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Oooooooo that's scary: Canton man take Halloween decorating to the edge./B1

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District works with irate residents



■ Residents of the subdivision closest to where the school district will build new playing fields want changes made to keep them out of their back yards, so district officials are searching for ways to make that happen.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Residents of North Pointe Subdivision in Canton Township are optimistic they can reach an agreement with Plymouth-Canton Schools officials to keep a lighted football field and track, along with other sports complex facilities,

from being constructed in their backyards.

School officials met with nearly 35 homeowners Monday night in an effort to make homeowners more comfortable with plans for the \$50 million Plymouth High School construction project at the 305-acre Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"They seem to be making an honest effort to accommodate our concerns," said Joe Parentish, a resident of the subdivision located at Jay and Oak roads, on the outer edge of The Park. "They made some major concessions by agreeing not to award the bids for the grounds portion of the contract, and to meet with us again next month. All we're asking for is non-intrusive athletic fields."

Residents say they were surprised to learn of plans that call for a football field, track, baseball fields, bleachers and towering lights to be constructed within 50 feet of the \$350,000-plus

■ It's much better than having noise and lights right in our backyard. They still have a lot to bring back to us.

Kelly Flynn
—Homeowner

homes they purchased adjacent to the school property.

After hearing concerns about the

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Work pays off: Therapist Lorraine Zakzek, director of the Speech and Language Systems Clinic on Lilley Road in Plymouth Township, has worked for two years with Rosemary Riley-Mondro, left, and her 7-year-old son, Jimmy.

Making progress

Therapist helps mom, son find a way

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Like many autistic children, Jimmy Mondro, is 7 years old going on 2-1/2.

Though Jimmy, whose only word is "hi," is not a "cleanly" diagnosed autistic child, he has a lot of autistic features, according to his mother Rosemary Riley-Mondro, a former teacher by profession.

Riley-Mondro is still learning how to play with Jimmy, her only child.

"He doesn't know how to play or pretend," said Riley-Mondro, noting how crucial play is to brain development. "He doesn't imitate well. We don't know where Jimmy is at. We're hoping he is OK mentally but we don't know."

Riley-Mondro knows no limits in seeking help for Jimmy. She also isn't stymied by geographical boundaries. She took Jimmy to a therapist in Bowling Green, Ohio for about a year. She also tried a private ther-

pist. That cost about \$2,000 a month.

It wasn't until she found Lorraine Zakzek, director of the Speech and Language Systems Clinic on Lilley Road in Plymouth Township two years ago that Riley-Mondro began to notice improvement.

Riley-Mondro remembers her first meeting with Zakzek to talk about developing Jimmy's prerequisite skills. "Lorraine talked to me for an

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Edwards appoints new deputy

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Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards appointed a former boss the new deputy treasurer Wednesday.

Amy Hamye, a Canton Township resident who is a certified public accountant with 18 years of experience, will work 25 hours a week for \$28,000 annually as an "at will" employee. She will serve at the pleasure of the treasurer.

Though Hamye was at work Wednesday, Edwards said she wasn't available for comment or questions to the press.

"She's on her way," Edwards said. "She doesn't even have a sense of this yet. I need another body in the office and wanted to make a change. There is no controversy here. I wanted to make this office more efficient. We enjoyed working together."

A deputy treasurer can fill in for the treasurer at board meetings, Edwards said.

He explained Hamye's position was in the current budget which was approved Oct. 10. He made no public announcement at the Tuesday regular board meeting about his intentions to appoint a new deputy Wednesday morning.

"This is a positive thing for this office," said Edwards. "Nothing is wrong with my previous deputy. I just decided to make a change. Everybody is going to still be here. We have an open position here and I wish to fill it. The township has grown considerably and I decided to make a change."

Edwards won re-election to his second term as treasurer at the August primary by virtue of the fact there are no Democrats contending for the treasurer's position in the Nov. 7 general election.

Irene Whitmore, who has been the deputy treasurer since before Edwards' election in 1990, will retain her position in the treasurer's office but will no longer receive the \$4,000

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Students shut out of candidates' debate

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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While U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow and U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham debated the pros and cons of education, health care and taxes at the Economic Club of Detroit Monday, 100 Plymouth-Canton High school students were feeling anti-Republicans and anti-Abraham after a snafu caused them to miss the event.

A week ago, Abraham's office called Salem High School, offering 100 luncheon tickets to the debate for the Close Up classes. The government and economics students arrived at school Monday, ready for the trip to downtown Detroit to witness the debate between the two candidates vying for Abraham's Senate seat in next month's election.

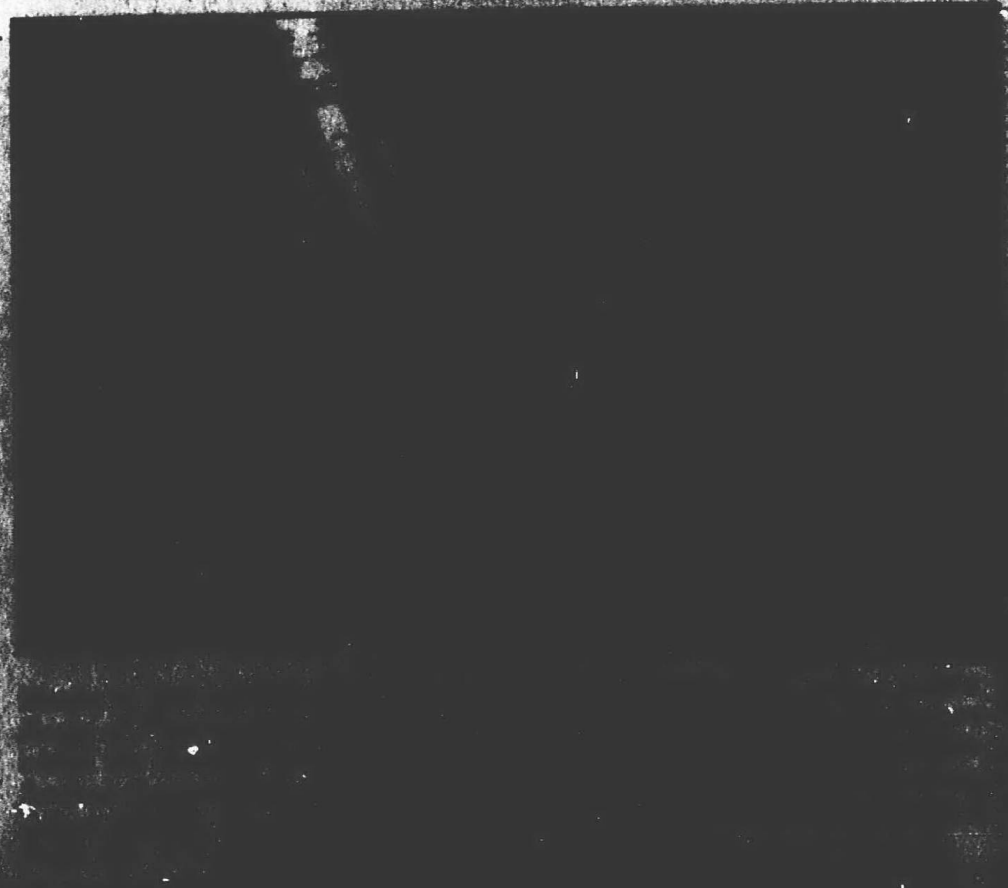
Instead, students learned their plans for a firsthand look at the political process were dashed when Abraham's office called and canceled the trip.

"We received a call from Sen. Abraham's office at 4:30 Friday afternoon, telling us the tickets were no longer available," said Bill Boyd, Salem Close Up teacher. "It was too late to notify students."

■ It was too late to notify students, and they showed up Monday and missed the debate. They were very disappointed, and in many cases mad.

Bill Boyd
—Close Up teacher

Grand opening



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Deadlines the best: The Deadlines proved deadly at the ninth annual Community Literacy Council. The Deadlines were the time-defending champions from the Friends of the Canton Public Library, representing the Plymouth-Canton Observer newspapers, out-spelled the Small Business Federal Credit Union by correctly spelling "wattau," and then "wattau." The Deadlines were (from top) alternate Heather Needham, Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich, and Stephanie Casola and Canton Observer editor Tedd Schneider.

Township policy on leaves: Bag 'em

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With more and more leaves falling every day, Plymouth Township residents are being reminded about just how to get rid of the problem.

Residents should not rake their leaves onto the street or roadway for disposal.

Since leaves in the township are not collected by a leaf-vactor vacuum system, residents who rake them into the street or roadway for disposal are making a mistake.

In Plymouth Township, leaves should be placed in paper yard

bags or in 35-gallon containers clearly marked with a large "X" or "C," according to Chris Haas, Plymouth Township solid waste coordinator.

Leaves in containers or paper yard bags should be placed curbside no earlier than 6 p.m. prior to the collection day or no later than 7 a.m. on the collection day for pickup by the hauler as part of the compost collection program.

"Plastic bags are banned from Plymouth Township's compost program," Haas said. "Compost site operators report problems due to the slow biodegradable

rate of plastic bags which reduces air exposure causing compost material to spoil and become odorous."

Leaves or yard waste placed curbside in plastic bags will not be collected.

Chris Haas
—Solid Waste coordinator

Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter, should be tied into bundles no longer than three feet in length and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Yard waste should be placed separate from regular trash.

Burning of leaves and yard waste is prohibited by township ordinance, Haas said.

The compost collection program runs through Dec. 1.

Anyone with questions should call the solid waste department at 453-8181 ext. 33 between 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Author, author

Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth hosts a series of book signings leading into the Christmas season. The bookstore is at 380 S. Main Street, across from Kellogg Park.

Devin Scillian, local news anchor for WDIV (Channel 4) in Detroit, will sign copies of his children's book, "Fibblestax," on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m.

The husband-wife team of Colleen and Michael Glenn Monroe — author and illustrator, respectively — will sign copies of their new book, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.

The book store is open seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the Little Book

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Halloween at the Y

Thirteen YMCA branches, including the one in Plymouth, will host Halloween at the YMCA Friday night from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Activities will include storytelling, a costume parade, contests, learning, games, fun, refreshments and surprises. And all the fun comes free of charge.

"The YMCA offers an exciting place for kids and families where Halloween can be a

creative and social experience," said Reid Thebault, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit president and CEO.

The YMCA of Plymouth is located at 248 Union. Call 453-2904 for more information.

Faculty performs

Madonna University in Livonia holds a faculty music recital Sunday at 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Admission is \$5, the proceeds from which will support the music scholarship fund.

The recital includes ensemble pieces in piano and flute as well as vocal selections performed by several faculty members.

For more information, call (734) 432-5709. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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What do runners do for exercise when an injury forces them off their feet? If the injury is a stress fracture, runners should take to the water. Swimming maintains aerobic fitness and takes as much weight as possible off the injury. If the injury is plantar fasciitis, cycling may present a good way to take pressure off the painful arch and heel. Care should be taken to pedal with the toes up and the heels down to stretch calf muscles. If the injury involves the Achilles tendon, deep-water running may be the best way to simulate the running motion without aggravating the Achilles. Water running stretches and strengthens the Achilles to clear fluid from the injured area and

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Bar ratings become issue in Court of Appeals race

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For incumbent Judge Kurt Wilder, the key issue in the race to retain his seat on the Court of Appeals is experience.

Northville attorney Stephen Korn, on the other hand, discounts that experience. He says it is his "dedication to fighting systemic injustice."

For voters, it could come down to Bar Association ratings, a system long used by local attorney groups to help voters decide how to cast their ballots in judicial races.

The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association issued its rankings recently and gave a rating of "outstanding" to Wilder.

Korn was ranked "not qualified."

"Mr. Korn was given a rating of 'not qualified' because he demonstrated legal reasoning and verbal and written skills that are well below the minimum standards for an appellate judge. He also exhibited a lack of understanding of the role of the appellate court," said the Bar Association's explanation of the rating.

This is the first time the Detroit Bar has issued a statement of explanation along with its ratings, which are produced by a committee of 45 attorneys, according to committee chair and Detroit attorney Eugene Boyle. The statement was intended to answer the questions and criticisms the group usually receives when it issues a "not qualified" rating, he said.

Very confident

Boyle said the committee was "very confident" of its ratings in that race. He further said there was "little or no dissent" to the rankings given to both candidates in this race.

Korn called the ratings "foolish" and said they appeared to be politically motivated.

"That rating came from an interview with three people in a back room that went on from 6 to 6:15," he said. "Literally, they gave only 15 minutes to review a 20-year career. I say shame on them and shame on the process."

He disputed the claim that the committee consisted of 45. Any information that group was given came by way of the interview with just three others, Korn said.

He also has endorsements, he said, including various Democratic district committees, the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel and the Michigan Teamsters.

The two face off on the November ballot in a race for a seat on the 1st District of the Court of Appeals. District 1 includes Wayne, Lenawee and Monroe counties. The court, which reviews the cases of trial courts — district, probate and circuit — within its jurisdiction works in three-judge panels. It's estimated some 95 percent of appeals end at the Court of Appeals.

Wilder was appointed to the post by Gov. John Engler in 1998 to fill a post vacated by the death of Judge Myron Wahls. Prior to becoming a judge, Wilder was an attorney in private practice from 1984 to 1992.

Korn, an attorney who resides in Northville and has offices in Warren, specializes in probate and estate law, spending much of his time working with senior citizens. He practices mainly in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

He discounts Wilder's experience. He notes that a number of attorneys have been appointed to appellate level judgeships without ever serving as a trial court judge, even at the Supreme Court level. Justices G. Mennen Williams and James Brickley count among them.

"In my 20 years as an attorney, practicing in many disciplines, I have dedicated myself to fighting against systemic injustice," Korn said.

The challenger is used to running counter to the current in the legal field. He points with pride at his victory in a 1983 paternity case, in which he challenged what he said was standard policy in the Wayne Circuit Court of requiring paternity defendants to waive their right to trial if they wanted to have a blood test.

Another case he points to is the one he filed on behalf of Southfield City Councilman Sidney Lantz earlier this year against City Clerk Nancy Banks. Last November, Lantz was elected to a two-year post on council, but lost out on a four-year seat by just 70 votes. Later, 180

absentee ballots were found in the city's post office box, uncounted in the election. An Oakland Circuit judge ruled that ballots have to be in the clerk's hands by the time polls close to be counted, and that state law doesn't consider when absentee ballots were postmarked.

Korn has filed an appeal to the Court of Appeals, and that is where the case now sits. He worries that if another election passes before the appellate court

reaches a decision, the case may become moot. Once the case is no longer relevant, the court will not rule, he said.

The time it takes for the Court of Appeals to issue a decision is one of his key issues in running for the bench. Not only do decisions take too long, the court also cannot tell attorneys the status of a case while it is pending. He said he is not clear how the court, or who on the court, decides the priority for issuing

court decisions.

Wilder agrees there is a long lag time in the issuing of decisions, but it is not as long as it once was. In 1993, cases typically took two years to get through the Court of Appeals. Today, 87 percent take less than 18 months. But Wilder said it is not clear how much more that time can be trimmed.

Wilder and Korn agreed on the issue of unpublished court of appeals decisions, both said they

would like to see more "published," or precedent-setting rulings, coming out of the court. Wilder said it's needed because of the recent addition of family court. There is a need for the court to give guidance to the lower courts in that area.

Korn is still unhappy with Wilder over the way this race got started. The candidate got on the ballot by signature petition; he needed 6,300 signatures to qualify. He turned in 7,000, but

Wilder challenged the validity of those signatures. Korn eventually made the ballot, but the fight was expensive and time consuming, he said. It took him, he said, hundreds of hours and more than \$12,000 of campaign money to fight off the challenge.

Korn charges that it's standard practice among incumbent judges to challenge petitions in an attempt to keep challengers off the ballot.

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OBITUARIES

PETER P. TONKOVICH

Services for Peter P. Tonkovich, 91, of Plymouth were held Oct. 20 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Tonkovich was born May 19, 1909 in Omer, Mich. and died Oct. 18 in Plymouth. He worked as a building maintenance supervisor for Wayne County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary M. Tonkovich; and his parents, Andrew and Julia Tonkovich.

Survivors include his daughter, Doreen J. (Ray) Arrington of Ann Arbor; two sons, Dennis P. (Catherine) Tonkovich of Lake Orion, Mich., Dale L. (Susana) Tonkovich of White Lake Township, Mich.; one sister, Mary Jo

Lokai of Allen Park; one grandson, Andrew Tonkovich of Lake Orion; one granddaughter, Angela Tonkovich of White Lake Township; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the VNA Hospice, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

JANE FRANCES MARKER

Services for Jane Frances Marker, 83, of Plymouth were held Oct. 21 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Marker was born Sept. 23, 1917 in Detroit and died Oct. 18 in Plymouth. She worked as a teacher's aide.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Max A. Marker; and her parents, Raymond and Jane Howell.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra J. (Richard) Marker of Plymouth; three sons, Michael A. Marker, Max T. (Jeanette) Marker of Alto, Mich., Dennis G. (Kimberly) Marker of Oxford, Mich.; two sisters, Margaret Archer, Helen Lewis of Beverly Hills, Mich.; and seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of a Mass card.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MELVIN W. MAU

Services for Melvin W. Mau, 90, of Plymouth, formerly of Detroit, were held Oct. 24 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Mau was born Feb. 9, 1910 in Bay City, Mich. and died Oct. 21 in Plymouth. He lived in Plymouth for 26 years. He was a supervisor and worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He was a woodcarver and member of the Livonia Woodcarvers. He also raised show chickens in his younger years, and belonged to the American Poultry Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Margaret Mau; and one brother, Edwin (Margaret) Mau.

Survivors include his wife,

Ruth W. Mau of Plymouth; one daughter, Shirley (Earl) Erickson of Plymouth; one son, Charles M. Mau of Plymouth; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

BOB JAMES

Bob James, 67, of Canton died on Oct. 22, 2000 in Canton. He was born June 12, 1933 in Detroit.

He came to the Canton community in 1985 from Detroit. He retired as plant manager for Universal Tooling and Technology in Redford Township. He loved to hunt and fish in Northern Michigan. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Survivors include his wife, Janet James of Canton; two daughters, Mary (Wesley) Neff of Westland, Barbara (Bob) Hall of Northville; two brothers, Conrad (Judy) Jakubowski of Northville, James (Carmellita) Jakubowski of Canton; three grandchildren, Jennifer Lynn Neff, Bethany Lynn Hall, Robert James Hall, Jr.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

PATRICK A. LAHEY

Services for Patrick A. Lahey, 56, of Canton were held Oct. 24 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnely officiating.

Mr. Lahey was born April 10, 1944 in Detroit and died Oct. 20 in Livonia. He was retired from

General Motors.

Survivors include his two daughters, Kimberly Hudson, Kelly (Bob) Jeannotte; two sisters, Katherine (Robert) Marshall, Barbara Hilken; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchins Soup Kitchen, Sarah Fisher Foundation or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home.

STANFORD WILLIAM BLOCK, JR.

Services for Stanford William Block, Jr., 70, of Chesaning, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James R. Winters officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mr. Block was born Dec. 28, 1929 in Highland Park, Mich. and died Oct. 23 in Owosso, Mich. He came to Chesaning in 1997 from Plymouth. He retired from Ford Motor Company where he worked as a line foreman. He was a member of the Brady Center Wesleyan Church in Chesaning. He loved music and to play the keyboard. He enjoyed fishing. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.

Survivors include his wife, Rosetta of Chesaning; six daughters, Karen (Tony) Trujillo of Brighton, Kathy (Chris) Endress of Dexter, Brenda (James) Herr of Northville, Leann Gresock of Fla., Angie (Steve) Udell of Westland, Tina (Ken) Buccilli of Farmington Hills; two sons,

Michael (Suzanne) Block of Garden City, Scott Buchacs of Wayne, Mich.; one sister, Jean (Ed) Owens of Brownstown Township, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ARCHIE W. MANN

Services for Archie W. Mann, 76, of Plymouth were held Oct. 19 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Mann was born on March 7, 1924 in Joliet, Ill. and died Oct. 16 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He worked as a car painter for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his wife, Olive E. Mann; two sons, Gordon W. and Alan B. Mann; one brother, two sisters; and four grandchildren.

ALFRED L. COLLINGS

Services for Alfred L. Collings, 77, of Canton were held Oct. 18 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Collings was born on May 16, 1923 in Detroit and died Oct. 14, 2000. He worked in sales.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine J. Collings; four daughters, Barbara Ashton, Tina Garrison, Kathleen Tager, Carol Staab; five sons, Thomas, Michael, Patrick Collings and Gary and Richard Sikorski; one sister, Dorothy O'Neill, 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used for the general Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

The test will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, of the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. This test is open to interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-397-5452.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator

Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., November 9, 2000 for the following:

PRINTING OF FOUR EDITIONS OF THE
CANTON LEISURE EXPERIENCE BROCHURE

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening and be received by the Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m., November 9, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any of all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCESSINGS - OCTOBER 17, 2000

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 17, 2000.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchagater, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OVERVIEW

Director Minghine reviewed the following items regarding the budget for 2001 fiscal year:

Public Safety Department

Fire Fund
Police Fund
911 Service Fund
Public Safety and Emergency Management
Administrative and Community Services
Personnel Services
Communication Services
Social Services
Resource Development
Facilities Maintenance
Historical Commission
Grants and Cable TV Fund

Leisure Services Department

Grounds Maintenance & Cemeteries
Parks and Recreation
Senior Citizen Programs
Canton Softball Center
Community Center
Golf Course Fund
Fellows Creek Golf Course
Pheasant Run Golf Club Budget

General & Administrative

Township Board/Judicial
Supervisor
Community Development Office
Elections
General Government
Clerk
Treasurer

Finance and Budget Department

Management Information Services
Assessor & Tax Board of Review

Municipal Services

Building and Inspection Services
Engineering Services
Public Works, Drains, Sanitation
Planning Services, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals
Water and Sewer Fund Budget
Community Improvement Fund

Each Department Director delivered and informative presentation (approximately five minutes for each department director).

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of October 24, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in this country on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County.

Electors for President and Vice President of the United States
Sheriff

United States Senator
United States Representative in Congress (Districts 18 and 21)
Representatives in State Legislature (13th District)
Two Members of the State Board of Education
Two Regents of the University
Two Trustees of Michigan State University
Two Governors of Wayne State University
Prosecuting Attorney
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner, (11th District)
Justice of the Supreme Court, Regular Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Justice of the Supreme Court, Partial Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Justice of the Supreme Court, Partial Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Regular Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Partial Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Partial Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, Partial Term, Incumbent Position.....Vote 1
Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions.....Vote 18
Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Vacancy, Non-Incumbent Positions.....Vote 2
Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Terms, Incumbent Positions.....Vote 2
Judges of Probate Court, Regular Term, Incumbent Positions.....Vote 3
Judges of District Court, 35th District, Regular Term.....Vote 1
Trustee, Wayne County Community College, 9th District.....Vote 1
Canton Township Supervisor
Canton Township Clerk
Canton Township Treasurer
Canton Township Trustees
Canton Township Library Director - Vote 6

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 00-1

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT STATE TO PROVIDE INDIRECT SUPPORT TO STUDENT ATTENDING NONPUBLIC PRE-ELEMENTARY, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL; ALLOW THE USE OF TUITION VOUCHERS IN CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND REQUIRE ENACTMENT OF TEACHER TESTING LAWS.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Eliminate ban on indirect support of students attending nonpublic schools through tuition vouchers, credits, tax benefits, exemptions or deductions, subsidies, grants or loans of public monies or property.
2. Allow students to use tuition vouchers to attend nonpublic schools in districts with a graduation rate under % in 1998-1999 and districts approving tuition vouchers through school board action or a public vote. Each voucher would be limited to % of state average per-pupil school revenue.
3. Require teacher testing on academic subjects in public schools and in nonpublic schools redeeming tuition vouchers.
4. Adjust minimum per-pupil funding from 1994-1995 to 2000-2001 level.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

PROPOSAL 00-2

A Proposal to amend the Constitution to Require a Super Majority Vote (% Vote) of the State Legislature to Enact Certain Laws Affecting Local Governments

The proposed constitutional amendment would

1. Require a super majority vote (% vote) of the State Legislature to enact any law which addresses a matter which a county, city, township, village or municipal authority could otherwise address under its governing powers or which places a condition on unrestricted and extended local governments by the state. (Currently, a simple majority vote of legislature is required to enact such laws.)
2. Retroactively apply the super majority vote requirement to any such law enacted on or after March 1, 2000.
3. Exempt from the super majority vote requirement any such law which can be applied at the option of local governments.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSALS

PROPOSITION A

The Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council, will support nonprofit regional cultural institutions and local arts and recreational programs within its operating area of Oakland and Wayne Counties. As provided for in Public Act 292 of 1989, as amended, the levy of a 0.5 mill ad valorem tax (50 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value) will be on the taxable value of taxable real and personal property located within Oakland and Wayne Counties, for ten years, 2001-2010, inclusive. If approved and levied, this new additional millage will generate approximately \$44,000,000 in 2001.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED

BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1935 AS AMENDED

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of October 2, 2000, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the fifteen mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the County of Wayne, is as follows:

COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2000 through 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
Regional Education Service Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2000 through 2001
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	25 mills	2000 through 2005
Wayne County Comm. College	November 3, 1998	1 mill	1998 through 2004
Wayne-Westland School District	June 12, 1995	18 mills	1996 through 2010
Plymouth-Canton School District	June 12, 1995	18 mills	1995 to 2004 Inclusive
Van Buren Public Schools	March 10, 1997	18 mills	1997 through 2001 Inclusive

Signed: RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

EDUCATION FIRST

Wayne County Community College District Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District, in perpetuity, as new additional millage to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$31,987,661 when first levied in 2000.

Shall this proposal be adopted? Yes No

THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. ON THE ABOVE OFFICES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Precinct Number	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Road
2	Human Services Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Road
9	Erikson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20 & 26	Canton Administration Building	1150 S. Canton Center Road
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Salts Road
24 & 25	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
27	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
29	Erikson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2000 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot. On Monday, November 6, 2000, those requesting an absentee ballot MUST appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.. Emergency absentee ballots will ONLY be issued on Election Day, August 8, 2000. All absentee ballots that are returned in person MUST BE returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on November 6, 2000.

Handicapped voters within an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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Planning key to handling sprawl

Township philosophy to preserve pristine nature of community

By Sue Buck
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The task of preserving "pristine" communities is one of philosophy and planning. In Plymouth Township, agricultural land is "very sparing and sparse," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services.

"Salem Township is probably where we were 15 and 20 years ago. They are facing the same challenges. When I first got involved in the '70s, there was very little development west of Sheldon. I can't look at Plymouth Township in the context of sprawl. Decisions had to be made."

That meant answers to questions like: "What are the features in this community that we find attractive? If we don't have a choice, what is it? Is it the open space?" Requirements were built into township ordinances.

Sprawl can be very costly. "Plymouth Township had a lot of people who didn't want to see much development going on beyond Sheldon Road," said Anulewicz, who first served in a consultant role in Plymouth Township in the 1970s and later was hired by Plymouth Township in 1984.

He remembers the issues then. Faced with a rezoning the township went to court.

"The court looked at people (already living

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Jim Anulewicz
—Plymouth Township

there) who wanted to preserve one-acre lots and gave a term, "snob zoning," Anulewicz said. "That's not our term but a term coined by the court in the mid-'70s to late '80s. Most zoning cases went to circuit court."

Arguing that development wasn't good for the health and welfare of the community didn't cut it, either, Anulewicz said.

"At the time you had a lot of circuit court judges who were brought up on 60-foot lots," he said. "Developers came in and said they wanted to build (smaller) 60- and 70-foot lots. Places like Plymouth Township, Canton Township, and Brighton said they couldn't do it because it was against public health and welfare."

Judges would look at it and say, 'I was brought up on 60-foot lots. Are you telling me that I am not as good as anybody?' One after the other, courts were turning in favor of the person who was building."

Plymouth Township was also taken to court and required to extend its sewers

through the western portion of the township.

Though Plymouth Township had farms, it also had a lot of clay soil. "Classifying it from one being the poorest quality and 10 being the highest, Plymouth Township was probably a three or four," Anulewicz said. "Those farmers eventually sold and made a fairly decent profit."

The negative feature of "sprawl" can be met by wise use of open space, he said. Pulte Development, for example, has a lot of housing in its newest development at Ann Arbor Road and Napier but also a lot of open space.

"The thing we have done well in Plymouth Township is a mix of housing — mobile homes, intermediate housing and million dollar homes," Anulewicz said. "The courts won't let us keep property vacant. They have said, 'If you don't own that land, government, that individual has the right to develop the property.'"

"When it comes to sprawl, there are two aspects," Anulewicz said. "There's the group that would like to go home to the simple days. But we can't go back. We are here. There are those who want to continually go out and abandon. We can't afford to do it."

Remaining a player on the business front means having an open mind about tax abatements. "As long as tax abatements exist if the township isn't part of the program, they won't be part of growth," Anulewicz said.

Park Players ready to perform 'The Miser'

The students, staff and community are invited to see the Park Players Fall Mainstage Production of Moliere's comedy *The Miser*.

