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Meet the candidates

Meet the candidates for the Plymouth City Commission 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction.

The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Observer and the League of Women Voters. Ann Marie Graham of the LWV will moderate the candidates forum.

Eight candidates are vying for four four-year terms on the commission. They are Kevin Decker, Dan Dwyer, Sean FitzGerald, Bill Graham, Michele Potter, Sally Repeck and Penny Rowland. Two candidates, John Vos and David Byers, also are vying for one two-year unexpired term.

The forum will be taped by MediaOne volunteers and cablecast on Channel 25 prior to the Nov. 2 election.

Gay displays removed at schools



Alternative lifestyles: A closeup view of the display case at West Middle School shows two books about gays with a message of diversity in regard to alternative lifestyles.



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Two Plymouth-Canton teachers are filing grievances against the school district after being forced to dismantle school displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

The teachers, Mike Chiumento, a music teacher at West Middle School, and Tom Salbenblatt, a math teacher at Plymouth Salem, both of whom are gay, were asked to take down their displays this week. After refusing the request, the two were then ordered to take them down in a written notice from Superintendent Ken Walcott, which they complied with Thursday.

"We know there are gay kids at the

high school," said Salbenblatt. "They are isolated and receive verbal as well as physical assault, and some attempt suicide. I put up the bulletin board in conjunction with our school mission, which is 'Dignity and Respect for All.'"

Salbenblatt said his bulletin board consisted of statistics relating to the gay population, contributions made by gay people in history, and an affirmation by Coretta Scott King stating homophobia is a form of bigotry.

"It comes down to being homophobic. The school administration caved in," said Chiumento. "People fear gay people because they are ignorant. This is a great opportunity for parents to have discussion with their kids about diver-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Farm and Garden: The new officers for the Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will preside over the fall meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church. The casserole luncheon is at noon.

WEDNESDAY

Mayflower memories: The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting speaker Dan Hershberger, president of the Society of Commercial Archeology on the history of the Mayflower Hotel, 1927-1999. Bricks from the hotel also are being sold for \$10 each.

Town meeting: Community Federal Credit Union is having a town meeting to address Y2K questions from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at Sheldon Road and M-14, Plymouth. For more information call Amber Hosler at (734) 254-1202 or e-mail at ahosler@cfcu.org.

Leaf pickup begins

See page A2 for pickup dates

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There are two sure signs of fall in Plymouth.

One is colorful leaves falling from trees and gathering on lawns throughout the city.

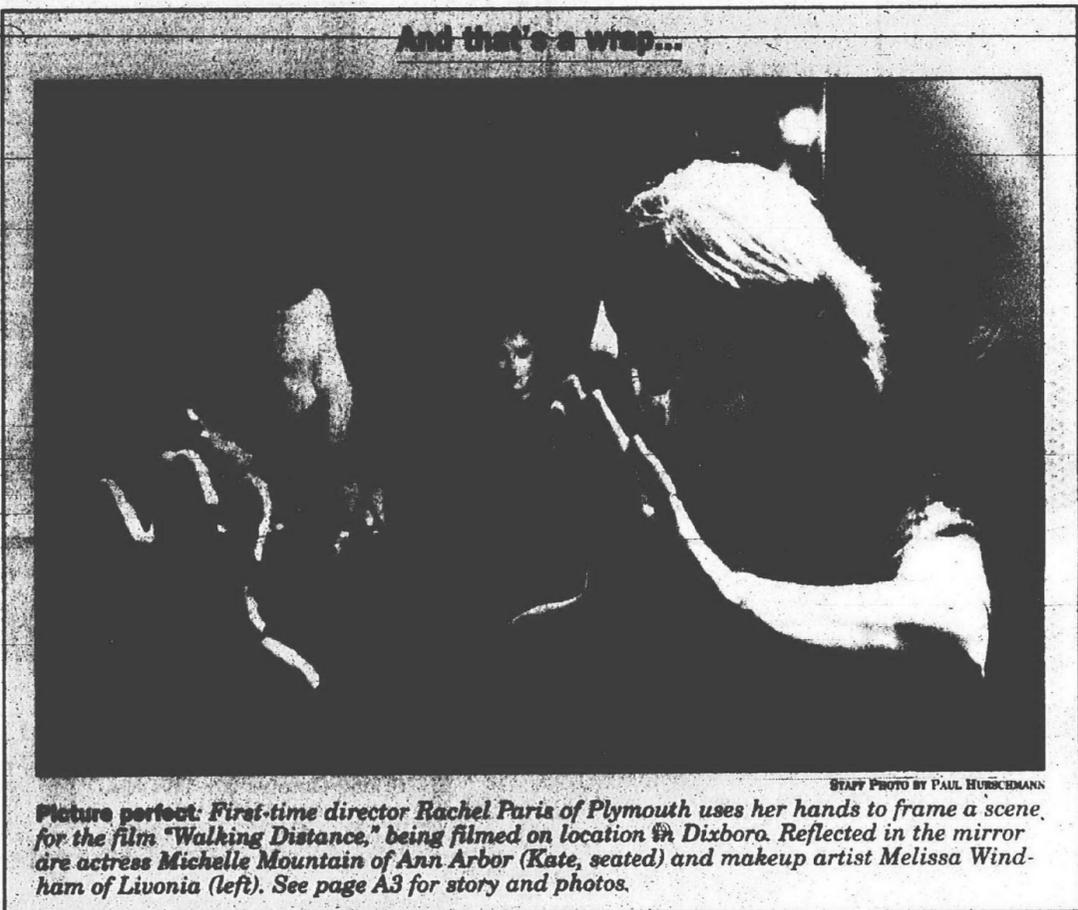
The other is Department of Municipal Services crews spending nearly two months sucking up curbside leaves before the snow arrives.

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok said a new \$31,000 leaf vacuum truck will allow three collection crews to be out on the streets.

"We received the new truck this week and are training crews on it," said Sincok. "We'll now have three leaf collection crews instead of two, which we hope will cut down on the amount of overtime."

Sincok said crews will make four sweeps through each of four designated areas in the city.

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Picture perfect: First-time director Rachel Paria of Plymouth uses her hands to frame a scene for the film "Walking Distance," being filmed on location in Dixboro. Reflected in the mirror are actress Michelle Mountain of Ann Arbor (Kate, seated) and makeup artist Melissa Windham of Livonia (left). See page A3 for story and photos.

Police request semi-automatic rifles

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Replacing shotguns in patrol cars with eight semi-automatic .223 patrol rifles is one request in the 2000 police budget.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees must approve the budget by Nov. 1. Another workshop budget session will be held Oct. 19.

So far, Police Chief Lawrence Carey

hasn't convinced township board members to approve the rifles. The board's initial discussion indicates they will nix the item.

"A rifle has the range of a mile," said Trustee Charles Curmi at a recent study session. "I'd feel safer with a shotgun."

Carey said targets can be missed with a shotgun. "You're up against people with high power," he said. "This gives you a longer-distance shot."

Carey views the \$8,000 purchase of the weapons, called "assault rifles" by some, as a progressive and innovative response to both the nationwide increase of violent crimes and random acts of violence, as well as a prevention method for future township incidents.

The public only needs to look at the Columbine High School incident in Colorado or, more locally, the incident at the Ford Wixom plant where police officers responded with handguns and

shotguns while the shooter inside the plant had a rifle, the police chief believes.

Carey presented supporting documentation prepared with input by some of his police staff who are considered excellent marksmen and trainers. Officers would be required to routinely qualify with the rifles as they do with the shotguns, Carey said.

Township police cited recent exam-

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Potter: Residents need a voice to speak for them

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"I don't feel the residents' voices are being heard on the current city commission, and I want to be their voice. I want to make a difference."

And with that, Michele Potter has thrown her hat into the ring, hoping to be elected to the Plymouth City Commission Nov. 2.

Potter's main campaign issues are growth, water and sewer construction, and listening to her constituents.

"I like the growth downtown, it's good for the city," said Potter. "But, there's room for improvement. There are a lot of empty storefronts, and we're in the greatest bull market of our time."

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Michele Potter

Decker wants to be part of change in leadership



Kevin Decker

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Kevin Decker says he's tired of Plymouth being known as "that bickering little community out west," so he wants to be part of a change in leadership.

Decker, one of eight candidates vying for a seat on the city commission, said "it's time to stop. You don't need the nonsense that's happening with the city commission. The differences can be handled in a civilized manner."

In fact, Decker doesn't believe the role of city commissioner is that difficult a position.

"I have managerial skills from being in business for myself. I handle other people's money. I stay within budget, justify what I'm going to do, and I have

Please see DECKER, A6

Police standoff ends in suicide

By TONY BRUCATO
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The incident began about 4:45 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Several police officers remained at the home through 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Whitney Rice, 12, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Plymouth Meadows subdivision. She has been delivering the Observer since July 1998.

The Pioneer Middle School eighth grader's favorite subjects are French, science and language arts. She was a back-to-back honor roll student.

Whitney wants to re-visit France after completing a full year of French.

Watching her bank account grow is one of the things she likes about her route.

Getting up early for Sunday delivery and communicating well are some of the skills she has developed.

Whitney is the daughter of Jeff and Marcy Rice. She has a brother, Trevor, 11.

A Plymouth Township man reportedly took his own life sometime during a 30-hour standoff with Plymouth Township police and the Special Operations Team, made up of authorities from six jurisdictions.

"The victim called a friend, who immediately called us about a distressing situation," said

Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township police officer. "We went to his home, where we considered it a barricaded situation."

Senkbeil said the incident began about 4:45 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Several police officers remained at the home through

1:30 p.m. Friday, when police forced their way into the basement. It was there they found the man dead. Police will only say the victim did not die from a gunshot wound.

"At no time was it a hostage situation, as he was alone in the

house," added Senkbeil. "There were no gunshots, and we had phone contact for a while until he disconnected the line."

Police from Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Canton, Van Buren and Wayne all played a part in the ordeal.

Senkbeil said neighbors were apprised of the situation; however no one had to be evacuated from their homes.



Whitney Rice

Canned food drive helps needy

A canned food drive will be ongoing until Saturday, Oct. 23. Plymouth Community United Way will handle the pick up and delivery to the needy.

Drop off boxes are located at the following locations: The Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main, Plymouth; Midas Muffler, 930 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Engraving Connection,

705 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth; Community Federal Credit Union, 400 E. Main, Northville; Community Federal Credit Union, 6355 N. Canton Center Road, Canton; and Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

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Ann Arbor Rd.

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"Two of the collections will occur during a designated week, and the other two will happen on a random basis when we can fit it around our workload and needs for equipment," said Sincock. "Residents who want to have their leaves picked up on their designated week must make sure their leaves are neatly raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday of their week."

Sincock stresses that failure to have your leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. could result in them not being picked up if crews have already passed your house.

The best way to deal with the leaves, according to Sincock, is to mulch them onto the lawn.

"The mulch will leave much needed nutrients for your lawn," Sincock said. "The bagging of leaves is also permitted through the end of November."

'Residents who want to have their leaves picked up on their designated week must make sure their leaves are neatly raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday of their week.'

Paul Sincock
Municipal Services

Sincock reminds residents not to park cars over piles of leaves, which could catch fire from a hot exhaust system. Leaves should also be kept from street storm drains and storm sewer grates to avoid flooding.

Sincock figures the city collects enough leaves in the fall to fill 400 garbage trucks.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 - 2000

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Board of Trustees of the Plymouth District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of October, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Meeting Room of the Plymouth District Library, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Plymouth District Library for fiscal year 1999-2000.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Plymouth District Library, 228 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the Plymouth District Library District, comprised of the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

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This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Plymouth District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

JOAN CLAEYS, Secretary
Plymouth District Library, Board of Trustees

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Show will be held again this year at West Middle School, 44401 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The craft show is scheduled to open its door from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. Admission at the door is \$2. A beautiful Amish queen-size quilt

will be raffled off at 3:45 p.m. Lunch will also be available.

The show has been filled for weeks with more crafters wanting to participate than can be accommodated. This 13th annual event supports scholarships for high school graduates pursuing a degree in education.

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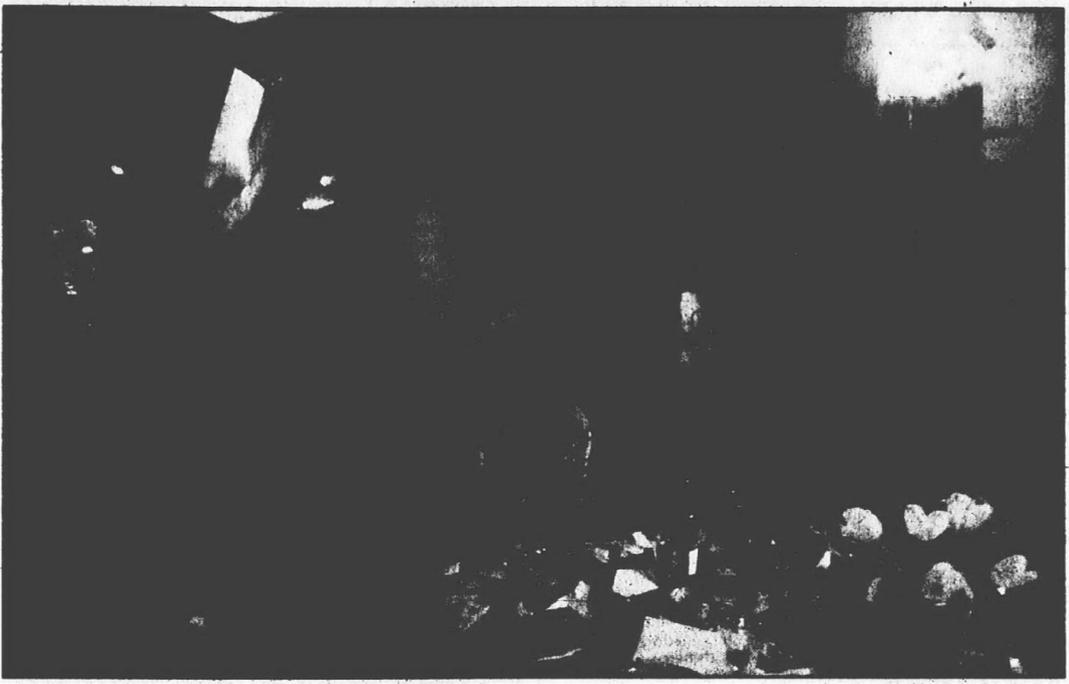
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On the set: Rachel leans down to give direction to Michelle Mountain of Ann Arbor (Kate, seated), as Rick Birdsall of Northville (John) listens in during rehearsals for "Walking Distance."

Showing soon

'Walking Distance' premieres in early 1960s fashion

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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It was a four-minute milestone for the film "Walking Distance" even though it was a 14-hour day for filmmaker Rachel Paris.

Paris, several members of her cast and crew gathered recently at a Dixboro home to finish the last four minutes of the film, which has been entered into the Sundance Film Festival. The premiere of "Walking Distance" will take place 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 during a cocktail screening in Plymouth. The location of the party is being given only to ticketholders.

Much has changed in the last two years when Paris, a Plymouth resident, began filming her screenplay at the Water Wheel in Northville.

Lisa Overwater, 13, of Dearborn was on the set for one last minute of footage needed to finish "Walking Distance." Luckily, the only scene needed was a shot of her hands as she wrote on a tablet.

"She's about three inches taller now," said her proud mother Kathy Overwater. Lisa's real-life sister, Theresa, also plays her sister in the film.

The film stars Katie, a woman in her late 30s who reflects on her youth. Much of the film is staged in 1963 as the then 11-year-old Katie (Overwater) idolizes her frequently absent father, a traveling businessman. Through magical notes and ceremonial childish wishes, the girl attempts to protect him from harm's way.

Paris' attention to details were so obvious on the set. In fact, one minor dispute between Paris, her gaffer/lighting director, Darryl Dusbiber, and Director of Photography Steve Mandell demonstrated the filmmaker's intensity.



The three couldn't decide whether the filming of actor Rick Birdsall of Northville, who plays Katie's father, should be shot from left to right or right to left. Adding to the confusion was the fact that the scene was to be shot from Katie's vantage point.

Paris played back the trailer (footage of the film) to determine which was right. "See," she told Dusbiber, a former Plymouth resident, as she pointed to the TV screen. "If Katie's sitting here and she's looking at him as he walks by..." Paris acted it out several times. However, Dusbiber and Mandell continued to disagree with her. Paris compromised and shot the scene both ways.

So who was right? During the editing of the walking scene last week she reported to the Observer in her lighthearted humorous way, "Ha! I was right all along."

The premiere screening of "Walking Distance" also will have an early 1960s theme with classic cars from the 1960s lining the streets of Plymouth. Guests are asked to dress in that time period.

Tickets to the premiere of "Walking Distance" can be purchased by calling Glenview 3-2920 (453-2920). Tickets are \$50.

The film will be entered into other film competitions, such as Cannes and the Academy Awards.

Win tickets to film's premiere

- 1) The moment her skin blew up, she was hands-down, the hottest star in Hollywood. What is the name of the movie she was talking about as she steps on that infamous subway platform "The Seven Year Itch?"
- 2) Despite the name, you don't have to own one, to have one. It starts out cold and ends up steamy. What is it?
- 3) A rose by any other name in our hometown of Plymouth... Name three structures standing in the 1960s. What was the name of the business occupying the building then and what's the name of the business occupying the structure now?
- 4) It's true, they were known to hold a Martin of two, but "Steve" and "Slim" were better known for their "whistle." Who were the original founders of "The Rat Pack" and what was the complete name?

Send your answers with your name and phone number. The person with the most correct answers will win a pair of tickets to the premiere of "Walking Distance" on Sunday, Oct. 24. Send your answers to the Plymouth Observer, Trivia Contest, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170, fax to (734) 459-4224 or email to volander@oe.homecomm.net.



Reviewing: Rachel Paris and Director of Photography Steve Mandell review a scene they just shot on a video monitor. It was a 14-hour day to wrap up four minutes of film. The premiere of "Walking Distance" is 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, in Plymouth. It will have an early 1960s theme to coincide with the film, much of which takes place in the '60s.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for October, 1999:

LOCAL GHOST STORIES
Virginia Bailey Parker, local author of "Ghost Stories and Other Tales" from Canton, will tell some of those tales at the library 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26.
The stories of apparitions, phantom sounds in the night, objects moving on their own and eerie lights are set in some of Canton's Victorian farmhouses. Her research turned up an interesting mix of myth, childhood pranks and historic tragedies; her storytelling talents help listeners feel the cold chills and

physical jostling in rooms where no one else can be seen. Register for the program beginning Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.
CONTEMPORARY BOOKS
The title selected for this month's discussion is "The Short History of a Prince" by Jane Hamilton. The group meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. Copies of the book are available at the check-out desk. For further information, call Darlene Ursel at the Library, (734) 453-0750.
BROWN BAG BOOKS DISCUSSION
Copies of this month's selected title, Patty Jane's "House of Curl" by Lorna Landrik, are available at the check-out desk. The group meets at noon

Wednesday, Oct. 27. Register for the discussion group at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.
PLYMOUTH WRITER'S CLUB
Writers of all ages are invited to join other aspiring writers to share their work in a friendly group setting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 14 and 28. Contact club facilitator Brian Anderson at 416-0418.
YOUR POETRY GROUP
Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. Short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or <donhewlwt@aol.com> for more information.

