 Distinguished Achievement Award for Quality, 1995 Customer Excellence Award and the 1996 National Automotive Service Excellence Award.

Elected fellow

Plymouth resident Robert M. Vercruyse was recently elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers at the American Bar Association annual meeting held in early August in San Francisco.

This prestigious honor is bestowed upon select attorneys in the field of labor and employment law. Candidates are nominated by current Fellows and evaluated by their peers.

Vercruyse is with the Bingham Farms law firm of Vercruyse Metz & Murray, a firm which specializes in labor and employment law, education law, ERISA and class litigation, and general litigation representing private corporations, multi-employer associations and public employers.

Vercruyse and his wife, Cynthia Kabza Vercruyse, have lived in Plymouth for the past 14 years.



On display: DuMouchelle partner Melinda Adducci shows items such as silver cigarette case, diamond bracelet that spells Maria, Nat King Cole's wife's name.

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1920 silver leather cigarette case made in Berlin, Germany. "Cole found this in a London antique shop. I love it," he said. He added that the embossed "W" with a crown in the case's corner has not been authenticated, but it possibly stands for the House of Windsor.

There's also a carved, brown jade pendant with a gold and pearl necklace; a small 1761 ladies "Battersea" English hinged box; pocket knives and watches; silver and turquoise belt buckles; and a 4.25 ct. diamond bracelet that spells out the name Maria.

"This is just the beginning of a series of items sold by Maria Cole," said DuMouchelle.

Including the Cole collection, 520 items from estates in Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor and Toledo will be auctioned. "Many of these items have no reserves, which means they're from estates and they must be sold. Somebody could pick something up for \$50 if the bidding doesn't go crazy," said Adducci. A preview of all items will take place on Sat., Nov. 1 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs., Nov. 6 from 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.; and Fri., Nov. 7 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 199 No. Main, Suite 204, Plymouth.

Student wins in science test

Representatives from eleven area schools competed in the sixth annual Scholastic Olympics held at Father Gabriel Richard High School on Oct. 10.

Scholastic Olympics is an event designed to stimulate, encourage and recognize the academic achievement of eighth grade students from Catholic, Christian and private elementary schools in the Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. Participation is open to all eighth grade students attending these schools,

not only those considering Catholic High School education. One hundred ninety students participated.

Plymouth resident, Elizabeth Vink of Our Lady of Good Counsel won first place in the science division. The testing format included both written and oral formats. First- and second-place medals were awarded in eight categories.

For more information, call Jan DeVriendt at Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor at (313) 662-0496.

OBITUARIES

GOLDIE (FAY) LIVERGOOD

Mrs. Livergood, 53, of Canton died Oct. 19.

Born on Nov. 3, 1943, Mrs. Livergood was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Ronald Jack; two sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include her son, Ronald Eugene; her daughter, Chola Kirkland; one sister, Patsy Bentley; one brother, Richard Bentley; and one grandson, James Alan Kirkland.

Services were held at the UHT Funeral Home with the Rev. Mose Bentley officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

KENNETH D. RICHARDS

Mr. Richards, 70, of Canton died Sunday, Oct. 19.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Richards was an industrial salesman. He retired in 1988 after 35 years of work in Michigan. During World War II, he enlisted at age 17 in the United States Navy, serving

in the Asiatic Pacific. He was a life member and past chairman of American Welding Society, member of Ira A. Beck Lodge, F. & A.M., Battle Creek, and member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780.

Survivors include his wife, Esther of Canton; one daughter, Terri (Don) Keski-Hynnilla of Canton; one sister, Pat (Jerry) Phillips of Berkley; one brother, David (Donna) Richards of Cleveland, Ohio; three grandchildren, Liisa, Leina, and Krista Keski-Hynnilla; one aunt Doris (Tom) Jeffries of Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends throughout the community.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home (Canton Chapel) with the Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

LAWRENCE W. SHANNON

Mr. Shannon, 83, of Kinderhook, Mich., formerly of Canton, died Oct. 20.

Born on April 11, 1914, Mr. Shannon was a supervisor for a vending machine company.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Clarence Shannon and Robert Shannon.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Shannon of Coldwater, Mich.; two sons, Richard (Wendy) Shannon, David (Char-

lene) Shannon; and three grandsons, Andrew, Christopher and Jonathon.

Services were held at the UHT Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Wheeler officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Coldwater First Baptist Church Building Fund.

RALPH L. SHAW

Mr. Shaw, 67, of Plymouth died Oct. 20.

Born on Nov. 26, 1929 in Detroit, Mr. Shaw was employed by United Airlines as an airline mechanic. He served in the U.S. Navy. He also served in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elwood Shaw and his mother, Marie Shaw.

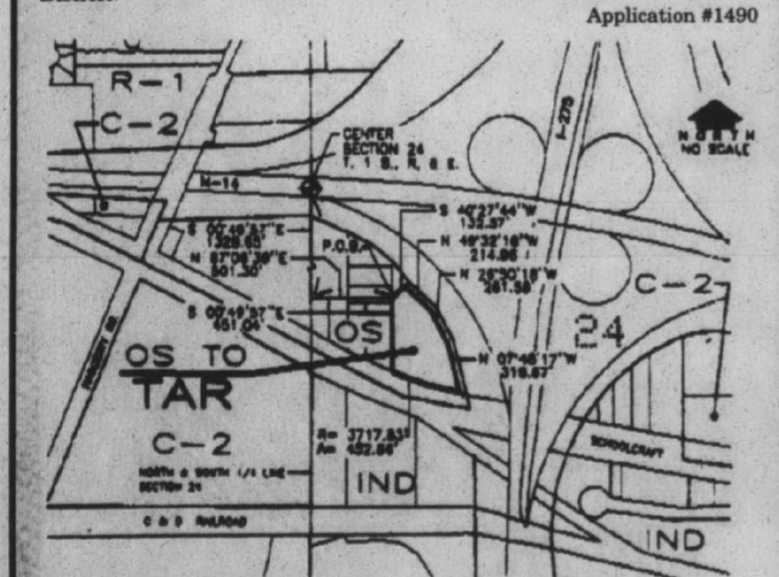
Survivors include his two daughters, Cyndi (Russ) L. Barnett of Plymouth, Vivian (Clayton) L. Metcalf of Taylor, and one son, Mark A. Shaw of Lincoln Park.

Services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley 48072-0129.

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: OS, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT TO REZONE TO: TAR, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1997 PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from OS, Office Service District, to TAR, Technology & Research District.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tax ID Number 78-024-99-0019-000 PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING NORTH 87 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 501.30 FEET AND SOUTH 5 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 1328.65 FEET FROM THE CENTER 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 24, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 451.04 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS 3717.63 FEET AND 452.85 FEET THENCE NORTH 7 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 316.67 FEET NORTH 26 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 261.58 FEET, THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 214.96 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 132.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 100 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 52350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-3840, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

CAROL DAVIS, Secretary Planning Commission

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WSDP will air live broadcast of game

WSDP will air a live broadcast of the Compuware Ambassadors vs. Cleveland Barons. The pregame broadcast starts at 6:15 p.m. and the game will start at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The Ambassadors play in the North American Hockey League. Last year they came to Plymouth to play in the newly built Compuware arena.

Compuware is the newest and largest arena in the NAHL. The Ambassadors won the NAHL Championship in 1985 and again in 1994.

The play by play of the game will be brought to you by Nick Gismondi (Salem Sophomore), along with a color commentary from C0-Sports Director Denny

Kapp (Catholic Central Senior). This is Gismondi's second year at the station. He has been playing hockey for 8 years and coached for 3.

Kapp has been with WSDP for 3 years and has broadcast experience with basketball, football, baseball, and softball.

Gismondi says "This is the first time the station has covered a hockey game and this is a very exciting opportunity for sports programming at the station."

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1967 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, 1997, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (97-2) - Consider request from Stuart Frankel, Centre Village L.L.C., 3221 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 106, Troy, Michigan 48064 to amend Article 26, Schedule of Regulations, Section 26.03, Requirements for Commercial and Office Districts, by adding Footnote (d) to allow a zero (0) foot side setback for buildings which are a part of a planned shopping center and share parking and driveway areas. (2) Amend Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, by adding Section 6.07, Site Development Standards for the Downtown Development District. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman Publish: October 26 and November 6, 1997

Decked out for Halloween

Area residents revel in 'spirit' of season

By TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Halloween, All Hallow's Eve, Samhain once marked the end of grazing, when herds were rounded up for slaughter. For farmers, it's the time when anything not made use of in the fields loses its life and is allowed to rot. Halloween is the original New Year, when the veil between the mortal world and the spiritual world comes together.

However, most of all, Halloween has become one of the biggest celebrations in the United States, not far behind Christmas in dollars spent on costumes and decorations.

"It's like Christmas around here," said Sue Adams, manager of the Halloween USA store at Five Mile and Merriman roads in Livonia. "Every day is packed as people are spending a lot of money on decorations, especially for the outside. A lot of scary things, bloody, as people try to outdo their neighbors."

"Adams says Halloween "has seen an immense increase in business the past couple of years, a resurgence in popularity for both children and adults."

The key word there just might be adults, because it's the older generation that is putting up decorations outside ... just like Christmas time.

Baby boomers

"I think it's the baby boomers reflecting back on their youth, trying to recapture something that's a good memory," said Andrew Zazula, 37, of Plymouth. "I enjoy it now, more than I did as a kid. It's a fun holiday, and now that I have kids, it's even more rewarding."

Zazula said he has more Halloween decorations than Christmas adornments. And, every year his Halloween display just seems to get bigger as he adds more to it.

"Actually, I put very little money into it," admitted Zazula. "I've made a lot of it myself, to go along with a little imagination."

The first noticeable object is a skeleton hanging from the front tree. Trick-or-treaters will walk down a sidewalk lined with lighted pumpkins, and be greeted by a ghost and skeleton at the door. A wicked witch protects the home from above.

The Zazula home is one to see, located at 1365 W. Ann Arbor Trail, just west of downtown Plymouth.

"We really enjoy the Halloween season," said Dennis Nagy, who has his Livonia home on 11035 Berwick decked out in a theme. "We've decorated each of the six years we've lived here."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Special effects: Dennis and Karen Nagy of 11035 Berwick, Livonia, have been decorating their house for Halloween since they moved to Livonia six years ago. This year's display is "Haunted Theater," a ghoulish look at a Hollywood premiere of a movie.

It's both a sense of accomplishment and a hobby."

Nagy said he and his wife, Karen, try to stay away from being scary. This year's display is entitled "Haunted Theater," a ghoulish look at a Hollywood premiere of a movie.

There's a red carpet and runway lights for the stars, with roping to keep the public back as they walk in. There's a ghost selling tickets to the event, with other ghostly autograph seekers

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FIREFIGHTER TOM'S DINNER IN A PUMPKIN

SERVES 6 ADULTS

For a festive meal this pre-Halloween week, Livonia Firefighter Tom Kiurski offers this fun to make dinner in a pumpkin. The original recipe was tested by Jeanne Sarna for the Free Press Tower Kitchen. Modifications were made by Kiurski.

thoroughly clean out seeds and pulp. Paint a face on each side of the pumpkin with a permanent marking pen or acrylic paint. When the pumpkin is sitting on your table at dinner everyone will have a pumpkin face to look at!

- 1 small to medium pumpkin (7-9-inches in diameter. It has to fit inside your oven)
- 1 onion, peeled, ends removed, chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2-4 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 4-ounce can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 10 3/4 ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 1 8-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet, saute onion in oil until tender. Add meat and brown then drain drippings. Add soy sauce, brown sugar, mushrooms and soup. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add cooked rice and water chestnuts. Spoon mixture into the clean pumpkin shell. Replaced pumpkin top and place entire pumpkin, with filling, on a baking sheet.

Bake 1 hour or until inside meat of the pumpkin is tender.

Remove pumpkin from oven and place on a plate. Remove pumpkin lid and serve meat-rice mixture. For your vegetable, scoop out cooked pumpkin and serve.

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awaiting anxiously nearby. And what would a movie premiere be without a table with champagne and caviar?

Nagy has used an old wrought iron fence and chandelier as decorations, and will use dry ice in a kettle for a smoky effect come Halloween night.

The couple has boarded up their front picture window and dangled one of the home's shutters for a spooky effect.

"We've been doing this type of thing long before we had our daughter (4-year-old) Emily," said Nagy.

Costume time

While the adults are putting up the decorations, they are also buying an increasing number of costumes. Parties for Halloween, for both adults and children, are on the rise.

"A lot of adults are having parties, which shows in the increasing number of costumes and decorations sold," said Adams. "And, since Halloween is on a Friday this year, there will be parties this weekend and next."

"Women, this year, are dressing up in anything sexy, even sexy witches," said Adams. "Men are more accessory-minded. Give them a hat and mustache and they're happy."

Adams said as we get closer to Halloween, rental costumes for about \$40 will be popular as party-goers will need something in a hurry.

The adults are passing down their excitement with Halloween to their children as trick-or-treating has become more popular in recent years.

"We see more and more kids in our neighborhood every year,"

said Debbie Cordisco of Livonia. "Last year, we had 120 bags of chips and ran out in 45 minutes."

Cordisco and her daughter, Angela, 10, were shopping for a costume.

"She has two parties this week, and another next week at school," said Cordisco.

"I like the scary stuff better than the happy stuff," said Angela.

Adams said popular kids' costumes you'll see plenty of this Halloween are masks from the movie "Scream" and M&M characters.

Witches busy

Halloween, of course, is about the supernatural.

Veronica Kuclo-Raub has a Halloween shop in Garden City, one she describes as New Age. While it has some costumes, she also carries cult supplies, jewelry, and books on witchcraft and dreams.

Kuclo-Raub is a witch, daughter of the late Gundella the Witch (Marion Kuclo) of Garden City.

"Halloween is definitely a big time of year," said Kuclo-Raub from her store, Gundella's on Middlebelt. "It brings witches out of the woodwork. They're around, and they need a place to shop."

Kuclo-Raub says this is her favorite time of year ... with ghosts, goblins and happy haunting, which she describes as getting treats.

"Witches have gotten a bad rap over many hundreds of years," said Kuclo-Raub. "However, this time of year, we know it's all in fun."



Decorations: Homes throughout western Wayne County are decked out in Halloween themes. This house (above) at the corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth features "Ghosts in the Classroom." Pumpkins, lights and other items add to the display. In Glengarry Village Subdivision on Canton Center Road in Canton Township, a home features a lighted display of pumpkins and witches.

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Panel

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Salem, who voted no; and Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and John Cherry, D-Clio, who had excused absences.

"A tinkling symbol," said Smith. "We didn't mandate school uniforms because if we had, we would have had to pay."

That's an extreme cost for school districts."

The bill was sent to the House. Refer to SB 190 when writing to your state representative.

No federal tests

National testing won't help schools improve, says the Michigan Association of School Boards. A poll of school officials found 62.5 percent opposed a plan by President Clinton to test fourth and eighth graders in reading and math in 1999.

MASB also found school people oppose bills mandating expulsion of students who misbehave (most want more options) and oppose a mandated post-Labor Day starting of classes.

2 calendar bills

Both the House and Senate have bills on their calendar mandating that classes not start prior to Labor Day.

The Senate Education Committee gave 3-2 approval to its bill.

A week earlier, the House Transportation and Tourism Committee reported out a similar bill. Many lawmakers, however, say the bill doesn't have enough support to pass.

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would go through the same process, and was told that that board would.

Trustee John Walsh asked what age group distance learning was geared toward. The average age is about 35, Jeffress said.

Walsh said he supported the concept and would vote for it, but was concerned about the loss of socialization of the students. "Socialization is an important skill for learning," Walsh said.

A class under the OMNIBUS program has had 14,000 contacts made by 30 students, Jeffress said.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell told trustees one Schoolcraft student went with her husband to France for two weeks, and wondered how she could keep up with assignments.

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SPECIALTY FOODS



KEELY WYGONIK

Organic, gluten-free products fill niche

Most of us eat merrily along, swallowing whatever we choose, until the doctor says — your cholesterol is too high, you've got to lose weight or you're allergic to gluten.

Finding organic, low-fat, no-fat and gluten-free products can be a chore, but Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi, is trying to fill this ever-growing niche.

"Our Natural Foods section is steadily increasing as people realize we have it," said Tom Brynn, Vic's grocery manager. Vic's carries organic milk, yogurt, pasta and a variety of canned products, such as Shari's Bistro Organic Soup, which is made in Dexter, Mich.