The production will be held in the Logan Auditorium at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Performances

are 8 p.m. Nov. 16-18. General admission tickets at \$6 each are available at Salem High School.

The Park Players will also hold a Middle School Drama Day for all seventh and eighth grade students attending the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools who are interested in theater. The workshop will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 and will cost \$10 per student. The cost includes two workshops, lunch and a ticket to *The Miser*. The workshop will include a 1 p.m. matinee performance of the play and

parents picking up their students may also purchase a ticket to the matinee at the cost of \$5. For further information, call Geoff Kopp at Salem High School (734) 416-7723.

Testing offered

GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. The two-day test will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 16 both from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m.

The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. The cost of the full test is \$75 (\$15 per section). Please register early. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be cancelled.

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MILITARY NEWS

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BASIC TRAINING

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Keith W. McAllister, son of Mary Frederick of Houghton Lake, Mich., and Grant S. McAllister of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

McAllister successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He is a 1996 graduate of Houghton Lake High School of Houghton Lake, Mich.

DEPLOYMENTS

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael S. Palmer, son of Joan C. Barnett of Canton and Donald E. Palmer of O'Fallon, Mo., recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS *Milius*, home ported in San Diego.

Palmer is a 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School of Westland and joined the Navy in July 1989.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Hard-working Rivers deserves voter support

U. S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has never been a knee-jerk Democrat.

She is proud of her record of fiscal restraint, aligning herself on some funding questions with Republicans and Blue Dog Democrats. She has also never been reluctant to criticize the policies or ethical standards of the Clinton Administration.

She has won a reputation for running a frugal office in keeping with her concerns about wasteful government spending.

For all these reasons, it has been difficult in past elections for Republicans to paint Rivers with the "tax and spend Liberal" label they usually hurl at any Democrat. It's been difficult, but every election they've hauled out the same old tired cliches, and every year Rivers has won a wider share of the vote.

This year Republicans are trying something different. Their candidate, former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry, is a moderate conservative. He acknowledges that the district has a Democrat majority and that his chances of winning the 13th District seat are slim. But he also offers some thoughtful ideas on the major issues, sometimes agreeing with his opponent and sometimes, respectfully, disagreeing. We commend him on his low-key, civil campaign.

But we strongly endorse **Lynn Rivers** for re-election.

Rivers said that when she first ran for Congress, she set out to be "tight with a buck," that she was "tired of the games" and that she would be "true to her word." We believe she has succeeded in carefully reviewing the costs of government, in deftly avoiding blind partisanship and in standing firm on her principles.

Rivers has been a member of the congressional minority who has been able to find common ground on some issues with the Republican majority. She knows that all legislation is based on careful compromises toward common goals.

In her interview with Observer editors, Rivers spoke cautiously about spending a surplus that doesn't exist. She also spoke of her concern for the future of Medicare and Social Security and outlined her support for programs that preserve the integrity of those government programs. She says frankly that the numbers don't add up for either presidential candidate.

It is this honesty that sets Lynn Rivers apart. Her voting record shows that she generally votes with the Democrats on social issues, but she has taken opposite views on spending, trade and foreign affairs, including opposing sending U. S. troops to Kosovo.

We commend Rivers for her independence.

We also commend Rivers for her access to her constituents, not just during election time, but throughout her term. She holds frequent coffee hours throughout her district. When she comes for an interview, she drives herself and she isn't surrounded by an entourage.

We strongly support the re-election of this independent, down-to-earth, hardworking congresswoman.



Lynn Rivers

Ficano has been strong advocate for sheriff dept.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano faced his strongest opposition in the August Democratic primary when he had six opponents, including four deputies.

His Republican rival in the election has no illusions about pulling an upset and replacing the longtime incumbent. Tim Beck, a benefits analyst, has presented some interesting ideas about using prisoners as a workforce, emphasizing rehabilitation in drug cases and ending racial profiling. His positions are closer to traditional Libertarian views than Republican and offer voters something to think about.

But clearly, Sheriff Ficano is a formidable political force in Wayne County and a Democrat who is not allied with the dominant political machine of County Executive Ed McNamara.

Ficano's handling of department overtime has been criticized by McNamara, but Ficano counters that it was due to budget decisions made by McNamara's office and court mandates that the department ran up excessive overtime.

Ficano has also been criticized by his deputies for being unapproachable and for putting police non-professionals in leadership positions.

These are serious complaints, but Ficano points to a number of triumphs, including the Internet Crime Task Force, which has been a pioneer in using the Internet to track down sexual predators and in educating people about Internet crime. Also successful has been the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

Ficano's skills are political. A lawyer by training, he has been a good public relations person for the department, a strong advocate for increased funding and, perhaps because he isn't a "professional police officer," an administrator willing to try new programs.

For these reasons we continue to endorse **Robert Ficano** for sheriff.



Robert Ficano

GUEST OPINION

■ Supports Proposal 1

We have a unique opportunity to support an initiative that would greatly benefit the children in Michigan. This measure is Proposal 1 on the November ballot. What is Proposal 1? It is an educational plan that will do three things:

■ Increase the guaranteed level of funding for public schools from approximately \$5,492 per pupil in 1994 to \$6,600 in the 2000-2001 school year.

■ Require that most teachers be tested on any academic subjects they teach.

■ Offer children in qualifying school districts "opportunity scholarships" or tuition vouchers in school districts that fail to graduate two out of three students.

Public schools are receiving more money per student than ever before. This measure protects public school funding from future budget cuts. It will update and lock in guaranteed funding to the higher 2001 level.

Second, it is challenging teachers to be their best. Quality teachers are the key to school success. This proposal will require public school teachers to be regularly tested in their main subject areas. Non-public teachers in schools accepting opportunity scholarships will also be tested.

Third, it will rescue children from failing schools who have little hope and no choice. In a district that fails to graduate two out of every three children, parents will be empowered to choose any non-public school they wish. The district will give the parents a voucher worth about \$3,300. Many private schools have tuition less than the vouchers are worth.

Let's put kids first. Vote "YES" on Proposal 1.

Paul H. Ettinger
Plymouth



LETTERS

■ 'No' vote on 1

Now that the laws of supply and demand have belatedly begun to recognize professionalism among at least some teachers, is it conceivable that their image and status in the eyes of the public might improve?

Will school boards and/or administrators admit or reconsider their financial motivation in saying "thanks" and "good-bye" to the professional and experienced at the same time they hire younger and relatively inexperienced teachers?

We all know the supply of the latter is limited to the point of disaster. I would respectfully remind the decision makers this situation, as many others, is cyclic. Indeed, what goes around comes around. Professionally, teacher salaries are traditionally at the bottom, or near so. Why? Do so few of us have any meaningful value system? Is it a "have your cake and eat it, too" syndrome?

How interesting and heartening is the clarion call for the recruitment of 100,000 new teachers who would be remunerated professionally for once in their lives?

Rather than face collective responsibility for the progress of youth, parents and others would abandon their own blood if adequate support required a few dollars more in taxes.

Charter schools, vouchers, "academies", etc. Does it really matter what names are used? A rose is a rose is a rose. A scam is a scam is a scam. Had the public ever fully financed education in the last 50 years, we would not be trying to deceive the public with feeble panaceas.

Scientific evaluation of "new" methodology in these schools is at best inconclusive.

Standards by which performance would be measured have not reached the consensus stage. And probably won't. The reliability of results requires determination over a period of years ... not virtually "overnight".

Vote NO on Proposal 1. Its passage will certainly drain dollars and moral support from public schools nationwide. Don't let another deception cloud your judgment. Current problems will be exacerbated if Proposal 1 prevails. And the likelihood that a decided minority of voters will determine the outcome should alarm everyone.

Joe Henshaw
Plymouth

■ Get the details

As with many ballot proposals, Proposal 1 is comprised of three separate issues clumped together as one. If you want one, you must take them all.

The television ads have listed the issues on Proposal 1 as required teacher testing, fixed per-pupil spending and tuition vouchers, in that order. Interestingly, the most debated topic - school vouchers - is listed last. If you like the idea of required testing for teachers and you want new minimums on per-pupil spending, you might be willing to approve vouchers as well.

Please read the fine print. What the ads don't tell you is that the only teachers who would be tested under Proposal 1 are those who teach in the districts that accept vouchers. Furthermore, that is the only accountability those districts will have to the state. They can accept vouchers from whomever they want and they can spend the voucher money as they wish, without having to account for it.

At the moment there are specific school districts targeted for the use of school vouchers; however, the passage of Proposal 1 would leave the door open for other school districts to approve vouchers via school board vote and/or a general election.

Proponents of school vouchers feel they will offer parents more of a choice and more control over their children's education as well as challenge the public schools to improve. But can improvements be made when money is taken away? And for the parents who really need more education choices, will private schools be affordable to them, even with vouchers?

The vouchers would amount to one half of the per-pupil state funding. If a private school's tuition were more than that amount, the parents would have to make up the difference. Will this be feasible for families in the neediest school districts? Or will Proposal 1 serve only to subsidize those families whose children are already in private schools?

Parents choose to send their children to private schools. By the same token, most children who attend the public schools do so because of a conscious decision made by their parents. Is it fair then that those families should subsidize the private education of others?

The November election is important for all of us. We will be asked to elect a new leader and to make fundamental changes to our state constitution. As with any vote, our choices should be made after carefully sifting through all of the information that has bombarded us over the last several weeks and months.

Melissa Amin
Plymouth

■ There is a choice

With the Nov. 7 election fast approaching, there is a crucial race that has not received much coverage in the media - the campaign for three seats on the Michigan Supreme Court.

As a practicing attorney, I have personal knowledge of the tremendous impact which decisions of the Supreme Court have on working Michigan families. Unfortunately, the three incumbent Justices seeking election have displayed a disturbing bias on civil justice issues - ruling on behalf of insurance companies and against individuals at an astounding 83 percent of the time.

Fortunately, we have a choice. Attorney Marietta Robinson, Judge Edward Thomas and Judge Thomas Fitzgerald believe the court should serve as a check on the powerful and give everyone an equal shot at receiving justice.

I know each of these candidates personally, and they are decent, ethical supporters of the law. To restore the fairness to the Michigan Supreme Court, please join me in voting for Robinson, Thomas and Fitzgerald on the Nonpartisan portion of the ballot.

Alan C. Melnikow
Livonia

■ Yes on A

In the Nov. election there is a very important proposal that needs clarification for people going to the polls. This is Proposal A - the Cultural, Arts and Recreation Programs funding proposal.

Unfortunately, the media has not stated that one third of the revenues

lected will remain in each community for the arts, cultural and recreational programs. This has been of great concern to me as I fear people will not approve the proposal without knowing that their communities will receive a share of the revenue.

In the articles of incorporation of Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council, Article X, part of paragraph 4 states, "Wayne County shall NOT receive any NET revenues collected within that county. Instead, one third of the net revenues collected in each city, village, or portion of a township within that county, shall remain in that city, village or portion of a township, and those net revenues shall be expended by the affected cities, villages, and portions of townships to fund only cultural and recreational programs that are not designated for professional sports."

This information needs to get to the electorate. The city of Plymouth would receive \$54,000 for 10 years, and Plymouth Township would receive \$240,000 for 10 years.

If Proposal A passes, I believe we must work very diligently with our governmental units to make sure there is equality of distribution, that the intent of the Metro Arts and Cultural Council is honored. A good solution might be for each governmental unit to appoint a commission to work out and recommend an equitable manner of distribution with representation from the various cultural and recreational organizations.

I support Proposal A. The Plymouth Symphony, the Historical Museum and the Plymouth Community Arts Council expend a great deal of time and money providing fine cultural programs and experiences to the schools and education of our children as well as the adult programs. We are very fortunate to have these organizations in our community to nourish our souls and bring joy to our quality of life. They deserve your support! If you have any questions, call any of these organizations. And please, consider a yes vote for Proposal A.

Joanne Hulse
Plymouth

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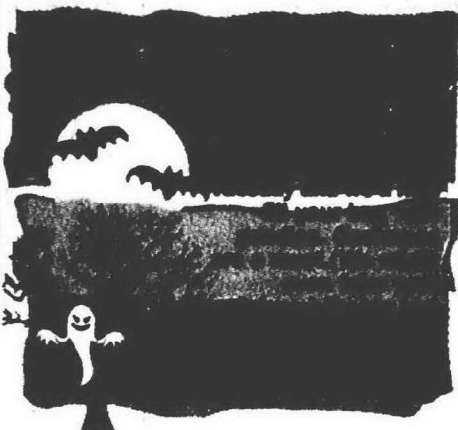
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THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY

Author coming: WDIV anchor Devin Scillian will sign copies of his book at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, across from Kellogg Park, at 7 p.m. Scillian will sign copies of his children's book, "Fibblestax."

Chamber auction: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual Gala Auction takes place at Laurel Manor at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call the chamber, 453-1540.

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Plans set for Wilcox property



■ Apparently the new ordinance on building heights is going to get an early test, because developers of the Jack Wilcox property are hoping to get officials to approve a plan that would include six-story condos.

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A multi-million-dollar plan for a high-rise condominium complex in downtown Plymouth has been submitted by D&P Ventures of Detroit, owners of the 2.5 acres across from Kellogg Park commonly known as the Wilcox property.

The drawings, which will be presented to the planning commission next month, depict a six-story complex that

houses at least 50 condos, along with underground parking.

"While we have submitted a plan for a condominium complex, we reserve the right to put commercial and retail space on the first floor," said Stan Dickson of D&P Ventures.

The condos range in space from 1,800-2,700 square feet. Dickson estimates they will sell for about \$250 per square foot, meaning the condos are expected to sell from \$450,000-\$675,000.

"We've received a number of calls already about the availability of the condos," said Dickson. "Very few of the condos will be alike, but they will be luxurious. Most will have granite fireplaces and outside balconies. And, all will have interesting views of the city."

Dickson said plans call for a community room and an exercise room in the complex.

Dickson and his partner Tom Pomarolli purchased the property from Plymouth icon Jack Wilcox shortly before Wilcox died June 30, for a figure reported to be over \$1 million. Dickson said if all goes well he expects to begin construction in the spring, with the total project to cost "in excess of \$10 million."

D&P Ventures has received praise

from some city officials for the design of its two-story office building at 705 S. Main, previously known as the old Farmer Jack site. However, Dickson and Pomarolli may have a tough time selling a six-story condo project to the planning commission and city fathers.

The city commission, at its Oct. 16 meeting, approved an ordinance that restricts new construction around Kellogg Park to a height of 50 feet. Plymouth building inspector Jim Penn said the proposed condo plans call for a height of at least 75 feet.

The developers are proposing the project as a Planned Unit Development, which allows the planning commission to circumvent the ordinance in

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Voter apathy skips Plymouth

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Plymouth Township may be going against reports of voter apathy in America.

Clerk Marilyn Massengill is seeing a record number of absentee ballot requests for the Nov. 7 general election.

Some 4,282 ballots were issued and 1,339 returned as of Thursday morning, Massengill said.

Requests are up about 1,000 more than at a similar time for the 1996 presidential election.

Applications are automatically sent to registered voters who are older than 60 and who are handicapped, she said.

"We've been here until 10 to 11 at night," Massengill said. "I have 20,000 registered voters and one-quarter are voting absentee."

Massengill asks, however, that people be patient with election workers. This is a long ballot and a two-hour wait may not be unusual.

"Last time I had people call and rip me up one side and another because they had to wait," Massengill said.

One mother who brought four children to the polls complained about the long wait. Another woman snipped that her husband stands all day and then had to stand still longer in the election line.

"They said I took away their voting rights," Massengill said.

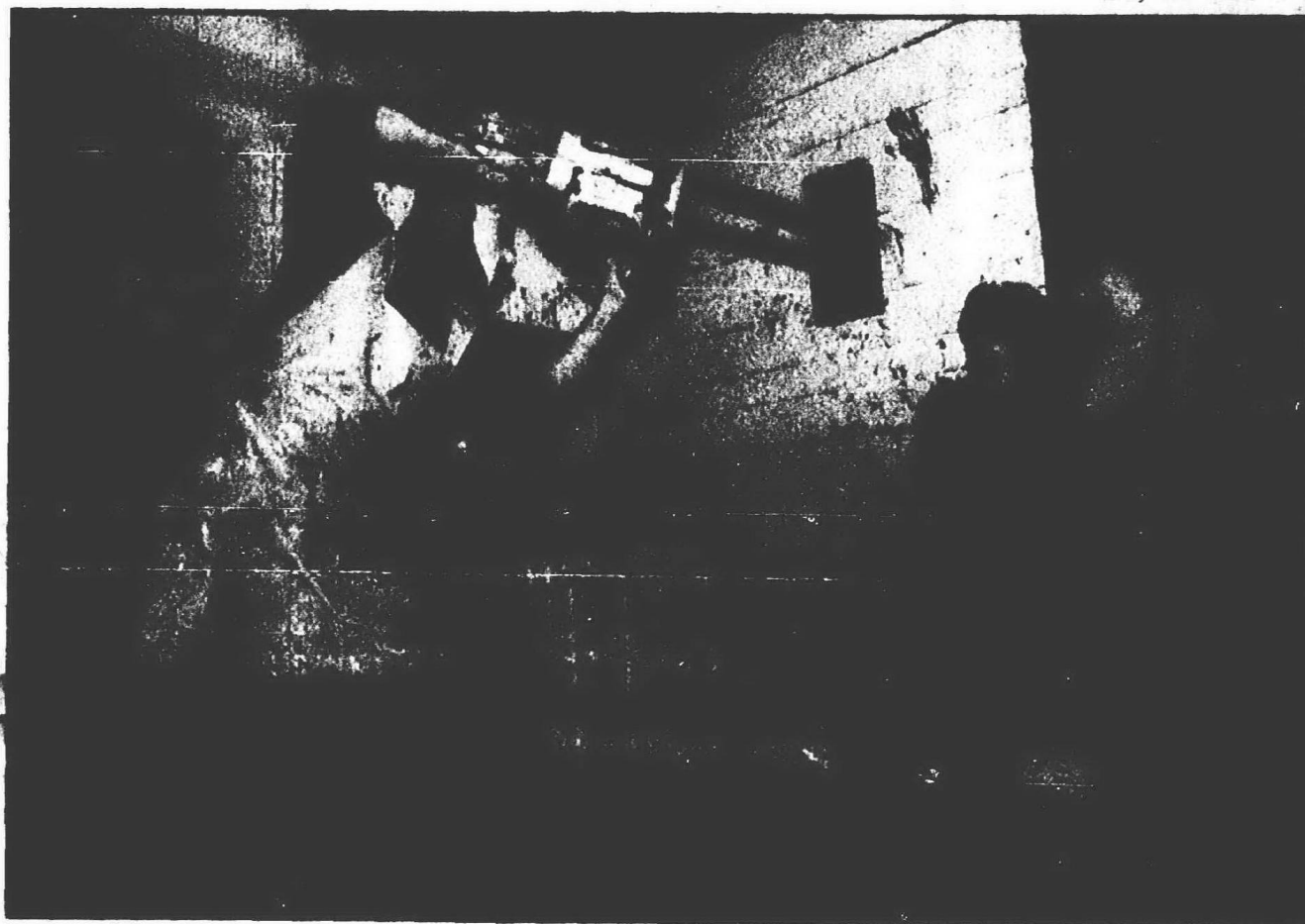
She offers two suggestions: find a baby-sitter and leave children and babies at home and study ballot issues before arrival.

The best times to vote are 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., she said.

"There's been so much controversy people just seem to want to vote," she said.

Polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fright fest



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Scare tactics: Suzanne Foss (left), from Westland, and Marian Kirby, from Plymouth, get a scare at the Jaycees Haunted House (above), then weave their way through the house Thursday night. Sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, the haunted house will be up through Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under.

Township sets brownfield policy

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Vacant land tainted with PCBs at Plymouth Commerce Park located at Plymouth and Eckles Roads will be the first to be cleaned up under the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The Plymouth Township Board approved a work plan Oct. 24 which has been forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. That agency will evaluate those costs and determine if they are in a reasonable range.

Only a portion of the land is contaminated but owner David Kahan and general manager Dennis Walker want to clean it up to residential criteria, the highest level. The goal is to insure long-term leases and a clean slate.

"There is a decent amount of PCB-impacted material," said Richard Barr, Kahan's attorney. "We don't know exactly how much yet. They are starting to get their arms around it."

Additional testing to determine quantities is still necessary as is the

7 local sites could be eligible

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Plymouth Township has seven sites which are potentially eligible for tax advantages under Brownfield Redevelopment Authority guidelines, according to Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director.

Part of Plymouth Commerce Park

located on the old Evans Products site will be the first to be cleaned up under the brownfield authority. The old Evans properties are in the area of Interstate 275, Schoolcraft and Eckles.

The master plan is designed to identify such sites.

"The uses would predispose a potential clean-up issue," Anulewicz

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method of cleanup, Barr said. It's presumed the ground will be excavated and the land disposed of properly. "It's a concern of the owners of Plymouth Commerce Park that the PCBs be dealt with once and for all," Barr said.

Completion is expected by September 2001. Less than complete cleanup would necessitate disclosure of PCBs to potential tenants, Barr said.

Basically, a ditch which drained

PCBs from the now-defunct Evans Products is the culprit. The MDEQ did partial remediation when it cleaned up Newburgh Lake three years ago.

After Kahan spent a large amount of money installing infrastructure he learned that the MDEQ wasn't as complete as he thought. "They found out a little later than they would have liked," Barr said.

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Fiegel says 'boo' to costumes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Neighborhoods throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities on Tuesday will be filled with the likes of Scooby Doo, Blue's Clues, Buzz Lightyear and the Power Puff Girls.

Halloween has become one of the most popular celebrations in America, with more money spent on decorations than at any other time of the year.

And, in the Plymouth-Canton school district, it's a longtime tradition for kids to dress up for Halloween parties, parade around their buildings, and in many cases walk throughout their neighborhoods as parents and friends take pictures.

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Irish pub ready to go

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Construction is slated to begin next month on an Irish pub in downtown Plymouth.

Sean O'Callaghan's Public House will be located on Penniman Street, in what is commonly known as the old Crier building.

"This will be unique because it won't be a bar, or a tavern, a sports bar or just a restaurant," said owner John Callaghan of Brighton. "An Irish pub is a social center, an extension of your living room."

Callaghan said he got the idea after spending time in Ireland with his cousins. He liked the idea of a place where people could come and socialize.

"There are no McDonald's or fancy restaurants in Ireland. Everyone gathers at the pub to drink, eat and socialize," he said. "There will be a rack at the door for newspapers to read with your morning coffee. We'll have a television, but it will be put away in a cabinet for special

events. It's not a place where you'll find a TV going all the time."

It will be a change of career for Callaghan, who is currently an account executive with DuPont Flooring Systems.

"When the doors open, my dad will be the only Callaghan in six generations that didn't own a pub," said Callaghan, who noted one of his four partners will be his son, John. "I didn't think about it until I spent time in the old country. The idea just grew on me."

The pub will be authentic, with many of the artifacts, including cut and stained glass, imported from Ireland. It will offer an authentic Irish menu, including lamb chops, mussels, clams, shepherd's pie and an Irish fry breakfast.

"I also plan to bring in three employees from Ireland, a manager and a couple of bartenders," he said.

After spending nearly \$750,000 on refurbishing the building, Callaghan said he expects the pub to be open in late February.

Costumes from page A1

It's a time-honored legacy that has benefited many generations in all of the district's elementary schools ... except one.

Parents at Fiegel Elementary are upset their school is the only one of 14 that doesn't allow children to dress in costumes for Halloween. It's a skeleton they would sooner see locked up in the closet.

"I remember when I dressed up for Halloween parties in school, and I would like to have my kids have those same memories," said Wendy Frazier, a mother of two Fiegel students. "If the other schools are doing it successfully, why can't we?"

The answer comes from Fiegel principal James Johnson.

"It was the decision of the staff not to add costumes or a parade to the activities we already have planned," said Johnson. "Every classroom will have a Halloween party, we had pumpkins delivered to the school to decorate, and we'll have a magic show for students on Tuesday. There are plenty of opportunities in the community for kids to wear their costumes."

Halloween costumes at Fiegel were dropped nine years ago when some inappropriate characters were worn by students. The theme was changed to Harvest Day and costumes have been banned ever since.

Frazier said parents have been trying for several years to get costumes back at Fiegel. In fact, Frazier thought she walked out of a PTO meeting last month with an agreement to let students wear costumes this year after presenting a survey which showed 180 parents favored wearing costumes, while only 24 objected.

"We were under the impression when we

left the meeting that we would try the costumes this year, but not the parade because it would be easier on the teachers," said Frazier. "All the parents at the meeting put up their hands in agreement, but none of the teachers did. Mr. Johnson said it was OK, and we all left the meeting feeling we were wearing costumes."

"However, several days later he had a meeting with the teachers and they decided not to have costumes, and that was it," she said.

"We can't figure out where the core problem comes from," added Kelly Daroczy, a PTO board member and the mother of a second grader. "Basically, what they're saying is they don't care what the parents want."

Johnson said he stands by the decision.

"We can have fun without having the costumes. Besides, how much of a day do you devote to a party situation?" he questioned. "I would rather we be discussing how to get children to read better, getting them to school on time or getting their homework done. I've had some parents tell me wearing the costumes is offensive."

Other principals in the district say they continue with the parties and parades because it's what their parents want.

"It's a reflection of our school community ... they enjoy it and they support it," said Cheryl Clason, principal at Smith Elementary in Plymouth.

"It's one of the traditions that hasn't been challenged here," added Joyce Deren, principal at Hoben Elementary in Canton. "Usually it's a big family day with parents taking pictures."

Most of the district schools have students

put their costumes on after lunch, with most of the afternoon activities geared toward Halloween. Deren said if parents don't want their child participating in Halloween parties, other activities are planned for those students.

Clason, like most elementary principals, sent home notes to parents asking that "no costumes of a violent nature be worn to school. This should also include using toy weapons as props."

"Parents are generally good at adhering to the policy, and we have very few problems," Clason said.

Despite the fun and success of Halloween at the other elementary schools, Fiegel parents remain convinced their voices aren't being heard.

"Tradition to me is very important, and Halloween is part of America's culture," said Sandy Hassien, a Fiegel mother. "How can you build memories if you don't have traditions to build upon?"

"We walked out of that meeting believing our kids were finally going to wear costumes to school," said Tracy Range, another Fiegel PTO board member. "Something that is time-honored and harmless ... it's not fair, especially since all the other schools make it work."

Johnson said he'd be willing to "talk about a policy for next year so teachers would have a heads up."

Frazier, who has been fighting the issue for five years, isn't convinced.

"It's not like we haven't heard that before," she said.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Author, author

Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth hosts a series of book signings leading into the Christmas season. The bookstore is at 380 S. Main Street, across from Kellogg Park.

Devin Scillian, local news anchor for WDIV (Channel 4) in Detroit, will sign copies of his children's book, "Fibletax," on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m.

The husband-wife team of Colleen and Michael Glenn Monroe — author and illustrator, respectively — will sign copies of their new book, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.

The book store is open seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the Little Book Shoppe, (734) 455-5220.

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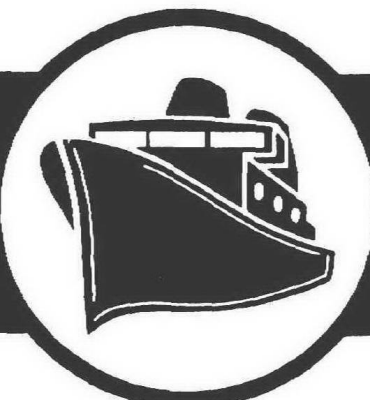
Dr. Noel Bufo, chairman of the National Safety Council, will be the guest speaker when the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth meets Thursday, Nov. 9, at noon at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Bufo, formerly the director of The Traffic Institute and executive secretary of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, will talk about police work in 2000, "Cops are Professionals."

Special invitations have been offered to police officers from Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, state police and county sheriffs. Lunch is \$10 per person, payable at the door, and the public is welcome.

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Military maneuvers

Youngsters getting taste of Navy life

BY TRACY BIRKENHAUER
SPECIAL WRITER

Two Saturdays a month, about 75 military-minded youths gather at Detroit's Brodhead Naval Armory for intense training, both physical and mental.

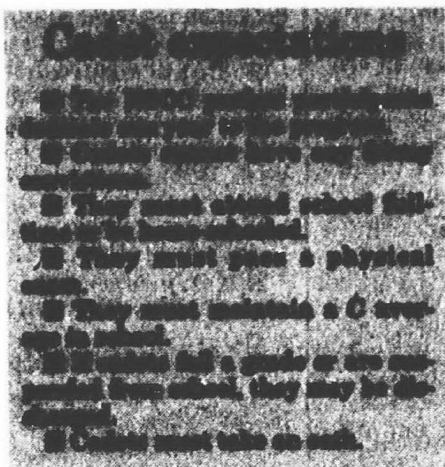
They're part of the James M. Hannan Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, a program for 11- to 17-year-olds who want to learn more about the military lifestyle, specifically seamanship. There are 260 units across the country. Many participants are interested in military careers, but many others are simply there for the experience.

The local civilian program is supported by the Detroit Women's Council of the U.S. Navy League. Members of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps train the cadets.