Scarecrows hang out awaiting decorations

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hoping to begin a new tradition this Halloween by decorating scarecrows in Kellogg Park.

"It's for Scout troops, businesses, classes, families, anyone who would like to decorate a scarecrow and have it displayed in the park," said Fran Toney, chamber executive director. "We'll provide the pole, straw and name sign which can be decorated next Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

"We're real excited, and hoping to start a new Plymouth tradition," she said.

Toney said the idea was taken from a town in Massachusetts, which was visited by Carl Schultz of Plymouth. Schultz liked the idea so much that his company, Sealant Equipment and Engineering, is picking up the \$20 cost this year for anyone decorating a scarecrow.

Reservations for a scarecrow can be made by calling Toney at the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.



Halloween nears: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hoping to start a new tradition by encouraging families and scout troops to decorate scarecrows in Kellogg Park.

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city." **Complaints** Apparently it was these discussions that led to approximately a dozen complaints from West parents, and a handful of complaints concerning the high school display.

Chiumento's showcase originally consisted of a couple of books about gays and lesbians, a newspaper article about a baseball player who declared he is gay, a small rainbow flag which represents the gay movement, bumper stickers with pink triangles to remember gays murdered in the Holocaust, and a safe zone sticker with pink triangles in which people are encouraged to tolerate others, including those with diverse sexual orientation.

The display was changed by assistant principal Maureen Murphy, who took out one of the books and added books on African-Americans and Native

Americans. "I was just told by Mr. Chiumento he wanted to do a display on diversity, so I let him," said Murphy, who approves showcase displays at West. "I didn't know it was going to be a one-issue display and I told him we needed to make it more diverse."

Curriculum Walcott was adamant in his stance that sexual orientation wasn't a part of Plymouth-Canton's curriculum.

"When we hire staff, we don't ask them their race, color, creed or lifestyle," said Walcott. "But, once we hire, we practice K-12 instructional goals adopted by the Board of Education, not lifestyle make-up. That's not our mission."

Chiumento said a similar display has been showcased at West for the last five years and nothing has ever been said about taking it down. Salbenblatt noted

he had a similar display last year and had a few complaints, but wasn't forced to take down the exhibit.

School administrators are being backed up by several school board members who heard about the displays, and in some cases received complaints from parents.

"I don't understand how this is a part of our curriculum," said Sue Davis, school board president. "The school displays need to be centered around curriculum issues."

"Gay material and sexual preference are not a function of educating our kids," added Trustee Darwin Watts. "Our goal is to educate kids around core subjects."

"I wonder why we would post information about gay lifestyle in a middle school hallway. And what does it have to do with a high school math class?" questioned school board member Judy Mardigan. "Parents need to be notified of this kind of exposure."

Parental concerns

Only a few parents complained, but they apparently were loud enough for the administration to hear and make the changes.

"This debatable subject matter doesn't need to be in the schools," said one West mother, who wanted to remain anonymous. "I didn't sign any paper to have my child taught this type of sex education."

"It's not age appropriate to advertise a sexual choice in the middle school," said another West mother, who also didn't want to be identified.

David Greened, a teacher at West, said he had no problem with the amended display.

"I think it looks attractive. I don't see anything controversial."

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President, Chuck Portal, said the teacher's union will back up the two educators.

Freedom of speech

"We'll look at academic free-

dom and First Amendment rights," said Portal. "In my opinion, a handful of people are forcing change at the high school and at West on information students should receive. I don't think a handful of people represent the community at large. We can't continue to put our heads in the sand and denying there are gay students and employees."

Salbenblatt said a number of

students quizzed him about the missing materials on Friday.

"I told them it was censorship. It's telling students it's not OK to be different," he said.

In its place, Salbenblatt put a quote from Goethe stating "there is nothing more frightening than active ignorance."

After taking down his display, Chiumento hung up a sign in the empty showcase which said "Censored."

Police from page A1

ples of dangerous situations in Plymouth Township that Carey said occurred prior to his becoming police chief less than two years ago. They are:

■ A hostage situation at Heritage Apartments

■ Shootings at the Ford plant

■ An armed robbery with an AK-47 at the Sunoco gas station at Joy and Lilley

■ A trailer park shotgun shooting, felonious assault, and attempted murder

Distance and weapons capability are often discussed by police departments. It is important that the first responding officer be properly equipped, Carey said. Likewise, police should be able to maintain a larger, safer perimeter for themselves and citizens until a SWAT or tactical team, arrives, Carey said.

The small 18-person police department couldn't support creation of its own SWAT team, Carey said. Two Plymouth Township officers are members of a western Wayne regional SWAT group. One is a negotiator, Carey said.

Carey's budget request also

includes:

■ \$82,000 for a motor carrier enforcement officer who can spot overweight trucks and truck-related violations. An officer was once assigned to this task but was then transferred to DARE.

"The projected increased revenue from aggressive truck enforcement could result in the program being self-supporting," Carey said.

■ \$15,000 for additional manpower for case follow-up

■ \$40,000 for additional overtime for selected enforcement. "The money was cut from \$140,000 in 1998 to \$100,000 in 1999 based on the fact that only \$103,155 was actually spent in 1998," Carey said. "In 1998 we were unable to fill the selected enforcement assignments because we operated under full strength. After hiring overtime is being filled and we have spent over \$70,000 as of June 30, 1999."

■ \$4,240 for Nextel cellular phones that have a two-way communications capability and can be used in the investigations section during surveillance.

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING:

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUILDING HEIGHT ANALYSIS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

CAROL STONE, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 1999 for the following:

**Recreation Master Plan
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Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE
Admin. Services Dir.

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR meeting Tuesday, October 19, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OCTOBER 14, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1160 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisak, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern,
Acceptance of Agenda

1. ASI Sign Systems of 1203 Wheaton St., Troy, MI. 48063 (248-680-8970) representing First Baptist Church of Canton at 44500 Cherry Hill Rd. (734-981-6460) are requesting a variance of Sign Ord. #120 Section 8.2 (Wall Signs) (Developments with 1 or more building shall be permitted 1 wall sign not exceeding fifty square feet in area) Petitioner requests a variance in the square footage requirements for Wall signs. Parcel 059-99-0004-008A (Building - Tabled from September 9, 1999 meeting)
2. Stevens Homeshield Inc., 1135 E. Beecher St., Adrian MI 49221 (800-798-0124) representing Jeffrey and Regina Shamberger, 46119 Bartlett, Canton MI 48187 (734-455-7414) for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulation requirement for Agricultural & Residential Districts. Parcel #016-02-0421-002 A (Building)
3. Joel & Susan Goddard, 46889 Creek's Bend, Canton MI 48188 (734-495-1337), requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26.01 Schedule of Regulations Intent & Scope of requirements. Parcel # 111-04-0199-000 (Building)
4. Collins Signs, 4265 Napier Field Rd., Dothan, AL. 36903 (334-983-8000) representing The Home Depot, 1400 W. Dundee Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, for property at Canton Center Road/Michigan Avenue, requesting a variance of the Sign Ordinance 120 Section 9.1 Wall Signs/Awning Signs. Parcel # 71-129-99-0001-700 (Building)
5. William Madden, Salts Center, LLC, 26622 Woodward Ave. Ste 200, Royal Oak, MI. 48067 (248-546-8800) for property at 1051 N. Canton Center, Canton MI. 48187, requesting a variance of Sign Ordinance 120 Section 3.11 Off-Premise Signs. Parcel # 004-99-0007-711A (Building)
6. Carl V. Creighton, Brashear, Tangora & Spence, LLP 355 N. Canton Center Road Canton MI 48187 (734-422-5900) representing Ronald Borkowski of PO Box 550233 Livonia MI 48153 (248-477-1302) for property located at 7635 Koppersnick, Canton MI 48187, requesting a variance of 9 Ft. for a rear yard setback Zoning Ordinance 26.02. Parcel # 004-99-0026-000 (Building)

(Approval of September 9, 1999 minutes)

TERRY O. BENNETT, Clerk

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Cops posing as girl nab man

BY KEN ARRACZYK
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The Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Internet crime unit arrested another suspected Internet predator Monday, this time in Livonia.

Deputies arrested the suspect at 7:45 a.m. at a business near I-275 and Ann Arbor Trail. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said deputies posing as a 13-year-old girl conversed with the suspect in an Internet chat room over the past two weeks and set up the Monday meeting.

The suspect — a 24-year-old, Lexington, Mich., resident — pleaded not guilty Tuesday in 31st District Court in Hamtramck on four counts of abusive activity, attempted third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a 13-15 year old, solicitation for third-degree criminal sexual conduct and communicating through computers to solicit a minor.

Ficano said the alleged solicitor was going to meet the girl and a friend at a restaurant then move to a different location for a sexual liaison, Ficano said.

Chat room conversations were of a sexually explicit nature and would be submitted as evidence in court, Ficano said. Tuesday's arrest was the ninth of a suspected Internet predator by the Wayne County Sheriff's Internet unit.

A preliminary examination was set for Oct. 14.

Warning issued on flooding lawsuits

BY KEN ARRACZYK
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Residents in communities sued by homeowners for basement flood damage may end up paying more in taxes to pay for court awards to plaintiffs, according to an official from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Chuck Hersey, manager of environmental programs for SEMCOG, told members of the Conference of Western Wayne Friday that jury awards from such lawsuits offered a "zero-sum solution" to the problem of basement flooding.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials from western Wayne County. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The report is crucial to communities concerned about basement flooding. The cities of Dearborn Heights and Westland were sued for basement flooding damages, while residents in Garden City had threatened to do the same.

Officials believe sanitary sewage overflows — from illicit connections of sanitary sewers to storm sewers or backup from water and sewage entering the interceptor system flowing to the Detroit water treatment plant — also may have contributed to basement flooding.

A SEMCOG report completed earlier this year on the issue found that municipalities are now held to a stricter liability standard for basement flooding and damages for such events communities consider beyond their control.

"Numerous multimillion dollar lawsuits have been filed and more are expected," the report concluded. "Left unresolved, citizens will be required to pay the cost of these lawsuits either through

increased premiums for liability coverage or higher taxes."

A court ruling stemming from a lawsuit in Genesee County awarded \$150,000 per household in the lawsuit for residents' emotional distress, Hersey said.

"It's getting quite serious, and a lot of communities are quite concerned about it," Hersey said.

Michigan law provides state and local governments and agencies immunity from tort liability, but the basement flooding issue is "different," Hersey said. Historically, under the "trespass-nuisance" standard, certain conditions had to be met and proven in court, namely the nuisance or trespass condition, cause and control by the government.

Property owners have prevailed in recent lawsuits by merely showing that a physical intrusion occurred without evidence of an act or omission by the municipality, the report stated.

Liability may be imposed even if the municipality neither created nor caused the flooding, the report concluded.

"Even when outside factors cause or contribute to basement flooding, such as heavy rainstorms during frozen ground conditions or property owner neglect, or acts by other entities that either increase flow into the sewer system or hinder the flow of water and sewage to appropriate treatment facilities, it appears liability may be imposed against the municipality simply because the waters flowed through a portion of its system," the report stated.

"This judicial trend toward holding government units strictly liable for basement flooding has caused increased litigation and the imposition of unexpected legal and financial burdens upon municipalities."

Hersey wasn't arguing for

"total" immunity for communities, only that conditions be changed by state lawmakers.

"We've had some informal conversations with the Legislature," Hersey said. "We feel we have a major uphill battle."

Legislators who hesitate to address the problem aren't being insensitive to communities, but they don't want to give the appearance of being "cold-hearted" to citizens, Hersey added.

SEMCOG would prefer that municipal liability be linked to gross negligence, because it holds municipalities liable for actions that cause property damage while recognizing that ownership of the sewer system in and of itself does not necessarily constitute either control or cause.

"However, if it can be demonstrated that the municipality acted in a grossly negligent manner and that its actions caused property damage resulting from basement flooding, then the municipality would be held liable for the damages," the report stated.

SEMCOG concluded gross negligence adopted by lawmakers as public policy would do the following:

- re-establish the historical benchmark for legal actions;
- put the decision for defining government liability "where it belongs, in the hands of the Legislature, rather than the courts";
- avoid the cancellation of insurance policies or increases in taxes to cover higher insurance premiums or lawsuits;
- ensure that local officials are accountable for the governmental services they provide.

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Some people settle immediately with an insurance company because they think they can't afford legal representation. In the case of accidents, injuries, or wrongful deaths, attorneys accept cases on a contingency basis. This means the attorney takes the case without any legal fees up front, accepting instead, a percentage of the compensation the plaintiff receives.

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Senator seeks to make Edison pay for outages

BY MIKE MALOTT
 HOUSTON NEWS SERVICE
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"Our area is known as one that will lose power any time the wind blows," says Corrine Kruse of Rochester Hills.

And the cost of "nuisance power outages" can be expensive. Kruse noted she has lost work days due to a lack of electricity, been late to work when alarm clocks didn't go off, had to replace a \$110 computer chip, thrown out "countless dollars worth of food," and "been forced to eat meals at restaurants resulting in great expense for our family of four."

Kruse said, in a letter to Senate Technology & Energy Committee Chair Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) that her house has lost electricity three times in the past year, twice when there was no severe weather in the area and once for as long as 36 hours.

Preparing legislation

As a result of this and other complaints, Dunaskiss said recently he is preparing to introduce legislation which would require Detroit Edison to reimburse customers for losses suffered due to power outages. Although it is still being drafted, Dunaskiss said he envisions a bill that would require reparations for costs suffered by customers

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The senator said he wants to keep the process simple and away from the courts. He would favor claims against the utility being made before an administrative law judge or a quasi-judicial panel, which could then determine the validity of the loss and the amount of reimbursement.

No position

Scott Simons, spokesman for Detroit Edison, said the utility is taking no position on the proposal since it has not seen the specifics of the bill. Still, he believes it is unnecessary since Detroit Edison already provides reimbursement for losses suffered by customers. The program, run by Edison, will pay to cover the cost of losses if Edison is at fault during a power outage.

"Obviously, we can't control the weather,"

Simons said.

Dunaskiss plan would have an outside panel determine losses.

Further, Simons contended Edison's delivery of electricity is "reliable." He said that in any given year, half the firm's customers will experience no service interruptions at all. Of those outages that do occur, two thirds are the result of wires downed by falling tree limbs. Edison has been conducting extra line clearance programs for a number of years and this year expects to spend \$40 million trimming trees, he said.

Interesting numbers

"I have some interesting numbers for you," Simons continued. "We have had eight catastrophic storms in the area in the last 14 months. We define that as one with 110,000 customers out of power. Wind speeds in these storms have typically ranged from 60 to 83 miles per hour. In the previous five and half years, we had only three storms of that magnitude. Now, that shows that the weather is changing or at least that we have had more severe weather lately."

There are reasons why outages can occur on sunny days, he explained, including accidents in which cars hit utility poles and animals get caught in Edison equipment.

Simons said there are "pockets" in Edison's ser-

vice area where customers experience frequent outages. He said the utility has identified those areas and is working on them. The company will spend \$500 million a year on maintenance and system improvements, Simons said.

Show me

Still, some customers are not convinced. "Ten years ago, we usually had one or two outages a year," said one Auburn Hills resident.

"This year it has been around 10 outages. I must keep expensive medications in the refrigerator, which cost \$2,400 for 10 doses. Power outages pose a serious financial risk for me."

"I think I'm an average customer. I have about six interruptions per year. Most are very short duration, a minute or less. But one was very long, one hour to one day. ... Severe damage to Edison equipment, regardless of how well maintained or stupidly administered, is not the customers, not the stockholders. So, what do we customers have to endure the inconvenience of an outage, we have to pay Edison for it."

"... Edison should be required to compensate customers for consequential losses as a result of power failures, and such costs should not be recoverable in its rates."

County wants riverfront money

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County hopes to obtain \$10 million from the Clean Michigan Initiative to help business and industries along the Rouge River south of Ford Road participate in a waterfront redevelopment program.

Wayne County's Department of Environment has applied for the grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to assist the Rouge Heritage 2000 redevelopment area.

The Clean Michigan Initiative totals \$570 million in state bonds approved by voters last year to fund environmental cleanups. The CMI has earmarked \$50 million for waterfront redevelopment.

Kelly Cave, director of watershed management for Wayne County Department of Environment, said Ford Motor Co. had hoped for a portion for waterfront development activities

along the Rouge. Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum also wanted a portion to activate an oxbow - a bend in the river - for visitors to learn about the river through interactive displays. Other industries and businesses were working to plan redevelopment, but those groups were just starting to organize, Cave said. The county applied for the grant on behalf of the groups.

"They're trying to develop a plan for what the river will look like down there," Cave said.

Any proposals will be reviewed by the DEQ and the Michigan Strategic Fund and state Economic Development Corp. Grants will be used for contamination cleanup, along with infrastructure and public facility improvements, to maximize the value of waterfront property.

The DEQ has not selected any waterfront redevelopment projects to be funded by the CMI, Cave said.

Tank removal

Wayne County soon will remove six underground fuel storage tanks from county parks.

County commissioners recently approved a contract with Enviro Matrix of Detroit for \$37,925 to evaluate and remove the tanks, then restore each individual site.

Hugh Macdonald, director of special projects for Wayne County, said three tanks are located at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, and one at the Department of Public Services' Parkview Yard, Nankin Yard and Warren Valley Golf Course.

Many of the tanks were installed in the 1960s. None of the tanks leaked, Macdonald said. "With those solid fuels used then, you would know if you had one, because you could smell it," Macdonald said.

The tanks will be removed, dismantled and taken to a landfill over the next several weeks.

Rivers to hold forum on nuclear arms

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a forum on nuclear disarmament 7 p.m. Monday at Washtenaw Community College.

Rivers has invited panelists to discuss nuclear disarmament in the Morris Lawrence Building,

Room 101, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. After the discussion, panelists will take questions from the audience.

Rivers invites all residents of the 13th Congressional District to participate. For more information, call (734) 485-3741.

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Hockey Impact

James Wisniewski, a sophomore at Plymouth Canton HS in his first season with the Compuware Ambassadors, has played in all seven games thus far this season. The rookie defenseman has collected two assists and two penalty minutes. The Ambassadors were 5-2 entering this weekend's games.

League leaders

Schoolcraft College fell into a second-place tie in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference volleyball race after dropping three-straight games to St. Clair CCC, 15-8, 15-3, 16-14 Tuesday at SC.

The two teams had entered Tuesday's match tied for first in the conference. St. Clair now assumes that position alone with a 7-1 mark; SC drops into a second-place tie with Henry Ford CC at 6-2.

Despite the loss (they were 15-8 through Tuesday overall), the Lady Ocelots still had several players listed among the league leaders. In kills per game, Nicole Boyd (from Livonia Franklin) was second with a 4.2 average, and Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) was third with a 3.98 average.

Ruprecht also ranked fourth in attack percentage (.288), fifth in passing percentage (.907), and was 10th in both digs (2.94 per game) and blocking (0.38 per game). Boyd was seventh in attack percentage (.231).

The Ocelots' Cindy Maloof ranked first in passing percentage (.935), third in serving percentage (.939), fourth in service aces per game (0.55), fifth in digs per game (3.17) and ninth in attack percentage (.227), while Danielle Wensing ranked second in setting percentage (.333), fourth in assists-to-kills per game (6.42) and fifth in aces per game (0.54).