"The frozen food section is a big draw," said Brynn. "People are looking for convenience."

An ever-growing number of specialty products is making it easier to eat well. Vic's even stocks fat-free brownie mixes.

Gluten-Free Pantry

Trying to reduce the amount of fat in your diet can be a chore, but it's even harder to give up bagels, breads and other baked goods.

"There's nothing worse than the sense of deprivation when you long for those bagels or breads you once loved and know you'll never be able to eat them again without getting sick," said Beth Hillson, founder of the Gluten-Free Pantry.

Hillson, a food writer and cooking teacher, is one of three million Americans who suffer from celiac disease and allergies to wheat and other grains.

Celiac disease, the inability to digest wheat, rye, oats, or barley, affects more than 750,000 people in the United States. Wheat allergies are only second to milk allergies in frequency.

In 1993 Hillson started The Gluten-Free Pantry, a mail order business that specializes in baking mixes containing no wheat, rye, oats or barley. Today, her 15 gourmet gluten-free baking mixes including bagels, breads, French bread/pizza, brownies and muffins, are sold by mail-order catalog, web site, and in natural food stores and supermarkets. She also offers gluten-free pasta, nearly instant soups, condiments, cereals, and ready-to-eat pretzels, crackers and cookies, vitamins, and ingredients such as white rice flour and potato starch for baking from scratch.

Some of Hillson's customers suffer from other food allergies and require products that are also lactose and corn-free. She also addresses egg allergies by offering egg substitutes. Her mixes carry the "KVH Dairy" Kosher certification.

For more information call (860) 633-3826 or visit the web site, <http://www.glutenfree.com>

Locally, the Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support group holds monthly meetings at Southfield Presbyterian Church for persons who have been diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis, their families, spouses and friends. Meetings include recipes, ideas for children and information from professionals. Call M. Campbell (248) 477-5953 or E. Lobbestagl (313) 522-8522.

Enter your favorite recipes in the Second Gluten-Free Pantry Baking Contest — Main course, snacks and appetizers, yeast and quick breads, desserts, or low-fat recipes. The winner in each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the Gluten-Free Pantry.

Entries must be typed and include your name, address, phone number, and category, and must use a Gluten-Free Pantry baking mix.

Send entries by Dec. 31, 1997 to: The Gluten-Free Pantry, Inc. P.O. Box 840, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

Send information about Specialty Food products to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Look for her Specialty Foods column on the fourth Sunday of the month in Taste. Next month, Chef Zachary's spice blends.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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FAYGO BEVERAGES INC.

Grand Prize Winner: Eleanor Froehlich of Rochester created this Chicken, Pear and Walnut Salad with Faygo Ginger Ale Dressing.

BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

For cooking, drinking or cleaning up, Faygo is metro Detroit's favorite elixir.

To celebrate its 90th anniversary, Faygo Beverages hosted a recipe contest, and created a recipe book with more than 90 mouth-watering recipes.

Eleanor Froehlich of Rochester was the grand prize winner, and received \$1,000; and a year's supply of Faygo pop. Her recipe — Chicken, pear and walnut salad with Faygo Ginger Ale Dressing is a mouth-watering combination of flavors and textures.

"I'm always surprised when I win," said Froehlich who has entered, and won many cooking contests since she retired from Groves High School in Birmingham where she taught English. "I knew the combination was very tasty."

She's been cooking since she was a youngster and started out with very simple recipes, progressing to more complicated ones. "I would try to produce something nice that looked like the picture in the cookbook or magazine," she said.

Although she cooks rather simply for herself, Froehlich enjoys cooking for friends, and goes to a lot of potlucks.

The next time you're making pancakes, try using club soda instead of water. "It makes them very light," she said. "Club soda also makes tempura batter light. Try ginger ale in place of the water in muffin recipes."

Richard Rizzio of Troy who placed first in the dessert category with Grandma's Cannoli Cake, has crossed paths with Froehlich in Frankenmuth at

Cooks pop Faygo into dishes for flavor

the Bavarian Inn where they competed in a cooking contest.

"It was a fun day," said Rizzio who is following in the footsteps of his parents Richard and Marie who also enjoy entering cooking contests. His mother was chosen to compete in the Pillsbury Cook-off twice.

Rizzio's wife Joanie is lucky, Richard does all the cooking at home. "I love to eat," he said. "She cleans up."

Most of his recipes are from his mother. "The original cake recipe called for rum syrup, I substituted Faygo Creme Soda. The flavor runs through

the cake, it was surprising, the creme soda works, it was just unbelievable."

Like Froehlich, Rizzio started with simple recipes that required very few ingredients. "A lot of people are worried about making mistakes," he said. Growing up in Marquette, he ate a lot of his mother's mistakes, and thought everyone cooked the way she did. "My mother was always experimenting," he said.

He chose to enter the dessert competition because he loves sweets. "There's a satisfaction of making something and seeing people enjoy it," he said.

Brooke Gerber of Farmington shared her unusual use for Faygo Redpop — food coloring for plaster. Gerber's an artist, and usually uses food coloring to color her plaster. One day she ran out and had her plaster mixed and ready to go. It was drying fast, and she had no time to run to the store, so Gerber took what was left in a bottle of Redpop and stirred it into the plaster.

Her emergency substitution worked — the color was a rose pink.

David Dennis of Brighton says Faygo Club Soda will take tomato juice stains out of carpeting. He adds a 20 ounce bottle of Faygo Diet Cola with his detergent to clean a load of greasy, dark-colored, work clothes.

You can even take a bath in Faygo. Nancy Maniaci of Royal Oak shared this recipe for "Faygo Soothing Bath Crystals — 3 cups Epsom salts, 1/2 cup of your favorite Faygo flavor, 1/4 cup baby oil. Mix all the ingredients and enjoy your bath."

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Setting the stage: Polly Paterek (left) and her daughter Rebecca Lula-Sykes show how natural items such as fruits and leaves can enhance your table, setting the mood for a relaxing dinner.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Chefs set stage for Gourmet Gala

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Many people consider Crittenton Hospital's Gourmet Gala on Nov. 2 the start of the holiday season. The festive event features fine food, entertainment, and all for a good cause. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an EKG Management System for the hospital's Special Diagnostics department.

Polly Paterek of Pampered by Polly Custom Catering in Rochester Hills, and Executive Chef Don Bauman of Scallops Gill & Grill in Rochester are among the 37 chefs, restaurateurs and vintners who will be offering tastes of their specialty dishes.

"It's a good chance for people to see restaurants in the area," said Bauman. "They come from all over. You get to see the restaurants at their best. We'll be cooking right there. People like to see how chefs cook and ask questions. The aroma draws them to our table."

Paterek, Bauman and other participating chefs are also competing for the Creative Presentation Award — an award for table and food presentation.

"Last year was the first year we offered the award," said Pamela Mitzelfeld who is co-chairing the event with Kathie Shellen-

Gourmet Gala
 ■ When: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.
 ■ Where: Presented by Crittenton Hospital at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.
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barger. "Over the years the restaurants have gotten very creative with their table displays, they were putting in so much effort."

To recognize their work, Mitzelfeld who serves on the board of directors for the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, and her committee, came up with idea of a Creative Presentation Award, an original work created by a local artist. Merchant of Vino

took home the prize last year. Bob Diebboll, an award-winning artist who specializes in salt-glazed pottery, created this year's award to be presented at the event at 5:30 p.m.

"Your table setting stages the event," said Paterek who worked as a nurse before starting her catering business in 1983. "It helps create the ambiance."

Most of us are thinking about Thanksgiving, and busy planning our menus. "Make your table setting very easy," said Paterek. "Use lots of natural items — leaves, fresh grapes, apples, flowers and greens from your garden, dried wood, little pumpkins, it all goes."

Different elevations, and fabric can add an interesting dimension to your buffet or

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Look for 'Jack' at area pumpkin patches

Halloween is Friday, and if you haven't already picked out the perfect pumpkin, here are some places to explore.

Pumpkin Patches

Always call ahead to check availability of fruit.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture publishes a directory of most of Michigan's farm markets. Titled "1996-97 Farm Market and U-pick Directory." To get your copy, call (517) 373-1058 or send your request to the department, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

Here are some nearby pumpkin patches to visit.

Macomb County

■ Blake's Big Apple Orchard, (810) 784-9710 - One mile south of downtown Armada at North Ave. and 33 Mile Road. Open 8

a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cider, u-pick apples and pumpkins, animal farm, haunted barn. Pony rides on weekends.

■ Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill, (810) 784-5343 - Run by same family as Blake's Big Apple Orchard, 17985 Armada Center Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cider, u-pick apples and pumpkins, animal petting farm, and haunted barn.

Oakland County

■ Drivers Berry Farm, 9191 Silverside Dr. (between Doane Road and Silver Lake Road), just west of South Lyon. Open daylight to dark, (248) 437-8461 - U-pick and picked pumpkins, u-pick fall raspberries, corn stalks, strawberries, Indian corn, gourds.

■ Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill, (248) 437-4701 - Between

Milford and South Lyon, 61475 Silver Lake Road. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting. Cider, u-pick apples, pumpkins and fall raspberries.

Spooky barn for children open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Barn of Horrors open Oct. 17-19, Oct. 23-26, and Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. Hours are 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays, 8-10 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Reservations accepted, but not required, call (248) 437-0150 for information.

■ Long Family Orchard & Farm, (248) 360-3774 - On Commerce Road (west of Bogie Lake Road) Commerce Township. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday - Cider, u-pick apples, picked pumpkins. Free hayrides on

weekends.
Wayne County

■ Bording Farms, 1,000 feet east of Ridge Road on Ford Road, (south side, Canton Township) - pumpkins from 50 cents to \$150, gourds, Indian corn, corn stalks, straws. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford Road (southwest corner at Beck), Canton, (313) 981-2866, open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Picked pumpkins, corn stalks, and other seasonal decorations. U-pick pumpkins 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the farm on Ford Road at Ridge Road. Halloween Hay Rides and Bonfire Parties, for groups, minimum 15 people. Call for information.

■ Pearson's Pumpkin Patch, (313) 453-0489 - 6255 Napier Road (southwest corner of Napier and N. Territorial) Plymouth. U-pick pumpkins, corn stalks and hay. Open 10 a.m. to dusk Wednesday to Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday.

■ Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, (313) 455-2290 - 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth. Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; u-pick 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October. Cider, u-pick apples, u-pick and picked pumpkins, country store.

Washtenaw County

■ Obstbaum Orchard & Cider Mill, (248) 349-5569 - 9252 Currie, Northville (four miles west of Beck Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads). Open 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Cider, u-pick apples, cider, pumpkins.

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If your pumpkin patch is not listed, fax information to: Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, (313) 591-7279, or send to her attention at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Gourmet pork with savory sauce sure to please

See related story on Taste front.

Recipe compliments of Polly Paterek of Pampered by Polly Custom Catering.

PORK LOIN TIKO TIKO

4 pieces well trimmed pork tenderloin - 8 ounces each, at room temperature
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 pound bacon at room temperature

Wrap bacon around pork, overlapping strips, covering completely and securing with toothpicks. Broil 8-10 minutes per side, doing only 2 sides.

Sauce:

2 cups chopped onion
6 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup finely chopped mushrooms
4 tablespoons cornstarch
1 3/4 to 2 cups chicken broth
1 cup sliced mushrooms
3 1/2 to 4 tablespoons lemon juice
6 tablespoons white wine, can be reduced to 3 tablespoons
1 dash Maggi (seasoning mix)
3-4 dashes cayenne pepper

Salt to taste

Saute onion, add chopped mushrooms.

Sprinkle with cornstarch and stir until blended. Simmer for a few minutes over low heat, stirring constantly.

Add chicken broth and sliced mushrooms. Cook over low heat until thickened. Add lemon juice, wine, Maggi, cayenne pepper, and salt. Simmer 2 minutes, sauce will be thick, if necessary add more broth. Serve tenderloin sliced, with sauce. Serve with curried rice and apricots. Serves 4.

CURRIED RICE AND APRICOTS

1 cup long grain rice
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 tablespoon Maggi
1/4 cup sliced almonds
2 tablespoons minced onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 cups water
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup dried apricots - chopped

Bring water to a boil, add rice and other ingredients. Simmer for 20 minutes. Do not lift cover until done. Add more curry powder to taste. Yield 4 cups.

Smothered chicken never goes out of style

AP - Smothered chicken is an old-fashioned dish that commonly appeared in early cookbooks. It is satisfying, filling and full of flavor, and is delicious served over rice. The following recipe for Smothered Chicken with Mushrooms and Onions contains 10 grams of fat and 292 calories per serving. The recipe is from the "Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library: Healthy Cooking" by John Phillip Carroll (Time-Life Books, \$18.95).

SMOTHERED CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS AND ONIONS

1 large carrot
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
3/4 pound fresh mushrooms, brushed clean and thinly sliced
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, 4 to 5 ounces each
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus salt to taste

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus pepper to taste
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon or 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon

Peel the carrot, quarter it lengthwise and then cut crosswise into pieces 1/2-inch thick. Set aside with the onion and mushrooms.

Coat a large nonstick frying pan with nonstick cooking spray and place over medium-high heat. When hot but not smoking, add the chicken breast halves and sprinkle with the 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook, turning once, until browned, about 2 minutes on each side. Transfer the chicken to a plate and set aside.

Return the pan to medium-high

heat and add the oil. When hot but not smoking, add the carrot, onion and mushrooms and cook briskly, stirring frequently, until the vegetables have softened and are lightly browned, about 7 minutes. Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring constantly, until fully blended, about 2 minutes longer.

Add the broth and tarragon and bring to a boil, stirring frequently until slightly thickened. Return the chicken breasts to the pan, pushing them down into the liquid. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer until the chicken breasts are opaque throughout when cut into with a knife and the

vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 292 calories, 10 grams total fat, 2 grams saturated fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 419 mg sodium, 3 grams dietary fiber.

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

- What we found:**
- A place that buys gently-used bridesmaid gowns is I Do, Two in Plymouth.
 - Angel Face powered foundation by Pond's was spotted at the F&M in Ferndale.
 - An electric cord for a Faberware revolving rotisserie is available from Faberware through the shop McNichols in Detroit, call (313) 342-6070.
 - Someone offered their Ernest the Bear for sale.
 - Some pewter plates were found from Hallmark for Pam.
 - A Livonia Public schools employee suggested the senior citizens group looking for a "postcard printer," use the mimeograph machine at their local school offices.
 - A toaster oven cover was seen at Bed, Bath and Beyond stores.
 - A reader spotted train decals at the Blissfield General Store in Blissfield, Mich.

- Still searching for:**
- Narrow men's neckties for Joe of Livonia. "I'm also looking for the old board game "Call My Bluff," he said.
 - A small, black Singer sewing machine in a black case or a portable white Singer machine in an aqua and white case for Clare of Livonia.
 - A watercolor instruction book by John Blockley.
 - The old Picture Picture game for Brenda of Canton.
 - Luncheon plates, cups and saucers in the Daisy pattern offered by the Spiegel catalog in spring/summer of 1996.
 - A yellow, Answer Finder, to use with the Scribbles Learn With Me Club by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton.
 - An original cast recording starring Albert Finney in A Christmas Carol for Bill Jacobs.
 - A place to buy a Star Trek communicator for Sunny.
 - A 1941 copy of Jolly Jingle Picture Book by Rand McNally for Sharon Gage.
 - Dial stick deodorant for a husband and wife who can't find it anymore.
 - Revlon eyebrow pencil refills in blond or light brown for Cheryl Fisher.
 - A metal ring for under a wok to place on the stove for Susan of Redford.
 - A source for wedding bands from Keepsake Jewelers for Mary of Plymouth whose husband lost his wedding ring on a golf outing.
 - The Together cassette by The Hemphills for Wilma of Detroit.
 - Who sells the Precious Moments statue of a girl in a coat carrying a stack of presents for Cindy of Canton.
 - A basket for the crystal Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.
 - Knee-hi cream soda pop for Darryl.
 - Sega Genesis Shining Force One game for Norma.
 - A copy of the book about an angel The Shiniest Star.
 - A magnifying glass with triple strength/magnifying power for Julie Campbell.
 - Bugle Boy elastic waist pants and elastic ankles with Velcro closures in child's size Large for Jo.
 - A child's "old-fashioned" wooden playpen for Raye Frankenfield.
 - Old game, Snoopy's Dog House, for Betsy.
 - Two items for Carol Stoeffler: men's rubber, duck shoes and Windex glass and surface cleaner, clear liquid, for multi-surface cleaning.
 - A 1990 Santabear for Cathy.
 - Donna Karan's Toner body stocking in nude or black, plus a book about a black, Scottie dog, Pieface for Dottie of Plymouth.