As part of a summer training program, Chris Pisani of Plymouth became the first Brodhead boy to complete the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Induction Training Program in July. Chris spent 17 days at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Little Creek, Va.

"I did it to test myself physically and mentally," Chris said. "If you saw the movie *GI Jane*, you have an idea of what I endured."

Chris awoke every day at 4:30 a.m. to a five-mile run on the beach, followed by calisthenics before 7 a.m. chow. Exercises included pull-ups, push-ups and log PT (six men carrying a 15-foot telephone pole). Crunching 1,000 push-ups a day was typical. Many cadets "rang the bell," which



meant they quit.

While 54 cadets started the program, only 25 graduated. Chris said he followed through simply because he didn't want to turn back.

"Besides, I got a new trident for my uniform," he said, smiling. "I really wanted to wear one of those things."

Chris became a cadet three years ago. He currently carries the rank of Petty Officer, Third Class. He's also a senior honors student at University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

According to the organization, these are the program's primary objectives:

- Develop an interest in seamanship, aviation and other related subjects.
- Build in every cadet a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, self-reliance, discipline, confidence and other qualities which mold good, strong character and citizenship.

■ Instill in cadets an appreciation of Navy and Coast Guard history, customs, traditions and the importance of a strong sea service team.

■ Make cadets aware of the benefits and prestige of a military career.

Detroit-area Sea Cadet recruits undergo two weeks of training during their first summer, usually at Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago. Cadets complete a condensed version of Navy basic training.

In addition to the twice-monthly meetings, many cadets, such as Pisani, complete what they call TWTs (two-week training) during summers.

While he was free-falling 50 feet with his eyes closed into an Olympic-sized swimming pool, Chris said he didn't consider the pain—or the fear.

"You can't think about it," he said. "You have to take your mind to another place."

While the workouts were grueling, Chris said he reflects on his SEAL training experience fondly.

"What it taught me is that once you reach your limit, there's always more to give," he said.

While the experience was a little scary for Chris' dad, Art Pisani said he knew his son would succeed. He's excited about the cadet program and encourages other children to get involved.

"It's very affordable for a lot of kids, especially inner-city kids," Pisani said. "For many of the trips, the kids only have to pay for their flight, and sometimes they don't even have to pay for transportation."

Please see SEA CADET, A5



Celebrity profile: One of the perks of the Sea Cadet program for Chris Pisani of Plymouth, right, was meeting Rudy, the former Navy Seal who gained a measure of fame by becoming one of the participants in the CBS reality show, *Survivor*.

Brownfield from page A1

Cost of the cleanup is still undetermined and will be contingent upon further test borings by Canton Township-based SQS Inc., according to project manager Mark DeVine. Six of 40 recent borings on the site detected a range of more than 4 ppm (parts per million) and up to 140 ppm. Borings had a depth of two to eight feet.

"It wasn't as widespread as was feared in a worst-case scenario," DeVine said. He oversaw the initial borings meant to confirm the presence of PCBs. "The PCBs were contained in the drainage ditch channel," DeVine said.

Polychlorinated biphenyls, called PCBs, are liquids added

to oil electrical equipment for thermal protection, DeVine explained. "It's a heat resistor."

The cost to implement the brownfield plan could be \$476,000-\$576,000, Barr said. He estimates by 2006 all the costs of the environmental work could be reimbursed.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act allows municipalities to collect tax increment revenues at brownfield sites. Brownfields are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial property where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination.

Cleanup standards are based upon property use and the actual

potential for exposure to contaminants.

The advantages to the township is capturing taxes so sites can be marketed and negative physical elements removed from the environment.

Developers benefit because it places liability on who caused the contamination and gives assistance to recoup clean-up costs.

The end result is tax advantages for business owners like Kahan so they can invest in contaminated areas of Plymouth Township. That dominoes into an increase of jobs in the township, revival of abandoned sites, and a cleaner environment.

Zoning plays an important part, according to Jim Anulewicz,

Plymouth Township director of public services. "Taxes can continue to be captured up to five years after the improvements," he said in an information sheet. "The money can be used to fund eligible activities at other sites that have been included in the plan."

More than \$25 million is expected to be spent to develop and clean the land in Plymouth Commerce Park. The proposed project consists of up to 15 industrial buildings. Each will have 40,000 to 50,000 square feet of useable space.

Previous work done by the developer on the site will be considered equity or out-of-pocket costs by the developer, Barr said.

Fires put out without any real damage done

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Employees at the Johnson Controls building on Halyard extinguished two small fires about 9 p.m. Oct. 20 before arrival of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, according to Fire Chief Larry Groth.

"The fire was out upon arrival," Groth said.

"There was no damage to the structure."

Johnson Controls manufactures foam auto interiors.

Employees told Groth something went wrong with a formula which caused a heating reaction.

One fire was a seat burning in the assembly line. The other fire was a seat which was removed just earlier from the line and landed 50 feet away, he said.

Sites from page A1

said.

Other potential sites are identified but haven't come before the authority. They are:

■ A vacant site, previously a gas station, at the intersection of Northville Road and Five Mile. Officials believe underground tanks still exist and have resulted in contamination. A site plan has been submitted for approval.

■ A site located east of Northville Road and immediately south of M-14. The site is a long-time gas station. Given the age of the station, the tanks may have caused contamination, Anulewicz said.

■ Sites along Wilcox Road and Haggerty, north of the railroad tracks. Formerly a landfill, the property to the south is used for recycling, with materials stored directly on the ground, Anulewicz said. The property to the furthest southern end was used for automobile and other outside storage.

■ A site south of the C&O railroad tracks and west of Haggerty.

■ Sites located north of the railroad tracks, near Schoolcraft Road and Interstate 275. "The predominant use for many years was an automobile salvage

yard," Anulewicz said. "Based on past practice, it's expected that spillage resulted in contaminated soils."

■ The Wycoff steel property site located north of Ann Arbor Road and east of the railroad tracks. "The property owner is working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and has a user ready to proceed once MDEQ gives the approval to develop as residential (zoning)," he said.

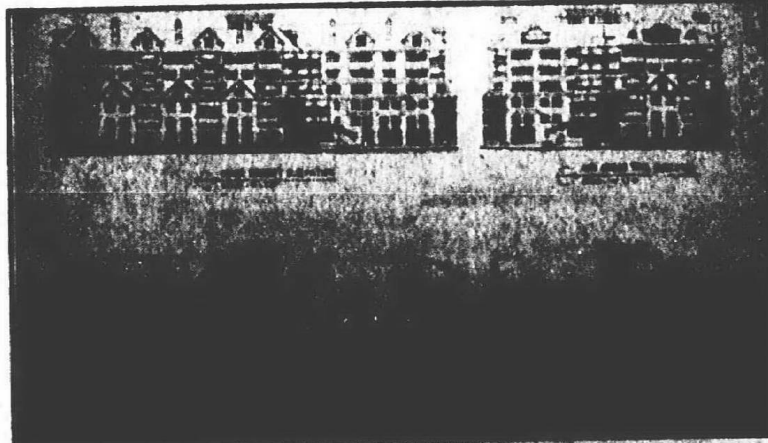
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exchange for more control in developing other aspects of the project.

"Height may be an issue in some people's eyes, but it will be offset by the aesthetics and the use of the land," said Dickson. "We'll primarily use brick, and the building will be set back from the sidewalk by about 50 feet, which won't make it as overbearing as some buildings along Kellogg Park. And, all the areas close to residential property will be screened by a green-belt."

"We'll also be saving the Wilcox House, and a 150-year-old copper beech tree," he said. "So, we feel we're giving a lot back in exchange for approval of the height."

As for the Wilcox House, Dickson said he is still undecided as to what will happen with it,



except to say the house will stay and be renovated.

"There has been some talk about using it as a community house, some professional firms have expressed an interest in using it for offices, and the

Wilcox Foundation has expressed an interest in maintaining it," Dickson said. "The house will definitely be restored by either us or someone else. If it wasn't, it would detract from our proposed project."

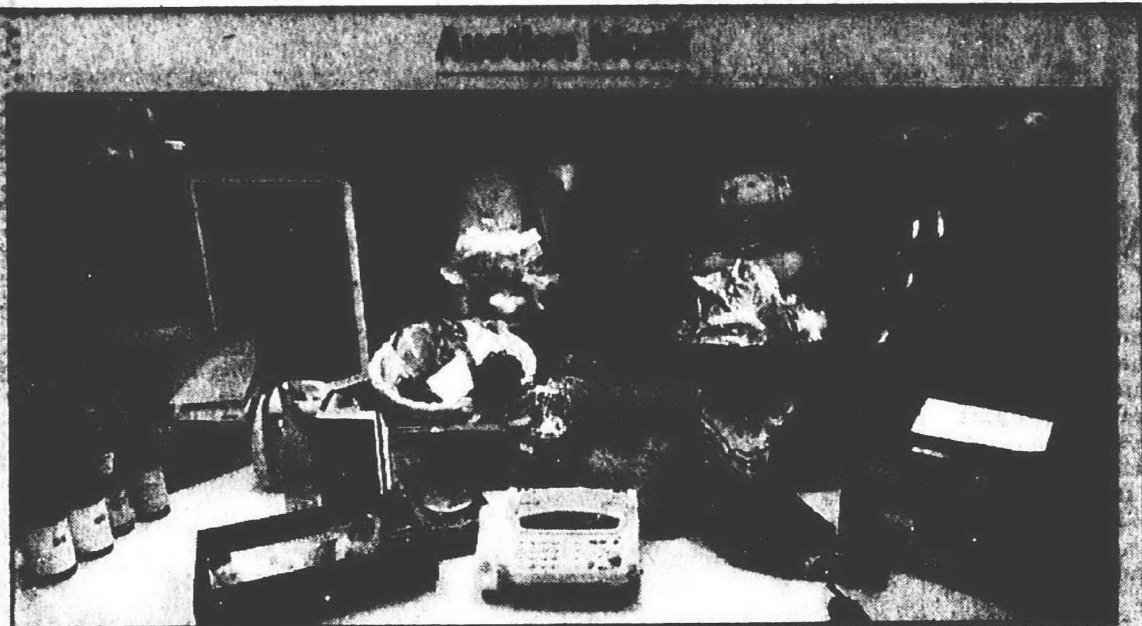
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Getting ready: With the annual Gala Auction coming up Friday, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce co-chairs Joyce Costanza (885/LaBisteca), left, Bill Pratt (Management & Tix Services), Jim Vermeulen (Vermeulen Funeral Home), Sharon Kay (Thermal Engineering) and Dana and Linda Siegrist (Horizons Planning) were busy this week gathering the various auction items. The gala is Friday at 6 p.m.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

The Plymouth District Library offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for November:

■ **Gift of Reading, Wednesday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 10** — The library will once again serve as a collection point for new books for children from the age of toddlers through second graders who might not otherwise have their own new books. Please bring new, unwrapped books to the library gift box.

■ **Your Poetry Group, Sunday, Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m.** — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; very short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or at donhewlett@aol.com.

■ **Great Books, Mondays, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20, 7:15 p.m.** — Great Books is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and apprecia-

tion of great literature. Meetings will continue on alternate Mondays through May 2001. Contact Karen Berrie, (734) 453-2454.

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.** — Writers of all ages are invited to join others to share their work in a friendly group setting. Contact Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.** — Copies of this month's selected title, *Homestead*, by Rosina Lippi are available at the checkout desk. Contact Darlene Ursel at the library, (734) 453-0750.

■ **Astronomy Discussion Group, Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.** — Intended for ages 6 and older, participants in this group share ideas and questions on space. Contact Mike Best, (734) 459-2378, or mbest12345@aol.com.

■ **Brown Bag Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, Nov. 29, noon** — Copies of this month's selected title, *At Home*

in Milford, by Jan Karon are available at the checkout desk. Bring a lunch, if you like; beverages are provided by the library. For more information, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk or call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Teen events

■ **Teen Advisory Board, Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.** — Teens 12 to 18 are invited to share ideas for future teen activities at the library. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is necessary.

■ **Teen Book Discussion Group, Monday, Nov. 13, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** — We will discuss *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Contact Eva Davis, (734) 453-0750, ext. 230, or eva@plymouth.lib.mi.us to receive a free copy of the book. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Teen volunteers are needed** to provide one-on-one tutoring for Plymouth residents who are unfamiliar with computers, particularly Windows 95/98 and the library's new catalog, PAC for windows. Contact Eva Davis, (734) 453-0750, ext. 230.

Youth events

■ **Lap-sit storytime, Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.** — A 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies 6 to 24 months old and their caregivers only. Lap Sit Storytime is limited to 15 children per session. Register beginning Monday, Nov. 6 at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Off the Page Story Tellers, Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.** — Students in third through eighth grades meet monthly to explore the fun of storytelling and improve individual techniques. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or at the meeting.

■ **Ye Olde Books Faire, Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m.** — Enjoy stories, activities and crafts commemorating a millennium of great children's folk tales. Come dressed as your favorite fairytale character if you wish. Registration begins Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4. The program is intended for children aged 6 to 12 years.

■ **Home Daycare Storytime, Monday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.** — This drop-in storytime is for children aged 2 to 5 years attending home daycare. No registration is necessary.

■ **Thanksgiving Break Movie Day, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m.** — Two great movies intended for children ages 6 to 12 will be screened: *Chato's Kitchen*, about a cool cat with a taste for mice, and *The Doughnuts*, about a doughnut machine that goes berserk. No registration is required.

Library board

The Plymouth District Library Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the library Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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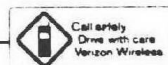
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Sullivan, Bovitz trade charges

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Wayne County Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Wayne, defends his first two years in office and says his opponent, Robert A. (Rob) Bovitz, only wants the 11th District seat for a steppingstone to the state House of Representatives in two years.

It's a charge that Bovitz, the Republican Party candidate from Canton Township, doesn't deny as their battle for the county's largest and fastest-growing district heads for the Nov. 7 general election.

"I'm not going to rule (a state House run) out," said Bovitz, "but I'd rather be one of 15 people on the (county) commission than one of 110 state reps."

Bovitz says that state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Twp., recruited him for the county race, saying, "I kind of see you as my heir-apparent."

In two years, explains Bovitz, Patterson must decide between a third and final term as representative and a run for the state Senate seat now held by Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who plans to run for secretary of state.

Patterson wants Bovitz to succeed him in Lansing. But the 39-year-old Bovitz, a certified public accountant who runs a Trenton CPA firm with his father, says he told Patterson he likes his career and prefers to be "closer to home where I can be involved in the community."

But "you don't know what's going to happen in two years," he notes.

For now, Bovitz is running for the county commission seat because "Sullivan hasn't done anything with it. If there weren't term limits, Bruce would still be county commissioner."

Sullivan 'invisible'

Bovitz and others charge Sullivan, 30, with being invisible in the district, which has nearly 200,000 residents and stretches from Romulus and Wayne west to Canton and south to the county line. "If people don't see you in the community, they feel you are not responsive to their needs," Bovitz says.

But Sullivan claims he "hasn't done anything wrong," so Bovitz has to "make up lies to get people to vote for him."

Sullivan says that, since taking office, he's held about a dozen coffee-hours, two public forums and a public picnic in the district and also sent out newsletters — not just in September, as a letter-writer to the Canton Observer alleged.

"I specifically didn't do it right around election time to avoid such charges," Sullivan says.

He paid for the events himself and has foregone "at least a couple thousand dollars per year" in mileage reimbursements to save office funds for the newsletters, he says. The letters went to the entire district, not just targeted areas.

The incumbent also says he has called "thousands of residents" from his office "to see if I can do anything for them" and also brought the full Wayne County Commission to Romulus for a meeting.

All of it, he says, is to make the commission and himself "accessible to my constituents."

Wife gave birth

As for his missing the recent Canton Chamber of Commerce candidates' forum, Sullivan says he was home caring for his children and wife Sharon, who two days earlier had had the couple's third child.

Sullivan says he regularly vis-

its Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack about area concerns and says Yack told him he only supports Bovitz due to their party affiliation.

As for Bovitz's claim that Sullivan's taking credit for Patterson-initiated Canton road projects, Sullivan counters, "If Patterson had worked hard at this job, he could have had these things done. The roads should have been paved a couple of years ago."

He says his intervention prevented the current Bemis Road paving project in Van Buren

Township from being scrapped. He says he also is working with townships to get speed limits set on residential gravel roads.

Bovitz and Sullivan traded charges of partisan politics. But Sullivan says unlike Bovitz, he doesn't go to public events "to politic. I go ... with my family to enjoy the event. I don't feel the need to make a big scene. I try to blend in with the crowd, if anything."

Sullivan says he's quiet at public meetings because he deals with issues before the meetings and also doesn't "grandstand":

"I'm not at a public meeting to embarrass people ... You don't need to ask those questions at a public meeting if you've already done your homework."

Sullivan claims Bovitz only registered to vote in the district last February: "He hasn't bothered to vote here unless he can vote for himself."

The incumbent says the commission job is full-time and wonders how Bovitz plans to continue full-time as a CPA.

"I had to give up my career as an attorney to do this full-time," says Sullivan.



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Sea cadet from page A3

Cadets receive uniforms and other essentials free-of-charge, unless they fail to return the items when they leave the program.

One of the highlights of Chris' summer was attending a SEAL reunion in Little Creek. He met the most famous retired SEAL in America, Rudy, from the TV show *Survivor*.

Chris said the SEAL training and the Naval Sea Cadet Corps program have made him more confident. He intends to pursue a military career. He applied to the Naval and Air Force academies as well as West Point.

High-ranking cadet Dave Voss of Canton is a Plymouth High School senior and a Chief Petty Officer, First Class.

He joined three years ago and has completed several summer training programs.

"My parents were both in the Army, so I was always pretty much into the military," Dave said.

He signed up for the Coast Guard, which he will join on Aug. 28. He said the cadet program has taught him military maneuvers and lingo. He's also already proven he has what it takes.

"It's made me a lot more mature," Dave said. "I'm better prepared

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Chris Pisani
—Sea cadet

for the real world and the military."

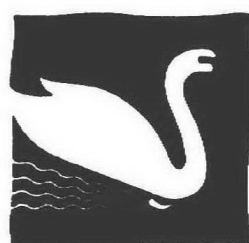
He's certain that he'll excel faster because of the cadet program. If he weren't a cadet, Dave said he'd have more time for sports teams.

"But I'd rather do this," he said. "It takes a lot of hard work. You need to be prepared to take orders. It is military. But it's also a lot of fun. I have a lot of good memories and great friends."

To learn more about the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, call the Detroit branch at (313) 822-7505 or the national branch in Arlington, Va., at (703) 243-3985. Check out the sea cadet web site at www.seacadets.org

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Tunda Elementary students Megan Birman, from left, Kellie Morton, Kara Wincowski (in stripes), Samantha Oliver, Justin Gilliam, Jeremy Calabrese and Kevin Krause get "locked up" during a recent Muscular Dystrophy Association event at Plymouth's Station 885 restaurant in Olds Village. The fifth-graders from Bob John's class raised over \$1,000 by hitting up their parents, staff and relatives for pledges to the charity. They were rewarded with a limousine ride to the restaurant and a catered lunch of pizza, breadsticks and pop.

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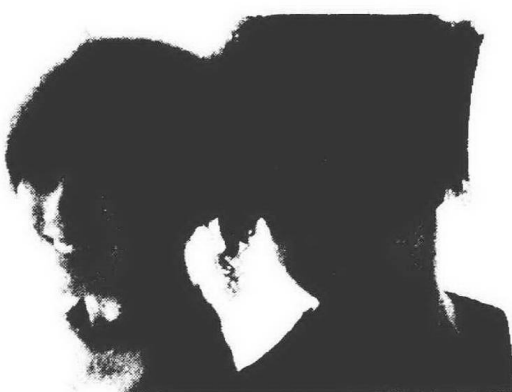
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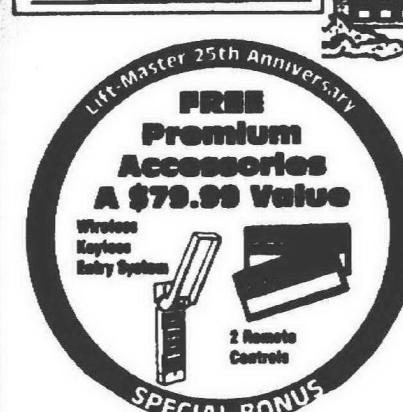


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Train installed at Midfield Terminal

A unique elevated passenger system was installed Wednesday in the new midfield terminal being built for Northwest Airlines at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The train system - the only indoor, above-ground system of its kind in the world - is expected to provide fast, quiet and comfortable transportation inside the \$1.2-billion terminal's mile-long main concourse, an airport spokesman said.

A 180-ton crane lifted the four 33,000-pound, futuristic-looking, bullet-nosed Express Tram system cars and inserted them through a 16-by-60-foot hole in the new terminal's roof 60 feet above the ground, then onto their concrete travel surface.

Each two-car "train," running 21 feet above gate-level, will hold up to 212 passengers. They operate like elevators turned on their sides - propelled by cables, but resting on cushions of air, rather than wheels.

"This Express Tram system will bring an easier and more convenient travel experience" to those using the new terminal, said Jim Greenwald, vice president of facilities and airport affairs for Northwest.

Greenwald, who is responsible for design and construction of the new terminal, added, "This community can now see the features of this building being installed and understand the tremendous benefits (it) will bring to air travel in Michigan."

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara stated the tram's installation "marks another exciting milestone as we count down the final 15 months" to the terminal's opening.

"How appropriate for airline passengers to glide to their gates on a cushion of air!" he said. "The Express Tram will not only be fast and efficient, but also unique and fun."

The tram will have stations at the north, south and middle of the terminal. It can take travelers from the center station to either end in just two minutes, or traverse the entire concourse in four minutes.

The system can move more than 4,000 passengers per hour

in each direction. It will work in tandem with 1.5 miles of moving walkways.

The Express Tram system features LED (light-emitting diode) message screens above each door, dynamic signs at each station telling the waiting time and 18-inch flat-screen television monitors at the end of each car.

Poma-Otis Transportation Systems Inc., of Farmington, Conn., built the system. Its Otis Elevator Company subsidiary - the world's leading provider of elevators, escalators and people-moving systems - is responsible for installing and maintaining

the system.

Otis also is installing all other passenger conveyances in the new terminal, including 43 elevators, 50 escalators and 34 moving walkways.

Workers from the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 36 and the Operating Engineers Local 324 installed the tram system Wednesday.

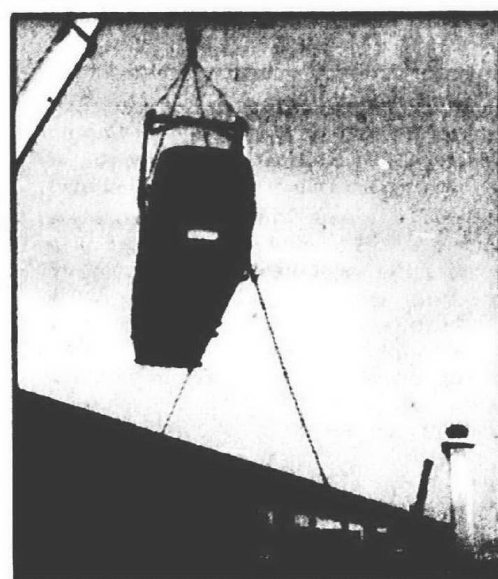
Indianapolis-based Hunt Construction Group is project general contractor. Building designer is Smith Group of Detroit.

Projected to open in December 2001, the new terminal will have

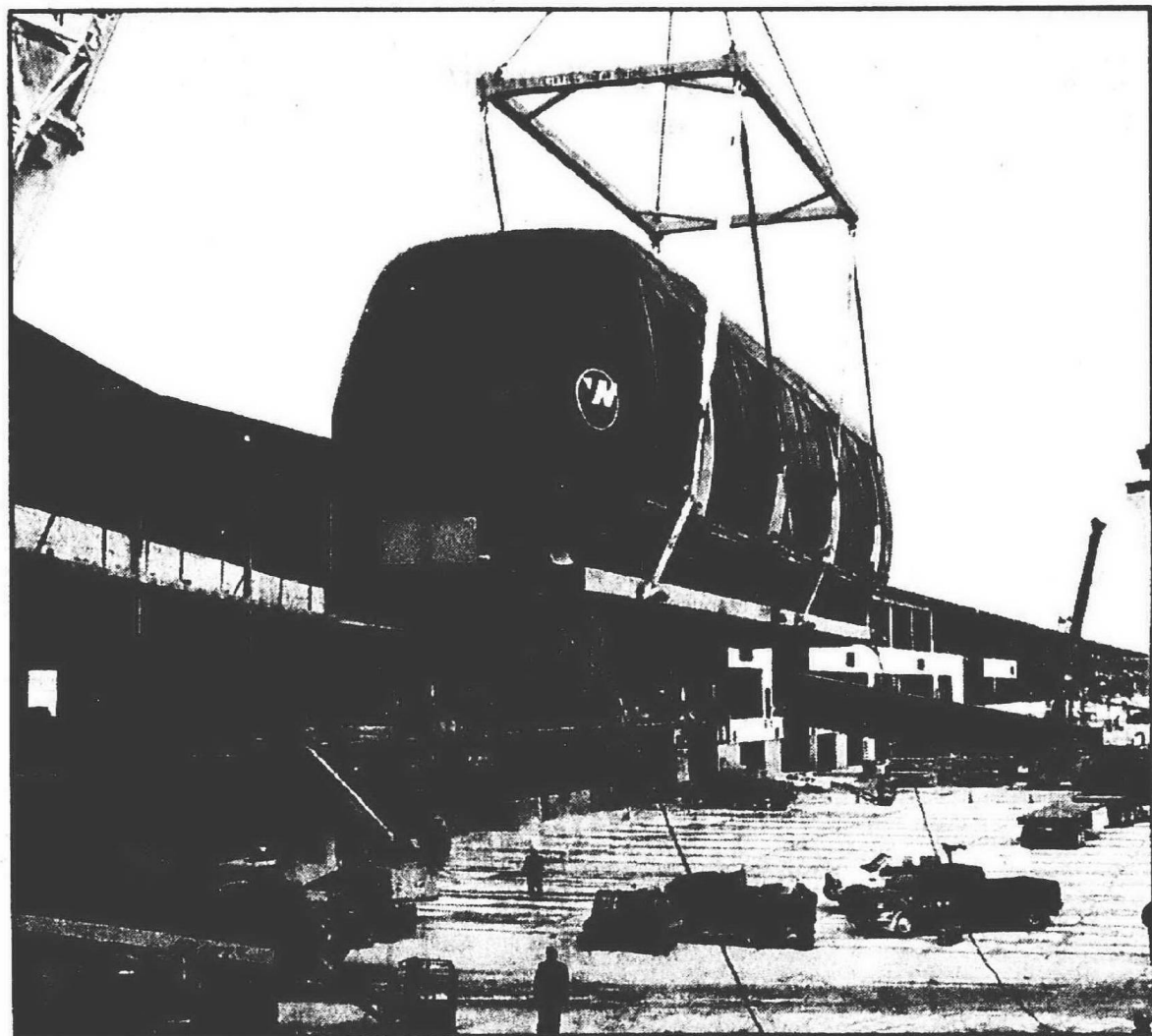
97 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,600-space parking garage and more than 80 shops and restaurants.

The terminal project is part of a five-year, public-private partnership between Wayne County and Northwest Airlines.

Poma-Otis is a joint venture of Pomagalski of France and Otis Elevator Company. Pomagalski, based in Grenoble, is the world's leading supplier of ski-area transportation equipment, with extensive experience also in automated people movers, funiculars and inclined elevators.



Through the roof: A giant crane lowers a tram car for the new passenger moving system at the Northwest Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport.



Faster service: The new train system installed Wednesday at Metro will be the only indoor, above-ground system of its kind in the world and is expected to provide fast, quiet and comfortable transportation.

Detroit 300 photo contest is extended

Students throughout Metro Detroit and Windsor can breathe a sigh of relief. The October 1 deadline for the Detroit 300 Kids - Past, Present, Future Photography contest has been scratched. The new deadline is Sunday, Jan. 1, 2001.

"We've had a terrific response from young photographers throughout the four counties," said Detroit 300 Education Program Manager Pamela Rhoades Todd. "But, after fielding quite a few calls from anxious parents and teachers, we thought it would be a good decision to extend the deadline to oblige those students who hadn't received word of the contest until that returned to school last month."

The contest is for students in grades 4-12 interested in exploring and documenting the region and its history through their camerawork. Photo entries must depict young people at annual events, historical settings, or well-known local landmarks within Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Essex (Ontario) counties. Only one entry per student can be submitted and all entries must be original student work.

The six top winners in their grade category will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. The grand prizewinner will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.

The official contest brochure and entry form can be downloaded from the Detroit 300 Web site at www.detroit300.org, obtained by calling Detroit 300 at 813-871-1303, or by writing Detroit 300, Suite 310, Albert Kahn Building, 7430 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202.

Photography entries must be accompanied by the official entry form and mailed to Mel Miller, Department of Consultant Services, Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038. All entries must be postmarked by Sunday, Jan. 1, 2001, to be eligible.

Students of selected entries will be notified by April 1, 2001.