SC's Amanda Yacklin ranked first in aces per game (0.60) and ninth in serving percentage (.907).

Laine Sterling, a Plymouth Salem grad playing at Henry Ford CC, ranked third in passing percentage (.914), fifth in both assists per game (6.75) and setting percentage (.285), eighth in serving percentage (.915) and 10th in aces per game (0.40).

SC cross country

At the Lansing Community College Stars Invitational Oct. 2, Schoolcraft College's women's cross country team couldn't field a complete team, but the runners who did compete did well enough.

Katie Chonacas was third overall for the Lady Ocelots in 19:44. Mandi Davis placed 15th (20:54) and Dawn Daniels was 17th (21:11).

Adult volleyball

Adult co-ed volleyball leagues, both regular and reverse, are being formed by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Play will be between 6-9 p.m. on Fridays starting Dec. 17 at the gyms of both Summit on the Park and Central Middle School.

Cost is \$150 per team plus an extra \$15 for each player who lives or works outside Canton Township or the city of Plymouth. The eight-week league is for players 18 and over, and is limited to 18 teams, with rosters set at six-to-12 players.

Teams returning from the 1998 season may register Monday; new teams may begin registering Oct. 21.

Register at Canton Parks and Recreation, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Registration deadline is Nov. 19. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Tryouts

•Tryouts for the 14-and-under Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association girls softball tournament/travel team will be 10 a.m. Saturday at East Middle School. Players must be 14 on Jan. 1, 2000. For more information, call Dan Amann at (734) 397-9417.

•For information regarding tryouts for next year's Michigan Indians 15-year-old travel baseball team, call Dan Boyd at (734) 326-2107 or Don McNeish at (248) 348-3055.

•Tryouts for next year's Michigan Indians 10-and-under travel baseball are currently underway. Date of birth must be Aug. 1, 1990 or later. Please call Bob Green at (248) 456-1940 or Rick Harrison at (734) 456-0695 for more information.

Stunning!

Salem surprises John Glenn, 39-17



On his way: Salem quarterback Gabe Coble breaks loose on a 21-yard touchdown run against John Glenn. Coble scored three TDs and threw for another.

Major upset? That term was redefined Friday. Or perhaps not. Perhaps Plymouth Salem's football team just delivered a message, that it was never to be taken for granted.

The Rocks ventured into an arena in which they have had little success in when they traveled to Westland John Glenn Friday. Making matters worse: Salem had started this season by losing five straight, something no previous Rocks' team had done, while Glenn was in its usual berth as a playoff contender.

So when the third quarter ended, the only real surprise was that Salem was still hanging in there, trailing just 17-14.

Well — guess what? More surprises were ahead. The Rocks blended two fourth-quarter turnovers that resulted in touchdowns with a 63-yard scoring run by Andy Kocoloski and a 10-yarder by Gabe Coble, all combining into a 25-point quarter.

The result: One of the season's biggest upsets, a 39-17 Salem victory.

Suddenly, these two teams are headed in opposite directions. The Rocks, riding a two-game win streak, are now 2-5 overall and finish 2-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Glenn is 5-2 overall after suffering two-straight losses and is 3-2 in the Lakes.

For the Rocks, it was the first time since 1991 they had beaten Glenn and only the third time Salem had posted a win over the Rockets.

It was a game that featured a multi-faceted attack for Salem vs. a single-back offense for the Rockets.

Glenn had the early advantage, with Jeremy Calario booting a 36-yard field goal in the opening quarter. Salem, however, countered with a 12-play, 80-yard drive that was capped by Coble's 4-yard touchdown run. Jim March's extra-point kick was blocked, however, leaving the score at 6-3 at the half.

The Rockets took the lead on a 4-yard run by their main weapon, Eric Jones, in the third quarter. Calario's placement made it 10-6.

It remained a back-and-forth struggle, with Salem again answering with a second TD run by Coble, this one covering 21 yards. It capped another 80-yard drive for the Rocks, but this one took just nine plays, with Jason Lukasik runs of 20 and 11 yards together with another Coble run of 13.

With Kocoloski blasting in for the two-point conversion, Salem was on top 14-10.

Now it was Glenn's turn, and Jones provided the power. The senior tailback rumbled 54 yards on the third play of the Rockets next possession for a score; Calario's placement at the end of the third quarter made it 17-14, Glenn.

That's when it really started getting exciting. Salem answered Jones' long run by springing Kocoloski on his 63-yard scoring strike, a drive that took just two plays. Again the placement was blocked, leaving the Rocks' lead at 20-17.

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Chiefs get a big win over Hawks

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Harrison rolls through Chiefs, 35-0

Without doubt, Plymouth Canton's football team has progressed this season.

Problem is, it just didn't show Friday against visiting Farmington Harrison.

The Hawks used a rotating quarterback system that proved one thing: It didn't matter who was running the show when your ground game is back on track.

A week after being held to just 14 rushing yards by Walled Lake Western, Harrison rolled over and past and through the Chiefs in gaining 255 yards on the ground. The end result was three rushing touchdowns and a 35-0 trouncing of Canton.

Both teams finish at 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, with Harrison earning second place in the tiebreaker (head-to-head result). The Hawks are 3-4 overall; Canton is 4-3.

The Hawks didn't waste any time in taking it to Canton. They scored four touchdowns in the first half, with quarterback Agim Shabaj getting the first in the first quarter on a 65-yard run. Kris Wong's extra-point try was blocked, making it 6-0.

Kevin Woods, who led Harrison with 108

rushing yards on 18 attempts, got the second TD with a 12-yard run with 2:29 left in the first quarter. A two-point conversion pass from Lou Hadley, the usual starter at quarterback, to Brian Nelson made it 14-0.

The second quarter was more trouble for the Chiefs. Hadley scored on a 3-yard run with 3:15 left in the half, a score set up by Mike Ribesehl's interception. Wong's placement made it 21-0.

A 17-yard pass from Shabaj to Nelson with just 27 seconds left in the half resulted in Harrison's fourth TD and a 28-0 halftime lead.

The scoring ended when Hadley tossed a 10-yard TD pass to Nick Hall with 51 seconds left in the final quarter.

Harrison had 34 rushes for 255 yards, with Shabaj gaining 65 on three tries and Ken Taylor adding 46 on six carries. Shabaj completed 3-of-4 passes for 67 yards and a touchdown, and Hadley was 3-

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No room to roam: Canton's Jerry Gaines (20) found little space to run against Harrison's swarming defense. The Chiefs managed just 116 rushing yards.

Salem, Canton can't make cut

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This one is over. One year ago, both Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's golf teams were sailing on the same cloud, and it was headed for the Division I state golf tournament.

Not this year. A change in venue — they played in the Temperance Bedford regional in '98, but this season were switched back to the Brighton regional — had something to do with last season's success.

Still, while qualifying for the state tournament (slated for this Friday and Saturday at El Dorado Golf Club in East Lansing) would have been considered a longshot this season, both teams were capable of performances better than what they turned in as their sea-

sons concluded at Friday's regional. Okemos finished first at Brighton, played at Oak Pointe Country Club, shooting a 304. The other two teams to qualify for state were Ann Arbor Huron, which was second with a 307, and Ann Arbor Pioneer, which shot 309 to place third.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was that the host school, Brighton, failed to qualify. Playing on their home course, the Bulldogs shot a 315 to tie Jackson for fifth, one stroke behind South Lyon.

Saline and Holt tied for seventh (319), with Howell ninth (321) and Salem 10th (324). Grand Ledge was 11th (327) and Canton was 12th (328), followed by Pinckney (336), Lansing Sexton (337), Lansing Eastern (353) and Lansing

Everett (398).

Individually, both Salem and Canton had standouts. The Rocks' Mark Doughty and the Chiefs' Jon Johnson each shot a 76 — two strokes off the day's best score and one stroke shy of qualifying individually for the state finals.

Unfortunately, neither team had anyone else shoot better than 81. And that ruined any chances for a higher finish.

"I thought the course yielded some pretty good scores, but nothing like it did back in August," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We shot 314 there back then. I thought if we had three scores in the 70s, we had a chance."

"We just had too many bad holes."

The Rocks' next best scores were 81s, recorded by Mike Thackberry and Jay Smith. Two seniors, however — Ryan

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Solid shooting: Mike Thackberry posted an 81, second-best among the Rocks.

Rocks face 3-in-3 stretch; Chiefs need win

Somebody has got to be crazy. Why else schedule three soccer matches in three days? And not against some scrubs, either; Plymouth Salem will be taking on some pretty decent teams on back-to-back-to-back days, starting with Livonia Franklin Monday, three-time state champion Warren DeLaSalle Tuesday, and on Wednesday —

On Wednesday comes Round Two in what is shaping up to be a four-round war between Salem and Plymouth Canton.

The Franklin match is on the road. The other two are at Salem. At least that much is in the Rocks' favor.

If their coach Ed McCarthy was trying to put together a pre-tournament challenge for his

team, well, he did.

Thing is, the Rocks are hardly idling. Indeed, they've been near-perfect all season. The only blemishes on their record — which was 14-1-1 after Wednesday's 6-0 trashing of Farmington Harrison — were a 1-0 loss to East Lansing and a 2-2 draw with Midland Dow in a three-games-in-a-day tournament in East Lansing, a tournament that featured 30-minute halves for every match.

Among their conquests since was a convincing 4-0 effort against state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, a game that gave Salem the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division title and a berth in the WLAA championship match.

The Rocks' opponent will be the winner of the Livonia Churchill-Canton game, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Canton. Salem will be the host team of the WLAA final, scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 20.

In case your memory has failed you, in Round One of Salem-Canton the Rocks blanked the Chiefs 2-0. That came in the final of the season-opening Gary Balconi Tournament.

Round Three would be in the WLAA final, should that materialize. And Round Four would be a week later, in the state district tournament.

In the win over visiting Harrison Wednesday, Salem sophomore keeper Tavio Palazzolo

posted his 10th shutout of the season with Rob Ash scoring two goals.

Ash's first goal, assisted by Brett Stinar, and a goal by Brian Popeney (from Scott Dubl), gave the Rocks a 2-0 halftime lead. Ash's second goal (from Dustin Drabek) and other scores by Stinar (from Ben Wielechowski) and Jeff Bennett (from Stinar) made the final outcome lopsided.

Canton 3, Franklin 0: The Chiefs moved one step closer to that WLAA championship game berth with a shutout of host Franklin Wednesday.

The shutout was the fifth-straight for Canton, which has not allowed a goal since playing DeLaSalle to a 1-1 tie Sept. 25. The Chiefs are 11-3-1 overall

and are unbeaten in nine-straight games; they improved to 4-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Mike Zemanaki, who has been on a goal-scoring tear of late (he scored Canton's only goal in 1-0 wins over Troy and Farmington last week), added two more to his total against the Patriots. Andrew Holman also had a goal for Canton.

Assists went to Zak Juntilla, James Steinert and Brent Kwiatkowski.

T.J. Tomasseo was in goal to earn the shutout.

The Chiefs host Livonia Churchill in a game that should decide the WLAA's Western Division champion at 7 p.m. Monday. On Wednesday, Canton and Salem collide at 7 p.m.

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Eagles get a big victory

In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference soccer showdown, Plymouth Christian Academy, ranked 10th in the state in Division III, knocked off eighth-ranked Southfield Christian 2-1 Thursday at Southfield.

After a scoreless first half, Jon Dale scored his fourth goal of the year 10 minutes into the second to give Plymouth (8-2-4 overall, 7-2-4 in the MIAC) a 1-0 lead.

"It was a great shot," PCA coach Rick Erickson said of the senior midfielder's free kick that found the top shelf from 25 yards out.

Five minutes later, Nick Conti stuffed in his third of the year as he received a header from Dave

Carty. The goal put PCA up 2-0 and proved to be the game-winner.

"All he had to do was touch the ball, it was a nice play," Erickson said.

Jeremy Atkins scored for Southfield, 6-4-2 in the conference, 25 minutes into the second half from 12 yards out on a free kick.

The goal spoiled PCA goalkeeper Travis Yonkman's shutout.

"This was our best game of the season," Erickson said.

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Nimmerguth and Matt Leon — carded 86s.

"We needed Nimmerguth and Leon to play better," Wilson admitted. "And they know it. If they had played like Doughty did, we'd be right there."

Behind Johnson's 76, Canton counted three 84s by Derek Lineberry, Derek Verheulen and Ryan McKendry. Mike Baracy shot an 87.

"That was a great score for today," Canton coach Tom Alles said of Johnson's 76. "The conditions were brutal. It was cold out there."

And the difference between this year and last? "Better competition," Alles answered. "It

was much tougher here."

Bill Schmidt of Okemos, Jacob Hamilton of Jackson and Andy Steward of Holt tied for medalist honors, each shooting a 74.

Last year at Temperance Bedford, Salem finished first, Canton was second and Westland John Glenn was third as the Western Lakes Activities Association dominated. Five WLAA teams (Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson also qualified) competed at the Division I final in '98.

"This year, only Central will make the trip. The Vikings, two-time WLAA champions, finished on top of the Division I regional played at Links of Pinewood.

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Salem edges North; Northville tops Canton

It was anticipated Thursday's dual swim meet between Plymouth Salem and North Farmington would be closely contested. There was no disappointing those expectations.

The Raiders came up with seven first-place finishes in the 12 events, getting two individual wins apiece from Lindsay McErlean and Jenny Bendick. But Salem got the team victory, edging North 94-92 at Salem.

The win against one of their biggest challengers for second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association pushed the Rocks' record to 4-2.

Salem had one double-winner in indi-

vidual events: Sarah Rogers, who finished first in both the 200-yard (2:02.75) and 500-yard (5:31.58) freestyles.

McErlean won the 200 individual medley (2:12.54) and 100 backstroke (1:01.83), while Bendick was first in both the 100 butterfly (1:06.32) and 100 breaststroke (1:15.75).

Other winners for Salem were Monica Glowski in the 50 free (26:52), Kim Tamme in diving (149.40 points), and the 200 free relay team of Glowski,

Emily Laakie, Alicia Dotson and Rogers (1:46.38).

North won two of the three relays, with Tara Grider, Bendick, Turner and McErlean combining in the 200 medley (1:58.97) and Grider, Melissa Navas, Sarah Paske and McErlean teaming in the 400 free (3:50.50).

Grider also won the 100 free for the Raiders (57.83).

Salem swims at Novi in a non-league meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday and travels Westland John Glenn for a 6 p.m. WLAAs dual on Thursday.

Northville rips Canton

Northville won the first five events Thursday at Plymouth Canton and claimed nine wins in 12 races in handing the Chiefs a 113-73 loss in a WLAAs Western Division dual meet.

Two of Canton's three firsts were captured by Danielle Drysdale, who bettered the state qualifying standard in winning the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.84). Drysdale's other individual first was in the 100 backstroke (1:03.09).

She combined with Lindsay Muliolis, Michelle Nilson and Jamie Bielak for

another first in the 400 free relay (4:09.89).

The Mustangs had two double-winners in individual events: Erin Schubert in the 200 (2:06.04) and 500 (5:43.11) freestyles, and Stephanie Sabo in the 200 individual medley (2:18.15) and 100 free (57.75). Their team of Sabo, Jessica Hrivnak, Deirdra Schwiring and Jenny Carr also broke the Canton pool record and qualified for state in winning the 200 free relay 1:43.76.

Canton hosts WLAAs Western Division rival Farmington Harrison at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Madonna falls to Aquinas

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Perhaps Wednesday's result signalled a bottoming-out for Madonna University's men's soccer team.

The defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion has hardly looked the part thus far this season, but against visiting Aquinas College their puzzling play reached new depths.

The Saints dominated play from start to finish, handing Madonna a 2-0 defeat at Whitman Soccer Field in Livonia.

The loss dropped the Fighting Crusaders to 6-5-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the WHAC. Aquinas improved to 11-2-1 overall, 6-2 (second place) in the WHAC.

"It's been a combination of problems," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander. "Our young guys step up some games and some games they don't."

"Aquinas always plays us tough. In this game, they beat us to the ball and then they beat us to the second ball. They got to every ball and stifled our forward movement."

Madonna has been noted for its dominant play in the midfield for the past few seasons, but that was absent against Aquinas. The Saints scored twice in a two-minute span late in the first

half, both coming off corner kicks.

Andrew Fearman scored the first, with an assist from Aaron Riley; Charles Ovalles got the second, with Sanel Fazlic assisting.

Sean Fishbach was in goal for the shutout for Aquinas, but he had to make just one save. Dave Hart had eight saves in goal for Madonna.

The player that has provided the Crusaders with most of its offense, 22 goal-scorer Sam Piraine, took just two shots. Madonna had just five in the game.

The Saints' defensive effort, especially in blanketing Piraine, didn't surprise Alexander. "I'm not surprised by that at all," he said. "We expected it. They double-teamed him the entire time."

"We're trying to make some adjustments in that, maybe move Sam back to midfield to open up some space for Seamus (Rustin) and Charlie (Bell)."

Other answers might be forthcoming soon. After the disappointing outing against Aquinas — a win would have put the Crusaders back into the WHAC race — Alexander brought the team

back to Madonna and put them through a "gut check" workout.

"We made some poor decisions (against Aquinas)," Alexander said. "But there's still a lot of time. There are some big games coming up."

And, hopefully, the Crusaders will be ready for them.

SC jolted by Macomb

Schoolcraft College's men's team knew what to expect from Macomb. They knew who to expect it from. But it didn't help.

Two goals in a five-minute span gave Macomb CC a 2-0 triumph over the Ocelots Wednesday at SC. The loss dropped SC to 9-4-1 overall; Macomb is 11-1.

In their first meeting this season, it was the Ocelots applying the defensive pressure and stopping Monarch scoring phenom Neil McGill. This time, SC got shots on goal but couldn't cash in; twice shots went off the goal posts, first by Johnny Demergis (from Plymouth Canton) and again by David Lotarsky.

When an Ocelot was injured and SC coach Van Dimitriou had to substitute, Macomb took advantage. The Ocelot defense did not adjust quickly, and McGill didn't need much space. He put two balls into the net, scoring at the 23-minute mark and again at the 28-minute mark.

Ocelot cagers are suspended

Coach Carlos Briggs suspended two of his top basketball players Friday for violating team rules.

Guard Mike Peek, a sophomore, and freshman Mike Williams were suspended "indefinitely, until further notice, for violating team rules and missing class," Briggs said.

"These young men have got to understand that at Schoolcraft College, academics are first and basketball is second," he added. "We are not going to tolerate violating team rules no matter who they are."

"Hopefully this will wake them and up and help them understand there are more important things in life than basketball."

Both players were among the top players on the Ocelots team

for the coming season. Williams was Briggs' top recruit and an All-State performer for Detroit City last season. Peek, of Cincinnati, was a key player last season.

"They're in school for academics and learning life skills," Briggs said. "We're trying to help people get ready for the real world."

"And in the real world, you can't mess up one day and come back the next day like nothing happened. There's a price to be paid for the things you do."

"Hopefully they'll do the things they're supposed to do and we'll be able to welcome them back to the team."

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Mustangs rule WLAA

Some people get ties for Father's Day, some receive them for Christmas, and some get ties for the Western Lakes Activities Association tennis tournament.