Halloween trees grow tall



PHOTO BY JOHN STROMZAND

Seasons greetings: This year, several high-styled gift shops presented decorated Halloween trees to tempt shoppers' imaginations - and pocket-books. This one, at Plain and Fancy, in downtown Rochester, features Christopher Radko's blown glass witch, black and orange berry garland, orange and green lights, ceramic goblins and black branches.

Jeepers!

Wonderland opens family playground

Wonderland Mall announces the grand opening of Jeepers! a fun place to eat and play for families with children ages 2-12. The 25,000-square foot "playground" opens Friday, Oct. 31 with these attractions:

- Indoor amusement park rides, including a Himalaya ride, swing ride with hanging seats, train ride and bumper cars
- A Softplay modular, indoor playground
- Dozens of skill games like Skee Ball and Hoop Shots
- The Tiny Rhino Diner serving appetizers, pizza, burgers sandwiches, salads and pasta
- Strolling costumed characters who'll pose for photos with guests
- Birthday party capabilities

"We are extremely pleased to be bringing this new concept in family entertainment to Michigan," said Nabil El-Hage, CEO of Jeepers! Inc. "There truly is nothing else quite like the experience."

Visitors have described Jeepers! as having elements of Chuck E. Cheese, Disney World and Discovery Zone. The concept was originally launched in Michigan in August at the Macomb Mall in Roseville, another Schostak property.

"Jeepers! is the cornerstone of our multi-million redevelopment plans geared towards families and children," said Mike Buescher, marketing director at Schostak Brothers and Co. "We are looking forward to sharing the experience with our west-side customers."

Retailers eye sales gains over last year's 'season'

Michigan retailers are projecting solid sales gains during the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Seventy-four (74) percent expect to increase sales over last year's shortened season and another 16 percent project they'll match last year's figures. Overall, they project an optimistic 12 percent gain.

"Retailers are full of optimism as they move toward the most important shopping season of the year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association.

"Their aggressive projections are the result of several factors, including solid year-to-date sales, one more shopping day than last year, and an inherent optimism."

The survey was conducted by the Michigan Retailers Association in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as part of the organizations' monthly Michigan Retail Index poll.

September's Index showed that 54 percent of Michigan retailers recorded sales increases, the third consecutive month that a majority of stores have increased sales.

Jewelry and gift retailers led the industry, with 63 percent of jewelers and 55 percent of gift stores reporting increases. Apparel retailers trailed at 44 percent, blaming the slow down on warm fall temperatures.

Last year, 75 percent of Michigan retailers expected increased holiday sales, with projected gains averaging 13 percent. The season ended up a disappointment for many, however. The post-holiday survey found 46 percent realized sales gains, with increases averaging 5 percent.

But that was better than 1995, when 42 percent realized gains, with increases averaging 2 percent.

Retail hotline hawks holiday job postings

Finding good help continues to be the number one concern of area mall and main street retailers, especially with business picking up for the holidays.

In response to the never-ending quest for good employees, The Michigan Retailers Association and The Michigan Employment Security Agency are again offering the Holiday Helpers program, soliciting job opening information from retailers, and posting the spots in MESA offices and through the Internet at <http://web.mesc.state.mi.us/hel> pers.htm.

During the holidays, October through January, retailers look to double their workforce by adding many part-time employees to cover extended hours and the additional wrapping and stock work.

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RETAIL DETAILS

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Discount card benefits families in poverty

The Lovelight Foundation partnered with the Somerset Collection in Troy to begin its first major fund-raiser — The Power Card. All this week, Oct. 25-31, shoppers who've purchased The Power Card for \$50 at any mall concierge desk, receive a 20 percent discount on regularly priced merchandise at more than 60 participating Somerset Collection retailers and restaurants.

Volunteers needed for Holiday Parade

The 15th annual Livonia Holiday Parade, co-sponsored by the Livonia Mall, needs floats, clowns, bands, inflatables and marching units for "Christmas Wishes" this year's theme, set for Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at Six Mile and Middlebelt.

The parade will march down Middlebelt to Seven Mile. Corporation's, businesses or groups with floats could win the float contest earning \$1,500 for first place; \$1,000 for second place; and \$500 for third place.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation which seeks to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, call the mall at (248) 476-1160.

Holiday fashions benefit show

Saks Fifth Avenue will be "Puttin on the Glitz" for the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan, Thursday, Oct. 30

(not Thursday, Oct. 23 as reported in Retail Details last week) beginning at 11 a.m. at the Northfield Hilton, Crooks, Troy.

Added attractions include a perfume boutique, theme basket silent auction and door prizes. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$45 per person (\$20 is tax deductible.) Call Cindy Cirar (248) 656-9370 or Sally Mangold (248) 651-7265.

Proceeds will be used to supply assault survivor kits to rape victims who must surrender their clothing for evidence, Wee-Help layette kits for indigent newborns, and school clothing for needy elementary age children.

Tiffany's celebrates 5th year in Detroit

Tiffany president Mike Kowalski came to town recently to mark the anniversary of the famed jewelry store's 5th anniversary in the Michigan market at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

Kowalski said the company has "no regrets" about opening in Troy and pointed out that the Somerset store "is one of our larger stores outside of New York, and one of our best performers — it's in the Top 10."

Engagements bring in most of Tiffany's customers, according to Kowalski, "They discover that our items are of the highest quality bringing long-term value because the items become heirlooms."

Santabear, Nutcracker-style

Hudson's 1997 Santabear, \$37.50, is dressed as a toy soldier from the holiday tale Nutcracker, complete with military-looking uniform in red with green trim and gold brocade.

Miss Bear, his constant companion, \$28, is dressed like the Sugar Plum Fairy. Both are available while supplies last. Shoppers will also find

Santabear beanies, \$4.99, ornaments and toddler sleep wear, \$20-\$26, too. Phone orders are available by calling 1-800-443-8232.

Paulson's earns Sony franchise

Paulson's Audio & Video, 12 Mile and Halsted in Farmington, is one of four metro dealers to become special Sony franchisees. According to owner Ken Paulson the partnership "is based on our ability to provide extensive product support and solutions."

He said Paulson's will offer Sony Trinitron televisions including the XBR, Digital Satellite Systems with 32 bit processing, and Web TV products for television internet surfing. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 553-4100.

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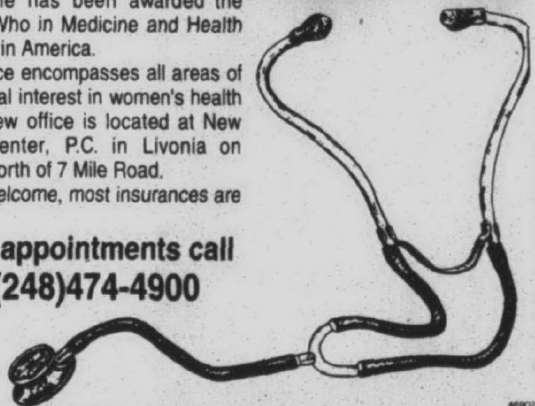


Dr. Simone is a graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Prior to her Family Practice residency she completed 1 year of Internal Medicine. Dr. Simone is Board Certified from the American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She is a member of the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, and the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Simone has been awarded the distinction of Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care, and Who's Who in America.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Valassis honored

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Cardio safety check

Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute (MHVI) at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will hold a cardiovascular safety check, Sunday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (today). Screenings will include blood pressure checks, cholesterol, body fat analysis, and personal cardiac risk assessment. The entire event is free of charge except for a nominal \$5 fee for a cholesterol test. All participants will leave with a personalized heart and vascular risk evaluation.

MHVI is located at 5325 Elliott Drive, Suite 109, Ann Arbor. For more information call, (313) 712-5205.

Research grant

Researchers at Henry Ford Hospital have received a five-year, \$8.9 million grant to study the causes and effects of hypertension or high blood pressure, one of the country's most common cardiovascular diseases.

"This grant opens tremendous opportunity for us as researchers to concentrate on solving a major health problem," said Oscar A. Carrero, M.D., principal investigator of the study.

The study will focus on vasoactive hormones, substances produced by the body which are responsible for increasing and decreasing blood pressure. Researchers also will study the role of vasoactive hormones in developing high blood pressure, renal diseases, heart failure and heart attacks.

Women and cancer

Who's at risk for breast and gynecologic cancers? How can you reduce your risk? What role do vitamins and supplements play? To learn answers to these questions and others, attend, "Mother, Daughter, Sister, Self: Women and Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the Livonia West Holiday Inn (I-275 and Six Mile). Registration is not required. For more information call, 1-800-865-1125.

Orthopedic study

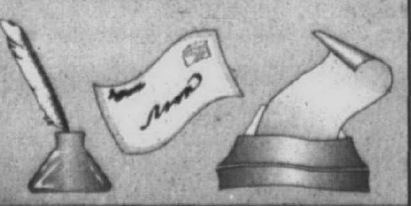
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor and its affiliated orthopedic surgeons are one of only eight sites nationwide to participate in a clinical study to examine a new type of prosthesis that may significantly improve the performance of replacement hips in patients. The new device, which is made of porous tantalum metal called Hydrocel with improved polyethylene, received FDA acceptance this summer.

Thomas O'Keefe, M.D. is the primary investigator of the SJMH study. He and other members of Michigan Orthopedic and Neurologic Associates will analyze outcomes of patients with the new implant versus patients who use traditional devices.

The first Hydrocel hip prostheses in Michigan was implanted at SJMH in August.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

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JUST FOR THE RECORD

Health information manager wins Award of Excellence for innovative record keeping



Record keeper: Karen Staszal, data manger at Angela Hospice in Livonia, set precedence in the field of medical record keeping for hospice patients and caregivers. Her innovative methods and procedures recently won her the 1997 Award of Excellence from the National Hospice Organization. She was only one of two Michigan persons to receive the competitive honor.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Documenting the treatment of an acute patient in intensive care is very different from that of an individual who requires palliative care - the process of lessening the pain, in the case of a terminal illness, without actually curing the disease.

Data Manager Karen Staszal knows all too well the challenges of maintaining both types of documents as the former director of an acute care medical records department and as the current clinical information director of Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Staszal's predicament didn't arise out of a lack of knowledge on her part, but from the inadequacy of resources to document properly the unique nature of hospice care where little or no diagnostic testing, laboratory work, X-rays, surgical procedures or physician notations are necessary.

In 1986, Staszal was working as a volunteer consultant in the medical records department of the new Angela Hospice Home Care facility - assuming her workload would be minimal - never equaling the "real-world of acute care," to which she had grown accustomed since obtaining her bachelor of medical records administration degree.

"Not true," said Staszal. "Just a few weeks into making herself available to Angela Hospice, Staszal said she was being called by the facility on a day-to-day basis for record-keeping dilemmas.

"They were calling me so much Sister (Mary) Giovanni asked me to become a paid employee," said Staszal.

Keeping at it

Staszal's frustrations didn't stop despite her full-time devotion to the medical records department. She was now charged with establishing the policies and procedures from the ground up with no guidelines or refer-

ences from her own profession of health information management.

In the past 11 years, Staszal has advanced to the position of data manager at Angela Hospice and recently won an Award of Excellence for her pioneering efforts of compiling reference materials and information regarding hospice medical records. An article Staszal wrote for the Journal of the American Health Information Association (1993) resulted in the submission and subsequent award of the honor from the National Hospice Organization.

"In 1992, there weren't a lot of people to call or useful information specifically relating to hospice medical records," said Staszal. "I hoped by writing the article, I would be giving that necessary information to others working in my profession."

Staszal's article, "Hospice - The Final Frontier," addressed several key points of medical record-keeping, including the hospice concept, primary care locations, non-integrated progress notes, reimbursement, the use of volunteers and her own experiences with maintaining clinical information.

The very basic difference between hospice documents and any other type of medical treatment is the actual size of the record. A primary care provider caring for a patient with a prognosis of six months or less, who is suffering from AIDS, "is not looking at trying to make the person better," said Staszal. Therefore the written notations tend to be more limited and lack lengthy remarks and attempts to constitute a diagnosis.

Many challenges

Other challenges Staszal encountered included the use of volunteers, a condition of Medicare participation that mandates volunteers provide "at least 5 percent of the total patient care hours (provided by paid employees and contract staff). While many volunteers are trained clinical specialists (nurses, physicians) educated in the field of legal, medical record-keeping - many are not.

"Some volunteers with no formal clinical training provide excellent patient care documentation; others never quite catch on," wrote Staszal. "I have seen progress notes with happy faces (on a patient's good days), notes that describe in detail an assessment of all the family dynamics ... and notes documenting visits to the primary caregiver three to four years after the patient's death."

Therefore, Staszal developed criteria that must be met by clinical specialists and volunteers in order to maintain the legality of the document while subtly encouraging and not discouraging them from providing the necessary care, but not documenting it, for fear of misunderstandings or inaccuracies.

Staszal's competition entry was showcased earlier this month at an awards ceremony in Atlanta at the 1997 National Hospice Organization Exposition at the Awards of Excellence booth. She was only one of two Michigan persons to receive the competitive honor.

"The article must have been needed at the time because so many people in my field have called or written to thank me for providing the advice on establishing medical records and procedures," said Staszal.

"I never expected the award. It was certainly worth all the work knowing

I was able to bring attention to the lack of resources in the United States and provide such a service to professionals, teachers and students in the field of health information management."

Making progress

The Health Information department of Angela Hospice now has a full-time manager and four full-time employees. Under Staszal's direction, she founded and chaired a Forms Committee, purchased and installed a clinical information system, inventory tracking system, and recently proposed the installation of a computer network to link bedside terminal systems by laptop with accounting and the clinical information system.

"Karen's educational program is among the best," said Angela Hospice president Sister Mary Giovanni. "This is an impressive accomplishment in the field of hospice care on both a national and local level."

Staszal is also a contributing author to a chapter in "Comparative Records for Health Information Management," a book available for publication in the fall of 1997 by Delmar Publishers.

The work, that specifically focuses on computerized medical record keeping in various health care settings, will include Staszal's contribution on hospice documentation.

"My hope is that it will be used in an educational setting for health information technicians, health information managers and students - persons in the field who will benefit the most by it," said Staszal. "That has been my objective all along."

Adult day care an alternative for caregivers

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

If you are caring for a dependent adult spouse or parent but feel like you can't offer him or her a full day of dedicated attention due to your career or are seeking some respite from caring for a loved one and the alternative is a nursing home, Laurie Krause says she has the solution - adult day care.

Krause, the site director for Livonia Adult Day Care, oversees a program housed in the Riverside Park Church of God located on the corner of Newburgh and Plymouth roads in Livonia. Offering structured assistance and supervision five days a week for up to 10 hours a day, the program's clientele is comprised of dependent elderly adult persons who may be suffering from dementia, demonstrating early signs of Alzheimer's or stroke patients who could benefit from the promotion of independence.

"We provide a means of improving a person's quality of life by offering mental and physical stimulation to people who might otherwise spend all day idle, sleeping or in the care of a spouse or family member who may be feeling overwhelmed by the responsibility," said Krause.

Opened in May of this year, Livonia Adult Day Care currently serves 10-12 people on a daily basis from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. five days a week. Staffed on a ratio of one senior aide per five clients, Krause says men and women are afforded one-to-one attention during morning activities for up to 90 minutes while coffee and toast are being served. The remain-

der of the day's schedule continues to be consistent with group activities, armchair exercises, a hot lunch (provided by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition) and an afternoon of singing, memory orientation, group discussion, theme activities, crafts and other physical and mental activities.

"All of our activities, both passive and active, have a purpose for our clientele," said Krause. "They're not done with the intent of keeping a person 'busy' - but active in ways that promote independence, increased self-esteem, socialization, recreation and are stimulating, challenging and fun too."

The Livonia site director said her experienced staffers strive to treat each client with respect and dignity in an environment that remains positive.

Funding is two-tiered with a \$5 per hour set fee or a sliding scale donation if a family can't afford the hourly rate. The balance of the program is paid for by public contributions, United Way funds and grants through the Office of Services to the Aging - administered by The Senior Alliance and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

"Our program best serves very alert persons who continue to function at a high level yet require constant supervision," said Krause. "We notice a change in people after just a few days of socializing and participating in mental and physical activities on a routine basis."

"We also see differences in the caregivers and family members who may have been overburdened or lacking relief from continuously caring for a mom or

dad, husband or wife."