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ENROLLMENTS

Joshua B. Brunskole of Canton has been accepted to the College of Engineering at Michigan State University. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the son of Richard J. and Donna M. Brunskole. Enrollment in the College of Engineering is limited. An applicant needs to complete 66 semester credits, attain Junior standing, complete certain math, physics, chemistry and computer science requirements and have a 2.0 average in all calculus courses taken. Josh, currently a Junior, with a 3.5 GPA is majoring in Computer Science.

GRADUATES

Charles R. Lefurgy of Plymouth received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Michigan. While at the University of Michigan he was elected to Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu engineering honor societies. He also served as president of CSEG, the computer science and engineering graduate student organization. Charles is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the son of Clark and Sarah Lefurgy.

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GILBERT LUTTRELL, JR.

Services for Gilbert Luttrell, Jr., 55, of Canton were held Oct. 28 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Andy Webster officiating.

Mr. Luttrell was born on June 30, 1945 in Detroit and died Oct. 25 at his home. He was an engineer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert Sr. and Helen Luttrell.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Luttrell; one son, Michael Luttrell; one daughter, Danielle (Chris) Adams; and in-laws, John and Eleanor Klauza.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

JOHN MICHAEL DOYLE

Services for John "Jack" Michael Doyle, 80, of Plymouth were held Oct. 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

Mr. Doyle was born on Sept. 26, 1920 in Detroit and died Oct. 25 in Southfield. He came to the Plymouth community nine years ago from Novi. He lived in Farmington from 1959 to 1972. He was a retired engineer and tool designer for Automatic Tool and Cam Manufacturing Co. in Detroit. He and his two brothers

were co-owners of the company. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He served in WWII in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia M. Doyle of Plymouth; three daughters, Susan Bartel of Westland, Kathleen Doyle of Waco, Texas, Peggy (Paul) Kalik of Plymouth; four sons, Michael (Linda) Doyle of Farmington Hills, Thomas (Rebecca) Doyle of Westland, Brian Doyle of Oxford, Mich., John M. Doyle, Jr. of San Francisco; two brothers, William (Winifred) Doyle of Phoenix, Ariz., Harry (Rosemary) Doyle of Kalamazoo; and nine grandchildren, Scott and Robert Bartel, Patrick, Timothy, Kevin, Kelly, Caitlin, Kristen and Kayla Doyle.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ERNEST L. HENRY

Ernest L. (Ernie) Henry, a longtime resident and former Plymouth mayor pro-tem, died Aug. 12 in Cincinnati.

In addition to being a Plymouth city commissioner, Mr. Henry was a Kiwanian and an

early Cub Master for the entire City of Plymouth.

Survivors include his son, David of Sparta, Tenn.; one daughter, Judy of Cloudercroft, N.M.; three grandsons; and five great granddaughters.

He will be interred alongside his wife, Lois, in Atlanta, Mich.

WALLACE E. BAKER

Services for Wallace E. Baker, 77, of Canton will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at The Summit, 48000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 with the Rev. James Frey officiating.

Mr. Baker was born on July 15, 1923 in Rogers City, Mich. and died Oct. 24 of Leukemia. He graduated from Rogers City High School in 1940. He attended Michigan Normal College (Eastern Michigan University). He served in the U.S. Army at Camp Ellis, Ill. for three years. He retired in 1978 from Wayne County General Hospital. He was active in PTA, 4-H, Wayne County Senior Alliance, Friends of the Canton Public Library, Canton Pioneer Seniors and President of the Canton Recreation Board. He was elected to the Canton Hall of Fame in 1992. He joyfully attended the University of Michigan basketball games for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Lucille (Neubert) Baker; one son, Michael of Canton; two daughters, Diane (Dominic) Palumbo of Niles, Fla., Nancy (Albert) Kurts of Ann Arbor; one sister, Phyllis (George) Manits of Alpena, Mich.; one brother, Ronald Baker of Rescue, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, James (Andrea) Palumbo of Lancaster, Calif., Jennifer Palumbo of Ashville, N.C., Jonathon (Geeta) Palumbo of Statesboro, Ga., Joy Palumbo of Tallahassee, Fla., Jesse Baker of Kalamazoo, Jesse Baker of Battle Creek, Anna Baker of Portage, Mich., Jordan, Zachary and Benjamin Kurts of Ann Arbor; four great grandchildren, Keele, Sage of Kalamazoo and twins Cameron and Cassia Baker of Portage, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or Myeloproliferative Disorder Foundation, 2210 N. Halsted, #133, Chicago, IL 60614.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
The Plymouth City Commission will be holding a special meeting on Saturday, November 11, 2000, at 7:30 a.m., until finished.
The purpose of the meeting is for conducting the interview process with candidates for the position of City Manager for the City of Plymouth.
The meeting place will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan. Anyone interested in sitting through these interview sessions is invited to attend.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's office or the City Clerk's office.
LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk
Publish: October 29, 2000

Correction in Today's Media Play Flyer
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING
On Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to review plans under a U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program grant to purchase equipment for the new Public Safety Department gun range. The FY 2000 award is \$28,529. All persons are invited to provide oral or written comments on the plan.
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: October 29, 2000

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Basic and Supplemental Group Life/AD&D and Long-Term Disability Insurance Coverage**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Sharon Himebaugh of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-4834. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of **150+ Rectangular Computer Tables** to be delivered and installed between November 15, 2000 and November 24, 2000. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
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Board of Education
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Cafeteria Tables for Eriksson Elementary School**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2953. For additional information, please contact Laura Hagen of the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Plymouth City Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 6th, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. for all of those interested in commenting upon Metrocom's request for a permit for access to and use of the public rights-of-way to install and operate a Telecommunications Network, and provide wireless internet services to the City of Plymouth residents.
The public hearing will take place at the time noted above at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.
Anyone that might be interested is invited to attend and comment.
Plymouth City Hall is in compliance with the ADA Requirements for the Handicapped.
LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk
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Based on Canton's experience, dump could be good for Sumpter

BY RICHARD FRANK
STAFF WRITER

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If Canton Township's success with its landfill in any indication, Sumpter Township can expect good things from its new trash contract with Toronto.

According to reports, beginning next year Sumpter's massive, square-mile Carleton Farms landfill is to receive the Canadian city's trash under a five-year contract that will pay it \$1.50 per ton.

A total of 600,000 tons is expected the first two years and 800,000 tons per year thereafter.

That 50 cents a ton is more than Canton receives under its contract with Allied Waste at its

much smaller landfill just south of Michigan Avenue on the west side of Interstate 275.

Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine said the township gets 40 cents per yard, with each yard equaling three tons of trash.

Canton's revenue has been between \$600,000 and \$1 million per year, he said, and it has helped pay for the Summit on the Park complex and for either purchasing or improving parks in the township.

"We've been able to put our (revenue) to a lot of good uses," said Minghine. "Those moneys never were in operations, but in community projects."

"It's not a bottomless pit," he noted, referring to the business

of accepting trash. "It will run not someday."

"But we will not be impacted on the operations side," he said.

"In Canton's case, (the landfill contract) has had a positive impact on the community. We've demonstrated what can be done," Minghine said.

He also said the estimate of possibly as many as 200 trucks a day trundling down I-275 to Sumpter sounds "huge, but in reality, when you look at the total traffic count on 275, it's insignificant. And most of the (trash-truck) traffic will be in the day, when people are at work and not on the freeway."

"People picture a parade of trucks," Minghine said, "but that's not what it is."

Center enrolls for winter term

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its winter term, which begins Monday, Jan. 22. Since enrollment is limited, parents/guardians must submit an application form before Dec. 1, 2000, to allow time for an initial assessment and to ensure placement in the winter program.

The tutorial sessions are designed for children from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and related skills. Individual or group instruction is available.

Prior to admission, each student will be informally assessed and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include strategies for reading fiction and non-fiction text, process writing and study skills. Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the session.

Classes run from Monday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, April 19. Parents may choose the day and time that best fits their needs: 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or 3:55-5 p.m. or 5-6:05 p.m. (the

extra five minutes are added since sessions will be canceled on Holy Thursday).

With more than 48 years of providing service to children who are experiencing difficulty in reading and writing, Madonna University's Learning Center has assisted thousands of children, from public and private schools representing some 20 different school districts.

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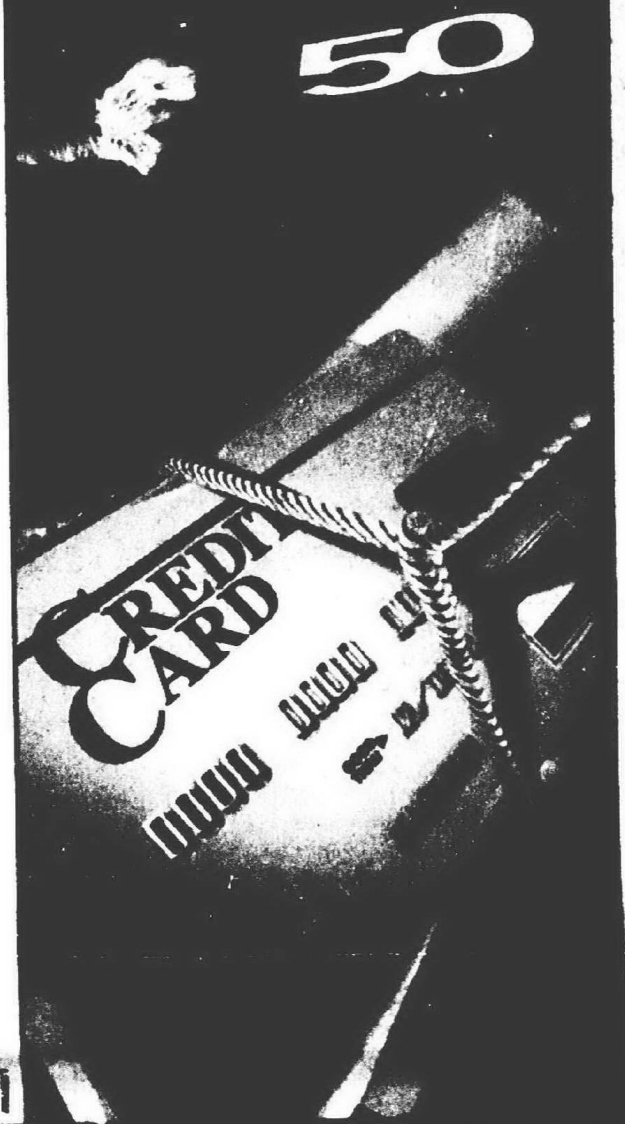
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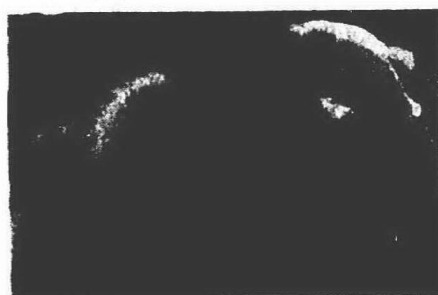
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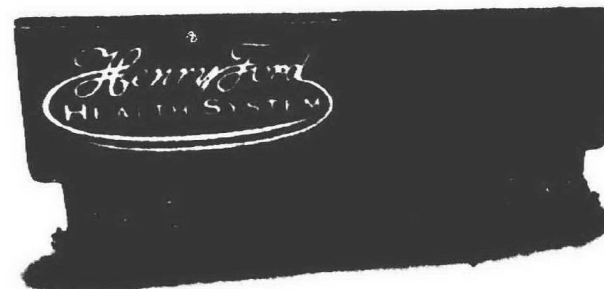
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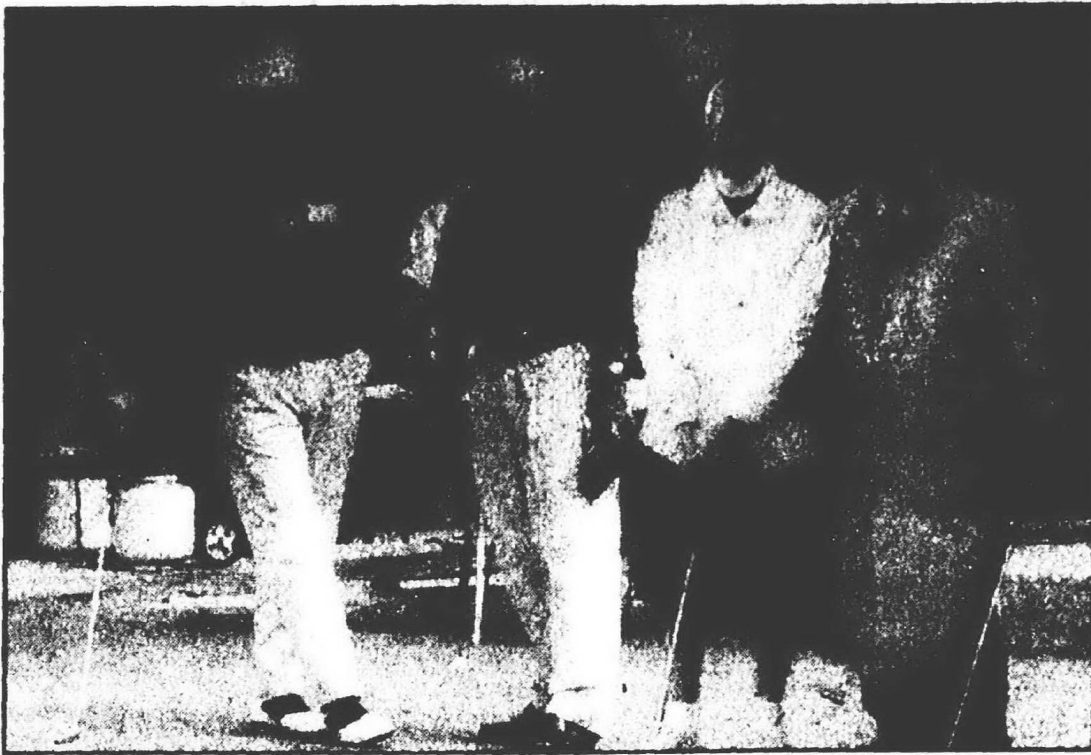
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Golfing for scholars



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More nursing home facilities apply for \$10 million in Michigan grants

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Director Kathleen Wilbur announced today that there is a 7.5 percent increase in the number of facilities applying this year for \$10 million in nursing homes grants the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services offers to improve the quality of life and long-term care for nursing home residents.

CIS received applications from 387 facilities, which represents over 90 percent of the state's facilities that are eligible for the FY2001 grants. The facilities selected to receive grants will be announced in November.

"We noticed a significant

increase in the number of applications with 27 more facilities applying this year for the grants than in FY2000. The increase is the result of our outreach and education efforts, which included simplifying the application process, hosting 3 training sessions for potential applicants, posting the application and instructions on the CIS' website, and extending the application deadline," Wilbur said.

Wilbur said grant applications for the Innovative Projects category, aimed at improving the quality of care of residents, was the most popular of the three categories for the nursing home grants with nearly 600 project

ideas submitted by 359 of the applicants. Several of the applicants are seeking grant monies for physical plant improvements/equipment purchases, outdoor construction, resident activities, special beds, vehicles for resident transportation, special needs units or therapy, and computer systems or programs.

The \$10 million in FY2001 grants will be distributed by a formula that is based on the number of successful applications and total number of licensed beds. Nursing homes receiving grants must use the funds for designated projects by Sept. 30, 2001.

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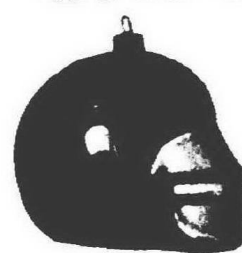
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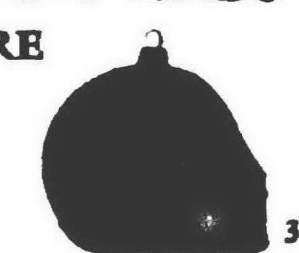
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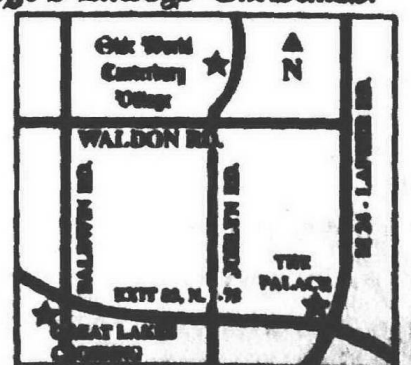
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Best this season

Angie Sillmon, a sophomore middle blocker for Western Michigan University's volleyball team from Plymouth Salem, turned in one of the best blocking performances in WMU history in a straight-set sweep of Mid-American Conference rival Akron Oct. 21.

Sillmon collected one solo block and eight block assists in the three games, which the Broncos won by scores of 15-12, 15-9, 15-12. It was the best by a Bronco this season and the third-best in school history for a three-game match.

Sillmon has a total of 59 blocks in 60 games (0.98 per game), second best on the team. She also has 103 kills, 54 digs and 10 service aces.

WMU was 14-5 overall and tied for first in the MAC's West Division with Ball State at 9-1 (through Oct. 26).

Rockers ready to roll

The Detroit Rockers, who will have their first-ever soccer game at Plymouth's Compuware Arena at 3:05 p.m. today, have reached out to local fans by signing broadcast contracts with Media One Cablevision and WTKA-AM 1050.

Media One will broadcast all 15 Rockers' games live from Compuware this winter on Channel 25, starting with today's game against Wichita.

WTKA-AM will broadcast "The Ticket," a weekly recap of Rockers' games, player interviews, a look ahead and a coach's corner segment featuring Rockers' head coach Drago, at 11 a.m. Saturdays. Jim Stark and Al Fellhauer, who bring the Sports Den to listeners in the Ann Arbor area from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, will host the show.

Besides a new venue to play in, the Rockers are bringing some new faces to town. And with Halloween just around the corner, what better time to introduce the Transylvanian Trio to the fans?

Lorin Spasovici, Dan Tile Dlac and Costea Decu are three of the best indoor players in Romania. All three were signed by Rockers' general manager David Woodrow and Drago after a five-day tryout in Brasov, Romania, a city that sits at the foot of the Transylvanian Alps. They finally obtained their visas and arrived in Detroit with their families Sept. 20.

All three should be in uniform for the Rockers' home opener. Of the three, Decu is expected to make the biggest immediate impact.

U-14 Hawks win WAGS

The under-14 Michigan Hawks traveled to Washington, D.C. for the WAGS Tournament — one of the biggest soccer tournaments in the nation — and came home winners, claiming their B Flight title. The Hawks defeated a team from New Jersey in the semifinals and another from North Carolina in the finals.

Team members are Dina Allie, Renee Farrell and Andrea Muscat from Livonia; Andrea Johnson, Katie Raker and Rachel Rudzisz from Canton; Danica Rodriguez from Redford; Chelsea Atiyeh and Kristi Timar from Novi; Kristen Evey from Royal Oak; Lauren Hill, Jen Kritch, Kim Sykes and Kim Trentacosta from Northville; Jessica Ray from Grand Blanc; and Alexa Wahr from Ann Arbor.

The team is coached by Derrick Williford.

CYO basketball tryouts

Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth and the Catholic Youth Organization will conduct girls basketball tryouts for those in fifth to eighth grades on Oct. 30. Call (313) 845-2405 for time and location.

Senior volleyball

Anyone interested in playing volleyball is invited to the Northville Parks and Recreation, located at 303 W. Main in Northville. The only requirement: It's for those 50 and over.

Sessions are 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Rec offices at (248) 349-0203.

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

Salem finds its offense, rips Pioneers



When the state tournament started, Salem's scoring problems were so acute the question wasn't if the Rocks could go the distance. Rather, it was when they'd be eliminated. That isn't a question any longer.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

An offensive explosion. That's what Plymouth Salem had Friday in its 4-0 district final victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer. Dan Longpre

scored twice while Brian Popeney and Sean Loewe added goals.

After a sluggish start, the Rocks scored at 26:42 of the first half as Popeney collected a rebound off a Jeff Haar shot and slammed it home. "It was a tight game until that

point," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Getting that goal early really helped us."

The Rocks, now 18-4-1, move on to Tuesday's regional opener at Plymouth Canton. Salem will host the winner of yesterday's Birmingham Brother Rice-Northville tilt at 5 p.m.

A Warriors' victory would put Salem up against the No. 1-ranked school in Division 1.

"They're really strong offensively and have an all-state goalie," McCarthy

said of Birmingham. "We see a lot of great teams in our conference and have as tough a schedule as anyone. But we haven't seen the toughest team in the state and that's Brother Rice."

As for Friday's game at Ann Arbor Pioneer, the home team took it to Salem early on. Pioneer used its speed on the offensive wings to create several good scoring opportunities.

"We knew we had to defend Trail Blanks well," McCarthy said of Ann

Please see SALEM ROCKS, B4

A 2nd-half TD bonanza!

Ball-control offense drives Chiefs to a win over Tigers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton's offense may not possess the speed and elusiveness of a Porsche — but it's as tough and reliable as any four-wheel-drive vehicle that's ever been assembled.

The Chiefs relied on that toughness Friday night in their 21-10 all-terrain victory over Belleville in a first-round Division 1 playoff game played on the Tigers' home turf.

The win — Canton's first playoff victory since 1990 — propelled the Chiefs into next weekend's district final at Ann Arbor Huron. The River Rats defeated Walled Lake Western, 13-10, Friday night.

Like any high-performance machine, Canton needed a tune-up Friday night. It came in the form of a halftime pep talk from its coaching staff, at which point Belleville led 10-7.

"We told them that if we go out and score 21 points, it's over," Canton coach Tim Baechler said, condensing his intermission speech. "They had a couple of fluke plays against us in the first half, but I know that if we went out in the second half and played Canton football, we would win the game."

The Chiefs not only went out and played Canton football, they played keep-away. Canton dominated possession of the ball in the final 24 minutes, running 36 offensive plays compared to Belleville's 14.

"I have to give Canton credit," Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said. "They came out and controlled the ball on us in the second half. It's hard to score when you don't have the ball."

A trio of Canton running backs — juniors Chad Fuller, Dane Kobus and Bill Gazsi — pounded the ball effectively into the mid-section of Belleville's defense throughout the game.

But it was quarterback Oliver Wol-

cott who provided the knockout punch on two of the Chiefs' three scoring drives. Wolcott, a senior, tossed a pair of TD passes — a 27-yarder to Gazsi in the first half and a game-clinching 26-yarder to junior tight end Dave Reeser in the final quarter.

"Oliver played a good game," Baechler said. "Our coaches up in the booth were a little upset with him after his first two passes tonight (both poorly thrown incompletions). But he said he was okay, and he proved it later in the game. He set his feet better later on and threw a couple of great passes."

Following a first quarter that featured two failed fourth-down attempts (one by each team) and an interception by Canton's just-promoted-from-the-junior-varsity defensive back Mike Lafata, the Chiefs lit up the scoreboard first with 7:34 to go in the half when Wolcott fired a 27-yard bullet to Gazsi, who snuck undetected out of the Chiefs' backfield following a fake hand-off.

Wolcott booted the extra point through and the visitors led 7-0.

Sparked by a 50-yard run by senior fullback Kyle Wagner, Belleville responded on its next drive by moving 65 yards on six plays, the last of which was a 20-yard field goal by Joe Orskey that cut the deficit to 7-3 with 4:32 left in the half.

Canton's next drive ended at its own 39 when Kobus fumbled on a first-and-10 play and the Tigers' Jacob Wilerson recovered.

Just when it looked like Belleville would waste a golden opportunity to score, quarterback Jason Szmansky connected with split end Ernie Davis for 10 yards on a fourth-and-eight play to the Canton 27.

On the next play, Szmansky hit wide receiver Chris Miller with a 27-yard

Please see CANTON FOOTBALL, B4



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBCHMAN

Leap of joy: A first-half touchdown lifts Dane Kobus (27) into the arms of Billy Gazsi (left), who just caught a 27-yard scoring pass. Ozzie Wagner (62) and Eric Moten (84) also feel like celebrating.

Rising to the challenge Madonna sweeps WHAC's top team



PHOTO BY TOM HANSEN

Passing it on: Salem graduate Amanda Suder aided Madonna's victory with 11 digs.

By C.J. Risak
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Both coaches would say the same thing. These teams know each other. They know what to expect. They know the importance this match carries.

League co-champions or outright winners — that's what was at stake. Such a volleyball match would mean intense play and a five-set, down-to-the-wire finish.

Well, maybe not. Madonna University completely dominated the team that had been unbeaten in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference — Cornerstone University — in posting a 15-13, 15-5, 15-5 victory Thursday at Madonna.

And you know what? It was almost a replay, with the two teams in opposite roles, of what happened earlier this season when Madonna played at Cornerstone.

In that Oct. 3 match, the Golden Eagles completely ruled the Fighting Crusaders, rolling to a 15-4, 15-7, 15-10 victory.

So here's what we've got. WHAC co-champs in the regular season if both win their final matches. If that's the way the scenario plays out, then the all-important No. 1 seed goes to Cornerstone — because the Eagles total two more points scored against Madonna.

And that means they will host the WHAC Tournament Nov. 10-11.

How could each team be so completely dominant everywhere in the conference, except when playing their No. 1 rival on the road? Who could explain it?

Certainly not the coaches. "No, no, no," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham when asked if he had anticipated a three-game sweep when Cornerstone came to town Thursday. "They're an excellent team. We got beat by them just like this on their court."

His Cornerstone counterpart, Amy Bettles, said it was stunning to her. "I wouldn't have expected this from my key kids, but they handled the pressure very poorly," she said.

"There were mental errors. They weren't mentally ready to play, and that's hard to believe."

Please see MADONNA VOLLEYBALL, B4

Whalers shut out Sudbury



The Plymouth Whalers, who are currently leading the Eastern Conference with a 15-4-1 record, shut out the Sudbury Wolves 3-0 in a game that was played in front of a sell-out crowd of 1,000 fans at the Plymouth Civic Center. The Whalers' defense was stellar, with goaltender Mike Smith making 18 saves. The offense was led by forward Mike Smith, who scored two goals, and defenseman Scottie Upshall, who scored the third. The Wolves' only shot came in the second period, but it was blocked by Whalers forward Jason Smith. The game was a testament to the Whalers' defensive prowess and the Wolves' offensive struggles.

North scares Rocks; Chiefs cruise

North Farmington took Plymouth Salem into overtime Thursday before finally relenting and losing, 38-36 in the final Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season basketball game of the season.

The Raiders finish the WLAA round-robin schedule with a 6-5 record. The Rocks are 9-2.

"The kids played with such passion," North coach Linda Perkins said. "They were just solid tonight; they played really smart ball."

"It was nice to see them come back from Tuesday's game (a 54-23 loss to Farmington Harrison) and play this hard and so well."

Salem outscored North in overtime, 4-2. Samantha McComb, who scored a game-high 23 points, gave the Raiders the lead with two free throws.

But Mary Lou Liebau also made a pair of free throws to tie it, then scored the game-winning basket with 50 seconds remaining.

The Rocks led 9-8 after one quarter, but the Raiders were ahead at halftime, 20-15. Salem rallied in the third quarter to force a 26-26 tie, and the score was knotted at 44-all at the end of regulation play.

"It was an awesome game," Perkins said. "I really thought we would come out on top and so did the kids. That's

the closest we've come to Plymouth Salem in a lot of years.

"(The loss is) disappointing but it was a good game, because the kids brought themselves back and played really hard."

"It gives the team confidence to know we can play that well. It was a great night. We just didn't come out with the victory."

Staci Russell added 11 points for the Raiders, who are 10-7 overall. Dawn Allen and Liebau led the Rocks (12-4 overall) with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

North made 11-of-17 free throws; Salem was 5-of-9.

The win assures Salem the No. 4 seed in the WLAA Tournament, which begins Tuesday. The Rocks will host fifth-seeded Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

Northville, which defeated Farmington Harrison Thursday, clinched the WLAA championship and the No. 1 seed in the tournament. The Mustangs host Walled Lake Western Tuesday. Harrison is the second seed and plays at seventh-seeded Walled Lake Central.

Plymouth Canton is No. 3 and will play at sixth-seeded North Farmington Tuesday (the Lakes Division team hosts

the first-round games; if both teams are from the same division, the higher seed hosts).

Canton 59, Churchill 14: About halfway through the first quarter, this game was, for all intents and purposes, over. That's because by that point Plymouth Canton had already scored more points than Livonia Churchill would for the entire game.

The Chiefs had a 23-4 lead after one period; it was 29-10 at the half. The Chargers managed just four points in the second half.

"I didn't think it would be that bad," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "And we didn't press for one minute."

Janine Guastella led Canton with 12 points. Anne Morrell scored 10, with Angie Neu and Christina Kiessel netting nine apiece.

Deanna DeRoo's eight points paced Churchill.

Canton improved to 12-5 overall, 9-2 in the WLAA. Churchill is 3-13 overall, 2-9 in the conference.

The Chiefs, who finished third in the WLAA, play at North Farmington (Lakes Division teams host first-round games) Tuesday.

Ladywood 56, Notre Dame 44: Melissa

and Michelle Harakas each scored 16 points Wednesday, leading Livonia Ladywood (12-5) past visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (8-9) in first-round Central-AA Division playoff game.