Northville swamped the field as expected Tuesday, winning every flight — save No. 4 singles — while Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington looked for second.

Northville wound up with 30 points with North Stevenson collecting 18 apiece to easily outdistance fourth-place Farmington. See statistical summary of meet results.

"One of our goals, well, Northville was definitely the strongest team in the league," coach Norm Stanislewski of North Farmington said. "It was between us and Stevenson for second place and it went right down to the wire."

"We had a chance to come in second without the tie, if we had won our dual meet. And we had a good chance in the meet."

Whether the Spartans would take second place all alone or share it with the Raiders came down to the No. 4 singles final between Julie Maltzman of North Farmington and Stevenson's Jilian Bohn.

Maltzman prevailed, 7-5, 6-4.

"In all fairness to Bohn," coach Frank Dotson of Stevenson said, "it was her fourth match of the day. Plus, she'd played Monday and gone 8-6, 10-8."

"So that's five sets in 24 hours. She was really tired. That was the difference, I think, between us having (second) outright and North Farmington tying."

"Most of our seeds came out the way we expected. We had an upset early which cost us two points, but that happens."

"If we played it again, who knows what way it would have turned out. North Farmington is a very strong team."

"Northville is obviously very strong, ranked sixth in Division II."



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Falling short: Canton's Lizzie Brown lost in the early rounds at No. 2 singles.

"Her match was very pivotal," Stanislewski said. "She had to win in order for us to tie."

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Jeanette Fershtman and Julie Yambaaky made it to the finals and the Spartans' No. 2 team of Janice Tanzo and Kim Samsel also reached the finals.

Plymouth Salem's No. 3 doubles team of Krystal Finney and Christie Edward lost to a Northville pair in the finals, while in No. 4 doubles, Stevenson's Stephani Mucci and Jenny Jensen were runners-up.

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FINAL CONFERENCE RANKING (including dual meets): 1. Northville (11-0-0); 2. (tie) Stevenson (9-1-1) and N. Farmington (9-1-1); 4. Farmington (8-3-0); 5. Harrison (6-4-1); 6. Canton (5-5-1); 7. W.L. Central (4-6-1); 8. Salem (4-7); 9. Churchill (3-7-1); 10. W.L. Western (2-8-1); 11. John Glenn (1-10-0); 12. Franklin (0-11-0).

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT FINALS

No. 1 singles: Jessie Mills (N) defeated Erin Mazzoni (LS), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Mills def. B. Kennedy (WLV), 6-3, 6-4; Mazzoni def. Bethany Nestor (NF), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2: Kerry Woolfall (N) def. Amy Berke (NF), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Woolfall def. Laura Haddock (LS), 6-1, 6-0; Berke def. Reani Suma (F), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

No. 3: Lauren West (N) def. Brittany Nuccitelli (F), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** West def. Joyce Chung (NF), 6-1, 6-0; Nuccitelli def. Lindsay Pyle (PS), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Julie Maltzman (NF) def. Jilian Bohn (LS), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Maltzman def. Gina Halicki (N), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; Bohn def. Kristie Boskey (F), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

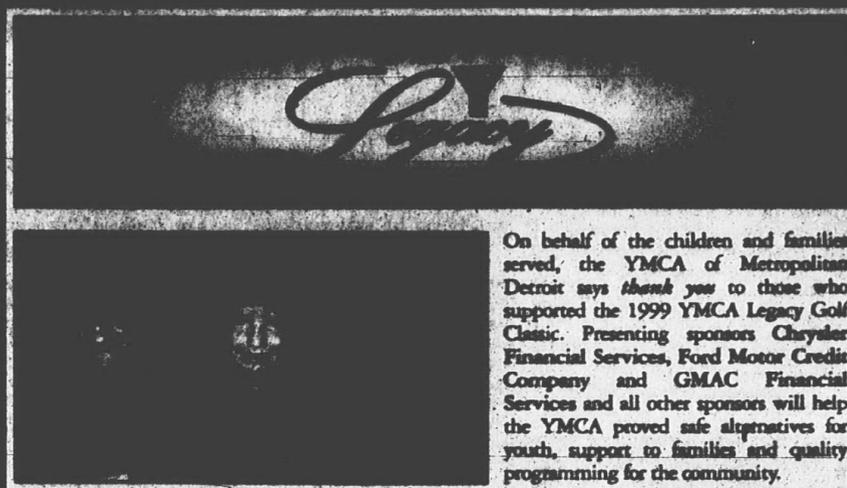
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def. Annie Gourley-Stephanie Arnold (F), 6-2, 6-0; Fershtman-Yambaaky def. Shreya Shah-Marissa Sloan (NF), 7-5, 6-3.

No. 2: Sarah Polzer-Lauren Farris (N) def. Janice Tanzo-Kim Samsel (LS), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Polzer-Farris def. Grzembaki-Plontek (LC), 6-1, 6-2; Tanzo-Farris def. Jenna Street-Julie Shinder (NF), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 3: Rachel Huang-Emily Stevenson (N) def. Krystal Finney-Christie Edwards (PS), 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Huang-Stevenson def. Michelle Boothroyd-Chrisay Dwyer (NF), 6-3, 6-3; Finney-Edwards def. Angela Zerbonia-Kristen Steger (F), 6-3, 6-0.

No. 4: Emily Krywko-Jamie Lindholm (N) def. Stephanie Mucci-Jenny Jensen (LS), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Krywko-Lindholm def. Amin-Desai (PC), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Mucci-Jensen def. Oeslak-Gullie (PS), 6-4, 6-1.



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A 'lucky' Westland bowler gets a pretty good roll

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His name is Tom Ludtke. That rhymes with lucky.

And for Lucky Tom Ludtke of Westland the following chain of events took place.

Several weeks ago, Westland Bowl held a used bowling ball swap-and-sell event.

Ludtke bought a ball, and was lucky enough to win one of the door prizes, a free entry to the Greater Detroit Open PBA Pro-Am coming to Taylor Lanes later this month.

He upgraded his prize in order to take advantage of the new ball offer, so he then wound up with a shiny new Storm El Nino Wrath.

It was with the new ball that this 67-year-old veteran of the lanes rolled his first 300 game. He accomplished it just this past week in the Monday Seniors

League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

It takes more than pure luck to roll a perfect game, but it's considered good luck to be able to carry the full pinfall on twelve shots in a row.

Lucky Ludtke, indeed!

•When you walk into most pro shops, there are all kinds of accessories and gadgets on display. Some good, some not so good.

Every now and then a really good item comes along. Many can relate to my own tale of woe. My average has dropped badly over the last few years even though I have been using good equipment and have felt strong physically.

The item that caught my attention was AcuPro. Made by Master Industries in California, their ad copy was interesting.

Could this simple item that fit over the index finger really help with a smoother release?

I had to try it to find out for myself, as I had determined that most of my bowl-

ing ills were due to an inconsistent thumb release.

Yes, I tried it, and yes, it did help my game. The average is getting back up again and even though I have only bowled about a dozen games with it so far, I have better accuracy, the ball rolls with more revs and the release has been much better than before.

I was told to try it for at least eight games before I could tell the difference, but I felt better right away. AcuPro is available in most local pro shops and one size fits all regardless of what hand you bowl with.

It is priced at under \$40 and if it helps scores, it's worth every cent. It sure works for me.

•There is a brand new game in town. This is the newest opportunity for scratch bowlers to win more money in tournament play.

Blue Ribbon Bowling Group bowling centers are having a monthly scratch tournament for 217-and-under averages

competing for prize money, including \$1,500 for first place.

The first one will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Other tournaments are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12 at Westland Bowl; January at Drakeshire or Novi Lanes; February at Cherry Hill Lanes; March at Taylor Lanes; April at Roosevelt Lanes.

One out of every two bowlers will win cash. All prize fees will be returned 100 percent. There will also be a drawing among non-qualifiers for a new ball from Brunswick.

Entry forms will be available shortly, or just call Mayflower Lanes for reservations at (734) 937-8420.

•During last Monday's ESPN telecast of the Women's Professional Bowling Association tour, they took time out to present an award to Aleta Sill for topping the \$1 million mark on the ladies pro tour.

She tried to make a speech but was on such an emotional high, she could hardly speak. After a commercial break she was just fine and was her usual gracious self.

She did not win that event, but qualified high enough to earn \$1,800, which was enough to put her over the \$1 million hump.

The tour will be televised the next four Mondays at 8 p.m. on ESPN 2.

•The National Senior Bowling Association held its September event at Rose Bowl Lanes in Roseville, with several competitors from Observerland finishing in the top 12.

John Milletics of Sandusky captured the tournament.

Roy Biggs of Capton took fourth place, Bill Haynes of Rochester Hills came in sixth and Ed Dudek of Livonia finished 12th.

NSBA tournaments are for bowlers who are 50 and older. For further information call (248) 932-LANE.

Oak trees' acorns offer a food source for many

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Despite an abundance of apples on the ground, the deer I chased up the other day were under the oak tree eating acorns.

A large flock of crows were in our yard the other day making such raucous sounds I

thought they were mobbing an owl.

It turned out that they were plucking acorns from the branches. Then they would hold the acorn with their feet and peck at it with their bill. In just a few whacks with their bill, they were able to extract the "meat" of the seed.

Acorns are probably the single most important food for wildlife in the eastern part of the United States.

At least 150 different species of mammals and birds eat the nutritious acorn, the seed of the oak tree. Oak trees predominate the eastern forests and through time animals have learned to capitalize on their seed crop.

Oak trees are believed to have originated in Mexico where they are an evergreen plant — they do not lose their leaves as oaks do in Michigan.

There are a lot more oak species to the south than in the northern deciduous forest. As many as 28 species can be found in southern states like Alabama, where as in Michigan we have only 12 native oaks.

Scientists divide the oaks into two basic groups, the white and red oaks.

Red oaks have points to the ends of their leaves, white oaks have rounded lobes to their leaves. Red oak acorns germinate in spring, in contrast to

white oaks that germinate in fall.

White oak acorns are sweeter than red oak acorns and are treated differently by squirrels. White oak acorns are eaten immediately in fall before they germinate and use up the stored energy, which is the nutritious part for the squirrel.

Red oak acorns can be stored because they will not germinate until spring. Squirrels will have plenty of time to find them during the cold winter.

Squirrels rely on memory and odor to find nuts they have buried in fall. They find nearly all their stored nuts by spring.

Oaks produce abundant numbers of acorns every two to three years.

It probably takes a couple years for the tree to store enough energy to make those bundles of energy, and making tremendous numbers of seeds to saturate the "market" ensures that some seeds will not be eaten and will germinate into a new oak tree.

Foresters are concerned that the oak population in the eastern deciduous forest is declining. In some wood lots, red maple has increased 400 percent over the past 30-50 years.

Fire suppression, increase in the deer population, logging and gypsy moth defoliation are contributing factors.

Fires do not typically affect the thick bark of an oak, but they do kill species like red maple. Suppressing fires gives other species an edge they did not have in the past.

Deer will eat oak leaves, but they do not like red maple leaves. Young oak seedlings are eaten before they can grow to be seed producing trees.

A significant change in the oak forest will have significant changes in the animals of those forests.

ARCHERY

BROADHEAD PRACTICE

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

LIVONIA RANGE

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

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER

An early antlerless-only firearms season will be Oct. 16-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Archery season runs Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 8-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs through Oct. 20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY

The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 8 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

INTRO TO ICE CLIMBING

Learn the basics of ice climbing from gear selection to techniques, navigation and safety during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

A snowmobile safety instructor certification class begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Waterford Township Library. The course is free but class size is limited. Applicants will be subject to a law enforcement background check for past criminal activity. Call (248) 681-6326 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 101

The first of a two-part clinic in which participants will learn to climb safely with expert instruction begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 102

The second of a two-part clinic on rock and ice climbing begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Oct. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

A snowmobile Safety Certification Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Nova Expo Center. Class is open to persons of all ages. Children must be 12 by March 31, 2000. Cost is \$5 and registration begins Oct. 25. To register and for more information call (248) 681-7429.

FLY TYING

Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING

Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Detroit Archers will offer a hunter education program Oct. 11-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Class size is limited. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

FLY TYING

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

MORE FLY TYING

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

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information. (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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submitted by 325 artists. "It's always been an all-Michigan show," said Gerak. "The name of the show, the concept for the show was it would consist of paintings or photographs, two-dimensional works focusing on a specific geographic place. The name Our Town was selected on this geographic concept of a place-specific image and inspired by the Thornton Wilder play based on the universal theme that our town could be any town."

Gerak, who came on board as chairwoman of Our Town in 1995, dropped the theme to allow all artists the opportunity to enter.

"We thought the time had come to broaden the scope, to welcome other media, to make it an all-media, all-Michigan show," said Gerak who also serves on The Community House board. "The show is a way for The Community House to be of service to artists, to provide a place for artists to display their work and to have an audience. A lot of people are intimidated to walk into a gallery. The Community House is not a gallery. It's a Williamsburg Colonial building that they can walk in and feel comfortable."

Michael McCullough is one of the artists who benefited from the unrestricted theme instituted four years ago. His woodcut prints, "The Prophecy" and "Tribal Wedding," provoke thought and sometimes extreme emotion while telling stories of

other cultures. McCullough, who will do about 30 shows this year, first heard about Our Town from other artists.

"I was quite shocked to be accepted," said McCullough, a Farmington Hills artist who grew up in Redford. "All the artists were talking about it and many had tried and been turned down."

Harold Van Dine's work wasn't accepted last year but he kept on trying. The Birmingham resident has three oil paintings in the Our Town exhibit. Van Dine, who retired three years ago as an architect from Harley Ellington Design in Southfield, studied painting in Mexico.

"Even though I wasn't accepted last year, I decided to give it another shot," said Van Dine who had his first one man show in Mexico last winter. "Our Town is a show that other artists aspire to be in."

Regina Dunne, a Livonia artist who created the pastel "Morning After" in a life drawing session at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, was surprised to learn she was the only Livonia artist juried into Our Town. The work won second prize in the Farmington Artists Club show last fall.

"Our Town is a big one and people come from all over Michigan," said Dunne. "It's a lot of competition and difficult to get in."

Igor Beginin, an art professor at Eastern Michigan University,

is grateful to be able to exhibit in the show. A veteran of Our Town, the Canton painter began exhibiting in the show in 1988. This year, his abstract watercolor "Towers of Heaven and Earth" speaks to the destructive forces of nature.

"In Michigan we don't have enough shows of this kind of importance," said Beginin, whose work is also on exhibit at the Cary Gallery in Rochester. "It's important location-wise because of the culture there in Birmingham. It's the connoisseurship you expect when you exhibit your work."

Our Town does more than just encourage emerging and established artists, however. Last year, it raised \$133,000 for The Community House. Benefactor tickets for the Gala Preview Evening accounted for a large part of the money, followed by sponsorships. This year Daimler-Chrysler and Comerica are two major supporters along with contributors such as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The Community House also receives a 35 percent commission from art sales.

"The money raised covers Community House expenses devoted to outreach that provides community services including a race relations program that works for harmony and diversity," said Gerak. "The money also goes to our student Our Town art show going on now. You'll see very good art hanging all over."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145.

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Women artists, such as Rita Duffy, are an important part of the show. Duffy, who was born and raised in Belfast, a focal point of the "Troubles," will be in Ann Arbor Thursday, Oct. 14, to speak about her works, including "Mother Ireland" painted in 1989. Duffy places an iron on the head of the woman to show how violence has been commonplace in her life. Charged with political tension, the work features the woman holding four sons, the symbols of the four provinces referred to in a national ballad that unites a torn Ireland.

Working in the '90s

Steward thought contemporary artists Patrick Graham and Hughie O'Donoghue deserve

more than a cursory look so he highlights them especially for the University of Michigan exhibit.

"Graham is most likely to have an impact on the international stage," he said. "Influenced by the German Expressionists, he often incorporates text. One painting depicts scenes from the life of Christ—a triptych that goes back to 1900 and shows the impact religious subject matter has had on art."

O'Donoghue, who was not born in Ireland but now lives there, creates abstract works inspired by the human figure with references to religion and the crucifixion. The influence of European masters Rembrandt and Diego Velazquez is apparent.

Museum's future

Steward is planning to move the museum in the direction of the Irish exhibition. The largest painting exhibit to appear at the museum in years, it takes up the entire West Gallery. Coming in fall 2001 is a show on an avant-garde French art of the 1880s built around the museum's Whistler.

"We want to bring out broader humanistic issues," said Steward. "Hopefully the shows will have value, impact not just for people who value visual art but also appealing to someone with an interest in history. We're players on a stage that isn't just regional. We're striving for a larger, more diverse audience."

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grown. There was a rapport those bands had with the audience."

Frits Moore agrees it's the quintet's sound (the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones standard for the era of the '30s, '40s and '50s) that has made them popular with audiences. Moore, a Farmington Hills resident, began playing clarinet at 11 in a junior high music program in Marquette. He took up saxophone as a sophomore and by age 16 had joined the union.

Moore came to Detroit in 1941 and since then has "worked all the clubs, hotels, ice and auto shows." He also toured from

New York to L.A. with Frankie Masters.

Moore refers to himself as a jobbing musician playing with "whoever calls" him sometimes as many as four to five times a week.

"As far as being 80, it's something to just get there without dying," jokes Moore. "But seriously, I like to play and create something that's nice and fun. We're pretty loose and relaxed. Our music is something you don't hear too much anymore and mostly in a jazz vein. Many of the pieces frequently are arranged by Lenny Niehaus, a veteran writer/arranger who started with Stan Kenton. Some of these things are difficult to play. We strive for a good blend and sound."

Midge Ellis first heard that sound at the Michigan Jazz Festival. As coordinator of the annual events and concerts held to raise funds for the festival, Ellis jumped at the chance to have the quintet play at the brunch.

"One of our missions for the festivals is to promote jazz music during the rest of the year," said Ellis. "We had funds left over from the festival this year so we're holding a big-band clinic for junior high, high school and college students. Detroit area jazz bands are invited to come as well 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 10 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia."