Krause said the facility has no affiliation with the church in which it is housed and has other day care centers operating for Plymouth (recently relocated to Northville) and Ann Arbor offered through the Child & Family Service - Huron Services for Youth.

Livonia Adult Day Care serves Wayne County with clients representing the communities of Westland, Redford, Livonia and Plymouth.

Krause admits adult care isn't for everyone but is something primary caregivers should look into for a loved one who they feel isn't ready for institutional care. "Day care may just be 'what the doctor ordered' and in some cases this is literally true, the benefits that are gained from adult day care are many."

"We offer a wonderful service for the client and their family. Seniors can be productive, social, gain a strong sense of self-worth and enjoy life again," said Krause.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Livonia Adult Day Care, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia, call (313) 591-2216 or stop by anytime to observe, said Krause.

To qualify you must be over 60, a resident of Wayne or Washtenaw counties and meet some program criteria such as requiring supervision, having ability to participate in individualized and group activities, being able to take medication per program policy, eat independently and be continent (assistive devices may be used).

Online services are revamped in light of demand, popularity

Last year about this time, the industry pundits were predicting the end of America Online. The trade press claimed that the aggressive online service had overextended itself, its dial-in network couldn't keep up with the demand for access and... besides... with the Internet and the World Wide Web, who'd want a proprietary "closed" system like AOL, anyway?



MIKE WENDLAND
PC TALK

Ten million people, that's who. That's very close to the number of people who now subscribe to AOL.

Don't you love it when the media soothsayers get it all wrong? And in the case of America Online (www.aol.com), we sure missed the boat. The company has never been flying higher. Its stock value is soaring, its customer base shows no signs of withering and a multi-million dollar influx of cash is expanding its modem pool and brought about some sweeping new design and navigation changes that are drawing very positive reviews.

One at a time

Not that AOL's problems are all solved. I kept track this past week and, out of 57 attempts to dial into AOL, I encountered busy signals on 28 occasions. Sometimes, the next call would get through. But, on the other hand, my Internet Service Provider has plenty of problems, too. While I don't get that many busy signals, Net slowdowns through ISPs are probably even more common than connection problems with AOL.

So, as one who has been a pretty harsh critic of AOL over the past couple of years, I have to say...

I'm impressed with the changes I'm seeing. And that is exactly the analogy AOL is using. The new "neighborhoods" or special interest areas are called "channels" and the new look streamlines the content. New "channels" are more tightly focused. You'll find places like "Workplace" and "Families" taking the place of the older, more vague "Life, Styles and Interests" areas.

The centerpiece of the "new" AOL will be called AOL Today. Former ABC newswoman Joan Lunden, the host of Good Morning America, will moderate the area. She describes it as a laid-back, scene-setter, offering a pulse on what's happening in news, lifestyles and entertainment, with lots of links and jumpoff points to stories, chat rooms and detailed content.

Beefed up for appeal

The AOL Today area has a feel much like a morning TV talk show, though it will be packaged in six different timeslots... Good Morning, Lunch Break, This Afternoon, Primetime, Late Night and Open All Night.

This new look and feel at AOL is a prelude to Version 4.0 of its operating software, set to be released in a few weeks. That version, AOL is claiming, it will be the most user-friendly navigation package ever introduced. The company is targeting the masses and believes that for new media to truly become mass media, the online world and the Internet has to be a no-brainer when it comes to logging on, navigating and finding information.

Rod Jennings, AOL's vice president of channel programming, bills the new 4.0 version as "convenience in a box."

As to the annoying delays and glitches in getting access, AOL is installing thousands of new

modems across the country and predicts that busy signals will be much reduced by the end of the year.

AOL, though, isn't the only online service making news out there in cyberspace.

CompuServe is making news. True, CompuServe is now owned by America Online. But while AOL controls the pursestrings and the content, CompuServe is working hard to distinguish itself with a special "feel" and appeal.

CompuServe(www.compuserve.com) is the oldest and second largest service on the Internet, founded in 1969. It used to be strictly a dial-in service, like AOL. You modemed in to their network of modems all over the country and stayed pretty much inside their system. When you went to the Internet, CompuServe "patched" you through.

But now CompuServe is Web-based and calls itself "C." As such, it operates more as a sort of hybrid of Internet Service Provider and proprietary services. CompuServe has about 2.5 million subscribers.

And the new "C" is making it clear that it does not want to be all things to all people. It makes no bones about it: It is not for the casual Internet "surfer." It appeals to the relatively sophisticated business and professional user, offering more than 500 bulletin board-style forums and discussion areas.

The Microsoft Network is the new kid on the block, launched in the summer of 1995 as part of Microsoft's new Windows 95 operating system. It started out trying to be a commercial online service like AOL but is now slowly abandoning that track and moving to the Web (www.msn.com), where it claims around two million subscribers.

Like the other services, MSN offers news, entertainment, forums and bulletin boards, e-mail, chat and direct access to the Internet.

The MSN Web site has a lot of free stuff. For example, you can access its excellent Expedia travel service to check out the best deals and then book airplane and vacation trips, hotel stays, cruises and rental cars. There are shopping services, business and investment areas and lots of computer gaming places.

The new Prodigy

With barely a million users, Prodigy (www.prodigy.com) is the smallest of the commercial online services. Like CompuServe, it has also turned itself into a Web-based service. And "stodgy Prodigy," as it used to be referred to by Netizens, is a thing of the past.

Gone were the clunky and cumbersome large font typefaces. Once the most family-oriented service in Cyberspace, the service brought in new executives from places like MTV and other youth-oriented media concerns and took a sharp turn to the left. It's now pitching itself through a series of edgy, hip magazine ads towards computer-savvy twenty-somethings.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Sisters open franchise

Sisters **Patty** and **Michelle Gillissie** of Canton have opened a Pagetec franchise in downtown Walled Lake. Patty Gillissie has owned and operated a Pagetec store in Canton for five years. She saw an opportunity to expand her operations by going into partnership with her sister Michelle and was attracted by the high growth in Walled Lake. "We selected downtown Walled Lake, because there seemed to be a need for an Ameritech distributor in the neighborhood,"

said Patty Gillissie.

Helm changes

Helm, Incorporated recently announced the organizational change of **Michael Wacht**, from manager, D.D.M., to director of Information Systems. Wacht is a resident of Garden City.

Helm also promoted **Lori Rice** of Livonia from controller to treasurer.

Helm Incorporated is a major supplier to Automotive Manufacturers and the producers of aftermarket components.

Paton winner

Westland resident **Matthew J. Krizan** earned the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants' (MACPA)

William A. Paton Award for his Stephen H. Epstein, recognized Krizan's score, which topped 1,372 other CPA candidates at Livonia's Fall Accounting Conference.

Krizan is a University of Michigan - Dearborn graduate with a bachelor of business administration degree who committed himself to high distinction as a student and while studying for the exam. He is present a staff accountant at Edwards, Koshiw, Melton & Co., PC in Troy.

CPA certification

Scott Koll of Canton, a CPA with Koll & Company (Business Valuation Specialists) has successfully completed certification process with the National Association of Certified Valuation Analyst (NACVA) to earn his designation of Certified Valuation Analyst.



M. Krizan

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

TUE, OCT. 28

JOB SEARCHING
Livonia Civic Center Library will be the site for a job searching seminar. Career consultant D'Andrea Davis Speer will give tips and pointers on how to effectively search the Internet to find jobs. She will also discuss specific job sites. For more information call 466-2480. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

WED, OCT. 29

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE
The Air & Waste Management

Association's (AWMA) Eastern Michigan Fall conference will be held at Laurel Manor Conference Center in Livonia. Participants can expect to learn the latest on who their enforcement and political officials are, priorities, and whether their facility could be next. To learn more about the conference and or receive a brochure should contact AWMA representative Leanna Dietrich at (313) 426-1208.

THUR, OCT. 30

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
The government spends billions of dollars a year on goods and services, making it the single largest buyer in the country. You can learn the steps necessary to work with the government, win contracts and introduce your company to a new

market. How to Become a Government Contractor will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You may register by calling (313) 462-4438. The seminar is \$25.

FRI, OCT. 31

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER
The University of Michigan Ann Arbor, will host the afternoon workshop "Advance Your Career Through Mentoring and Networks." The workshop will deal with the unique issues and challenges facing today's professional woman. Open to the public, the workshop will take place from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Michigan League, located on U-M's central campus at 911 N. University in Ann Arbor. To register, contact Chanel DeGuzman at 1-800-847-4764 or locally at (313) 763-9670 by Oct. 17. Prepayment is required.

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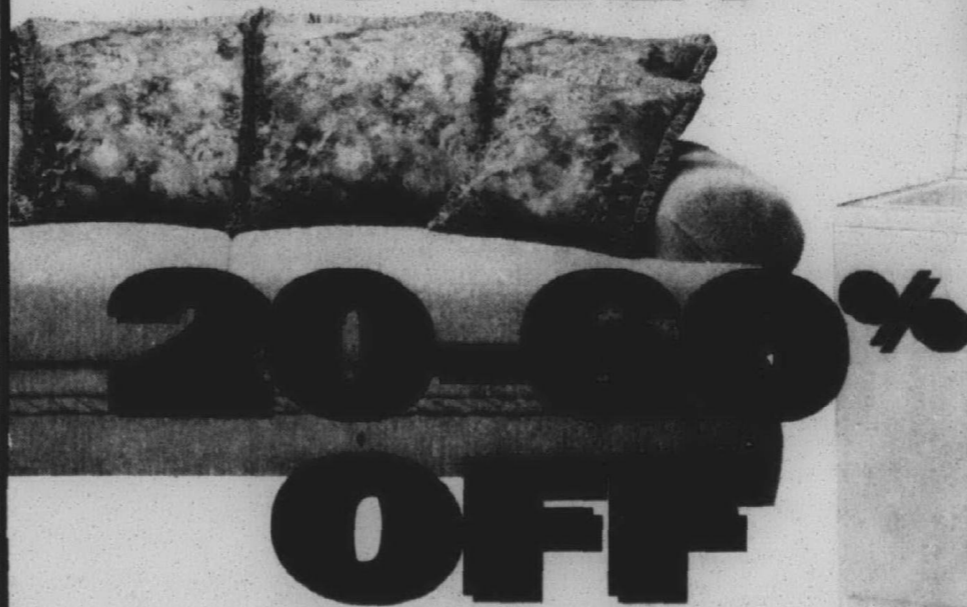
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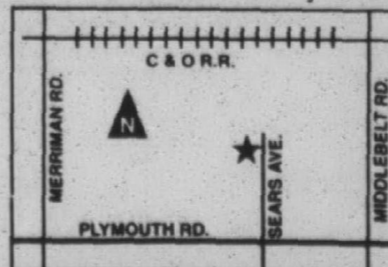
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Nothing unorthodox about Livonia gift/bookstore

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Book, Bible and gift stores are not new, says Richard Shebib, owner of the newly opened *Pascha Books and Gifts, An Orthodox Historical Tradition*, but his storefront business is definitely not Barnes & Noble.

A design engineer with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Shebib and his business partner and longtime friend, JoAnn Asfour, say their venture is unique but not unorthodox — in fact, it's very orthodox. The 1,000 square foot business will serve members of the eastern religious community who attend some 11 Orthodox churches within a 10-mile radius of the Livonia business in addition to 35 others located in the metropolitan area.

Shebib's retail business encompasses four mediums reflecting the Eastern Orthodox faith, including music, art, books and gifts.

"We identified a need in the community for a business of this nature," said Shebib. "We have items that will interest all Christians, but Orthodox church members who live and worship in and around this community will find things they would have otherwise had to get through their church, library, or by mail order."

Such items include religious icons, jewelry, CDs and cassette tapes, Olive wood ornaments from the Holy Land, artisan crafted rosaries and charms, Russian Matrioshka dolls, original works of art commissioned by Shebib and an extensive reading library including topics covering theology, spirituality, saints, prayer, cooking, history and classic literature.

Historic origin

The store's name, Pascha, is derived from the designation of the Jewish Passover. Now, it is the feast of the resurrection of Christ. Shebib says being Orthodox is a lifestyle that is rich in tradition and culture "tested and nurtured in time from its beginning."

The beginning of the Orthodox faith came near the end of the first thousand years of the existence of the church in 1058, when Eastern and Western influences began to divide what was once organized on the foundation of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and His apostles. At the time of the "schism," said Shebib, East referred to regions in Greece, Asia and the Middle East (Greek language), while West (Latin language) included Europe.

Differences in

UNIQUE BUSINESS

the two churches became evident in their teaching, theology, and worship.

"The result of this gradual pulling apart was that, over a period of centuries, the churches of the West and East officially broke communication with each other."

"This was the beginning in the West of what is now called Roman Catholicism, and in the East of what is called Orthodox Christianity," stated the Rev. Marc Dunaway (quoted from "What Is The Orthodox Church - A Brief Overview of Orthodoxy").

Shebib says in some ways, Orthodox and Catholics "feel like cousins" because they share common sacraments and beginnings.

Traditional merchandise

Pascha is not only being well-received by the Christian community at-large, but by the numerous clergy in the area who will now have the opportunity to buy and order locally many of the supplies, wants and needs of the church they serve. That fact stemmed from a research study Shebib conducted prior to committing himself to his first business venture.

"We have things in the store that people would have traditionally had to travel to other countries to purchase or order by mail, a process that can take months and doesn't always guarantee quality

expressed that want."

Another unique courtesy Asfour says Pascha extends to its customers is the educational room where store patrons, students and the curious have an opportunity to do research, read from their library and listen to musical selections and lecture tapes prior to making a purchase or renting from their video collection. Videotape topics include holy matrimony, abortion, death and dying, church and family, church history, penance and other social subjects.

"We have tried to create an inviting and comfortable atmosphere where customers can learn and celebrate the Orthodox culture and tradition," said Shebib.

Asfour added the educational room for adults and children should be an interest to most anyone who enjoys "good reading" and music and has an interest in finding out about faith.

Enterprising endeavor

Shebib, who is considering retirement, says the idea to open an Orthodox book and gift store wasn't something he's had on the back burner all his life, but evolved from a desire to make a smooth transition from a career with Ford to maintaining an active lifestyle.

"It's not an option for me to sit idle," said Shebib. So the Belleville resident says the business is a marriage between keeping busy and furthering his commitment to his faith.

Asfour, who says she has been involved with the church since the day she was born, serves on the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches and serves as a member of the Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan.

Faithful artists

In addition to educational and musical inventory, Pascha features a selection of authentic reli-



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Tradition: JoAnn Asfour and Richard Shebib, owners of *Pascha Books and Gifts* in Livonia stand near the Icon of the Resurrection which means Pascha at the entry of their store. Within a 10-mile radius of the business, there are 11 Orthodox churches.

gious icons, artwork that depicts the history of the church, crafted by iconographers.

"You can set foot in an Orthodox church without seeing icons that portray the image of the church," said Shebib.

Each "handwritten" icon ranges in price from \$6 into the hundreds depending on the inclusion of a certificate of authenticity, if it was signed by the iconographer, and if they feature gold leafing.

Three talented artists' work are displayed throughout the three-room storefront of Pascha including Saudi Arabian artist Mr. Kim whose paintings reflect his life experiences in the gulf states, painter M.H. El-Astal and ink drawings rendered by Tom Shultz.

Shebib commissions the work and says they've been well-received by patrons and anyone who appreciates fine, religious artwork.

Pascha's owner says his business will provide a necessary service in the community while generating a "greater awareness" of the Orthodox faith.

"We are looking forward to serving all Christians and those who are seeking greater religious fulfillment," said Shebib.

Pascha Books and Gifts is located at 29229 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 466-9722.



Olive art: "The Last Supper" is made out of an olive tree from the Holy Land. Other handmade items include holiday ornaments and gift boxes.

or authenticity," said Shebib. "We saw a need in this community for such a product line and the community that participated in the survey

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artist transforms rust in time

Boxes of rusty motors, rotors and an assortment of automotive and industrial parts wait for artist Sharon Bida in her Plymouth studio. Bida sees beauty in old machinery and automobile parts. When it's time to create her next sculpture or clock, Bida will sort through the finds anticipating the design. Eventually, like a jigsaw puzzle, she assembles a sculptural table top or mantle clock, or a sculpture that stands on its own.

"It's really fun," said Bida. "Even if I tried to I couldn't duplicate these because the likelihood of finding the pieces again is practically nil. They're memories of machines. I love rust. I look at something and see it as lines and form. Other people see it as junk."