Melissa came up with seven steals and helped key a 32-18 second-half surge. She also filled in admirably at the point-guard slot for injured Lauren Hesano (concussion).

Michelle, who sat out nearly two quarters because of foul trouble, also grabbed seven rebounds.

Sophomore forward Ruthie Sventickas added nine points for the victorious Blazers, who trailed 26-22 at halftime. Jana Beumel contributed six points off the bench.

Sherronda Watts, a 6-foot-3 freshman center, had 12 points for Notre Dame Prep along with teammate Jenny O'Rourke.

Ladywood advances to the Central-AA semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 vs. Birmingham Marian (11-6) at Schoolcraft College.

PCA 65, Roeper 39: There was no doubting who wanted this game more.

Plymouth Christian Academy wanted second place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference all to itself, and on Friday the Eagles made certain

they would get it by ripping visiting Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

PCA scored a season-high 65 points in disposing of the Roughriders.

"This was a huge win," said Eagle coach Rod Windle. "I'm very proud of our team. They kind of made a statement to be the second place team tonight."

"The girls really stepped up. They showed they can win a big game."

It was close only for the first quarter and part of the second. PCA led 16-13 after one period, but Roeper took an 18-17 lead early in the second.

The Eagles answered by scoring 14 straight points and, as Windle described it, they "never looked back."

It was 34-20 at the half. The closest the Roughriders got in the second half was 12.

Laura Clark had a superb game, scoring 24 points — including five three-pointers — and dishing out eight assists. Amy Brandt finished with 11 points and seven rebounds, Kim Guilfoyle had eight points and 19 boards, and Kallie Gross netted seven points.

Sandra Morris led Roeper with 17 points. Lauren O'Lane totaled 13.

PCA finishes the MIAC at 7-3; the Eagles are 12-5 overall. Roeper is 10-8 overall, 5-5 in the MIAC.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Oct. 30
Agepe at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31
C'ville at Lutheran North, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Agepe at A.P. Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Playoffs)
W.L. Western at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1
(Central-AA Playoffs at S'craft)
Borgess vs. Divine Child, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2
C'ville at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.
(Mega Red-White Tourney)
Garden City at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3
Huron Valley vs. Roeper at Marshall M.S., 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5
Catholic League AA-Central final at U-D's Calihan Hall, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 31
Aquinas at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1
Madonna at Eckerd (Fla.), TBA.

Saturday, Nov. 4
(Region 12 Playoffs)
Cincinnati St. at S'craft, 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Oct. 29
Whalers at Toronto, 1:35 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2
Whalers at North Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3

Whalers at Sudbury, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5
Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wednesday, Nov. 1
(WHAC Semifinals)
Ind. Tech-Cornerstone winner vs. Madonna at Ladywood, TBA.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday, Oct. 29
Rockets vs. Wichita at Compuware-Arena, 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2
Rockets at Edmonton, 9:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5
Rockets vs. Wichita at Palace of Auburn Hills, 1:05 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

No. 1 Saints just 1 goal better than Crusaders

Charles O'Neil headed in a header with 11 minutes left in the first half, providing Aquinas College with one more goal than Madonna University's men's soccer team could score in the final Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season match of the season Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

The 1-0 Aquinas win solidified its position as the WHAC's No. 1 team. The Saints and Siena Heights, which finished second in the conference, got first-round byes in the WHAC Tournament.

Madonna had a wide edge in shots on goal, 21-12. The Crusaders (from Livonia) scored 10 goals in the Fighting Crusaders. But the Crusaders could not get past O'Neil in the second half.

Sean O'Neil had two goals in the second half, giving the Saints a 3-0 victory. The Saints' assistant coach, Matt Stevenson, said the team was "very confident" and "very focused."

Madonna, the WHAC's 8-1 overall, was defeated 12-1-1 in the WHAC.



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Salem gets a victory

Plymouth Salem splashed past Westland John Glenn Thursday to improve its Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division dual-meet record to 4-1 with a 181-55 victory at Salem.

Salem swim coach Chuck Olson, who was injured when his Ford Explorer rolled over in an accident Oct. 15, was back on the deck to guide the Rocks. Olson severed the top of his ring finger on his left hand and suffered neck and back injuries in the accident.

He was hoping to return full-time at the school Monday.

"I had a lot of swimming stuff (in my Explorer)," Olson said. "It was right after the MBSA meet (at Eastern Michigan)."

How the accident occurred was still a bit fuzzy to Olson, who was (fortunately) wearing his seatbelt.

"I feel pretty lucky," he said. It didn't take luck for his swim team against John Glenn. The Rocks won 11 of the 12 events, sweeping all three relays. They had eight different winners in the individual events.

Included were Jenny Crabill, first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:25.95); Emily Laskie in the 50-yard freestyle (26.95); Lindsay Parker in the diving (168.75 points); Kari Foust in the 100 butterfly (1:06.35);

Nicole Genrich in the 100 freestyle (1:00.81); Amy Mertens in the 500 free (5:29.49); Rachel Underhill in the 100 backstroke (1:11.61); and Rachel Goto in the 100 breaststroke (1:22.60).

Foust, Mertens, Monica Glowinski and Laskie combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:56.26); Glowinski, Alicia Dotson, Danielle Powers and Laskie were first in the 200 free relay (1:47.09); and Glowinski, Foust, Mertens and Dotson took the 400 free relay (3:54.25).

Salem hosts the WLAA Swim Finals this week, starting with the swim preliminaries at 1 p.m. Thursday. The diving prelims are at 2:30 p.m. Friday, with the finals starting at noon Saturday.

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Center: Mike Little, senior, Walled Lake Western.

Interior linemen: Chris Labels, senior, Northville; Nick Samples, senior, Westland John Glenn; Kerry Aroid, senior, Farmington Harrison; Andy Webb, senior, Farmington Harrison.

Tight end: Dave Condeni, junior, Farmington Harrison.

Wide receivers: Tim King, senior, Walled Lake Western; Agim Shabaj, junior, Farmington Harrison.

Quarterback: Joe Ruggiero, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Running backs: Dan Wilson, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Brandon Langston, senior, Northville; Dan Smitherman, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Defenses

Down linemen: Marcus Mancotti, senior, Farmington Harrison; Aaron Kennedy, junior, Farmington Harrison; Tony Henry, senior, Walled Lake Western; Matt Cieslak, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

Ends/outside linebackers: Randy Sinnott, senior, Westland John Glenn; Will Pyant, senior, Farmington Harrison.

Linebackers: Brent Erwin, senior, Walled Lake Western; Tim Dalg, senior, Farmington Harrison; Matt Recknagel, senior, Walled Lake Central.

Defensive backs: Jerry Gaines, senior, Plymouth Canton; Terrill Mayberry, junior, Farmington Harrison; Aaron Redden, senior, Northville.

Quarterback: Ralph Coleman, senior, Farmington Harrison; Tim Ketterer, senior, Northville.

All-Western Division

Offense

Center: Vinny Hall, senior, Farmington Harrison.

Interior linemen: Nick Abughannam, sophomore, Livonia Churchill; Jason Lynkkip, junior, Farmington Harrison; Dan Benister, junior, Farmington Harrison; Ned Stojkovic, senior, Walled Lake Western.

Tight end: Darryl Adkins, senior, Northville.

Wide receiver: Jamie Kuras, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Quarterback: Ryan Ziem, senior, Walled Lake Western; Drew Stanton, junior, Farmington Harrison.

Running back: Marcus Woods, sophomore, Farmington Harrison; Dane Kobus, junior, Plymouth Canton; Brian Teminna, senior, Walled Lake Western; Ryan Anlick, senior, Northville.

Defenses

Down linemen: Jason Reed, junior, Farmington Harrison; Ozzie Wagner, senior, Plymouth Canton; Charlie Toth, senior, Livonia Churchill; John Moreland, senior, Walled Lake Western.

Ends/outside linebackers: Krishna Reid, senior, Farmington Harrison; Joe Meier, senior, Livonia Franklin.

Linebackers: Joe Rumbrey, senior, Northville; Adam Michaud, senior, Northville; Dan Sak, senior, Plymouth Canton; Chad Boerr, junior, Livonia Churchill.

Defensive backs: Sean Sutton, senior, Farmington Harrison; Brandon Wilcox, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; Mike Pisha, junior, Walled Lake Western.

Specialist: Steve Bell, junior, Walled Lake Western.

All-Lakes Division

Offense

Center: Ryan Carl, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

Interior linemen: Ian Konopinski, senior, Farmington; Tim McCarthy, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Jake Welch, senior, Walled Lake Central; Donovan Parkinson, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Tight end: Scott Cave, senior, Farmington.

Wide receivers: Jason Kittle, senior, Walled Lake Central; Andrew Peiffer, junior, Westland John Glenn.

Quarterback: Blayne Baggett, senior, Walled Lake Central.

Running backs: Brandon Ellison, senior, Plymouth Salem; Steve Bruce, senior, Walled Lake Central; Blair Weiss, senior, North Farmington; David Peterson, senior, Farmington.

Defenses

Down linemen: L.J. Cotter, junior, Walled Lake Central; Brent Lange, junior, Walled Lake Central; Matt Berent, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Ends/outside linebackers: Mark Wacker, senior, Westland John Glenn; Preston Picard, junior, Farmington.

Linebackers: Craig Lewis, junior, Westland John Glenn; Frank Longordo, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Justin Kasgoris, junior, North Farmington.

Defensive backs: Kris Mohacsi, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Michael Griffe, senior, Farmington; Dave Mijal, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Specialist: Stephen Wayne, senior, Farmington.

Non-league players

Quarterback: Matt Cornette, senior, Compton; Mike Peters, Adam Dilley,

Robert Carter, Matt Kurlik, Joe Rohloff, Andy Wells, Jim Wolbers.

Plymouth Canton — Dan Farkas, Chad Fuller, Billy Gazsi, Eric Moten, Matt Nuss, Dave Reeser, Mike Schmid, Chris Smilo, Brandon Wright, Oliver Wolcott.

Livonia Churchill — Dammar Davis, Alex Murray, Robert Wilson, Mike Wojtowicz.

Farmington Harrison — Ian Cole, Jake Ghannam, Marvin Hicks, Bill Richeson.

Livonia Franklin — Jeremy Brady, Jessie Edmonds, Robert Lukofsky, Craig Smith, Rob Zselyny.

Walled Lake Western — Josh Cavins, Kurt Heib, Edward Tabb, Joe Janks, Steve Reiter, John Sowders, Steve Van Nortwick.

North Farmington — Brian Johns, Mike Zultak.

Westland John Glenn — Brandon AlLouny, Brian Ceckiewicz, Aaron Copeland, Brian Davis, Mike Johnson, Kevin Latimer.

Farmington — Blake Belsky, Brett Brown, Brad Hall, Eric Kokko, Matt Mikel, Tony Moran.

Walled Lake Central — Frost Beasley, Mike Crowe, J.R. Ducat, Joe Kutney, Dan Martin, Dan McKeown, Brandon Obenour, Mike Pavelich, John Young.

Livonia Stevenson — Shawn Casey, J.P. Culloty, Bill Marzack, Mike Robinson, Jeremy Segal, Ronnie Williams.

Plymouth Salem — Barry Flewin, Scott Hewitt, David Haskins, Brian Hall, Kevin Kneiding, Kevin O'Blome, Mike Samborsky, Beau Tomlinson, David Woodward, James March.

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:50.70)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.81
Livonia Stevenson 1:54.78
Plymouth Salem 1:58.47
North Farmington 1:57.08
Plymouth Canton 2:04.88

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 2:04.99)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:52.09
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:58.32
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:58.94
Kristin Loides (Mercy) 2:00.83
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:00.72
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 2:01.24
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 2:01.55
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 2:01.66
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:01.76
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 2:02.82

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:17.89)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:08.28
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:12.00
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.11
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:17.19
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:18.36
Amy Mertens (Salem) 2:19.13
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:20.11
Jennifer Bendick (N. Farmington) 2:20.55
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 2:20.79
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 2:20.83

50-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 25.59)

Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.25
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 25.58
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 25.65
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 25.66
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 25.70
Amy Smith (Franklin) 25.96
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 26.08
Monica Glowinski (Salem) 26.09
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 26.32
Kristin Loides (Mercy) 26.38

DIVING

Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 260.10
Michelle Kain (Stevenson) 229.81
Angela Anelos (Churchill) 219.55
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 219.50
Natalie Ciszewski (Stevenson) 201.80
Amanda Darling (Mercy) 191.00
Kelly Stevenson (Churchill) 189.50
Lindsay Parker (Salem) 188.75
Kristin Ulewicz (N. Farmington) 187.65
Becky Butler (Mercy) 166.05

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 1:58.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:00.42
Katie Neglick (Mercy) 1:01.11
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:01.88
Amy Smith (Franklin) 1:01.78
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 1:02.11
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 1:02.36
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.37
Annette Marchant (Mercy) 1:02.58
Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 1:02.39

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:50.70)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.81
Livonia Stevenson 1:54.78
Plymouth Salem 1:58.47
North Farmington 1:57.08
Plymouth Canton 2:04.88

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 2:04.99)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:52.09
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:58.32
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:58.94
Kristin Loides (Mercy) 2:00.83
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:00.72
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 2:01.24
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 2:01.55
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 2:01.66
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:01.76
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 2:02.82

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:50.70)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.81
Livonia Stevenson 1:54.78
Plymouth Salem 1:58.47
North Farmington 1:57.08
Westland John Glenn 1:47.88

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 1:58.79)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 59.24
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:02.13
Michelle Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.22
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:02.95
Katie Neglick (Mercy) 1:03.22
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.56
Laura Hermann (Stevenson) 1:03.82
Kaelah Gould (Mercy) 1:04.48
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:04.48
Amy Smith (Franklin) 1:04.49

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:11.29)

Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:08.84
Amy Mertens (Salem) 1:09.85
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:09.93
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:10.91
Lindsay Parker (Salem) 1:11.14
Jennifer Bendick (N. Farmington) 1:11.23
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:12.40
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:13.74
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Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.72

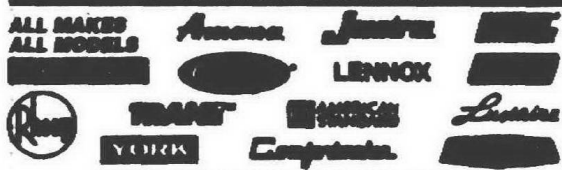
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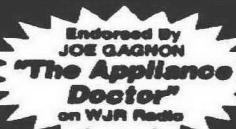
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Madonna blindsided



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Must be the month for baseball acrimony. Subway Series, Clemens vs. Piazza, not to mention the status of the lease of Madonna University's baseball park with the Livonia Public Schools.

Madonna administrators were blindsided when they were informed it would have to vacate its hardball diamond, located on the grounds of the Bentley Center.

The Crusaders were told they have to be out within 180 days (around April 15).

Franklin High School's baseball teams would be the new tenant, although it's the Patriot girls softball team which needs a place to play next spring.

At a school which is already land-locked due to a new locker-room annex and construction underway for a new fieldhouse, the Franklin girls softball facility has been wiped out.

The MU ball diamond, rented at a cost of \$2,000 per year from EPS, has been under a year-to-year lease agreement for the past eight years.

As all local baseball fans know, former MU coach Mike George took a slab of dirt and a backstop at old Bentley and transformed it into a field of dreams. They've sunk nearly \$100,000 into the complex including new dugouts, fencing, netting, bleachers, an irrigation system, along with other amenities such as a press box and scoreboard.

It rivals any amateur field in the metro area.

Although MU employees are under a gag order from president Sister Mary Francilene, current

baseball coach Greg Haeger and many connected with his program are crying foul.

The MU baseball program would obviously be severely hurt by LPS' move, but as superintendent of schools Ken Watson says, "Our first responsibility is to take care of our students."

"We have a problem that we're short one field," Watson said. "And we need to accommodate both the Franklin baseball and softball teams."

It appears Sister Francilene got Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey involved with the matter and things have significantly changed since Dave Watson (no relation), the LPS Director of Operations, first informed MU athletic director Ray Summers of the situation.

It appears to the two schools are trying to work out something with the city to accommodate one of the threeteams.

The remedy is a no-brainer as far as I'm concerned.

Let Madonna keep its lease, let Franklin baseball stay on its existing field and put the Franklin girls on the main softball diamond at Ford Field, which is the closest and best site available.

Sure, it's somewhat of an inconvenience for the Franklin girls to play off campus, but other Livonia spring teams have done the same.

Only recently did the Churchill varsity baseball team, with its diamonds undergoing renovation, play at both Bicentennial Park and Ford Field.

A strong rumor has been floating around that Ken Watson approved the severing of the lease with MU in response to Sister Francilene's support of Proposal 1, the school voucher issue in next month's election.

Sister Francilene has made it

known her support for "Say Yes to Schools," while Ken Watson obviously "Says No" to vouchers.

Ken Watson flatly denies that played into the decision. He and Sister Francilene were actually together last Thursday at a Chamber of Commerce function and Watson says the subject of the fields or vouchers never entered into their conversation.

"We have two different units trying to work out problems, the school voucher issue doesn't exist," Ken Watson said.

Sister Francilene would not comment on current negotiations with the city other than that there "is ongoing discussion."

I can't believe the Livonia Public Schools would be foolish enough to pull the plug completely on the Madonna baseball program.

It would be the major public relations blunder.

But Ken Watson does have a point when he says, "Madonna needs to look into some long-term solutions" regarding its athletic facilities "on its own property."

If MU is going to continue to compete in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, it needs a long-range plan for upgrading on-campus athletic facilities.

That is a problem Sister Francilene must address. She has to step to the plate.

Meanwhile, LPS appears to be softening its stance on the lease and it's trying to work to a solution.

"We're hopeful all parties will be satisfied and they understand, and that it's not a done deal," Ken Watson said.

Let the Yankees and Mets continue to scrap. We don't need a Clemens-Piazza dispute.

Surely something can be ironed out in a New York minute.

Canton football from page B1

scoring dart to give the Tigers their first lead of the night with 1:17 showing on the first-half clock. Orskey's extra point gave the hosts a 10-7 halftime cushion.

"Up until that point, Canton had been taking away the middle routes from us," LaPointe said. "But our quarterback made a nice read and throw, and our receiver made a great catch."

Led by its offensive front seven of Matt Nuss, Rob Labanino, Brandon Wright, Mike Schmid, Tim Koerner, Chris Smilo and Reeser, Canton opened the second half with a statement-making drive that started on its own 35 and ended 12 plays later in the end zone.

Gazsi capped the drive when he plunged 1 yard to paydirt on fourth-and-goal behind solid blocks from Labanino and Smilo. Wolcott's extra point made it 14-10 with 6:10 to go in the third quarter.

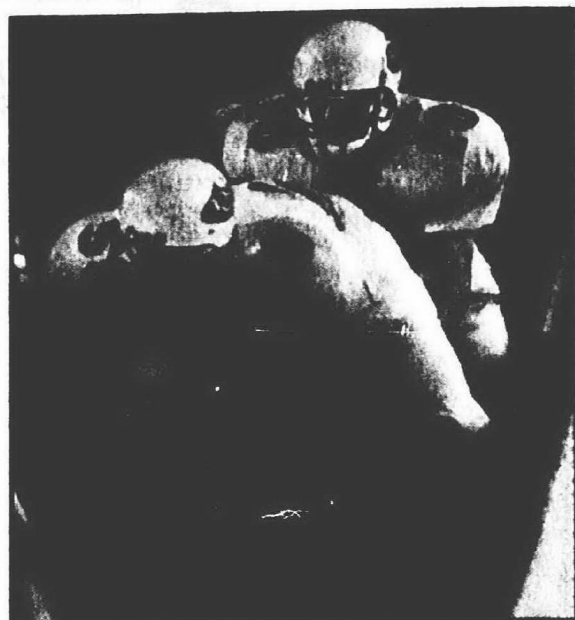
Belleville's next drive was thwarted when Canton's Dan Farkas sacked Szmansky on a third-and-seven play on the Tiger 40.

Canton all but sealed the win with a 12-play, 66-yard scoring drive that started with nine seconds to go in the third quarter and finished with 6:28 left in the game. The TD unfolded when Wolcott hooked up with Reeser on a 26-yard post pattern. One play previous to the touchdown, a 14-yard Wolcott-to-Reeser TD pass had been nullified by an offensive holding penalty.

Kobus, a recent addition to the Chiefs' defensive unit, intercepted a pair of Szmansky passes in the final six minutes. Canton's Kyle Lasko also picked a pass off in the game's waning seconds.

Canton outgained Belleville, 254-193.

Fuller led Canton's ground attack with 72 yards



On target: Canton quarterback Oliver Wolcott (10) tossed a pair of TD passes.

on 16 carries. Kobus finished with 53 yards (18 carries) while Gazsi churned out 50 yards (15 carries).

Wolcott was 2-of-6 passing for 53 yards. He also ran the ball three times for 26 yards.

Myers paced the Tigers' offense with 48 yards on four carries. Szmansky completed 6-of-12 passes for 86 yards.

Salem soccer from page B1

Arbor's standout junior forward. "I was deeply concerned about him."

The Rocks' offense sputtered early. Passes missed the mark and the few shots Salem got sailed either high or wide.

That changed with about 15 minutes remaining in the first half. Haar had a corner kick at 35:40 that Longpre was able to get a foot on, but the shot went high.

Moments later Haar, who had missed several weeks of action with a hamstring injury, proved to be the catalyst again as he

assisted on Popeney's goal. Salem dominated the remainder of the half.

The Rocks made it 2-0 at the 30-minute mark on a goal by Loewe. Popeney, on the left wing, made a great centering pass on the play as he slid and kicked the ball skillfully back to the middle of the field.

According to McCarthy, his team wore Pioneer down.

"We have great size and strength," he commented. "I think it began to take a toll on them."

The second half was all Salem.

The Rocks wasted no time making it 3-0 as Longpre got his first goal at the 3:08 mark. McCarthy felt the goal put the game out of reach.

"It's not likely that we'd give up three goals to anyone," he said. "We felt if we could score twice we'd have a good chance to win."

Longpre's second goal came about midway through the half. Loewe made a cross-field pass from the right wing. Longpre took the pass and drilled a shot just inside the right post to make it 4-0.



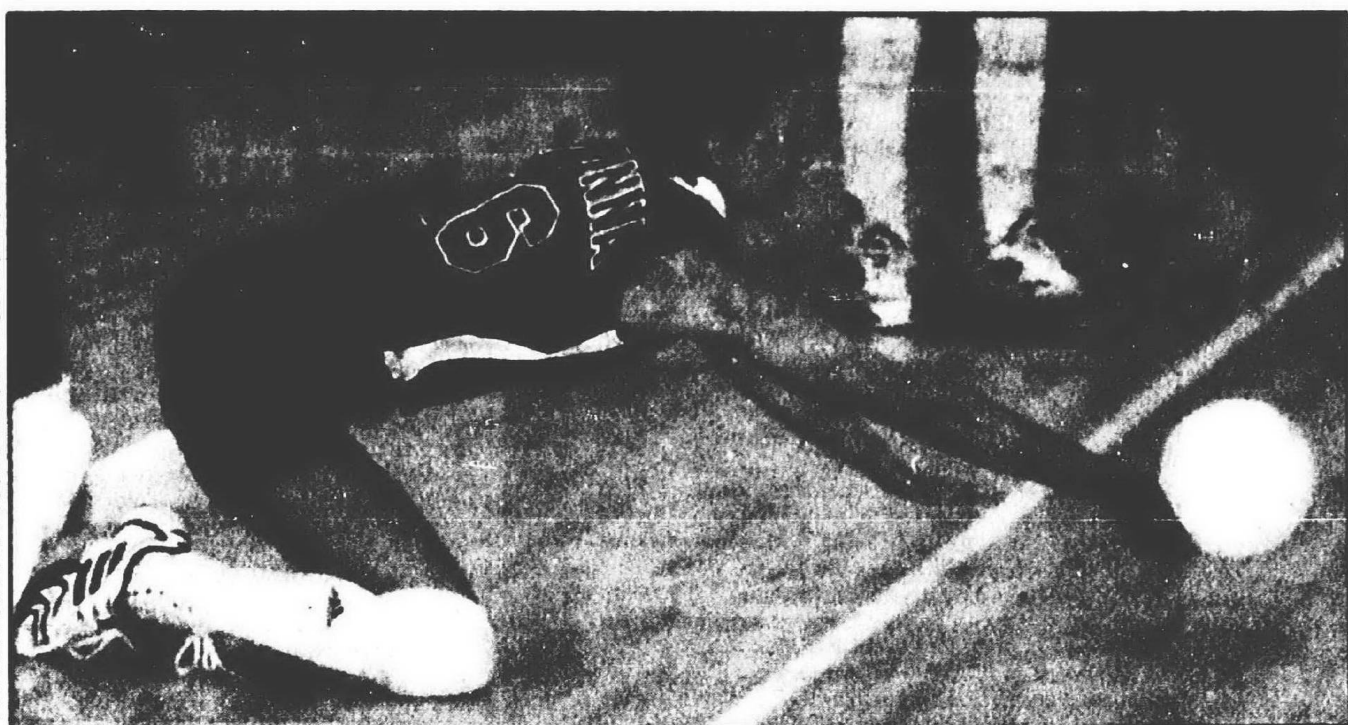
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Diving save: Madonna's Kelly Artymovich makes a diving dig to help save a point during Thursday's first game. Artymovich also had several kills — nine all told — in the match.

Madonna volleyball from B1

Just as surprising, the pivotal point came when Madonna managed to hang on — barely — to win the first set after the Eagles had battled back from a 12-2 deficit to knot it at 13-all.

One would think that whatever the outcome, the momentum would swing to Cornerstone.

Nope. Instead, the Crusaders took complete command, scoring six points on Amanda Suder's (from Plymouth Salem) game-opening serve. Following an Eagle side-out, Madonna got three more points to make it 9-0 on Kelly Artymovich's serve (all on Cornerstone hitting errors).

The lead reached 14-0 with Jennie Wind serving, after an Eagle side-out on a service error.

"Right away we didn't

execute well," said Settle, her team 28-5 overall. Both teams are 10-1 in the WHAC; Madonna is 32-5 overall.

Madonna did, getting particularly strong play from seniors Artymovich, Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) and Erin Cunningham. Malewski finished with a match-high 12 kills (.480 kill percentage); she also had six digs and six blocks.

Artymovich was next best for the Crusaders with nine kills; she added eight digs and three service aces. Cunningham added eight kills (.250) and seven digs.

"My three seniors have been focused all week," said Abraham. "Brandy's something special. All three of my seniors are special." Jennie Wind added 32 set

assists and 14 digs. Marylu Homme (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) had 14 digs and Suder totaled 11 digs.

Cornerstone's best was Laura Ennis and Allison Schneider, each with seven kills. Sarah Haney contributed 21 set assists and six digs.

Of course, all the numbers and figures could be reversed once again when Cornerstone hosts the WHAC Tournament. Still, it will be difficult to view Madonna as an underdog; all four of its non-league losses have come to ranked teams in tournament finals.

Then again, this loss could benefit the Eagles down the road. As Settle noted, "Wake-up calls aren't necessarily a bad thing."

Whalers from page B1

18:03 to close out the scoring in the first period. Stacey Britstone brought the puck across Sudbury's blue line wide to the right to start the play as Weiss cut wide left.

The two-on-one for the Whalers resulted in Britstone passing to Weiss who had the easy tap-in for the 3-0 lead.

The Wolves went 0-4 on the power play in the first period, which didn't help their chances.

Weiss scored his second goal of the game at 16:30 of the second period, tipping in a hard shot from the point by Libor Ustrnal to make it 4-0. Kris Vernarsky stuffed in a rebound at 6:51 of the final period for the Whalers' final goal.

Rob Zepp, the Ontario Hockey League's top netminder, picked up the shutout.

"We played a solid team defense tonight," said Whaler's head coach Pete DeBoer, "as well as generating a good offense, and Zepp was sharp in net."

Whalers add defenseman

The Plymouth Whalers are a young hockey club, with just one over-age player on their roster in Stacey Britstone. At least that's all they had until Friday.

Plymouth acquired defenseman Ryan O'Keefe and a fifth-round draft pick in 2002 in exchange for second-year forward Stephen Morris. Morris, his agents and the Whalers management mutually agreed upon the trade.

"Stephen felt he had a better chance to get in the lineup in Barrie and play some more than he was here," explained DeBoer. "It's an unfortunate situation because we were not looking to deal away Morris, but it was an option he wanted to pursue that was presented to him through his agents."

This partly solves the Whalers' search for over-agers, who can add an element of leadership and experience to the club. O'Keefe, who this season for Barrie had one goal and four assists (five points), has experience in both the OHL playoffs and the Memo-

rial Cup.

Last year he recorded seven goals and 28 assists for 35 points while playing a rock solid defensive game. The Whalers expect him to be a solid, tough defenseman. O'Keefe's character will also play a role.

"O'Keefe appealed to us because of the scouting reports we got on him," said DeBoer. "He is a character player who has leadership skills."

"We are a young team and we need to replace guys like (Randy) Fitzgerald, (Eric) Gooldy and (Shaun) Fisher. O'Keefe is hopefully the answer for us."