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

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

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

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

BENEFIT

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

CLASSES

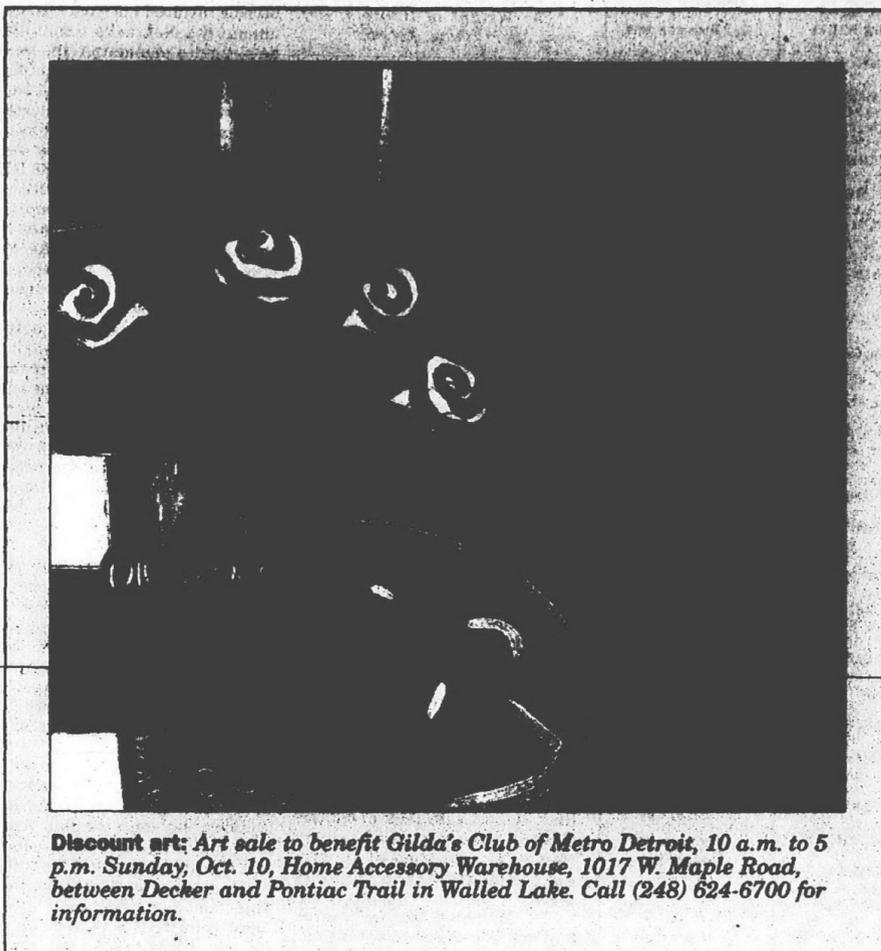
ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

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

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Woodcarving classes take place 9 a.m. Monday-Friday at 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak



Discount art: Art sale to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple Road, between Decker and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Call (248) 624-6700 for information.

Park. (248) 967-4030.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET
Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly, 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Live model session 9:30 a.m. to noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Photography workshops including a one-day handcoloring class 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, and 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9. Life drawing classes in conjunction with the Body and Soul exhibition which runs through Nov. 5-6-9 p.m. Oct. 12 and 19. 407 Pine St., Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BALFOUR CONCERT
Israeli tenor David (Dudu) Fisher will perform at the 66th annual Balfour concert of the Zionist Organization of America, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. For information call (248) 569-9934.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
"The First Time Around" featuring a wide variety of music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham.

BRUNCH WITH BACH
Enjoy the music of Weill, Britten, Schoenberg and Bolcom 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Detroit Institute of Art's Kresge Court, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4005.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Tokyo String Quartet performs 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall in Detroit. (248) 737-9980.

NARDIN PARK
The New England Spiritual Ensemble opens the Nardin Park United Methodist Church 1999

2000 Music Series, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, (west of Middlebelt) Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5, call (248) 476-8860. A light reception precedes the concert at 1:45 p.m.

JAZZ VESPERS
The Kathy Kosins Trio, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

PRO MUSICA
A concert of music and poetry featuring Brian Bedford and Frederic Chiu, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Gallery tours and an afterglow reception with the artists are also featured. For reservations call the DIA Box Office (313) 833-4005 or Pro Musica (313) 886-5639.

UNITED AIR FORCE CHAMBER WINDS
The 25-member ensemble performs 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Christ Episcopal Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-6688.

FLAVIO VARANI
Noted pianist performs a Poulenc and Chopin celebration concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 in the Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 370-3013. The pianist also performs with violinist Velda Kelly, cellist Nadine Deleury and narrator Michele Villatte. Chamber works by Francis Poulenc and Frederic

Chopin. The concert will feature "Historie de Babar" the little elephant, narrated in French, The Scarab Club, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17. (313) 831-1250.



Ivory virtuosity: Pianist Flavio Varani.

EVENTS

AUTUMN HARVEST INDIAN FESTIVAL
A fun-filled family celebration of Native American heritage, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Southfield Civic Center. Call (248) 352-0990.

BLAST FROM THE PAST
Let Matthea Botanical Gardens

take you back to the 1750s when folks had a remarkable amount of knowledge about the plant world. Activities for adults and children, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 998-7061.

GUY FAWKES BALL
The Cranbrook Academy of Art Women's Committee presents its 23rd annual Guy Fawkes Ball, Saturday, Nov. 6, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3329.

FOR KIDS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Young People's Concert "In the Beginning" 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

LITERARY

BALDWIN LIBRARY
James Tobin reads from his award-winning biography, Ernie Pyle's War, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14 at Baldwin Public Library 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700.

AN IRISH EVENING
Poetry, music and song featuring poets Thomas Lynch, Richard Tillinghast, Jessie Lendennie, Irish musicians Evan Chambers and Friends, and soprano Caitlin Lynch, 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE
38th annual writers' conference at Oakland University, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, featuring 40 presentations. For more information call (248) 370-3125.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Oct. 31 - "Disappearance at Sea," the first solo museum show in the U.S. by Tacita Dean. Through Oct. 31 - Backgrounds for Modern Living: Furniture, Textile and Fashion Designs by Pipsan Saarinen Swanson, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook (1-877-462-7262).

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" through Oct. 31. "Joseph Theodore Deck: The Art of Ceramics in Nineteenth Century France" through Nov. 7. "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection" through March 5 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland, 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Opens Wednesday, Oct. 13 - The Figure: More than You Have Ever Seen through Nov. 14. Artists' reception 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World through Jan. 2, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - The Creative Arts Council exhibition through Oct. 31. Reception 6-10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15 and 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, 11 South Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

GALLERY 212
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - Dark Amusements through Nov. 14. Artists' reception 7-11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Opens Thursday, Oct. 14 - Women of the Book: Jewish Artists. Jewish Themes through Nov. 21. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

PARK WEST GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - The animation art of Joseph Barbera of Hanna-Barbera cartoons. Characters include the Flintstones, Yogi Bear, Scooby-Doo. Barbera will be present for opening ceremony 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. Exhibit runs through Nov. 14, 29469 Northwestern, between 12 & 13 Mile roads. (248) 521-9654.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Opens Sunday, Oct. 17 - Alexander Kanchik, fantasy surrealism through Nov. 1. Artist's reception 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, 4301 Orchard Lake (Crosswinds Mall), West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Nov. 7 - Annual all media exhibit, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Through Oct. 31 - Works of art by Royo, Sabzi, Viktor Shvaiko, S. Sams Parks, and art glass by Laurel Fyfe, 33216 West 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

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

CARY GALLERY
Through Oct. 16 - "Virtual Garden," paintings by Susan Kell, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

GALERIE BLU
Through Oct. 30 - "Helen Febbo: Tree Space Series," and "Robert Mirek: Recent Paintings," 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

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

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Oct. 30 - Work by Japanese artists, Kimiaki and Shinichi Higuchi, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Watercolors and paintings by Ellen Phelan, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through Oct. 17 - Eighth annual Institute for Retired Professionals Photo-Art Show, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Oct. 29 - "Mixed Review" featuring works of mature artists, Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Paintings by

New York Artist James Del Grosso, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Painter Jim Isakson, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

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

LIVONIA ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - Kathy Wolfe of Wolfe Studio exhibits her collectibles in the exhibition cases. Through Oct. 31 - Kevin Nichols of Ann Arbor presents his exhibition of cartoons and digital art. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. Through Nov. 10 - Kathy Phillips features her exhibition of watercolors. Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALO GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Originalism, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE GALLERY
Through Oct. 26 - "Making ReMarks," works by Larry Cressman, Lynn Galbreath, Ruth Lampkins, Mary Potts and Sue Carman Vian, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Daze: Works on paper 1990-99, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 594-9470.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Through Oct. 22 - Sculptures by Paul Webster and paintings by Dick Goody, Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester.

METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS
Through Oct. 28 - "Art Official Intelligence," 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit. (313) 259-3200.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Oct. 20 - Collection of Zimbabwean Shona sculpture, and works by Richard Mteki, Ronnie Dongo, Shepard Madzakaitire, Phineas Masaya, Danny Kanyamba and Richard Rosani. (248) 647-4662.

MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Through Oct. 12 - Ted Ramsay, "The Paper Trail: Mixed media constructions with handmade paper," 1401 East Court Street, Flint. (810) 762-0456.

PARK WEST GALLERY
Through Oct. 14 - Works by Linda Le Kniff, 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Oct. 30 - "Body Parts" and "Incubation 2" 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

POSA
Through Oct. 20 - The Pontiac-Oakland Society of Artists Galleria & Exhibit, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Oct. 12 - The paintings of Richard Kozlow, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2552.

PRINT GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Guy Buffett exhibit, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - An exhibition of work by James Spearman, Jr., 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
"Make A Tiny Toy" workshop and autograph party featuring Carolyn Vosburg Hall, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue. (248) 647-7040.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Oct. 16 - Impromptu Fibers, 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich., 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

CANTON PROJECT ARTS
Volunteers needed for the Summit on the Park through Oct. 15. For information call Maureen Karby, (734) 397-6450.

HOSTS PROGRAM
A mentor kick-off rally in the Lake Orion Community School District, Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m. at the Community Educational Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. (248) 391-1100.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Wondrous sense of place overcomes flaws in 'Dreams'

'The Weight of Dreams,' by Jonis Agee (Viking, \$24.95).



If you enjoy novels like "The Horse Whisperer," you may find "The Weight of Dreams" to your liking, too. Former Michigani- an, Jonis Agee, when she writes of horses, certainly seems to know of what she speaks. In fact, Agee's equine characters sometimes take on more convincing life than do the human characters in this contemporary drama.

Obviously, though, Agee intends for "The Weight of Dreams" to be something more than a story about horses. She's writing here of human frailties and relationships, and at the heart of the action is yet another highly dysfunctional American family.

This one is headed by Nebraska rancher, Ryder Bonte, a hard-drinking, hard-bitten son-of-a-gun marked by a tattoo that resembles "a sick lizard."

Ty Bonte, the leading player in the story, is his anguished, surviving son. (A gentler, younger son, Ronnie, has died before the story begins in a horrific tractor accident.) Ryder's wife, Muriel, lives in town with their daughter, Charla, who plays such a tiny role we're mystified as to why Agee included her in the first place.

"The Weight of Dreams" begins with exceptional promise. Agee paints such a luminous portrait of the lonely seventeen-year-old Ty that we immediately want to reach out to him or to artistic expression, and as a tool for influencing public opinion.

The show and book used several easily accessible sources for historic photos: The Library of Congress has extensive historic images (American Memory collections) at www.loc.gov/ammem. The National Portrait Gallery has images at www.npg.si.edu. The Smithsonian home page for photography is photo2.si.edu. The National Archives can be accessed at www.nara.gov. The Daguerrean Society is at www.daguerre.org/home

with Ty. There's the crooked horse trader. There's the taciturn Native American. There are mindless lunkheads specializing in "dirty work." Ty himself grows slightly tiresome, what with his repeated bawling and boozing and his tendency to hold his cards exceedingly close to his chest.

The plot grows weedy with confusion now and then, and some readers may find themselves a little dissatisfied, trying to remember just who did what to whom, and when, and where, and why.

Agee's romantic scenes seem a little tired and trite and frayed around the edges. There are odd bits of repetition scattered throughout the book that don't enhance the story or the characters.

These people watch each other sleep a lot. To avoid unpleasant odors, they repeatedly breathe through their mouth, which causes them to ultimately "taste" the odor (why do we need to be told this more than once?). Dakota sniffs so much you'd sort of like to give her face a smack.

To further detract from "The Weight of Dreams," Agee's concluding scenes (especially one involving an airplane crash) are so unconvincing they hardly seem to belong in this story. Agee's novel, "South of Resurrection," was reviewed in this column on its publication two years ago. At the time, it was lavishly praised for her indelible depiction of its setting, the Missouri Ozarks.

She deserves the same special kind of applause for the way she brings the fierce beauty of the Nebraska Sandhills to these pages.

When it comes to backdrops, this is an author who definitely has the touch.

Book complements PBS photos

A new book of notable images has been released in conjunction with a Public Broadcasting Corp. three-hour show in this century's photography being broadcast at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. "American Photography: A Century of Images" tracks the "picture culture" of this century, looking at still pictures as a record of family life, as a record of public events, as an outlet for

artistic expression, and as a tool for influencing public opinion. The book lists at \$40, or \$28 through the Internet at Amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com. The producer of the show was an academic from Carleton College in Minnesota, John Schott, who grew up in Howell and studied art history at the University of Michigan. The show and book used several easily accessible sources for

historic photos: The Library of Congress has extensive historic images (American Memory collections) at www.loc.gov/ammem. The National Portrait Gallery has images at www.npg.si.edu. The Smithsonian home page for photography is photo2.si.edu. The National Archives can be accessed at www.nara.gov. The Daguerrean Society is at www.daguerre.org/home

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

BOOK SHAWING
Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!"
■ Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Hall Road, Shelby Township.
■ Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Borders, Auburn Hills.
■ Saturday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m., Waldenbooks, Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights.
Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-6450.

MEET THE AUTHORS
Author Iris Johansen will make a short visit to the Books Connection of Livonia on Monday, Oct. 11. Johansen, who has more than 50 novels in print, has again made the New York Times best-seller list with her suspense thriller, "The Killing Game." Books Connection, a fixture in the sale of new, used and rare collectible books, is located at 19043 Middlebelt in the Mid-P Plaza at the corner of Seven Mile Road. Johansen will appear at the store to sign copies of her books starting at 4 p.m.
Local author Stephanie Mellen - who has written on children's, humor and self-help topics - will make an appearance at Waldenbooks & More, 30200 Plymouth in Livonia, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. Among Mellen's works are "A Bear in the Chair," "Doesn't Leave the Toilet Seat Up - Why Should She?" Call (734) 261-

7811 for information.
Author, professor, scholar and ordained Baptist minister Dr. Michael Eric Dyson returns to his hometown for a free public lecture and book signing at Marygrove College in Detroit. Described as a "street fighter in a suit and tie," Dyson is one of the leading African-American voices of our day. Dyson has written many acclaimed books and made numerous network television appearances. Dyson will lecture at Marygrove, 8425 W. McNichols, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, then sign copies of his books. Call (313) 927-1200 for information.

SPOOKY STUFF
Just in time for Halloween, Borders Books and Music in Dearborn presents Helen Mamelakis' "Dearborn's Eerie Tales... and Then Some." Great for members of the whole family, this third edition of non-threatening ghost stories will have you on the edge of your seat. Hear the bizarre tales at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the store located on Ford Road near Greenfield. Call (313) 271-4441 for information. We dare you!

USED BOOK SALE
The Farmington Players will hold a used book sale featuring paperbacks and hardcovers on a wide variety of titles and subjects. Come to some early Christmas shopping. The event is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 553-2955 for information.

MINI COURSE
The University of Michigan Institute for Humanities offers a five-part series and related mini course, "The Moment of the Memoir." The series, which explores the increasing popularity of the memoir, begins at noon Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 1524 Rackham Building (915 E. Washington) in Ann Arbor. All sessions are free and open to the pub-

lic. Distinguished U-M professors will discuss all aspects of the memoir, including the genre's future and the responsibilities of the memoirist. Sessions run on successive Tuesdays. Call (734) 936-3518 for information.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS
The Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library present Literary Outsiders: Contemporary Voices. This series at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness, stories that lay bare the terrible lies of love and madness that bind us all. Programs take place the following Tuesdays:
■ Oct. 12: The Bluest Eye
■ Oct. 26: Beans of Egypt, Maine
■ Nov. 9: Family Dancing
All programs begin at 7 p.m. The Carl Sandburg Library is at 30100 W. Seven Mile. Call (248) 476-0700 for details.

The Southfield Public Library presents author Dr. Ray Kamoo in a discussion of his book "Ancient and Modern Chaldean History: A Comprehensive Bibliography of Sources." This book by the Southfield resident and Chaldean history expert will be a valuable addition to local reference materials - the metro-Detroit area contains a very large Chaldean community. Dr. Kamoo will appear from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the library, located at 26000 Southfield Road. Call (1-800) 462-6420.

JCC BOOK FAIR
The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish book fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the authors mini-fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park. More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment will be provided (both free). Call the center for details, (248) 661-7648.

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ITALIAN ART RECEPTION TODAY
Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti has organized an exhibition that showcases the work of Italian-American artist Donato Mancini and DeGiusti's photographic survey of monuments created for public spaces by Italian sculptors in the Detroit area in the last 100 years. The exhibit runs through Oct. 15 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

An opening reception takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. Mancini paints in a figurative style influenced by Mexican murals and Renaissance frescoes. He presents a mythic narrative, the social and religious rituals he experienced as an Italian-American growing up near the automotive factories in Detroit and the rich cultural traditions in the neighborhoods of Little Italy in New York City.

CALL FOR SINGERS
The Rising Star Singers of the Plymouth Community Arts

Council are looking for a few more singers. Interested youth, ages 8-16, should call Norma Atwood at Village Music (734) 354-9825. New members will be invited to join the Rising Stars 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

BEARS NEEDED
Detroit's Bears on Patrol (www.KQA.com/BearsOnPatrol) begins a collection program called Bear Mail with the U.S. Postal Service. Through Oct. 20, the USPS will collect stuffed animals at all post offices in the 481, 482 and 492 zip codes. Please donate new bears of small and medium size. These bears are carried around in scout cars or in briefcases and given to children who are victims of traffic crashes, child abuse, domestic violence, fires, residential burglaries and other upsetting experiences. Donated used stuffed animals of any kind, size or shape in good condition (clean) will be sent to the Detroit Police Department Child Abuse Unit or to Precinct Youth. Donations of boxes of one-gallon size Ziploc bags are also needed.

All donations will be presented to Detroit's Bears on Patrol at a special ceremony on National Make a Difference Day Saturday, Oct. 23.

SLIDE/LECTURE

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan presents a slide/lecture, "Textures, Textiles and Polymer Clay," by Illinois machine embroidery expert dj Bennett 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Bennett has taught internationally and is the author of two books on machine embroidery. Her own work, combining stitching with manipulated fabric and other materials, has been exhibited in England and America. There is a \$5 guest fee. For information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 363-5897.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

Openings are still available in Kindermusik classes for children ages newborn to 5 years at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, between Joy and Warren, Canton.

Evola also offers pre-piano classes (ages 4-6), group piano (ages 6-12) and group violin (ages 7-14). Call (734) 455-4677 or visit the Web site at www.ismi.net/kindermuskatevola for information.

ART CLASSES

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and

Recreation, is offering fine-art classes for preschoolers to adult at the studio, 8691 N. Lilley at Joy, Canton; Summit on the Park, 48000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Classes include drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, pastels, paintings, and charcoal. For information, call (734) 453-3710.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

The city of Plymouth offers classes in children's art including drawing and painting, charcoal and cartooning.

For information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check out the programs on the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission presents an array of art in three venues this month. Kevin Nichols, an Ann Arbor resident, exhibits cartoons and digital art through Oct. 30 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Visit Nichols' daily syndicated cartoon on the Web site at www.mlive.com/nichols

Kathy Wolfe of Wolfe Studio, West Bloomfield, displays hand-

crafted cookie jars and salt and pepper shakers in the exhibit cases on the second floor of the library through Oct. 29.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

West Bloomfield watercolorist
Kathy Phillips brings her paintings to Livonia, City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington. The show continues through Nov. 10. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

VAAL CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia continues to offer classes and workshops. Learn how to create a watercolor monotype 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6. There are also painting and drawing classes being held with live models and a batik workshop. Al Weber shows how to design a better painting beginning Nov. 4.