The public can learn more about the process when Bida opens the doors of her studio Nov. 2 for a sale dubbed "It's About Time."

"The most important thing to me in the world is time," said Bida. "A good portion of what I'll have is clocks but I can't see limiting myself to one thing so I'll have everything from jewelry to collage."

It's About Time

What: Sharon Bida invites the public to her studio where she offers sculptures, paintings, collages, and jewelry for sale.
When: Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.
Where: 11356 Overdale Court, off Sandalwood Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. call (313) 455-6025.

Bida's operation entails a lot of expensive equipment from torches to a casting machine. Much of her work involves sandblasting and chiseling the loose rust before welding. Husband Chuck, a retired General Motors engineer, lends a hand with the technical aspects.

"It takes a lot of time," said Chuck. "We spent about a year perfecting

welding techniques because rust doesn't weld. And we're always on the lookout for materials in junk yards, old farms, on expressways. We're going downtown dressed up for dinner and we see something we stop. If it looks like it has potential we get it. That's why we decided to buy a truck."

Different directions

A few of the clocks' faces were formed from clay. The material hails back to Bida's early career when she was known for crafting abstract women's ties. Over the last five years, she exhibited these and other works at the Lawrence Street Gallery Summer Invitational in Pontiac; Detroit Festival of the Arts; Carol James Gallery, Royal Oak; Troy Gallery; Peniman Showcase Gallery, Plymouth, and Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester. Just in time for the holidays, her work will be for sale at the Detroit Artists Market Nov. 14 to Dec. 23.

Working in a multitude of mediums gives Bida a balance and fresh perspective. A day seems incomplete when Bida isn't welding found objects in the garage or fabricating jewelry in her basement studio. There's usually something in progress in two or three different mediums at any one time.

Bida's collage work coagulated after seven years of life drawing sessions at the Michigan Gallery and Scarab Club. Begun as paintings, the collages, bit by bit, grow into finished works where people are the primary focus.

"I'm interested in the body as a connecting line between what we show on the outside and what we feel within," said Bida. "I don't title them because I like for people to draw their own personal conclusions. They tell a story. Most of them deal with women's justice."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story dealing with the performing or visual arts, call her at (313) 953-2145.

HOMETOWN CANVAS

Making art matter

Throwing down the gauntlet

NEA report provokes passionate debate on the arts

Editor's note: This is the first in an ongoing series of stories on the state of the arts in our communities. It is in response to "American Canvas," a report released 10 days ago by the National Endowment for the Arts, which examines the condition of nonprofit arts while presenting an ambitious agenda: To preserve the American cultural legacy.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the popular connotation of Detroit being an aging industrial hub, there are plenty of reasons for arts advocates to feel optimistic about the prospect for growth in the arts.

Indeed, last week The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers held a round-table discussion with representatives from the local arts community, including theater, fine arts, music, dance, arts advocacy and the largest museum in the region about the "American Canvas" report released by the National Endowment for the Arts. Though most panelists hadn't had an opportunity to read the report, they were well versed on the issues it raised.

Primarily, the report considers the impact of the reduction of public funding and competition for corporate dollars; rampant commercialization; trying to appeal to an aging and changing audience; cutbacks in public arts education programs; and, the "elitist" attitudes of some artists and cultural institutions.

Not surprisingly, most of the O&E arts panelists had known each other for a long time. While metro Detroit is one of the largest populated areas in the country, the arts community is relatively small.

To receive a copy of "American Canvas"

■ **Contact:** Office of Public Information, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682-5400.

Additional information: online at <http://arts.endow.gov>

There is no charge for the report.

ment-leisure alternatives and fewer opportunities to educate the public on the empowering influence of the arts.

"We're in the entertainment business," said Michael Vigilant, spokesman of Meadow Brook Theatre. "There are video stores on every corner, 100 cable stations on every TV. It's not simply a case of 'If we build a theater they will come.'"

By far, the biggest challenge is identifying and attracting an audience, whether it's for a community orchestra concert or an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. In the Information Age, the prerequisite to success in the arts is apparently marketing savvy.

"Even in the best of times, we'd be talking about the issues raised in the (NEA) report," said Maury Okun, executive director of the Detroit Chamber Winds. "We're well aware that most of our audience would rather watch 'Monday Night Football' than attend a concert."

While "American Canvas" touches on many practical concerns, it also raises the paramount issue of the role of art in American society.

"I've fought this battle for 25 years," said Carolyn Halsted, chair of the music, dance and theatre department at Oakland University in Rochester.

"We train 500 elementary school teachers every year and they don't take one art class," she said. "You have people teaching children who have no idea about what the arts are about."

The report also calls upon arts groups to become more innovative in seeking



◀ "Affluence is not a prerequisite in the arts. Nor should attendance figures be a measurement of meaningful art."

— Susanne Hilberry,
owner/director of Susanne Hilberry
Gallery in Birmingham



◀ "The report is asking the public to be involved. It's not just for arts people, but those in the corporate world and educational communities."

— Laurel Paterson,
assistant director of development and
grants, Detroit Institute of Arts



◀ "What is art in our culture? What will be the art of the next century? We don't know. We're trying to figure out what art is. People need to develop their aesthetic sensibilities."

— Carolyn Halsted,
chair of the department of music, dance
and theatre at Oakland University



◀ "If (the report) presents a crisis that leads us to broader advocacy, then something positive will come out of it. The long-term solution is to start to educate a new generation about what the arts are and how they fit in their daily lives."

— Barbara Kratchman,
executive director of ArtServe



◀ "If there's elitism in the arts, it has more to do with education or lack of exposure to the arts. We're not producing 'elitist art.'"

— Maury Okun,
executive director Detroit Chamber
Winds and the Annual Chamber Music
Festival



◀ "We're in the entertainment business. . . We're trying to get students and our audiences to make theatre a regular part of their lives."

— Michael Vigilant,
spokesperson, Meadow Brook Theatre



◀ "It's time to begin to organize a discussion around definable issues. Unfortunately, arts organizations often respond in a crisis mode. We have to begin to tell our story in a broader context."

— Maurice Parrish,
deputy director, Detroit Institute of Arts

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MUSIC



Young artist: Pianist Joshua Cullen.

Young pianist would rather collect candy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Like every other kid, Halloween is a much-anticipated holiday for Livonia pianist Joshua Cullen. The 13-year-old University of Michigan freshman would rather be collecting candy with his friends. Instead, he'll be rehearsing Haydn's "Concerto in D major" for a Nov. 1 performance with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra.

"I'm looking forward to performing with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra and rehearsal's fun but not on Halloween," said Cullen. "Halloween is a once a year thing."

"Which only goes to prove he's still a kid," added Mona Cullen, Joshua's mother.

According to orchestra president Dr. Moon J. Pak, Cullen's young age is not a reflection of his musical skills. That's why the young pianist was chosen to kick off the orchestra's 1997-98 season at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

"I'm a music lover," said Dr. Pak, a Bloomfield Hills internist with a practice in Rochester. "Joshua's been known in music circles for some time. He's very young but his performance is very mature."

Cullen first stepped onto the local music scene with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at age eight.

In the last five years, he's been a guest pianist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth Symphony, and Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra in Russia.

Founded through financial support by Korean doctors, businessmen and other members of the community in 1995, the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra aims to expand its audience beyond the Korean community with appealing programs featuring artists such as Cullen. After all, everyone can relate to outstanding young talent and the orchestra has a history of supporting it.

The orchestra is under the direction of Dai Uk Lee, a professor at Michigan State University and conductor of the choir at Metropolitan Korean Presbyterian Church in Southfield. Lee made his orchestral debut at age 10 playing a Mozart piano concerto with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra. After a successful early career in Korea, Lee studied at the Juilliard School with Sasha Gordnitzki on a scholarship.

Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra
■ **What:** Presents the first concert of its 1997-98 season (an all Haydn program) featuring 13-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen.
■ **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.
■ **Where:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph and 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills.
■ **Tickets:** \$20 adults, \$10 students/seniors, \$50 for series of three concerts. Call (248) 601-MCSO.

After a successful early career in Korea, Lee studied at the Juilliard School with Sasha Gordnitzki on a scholarship.

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funding.

Private donations

NEA spokesperson Cherie Simon pointed to the recent \$22 million in private donations to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as an example of an effective public-private partnership.

Many arts groups receive seed money from public agencies such as the NEA, or the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Individual artist grants from the NEA were eliminated in the early 1990s.

Since the NEA's budget has been reduced nearly 60 percent to current level of \$98 million, local arts groups are more reliant on state funds.

In the past year, the state council for arts has allocated \$21 million to arts programs around the state. Meanwhile, in 1996 the NEA awarded \$902,800 to Michigan arts groups. In addition, the council received \$1.2 million from the NEA for its operating budget.

While corporate donors and public grant agencies are impressed with the popularity of an arts project or arts group, the trap is that appeal is substituted for quality, said Susanne Hilberry, owner/director of the Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Birmingham.

"There's a competition for a mass audience," she said. "That shouldn't be the way to educate people or determine what's meaningful-art."

Yet because of funding challenges, many public institutions, such as the Detroit Institute of Arts, must justify public grants by pointing to attendance figures. If that's the case, the record-breaking attendance at the current "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" should please grantors.

"It's one thing for those of us in the arts to talk about how the arts contribute to society," said Maurice Parrish, deputy director of the DIA. "But it carries much more weight if the people we serve read 'American Canvas' and stand up to be heard."

And when that happens across metro Detroit, the Midwest and from coast to coast, then maybe "American Canvas" can be called the catalyst for a grassroots movement.

For many in the arts, it's about time the gestation period moved

to the next stage.

While viewpoints varied, the panel was unanimously optimistic that "American Canvas" would open a broader debate about the arts.

"It should be used as a tool," said Barbara Kratchmer, executive director of ArtServe, a statewide arts advocacy group.

The lasting impact of the report, however, will be whether its findings are as relevant next year and the decades to come as they appear today.

"Art has always been a lightning rod for a range of (community, cultural and constitutional) issues and that's not a bad thing," said Simon. "We expect formal discussions (based on the report) to begin across the country."

Since the report was leaked to *The New York Times*, there's been an unprecedented number of requests for copies. Last week, the NEA received 500 phone calls and another 250 hits on their website per day. Already, a second printing has been planned for the report, which initially appeared in 5,000 soft-cover editions.

Simon admits to being surprised at the "tidal wave" response. Initial media reports, she said, appeared alarmist, and focused on the finding that "elitist attitudes in the arts" was contributing to the growing alienation with the public.

But Simon contends the report is far from dismal.

She claims it's an assessment of the condition of the arts based on opinions of members of arts groups at forums across the country, especially how communities have successfully integrated the arts by building alliances with the private sector.

The 18-month project included forums in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Miami, Columbus, Ohio, Charlotte, North Carolina.

"This isn't about the NEA," said Simon. "We've spent 30 years watching arts groups crop up. Do we want to see that reversed because there's a lack of funding and interest in perpetuating the arts?"

The passionate debate stirred by "American Canvas" presents a conundrum about which historical epoch might repeat itself: Will it be a time of a grassroots citizens movement demanding

change? Or is this just another episode in the ongoing struggle to save/eliminate the NEA?

The comprehensive 193-page document examines the reasons for the growing anxiety about the lack of an infrastructure to support fledgling and established artists and arts groups into the next century.

In short, the combined effect is a growing alienation between those in the arts and the general populace who don't see a direct relation between the arts and their daily lives.

Beyond these issues, the intent of the report is to offer a "call to action," challenging communities to not only support nonprofits but redefine American culture beyond the values set forth by the mainstream entertainment industry and the marketplace.

What sounds like a noble intent to some, however, looks like political posturing to others. Cynics contend that perhaps the report coming at the end of NEA chair Jane Alexander's four-year term is a move to consolidate support in the ongoing battle against social conservatives who want to eliminate the NEA, the brainchild and cultural trope of liberals.

At the dawn of the 20th century, a grassroots movement forced a reluctant federal government to take a more active role in preserving the nation's natural resources. The result was the birth of environmental awareness and the start of protecting national parks, wildlife and wetlands.

The report examines the condition of nonprofit arts while presenting an ambitious agenda: to preserve the American cultural legacy. Ironically, that's a heritage without any clear consensus and littered with controversies that have continually exposed the precarious fissures of American society.

Before "American Canvas" began to resound throughout the country, it was being hailed as the most historic document from the NEA since the agency was established in 1965. In practical terms, it's more likely that "American Canvas" resembles the mid-1980s in-depth report by the U.S. Department of Education, "A Nation At Risk."

But for now, let the debate begin.

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"The Koreans are big in classical music," said Dr. Pak. "There are many symphony orchestras in Korea. Korean people in Michigan are eager to have Lee here. So we initiated the orchestra. We thought maybe if we would support a chamber music program we hopefully could achieve national prominence in collaboration with Lee."

Raising a prodigy

Cullen is studying music history, theory and chamber music and loving it just as Lee did at an early age. He said being the youngest full-time student at the University of Michigan doesn't bother him because the other students treat him like a little brother.

Just like other kids, Cullen likes to ride his bike when he's not practicing or at school. He'd like to roller blade but father Calvin and University of Michigan professor of piano Arthur Greene forbid it fearing he might break an arm.

So how does a parent nurture music in one so young without dominating and discouraging them? "What I understand from other parents is they're always after their children to practice just like I am with the two younger children, Catherine, age 4 and Christian, 7," said Mona.

"We never had to ask Joshua to practice. He's always been very disciplined, a perfectionist. I had to pull him away and tell him go outside and play. We didn't ask if he wanted to play piano. Joshua asked to play the piano. His father had given him a Casio keyboard for his birthday. As soon as he heard things he could play them. It was difficult to find a teacher because they don't usually take five-year-olds for private lessons."

After Cullen earns master and doctorate degrees in music, he plans to concertize and teach. He may even return to perform with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra on a regular basis. After all, the 20 to 40 member nonprofit orchestra aims to present the highest professional caliber performances of innovative and exciting programs to audiences in the Detroit area.

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Michigan Opera Theatre presents "The Magic Flute" 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Madison Avenue, Detroit. Tickets range from \$18 to \$95, call (313) 874-7464 or (248) 645-6666. BY JOHN MONAGHAN SPECIAL WRITER

"The Magic Flute" is still best known as the comic opera that effectively put Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in his grave. Despite the show's success, the master composer died within months of its debut and was buried in a pauper's field. If you believe that Mozart was a bit off his nut toward the end, this Egyptian fantasy could be

entered as proof positive. The production at the Detroit Opera House captures the whimsy and enchantment, if not the all-out manic inspiration, of its famous creator.

"The Magic Flute" opens with Prince Tamino nearly vanquished by a fire-breathing dragon, that is until a trio of maidens save him. Soon he meets bird catcher Papageno. They embark together, often by hot air balloon (painted with Mozart's image), on a quest to save Pamina, kidnapped daughter of the Queen of the Night.

Once they do hook up, the lovers must prove their worthiness through a series of tests.

The show has long been cited for its message of spiritual enlightenment, a reference to Mozart's own beliefs as a Freemason.

Though the impassioned singing tries hard to evoke emotion and pathos, it's difficult to see "The Magic Flute" as more than a lark. For people like myself, who aren't Opera Theatre regulars, it's a great introduction to the beauty of the form without the heavy aftertaste.

The Maurice Sendak set for the current production recalls "Where the Wild Things Are" as much as the Nile, though I couldn't help wishing that it had

been even more opulent and surreal.

The costuming is vintage late 1700s, while the more fantastical creatures come off a little (and I suppose appropriately) moth-eaten. The dragon looks more H.R. Puff 'N' Stuff than "Jurassic Park," the ancient mask-wearing lions could be refugees from a grade school pageant.

There are several musical highlights, most involving MOT newcomer Theresa Santiago as Pamina. If go-star Joseph Wolverton was a little stiff, it's not unusual. Is it just me or does every damsel and wandering youth in opera look like some-

one's mom and dad?

The audience favorite, however, remains Frank Hernandez as Papageno, a comic counterpart to Tamino who fails miserably during each of his friend's tests of faith. He's so watchable because it's him, far more than Tamino, that most of us can relate to.

From the low, low bass of Kevin Bell's High Priest Sarastro to soprano Elizabeth Carter's Queen of the Night, all of the actors in "The Magic Flute" outdo themselves with larger-than-life portrayals. Even a lecherous Monostatos (John C. Pierce) evokes more laughs than hisses as he weakly tries to rav-

age the kidnapped Pamina.