Morris was off to a steady start this season for the Whalers, recording three goals and three assists for six points in 11 games.

"It was a decision that all parties felt good about. I am going to have a better chance to play more in Barrie, and hopefully this will be a positive career move for myself," said Morris. "I will definitely miss everyone here in Plymouth though."

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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Animals can't buy new coats at local Kmart

Fall is the season when animals prepare for winter. They cannot wait for snow or cold temperatures to arrive before taking appropriate measures. White-tailed deer cannot drop into Kmart for a winter coat during the first snowfall. Animals and plants must prepare well in advance.

One group of animals that shows a dramatic change from summer to winter are the small weasels, or ermines. Most people do not realize that Michigan sports three species that change their fur color from winter to summer. The three species are the short-tailed, long-tailed and least weasels. They are long thin predators seldom seen because they are small and hide very well.

In summer they are a brown color. Brown is a color that camouflages the weasel when seen against the dried brown leaves of the forest floor. However in winter, brown does not provide camouflage, so they shed the brown fur and grow white fur. This process occurs over a period of several days. The new white fur is thick and serves to insulate the weasel against cold temperatures.

Few animals change fur color as dramatically as the weasels. In fact, just one other animal in Michigan changes its fur color. Snowshoe hares, found in the Upper Peninsula and in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, also change their fur color to white in winter. When spring arrives, they shed their white fur and grow fur that is mousy brown in color. Weasels in southern states with no snow do not change color.

Most people are aware of these changes in fur color for winter, but they may not be aware that some animals come in different colors. Different individuals of the same species can be a different color.

Many people now have black-colored squirrels in their yard. This is the gray squirrel, even though it is black. It just so happens that gray squirrels can be born either gray or black and will stay that color for the rest of their lives. In some cases the color options may give the animal a survival advantage, but I'm not aware of anything like that with the gray squirrel.

Ruffed grouse, a chicken-like bird of aspen forests, also show at least two color phases, gray and rufous. Each color has the same camouflage pattern to the feathers, except the base color is either gray or reddish. Both allow the bird to hide very well on the forest floor.

Studies have shown that the red-phase birds cannot survive long periods of cold temperatures. Gray birds are seen more frequently in the northern part of their range, while reddish birds are more common in the southern part of their range.

By the way, ruffed grouse are preparing for winter now by growing its own snowshoes. Narrow stout scales grow along the edge of each toe like a fringe. This fringe produces extra surface area for the bird to rest on when walking in the snow. The fringe functions in the same manner as the snowshoes worn by people. In spring the extra scales, or fringe, falls off because it's not needed in summer.

There are many things that animals and plants do to prepare for winter; these are just a few of the things you might discover if you watch wildlife closely.

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County.

The heck with Up North, catch fish around here

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a place close by to go fishing? You don't have to go "Up North" - or any farther than a 40-minute drive - to find good spots.

In fact, long as the weather holds, you've got plenty of locations within about 45 minutes of, say, Plymouth Township.

Observer reader and five-year Plymouth Township resident David Russell, an Allen Park native, says he either goes "Up North" alone or takes his and wife Jill's two oldest daughters, 7 and 4. But the Russells wanted sites closer to home.

Jeff Braunscheidel, a fisheries biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources office in Livonia, says the Russells are in luck. He says most people don't consider southeast Michigan a good fishing area, but "There's an excellent variety of fishing" to be had.

"You're not going to find a lot of rainbow trout, but there's just about everything else," he says.

There's even fall and spring salmon and steelhead trout runs in the Lower Huron River, from Flat Rock to the Belleville Dam, Braunscheidel says. The fall runs begin in early to mid-November.

Area fishing sites are as close to the Russells as the pond at Plymouth Township Park, or Newburgh Lake in neighboring Livonia, or Nankin Lake in Westland. Even Canton Township, Jill's hometown, has a kids' annual spring fishing derby.

Farther away are the various Metroparks: southwestern Oakland County, southeastern Livingston County, north-central Washtenaw County and south-central Wayne County. There's also the Detroit River, teeming with varieties of fish.

At any of these sites, those over age 16 need fishing licenses; state laws prevail.

Phil Koslan, veteran Plymouth Township parks employee says the one-acre man-made pond at Township Park - formerly McClumpha Park - is stocked with both large and smallmouth bass, bluegill and sunfish. It's open year-round.

Dock installed

"We just put in a fishing dock this spring," Koslan says. The catch-and-release fishing is "geared to smaller kids."

Newburgh Lake, which starts in Plymouth Township and was drained and dredged two years ago to remove pollutants, offers only "catch-and-release" shoreline-fishing, the DNR's Braunscheidel says, because the state has not yet approved its fish for consumption.

"It'll probably be a couple years before it gets really, really good" with the "multitude of species" Newburgh now has, he says.

"But you can go to fish there now and catch panfish and small bass, so it can be a fun day for kids," he adds.

Newburgh has about eight species, ranging from fathead minnows to channel catfish and northern pike. In between are bluegill, pumpkinseed fish, crappie, largemouth bass and walleye.

No eating yet

At Nankin Lake, the mix includes minnows, hybrid bluegill, largemouth bass, channel cat and northern. Since it, too, is part of the Rouge River system, the fish there aren't for eating either, as yet.

If you want "keepers," go northwest to Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark in southwest Oakland County, says Braunscheidel. It's part of the Huron River system and the fish can be eaten.

Species include walleye and pike "and there's also excellent bass - large and smallmouth - as well as crappies and bluegills," he says.

It's nice for the small-boat owner, personal watercraft and water-skiing aren't allowed.

Some fishermen recommend wading the Huron River at Dexter in the Dexter-Huron Metropark northwest of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County, but that might not be for



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Where to fish? David Russell and his children Rachael, 7, (left to right), Jacob, 1, and Gabrielle, 4, would like to fish locally instead of going north.

young children.

Heading southeast, Braunscheidel recommends "parks around Ann Arbor, around the (Huron) river, a lot of city parks that can be fished."

Near the dam

He specifically likes the Geddes impoundment off U.S. Highway 23 near the Dixboro Dam for shorefishing. Ford Lake, southeast of Ypsilanti, is better for boaters.

Farther south and east is Crosswinds Marsh, the prize-winning southwestern Wayne County man-made preserve created when the expansion of Metro Airport took some wetland. The marsh has been open three years.

Darrin Bauer, a Wayne County naturalist who is also Crosswinds manager, says there are several fishing docks in the marsh and that fishermen are catching 17-19-inch largemouth bass, channel cat, "lots of carp and bluegill and sunfish," some bullheads and black crappie.

"It's slowly developing into a decent fishery," Bauer says. "We don't allow any ice-fishing, but there's hardly a time you don't find somebody fishing."

Portia Fields-Anderson, assistant parks superintendent for the Lower Huron and Willow Metroparks, says fishing is allowed anywhere along the river in the Lower Huron Metropark and in Washago Pond in the adjacent Willow Metropark. Washago also loans fishing poles and rents both paddleboats and rowboats for fishing.

Bob Wittersheim, supervising park interpreter, says panfish such as sunfish and bluegills and "a surprising number of good-size 2-3-pound bass, perch and crappie" are being caught in Washago.

But park people also "are excited about the potential for steelhead and rainbow trout and salmon runs" since a fish ladder was built four years ago at the Huron River dam farther downriver in Flat Rock.

Seek the treat

And don't let the tricks get you down

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Halloween is upon us and it is time again for tricks and treats.

Trick: when you have an apparently great pocket hit and still leave the 7-10 split. How about a nice treat: That would be if you can convert that 7-10 split.

Trick: That is when you stick at the foul line and fall flat on your face or get over the line where you slip on the oil and fall flat on your back.

Treat: That is whenever the approaches are nice and smooth, so you can make better shots all day long.

Trick: When the lane conditions do not match the ball you brought. The one you left at home would have worked better on this day. Treat: When you find a good line to the pocket and are getting good carry.

Trick: You miss a spare in the 10th frame and the other team wins by one pin. Treat: Your triple in the 10th and your team wins by one pin.

Have a happy and safe Halloween, no tricks, all treats.

If you watched the Pro Bowlers Tour on ESPN last Tuesday you must have been impressed by the newcomer, Robert Smith. It was the Flagship Open at Erie, Pa., where

Smith beat the great Walter Ray Williams in the championship match, 239-233. This is an exciting new star on the scene, and what a devastating ball!

Watching these pro players makes you more appreciative of what it takes to be a professional bowler. They can withstand the pressure, and there is plenty of that. Sometimes the one who gets the breaks is the one who cashes in big time. The next two Monday nights will feature some big tour stops on the Women's Pro Tour, with the PWBA Greater Harrisburg open on Monday. Our local lady pros such as Cheryl Daniels, Aleta Sill, Lisa Bishop and Novella White will be in the starting field. Watch for that 8 p.m. time slot on ESPN-TV.

By now all members of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association should have received in the mail, the new plastic sanction cards and the fall issue of the GDBA newsletter featuring a great article by yours truly. As an extra benefit to sanctioned bowlers, there are discounts available from several merchants including all ABC Warehouse stores on major appliances, TV, audio and camcorders at employee prices, Detroit Pistons tickets discounted from \$28 to \$20 for GDBA members, D.O.C. group vision plan, Eastown Printing with 25 percent off on wedding invitations, Sunshine Honda in

Plymouth (save \$100 on the purchase of a new or used Honda) and Tominello Chiropractic with a complimentary consultation and posture analysis for GDBA members (a \$350 value). They are on 11 Mile Road in Royal Oak. These are all listed on page 2 of the newsletter. Page 5 lists the participating pro shops that support a \$20 discount on purchases of \$150 or more in bowling equipment. If you did not receive a copy or are not in the GDBA, copies of the newsletter will be available soon at most area bowling centers on the counter. Take one, it's free.

Personal record score cards are being printed up and will be distributed over the next two weeks to all area bowling centers, courtesy of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can keep a written record of all games bowled in each league every season. Personally, I have kept this up myself for more than 40 years of league bowling with every game bowled in all leagues. Don't ask why, I just like to do it. Even if you are not a league bowler, you can keep track of your games in open bowling and be able to figure what your average would be if you were in a league. It is a good barometer for you to see how you are improving or going downhill, so to speak. They are free for the taking, and this is something we are doing again, just for you, our loyal readers.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

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NIGHT HIKE
Hike the trails by moonlight during the "Night Hike" program at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Due to bridge repairs, enter the park from the Kensington Road entrance off I-96. For more information, contact the Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or (800) 477-3178.

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To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoor, 905 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.

Buck activity is picking up as rut approaches

OUTDOOR

Some of the best deer hunting of the season - at least in my estimation - is about to unfold. Recent reports from across the state indicate that bucks are getting edgy.

DEER

The internal clock on a white-tail buck tells him when it's time to breed. When that clock begins to ring, bucks know what time it is and boy do they become active. Ask any veteran bow hunter when the most exciting time of the season is and they'll undoubtedly tell you that time is now.

The rut, or breeding period, for whitetail deer is about to begin. Nature dictates, mostly by the hours of daylight, when this period will take place.

In order to ensure that fawns have ample time to grow before winter and harsh conditions set in, nature dictates that fawns in Michigan will be born in May and early June. This gives them five solid months (June through October) to grow and develop before the howling winds of November arrive.

To ensure the fawns are born in May and early June, nature dictates when breeding occurs. In Michigan, breeding peaks in the month of November. Some hunters feel weather conditions trigger the rut, but they are mistaken.

The main element triggering the rut is dwindling hours of daylight. If weather dictated the rut, an early winter would mean fawns would be born in April and many would die of pneumonia because of the tendency for April to be a wet, cold, month. If we had a late winter, breeding wouldn't occur until December or later, in which case fawns wouldn't be dropped until say July and they wouldn't have enough time to grow, especially if we had an early winter the next year.

No, it's not the weather, but the hours of daylight that triggers a buck's hormones and tells him it's time to go searching for a doe. We're probably still a week or two away from that breeding season, but those hor-

monies in a bucks are already beginning to influence his activity.

Want proof?

"Bucks are getting active. They're all over the place," said Jack Walsh, of Walsh Gun and Tackle in Canaville. "One guy got a nice big 8-point earlier this week."

"Bucks are chasing does all over the place up here. Things are starting to heat up," said Ron Bauer, of Glen's Live Bait

and tackle in Alpena.

"Bucks are tending scrapes and chasing does," said Hank Wilford, of Hank's Sport Shop in Sault Ste. Marie. "One hunter took a 15-point up here a couple of days ago."

The next week or so is what veteran deer hunters refer to as the pre-rut stage, the period when bucks are ready and anxious to breed, but does are not yet receptive.

Now is the time to get out into

the woods. Bucks are on the prowl throughout the day, checking for an estrus doe that is ready to breed. Their activity level is at the highest point of the year. Bucks are curious and aggressive right now and the use of calls, rattle horns and mock scrapes or deer scent will work better now than at any other time of the season.

If a buck smells the scent of another buck in his area he will become aggressive and protec-

tive, thrashing nearby saplings in an effort to deter a potential rival. The clash of antlers from rattle horns will drive bucks nuts as they storm in to see who has intruded, and is fighting on his turf. One or two low grunts from a deer call is sometimes all that is needed right now to turn a buck back in your direction that otherwise may be heading for the north 40.

Don't wait for "next weekend" to make that trip north or to get


out to your favorite deer blind. Get out there now and enjoy the action. It won't get any better.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoor, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008.)


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N'ville sends Stevenson to sidelines, 1-0

The boys soccer season ended abruptly Thursday in the Division I district semifinals for Livonia Stevenson.

Senior midfielder Tim Kelleher one-timed a shot from 15 yards out midway through the opening half to give host Northville an upset 1-0 victory over the Western Lakes Activities Association co-champions.

Stevenson bows out with a 14-3-2 overall record, while Northville (10-5-3) advanced to Saturday's district final against top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice (19-1).

"We made a miscue in the middle of our defense, the ball squibbed out to the keeper's left side and he (Kelleher) hit it well to the back post," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Then we kind of panicked when we got a goal down and we kind of lost our composure, but that's kind of expected from a young team when the pressure is on."

Stevenson had chances to score the equalizer, but Northville center goalkeeper Jon McClary (seven saves) kept the Spartans off the board.

On Oct. 9, Stevenson host Northville at home, 1-0.

"We knew Northville was going to play a tough game," Richters said. "Losing the last game is never easy, but a lot of what the guys accomplished during the season they can be proud of."

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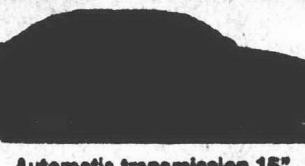



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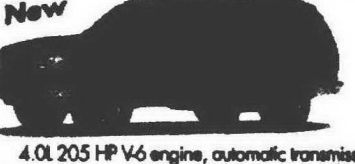

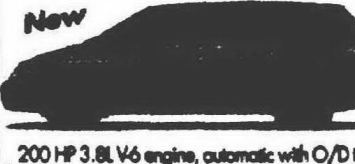
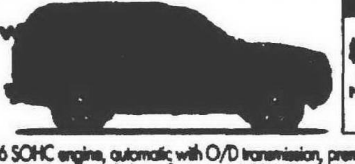
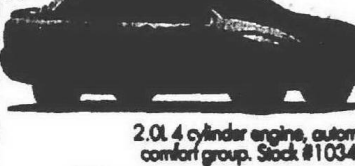
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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Swing to the brass and flash of the Big Band

Johnny Trudell is as big a supporter of Big Band music as when he began playing it more than 45 years ago. His fear is if the next generation isn't introduced to the swinging sounds of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson and Harry James the music won't survive.

That's why he and the other members of the Michigan Jazz Festival committee are planning a Salute to the Big Bands Sunday, Nov. 5, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. The concert, featuring Trudell's 17-member band which includes five saxophones, four trombones, and four trumpets plus Trudell, celebrates the music of the bands who played the Clarenceville Jazz Series in the 1970s and '80s. Proceeds from the event go to support the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Trudell founded the festival with Emil Moro six years ago.



High note: Johnny Trudell leads a tribute to the Big Bands of Basie, Kenton, Herman, James, and Ferguson.

What: Salute to the Big Bands featuring Johnny Trudell's Big Band
When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5
Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$15, proceeds go to support the Michigan Jazz Festival. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

"They're all my favorites," said Trudell, a trumpeter who's played with Tommy Dorsey, Dizzy Gillespie and Sarah Vaughan. "I enjoyed all these Big Bands - Count Basie, Kenton. We'll play four to five tunes from each. We're trying to expose younger people to the music and

what these bands sounded like. For older folks it's reminiscing. They loved that music. And it's to educate the younger generation. Otherwise, there won't be any audiences in the future."

Trudell doesn't have to worry about audiences just yet. He has enough work to keep him busy playing six nights a week for some time to come. In the last three months alone, Trudell's played in a Big Band festival at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, with Connie Francis at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Brian Wilson at Pine Knob, Don Rickles at Andiamo's in Warren, the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly known as the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival), the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's JazzStage series, and with the Matt Michaels Trio at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City.

Big Band revival

Midge Ellis believes Trudell's active performing schedule signals a revival in Big Band music. She remembers bands like Harry James which stopped at Clarenceville twice a year as they criss-crossed the country playing new as well as old favorites.

Maynard Ferguson brought an all-English band the first time he played the Clarenceville series, sold it out

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Connie Lucas will bring this weekend's "Summer Idyll" to the Birmingham Temple Juried Art Show.

28 Years of Art and Imagination



Temple show offers wide range of works

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It's not a gallery, but for three days every year the Birmingham Temple becomes one of the artiest spaces around.

This year the 28th annual invitational art show is no exception with one-stop shopping for clay, glass, fiber, drawing and painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture and wood by 108 artists from all around the Midwest Friday-Sunday, Nov. 3-5 at the temple in Farmington Hills.

Some of the highlights include 18 clay artists, glass by Deb Eliassen of Farmington Hills; glass and wrought iron sculptures of flowers by Andrew Madvin, Birmingham; contemporary silver jewelry by Matthew Gross, Berkeley; African bead work by Dorothy Jett-Carter, Oak Park; vintage jewelry by Krista Moss, Milan, and sculpture by Mike Schickian, an iron worker on the Ohio turnpike.

Show chairman Toby Kiritais says among the artists not to be missed are Paul Adams and his drawings of old Detroit and its trolleys because "it's a trip down memory lane." Waterford artist Dan Carmichael's metal garden sculptures of large sunflowers, and West Bloomfield fiber artist Celia Block's silk painted jackets and scarves are sure to be show stoppers as well.

Eight categories

Judges Nancy Jones, curator of education at the Detroit Institute of Arts; Linda Margolin, DIA associate curator of education, and Ann Kuffler of Ariana Gallery in Royal Oak will award blue ribbons for the best in each of the eight categories.

"It's an opportunity to showcase marvelous art most of which is by area artists," said Kiritais, a Livonia resident. "The style of the temple lends itself to a gallery setting. It's an opportunity for people to come and enjoy our temple and the art. During the gala they'll have an opportunity to meet many of the artists and talk with them, to walk around and have some hors d'oeuvres, wine and the first chance to purchase art."

Award-winning Canton artist Connie Lucas is excited about bringing more than a dozen still life and

What: 28th annual Birmingham Temple Juried Art Show featuring 108 artists
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5. No charge.
Where: 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
Gate Opening: 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 with wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and music by pianist Sam Wedes. Tickets are \$15, and available at the door. Call (248) 477-1410 for more information

nature-theme works, including an etching of a cat, to Birmingham Temple. This is her second year in the show and she's loving every minute of it even though she's displayed art in more than 355 juried exhibitions statewide and nationally.

"It has everything - jewelry glass, ceramics," said Lucas. "It's a beautiful show. They even have clothing."

Barbara Demgen will display a dozen watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, including her jungle animals, and a work she refers to as a "veggie study" which would be perfect for a kitchen.

This is the second time in the show for the Livonia artist who's been painting more than 30 years. Demgen recently won Best of Show for the Wayne County

Council for Arts, History & Humanities Artists Among Us exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"It's nice to see all of the work up gallery style," said Demgen. "You're showing alongside someone on the next wall."

Over the years, Robin Motta has purchased paintings, jewelry and sculpture at the show. Like the rest of the show's committee members the Bloomfield Hills publicity person uses the event to do a little early Christmas shopping.

"It's set up in a gallery fashion," said Motta. "You can take time to stroll around and not get lost, and the prices are pretty reasonable."



Glass and crafts: Michael Batdorf, a Maumee, Ohio craftsman, will display this two-seat bench made from curly maple and walnut. At left, the glass art of James Wilbat of Deerfield, Ill. is also in the annual art show.

Artist draws on color, flowers for inspiration

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Dorothy Koliba loves color and flowers. Two years ago, she took a trip to Europe and returned with enough inspiration to paint dozens of works, many of which are in her one-woman show opening Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Wentworth Gallery in Livonia.

Using layers of watercolor, Koliba paints the deep values she so loves in a scene featuring a sidewalk cafe in Salzburg, Austria. Cityscapes, painted on location in Brunico, Italy, capture the quaint streets and buildings on long, summer days.

"I like Europe because there are flowers all over," said Koliba, a former resident of Livonia and Plymouth now living in Brighton. "I think people like flowers and color. The brighter the colors, the better because of the dreary Michigan winters. That's why I do love to paint gardens. In summer, I paint on location at the Milford Garden Walk."

Koliba's beginnings as an artist are somewhat unusual. Her first canvas was a wall she filled with Mickey Mouses for her

What: Dorothy Koliba exhibits watercolor floral and landscapes. **When:** Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 1-3. **Receptions:** will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. **Where:** Wentworth Gallery in Laurel Park Plaza, 37648 Six Mile Road and Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 462-5840



Floral fantasy: Detail of Dorothy Koliba's watercolor of a girl in a garden.

six-month old daughter's bedroom. Oils came next and before long Koliba was driving to Flint once a week to take watercolor classes. Next came workshops with Nita Engle, Tom Lynch, Janet Walsh, Peggy Brown, Edee Joppich, and Donna Vogelheim.

Over the years, she's exhibited work at Livonia City Hall, Farmington Public Library, and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

"Back in 1970, there weren't any watercolor classes in the area," said Koliba, "so for four years I drove to Flint because I love the media so much."

Koliba's love of the medium and her ability to produce vibrant colors with it are two of the reasons Denise Lafferty chose to exhibit the work. Lafferty discovered Koliba's paintings at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair in July.

"She paints subject matter very appealing to our customers," said Lafferty, director of the Wentworth Gallery in Livonia. "A lot of people have been requesting we show local artists and her work has a relaxing, vacation feel to it. We're hoping to show about four local artists a year."

MUSIC

Orchestra goes all-American for opening concert

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Volodymyr Sheshiuk rushes into Churchill High School in Livonia without even a moment to spare to take off his jacket. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor is running short of time.

The new season opens Saturday, Nov. 4, at Churchill High School and the rush is on to learn the music for the all-American program. The 28th season will offer audiences a medley of musical styles as well as guest artists.

At the top of Sheshiuk's list is the return of Joshua Cullen, a young pianist the orchestra debuted at the age of 8. Cullen is now a student at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor. He'll perform a Grieg concerto performed in Japan in September.

"I'm excited about Joshua Cullen but I'm also excited about the first concert - Americana with pianist Pauline Martin playing George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue," said Sheshiuk.

A Koch International Classics recording artist, Martin is a music professor at Wayne State University. In the last few seasons, the orchestra has spotlighted artists and music written by professors from WSU. At rehearsal on Monday night, the orchestra tackled James Lentini's *Sinfonia Di Festa* which embarks on its musical odyssey with powerful orchestration then fades to a lyrical string passage accented by bassoons and gradually builds to new musical expression.

"It's not the premiere but I like this music," said Sheshiuk. "We wanted to bring something new or old with new feeling to the first concert. The new is the 1815 Overture by Christopher Tew."

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra opens its 28th season with an Americana program. **When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. **Where:** Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. **Tickets:** \$15, \$10 students/children, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 425-4855

All American: Volodymyr Sheshiuk conducts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in the season opener "Americana."



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A former orchestra violinist now living in Tennessee, Tew opens the overture with an American folk song from around the time of the War of 1812. According to LSO board of directors President Bob Bennett, Tew weaves and overlays American music of the same period into the fabric.

"It's constructed like Tchaikovsky but written with American and English traditions or original material," said Sheshiuk. "It's the same instrumentation but we can't use the cannons here, and flugelhorn substitute for cornets."

Carolyn Avery is just as excited as

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Arthur Miller honored for contributions to American theater

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

For those who might be missing out, this has been a week of celebration. It's a week to honor a group of contributors to the arts, who, in one way or another, have touched the lives of a majority of the

people in Michigan.

Although this celebration has been taking place annually for the past 15 years, there was something and someone who made the Wednesday's Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture ceremonies unforgettable, and well, dramatic.

Receiving the International Achievement Award was playwright Arthur Miller, whose body of work includes some of

the most gripping moments in the history of American theatre. If *Death of a Salesman* had been the only play he had written, that alone would have made Arthur Miller an institution. The impact that one work has had on our perceptions of family life and its ability to be so vibrant and relevant to modern audiences more than a half-century after it was written cannot be overstated.

I'm hesitant to provide a short list of his other plays for two reasons. Not only am I likely to leave out one of your favorites, but at the age of 85, Miller is still writing. Who knows what treasures remain?

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, the series presents a rare and revealing interview with Arthur Miller, whose local roots include

his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1938.

Although he has returned to his alma mater a number of times since, and even chronicled the visits in his 1987 memoir, *Timebends*, this past week's activities and the Governor's Award were noteworthy for us all. In a formal, unified way, we had the opportunity to say "thanks."

Backstage Pass also acknowledges the other honorees at this week's ceremonies, who include civic leader Arthur L. Johnson, artist and businesswoman Gwen Frostic, Detroit Symphony Orchestra chairman Peter D. Cummings, poet Terry Blackhawk and others who encompass some of the state's brightest educators, artists, philanthropists and institutions.

Jazz bands unite for day of music

Music aficionados are invited to come together Sunday, Oct. 29, for a jazz doubleheader.

Eric Mannering's Imperial Jazz Band and Tom Saunders' Detroit All-Stars Band will perform at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia from 2-6 p.m.

Tickets for the local performance are \$10 in advance or \$13 at the door. Advance purchases can be made by calling Bill Knowles at (248) 476-2674. A light menu and cash bar will be featured.

Mannering, originally from England, began his musical journey at a young age by playing violin for his father. Over the years, he would expand his musical knowledge to include piano, trumpet, harmonica, drums, banjo and accordion.

His musical prowess allowed him to play with various dance orchestras, jazz bands and the village brass band of his native Rochdale.

One place he played was a club in nearby Liverpool run

by Brian Epstein who also booked the rock group Quarrymen, soon to evolve into the Beatles. On the cabaret circuit, he also met Matt Monroe ("she walks like an angel walks") and Gerry Dorsey, who took the name Englebert Humperdinck.

Saunders, who regularly performed with the band Surfside Six at the former Presidential Inn in Southgate, is a world renowned cornetist. Musical performances have taken him throughout Europe as well as to Japan.

Native to southeast Michigan, Saunders for years has been involved with the Annual Jazz Festival in Decatur, Ill., each January. His continued participation and knowledge of the event led officials to appoint him director.

The Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads. The event is sponsored by The New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club.

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three nights in a row and was the most popular with young people.

"When he first came people would say Maynard who," said Ellis, a Livonia resident and member of the Michigan Jazz Festival committee. "By the end of the series, it was just Maynard. Nobody needed to know his last name."

One of the traditions even back then was to open the Clarenceville series with a high school jazz band. This year the young musicians are from Northville High School and under the direction of Mike Rumbell.

"I saw a revival in the '70s and '80s for the big bands and I think they're coming back again," said Ellis. "Every year when I attend the International Association of Jazz Educators convention in January, there's 7-8,000 educators and students interested in jazz. High schools everywhere have jazz bands now. In the Observer area nearly every high school has a band and now a lot of junior highs have them. This opens up a lot of hope that these young people will appreciate jazz in the future."

Curt Newman sure hopes so. He'll never forget the first time he heard the Stan Kenton

Orchestra more than 40 years ago.

"A friend brought over a recording by the Stan Kenton band," said Newman, who serves on the board of directors for the Michigan Jazz Festival and has been playing tenor saxophone with Trudell for the last five years. "When I heard that I said, 'I got to play that music.' It was sort of like a dream come true when I played as a sub with Kenton at Clarenceville in the '70s."

That first recording of Kenton inspired Newman to found the Brookside Jazz Ensemble with Craig Strain in 1968.

"Between Johnny Trudell, the Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Austin Moro and Jimmy Wilkins, it's kept Big Band music alive," said Newman. "Johnny Trudell is Detroit's Doc Severinson. He's a phenomenal player and arranger, and one of my few heroes."

And we all know how much the world needs heroes. If Big Band music is to survive it needs more jazz lovers like Trudell, Ellis and Newman to keep the swinging sound alive.

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Shesiuik about playing the work. A Brighton resident, Avery began playing second violin with the orchestra more than 25 years ago.

"We did part of the overture this summer," said Avery. "It gives violins a lot of playing to do."