To register or for information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

INTERIOR DECORATING CLASSES

Learn fancy painting techniques for your walls or anywhere Wednesdays, Oct. 20 and 27 at Colby's 36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Stencil painting classes take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, and faux finish painting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Free, but you must register because seating is limited. Call (734) 763-7273.

TO THE POINT

Jim Isakson, an artist who works in the style of pointillism, exhibits his work through Oct. 30 at the Lawrence St. Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Call (248) 334-6716 for more information.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

If you're an artist or crafter with hand-made items to sell, Henry Ford Community College's Alumni Association is looking for you to exhibit works in the 14th annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, in the Student Center on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

For an application, call (313) 845-9610.

CRAFT FAIR

Delta Kappa Gamma is holding its annual juried craft fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth.

Admission is \$2. Proceeds finance scholarships for students who are becoming teachers.

More than 100 crafters exhibit pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangements, dolls, jewelry, clothing, furniture, and baskets.

DSO uncovers the riddle of singin' swing

A tribute to Nelson Riddle, arranger for Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland and Nat King Cole, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16; 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$68, call (313) 576-5111 or (313) 576-5130.

It's more than a coincidence that Nelson Riddle was a trombonist before he became one of the most acclaimed and sought-after arrangers of his time.

The ebb and flow of his arrangements resemble the pulsating pull and push of the human breath.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, Riddle's musical arrangements shaped the swinging background sound that swirled around Frank Sinatra's unique

vocal phrasing. Riddle also created the musical backdrop for legendary singers of the day, including Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland.

This coming weekend, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Pops conductor Erich Kunzel will present a long list of Riddle's arrangements.

Among the songs are compositions by Berlin, Carmichael and Sullivan, and a few classics from Cole Porter.

Joining the DSO and Kunzel will be vocalist Michael Gough and swing dancers.

After touring with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra in the 1940s, Riddle became the top arranger for NBC radio. At the time, being heard on radio was the equivalent of being seen on MTV and VH-1.

In the early 1950s, Riddle's

work on Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa" made him a much sought-after arranger.

By the mid decade, he was working with Sinatra on what is considered the definitive works of each artist. The albums included "Songs for Young Lovers," and "Songs for Swingin' Lovers," which is Sinatra's all-time best-seller.

Until his retirement in the early 1980s, Riddle's arrangements could be heard on television shows and films, including the score for the 1974 film, "The Great Gatsby."

His last recording was for Linda Ronstadt's 1983 album, "What's New."

- Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

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It's chic to have a little animal print in your closet

THE REAL DEAL



CARL WALDMAN

Sift through the closet of any well-dressed woman, and you will most likely find something in animal print.

True, animal prints are one of those recurring trends; they never really go out of style. But, this season they're all the rage.

Pony hair and zebra prints, which have always signified spunk and vigor, are especially in vogue. Best of all, these black-and-white prints undoubtedly inject basic black garb with an instant shot of "glam."

If you don't already have a dash of cheetah or zebra somewhere in your closet, now is the ideal time to acquire some. Animal prints are everywhere this season; if you can wear it, chances are you'll find it in an animal print. The look has literally spilled over into every clothing category, from purses to coats, and into every price point, from Neiman Marcus to Target.

No matter what the price, the message is the same: It's chic to have a little fierce print going on. You'll also be able to incorporate just the right amount of animal print into your wardrobe to suit your own personal style.

Add accessories: Try a pony hair bag or belt, like these from Edward Dorian in Birmingham.

ways to take you through the season in animal style:

■ Try an oversized bag in animal print, like Guess' Zebra Printed tote in brown and black, \$66 at Guess stores. A bag easily captures the trend, but you can take it away when the mood doesn't strike you. If you have a little more to spend, check out Kate Spade's rectangular, leopard print bags. They're available at Edward Dorian in Birmingham and Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

■ Update your outer wear with an animal print scarf. Target stores are selling a black and white snow leopard print scarf for \$16.99. Matching faux fur-trimmed gloves sell for \$7.99.

■ Sweaters are another way to introduce animal prints into your wardrobe. Bebe's cheetah print, V-neck, at \$98, pairs well with both jeans and leather pants.

■ Stay warm in a faux fur jacket in animal print. Bebe's version is definitely on the wild side, but it's as soft and comfortable as a cozy blanket and will keep you warm. At \$198, it's a practical and dramatic style purchase.

■ Try a few animal print accessories. At Neiman Marcus, for example, animal print goes utility chic with a leopard print belt bag. You can wear the belt alone or with its detachable pouch. It's a double-duty find for \$110. Most people can always use a new pair of gloves. So, if nothing else, pick up a pair of black stretch-knit gloves with a faux fur trim in an animal print. Joe's Army Navy Surplus store in Royal Oak sells a cheetah print version for \$3.79.

Carl Waldman is a freelance writer and fashion stylist who lives in West Bloomfield. Please send your style and shopping questions to Carl Waldman at CarlWaldman@aol.com



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Style choices: At Neiman Marcus, Karen Jorgensen, of Bloomfield Township, at left, tries on a pair of earrings made by local designer Sharon Meyer, at right. Meyer, a Troy-based jewelry designer encourages women to develop and assert their own style.

Troy jewelry designer encourages women to ignore trends and find their own style

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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Local jewelry designer Sharon Meyer believes women still have a long way to go when it comes to expressing individual style.

"I think women should have more self-assertiveness or confidence in what they like to wear," said the 40-year-old, self-taught jewelry designer who grew up and lives in Troy.

Meyer, who recently made a personal appearance with her jewelry collection at Neiman Marcus in Troy, doesn't give much credence to runway trends, predictions made by fashion authorities and style advice supplied by beauty magazines. "You should wear what you like and what makes you feel comfortable."

When a client recently asked Meyer which way the face of a cameo ring should be worn - should it face toward others or the ring wearer? - Meyer defiantly replied "you want to wear it facing you, you want to wear it for you."

Meyer's philosophy also informs her work as a jewelry designer. Meyer creates a broad range of jewelry that suits many women's personal styles. "My jewelry gives a woman an opportunity to be herself and be unique,"

said Meyer, who has been creating mostly one-of-a-kind jewelry since she was 24. Her company label is called Amalgamations, and all her designs are manufactured locally.

Given the range of clothing and accessories available for purchase today, women can and should be making increasingly personal style and fashion choices, she said. Just consider the range of skirt lengths typically available in an average department store, said Meyer. "There's so much available to us now, not just with skirt lengths but with textures and fabrics, that you don't have to stay with the mainstream with jewelry."

Besides, said Meyer, "to me, you wear jewelry for yourself."

Meyer's pieces, which has been described both as having a Zen quality and being very feminine, are regularly carried by Neiman Marcus stores across the country in both the retailer's designer and precious jewelry departments.

Art Loft in Birmingham is slated this month to begin selling Meyer's jewelry, and Jacobson's stores formerly carried her work. Her pieces also have been showcased in several museum gift shops. Prices range \$60 to \$25,000 depending on the materials used.

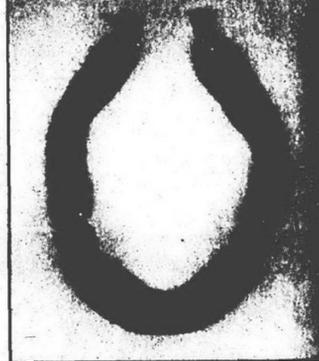
Meyer is particularly fond of tourmaline, smoky quartz and garnets, but uses both precious and semi-precious stones and 14-karat gold and sterling silver. People also comment on how Meyer combines - and seems to fuse - color. Typically, the jewelry designer works with a limited number of colors since "the simpler, the less amount of colors in the piece, the more wearable is the piece," she said.

Fit and comfort are other chief concerns for Meyer. "I wear my own work, I know how it feels and I know how it should fit." In addition to making sure her pieces are lightweight and don't inhibit movement, Meyer, for instance, positions necklace pendants where they will sit over the wearer's heart.

While male gift purchasers are one of Meyer's biggest customers - a fact she attributes to her jewelry's feminine allure - she encourages women to develop and learn to trust their own sense of style.

"You can have an innate sense, but you may not have the confidence in it. (Many women) just haven't let themselves express themselves," said Meyer.

But times have changed. "It's part of what women have evolved to. Fashion has been very



Feminine touch: Sharon Meyer weaves garnet and sterling silver in this necklace.

male-dominated," said Meyer. "I think it's getting more equal. I really do. You're seeing so many more female artists, whether it's in fashion or in music."

Sharon Meyer's pieces are sold at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and will be available starting Monday at Art Loft in Birmingham. For more information about Meyer's designs, call (248) 879-7345.

Film festival explores link between fashion and feminism

In the 60s, Audrey Hepburn sold us on Ferragamo ballet slippers and Tiffany & Co.

In the 80s, Madonna's appearance in *Desperately Seeking Susan* inspired teenagers to reveal their navels and pile on dozens of black rubber bracelets.

There's probably no limit to the influence Hollywood movies have and will continue to have on fashion.

But what else have movies conveyed to American women about fashion, clothing and how to dress?

That's what the 17th Annual Women's Studies Film Festival at Oak-

land University in Rochester Hills will explore Oct. 16.

The all-day film festival and seminar, dubbed All Dressed Up: Underpinnings of Feminism in Film and Fashion, will probe such topics as excess, creativity and transformation involving women and fashion in film.

Unzipped, the 1995 documentary about one of fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi's collections, and *Pretty Woman*, Gary Marshall's story about a Hollywood prostitute's Rodeo Drive makeover, will be viewed and discussed.

The program, which takes place in

North Foundation Hall on the university campus, runs 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes morning coffee (lunch is provided to program participants who register before Oct. 8). General registration admission is \$10, and the program is priced at \$7 for seniors and students.

All Dressed Up: Underpinnings of Feminism in Film and Fashion

What: Annual film festival and seminar sponsored by Oakland University's Women's Studies Department

When: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16

Where: Room 156, North Foundation Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills

How: To register, call (248) 370-2420. Walk-in registration is available at 9 a.m. prior to the event.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 806 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
GAMMA MAZE WALK SHOW
View the evening collection of designer Carmen Marc Valvo at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
NEUMAN MARCUS, THE SOMERSET COLLECTION IN TROY, celebrates Festa d'Italia with a cocktail reception to benefit the Italian Heritage Society, 6:30 p.m., third floor. Tickets are \$40 and \$100. For information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 896-8884.
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Meet popular shoe designer Donald Pliner, known for his use of comfortable and high-tech fabrics, and view his collection of shoes, handbags and hosiery at

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

day-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Center Court. Nagler presents a clinic on how to take better pictures, 1-2 p.m. Oct. 16.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
CHANEL MAKEUP ARTIST VISITS
Chanel makeup artist Dean Robert assists customers make their cosmetics selections at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, through Oct. 15, 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
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CALVIN KLEIN COAT COLLECTION
View Calvin Klein's special order coat collection for fall at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, with help from a company representative through Oct. 16, 1-8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Coat Collection, third floor. For a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3345.

MARISA COLLECTION SHOW
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Marisa bridal wear through Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

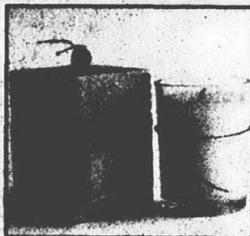
HICKEY FREEMAN SHOW
Jacobson's, at Great Oaks mall in Rochester Hills, hosts a show of Hickey Freeman's fall and winter stock and made-to-measure garments for men, 4-8 p.m., Men's Store, first floor.

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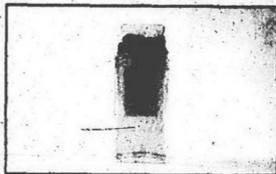
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Indoor scents: Voltivo's aromatic candles come in unique scents and burn for 50 hours, \$19 at the Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston.



New nylon: Nylon is hip for the younger set and pairs well with kids' favorite garments. Nylon tech vest, \$24.50, and nylon cargo hat, \$14.50, with carpenter-style jeans, \$29.50, all at The Gap.



Fight the elements: As winter approaches, keep skin smooth and moist with Jo Malone's luxurious bath oil, \$18-42 at the Jo Malone boutique at Saks Fifth Avenue.

What's New

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A watch with a very large face can be found at the following stores, Low Vision Solutions on West Seven Mile, west of Lakster in Livonia, (248) 777-1100, the Lighthouse catalog, (800) 829-0500, the Independent Living catalog, (800) 337-2118, and the Anne Morris catalog, (800) 454-3175.
- Benson's fruit cake can be found at Damman Hardware stores.
- Men's elastic-waist trousers can be found in the J.C. Penney Big Book and at Target stores in early spring.
- Anne Klein II perfume can be bought at Levin Beauty Supply stores located on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and on Coolidge in Oak Park.
- We also found: a manual for Word Perfect 6.0 (but not the Windows 95 version), hand-painted baskets by A. Baenziger, replacement brushes and Teflon pads and clips for the Shetland Floor Scrubber.
- A poll for an outdoor clothing hanger can be purchased at ACO Hardware stores and Sears stores.
- Hug Em's Madame Alexander dolls are sold at Muriel's Dollhouse in Plymouth, (734) 455-8110.
- The game Pit can be purchased at Adventures in Toys on Maple in Birmingham, (248) 646-5550 and at the Alcove Hobby Shop on Woodward in Royal Oak, (248) 545-6237, or through the Winning Moves Company catalog, (800) 664-7788.
- Wolf River apples are available at Blake's Cider Mill (pick your own apples) in Armada Township and at the Franklin Cider Mill in Franklin.
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- A 1961 Rochester High School yearbook for Pat.
- A battery-operated... under-the-cabinet light... - A white wicker... stand for Nancy.
- A Power... costume for Loris. - The children's book "Three Bells... Craft" for Michelle.
- Corman High... (readable from Belgium)...
- Two sturdy... to donate for a... - A "Lady of... book for Pat.
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Beauty of Japan turns out to be its wonderful people

BY MATT DEMGEN
SPECIAL WRITER

My interest in the Japanese culture started years ago.

I often found myself reading about Japan and even renting videos that depicted a Japanese story line.

I have always been impressed that the Japanese have held on to their traditional beliefs while adapting to a Western approach in their society.

To enhance my interest, I know that travel to Japan would be necessary, but my budget was a huge roadblock. Then, surprisingly, last December, I first heard about the Japan-America Friendship Scholarship through my friend from Japanese class. The scholarship is through Youth For Understanding and is predominantly funded by the Japanese government to further understanding between our two countries.

It is given to just 120 students from across the United States. The recipients would spend six weeks in Japan learning about the culture from a week of seminars and five weeks living with a Japanese family. I was aware that the odds were tough to overcome, but my desire to travel to Japan was so great, I thought that I didn't have anything to lose, and, hopefully, much to gain.

The waiting period went on and on, but when you least expect it, news comes. On a day I'll always remember, a package from Washington was waiting for me when I got home from school. Little did I know that when I opened it, I would be on my way to Japan on June 14.

A few days later my host mom called with a greeting of welcome. She chose a few words of English that I could understand. That friendly phone call was very much appreciated.

Similarly, upon arrival in Japan, communication was difficult. Even though I had one year of Japanese at Stevenson High School, the language spoken to me came at a fast pace. I wanted to change all those words to slow-motion speed, but had to settle for a simple Japanese phrase, "Nani?" which means "What?"

After a short delay, we made ourselves understood and were



Good friends: A Japanese school friend gives a peace sign. Japanese kids believe showing the peace sign is a very American thing to do.

directed to our Japanese group leader who got us on a bus to the Olympic Center in Tokyo. We spent a week learning about cultural traditions. Part of our experience included introductions to the Japanese government officials responsible for the administration of the Japan-America Friendship Scholarship. Additional work on the Japanese language was a nice complement to the study of the culture. It helped us improve our communication skills.

On to Tokyo

Part of our week at the Olympic Center we were allowed to travel in Tokyo. The city is great.

I have never seen so much in the way of buildings, people, transportation and stores in my life. Detroit is small compared to Tokyo. Our group was taken on a tour of Tokyo.

I foolishly thought the week in Tokyo would go a little slower in order to better prepare an introduction for my host family.

The time flew, though, and I soon met the Sakamoto family. I knew that those first introductory Japanese words were critical. It would be their first impression of me.

Somehow, the words came, and I was greeted with smiles and hugs. I felt very comfortable with my host mom, dad, and my two sisters, age 9 and 14. It was great to hear a few words of English from my family. My few words of Japanese, I'm sure, were also appreciated.

The first day in the Sakamoto

family was a little awkward. I wasn't quite sure of my place in the family. Amazingly, on the second day, I felt right at home.

Everyone made me feel comfortable. My two sisters were great companions. We shared video games and television. Amazingly, some of the television programs came across in English with Japanese subtitles. A few of the British shows were hilarious. My host mom taped them for me when I was out of the house. She even packed them for me upon my return home.

The very next day I met the grandparents in their home. They lived only five houses down the street from ours. The meeting was very nice. Since this was the family's first visit from an American, everyone was excited.

After our visit, we went out for sushi. Since I enjoy sushi at Akasaka, a Japanese restaurant in Livonia, I couldn't wait to try the sushi in Japan. The comparison was favorable. I guess Akasaka knows how to prepare authentic Japanese food.

Along with the enjoyable visits, my host parents were very kind to me on a daily basis. They often asked me how I was doing and if I needed anything.

I was told that the YFU trip was not a travel experience. My family must have been the exception. They took me to see many sights. The most memorable were Mt. Fuji, temples, Tokyo Tower, and downtown Tokyo.

The climb on Mt. Fuji was educational and exciting. The effort was strenuous, but along the way we were provided rest stops where we could eat and drink.

Contrast to temples

In comparison, the temples I visited were just as fantastic. It was incredible how the architecture blended with a sense of spirituality. The gigantic statues of Buddha were impressive.

In contrast, the train trip to downtown Tokyo provided me with another memorable experience. I was impressed by Tokyo's huge buildings, especially Tokyo Tower. The stores were unique. Many of them made up the floors of these tall buildings. I called them vertical malls.



PHOTOS BY MATT DEMGEN

Temple: A Japanese temple is outlined against a cloudy sky during Matt Demgen's trip this summer.



Travel plans: Demgen's hosts took him many places in Japan, including the capital city, Tokyo.

The food challenge was another step that I eagerly anticipated. Besides my favorite, sushi, I successfully tried many unusual dishes. There was one exception. I couldn't get used to natto. The slimy texture of those beans didn't appeal to me.

I am happy to say that I really liked fish on a stick, nori (seaweed), and sea urchin. My host family went to a restaurant, and I was given the sea urchin free. I was told how expensive those spiky, little creatures were, and needless to say, I was very hon-

ored to enjoy this new delicacy.

In the beginning, six weeks seemed like such a long time, but, in reality, it went too fast. Since everyone, was so kind to me, I knew that the day of separation would be hard.

I packed the night before departure and, typically, had to stuff all my new purchases into two small suitcases. I thought about how I would say goodbye. Then I didn't want to think about it. I thought that I would handle it only when the moment came. We went on a bus to the

airport and soon I stood before my family and said those words of thanks and goodbye.

My mom cried as she hugged me. My sisters were also sad. My dad had to work that day, so we said our goodbyes earlier. I knew I was ending a memorable adventure.