Monitors strategically placed throughout the theater provide subtitles during the songs, even though the German opera has already been translated to English by the singers. Still, I suppose it's a helpful crutch.

The show invariably drags in the second half, but the surprises in the enchanting score (like the reprise of Papageno's magic bells) keeps even the squirmiest audience members attentive.

Shows like "The Magic Flute" prove that Mozart is alive indeed and residing at the The Detroit Opera Theatre

ART BEAT

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OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth glass artist Don Schneider holds an Open House 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, to showcase the expansion of his York Street Glass Works on York Street north of Liberty in the Old Village area of Plymouth.

A nationally known bead artist, Schneider opened his hot glass studio last winter. He creates blown glass bowls, vases and paperweights in the furnace. Beads are spun over a lamp or torch.

"I've expanded the space to three times the size," said Schneider. "There'll be everything from a gallery to lamp working classes."

For more information, call (313) 459-6419.

PIANO RECITAL

Schoolcraft College kicks off its 1997-98 Music Series with pianist Anton Nel noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

Admission is free. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception following the performance.

Nel made his debut at age 12 with Beethoven's "C Major Concerto" after only two years of study. He is an internationally acclaimed pianist and recording artist. A gifted and dedicated teacher, he has taught at the University of Texas, Eastman School of Music, and currently is an associate professor of piano and chamber music at the University of Michigan School of Music.

The concert is sponsored by Schoolcraft College Music Club and Music Department. Comprised of Schoolcraft music students, the Music Club presents this annual series of recitals by outstanding musicians from

around the world to promote an interest in live music recitals. For more information, call (313) 462-4400.

SISTER ART

Ann Arbor artist Cheryl Dawdy, a member of the singing group The Chenille Sisters, will exhibit her two-dimensional framed collage art work in a one-woman show at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-3980.

Dawdy will be on hand to answer questions and talk about her work during an opening reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.

In her travels around the world with The Chenille Sisters, Dawdy gathered a collection of antique postcards, from which she constructs interesting and beautiful collages, which are framed and can be hung on the wall as if they were paintings.

AUDITION

Auditions for teens for the spring production of "Into the Woods" will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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The show is being presented by Tinderbox Productions. For more information, call Nancy Florkowski at (313) 535-8962.

ART CLASSES

The Garden City Fine Arts Association is sponsoring Portrait classes taught by Detroit artist Lin Baum 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt in Garden City.

The association also welcomes new members from surrounding communities. For more information about classes or the art club, call (313) 261-0379/513-4044.

MDA ART COLLECTION

The Muscular Dystrophy Association Art Collection celebrates five years of showcasing the creations of talented people with disabilities during an exhibition Oct. 28 to Nov. 13 at the Ford Motor Land Development Corpo-

ration in Dearborn. For more information, call Angie Monczka at (313) 845-3044.

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amateur or award winning professional, is affected by one of the 40 neuromuscular diseases in MDA's program. Works from the exhibit are featured on MDA note cards, calendars and holiday cards.

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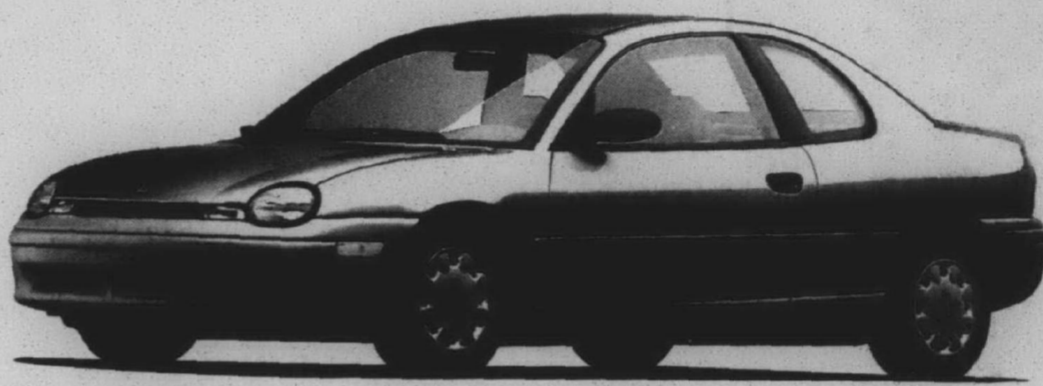
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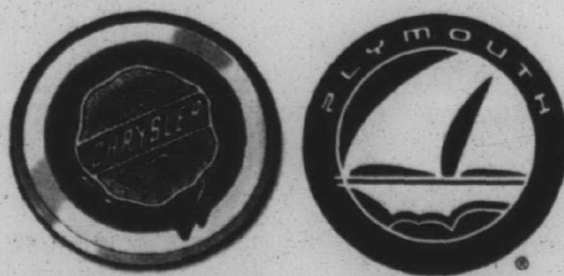


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TRAVEL

Tour guide insists France is warm, welcoming

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

France has this image problem.

Many travelers have heard that the French are cool and even downright rude to visitors. They've heard that the French are arrogant, self-centered and unwelcoming.

David Groen doesn't believe a word of it.

"My personal goal is to show that the French are warm, hospitable and welcoming, contrary to stories people come back with," Groen said.

Groen of Redford has been taking groups to France and other European countries for 30 years and he believes the image problem begins with the tourists.

"People go into France with an attitude that this is the greeting they will receive. People go with a chip on their shoulder and a superior attitude," Groen said. "I travel with hostile visitors, and

they find out everything, well almost everything, they heard is false."

Groen, a former French teacher at Livonia Stevenson High School, began his group trips with students.

"In 1968 I got a group of parents together to see if they wanted to send their sons and daughters overseas," he said. "The first year I took 12 young girls to France. That started 30 years of group travel, students and others."

Since retiring three years ago, Groen has stepped up his personal travel service to include several trips a year. In February he is leading an opera trip to Paris, where his group will see three operas at the city's two leading opera houses. He will be assisted as tour guide by Shirley Harden, who teaches at "Let's Go to the Opera" class at Schoolcraft College.

"The last eight years, I've been taking trips designed for leisure

and comfort," Groen said. "My approach is the humanities, art, architecture, foods."

A recent trip featured 12 days of wining and dining through southern France with stops in the Champagne, Alsace and Burgundy regions.

Groen, a graduate of Central Michigan University, spent some time studying at the University of Strasbourg in Alsace.

In addition to the opera trip, Groen is planning a trip to Italy next year to see the Shroud of Turin and to visit Florence and Rome. He would also like to lead a trip to Morocco, focusing on the less traveled inland area of Fez, which he recently visited.

But Groen's real passion is France.

"France is like the U.S., it changes so rapidly from area to area," he said.

Before each trip, Groen prepares his travelers by giving a presentation on what to expect on the trip. This presentation is usually held in the informal setting of a cocktail party or wine tasting.

"You have to be prepared by talking and reading," Groen said. "France has tremendous beauty and history, a culture that has influenced the history of the western world."

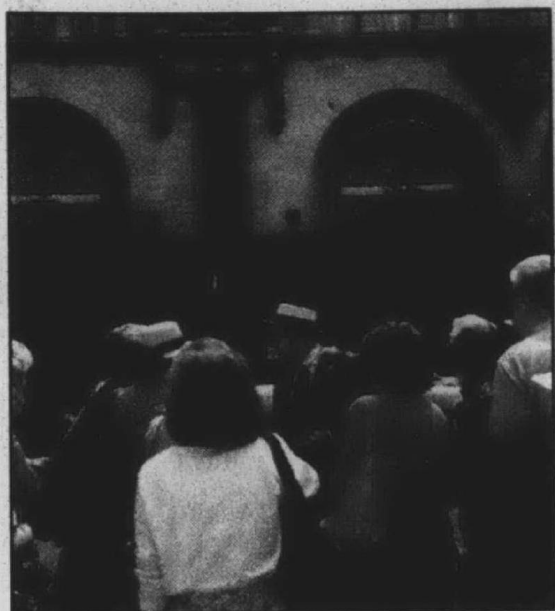
Groen has traveled to all sections of France, but Paris is his favorite place.

"It's a city that seduces," he said. "It has physical beauty, the energy, the elegant aloofness of the city. It's visually attractive and emotionally exciting. I never tire of the city."

Groen prefers not to deal with day guides and handles the touring himself. He has become an expert on Paris' 20 districts. He is especially fond of the Marais district, which was declared the



Tour guide: David Groen, center, tells his travelers about the Palais Royal in Paris.



Jaunty travelers: David Groen, in straw hat, and his travelers prepare to take a train at the Gare Lyon train station in Paris.

country's first historical monument in 1961.

Groen has also kept current with the raging controversies over several new buildings that have gone up in the last 20 years, including the Pompidou Center, the I.M. Pei pyramid entrance for the Louvre and the city's new library.

"The French will debate, they call it discuss, vehemently anything that happens in their city or country. On buildings it's natural to take sides," he said.

Tourists who join Groen for his opera trip will be visiting two contrasting opera houses. The Garnier, built in the 1870s, is, according to Groen, "a pastiche of baroque and renaissance ... a wonderful building that reflects the period."

The "gilt, crystal, glass and

marble" of the Garnier is the opposite of the new Bastille.

"The other house, the Bastille, is a direct contrast - sleek, coldly elegant, black, silver and chrome. It has very good acoustics, wonderful staging," Groen said.

Opera goers will get a taste of Italian, French and German opera. The trip will feature performances of Puccini's "Tosca," Bizet's "Carmen" and Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde."

Groen said he stumbled into his lifelong interests in France and opera. He was originally a pre-optometry student at Central when he switched to French. And his love of opera began as a college student when he heard a performance of "Mephistopheles" at a friend's house.

In addition to music, the Paris trip will also feature a lot of French dining. Groen said he has a "litany of little places I like to go to." He said his tastes run from neighborhood bars and bistros to haute cuisine restaurants. He said he is especially fond of a small restaurant called Bonne Femme which is housed in a 300-year-old building.

The opera tour is scheduled for Feb. 10-18 at a cost of \$2,110 which includes round trip airfare from Detroit, transfers, hotel, breakfast each day, two deluxe dinners and category A tickets to two operas with an option to see the third opera.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Whalers stumble

Three goals by Scott Barney enabled the Peterborough Petes to edge the Plymouth Whalers 5-3 Thursday in Peterborough.

The Petes led 3-2 going into the final period. Barney's second goal, at 6:03 of the third period, increased their advantage to 4-2.

The Whalers narrowed the gap to one on Joel Trotter's goal at the 17:45 mark. But Barney scored his third goal into an empty net in the game's final minute to drop the Whalers to 7-4.

Jesse Boulter scored on a power play early in the first period to spot the Whalers a 1-0 lead. The Petes tied it before the period was over and took a 3-1 lead in the second period on goals by Pat Kavanaugh and Barney.

Plymouth's Brian Passmore made it a 3-2 game late in the second period. Randy Fitzgerald collected two assists.

Robert Esche was in goal for the Whalers; he made 28 saves. Josh Evans was Peterborough's goalie; he made 26 saves.

Collegiate standouts

Michigan State's men's soccer team has struggled to find wins for much of the season, but when the Spartans have succeeded, Jeff Fliss — a Plymouth Canton graduate — has played a role.

On Oct. 15, MSU edged Valparaiso University 2-1 in overtime in Valparaiso. Fliss, a junior, scored the game-winning goal just 90 seconds into the first OT.

It was Fliss' third goal in 14 games this season. He also has two assists (totaling eight points). Two of those goals have been game-winners for a team that has a 4-7-3 overall record (1-1-1 in the Big Ten).

Ryan Townsend, a senior from Plymouth, scored the Spartans' only goal with 12 minutes remaining in a 3-1 loss to Bowling Green State Oct. 19. Townsend has two goals (four points) for the season in eight games played.

Siena Heights College's women's soccer team just keeps rolling. The Saints ran their record to 13-3 overall and 7-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with three wins last week (Oct. 13-20).

Liz Peltier, a sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Canton, contributed a goal and an assist in an 8-0 triumph over Concordia College Oct. 14. For the season, Peltier has four goals and eight assists (16 points).

Melissa Crain, a Schoolcraft College graduate in her junior year at Siena Heights, had two goals in the win over Concordia and a goal and an assist in a 4-0 victory over Northern Michigan Oct. 19, bringing her season total to 15 goals and 10 assists (40 points).

And Nicole Tobin, a freshman from Livonia Stevenson, was named WHAC player of the week for the second time this season after scoring six goals and four assists in the three wins. Tobin has 20 goals and 16 assists (the latter a school record) for a team-best 56 points.

A few University of Michigan athletes with local backgrounds have contributed to their respective team's success.

Sarah Hamilton, from Plymouth Salem, was 56th overall for the third-place Michigan women's cross country team at the Wolverine Interregional Oct. 24. Hamilton completed the 5,000-meter course in 19:04.

At the Michigan Intercollegiate Oct. 10 in Kalamazoo, Hamilton turned in her best 5-K time, placing 25th in 18:40 to help the Wolverines to a first-place finish.

And the U-M women's soccer team continues to pile up the victories, running its record to 13-2-1 overall, 6-1-1 in the Big Ten through Oct. 21. Mari Hoff, a sophomore from Plymouth Salem, has contributed four goals and four assists (12 points) to the Wolverine's season, starting all 16 matches. Kelly Lukasik, a junior from Salem, has also played in 15 of U-M's 16 matches.

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Rocks' runners ramble past Patriots

Plymouth Salem continued to turn in steady, solid — and winning — performances with Friday's victory over Livonia Franklin. The result guaranteed the Rocks of another winning season.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Offensive lines never get enough credit. Quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers grab most of the

headlines.

But when your team rushes for nearly 300 yards, like Salem did Friday in its 34-13 home win over Livonia Franklin, it's the offensive line that deserves the ink.

Make no mistake, the Rocks won the Western Lakes crossover game in the trenches.

"They did a great job up there," Salem coach Tom Moshimer said of his offensive line. "It was something we were really concerned about because we were giving up a lot of poundage."

The Rocks scored on their first possession of the game, then added a second touchdown late in the first quarter to go ahead 12-0. Moshimer said it was

important to get on top early.

"That was very critical," he commented. "The last two weeks we've not been able to move the ball. Our goal was to get our offense in (gear)."

Salem (5-3) allowed Franklin just 74 rushing yards, but surrendered 166 in the air.

"The defense played its usual good game," Moshimer said. "Our defense has held us together all year."

Please see SALEM FOOTBALL, E2

OT goal gives Salem a title

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't exactly follow the script, but Plymouth Salem will take it.

The Rocks emerged from perhaps the state's toughest district soccer tournament by edging Plymouth Canton, 2-1, on a Brett Konley goal with 7:20 left in the second sudden-death overtime of Saturday's district final at Livonia Stevenson.

No. 1-ranked Salem (16-0-3) now goes against Livonia Churchill (14-2-4) in a regional semifinal at 7 p.m. Monday at Salem. The winner of that match will advance to Saturday's 1 p.m. regional final at Salem.

Canton ends its season with a 13-6-1 mark.

"It's almost a shame someone had to lose," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Canton played a great game, the game of their lives. They were dynamite."

The Rocks had beaten Canton twice

during the season, 4-1 and 3-1. But off-the-field developments made a similar outcome improbable.

Salem started the match short-handed; four players, including Konley, the team's leading scorer, were taking the American College Test (ACT) that morning. McCarthy tried to get the start of the match pushed back, but couldn't.

So it figured Canton would have the early advantage. But with just 4:39 elapsed, the Chiefs' defense allowed a throw-in from Brent Mullin to reach an unguarded Giuseppe Ianni, and Ianni put it into the net to give Salem a 1-0 lead.

The short-handed Rocks were ahead.

Konley, sweeper Nick Szczechowski, midfielder Rishi Sinha (all starters) and midfielder Tim Zdrozowski arrived late in the first half, with Konley and Szczechowski entering the game with 3:47 left and Sinha shortly after.

McCarthy had hoped their arrival would supply his team with an emotional boost. Instead, there was a let-down.