Season opener

Mississippi Suite by Ferde Grofe, *Star Trek Through the Years* arranged by Custer, and *Semper Fidelis* by John Philip Sousa round out the program which opens with a Duke Ellington medley conducted by Carl Karoub, assistant conductor and one of the orchestra's French horn players.

"It's a great piece featuring *Take the A Train* and *Satin Doll* and calls for audience participation," said Karoub.

Reaching audiences is the idea

behind programming a wider range of music for the season.

"We need to bring more pops to the community," said Shesiuik. "We saw last year a bigger audience when this music was played. It's a way to get people to come listen to classical and new music. I want each time to take orchestra to another level. I want to attack something new and make from this some art."

One of the most popular programs last season the orchestra isn't tinkering with is the *Nutcracker Ballet* with the Dearborn Ballet Theatre Saturday, Dec. 2.

"It was a sellout and we're bringing it back for a first time, two years in a row, due to popular demand," said Bennett.

After the holidays, the season continues to draw new audiences with theme concerts such as *Passport to Scandinavia* Satur-

day, Jan. 20 with Cullen playing Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*.

Building on success

Standing-room only for last year's sole chamber offering inspired the orchestra to double the pleasure by offering two concerts in the Livonia Civic Center Library this season. The first is a *Valentine Bouquet* Sunday, Feb. 11, and features solos by orchestra members Steve McKenzie on bass and violinist Mircea Cure of Troy.

"I'm looking forward to playing as a soloist," said McKenzie, a Royal Oak resident who's performed with the Dearborn Symphony 30 years. "Bass and viola don't usually have solo parts so it's unusual. I think it will be sort of surprising for the audience. It's very melodic."

Bennett believes soloists such as McKenzie, Cure and Cullen will make for another successful season. Not to mention the two keyboardists on the Saturday, March 10, program - *The French Connection*. Madonna University professor David Wagner will return to perform Camille Saint Saens *Organ Symphony No. 3* followed by pianist Laura Kargul, a Livonia native. Kargul frequently concertizes in the area and will be giving a recital at the Kerrytown Concert House in

Ann Arbor Sunday, Nov. 5.

"I'm excited about the character of the music and the talent of our guest artists," said Bennett. "We're bringing the most interesting and diverse programming we've ever had. On the March program we'll have two grand pianos and an organ and we're going to turn it into a true orchestra hall."

An *Evening with Antonin* is next on the season schedule Saturday, April 21 with Dvorak's *New World Symphony* and a performance by cellist Natalia Khoma, a Michigan State University music professor. *Spring Vignettes* closes the season with a chamber offering of Bernstein, Haydn, Offenbach, Rachmaninoff, J.S. Bach and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"The season offers a variety of different music that gives the audience a full spectrum of what the orchestra can do," said Jim Poe, a Farmington Hills bassoonist who joined the orchestra in 1991. "Since Volodymyr (now in his sixth season) took over he's given us more challenging music and a lot of background about the composers. We've taken on challenging works and are attracting better players as well."

Sounds like another successful season is in the works.

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FALL CRAFT SHOW

The Walled Lake Central High School show is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. 1600 Oakley Park, Walled Lake. (248) 363-6473.

HOLIDAY ART AND CRAFT FAIR

The 21st annual St. Hugo of the Hills School fair is 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Preview night is 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 for \$25. Hickory Grove & Opdyke.

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Opens Oct. 31 to Dec. 23 at Washington Street Gallery. Opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

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A festive gathering of shops from across the country is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. \$6 admission/no strollers. Kingswood Campus of Cranbrook Schools, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3565.

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The event is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 on Ann Arbor Trail between Inkster and Telegraph. (734) 953-5914.

WESTACRES ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

The 26th annual fair is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at Westacres Clubhouse, off Commerce Rd., between Union Lake Rd. & Orchard Lake Rd. (248) 360-3934.

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Maniscalco Gallery seeks fine art submission for an exhibition titled Mini Series, consisting of small works no larger than 12" by 12". Submit By Nov. 8. Opening soiree is 7-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

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CONCERTS

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A Fall Potpourri is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 Bates, Birmingham.

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The jazz great is in concert at Orchestra Hall at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Halloween Horrors performed Oct. 29 at Orchestra Hall. Shostakovich's Leningrad is 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 and at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at Orchestra Hall. The Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Jan Rae, soloist, and James Wilhelmson, pianist, perform in concert at 4 p.m. Oct. 29, 1432 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. (248) 471-1604.

FOLK AND BLUES CONCERT

Featuring Robert Jones and Matt Watroba at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at Emerson Church, 4230 Livernois, Troy. (248) 524-9339.

NEW MILLENNIUM CHILDREN'S CONCERT

The Boys and Girls Choirs of Detroit and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History are presenting a concert with special guest the Michael Fletcher Chorale at Gethsemane Christian Church, 521 Franklin Road, Pontiac at 5 p.m. Oct. 29. For information call (313) 964-6936.

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Laura Melfon, a prize-winning pianist performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University. (248) 370-3013.

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CRANBROOK HOLIDAY TABLES

The theme is French for this

year's spectacular tables. The Benefactors' Party is Thursday, Nov. 9 at Nieman Marcus followed by events at Cranbrook House. Patron Tees are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. General admission is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 17-18 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147.

DETROIT FOCUS GALA ON

The Kick-off celebration for the month-long Detroit Focus 2000 Photography Festival is at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. (248) 541-3527.

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LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Opens Thursday, Nov. 2 — Pottery by artist Craig Gattel of Northville and Fabric art by members of the Needlepoint and Textile Guild of Michigan in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia through Nov. 30.

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Opens Friday, Nov. 3 — Group of Six Photography exhibit through Nov. 30. Opening soiree 7-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

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Opens Friday, Nov. 3 — Land, Sea & Sky: Watercolors by Michael Derbyshire through Nov.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through Dec. 22 — Bounded Intervals. 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

JANICE CHARACH

Through Nov. 22 — Vise for Life: The Stories of Chiune Sugihara & Dr. Fang Shan Mo. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through Dec. 1 — Sabbatical exhibition: Urban Jupena and Marilyn Zimmerman. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Wayne State University, 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through Nov. 30 — a collection

Tazien's multimedia works. Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 341-2000.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Oct. 31 — Means Scheldenbrand's quilts. 28000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 948-0480.

STEARNS GALLERY

Through Dec. 2 — John Glick ceramic sculpture and new works by Joyce Scott. 202 East Third Street, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

WARREN TRI-COUNTY FINE ARTS

Through Oct. 31 — Artist of the month is Violet Kulczycki. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 294-2713.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through Nov. 15 — Christine Welch mixed media painting. 1719 W. 14 Mile Road, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

XHEDOS CAFE

Through Oct. 29 — Dale Sprague: Outer Symbols, Inner Worlds. 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946.

LECTURES

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Carl Barnes Jr. offers insight into the life of James McNeill Whistler at the Fred M. Braun Lecture in Art and Art History at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3140.

WOODWARD LECTURE SERIES

Steina Vasulka, video artist speaks at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5; Emmet Gowin, photographer speaks at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6 and painter Elizabeth Murray lectures at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. All lectures are at the DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

MUSEUMS

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Through Nov. 26 — Agitated Histories: Video Art and the Documentary. Through Nov. 5 — Ursula von Rydingsvard. Through Jan. 7 — The Portrait in Contemporary Photography. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

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This Blood's For You opens Nov. 2 through Dec. 31. 13103 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Presents the Diary of Anne Frank through Nov. 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University. (248) 377-3300.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

You Can't Take It With You, a comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, Nov. 2-12 at Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester.

PUPPETART THEATRE

A New Dawn Fades by Kyo Ashita Puppet Theatre is at 8 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10 at Puppetart Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777.

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

Presents Tom Jones, the Misadventures of a Young Man at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 3-4 at West Bloomfield High School 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-2539.

Wedding bells



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Cranbrook is Saturday, Nov. 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and more dancing. The theme is "virtual journey," and is traveling to the Townsend Hotel this year because its traditional site, the Art Museum on the Cranbrook campus is under construction. Tickets \$300 for benefactors, \$200 for patrons. The afterglow is priced at \$75. For further information and reservations, please call (248) 645-3333.

UNDER THE STARS

The DIA's major fund-raising event is 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. For information call (313) 833-7969.

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AVENUE GALLERY

Opens Friday, Nov. 3 — Original paintings of Howard Behrens and Simon Bull is 5-9 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. 167 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. To RSVP call (248) 594-7600. The Avenue Gallery Rochester Reception is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. To RSVP call (248) 594-7600.

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Opens Wednesday, Nov. 1 — Focus 2000: Michigan Friends of Photography through Nov. 25. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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ELLEN HARRIS ART GALLERY

Opens Wednesday, Nov. 1 — Christine Scott: Family Album through Nov. 30. Hannan House, 4730 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

22. Opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

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Wendell Minor exhibition and book signing is Nov. 3, 6-8 p.m. and Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. Birmingham.

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Through Nov. 5 — The work of Novi artist Pamela "Alex" Giurlanda. 651 Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2380.

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CASS CAFE

Through November — Dirty Blonde: Recent Paintings by Maureen McKel. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

CENTER GALLERIES

Through Nov. 11 — Detroit in Time: A Latent Image. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through Dec. 1 — Jupena and Zimmerman Sabbatical works through Dec. 1. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. 150 Community Arts Building, Wayne State University. (313) 577-2423.

COOP GALLERY

Through Nov. 1 — Rico Africa. 4180 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-8801.

of paintings by Christa Kiefer and Robert Lebron. 235 Main Street, Rochester. (248) 656-8559.

HILL GALLERY

Through Nov. 4 — Ursula von Rydingsvard. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Film gives lesson in friendship

BY MATT WOLF
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Beware the man in the van.

That's one lesson to be learned from *A Room for Romeo Brass*, the lopsided but often likable second film from Shane Meadows, the 28-year-old Englishman who made a thrilling debut as a writer-director two years ago with *TwentyFourSeven*.

Although set in the same region — the low-income communities in and around the central England city of Nottingham — *Romeo Brass* isn't in a comparable league. Indeed, there are times when you're tempted to dismiss this movie as a classic case of sophomore slump.

But that would be unfair to what does work, starting with Meadows' achievement with his two barely adolescent leads, Andrew Shim and Ben Marshall.

Shim plays the Romeo of the title — a heavyset 12-year-old who likes soccer and french fries, and filling, fattening breakfasts. He's less fond of his errant father, Joe (Frank Harper), who in turn elicits nothing but scorn from Romeo's mother, the tough-talking yet kindly Carol (Ladene Hall).

Happily for Romeo, he has a real soul mate in his next-door neighbor, Marshall's Gavin, a quiet boy with an impish laugh and a bad back that prompts local bullies in a nearby park to call him a cripple.

The ensuing fight introduces Morell (Paddy Considine), who turns out not to be the savior that he appears at first.

A decade or so older than the two boys, the van-driving Morell is a toothsome obsessive who fixates on Romeo's sister, Ladine (Vicky McClure), who sells jeans in a local shop.

It is early in his fairly preposterous courtship of Ladine that a prank played on Morell by the boys goes awry, and with it, the tone of the film.

Before long, the ostensibly kindly Morell is speaking of the kids as "evil," threatening a sexually uninterested Ladine and training Romeo to become a war-



Best friends: Ben Marshall (left) as Gavin and Andrew Shim (right) as Romeo Brass star in the Shane Meadows' film.

rrior — and to forsake the sweet-faced Gavin, Romeo's real friend.

Though the audience can sense Morell is trouble, the characters take considerably longer to come to that glaringly obvious realization. By the time Romeo's mother is urging her son to steer clear of this new friend, alarm bells will have long been ringing around the theater.

As written and somewhat overegged, Morell is an authorial conceit — the smiling psycho — that just doesn't work, however possible such people may be in life.

Whereas *TwentyFourSeven* made shockingly clear a climate in which violence can suddenly flare up, forever altering the working-class landscape that is Meadows' terrain, Morell's actions seem superimposed, and Considine's goofily menacing turn does not make them any more real.

The defining rapport between the boys is where the movie really scores, even if the actual ending begs more questions than it answers.

Nor do the boys exist in isolation: Meadows and co-writer Paul Fraser deftly sketch in the two households that have brought Gavin and Romeo together.

An entire family history, for

instance, is lightly told in a beautifully played scene that finds Gavin's mother, Sandra (a radiant Julia Ford), discovering her son's stash of pornography — only to learn that the offending magazines in fact belong to her husband.

Next door, the dysfunctionality is rather more blatant. While the return of Romeo's dad elicits screaming matches, Romeo and his mom have a clearly fiery but tender relationship — even if he does eat most of the fries mom has sent him out to buy. (Meadows, the director, appears briefly as an employee at the fish-and-chip shop with a sympathetic eye for a bargain.)

Perhaps the single best sequence occurs during the opening credits, in a series of vignettes that neatly capture the boys' teasing yet very real bond.

That may explain why it seems mostly a red herring when Bob Hoskins — who starred in *TwentyFourSeven* — appears out of the blue midway through the film as a bedside tutor to the would-be magician Gavin.

Hoskins' presence, however starry, is fairly superfluous. Whatever problems the film possesses as far as plot, its two youthful leads give *A Room for Romeo Brass* more than its share of magic.

SCREEN SCENE

Arthur Miller honored for his contributions to American theater

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

For those who might be missing out, this has been a week of celebration. It's a week to honor a group of contributors to the arts, who, in one way or another, have touched the lives of a majority of the people in Michigan.

Although this celebration has been taking place annually for the past 15 years, there was something and someone who made the Wednesday's Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture ceremonies unforgettable, and well, dramatic.

Receiving the International Achievement Award was playwright Arthur Miller, whose

body of work includes some of the most gripping moments in the history of American theatre. If *Death of a Salesman* had been the only play he had written, that alone would have made Arthur Miller an institution. The impact that one work has had on our perceptions of family life and its ability to be so vibrant and relevant to modern audiences more than a half-century after it was written cannot be overstated.

I'm hesitant to provide a short list of his other plays for two reasons. Not only am I likely to leave out one of your favorites, but at the age of 85, Miller is still writing. Who knows what treasures remain?

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, the series presents a rare and revealing interview with Arthur

Miller, whose local roots include his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1938.

Although he has returned to his alma mater a number of times since, and even chronicled the visits in his 1987 memoir, *Timebends*, this past week's activities and the Governor's Award were noteworthy for us all. In a formal, unified way, we had the opportunity to say "thanks."

Backstage Pass also acknowledges the other honorees at this week's ceremonies, who include civic leader Arthur L. Johnson, artist and businesswoman Gwen Frostic, Detroit Symphony Orchestra chairman Peter D. Cummings, poet Terry Blackhawk and others who encompass some of the state's brightest educators, artists, philanthropists and institutions.

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three nights in a row and was the most popular with young people.

"When he first came people would say Maynard who," said Ellis, a Livonia resident and member of the Michigan Jazz Festival committee. "By the end of the series, it was just Maynard. Nobody needed to know his last name."

One of the traditions even back then was to open the Clarenceville series with a high school jazz band. This year the young musicians are from Northville High School and under the direction of Mike Rumbell.

"I saw a revival in the '70s and '80s for the big bands and I think they're coming back again," said Ellis. "Every year when I attend the International Association of Jazz Educators convention in January, there's 7-

8,000 educators and students interested in jazz. High schools everywhere have jazz bands now. In the Observer area nearly every high school has a band and now a lot of junior highs have them. This opens up a lot of hope that these young people will appreciate jazz in the future."

Curt Newman sure hopes so. He'll never forget the first time he heard the Stan Kenton Orchestra more than 40 years ago.

"A friend brought over a recording by the Stan Kenton band," said Newman, who serves on the board of directors for the Michigan Jazz Festival and has been playing tenor saxophone with Trudell for the last five years. "When I heard that I said, 'I got to play that music.' It was sort of like a dream come true when I played as a sub with

Kenton at Clarenceville in the '70s."

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FINAL DAYS

Monte Nagler continues his annual Fall Photographic Exhibition through Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

A student of the late Ansel Adams, Nagler specializes in moody, atmospheric landscapes he photographs while traveling around the world.

"This will not only be a chance to see some of my original works, but works of artists that the public may never have a chance to see in person," said Nagler. "This will be my largest exhibition this year."

JAZZ CONCERT

Tom Saunders' Detroit All-Stars Band and Eric Manner's Imperial Jazz Band will perform 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$10 advance, \$13 at the door, and available by calling Bill Knowles at (248) 476-2674.

ART OPENING

Michael Derbyshire, a Grosse Pointe Woods watercolorist, will exhibit his recent works Nov. 3-22 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

An opening reception will give the public an opportunity to meet the artist 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

The *Land, Sea & Sky* exhibit features Derbyshire's favorite subject matter. Lifelong experiences on the water prompt the artist to paint scenes with a "from the water" point of view. In addition, the paintings often feature homes, farms, workshops, docks and boats of the lobstering and fishing communities.

Derbyshire has had one man shows in the Fine Arts Gallery

at the Livonia Civic Center Library and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He's also displayed his work at the Scarab Club and Detroit Artists Market, and the Our Town exhibit at The Community House in Birmingham. An award-winning artist, Derbyshire took first and second place for his watercolors at the Michigan State Fair in September.

LACE EXHIBIT

The Great Lakes Lace Group is sponsoring a display of fine lace, including handmade tatting, bobbin and crocheted, through November at the Livonia Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt Road.

The annual Love of Lace event will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and features displays, demonstrations and vendors of lace making supplies. There is no admission charge. For more information about the Great Lakes Lace Group's meetings and activities, call (734) 421-0519 or send e-mail to TMJULIEN@aol.com.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The 10th annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show invites the public to come and look, browse and shop for the holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at North Farmington High School, 32900 West 13 Mile.

Admission is \$2, \$1 seniors/students with all proceeds benefiting students in the instrumental music program at the high school. No strollers please.

More than 100 artists and crafters from around the state will exhibit their wares.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia, a training orchestra for students, presents its first concert of the 2000-2001 season 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. The program is free.

Civic Orchestra music director Charles Burke, a Canton resident, will lead the young musicians in a challenging program of dance music from a variety of works including selections from

Copland's *Rodeo*, the *Triumphal March* and *Ballet from Verdi's Aida*, and *The Lord of the Dance* by Ronan Hardiman.

A division of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the Civic Sinfonia is composed of 65 students in grades five to 11 from 50 different metro Detroit schools. The orchestra was created last year as a way to accommodate the growing number of students who were eager to be part of the DSO programs.

For more information about the Civic Sinfonia and all of the DSO's educational programs, visit the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com.

One of the most exciting educational programs is continuing with improvisational workshops for members of the Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz Orchestra, one of the DSO's three youth ensembles.

Led by three Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra members, the programs are open to all jazz students and teachers 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 and Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Orchestra Hall. There is no charge for the workshops which are open to the public.

Workshops include techniques for specific instruments based on the instructor's expertise. The Oct. 31 session will focus on trombone, the Nov. 7 workshop on clarinet and saxophone.

AWARD WINNERS

Canton Project Arts has announced the winners of its eighth annual Fine Arts Exhibition held in early October at the Summit on the Park Community Center.

Jean Marie McKnight won Best of Show for a mixed media work. Second Place went to Livonia colored pencil artist Sherry Eid, and third to Johanna Bielecki for a watercolor.

Merit Awards were won by Patti Monroe-Mohrenweiser, Michael Kobernick, Olga Pawlowski, and Ann Loveland. Donald Danald, Jim Isakson and Gwen Ray received Honorable Mentions.

The People's Choice Award, which was chosen from ballots entered by visitors during the show, went to Eid.



From the water: Michael Derbyshire, a Grosse Pointe Woods watercolorist, exhibits his works Nov. 3-22 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



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A few years ago, you may never have thought of showcasing your grandma's beaded lamp on a side table.

But you may want to reconsider. Back in vogue, beaded accessories for the home are making a rich revival.

Tom Ford of Gucci was one of the first fashion designers to bring the brilliance of beading to the runway early last year.

Following the hot trend, home designers are taking the gleaming hint and spicing up their lines with beaded things for the home.

"People are leaning towards luxurious and embellished accessories," says Barbi Krass, interior designer and owner of Colorworks Uncommon in Farmington Hills. Talking about a line of Victorian beaded and crystal candlesticks made of antique lamp parts that are available in her shop, Krass adds, "the blown glass base on each candlestick is like a huge bead, each one uniquely different."

"More than ever people have a greater appreciation for interesting pieces in their homes and they are looking for beautiful effects, many with colorful beads."

Besides candle sticks, beads are making an appearance on such home items as pillows for the living room, lamps perfect for the bedroom, napkin rings for the table top, and finger towels for the powder room.

Shoe designer Chat Room has taken the trend for beaded home accessories one step further, literally. Their easy slip-on shoes embellished with embroidery and beading are great to wear around the home and office, or when entertaining.

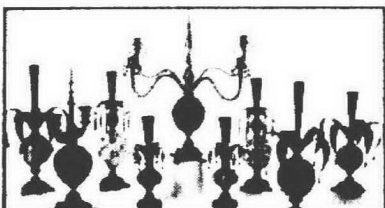
From casual to "glitzy," Chat Room shoes, which can be found at Jacobson's stores, are made from velvet, organza and stretch satin.

Beaded home pieces run the gamut in price. In other words, you can either splurge — opt for the home sections at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus — or grab a real deal from stores like Pier One or Home Goods.

At the same time, keep in mind specialty bead retailers like Bead Works in Franklin and Beada Beada in Royal Oak have large selections of unique beads that could easily turn existing lamp shades or silk couch pillows into something uniquely beaded.

With a hot glue gun and a creative eye, grandma's tired lamp will be stylish in no time.

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Beaded light: Candle holders with beading and crystals start at \$125 at Colorworks Uncommon in Farmington Hills.



Beaded slippers: Embellished with embroidery and beading, foot wear for the home by Chat Room can be purchased at Jacobson's, \$34-\$39.



Bananas over beauty products: Sheryl Freedland stands in her store Ruby's Balm in West Bloomfield. The store is the newest beauty boutique to open in the area.

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Shopper's paradise: Ruby's Balm in the Boardwalk shopping center in West Bloomfield has it all, including (left) Paula Dorf makeup and (below) an array of upscale hair care products.



Touch, test and take it all in Shoppers get the edge at beauty boutiques

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

There are three endearing words that women around the world yearn to hear: Clinique Bonus Time.

That sacred ritual of beauty-product diehards is akin to utopia.

Bonus time in the beauty industry is a sales booster technique that most major lines use, including Clinique, Lancome and Estee Lauder.

For every set amount spent on products, you take home a free make-up pouch (to add to the hundreds of other ones you have) and a selection of free cosmetics — often in colors that you'd never be caught out in public wearing.

But they're free, just the same. A true makeup junkie camps out at her mailbox, anxiously awaiting her *In Style* magazine, the bible of cosmetic trends and launches. She savors every page, with highlighter in hand, and plots her next purchase. Armed with a shopping list, she sets out on her latest expedition, only to be stopped by endless lines, rushed service and, often times, less-than-knowledgeable sales personnel brought in just to work the crowds.

Worst of all, your latest and greatest beauty find is under lock and key in the dreaded glass showcase barrier.

Enter cosmetics boutiques.

They're eye candy heaven, a place to indulge your senses, touch and experiment with products, and be pampered by objective experts.

In 1998, the second-largest beauty retailer in Europe entered the United States mass market with its first store in trendy Soho. By the end of this year, Sephora will have 68 stores across the country, including four in Michigan. Among them, locations at the Somerset Collection in Troy, Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Described as "elegantly funky," Sephora defies the closed display-case strategy employed by major department stores by arranging cosmetics, fragrances and other products alphabetically and by specific category. Product displays are also completely accessible to customers.

That's only the beginning of the

beauty boutique trend. Birmingham has been home to independent beauty boutiques Todd's Room and Lori Karbal for several years. And, now, West Bloomfield has its own independent version, Ruby's Balm in the Boardwalk shopping center.

"With my store, I wanted people to be able to smell it, touch it and know the price of everything," said Sheryl Freedland, Ruby's Balm owner.

Named for her and husband Seth Korelitz's 5-year-old daughter Hannah Ruby, the boutique is packed with high-end grooming products for kids and adults, hair and gift accessories, and six make-up lines (Paula Dorf, Philosophy, Three-Custom Color, Bloom, T. LeClerc and English Ideas).

The boutique is a delicious experience in sensory overload geared towards discerning customers who want to sample the latest and coolest makeup colors, perfumes and skin care and bath products.

"Instead of taking me to a dermatologist when I was a child, my mom would take me for facials," said Freedland, a Huntington Woods resident. "We have an incredible belief that things can be bought in a bottle."

As a student at Barnard College in New York, Freedland would spend hours browsing apothecary shops. Eventually, she found her way to the Aveda Concept Salon in Boston where she worked as the manager for three years.

"For me, it's always been about skin care. I was a closet skin care junkie. Now (with the opening of Ruby's Balm), I'm out of the closet and I can talk about it openly," Freedland jokes. "I don't have to be ashamed anymore."

And she's not ashamed of her countless buying trips to trade shows and New York. Her favorite pastime in the Big Apple is obsessing about the make-up counters at Henri Bendel, Barney's and Bergdorf Goodman.

The self-proclaimed "sucker for packaging" does whatever it takes to ensure that her new store is filled with the most up-to-date, top-of-the-line beauty goodies, of which many are all-natural or hand-mixed.

In addition, Ruby's Balm will serve

as a destination spot for special gift purchases, including Bed Head cotton pajamas, make-up kits, Mike & Ally hand-enameled soap dishes and aromatherapy candles. There's even a Mother-to-Be line ready to debut its "Itchy Belly Cream" in January.

To assist customers and enhance their experience, Freedland will always have makeup artists on staff to do free applications and help select products from different lines.

"The difference between us and a department store is that if you go to 'Mary' at the department store, she can only sell you products from the line she represents, which might not be right for you," said makeup artist and stylist Todd Skog of Todd's Room in Birmingham. "We can jump around (among different brands) to make sure you get products that work."

Formerly a makeup artist at Blu Salon and later Lori Karbal in Birmingham, Skog opened his own cosmetics and skin care boutique four years ago in a 900-square-foot space on West Maple in Birmingham. Todd's

Room is now located around the corner in a space three times the size.

"We wanted to have more hard-to-find items, more boutique lines. We wanted to be different," said Skog, who, along with four full-time make-up artists performs applications and eyebrow arching and gives lessons. Two months ago, Skog brought in a facialist to add to the repertoire of personalized service offered at his boutique. In the spring, he plans to introduce his own cosmetics line called Room.

"(The growth of beauty boutiques) is healthy competition. It pushes you to offer better service," said Skog. "But the client who shops at Sephora is not our client. Here, you establish a relationship with your artist. You know what your client likes, and we provide the knowledge behind it. That's the difference."

Lori Karbal of Lori Karbal in Birmingham couldn't agree more. For eight years, her intimate cosmetics and skin care boutique has been nestled in art gallery row on North Old Woodward.

Subscribing to the *Cheers* credo, everybody knows your name, Karbal's shop is a favorite hangout for those in search of glamour, gifts and gab.

"I always loved cosmetics as a child," Karbal said. "My dad owned National Wholesale Drugs and I used to go to his big warehouse, pull out boxes and take makeup. I was like a kid in a candy store," says Karbal.

Voted "One of the Top Beauty Boutiques" in the nation by *Self* magazine in 1998, Lori Karbal staffs a full-time makeup artist, manicurist and massage therapist.

On the pulse of grooming trends, Karbal has brought in products aimed at kids and teens.

Last month, Karbal brought in Anthony Logistics for Men, the world's largest line of men's skin, bath and body care products.

Anthony Logistics for Men is the brain child of former Bloomfield Hills resident Anthony Sosnick. The line includes 26 products in all plus four special grooming kits for shaving, the face, body and hair.

Looks like beauty booty is here to stay.

Local beauty boutiques

Ruby's Balm
6917 Orchard Lake Rd. (in the Boardwalk)
West Bloomfield
(248) 626-RUBY

Todd's Room
205 Pierce Street
Birmingham
(248) 594-0003

Lori Karbal
554 N. Old Woodward
Birmingham
(248) 258-1959

Sephora — the Somerset Collection in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT SUMMIT

Summit Place Mall in Waterford holds its annual trick-or-treating event. Participating merchants will pass out Halloween candy and talk with children dressed in costume, 5-6 p.m. Call 682-0123 for details.

TWELVE OAKS HAS HALLOWEEN

Enjoy fun and safe trick-or-treating at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, 6-8 p.m. Call (248) 348-9438.

HALLOWEEN AT LIVONIA MALL

Stay warm and enjoy Halloween trick-or-treating at Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, 5-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

JEWELRY SHOW

Sandra Collins Gallery, 470 North Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, hosts jewelry artist L.J. Strong's Fall 2000 collection through Nov. 4. For gallery hours, call (248) 642-4795.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of John Hardy's jewelry designs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Jewelry Collections, first floor. Call

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe-homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

WORTH TRUNK SHOW

Private, in-home trunk shows of Worth's fall/holiday collection are slated in the Troy and Birmingham/Bloomfield areas through Nov. 3. For an appointment, call (248) 649-3080.