I was firmly connected to Japan and America in a way that I had never imagined.

Matt Demgen is a junior at Stevenson High School in Livonia and is back in the Japanese language classes for more study.

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2 Unique

Napa Valley also known for olive oil

I recently returned from a wonderful food, wine and more trip to northern California. I had the good fortune to eat in many of San Francisco's unique and fine restaurants including L'Arche, Chez Panisse, Millenium, The Skinted Deer, and Bix. After eating my way through San Francisco, I headed toward wine country with no particular agenda. It being my first time in northern California, I knew I wanted to experience, as many wineries as time would permit. Upon my arrival in wine country I landed in Callistoga, famous for its natural hot springs, mud baths and general spa-like environment. Callistoga is nestled at the north end of the Napa Valley. I set out on my mission to find the most unique "smaller vineyards" Napa had to offer.

Cycling

As luck would have it, I happened by the Get Away Bike Shop. My usual six or seven day exercise routine had been disrupted for many days and I decided to investigate Vineyard cycling tours. I ended up helmet in hand the next morning with our bike leader, Dave, ready to see, do and taste it all! Off we went, up and down the steep Napa countryside touring some of the interesting smaller vineyards.

On the tour we were introduced to wine from vineyards whose product never sees distribution. Only insiders know how to find it.

Trees

From the very first vineyard we entered I noticed olive trees, and lots of them. As the wine tasting and tours progressed so did my questions to winemakers about their olive trees and what they do with all those olives.

Many of the vineyards are squashing grapes and pressing olives side by side. I learned that winemakers are very proud of their silvery branched olive trees and often will run out of their first press of olive oil before their latest wine release.

While my bike buddies were looking for their second glass of wine I was asking someone to pass the bread and spill some oil. At almost every vineyard from where I purchased wine, I also picked up a bottle of their glossy green finest. At some vineyards, I left the wine behind and opted for olive oil only.

In addition to northern California's

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Olive facts & lore

- The history of olives is said to date back 8,000 years to carbon remains found in Spain.
- Some say the trees appeared on the California landscape in 1769. Trees were propagated from seeds brought by the Mexicans. Others cite 1785 when the trees were brought from Europe.
- Average olive trees are 50 feet wide with a 26 branch spread.
- Olives are rich in tannin (the same component that makes red wine stain your carpet).
- While the 90 percent majority of olives harvested are used for oil, the remaining 10 percent are used to create over 850,000 tons of table olives.
- There are over 750 million trees world wide with a steady yearly increase.
- Olive oil is said to have many health benefits.
- The greater the oil the more pure and rich in flavor (these varieties are best used in cold food preparation).
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deep sea DINING

It's 'cool' good to have fish into your diet

By DEBORAH MARTINELLI-SWEET
Special Writer

Think back to your childhood. How often did your family have seafood?

Perhaps it was fish on Fridays. Or maybe an occasional tuna sandwich. If your experience cooking fish is limited to those sticks or a can of tuna, it's time to explore new waters.

Knowing that fish and seafood are healthy and delicious, it is a good idea for all of us to include more of it in our diet. There are over 1,000 different species of fish and shellfish harvested from the wild or raised by aquaculture. These can become a part of everyone's diet both at home and in restaurants. Many of us don't eat fish at home because we think it is tricky to cook. But most seafood is easy to prepare and can be cooked to be appealing to even the pickiest little eaters.

Kids and fish

The National Fisheries Institute says that seafood sales to the younger generation (35 to 50) are lacking. An NFI commissioned study reported that fewer than 30 percent of younger consumers identified themselves as moderate seafood users. Since fish can be a wonderful source of protein and nutrients, it is a good idea to introduce fish to our children.

A neighborhood in Clarkston looks forward to its annual visit from Uncle Dick, an Arizona relative of one of the residents. Uncle Dick has instilled the love of fishing in all the neighborhood kids. They can hardly wait for him to help bait their hooks and untangle lines. At night he fries up a mess of pan fish and the kids (and parents too) gobble them up.

If you don't have an Uncle Dick in your neighborhood, you can still introduce fish to your kids. The milder varieties of fish and seafood are usually better received.

To begin, let kids try fried shrimp or fried clams dipped in red shrimp sauce. Offer them a shrimp or two from the adult's shrimp bowl when you serve them for a

Seafood Buying Guide

Approximate amount of raw seafood needed per adult serving (3 ounces cooked)

- Whole fish: 3/4 pound (12 ounces)
- Dressed or pan-dressed fish: 1/2 pound (8 ounces)
- Fish fillets: 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Fish steaks with bone: 1/2 pound (8 ounces)
- Fish steaks without bone: 1/3 pound (6 ounces)
- Live clams and oysters: 6 to 8 each
- Shucked clams and oysters: 1/3-1/2 pint
- Live lobsters and crabs: 1-1 1/2 pounds
- Cooked lobsters and crabs: 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Scallops: 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Shrimp, headless, unpeeled: 1/3-1/2 pound (6-8 ounces)
- Shrimp, peeled and deveined: 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)

party. It may be easier to get children to try other varieties after they "discover" these delicacies.

Kids may reject fish that has stronger flavors, is smoked or smells too fishy. Bones can be a problem for young children too, so even after filleting the fish, remind them to chew slowly.

Spectacular seafood

The "10 minute rule" is a good guide to perfectly cooked fish. It applies to baking at 400° F, broiling, grilling, steaming, and poaching. (It does not apply to microwaving.) Measure the fish, whole, steaks, or fillets, at its thickest part. Figure 10 minutes of cooking time for each inch thickness of fish.

For example, a 1-1/4-inch thick fish steak would be done after about 12 minutes of cooking. For frozen fish, do not thaw, but double the cooking time. Add five minutes cooking time for fish cooked in foil or in a sauce.

When boiling shell-on shrimp, use a steamer pot (a perforated pot stacked inside a stock pot) so that the shrimp can be lifted out quickly. Immerse in boiling water for no more than two minutes. Lift out and dunk in ice water to stop the cooking. Set shrimp aside to drain. The shrimp will be succulent, juicy and firm.

■ If your experience cooking fish is limited to those sticks or a can of tuna, it's time to explore new waters.

Poach oysters in lightly boiling water for about a minute - until the edges just start to curl. Remove them immediately and you'll know you haven't overcooked them.

The omega-3 advantage

Scientific evidence suggests that omega-3 fatty acids can help reduce the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

Omega-3 fatty acids can make blood less likely to clot and block blood vessels. Consuming omega-3 fatty acids can decrease levels of some blood fats and possibly cholesterol. Omega-3 fatty acids are found almost exclusively in aquatic organisms, although smaller amounts are found in some plants and plant oils. Seafood is considered the best dietary source of omega-3 fatty acids. All fish and shellfish contain some omega-3 fatty acids but fatty fish generally contain more.

(See related story on the relative amounts of omega-3 fatty acids in various fish and shellfish.)

Cholesterol

Most animal foods, including seafood, contain cholesterol. Shellfish contains about 100 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce serving.

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Omega-3 Fatty Content of Fish and Shellfish

Based on 3.5 ounces of raw edible portion

Most fatty (Over 1.0 gram)	Least fatty (Less than 0.5 grams)
Anchovy	Carp
Atlantic bluefish	Chanrei catfish
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Lean stuffed, baked peppers are full of flavor

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

When I was growing up, fall was stuffed pepper time. Green peppers were bountiful and cheap, and so was the ground meat they were stuffed with. It was high fat chuck meat. I can still see the layer of fat surrounding the peppers in the loaf pan in which they were baked. The relationship between fat and nutrition-related diseases was ill defined in those years. Saturated fat had not yet become a household word.

I set about to create a stuffed pepper that reminded me of past autumns with its flavor, yet better suited my nutrition goals with its low-fat components. I tried a traditional recipe, substituting lean ground beef and turkey, but I found the filling dry and crumbly. After two other versions, this was the result. See what you think.

The ground beef that I used was top round of beef trimmed and ground once. With 1.7 grams of fat per ounce, it's lower than anything in the meat counter, including ground beef labeled extra lean. It's almost as low in fat as skinned chicken breast.

I omitted the usual rice, because I wanted the real meaty flavor that I remembered. The problem with using really low-fat ground beef is dryness. So I added my favorite pasta sauce to the meat for moistness.

I used green and red bell peppers of medium size and blanched them. The prepared spaghetti sauce is one of my bows to convenience. The one that I use is Paul Newman's Sockeroni. It's relatively low in fat (2 grams per serving), but rather high in sodium (590mg) per 1/2 cup serving. If sodium is a concern, select a lower sodium sauce, of which there are many.

The peppers can be frozen after stuffing and before final cooking in the oven. I like to serve this dish at informal dinner parties.

STUFFED PEPPERS

- 1 pound beef top round, trimmed and ground once
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 4 medium bell peppers (I like to use a variety of colors)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 egg white
- 4 ounces reduced fat mozzarella cheese (2 grams of fat per ounce)
- 4 fresh tomato slices
- 1 (32 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce, your favorite

Cut tops off peppers and remove membranes. Blanch peppers by precooking in boiling water until tender, crisp. Drain.

Brown meat, onion and garlic in non-stick pan over low heat. Break up lumps. Add 3/4 cup spaghetti sauce, Worcestershire sauce, blend and then add egg white. Use mixture to stuff peppers.

Place 1 cup spaghetti sauce in 2-quart

baking dish. Place stuffed peppers on top. Cover.

Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes, uncover. Sprinkle top with one half of the cheese. Place tomato slices on top, then remaining cheese. Return to oven and bake until cheese melts.

Serve remaining spaghetti sauce with pasta as a side dish to the stuffed peppers. Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 277, Fat 8.5g, Sat. Fat 2.7g, Sodium 302mg, Cholesterol 82mg.

Food exchanges: 4 lean meat, 1 veg. edible.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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Shrimp and lobster are a bit higher, about 150 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce serving. But, seafood tends to be very low in saturated fat, which is what turns your body on to making too much cholesterol.

One word of caution with fish and cholesterol is if you eat fish roe, caviar, fish liver, or the livers of lobster and crab. These items do contain higher amounts of cholesterol and should be eaten infrequently if you are watching your cholesterol.

Some seafood is traditionally eaten raw. Oysters on the half

shell, sushi, sashimi and ceviche are examples some of popular raw fish dishes. This practice has inherent risks because cooking foods is necessary to destroy disease-causing organisms or parasites that occur naturally or that can be introduced during handling, storage or preparation.

Whenever an animal food is eaten raw or partially cooked, the risk of illness is significantly increased. Bivalve molluscan shellfish like clams and oysters, which live close to the shore, can contain bacteria or viruses that can cause illness.

Bacteria and viruses from human and land animal sources can be carried into coastal waters with run-off from the land, in sewage discharges, or from other sources. These shellfish, which obtain food by pumping water through their digestive system and filtering out small organisms, may collect bacteria and viruses from the waters in which they live.

People ingest these organisms when they eat these products raw. The potential health risks associated with eating raw bivalve shellfish are usually directly related to the quality of

the waters in which they have lived.

The same food safety measures that I advocate for meat and poultry also apply to fish and seafood. Remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Avoid cross contamination by washing hands, utensils, containers, cutting boards, etc. and cook seafood to an internal temperature of at least 145°F. A temperature of 160°F is recommended to kill bacteria, but can easily cause the seafood to be overcooked, dry and tough.

Some fish from our Great

Lakes and inland waterways may pose a health threat to some individuals. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources produces "Michigan Fish Advisory," a booklet that provides information on our state's fish and the health recommendations for consumption. You can call them for a free copy at (800) 626-4636 or view the booklet on the MDNR's Web site at www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/fishadvi.htm.

Another great Web site for fish and seafood information is the National Fisheries Institute at www.nfi.org.

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awesome olive oil, you'll find all sorts of olive dishes in much of California's cuisine.

The best way to begin learning about the many varieties of table

olives is to first understand the differences between green and black varieties. As with most fruits, the color of an olive reveals its degree of ripeness.

Green olives are picked early while not yet ripe, usually in the early autumn between late September and October when the skin begins to change in hue

from leaf green to yellow-green and before the flesh softens. They are characteristically firm and crisp in texture and will often have a bit of a nutty flavor and will have the least amount of oil.

Black olives are green olives

that have been left on the trees through late fall, often some as late as December and January. As they are brought to their full ripeness, they are softer, sweeter and often a richer, more intense flavor. The term "black" is often not accurate, as many varieties

are practically purple, with intermittent shades of brown and red. The perfectly oval shaped fruits disguise the bitter truth that olives in the freshly harvested or raw state are virtually inedible. Olives in their fresh state have a high percentage of harshly flavored Oleuropein. In order to extract this component, olives must be cured quickly after harvesting.

Processing olives

There are three general methods for processing olives.

■ **Brine curing** — The brine is a mixture of salt and water. The olives will soak in this solution for at least one month.

■ **Lye curing** — Is most commonly used by the large volume producers. Olives are immersed in an alkaline lye solution, which extracts their bitterness in a matter of days.

■ **Dry curing** — The oldest curing method Olives are merely coated in coarse salt and left for weeks and often months. This will produce an olive with rich flavor intensity as well as impart a dry prune like appearance to the skin.

If you have the opportunity to explore our Western wine country, don't forget to ask the vineyards to pass the oil!

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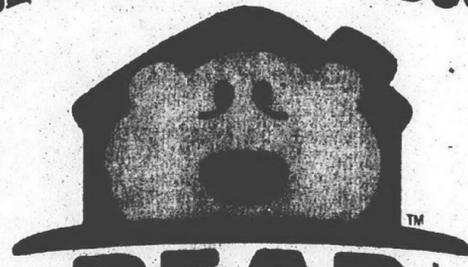
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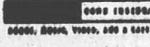
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Local chefs share shrimp, salmon recipes

See related story on Taste front.

This is a great recipe to use as an hors d'oeuvre. Kids who like barbecue sauce and bacon will also like these tasty shrimp! The recipe is relatively high in fat and salt, but if eaten in moderation, it's a wonderful treat.

BARBECUE SHRIMP

- Makes 36 shrimp
- 3/4 cup orange juice concentrate
- 3/4 cup prepared chili sauce
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/3 cup soy sauce

- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 pounds of large shrimp (16 to 20 count)
- 12 pieces bacon

Combine all ingredients except shrimp and bacon. Mix well, bring to a boil then simmer for 5 minutes. Set aside.

Peel, devein, and wash sand out of shrimp. Coat shrimp with half of the sauce. Cook bacon on cookie sheet in 350°F oven for 4 to 5 minutes, just until limp.

Drain fat, cool and cut each piece in thirds.

Wrap shrimp with bacon, secure with a toothpick and place on a cookie sheet with sides. Bake shrimp on one side in 450°F oven until bacon is partially browned, about 8 minutes. Turn shrimp and brown opposite side. Spoon remaining sauce on shrimp and bake until bubbly. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: Serving size: 1 shrimp, calories 108, protein 7g, fat 6.96g, sodium 203mg, carbohydrates 4g.

Recipe compliments of Chef

Kevin Enright, chef-instructor Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills.

This recipe developed by Chef Randy Emert of Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester, for a Crittenton Hospital health fair, is delicious and nutritious.

COLD POACHED SALMON WITH LEMON RICE SALAD

- For salmon
- 6 ounce piece salmon
- 2 cups clam juice
- Juice from 1/2 lemon

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 sprig thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 12 black peppercorns
- 1/4 cup white wine

Put all ingredients, except salmon, in a large sauté pan and bring to a boil.

Add salmon and cover. Turn to medium low heat and poach until internal temperature reaches 120°F. Refrigerate overnight.

- For rice
- 2 cups cooked rice

- Juice from 2 lemons; add lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon fennel seed
- 3 sprigs chopped dill
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon minced shallots
- 3 splashes Tabasco sauce
- 1 Granny Smith apple, small, diced

Mix all ingredients together. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serves 4. **Nutrition information per serving:** Calories 300, fat 3.5 grams

Olive appetizers simply delicious

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OLIVE SALAD

- 1 cup mixed green and black California olives
- 1 red pepper roasted, peeled and cut in thin strips
- 1/2 red onion cut into thin strips
- 1/2 cup artichokes, quartered
- 1/2 cup red wine, Italian or Balsamic vinaigrette
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil

Mix all ingredients and let marinate at least 3 hours prior to serving.

This dish is great as a spread for bread or a splash in your next pasta dish, vinaigrette or marinade.

BLACK OLIVE SPREAD

- 1 cup pitted black olives (use your favorite variety)
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of Cayenne pepper

Puree olives and garlic in food processor, adding olive oil in a

slow fine stream.

Remove from bowl, mix herbs and season.

SHRIMP STUFFED OLIVES

- 2 dozen pitted California black olives
- 4 tablespoons cream cheese
- 4 artichoke hearts (canned) chopped finely
- 1/2 cup cooked finely chopped shrimp
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients and stuff olives.

Chili cook-off winners announced

Les Eastep of Rochester, Ill. won first place in the Great Lakes Regional International Chili Society Cook-off held Sunday, Oct. 3 in downtown Plymouth.

Forty-six cooks competed in the contest. Eastep won a personal spa valued at \$3,800, a

shirt, \$850 and a trophy. He also qualified to compete in the World Championship Chili Cook-off taking place Sunday, Oct. 10 in Las Vegas.

Second place was awarded to Joe Janes, third place to Gayle Ihlenfeldt, fourth to Norm Raje, and fifth to Steve Frohling, Todd

Rizzo and Lynne Hunter.

In the salsa competition, first place was awarded to Ken Brundage, second to Gayle Ihlenfeldt, Lynne Hunter, third.

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WESTBORN MARKET

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Chemical sensitivity

The Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends is a free support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants. Informal meets are held throughout Southeast Michigan. The next meeting is from 2-5 p.m. at the Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., in Ann Arbor. For a newsletter call (248) 349-4972.

Car seat check

Have your child safety seat checked for free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth Jeep, located on Ann Arbor at Lilley roads in Plymouth. Prior checks by the coalition found that more than 95 percent of child safety seats were being used incorrectly. The event is sponsored by Fox Hills Plymouth Jeep, Henry Ford Health System and Oakwood Healthcare. Call (313) 791-1490.

Micro cooking

Macrobiotic cooking classes for October under the direction of Micro Val include fun foods, from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 including cinnamon rolls, flaming volcano, tempeh sandwiches and lemonade. An Oct. 27 Halloween class from 6-9 p.m. includes pumpkin soup, peanut butter popcorn, stuffed pumpkin, lentils and pumpkin. Call Val to register at (734) 261-2856.

Vegetarian event

If you are a vegetarian or are interested in learning more about the lifestyle and putting vegetarian dishes to the test the 12th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will be held in three sessions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Metropolitan SDA Junior Academy, 15586 Haggerty Road, Plymouth (one block north of Five Mile). All levels of vegetarian eating will be offered as well as non-vegetarians and all with the flare of the holidays. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the Extravaganza hotline at (734) 495-3602. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$3, children ages 6-12.

Thyroid support

Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 at the Plymouth Library. There is a speaker at each meeting. This month Deb Sopo, a pharmacist from McAuley Pharmacy in Plymouth will speak. The public is encouraged to join the group and learn something new. Meet others who share your experiences and learn from them. For more information and reservations call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945 or visit their Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/ce/thyroid>

Weight loss

Dr. Brian Lamb, Medical Herbalist and International Lecturer will speak Oct. 11 on the French approach to permanent loss. Learn the three key factors to successful weight loss, how to burn fat with cellular renewal and The Science of Modern Food combining \$5 tickets (Embassy Suites Hotel, Livonia) call (800) 403-5654.