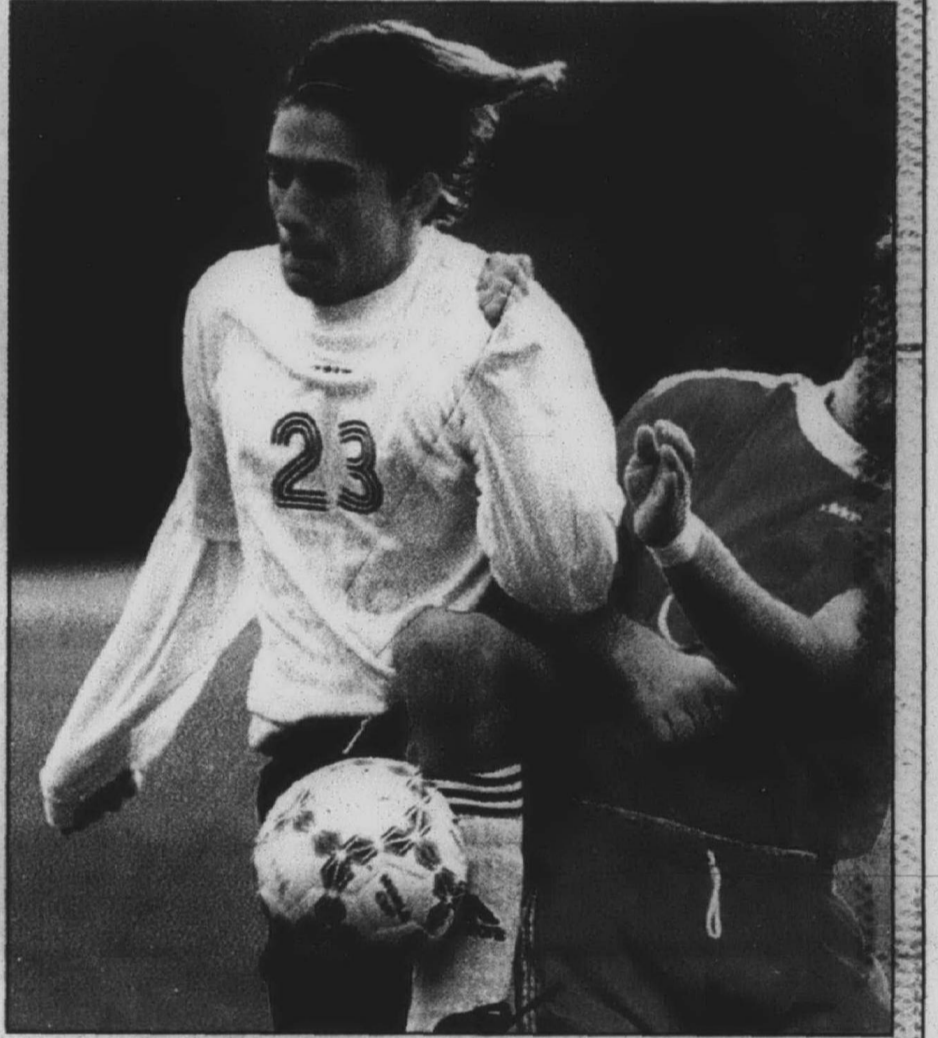
And Canton took advantage. With just eight seconds left in the half, the Chiefs' Steve Epley managed to poke the ball away from Salem keeper Justin Finlay and into the goal, tying it at 1-1.

Things were not following Salem's plans. Not at all.

"I didn't think I played my best game," said Konley. "I really wanted to get to the game (after the test) — I was yelling at my mom to hurry up. 'I just wanted it real bad. I wanted to pump up my team.'"

Throughout the second half and the first overtime, it was an evenly-played match. Although Salem had more shots, few were truly dangerous.

But Canton coach Don Smith was wary. "I knew we couldn't give up another corner (kick)," he said. "You just don't want to give them too many



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Juggling act: Giuseppe Ianni (23) manages to ward off Canton's Ryan Dyer, something both teams had to do throughout Saturday's tightly-played match. Ianni scored Salem's first goal.

chances in front of the net."

Midway through the second OT, what Smith feared happened. Salem's Dan Wielechowski sent his corner kick into the box, where Andy Power — hampered by an oversized, rubberized cast protecting a broken little fin-

ger — managed what he called a "weak" shot on goal.

The rebound, however, reached Konley. "It just came to me and I finished it as best I could," he said.

Which, for Rocks' fans, was good enough.



Celebrate: Scott Wright (right) hugs Canton teammate Steve Epley after Epley scored.

Winners still

Canton, Salem are best in WLAA

BY RICH SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The girls of the Plymouth Canton and Salem basketball teams have achieved one of the marks of excellence.

Both were victorious only two days after their emotional cross-campus double-overtime game.

Plymouth Canton defeated Northville, 48-28, Thursday night and Plymouth Salem drilled Westland John Glenn, 58-20.

Coming on the heels of Canton's thrilling 32-30 double-overtime triumph over Salem on Tuesday, it would not have been surprising had either team succumbed to a letdown and been beaten.

"We did a good job," the Rocks' Fred Thomann said. "We didn't really get task-oriented until the second half."

Salem's victory was the more expected. It would have been a major surprise to see John Glenn, a young team with only one victory, stay with even a flat Rocks' team.

"Our final score was a surprise," Coach Bob Blohm of the Chiefs said of his team's 20-point mastery of the Mustangs. "I think they have a good team."

Both Blohm and Thomann are recognized as two of the state's finest coaches. It's not only in the records, it's in the way they play: with precision and a purpose.

It's a tribute to both that they had their teams ready to play two nights after a game both squads point to 12 months a year. It's a draining effort on both sides once it's in the books.

But as much as it's a compliment to the coaches, it's the girls who have to go out on the floor and play. The phrase in vogue now is "grinding it out," which is exactly what both teams did.

Canton was playing the No. 4 team overall in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Mustangs went into the contest just one game behind the Chiefs in the Western Division and boast one of the area's finest players in Lauren Metaj.

"I knew we couldn't have a long workout (Wednes-

day)," Blohm said, "but I knew we had to have to one to get us ready."

"So we went an hour, an hour-and-a-half, intense to get us ready."

"I was really concerned we were going to come out flat and wouldn't have any energy. So our approach was like it was going to be a state tournament."

"Okay, you had a tough first-round game, now you've got a second round game."

The strategy worked. Canton came out strong right away and picked it up with two of the best middle periods Blohm has seen his team play in quite some time.

The Chiefs grabbed a 13-10 lead after one quarter of play and hiked that to 24-15 at the half. They won the game with a 10-2 third quarter.

"We never had any visions of playing Northville that way, having a score that low," Blohm said. "Our energy, right from the get-go, we were able to sustain it. We came off the Salem game and had a lot of energy."

"We were consistent, played defense well — defended a good player (Metaj) very well — and rebounded well against a big team."

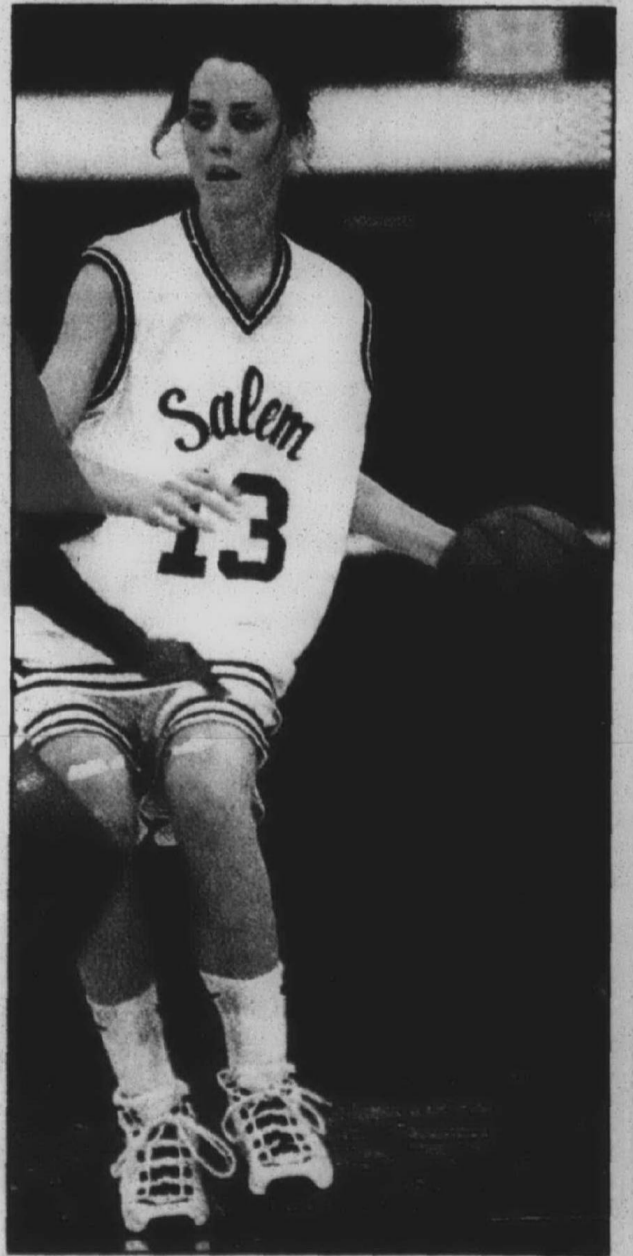
"It was just a great team effort by our kids." Nkechi Okwumabua led Canton with 18 points and nine rebounds. Melissa Marzolf scored 12 and added six assists.

Metaj led Northville with eight points. The Mustangs made 7-of-9 free throws to 4-of-10 for the Chiefs.

Canton is now 9-0 in the WLAA, 4-0 in the Western Division and 12-3 overall. Northville dropped to 10-5, including marks of 6-3 in the league and 2-2 in the division.

Salem leads the Lakes Division with a 4-0 record, is 8-1 in the WLAA and 12-2 overall. John Glenn is 1-3 in the division, 1-8 in the league and 1-14 overall.

The Rocks shut the Rockets out in the first period while scoring 10 points themselves. A 24-5 third quarter took care of business.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

On target: Andrea Pruett helped the Rocks rebound from Tuesday's loss, netting 10 points and eight rebounds against Glenn.

Please see BASKETBALL, E2

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varajon fundraiser

A Halloween fundraiser party for former All-Observer griddler and 1986 Redford Catholic Central graduate Nick Varajon...

Varajon, a Livonia native who also played at the University of Toledo, is undergoing a series of operations to repair facial injuries.

The cost, \$50 per person (adults only), includes food and refreshments, music, 50-50 raffle and door prizes (costumes optional).

You must RSVP by Monday, Oct. 27, by calling Jeff or Debbie Rioux at (313) 937-8955.

Donations can also be made payable to Milan or Judy Varajon in care of Jeff Rioux, 9581 Seminole, Redford Township, MI 48239.

Collegiate ball

Anyone interested in playing in the 21-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League should contact Greg Wozniak at (313) 937-0669.

Skating lessons

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct registration for ice skating lessons (Session II) from 5-7 p.m. for residents and 7-8 p.m. for non-residents Wednesday at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Fees are \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents for the seven-week, 30-minute-per-session classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings at Edgar Arena. (Classes begin the week of No. 3.)

For more information, call (313) 466-2410.

ALL-WLAA SOCCER TEAM

1997 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS SOCCER TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE Defenders: Dave George, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Jared Page, Sr., Plymouth Canton; Steve Roy, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Bill Fischer, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Rob Zdrodowski, Sr., Plymouth Salem.

Midfielders: Mark Sicilia, Matt Wysocki, Churchill; Adam Shanks, Dave Moldovan, Livonia Franklin; Dan Wielechowski, Brett Mullin, Salem; Ryan Broderick, Naum Popovski, Stevenson; Justin Street, N. Farmington; Randy Sage, Farmington.

HONORABLE MENTION Churchill: Mike Kivunien, Mike Slack, Joel Stage, Ken Kozlow; Canton: Steve Epley, Brandon Anulewicz, Trevor Anulewicz; Northville: Matt Carroll, Josh Bruggeman, Adam Tibble, Brandon Bethel; Harrison: Chris Wong, Jay Mentzel, Jeff Bouschet, Josh Duffy;

Franklin: Ross Bohler, Fernando Cazares, Ken Douglass, Ryan Kracht; Stevenson: Tom Eller, Mike White, Steve Scheel, Joe Suchara; N. Farmington: Benji Salter, David Beaver, Brian Horr, Victor Juncaj; Salem: Guisepe Tanni, Brian Wozniak, Jeremy Finlay, Mike Shull; Farmington: Scott Morrell, Patrick Faloon, Brad Gerwatowski, Jeff Frederick; John Glenn: Jeff Shelby, Justin Ballard, Matt Trussler, Derek Gizmond; W.L. Central: Pete Kelson, David Crisman, Colin Bakewell, Phil Metcalf.

FINAL DIVISION RECORDS Western: 1. Churchill, 5-0; 2. Canton, 3-1; 3. Northville, 2-1-2; 4. Franklin, 2-3; 5. W.L. Western, 1-3-1; 6. Harrison, 0-5.

Lakes: 1. (tie) Salem and Stevenson, 4-0-1 each; 3. N. Farmington, 3-2; 4. Farmington, 1-3-1; 5. W.L. Central, 0-3-2; 5. John Glenn, 0-4-1.

WLAA CHAMPIONSHIP Churchill 2, Salem 2.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 31 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Franklin at Trenton, 7:30 p.m. Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m. Farmington at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m. N. Farmington at Howell, 7:30 p.m. RU at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m. Flat Rock at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 Garden City at Thurston, noon. Harrison at Country Day, 1 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 1 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Oct. 28 Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 6:30 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m. Thurston at River Rouge, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m. PCA at S'field Christian, 7 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Marshall Jr. High, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 Clarenceville at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m. Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m. Willow Run at Thurston, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Wayne at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 Agape at Greater Life, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Monday, Oct. 27 Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio) at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Oct. 26 Hillsdale at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 28 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 Windsor at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 Schoolcraft Invitational, 7 p.m. Madonna at Clearwater (Fla.), TBA. Saturday, Nov. 1 Schoolcraft Invitational, 10 a.m. Madonna at Clearwater (Fla.), TBA. TBA — time to be announced.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES

FLY TYING Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fall fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

ATTRACTING BIRDS Adults can learn how to attract birds to their winter feeder during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

OWL HUNT Learn everything you want to know about owls and other nocturnal creatures during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Call (248) 738-2500 to register and for more information.

SEASONS/DATES

BEAR The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26. DEER The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15. DUCKS Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone. GOOSE The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose-Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's. PHEASANT Pheasant season runs Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area. WOODCOCK Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information. TARGET LEAGUE An indoor target league begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation,

a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-4481 for more information. MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information. FISHING BUDDIES Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information. BASS ASSOCIATION The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (sneet and trap, sporting clays, five-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the rifle and pistol range is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information. PONTIAC LAKE Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The range will close at 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 26. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Oct. 19-Nov. 15

the range will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Nov. 16-Dec. 22 range hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except during waterfowl season when the range will close one hour before sunset on Wednesdays and Sundays. Pointe Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178. GREAT PUMPKIN Make a Great Pumpkin decoration for Halloween during this craft workshop, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington. ANIMAL MYTHS Explore the real world of bats, spiders, wolves and other Halloween-type creatures during this indoor program, which begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

OH DEER Explore the whitetail deer's natural history during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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RECREATION

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Evergreen Children's Services motto is "Giving Children a Future." And once again they're preparing to launch the fourth annual Bowl-A-Thon to Strike Out Child Abuse. The date is Saturday, Nov. 15 and it will be held at Cloverlanes on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, across the freeway from Ladbroke DRC. Check-in starts at noon with the bowling beginning at 1 p.m. (all entrants are asked to bring in at least \$50 in donations).

This year the event will be in a 9-pin no-tap format and there will be prizes galore for the entrants who bring in the most money from pledge sheets.

First place is a Las Vegas trip for two; second — free air fare for two to any destination served by Southwest Airlines; third — weekend for two at the Bayshore Resort in Traverse City.

There are many other awards such as overnight stays at local luxury hotels such as Kingsley Inn and the Southfield Hilton; dinner for two at Mereweathers; brunch for two at the Northland Plaza Hotel; a new bowling ball and bag; a fine wrist watch and many other fine gifts which will be awarded to the top fundraisers in the group.

Michael Barr of radio station WJR will be acting as master of ceremonies for the occasion and many celebrities and well known bowling personalities will be there, taking part in the festivities.

Time remains to get your pledge sheets, form up a five-person team, and help raise some money for this worthy organization.

Any interested parties should contact Carol Eschbach at Evergreen Children's Services, call (313) 862-1000, Ext. 107 for team entries and pledge sheets.

■ Gordon Bickle of Canton reads this column every Sunday, and each time I see him he always has some nice things to say.

The exception was a couple of weeks ago after reading the satire on Christopher Columbus and his bowling exploits prior to the 1492 voyage. This, of course, coincided last week with the Columbus holiday.

Gordon suggested that Chris would have bowled with a cannonball. Now, any experienced bowler knows that a 16-pound is plenty, whereas a cannonball is about 48 pounds of heavy lead.

"No way" for any cannonballs, not even in those olden times, Bickle claims.

Wait a minute. Bickle might have just come up with a great idea, perhaps Ebonite, AMF or Brunswick would be interested, or better yet, Columbia.

■ Nathan Adams of Redford, a 14-year-old bowler recently rolled a 750 series in the youth league at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Nathan's dad John is a staunch supporter of his son and even though he just saw his kid eclipse his own best-ever series, he is proud and supportive of Nathan in every way.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**
 - Friday Kings & Queens — Don Chambers, 270 game/743 series.
 - Senior House — Ken Kubit, 265/706; Tim Prieur, 288; Dave Norwick 279/762; Bob O'Brien, 256/706; Pat Engebretson, 269/717.
 - Midnight Mixed — Randy Fuller, 258/660; Tim Rose, 665; Willie Rolley, 279/665.
 - Monday Batons — Dave Kaczor, 279/704; Ken Smoltz, 256/723; John Chouinard, 268/726; Phil Anderlie, 269/680.
- Cloverlanes (Livonia)**
 - All-Star Bowlerettes — Tracey Wade, 257-245-267/769; Alecia Sili, 229-242-245/716; Marianne DeRupo, 215-234-258/707; Kathy Siemiesz, 218-254-233/705; Darlene Dysort, 254-215-235/704.
 - Cloverlane Seniors — Ken McDaniel, 244/641.
 - Renaissance Mixed — Eddie Floyd, 289/722; Jerry Johnson, 247; Stephanie Cox, 235; Lenora Crite, 235; Bryan Jones, 278 (101 pins o/a).
 - Tel-Com Men — G. Goga, 278.
 - St. Aidan's Men — Conrad Sobania, 215-214-207/638; Vince Bastine, 223; Ray Radak, 223-234-205/662; Bob Racey, 208-213-232/653.
 - FoMoCo Thurs. Men — Bill Curran, 289/757; Jim Griffith, 268/672; Chuck O'Rourke, 258/700; Bobby Williams, 267/706.
- Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)**
 - Nite Owls — Tony Grote, 245/650; Alan Biasutto, 258; Jim Ocholik, 266/660; Art Hoffmeyer, 666.
 - Wonderland Classic — Mitch Jabczynski, 277/789; Dick Shoupe, 267/779; Ed Grace, Jr., 747; Art Kapetansky, 278/730; Doug Spicer, 280/720.
 - Motor City Men's Early — Jim Molinar, 300/725.
 - Wonderland Classic — Dick Shoupe, 300/761; Jeff Dishong, 278/739; Mike Surdyk, 300/734; Greg Bashara, 732; John Leszczynski, 278/717.
 - Thursday Nite Wonders — Clare Wandyg, 224/577; Sandy Pierzchala, 224/557; Carol Baker, 233.
- Garden Lanes (Garden City)**
 - St. Linus Men's — Matt Dalley, 257-244-226/727; Rob Fiełek, 232-300/723; Mike Balkwin, 225-226-223/718; Ed Stephenson, 258-224-225/707; Tony Humphrey, 257-242/695; Jim Kowalski, 256-204-225/685; Tom Schneider, 298.
 - Suburban Prop. Travel (Men) — John Hurley, 299/706; Bill Gerace, 257/640; Tim Magyar, 255/702; Steve Hughes, 244; Bob Chuba, 238.
 - Suburban Prop. Travel (Ladies) — Paula Sitariski, 225/571; Minnie Rowe, 213/552; Mary Solis, 206/546.
- Mayflower Lanes (Redford)**
 - Monday Seniors — Lee Onkka, 223/605; Bill Britton, 224/601; Jim O'Neill, 244/602; Andy Parratto, 244/666; Jack Dahlstrom, 225/613.
 - Wednesday Senior Men's Classic — Dick Ortiz, 223-225-200/648; Jess Macciocco, 221-275/693; Alvar Freden, 268-235/698; Buff Stiles, 225-222/638; Jack Dahlstrom, 222-225-245/692; Bill Jacobs, 250/617; Tony Golchuk, 232-213/644.
- Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)**
 - Hot Shotz — John Hurley, 280-234-198/712; Sam Loicano, 259-220/668; Carl Gray, 247-231-254/732.
 - St. Colettes — Frank Pencola, 298/731; Paul Maiden, 298/713.
 - Newburg Mixed — Don Potts, 745; Dave Eastman, 299/720.
 - Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic — C.J. Blevins, 300.
- Super Bowl (Canton)**
 - Youth Leagues: Thursday Majors — Erica Lineberry, 500; Justin Toth, 210/582.
 - Friday Junior/Majors — Jason Krimm, 211/514.
 - Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors — Jennifer Randall, 208.
 - Saturday 9 a.m. Majors — Pat Brown (15) 234-215-259/708; Matt Buresh, 235/591; Shaun Nicoloff, 202; Doug Ritter, 205/503; David Brandes, 209/579; Matt Conn, 212/564.
 - Saturday 11 a.m. Majors — Nicholas Bowns, 211.
 - Parent/Child Mixed — Katelyn Sabada (age 5) 90 (YABA award, 48 pins over average).
- Country Lanes (Farmington)**
 - Greenfield Mixed — Chris Shiveley, 222-234-219/675; Ryan Wilson, 255-231-240/726; Tim Hettlinger, 217/590; Lynne Wegener, 210/557; Ron Blanchard, 277/610; Walt Thomas, 236-252-209/697.
 - University Men's — James Schaeffer, 300/701; Vern Flowers, 275/656; Kevin Provo, 266; Mark Abele, 265/608; Ed Ranilovich, 257/662.
 - Country Keglers — Gerry Krause, 268/654; Dean Johnson, 261/694; Dave Kaliszewski, 242/671; Kris Doudt, 242; Tony Kubek, 236/656.
 - Suburban Prop-Travel (Men) — Bill Gerace, 257/660; Lou Ivancik, 256/693; Dan Zak, 255/687; Dick Ziemann, 250/619; Richard Pope, 247.
 - Suburban Props Travel (Ladies) — Viv Waldrep, 210/542; Shirley Steele, 210; Jennifer Cribbs, 205/501; Paula Sitariski, 198.
- Novi Bowl (Novi)**
 - Westside Lutheran — Ron Williams, 266/661; Kevin Chambers, 647; Randy Krohn, 267/646; Tim Collins, 638; Don Johnson, 632.
- Troy Lanes (Troy)**
 - Ford Sterling Van Dyke — J. Klein, 268/694.
 - Wednesday Madness — Andy Kabarovski, 255.
 - Fast Lanes — Keith Howell, 255.
 - Dolls & Guys — Mike Burkey, 257.
- Classic Lanes (Rochester)**
 - Tuesday Men — Dick Lapanowski, 290.
 - UAW — Phil Cataldo, 268.



Take a walk on the wild side

PHOTOS BY JEFF COUNTS

Lone hunter: Upland bird hunting takes you to those special places where grouse and trout live.

Trout, grouse haunt those special places

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

They call it a double. A day of trout fishing and upland bird hunting. When you're standing in a trout stream, the temperatures hit about 50 degrees and the water is leaking into your waders, nothing feels better than to get out of the river, put on dry hunting clothing, get the gun and dog out and take a walk. It takes the chill out.

But it does more than that. Trout fishing in rivers makes you a better bird hunter and hunting makes you a better fisherman.

The reason is simple — you cover more ground. Learning the landscape by walking or wading in a river gives you the intimate knowledge needed to scare up game birds and trout.

Hunting places

They also take you to those special places in the landscape that maps can't. They're places that haunt you. Places you envision during long, cold winter nights during which you make plans to return to them in the spring.

The question is: Do we hunt and fish to find these special places or do we find them because we're hunting or fishing?

For me and others, hunting and fishing are excuses for wandering aimlessly.

I try to make sense of it this way: When I'm fly fishing for trout, I'm also hunting for grouse. And when I'm walking the woods with

a shotgun, I'm also taking note of fishing spots. Whatever the reason, there's a beautiful relationship between the two sports.

The double sport starts in the spring. When fishing rivers during May and June, I listen for the drumming sound of grouse during the mating season. It's unmistakable.

Grouse tend to be territorial, not moving more than a few miles from where they were born.

Mapping

After climbing out of the river at the end of the day, I pull out my well-worn, coffee and bourbon-stained county maps and mark the spot where I heard the drumming. I'll return there in the fall when the grouse and woodcock seasons start in mid-September.

But the best time of year comes in late September, when the upland bird and trout seasons overlap. I spent a rewarding two weeks in the Upper Peninsula this fall, with one week devoted to trout and a little bird hunting and another week of just birds.

It was while bird hunting that I discovered one of those elusive, mythical places coveted by trout fishermen — the beaver pond. The place is etched in my mind. Hopefully I'll be able to find it next spring and the trout will have grown to nearly a foot. It's a special place gotten to by a lot of walking. It's not on the map.

To try remembering it, I measured the miles, and tried to locate it on the county maps later that day. The place defied my mapping skills. The miles I measured with the odometer in the Jeep didn't match up to the map.

Internal map

But because I had walked it, there's a map of it in my head. That's perhaps the best. One trout fishing acquaintance said he marks such elusive beaver ponds with a piece of electronic hardware called a GPS, Global Positioning System. He later uses it to get back to the pond.

Each to his or her own taste. I like the memory system better. The Australian bushmen use songs to help them navigate the great expanses of the outback country. These song-maps have names based on what trip is to be taken. Their length correlates to the time it takes to make a certain journey on foot. A three-day trip is a three-day song, with the words taking note of the landmarks.

Because of that, they have an intimate knowledge of their landscape. And they don't have to worry about the battery going dead in their computer to find a certain place.

Song-map

My map of my newly found beaver pond could be turned into a song. The lyrics would go like this. Make a right on the Adams Trail Road, drive seven miles until you hit the Kingston Plains. Then make a left on the two-track that has two entrances, one marked by a white pine with blue paint. Drive another five miles to the spot where we saw grouse feeding near the road, park the Jeep at the fork in the road and then walk about 45 minutes until you hit the head waters of the Fox River. There, you'll hear the gurgling sound made by water flowing through the small limbs cut and placed there by the beaver. Thank the beaver for doing their job of creating a trout pond.

There's poetry to such song-maps that can't be matched by the beeping of a GPS computer.

There's also some mystery left to the spot found while grouse hunting. The mystery is even made deeper because I can't really pinpoint the pond on a map.

It's in an internal map I'll use when needed next May or June when I decide to try flyfishing the pond. And if it's still there in the spring — beaver ponds can disappear — and I catch fish in it, it will have a special place in my memory forever.



Nature's gifts: Chris Counts, left, and Aaron Smith, both of Livonia, hold up grouse taken near the Fox River in the Upper Peninsula.



Scouting the scene: Look walks during the bird season help you discover those special places where trout live.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Colorful male birds are often chosen for magazine covers or portraits created by talented artists.

We often associate the male pattern and coloration with that species of bird. But experienced bird watchers know that not all birds are colorful like the males. Females are often much less colorful.

Females are not as colorful as males because they sit on a nest incubating eggs. A camouflaged coloration makes them less vulnerable to predation by birds of prey that can see color.

Males and females are similar in coloration when they are both reasonably camouflaged, like robins.

Fall is a time when another challenge arrives for bird watchers — young of the year.

Juvenile plumage of birds raised this summer is not going to look like a spring male in its breeding finery. Many juveniles look like females of

that species. This gives them a better chance to survive since they will be camouflaged like the adult female.

In fact, adult males in some species will molt their bright breeding feathers and spend the winter in a camouflaged plumage.

After all, why be bright and conspicuous to predators when its not worth it? That's because the females are not looking for a bright male anyway.

One group of birds which illustrates this change from bright spring to dull fall plumage are warblers.

They are like butterflies of the bird world in spring, then in fall they become confusing rocks in a gravel pit. Not all of them change remarkably, but enough of them change to make it a real challenge to identify them in the field.

A blackpoll warbler hit a window at the nature center and got the wind knocked out of it. When I picked it up to put it in a paper bag to recover, it gave me a chance to see how beautiful they are in fall even though they are not the contrasting black and white they are in spring.

Its light colored legs, streaked back, wing bars, faint streaking against a wash of cream on the breast and flanks all helped me to identify it as a blackpoll warbler.

If you want to identify fall warblers on migration, let me suggest a new book entitled "Warblers" by Jon Dunn and Kimball Garrett.

There is a section in the front of the book that will help you learn more about warbler biology followed by the section of colorful plates illustrating various plumages of this group.

The artists have illustrated males and females in both spring and fall plumages. Juveniles are also illustrated with the adults in fall. Several variations are added for comparison.

The majority of the book constitutes species accounts detailing plumages, behavior, breeding and wintering sites, vocalizations, habitats and similar species that could cause confusion in identification.

This is a brand new book published by Houghton Mifflin. It's not a convenient book for the field, but it is a great reference.

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BARGAINS!



1997 Ranger XLT

- PEP 864
- XLT Trim
- AM/FM Cassette
- Cast Wheels
- Sliding Window
- Power Steering
- Stock #74655

Was \$14,425
Now \$9,695*

24 Month Lease Zero Down **\$195** MO.**
 24 Month Lease \$1,500 Down **\$125** MO.**

1997 Universal Luxury Conversion Van

- Illuminated Visors
- Power Windows
- Tilt Cruise
- Rear Sofa
- Air Conditioning
- Power Locks
- Running Boards
- Much More
- AM/FM Cassette
- Power Mirrors
- 4 Captain Chairs
- Stock #75327

Was \$31,382.98
Now \$18,795*

1997 F150 Supercab 4x4

- Off-Road Package
- PEP507A
- Air Conditioning
- Tilt Cruise
- Stock #74288
- AM/FM Cassette
- Electric Shift
- 17" Aluminum Wheels
- Trailer Tow

Was \$29,590
Now \$22,895*

1997 Taurus

- PEP 204A
- Speed/T.H.
- AM/FM Cassette
- Power Locks
- Power Windows
- Floor Mats
- Power Seat
- Stock #75522

Was \$20,285
Now \$14,795*

OVER 1,000 VEHICLES IN STOCK!

1998 Expedition XLT 4x4

- PEP 685 A
- Speed/T.H.
- Air Conditioning
- Running Boards
- AM/FM Cassette
- Elec. Mirrors
- 17" Aluminum Wheels
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Trailer Tow
- Stock #80658

Was \$33,870
Now \$28,795*

24 Month Lease Zero Down **\$419** MO.**
 24 Month Lease \$1,500 Down **\$349** MO.**

1.9% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE ON SELECT MODELS

1997 Contour

- PEP 230 A
- AM/FM Cassette
- Console
- Air Conditioning
- Power Mirrors
- Rear Defrost
- Stock #72223

Was \$15,205
Now \$11,595*

1997 Explorer 4 Door 4x4 XLT

- PEP 945 B
- XLT Trim
- AM/FM Cassette
- Power Windows
- Electronic Group
- Luxury Group
- Overhead Console
- Power Locks
- Power Seat
- Aluminum Wheels
- Trailer Towing
- Stock #73412

Was \$31,490
Now \$25,295*

1998 Escort SE 4 Dr.

- AM/FM Cassette
- Power Mirrors
- Driver Door Remote Entry
- Floor Mats
- Rear Defrost
- Air Conditioning
- Automatic
- Stock #81055

Was \$14,065
Now \$12,065*

24 Month Lease Zero Down **\$278** MO.**
 24 Month Lease \$1,500 Down **\$209** MO.**

1998 Windstar

- PEP 472 A
- Tilt/Cruise
- Rear Defrost
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Mirrors
- Privacy Glass
- AM/FM Cassette
- Floor Mats
- Stock #80802

Was \$24,935
Now \$19,369*

24 Month Lease Zero Down **\$371** MO.**
 24 Month Lease \$1,500 Down **\$303** MO.**

MODEL

98 EXPEDITION		
0 Down	\$450	\$ 913
1,500 Down	\$375	\$2354
98 ESCORT		
0 Down	\$300	\$ 644
1,500 Down	\$225	\$2086
97 RANGER		
0 Down	\$225	\$ 541
1,500 Down	\$150	\$1982
98 WINDSTAR		
0 Down	\$400	\$ 902
1,500 Down	\$325	\$2345

OVER 13 ACRES OF VEHICLES

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