Cold sore sufferers get relief from new topical medication

Eighty percent of cold sore sufferers won't kiss their loved ones during a cold sore outbreak. And that's doing the right thing, because the cold sore virus is communicable. But where does that leave the cold sore sufferer?

During the winter, cold sore triggers are rampant, from colds and flu to vacations in the sun and outdoor sports in the cold. And it can ruin holiday or travel plans, because not only do more than 80 percent of cold sore sufferers "dread" an outbreak, more than 60 percent will not have their photograph taken when they have visible cold sores, according to a recent Gallup poll commissioned by the maker of Denavir (penciclovir cream) 1 percent, the antiviral prescription cold sore medicine.

"I've had more than a few cold sores absolutely ruin my plans," said Karen Duffy, actress, model and cold sore sufferer.

Like more than 70 percent of cold sore sufferers, Duffy had tried home remedies.

"When I heard there was a prescription treatment, specifically for cold sores, I couldn't wait to try it."

"Essentially, people are saying that when they get cold sores, they have a negative impact on their quality of life, and yet they're not satisfied with

what's available over-the-counter," said David Leffell, M.D., professor of dermatology and plastic surgery at Yale. "Cold sore sufferers should talk to their physician or dentist about treatment."

Cold sore relief

Denavir (penciclovir cream) 1 percent, the prescription antiviral cold sore medication, is the first and only clinically proven cold sore medicine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of recurrent cold sores in healthy adults. In the largest clinical study ever conducted with cold sore sufferers, Denavir healed cold sores on average in 4.5 days. Denavir penetrates the skin to block the virus that causes cold sores. It is a tasteless and odorless topical cream that dries invisible when applied to affected areas.

Close to one-in-five adults report they have had at least one cold sore outbreak in the past month. On aver-

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age, cold sore sufferers report two outbreaks in the past 12 months. More than half (52 percent) describe their recent outbreak as mild, but 10 percent describe their most recent case of cold sores as severe.

In spite of all these findings, only 26 percent of cold sore sufferers have sought treatment through their physician or dentist. That could be because only 25 percent of cold sore sufferers are able to correctly identify that a virus causes cold sores.

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"When people understand that cold sores are caused by a virus, they can begin to treat them more effectively and seek prescription medicine," Leffell said.

Effective treatment

Many cold sore sufferers get an early-warning signal, the tell-tale "tingle" that a cold sore is on its way, and most can identify factors that trigger their cold sores, such as anxiety (14 percent), a cold (14 percent), sunburn (9 percent), fever (7 percent) or cold weather (5 percent).

"Most people recognize the tingling sensation as a sign that a cold sore is coming," Leffell said. "This is the time when treatment is most effective."

Also, most sufferers say that cold sores seem to pop up at the most inopportune times. "I keep my Denavir with me all the time," Duffy said. "That way when I feel like I'm getting a cold sore, I'm always prepared and can start treating it right away."

In Denavir studies, a few people experienced side effects, such as headache (5.3 percent of patients treated with Denavir vs. 5.8 percent of placebo-treated patients) and redness where the cream was applied (1.3 percent of patients treated with Denavir vs. 1.8 percent of placebo-treated patients). For additional information about Denavir and cold sores, call 1-888-DENAVIR, or visit Denavir's redesigned Web site at www.denavir.com

Renowned psychotherapist conducts two Livonia classes

Internationally renowned psychotherapist, Ilana Rubinfeld, Ph.D., will make two presentations hosted by Michigan Women Psychologists Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23.

The first session, titled "Healing the Emotional/Spiritual Body," will feature The Rubinfeld Synergy Method. An approach that integrates body and mind, emotion and spirit, using gentle and "listening" touch, movement, Gestalt techniques, breathing patterns and imagination

to open gateways for contacting and expressing feelings.

Rubinfeld will lead group exercises, teach "hands-on" techniques for deepening the language of touch, present individual demonstrations to illustrate the relationship between posture and emotions and will show how the body's story — physical patterns of tension and constraint — reveals deep issues in our lives. Throughout the workshop participants will learn and experience the healing power of humor and self-care.

In session two "The Art of Self-Care," the notion that therapists often give too much of themselves to their work and deplete their reservoirs of professional, emotional and

spiritual energy. In this experimental program, Rubinfeld will teach participants how to become more aware of tensions locked in their bodies, which may become metaphors for stressful professional and personal life situations.

Rubinfeld will share humorous stories, conduct group exercises and present individual demonstrations to teach techniques that will energize both therapists and their clients.

Both seminars will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for psychotherapists, healthcare professionals and students at the Livonia Holiday Inn-West, adjacent to Laurel Park. For additional information, call (248) 360-3928 or fax (248) 363-7035.

Rubinfeld

touch, movement, Gestalt techniques, breathing patterns and imagination

MEDICAL NEWSMAKER

Teaming up

Dr. Karen Slota, DC, of Farmington Hills, has recently joined Greater Michigan Chiropractic at 16349 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Slota has an extensive background in health and fitness and holds state titles in both bodybuilding and powerlifting. She brings a "wellness and preventative" approach to health care in her practice by emphasizing the importance of physical exercise, proper nutrition and patient education for all ages.

To schedule an appointment call, (734) 261-0480. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 2-7 p.m.

Slota

LOCAL IMMUNIZATION CALENDAR

Coughing, sneezing, aching, low energy, sore throat, fever...

To avoid the miserable symptoms caused by influenza, the Wayne County Health Department is urging residents, especially seniors, to schedule flu and pneumonia shots.

The Health Department and Farmer Jack supermarkets/Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. are offering flu and pneumonia vaccinations at various locations throughout the County during their annual fall immunization drive (list below).

The typical influenza season runs from November through April, but the maximum protection provided by the vaccine occurs when it is given early, before flu season starts. Health Department officials are urging people 65 and older and those persons with certain chronic conditions who want to avoid illnesses linked to pneumococcal pneumonia to get immunized.

"Senior citizens, children and adults with underlying health problems such as heart or lung conditions, asthma, diabetes, cancer, kidney disease or impaired immune function are at increased risk for flu," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Health Department Medical Director. "In addition, health care workers and people working with the public should consider getting inoculated."

Dr. Lawrenchuk adds that many of those persons who are at increased risk for flu complications are also susceptible to pneumococcal pneumonia.

"A good time to get protection against pneumococcal pneumonia is when you're getting your flu shot," said Lawrenchuk. "Pneumonia infection is still a significant cause of illness and mortality, causing 40,000 deaths a year in the United States."

Wayne County costs are \$4 donation for the flu shot and \$10 for the pneumonia vaccine. In many instances, vac-

ever, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Flu and pneumonia vaccinations are covered services under Medicare. County health workers may ask clients to present their Medicare cards at the time of vaccinations so that these services may be billed to Medicare.

The 1999-2000 trivalent influenza vaccine has been developed to protect against strains of A/Beijing/262/95-like (H1N1), A/Sydney/5/97-like (H3N2) and B/Beijing/184/93-like viruses.

For more information call the Wayne County Health Department Disease Control Division Office at (734) 727-7077.

Shots will be provided Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Oakwood Occupational Med - Canton, 7300 Canton Center Road. Call 454-8001. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Cherry Hill Internal Medicine in Canton will offer shots from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 at 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D. Call (734) 981-1086. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

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

Oakwood Healthcare Center - Garden City will offer immunization from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at 30900 Ford Road. Call (734) 762-8600. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Livonia Senior Citizens, by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10500 Farmington Road. Call (734) 432-5010.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations

are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Livonia store Saturday Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at 37685 Five Mile, near Newburgh Road.

St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 8-10 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27 and from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4. There will be an \$8 fee and registration is required. If you bring in proof that you have Medicare B, the shot is free. Call (734) 655-8940. St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley is located at 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Northville store Sunday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. 17447 Haggerty Road nearly Six Mile.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Novi store from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 41840 W. 10 Mile Road, near Meadowbrook.

Plymouth Cultural Center will host an immunization clinic from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8627 for information.

Oakwood Occupational Med-Redford from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 13 at 14871 Telegraph Road. Call (313) 387-2100. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each. 100 percent reimbursable

for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Wayne store from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at 35400 Michigan Ave., near Wayne Road.

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

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

Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland will offer shots from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14; 5-7 p.m. Oct. 21; 9-11 a.m. Oct. 30 and Saturday Nov. 6 at 2001 S. Merriman, Suite 100. Call (734) 727-1000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland will offer shots from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12; 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 26 at 36555 Warren Road. Call (734) 414-9000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Presbyterian Village from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 32001 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Call (734) 728-5223. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

For information from Farmer Jack and Visiting Nurse Association call (888) 883-4FLU.

Internet levels the information playing field in Metabolife supplement story



MIKE WENDLAND

It's enough to make any news director tremble in fear. ABC's "20/20" news program did an "investigative" interview with the CEO and medical director of the company that makes the popular Metabolife health and diet supplements. But because the company is sure that it's about to get skewered by the news broadcast, it launched a preemptive strike.

On the Internet. In fact, Metabolife has released, in streaming audio and video, the entire unedited 70-minute interview that ABC's Arnold Diaz conducted with the officials. They did this before ABC News broadcasts its report. Indeed, they've set up an entire Internet Web site (<http://newsinterview.com/>) to counter what they believe will be a highly negative and unfair report on their weight-loss product.

You can watch and listen to the interview, read a complete transcript of it and even review pertinent documents cited in the interview. Then you can take a survey about whether you thought ABC was fair in their questioning.

Before you get complete access to the Metabolife site, you have

to register your name and e-mail address and agree to a long, legal disclaimer promising, among other things, not to commercially profit from what you see and hear.

After that, though, it's all laid out. And it's very interesting, watching the ABC reporter prying and prodding, doing his best to "nail" his prey.

For to ABC's great chagrin, Metabolife rightly suspected this would be a hostile interview. And knowing full well how television producers slice and dice soundbites, they insisted that if ABC was allowed to use cameras to record the interview, so could they.

"If they follow their normal practice, they'll use only a few snippets of the hour-plus interview, to support their story," is how the Metabolife Web site puts it.

ABC is clearly not pleased with this. "It's a not-so-subtle form of intimidation," ABC News standards-and-practices consultant Richard Wald told USA Today. "There are implications for everyone in the media, not just people in TV."

But Metabolife thinks turnaround is fair game. Because it's so hard to counter bad publicity after the fact, it didn't wait for the television broadcast, instead instantly putting the material online, where it knew it could get a full and impartial "cyber-airing."

"Decide for yourself if they

cover the story fairly and accurately," notes the Web site.

Using the Internet as a tool to fight the news media "levels the playing field," say Bob Lichter of the Center for Media and Public Affairs. He told USA Today that he thinks we'll see lots more of this. "It used to be the media 'prosecutors' had the last word," Lichter says. "Now the 'suspects' can get their side out as well."

ABC has not yet said when it plans to air the story, a story in which it's already been outcoached by its investigative target.

But I'll tell you this much: Whatever story they do air will be gone over with a fine toothed legal comb. Every soundbite will be examined in context. Every eyebrow twitch by Diaz will be scrutinized for relevance. Every "fact" will be carefully checked and re-checked.

ABC News would have us believe that they would do this anyway. But the soul-searching wouldn't be nearly as deep as it will now that the Internet account is online.

It's clear in watching the interview that ABC was pushing a preconceived notion. You see Diaz "reading" his questions from note cards, seemingly oblivious to issues raised by his interviewees that contradicts the information he has as supposed facts.

At one point, grasping for straws, Diaz says something typically-TV like "well, saying some-

thing is not unsafe is not the same as saying it's safe."

Hub?

Then we see Diaz uncomfortably fumbling through the briefing book a producer obviously handed him, looking for a "study" he cited that questioned the product's safety. When he finally finds the document and hands it over to the Metabolife executives, Ellis points out that it wasn't a study at all but a doctor's quote given in a previous TV interview.

It will be interesting to see how ABC edits Diaz's stumbles to make him look like a hard-hitting TV journalist.

Then again, now that we all can see the whole story, maybe ABC should just can the whole piece.

After visiting the Web site, I found myself rooting for Metabolife.

I bet you will, too.

And that's what's so great about the Internet. We are no longer dependent on the self-proclaimed "gatekeepers" of the old media. When it comes to information, the Internet truly is the great equalizer.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

presentations and discussions on how to use Oracle tools and database technologies to turn your data into information. Visit their Web site at www.doug-mi.org or call Eric Stagemeyer at (248) 626-6800.

WED, OCT. 13

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

THUR, OCT. 14

BUSINESS START-UP
This program will give people guidance who wish to start a home-based business. To register for the workshop at the Plymouth Canton-Adult Community Education center (6:30-8:30 p.m.) call (248) 548-5207 or visit www.inc.com/users/ideas2pa.html

FRI, OCT. 15

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

WED, OCT. 20

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE
The Detroit Oracle User Group will host their year-end technology conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. The full-day conference will feature

SAT, OCT. 23

TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Learn to speak confidently one-on-one or before groups with the Toastmasters Club of Livonia. The group is having a Saturday Sunrises open house at 8:30 a.m. at Livonia Unity Church (28660 Five Mile Road). Contact (734) 525-0476 for more information.

OCT. 25-26

CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS
The American Society for Quality will meet at the Union State-Wyndham Grand Heritage Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Nashville. The topic will be relationships: Good relationships are essential to business, without them we will surely sink. To register and obtain payment information call (734) 522-0587, Tom Schoenfeldt; or (414) 723-5470, Jim Owen.

THUR, OCT. 28

BUSINESS EXPO
The Detroit Regional Chamber and National Association of Purchasing Management-Metro Detroit are presenting Business Marketplace '99 -- "Unparalleled Opportunities for Buyers and Suppliers," at the Burton Manor in Livonia/ To register call, Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 596-0392.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, OCT. 11

THYROID SUPPORT
Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 at the Plymouth Library. There is a speaker at each meeting. This month Deb Sopo, a pharmacist from McAuley Pharmacy in Plymouth will speak. The public is encouraged to join the group and learn something new. Meet others who share your experiences and learn from them. For more information and reservations call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945 or visit their Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

PERMANENT WEIGHT LOSS
Learn how to lose 10-15 pounds safely in only 14 days. Dr. Brian Lamb, Medical Herbalist and International Lecturer will speak on the French approach to permanent loss. Learn the three key factors to successful weight loss, how to burn fat with cellular renewal and The Science of Modern Food combining. Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by calling (800) 403-5654. Event at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

TUE, OCT. 12

BLOODMOBILE
Every 20 seconds someone in southeastern Michigan need blood. You can help meet this need by donating blood at the Radcliff Center in the Community Room from noon to 8 p.m. To schedule an appointment call (734) 462-4400 ext. 6470 or 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff Street, just south of Eord Road between Wayne and Merriman in Garden City.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT
Women's Night Out for the Health of it! - Exercise Your Options will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Weber's Inn Ann Arbor. Do you get tired just thinking of exercising? Are you unmotivated, bored or too busy to do anything about it? This upbeat and energizing presentation will show you strategies to fit fitness into your complex life without major pain or sacrifice. The event will include networking, dinner and a presentation. Weber's Inn is located at 3050 Jackson Rd. Register by Oct. 7 call (734) 712-8722.

HELP FOR IMPOTENT MEN
Educational group that meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom 2 East A/B. Free. Oct. 12's topic is The Art of Forgotten Roman. Call (248) 477-6100. Botsford

WED, OCT. 13

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DREAMS & REFLECTIONS
Interactive workshop focusing on how to recall and record your dreams, as well as how to use dreams to solve problems. Pre-registration required. \$15 fee. Class begins at 7 p.m. Call (248) 477-6100. Botsford Center for Improving Health.

BREAST CLINIC
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a Breast Health Clinic from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a self-examination for a \$21 fee. If indicated, a mammogram will be done for an additional fee. (This cost may be covered by insurance.) Registration is required by October 6. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

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DIABETES SUPPORT
The St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. Linda DeVore, Rd, CDE will be discussing vitamins, herbs and supplements. There is no charge to attend. Call 655-8940 for information.

SAT, OCT. 16

DIABETES EDUCATION DAY
The Garden City Hospital Diabetes Education Program, the Garden City Maplewood Center and the American Diabetes Association present the Eighth Annual Diabetes Education Day at the Maplewood Center which is located at 31735 Maplewood. Presentations by diabetes specialists on managing diabetes, the effects of diabetes on feet and vision, as well as a healthy luncheon and vendor displays will be available. Call (734) 458-4330 for information.

FLU SHOT-CLINIC
The Saint Joseph Mercy Haab/Ypsilanti Health Center (111 N. Huron Street) will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. A \$5 donation would be appreciated.

MON, OCT. 18

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick. \$6. HDL screening

\$15. No appointment necessary. Call (248) 477-6100. Botsford Center for Health Improvement.

TUE, OCT. 19

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

NEW CANCER THERAPY
To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer attend, "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on

Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

MILLENNIUM GRANDPARENTS
Speaker Cheryl Grogan, R.N., Community Educator, will discuss "Grandparenting for the new Millennium." Grandparents and prospective grandparents will learn the latest health and safety tips, from how to position sleeping infants to car seat safety use. New product information and revised feeding schedules will also be discussed at this class held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. There is no charge to attend this class and registration is required by October 16. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1617.

WED, OCT. 20

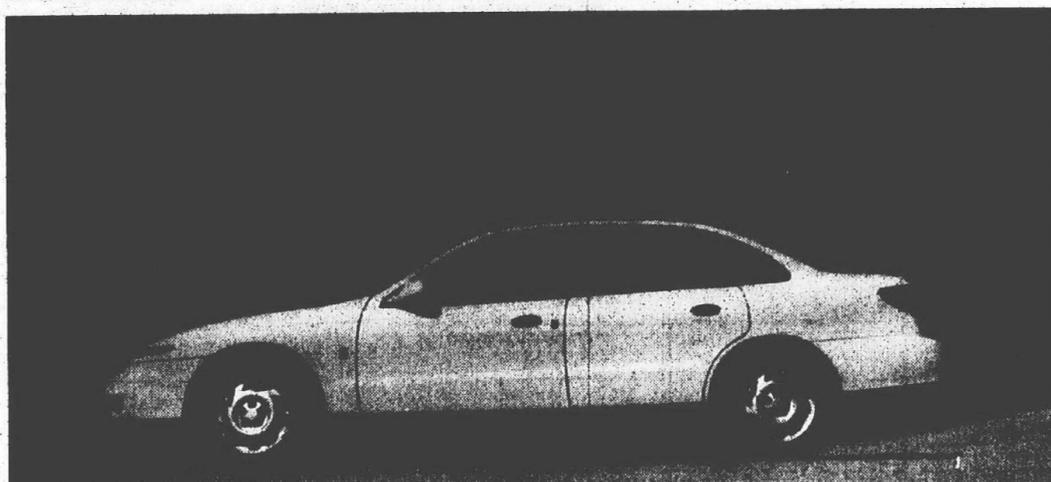
LABYRINTHITIS SUPPORT
For people who have or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomies) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services.

THUR, OCT. 21

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

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