HALLOWEEN IN BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham hosts a Halloween parade, 4:30 p.m., and pumpkin patch event for kids, 1-5 p.m., Shain Park. For details, call (248) 433-3550.

ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE

The Novi Expo Center, Novi Road west of I-696, hosts an antique show and sale, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call (248) 348-5600.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

RESORT COLLECTION

View Vera Wang's Resort 2000 special order collection through with informal modeling Oct. 31 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For details, call (248) 614-3393.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

(248) 614-3360.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

CHILDREN'S BOOK SIGNING

Devin Scillian, WDIV-TV news anchor, signs copies of his children's book *Fiddlestax* at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 South Main in Plymouth, 7 p.m. Call (734) 455-5220.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BENEFIT IN LIVONIA

Parisian sponsors a charity event to benefit Habitat for Humanity, Livonia YMCA, The Arc of Wayne County, Livonia PTA Council and other local non-profit organizations, 6-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 953-7500.

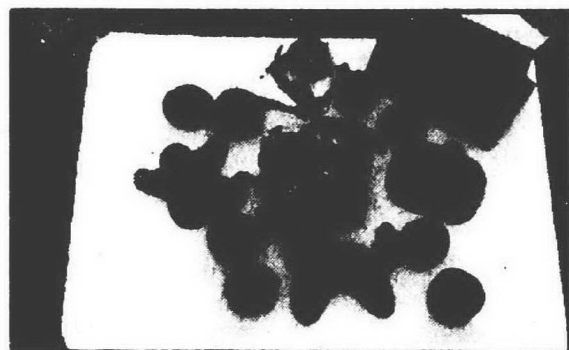
COMPUTER GAME TOURNAMENT

Michigan's Gateway Country stores participate in national computer game tournament for all ages. Event runs on Nov. 5 and 11-12. For schedule, details and registration, visit www.gateway.com or call a local Gateway Country store.

BABY BEAUTY CONTEST

Bring your beautiful baby to Livonia Mall for a contest conducted by New Star Discovery Inc. There are three categories and contestants are accepted up to age 6. For details and contest schedule, call (815) 227-1070, ext. 223.

Tricks and treats for dogs



Halloween has gone to the dogs. Three Dog Bakery in Birmingham offers everything your canine needs in candy and costumes. Lady Jane, dark doggie mistress of the night, models the "Best Witches" bandanna, complete with purple bat motif. The bandanna is also available in ghost and spider web print design. Available in small, \$12, medium, \$13 and large, \$14. Four-legged trick-and-treaters will enjoy a Barker's Dozen black licorice mini bagels for \$2.75 and pumpkin-flavored pumpkin, peanut butter-flavored ghost and charcoal-flavored kitty biscuits for \$2.75.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise and services that are difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information, call (248) 901-3555 and leave a message with your name, phone number and city.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

The Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington Road in Livonia and the Sander's outlet on Southfield in Lincoln Park sell cream puffs.

Gordon Food stores will order cream puffs by quantity.

Try the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor for a cobra license plate.

The following stores sell SAS shoes: Foot Print in Royal Oak; the Shoe Store on Highland in Waterford; Haig Shoes in Meadowbrook Mall in Rochester; and Mast Shoes in Ann Arbor, (734) 662-8118.

Calder's Dairy in Lincoln Park delivers milk and dairy products to the home.

J.C. Penney sells men's short sleeve sweatshirts.

The Levi store at the Somerset Collection in Troy will special order 36-inseam blue jeans.

Mathison Hardware on Plymouth in Livonia sells a toilet seat with coins on it.

Junket powder can be purchased at Town Square on Joy Road in Dearborn Heights.

Sapute's Craft Store in Walled Lake sells Cabbage Patch dolls, (248) 624-9528.

Boss Electric on Seven Mile and Newburg roads sells seashell night-lights.

FIND A SEARCH MOVIE:

Maybelline no longer manufactures crayon eyebrow pencil.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

A store that sells Interlude by Frances Donney for Donna of Commerce.

A store/catalog that sells children's black/white saddle shoes (rubber soles, sizes 7-10) for Cheryl.

A store that sells candles shaped like eggs for Alice.

A store that carries the book *Let's Read a Linguistic Approach*, published by Leonard Barnhart and written by Clarence Bloomfield, for Terry of Southfield.

A store that sells hot Wheatons cereal.

A store that paints a copy of a picture on a denim shirt for Joan of Rochester.

A store that sells a non-digital pedometer for an old-fashioned (36-inch) bike for Connie of Plymouth.

A company that delivers mushroom/manure compost for Margaret of Clarkston.

A store that sells dishes by Majestic Wear in the Cortes pattern for Pam of Canton.

A store that carries Microsoft 95 CD ROM versions of *Barney at the Circus* and *Barney at the Farm* for Colleen.

A store that sells the Dicky Men characters, War Grey Men and Metal Graunamen, for Gail.

A store that sells the game "Park and Shop" for Norma of Livonia.

A company that repairs wood dining room chairs for Mrs. W.

A store that sells size 2 petite slacks for Rina.

A store that sells Dana by Tabu lipstick for Jane.

A store where an old, iron full size bed can be bought for Carol.

A store that sells QFICA nail care for Janna of Canton.

A business that washes wall to wall bathroom carpets with rubber backing for Mrs. S. of Bloomfield.

A store in the Redford area that sells Hush Puppies shoes for Mrs. C.

A store where the movie *Gift of Love, A Christmas Story* starring Lee Remick can be bought for Sharon of Canton.

A business that will repair a wooden chair leg for Mrs. W.

A store that sells sheet music for "Play that Funky Music" by Wild Cherry for Bill.

The Cabbage Patch dolls "Snack Time Kids" for Fran of Canton.

License plate holder with a Cobra snake on it for Charlene of Canton.

A store where a new or used bird cage on a stand is available for purchase for Roslyn.

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HomeTown SAVINGS CARD

Great Discounts when you present your HomeTown Savings Card to these area businesses!

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SAVINGS CARD

\$ Automotive

American Power Wash (734) 722-7276 Westland
1251 S. Wayne Rd. 20% Discount over \$120.00

Battery Solutions Inc. 36660 Michigan Ave. Wayne
10% Off New & Blom Automotive Batteries

Don's Done-Rite Auto Wash Berkley
\$1 Off Our #3 "Best Wash and Dry"

Edwards Window Tint 9205 Telegraph Redford
10% Off Purchase Over \$200

Geopark Automotive Center 1924 Middlebelt N of 7 Mile Rd. Livonia
\$12.95 Oil Change, Free Maintenance Inspection

Hank's Auto Restorations (313) 291-3075 Westland
Rusted Alor? IT restores your old car

Jim Freedman Pontiac Buick Royal Oak
10% Off Parts and Service

North Brothers Ford 33300 Ford Road Westland
10% Off Parts and/or Service, Purchases of \$100 or more

S&S Mobil (734) 494-1011 S & Laven Westland
10% Off Any Auto Service Over \$25.00

Tom Halbeisen Goodyear (248) 647-3370 Birmingham
10% Off All Services

Tom Halbeisen Goodyear (248) 548-0110 Royal Oak
10% Off All Services

Tom Halbeisen Goodyear (248) 282-8888 1973 Livonia Troy
10% Off All Services

Westland Car Care Westland
10% Off Any Service of \$100.00 or More

Westgate Auto Parts 156 S. Newburgh Westland
10% Discount

\$ Beauty & Health Care Professionals

Checker Drugs 190 S. Wayne Road Westland
All Vitamins \$1.00 Off

Duties Hair Fashion's Hair Cuts & Hair Products Farmington Hills
10% Off Reg. Price Cuts & Hair Products

Family Dental Center 734-427-6990 Livonia
10% Off First Visit & Free Consultation

Kramer Chiropractic (248) 615-1838 Livonia
Consultation, examination & x-rays, \$27.00

Kristal Grenluk, D.D.S. (734) 525-8552 Livonia
10% General Dental, \$100.00 off Bleaching

Medical Center Pediatrics & OB-GYN W. Bloom/Bing Farms
Special Offer for New Patients, Call for Details

Michael Chabon, D.D.S. (734) 522-5530 Livonia
\$50.00 off Bleaching, 50% off New Patient Exam

Partners Salon 478-2848 Farmington Hills
10% Off Color Services, 10% Off Massage, Haircut

Orthodontics - Drs. Shaw & Oliner 348-471-1888 Livonia
Free Consultation, a \$225 Value

Personalized Hearing 35337 Warren Westland
Save 10% on 2 Digital Hearing Aids

Ph.D. Psychologist 734-698-6977 Westland
50% Off 3 Visits - No Ins. With Disc. - \$65 each

Posh Salon Southfield
20% Off All Services

Sheer Radiance Sheridan Square Garden City
10% Off First Service

St. David's Hair Salon Westland
20% Off of Hair & Tanning Products

\$ Coffee, Bagels & Bakes

Heritage Bakery 37458 Five Mile at Newburgh Livonia
10% Off your total order! Mon-Sat. Open 6AM-7:30AM-4PM

Mary Derrings Cakes Westland
10% Off Special Order Cakes

\$ Day Care

Hande & Hearts Around the World Garden City
10% Off 1st Month Tuition

\$ Dry Cleaners & Laundry

J.S. Presidio Cleaners & Laundry Livonia
10% Off Dry Cleaning (No Other Coupons)

Mr. Kall Cleaners All Locations
Free Sweater or Pant Wash \$6.95 Incoming Cleaning

Park Ave \$1.75 Cleaners 844-9881 Canton
\$1.50 Per Item for Dry Cleaning

Touch of Class Plymouth
15% Off All Dry Cleaned Garments

\$ Entertainment

Detroit Zoological Society Royal Oak
10% Off All Memberships

\$ Financial Services

Dave & Cindy Shale (734) 495-0555 Livonia
Complimentary financial needs analysis

James B. Williams, CFP Livonia
50% Financial Plan + Inv. Fees

Kosch Consulting Co., Inc. Westland
10% Discount Off 1000 Income Tax Prep

\$ Florists & Gifts

Mary Jane Flowers Royal Oak
\$5.00 Off Any Purchase Over \$10.00

Nature's Floral Gifts 37464 Five Mile at Newburgh Livonia
10% Off (734) 432-5940

Steve Codens Flowers Southfield
Free Delivery in Metro Detroit Area

\$ Home Improvement

American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Plymouth
10% Off Order \$50 Min. Mention Code HE10

Beth & Kitchen Stagers (734) 598-7098 Livonia
10% on Bath Fixtures & Cabinetry

Burgstroms Ins. Plumbing & Heating Livonia
\$15 Off Service Calls 734-622-1389

Burton & Sons Garden City
\$15.00 Off Service Call 734-427-3070

Burton Plumbing & Heating Wayne
10% Off All Materials Service/Store

Carousal Building and Painting Westland
10% on All Labor, 15% Seniors

Collyers Decorating Center 968 Newburgh Westland
10% Off ALL In Stock Merchandise

Horton Plumbing Plymouth
Free Laundry Tub & Faucet with Receipt

I Do Windows 313-827-4880 Redford
Free Window Free with Pre-Paid Service

J+E Installation (248) 473-8898 Farmington Hills
10% Off any entry or storm door or purchase, 3 door min.

Kroll Window Garden City
\$300 Off 3 or More Windows

Livonia Home Improvement 27790 Joy Road Livonia
In business since 1951. Windows, siding & roofs. Best Prices.

Livonia Lock-Key 33951 Five Mile Livonia
LSDA Entrance Handle Pkg. \$139 now \$114 734-422-1222

National Windows & Doors (313) 538-9522 Redford
10% Off Labor, 20% Off for Seniors

New Beginnings LLC 734-513-0758 Livonia
10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms

On The Mark Roofing & Home Improvement 28010 Van Born Westland
10% on Labor, 15% for Seniors 734-728-7110

Pete Wood Plumbing & Lawn Sprinklers Livonia
10% Discount 348-698-7777

United Temperature Livonia
Furnace Cleaning & Inspection \$57.00

\$ Insurance

Juvenauer Insurance Westland
Gift for Comparing Home & Auto Insurance

\$ Jewelers

Bright Jewelers 4434 Cherry Hill 734-644-6994 Canton
50% Off 14K Gold Chains

Midwest Diamond Brokers 9400 Middlebelt (248) 495-0890
30% Off Jewelry Appraisals 734-425-0898

O & D Bush Jewelers 734-698-3038 Plymouth
50% Off All Silver Jewelry

\$ Landscape & Maintenance

Billie Outdoor Care Canton
Commercial Snowplowing Contract 10% Off

G. A. Alexander & Co. Livonia
10% Discount

Outdoor Fun Store Co. Wayne
10% Off Purchase of Any Wooden Playset

Or's Landscaping 734-735-8898 Westland
\$150 OFF Sprinkler System over \$1500

Gardens Garden Center Plymouth
10% Off All Hand Garden Tools

\$ Pizzerias

Calder's Pizzeria Birmingham
\$ Large Pizzas W/One Item \$12.95

Dolly's Pizzeria 734-495-0898 Livonia
Free Breadsticks with Large Pizzas

Marina Grill & Pizzeria 734-691-1288 Canton
\$5.00 Off a \$20.00 Purchase (excluding pizzas & alcohol)

Papa's Pizzeria Ferndale
\$1.00 Off Barbecue Bread with any purchase

Pizza One Ferndale
\$ Small Pizzas for \$5.95 + tax

Raffia Pizzeria Royal Oak
\$1.50 Off Large Square Pizzas

Vino's Pizzeria - W. Bloom/Bing Farms Livonia
\$ Large Pizzas with 1 Item & Appetizer \$14.95

\$ Restaurants

Alexander The Great Westland
10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials

Berke's Pizzeria Livonia
10% Off When You Buy 4 Pastries

Burger King 120 S. Meridian Rd. Westland
99c Double Cheese Burger w/any purchase

Burger King 237 S. Wayne Rd. Westland
99c Double Cheese Burger w/any purchase

Beehive Family Dining Wayne
20% Off Any Order

Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc. Redford
\$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte

Dairy Queen of Royal Oak Royal Oak
10% Off Total Bill

Denny's Westland
Buy One Regular Priced Breakfast, Get One FREE. Not valid with other coupons or offers. Not valid on Holidays or Weekends. One coupon per guest per visit.

Fire Academy Brewery Westland
Buy One Lunch, Get The 2nd at 1/2 Price!

Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington S. of Plymouth Livonia
10% Off Any Item Including Sander's Cakes

Leather Bottle Inn 20300 Farmington Rd. Livonia
10% Discount not valid on pizzas, appetizers, soup, salad or alyou can eat. 248-474-2420

Legacy Restaurant 34110 Plymouth Rd. Livonia
10% Off Your Bill Excluding Specials 734-513-7758

McDonald's 5625 Sashabaw Rd. Clarkston
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 6695 Dixie Hwy. Clarkston
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 2450 Dixie Hwy. Waterford
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 141 N. Telegraph Waterford
Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free

McDonald's 220 N. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 5 Mile at Middlebelt ONLY Livonia
15% Off Any Full Size Extra Value Meal

McDonald's 45510 Michigan Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 48900 Ford Rd. Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

McDonald's 42641 Michigan Canton
Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free

Matt & Erwin's Birmingham
10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol & gratuities

Mitch House's Schoolyard/Middlebelt Livonia
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Mr. Pita 34708 Plymouth Road 15% OFF Livonia (734) 299-9120

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Mr. Pita 1500 E. 12 Mile Road 15% OFF Madison Heights (248) 642-7071

Mr. Pita 525 Ann Arbor Road 15% OFF Plymouth (734) 354-3900

Mr. Pita 1977 South Blvd 15% OFF Troy/Roch Hills (248) 625-8881

New King Line 348-675751 Farmington Hills
10% Off Total Bill

NY Deli & Catering (734) 991-3954 Livonia
10% Off of any Catering order

O'Reilly's Bar & Grill 15231 Farmington & Five Livonia
15% Discount after 8 p.m. except Holidays

Sweet Spot Cafe 57575 Five Mile at Newburgh Livonia
10% Off Any Purchase 734-494-6999

Subway Berkeley/Ferndale
\$1.00 Off Any Footlong Sub

Wings Restaurant & Carry 3699 Metro Plaza Center Wayne
15% Discount Excludes Specials 734-425-0898

\$ Retail

Allan Greenfield Market Southfield
5% Off Any Meat or Produce Purchase

Border Outlet 3500 Lilley 734-387-6326 Canton
10% Off In-Stock Only

Chris Furniture Farmington/Plymouth Rd. Livonia
40% Off All End Tables

Dalley Carpet 6 Mile W of Meridian Livonia
10% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)

Doll Hospital 3947 W 12 Mile Berley
10-60% Off Selected Dolls & Bears

Dolls and Trains Lathrup Village
10% on Selected Items

Express Photo 8 Mile Livonia
20% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements

Floors in Style 27800 Joy Rd. 2 blocks w. of Inter. Livonia
20% Off All in stock Carpet and Vinyl Floors

Hershays Shoes 29522 Ford Road Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise

J & K Trophy & Engraving 248-473-7871 Livonia
10% Off All Awards Signs & Gift Items

Looking Glass Antiques Plymouth
15% Off Any Item \$25.00 or More

Mary's Green-A-Pet Birmingham
20% Off Retail Supplies (does not include grooming)

Melby's Cards & Gifts 734-421-1088 Garden City
10% Off Regularly Priced Items

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Detroit Revisited

Local author and photographers offer a nostalgic glimpse at city's past

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For those who've endured the collegiate rite of passage known as the master's thesis, it typically signals an end.

A passing grade, a degree bestowed, and the paper that's drawn blood and sweat for the better part of a semester or longer is tossed into the bottom desk drawer. That is, if it's picked up from the professor's office at all.

That wasn't the case with Mary Desjarlais. After receiving a master's degree in history from Wayne State University, the Ferndale resident realized she had the springboard for what could be a very interesting book about the history of Detroit.

And since Desjarlais's background also included an art history degree from the University of Michigan, Dearborn and master's level pursuits at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, she envisioned her work as prelude to a fine arts photography book.

"I knew the 'Detroit 300' celebration was coming up, and I thought there might be an interest in a fine arts, historical book about the city," she said.

She brought up the idea to longtime friend Gene Meadows, an architectural photographer whose 1998 solo exhibition at Cranbrook Art Museum received critical acclaim.

And as the two talked, the book began to take shape.

Though Meadows had a modest collection of Detroit photographs, what the two decided they needed were historical images — ones that could show the progression of the city during the 20th century when, as Desjarlais wrote, "Detroit found itself transforming from a small diversified city to one of the top five largest cities in the country and perhaps the most important in the world for the twentieth century."

Enter Bill Rauhauser, a professor of photography at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit who has photographed Detroit for more than 50 years.

"I always had it in my mind to make a book, but I never pursued it," said the Southfield resident. "When Mary and Gene, who was a student of mine at CCS, came to me about the idea, it sounded like something I wanted to do."

Rauhauser was also able to complete the last piece of the puzzle, which was to find photos from turn-of-the-century Detroit. Years earlier, Jean Shilson-Wyatt, the granddaughter of John Baldwin Thomas, a photographer in the late 1800s and early 1900s, gave Rauhauser a collection of her grandfather's negatives and photographs.

It was these photos that laid the foundation for the photographic journey that is *Detroit Revisited*, which is being indepen-

dently published this month.

"I said I'd never get into business with friends," joked Meadows, while sipping coffee one morning in his comfortably decorated home in Royal Oak.

"Yet it's been a gift to me to be involved in this book. I lost my roots in Detroit when my father's generation moved to the suburbs. I think the book can bring a younger generation to its roots."

Detroit Revisited opens with Desjarlais's historical account, which reads more like a lively biography of a city than a footnote-laden master's thesis.

She defines the conditions that made Detroit ripe for growth in the 20th century, and challenges some myths about the reason for its downfall in the latter half of the century.

But, Desjarlais said when it comes to the book, it's not really a historical document of Detroit so much as a fine arts book.

"It'll appeal to people who have a soft spot, a romance for the city they grew up with and can't let go. Most of these photos are unpublished, so it's also an excellent document for historians," she said.

And those interested in fine arts, and particularly photography, will find that Thomas, Rauhauser and Meadows capture Detroit's personality in three very different ways.

Thomas's photographs, which span the 1890s-1920s capture the streets of a bustling city: Men in suits and hats, women in long dresses, streets paved with track lines and construction of new buildings everywhere.

Rauhauser described his own approach as that of a "flâneur," a passionate spectator roaming the city streets with camera in hand.

"My photographs celebrate the citizens of Detroit, past and pre-



Proof work: Looking over pages of their new book are Mary Desjarlais, Bill Rauhauser (center) and Gene Meadows.

sent, who played, and continue to play a role in advancing the automobile culture," wrote Rauhauser in the book's artist's statement.

Indeed, his photographs give viewers an honest "day in the life" scene of the city and its people.

Many, including Rauhauser, have argued Detroit was the "city that changed the world." After all, mass production paved the way for mass marketing and mass consumption.

And while his works take a documentary approach, his student, Meadows, finds the artistic beauty in Detroit's architecture.

"I choose my images based on their graphic quality and my desire to preserve architectural memories," wrote Meadows in his artist's statement.

Though Meadows admits being intrigued with Detroit's grittiness since he was a child growing up on Eileen Street at 7 Mile Road, his photographs capture a more sleek and hopeful city.

Taken together, the three photographers' images paint a portrait of a beautiful city that, over the years, has been burned and beaten, yet still maintains a strong and powerful heritage.

"What the city was," wrote Desjarlais, "Will never be again. But the purging and melting of Detroit has brought the city to a new century of opportunity."

Detroit Revisited captures both the hardships and triumphs that made Detroit not only the Motor City, but also the city of the 20th century.

Detroit Revisited is available pre-order by calling (248) 357-0364.

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Southeast Asia

A potpourri of cultures, cuisine

BY NORMA AND WENDY
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SPECIAL WRITERS

From bustling cities like Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok to the resorts and lushness of Bali, you can glimpse the colors, sounds, smells and life of Southeast Asia. These fascinating cities, in four different countries, are featured bargains from several tour companies.

Chinese cooking dominates the foodscape in Hong Kong and Singapore. Although Cantonese-style food is quite popular, for those with a hankering for more zippy fare there is a good selection of Shanghai, Beijing, Szechuan and Hunan. Both countries offer other ethnic food, including Thai, Indian, Malay, Indonesian and Vietnamese.

Cuisine in Bali is strongly Indonesian, although other ethnic food is available.

Thai food tends to be quite spicy although it can be ordered to suit your taste. Seasonings include Chinese food ingredients with unique spicing combinations that include: chili, lemon, grass, basil, mint, garlic, curry paste, coconut milk and peanuts.

Transportation systems are good, with mass transit (MTR) and buses in all the cities except Bali, where the roads are more primitive and travel by the locals is mainly via motorcycle. Visitors use taxis.

tors use taxis.

Hong Kong

Access to Hong Kong Island from Kowloon or vice versa is via Star Ferry or MRT. The spectacular and inexpensive ferry ride offers a view of the skyline, cluttered with construction cranes; vast, showy skyscrapers and sampans. Hong Kong Park contains the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, which is accessible from the MRT. Hong Kong's oldest colonial structure, it is beautifully landscaped and houses an unusual collection of teapots and the history of tea making.

From designer boutiques and department stores to sidewalk sales, there's shopping for everyone. The Temple Street Night Market comes alive after sunset, offering inexpensive items, watches, cameras, luggage and electronic gadgets. For bargains, check out the Jade Market (from 10 a.m.) and Stanley Market. The latter contains an assortment of stalls with good buys on designer overruns, T-shirts, silk, Chinese crafts and products that make great gift items. For a fun souvenir, get a wooden "chop," your own personal seal, with your name carved in both Chinese characters and English.

Bali

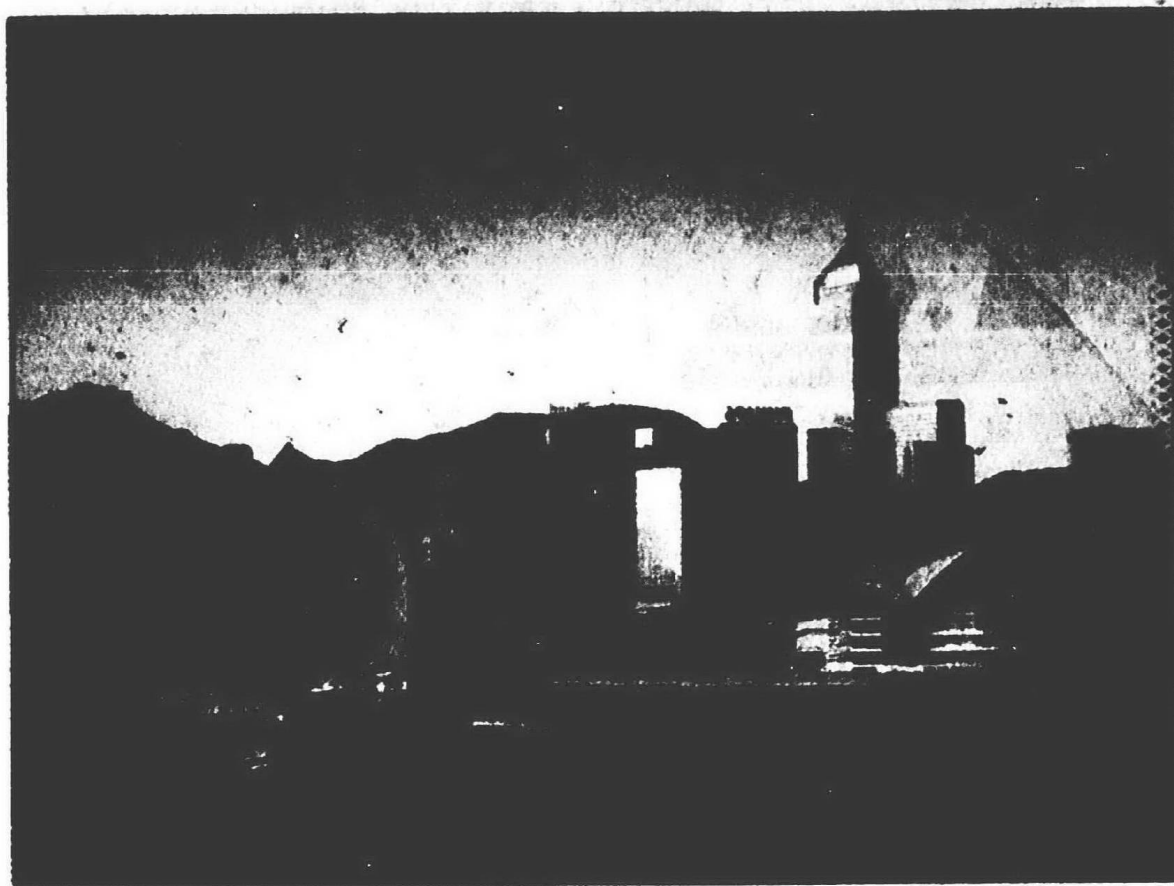
Bali is a small, romantic, tropical island with beautiful beaches, terraced rice paddies, lush green hills and a volcanic mountain. Its economy is mainly based on tourism. You can easily travel around the island with a driver/guide, although sightseeing is limited since it is basically a resort. Folklore is brought to life in a form of ballet by colorfully clad Barong dancers.

Other sites of interest - the Monkey Forest has 500 free-roaming, friendly Macaques monkeys and giant bats (flying foxes.) A tour of Kintamani Volcano offers a spectacular view of Lake Batur (a crater lake) and a chance to visit the Elephant Cave, a hermitage from the 11th century.

Singapore
Climb to the highest point in the city, Mt. Faber, by cable car, for spectacular panoramas of Singapore and the island of Sentosa, a beach resort with a tropical oceanarium and beautiful fountains. The late afternoon or early evening tours are best to view the fountains' colorful displays of lights and lasers dancing to music.

Night Safari is a unique zoo that is open from 7:30 p.m. to midnight to view jungle animals, mostly nocturnal. There is a 45-minute tram ride that takes you excitingly close with a guide pointing out sightings of animals. For an even closer view, take a walk on the nature trails through the tropical rainforest.

Bangkok
Bangkok, capital of Thailand since 1782, is called the "Land of the Smiles" because the people are very friendly and tolerant. There are a multitude of ways to get around town such as a tuk-tuk. A three-wheeled taxi that holds two to three people, it's fun on a short ride, but tends to be noisy and is open to traffic fumes. Be sure to agree on the price first, no tipping. Less than



Skyline: A junk in the Hong Kong harbor floats before the city's Convention Center and mountain-backed skyline.

a year old, the Skytrain is an excellent way to get around. Taxis are air conditioned and plentiful except at rush hours and Fridays. Be sure to use a legal taxi with a meter. Another transportation system that is quick and wonderfully tranquil is a river taxi on the Chao Praya River.

For the best shopping and best

prices without the pressure of crowds, heat and humidity, go to Gaysorn Plaza and Naraya Prand (some bargaining is possible.) These shopping centers are air-conditioned and have everything you can find at either the Pat Pong Night Market, which begins at 6 p.m., or the Floating Market (bargain well here.) The Thailand Arts and Crafts Museum

on the second and third floors of the Gaysorn Plaza have a huge selection of items to bring back as gifts. It is located across from the World Trade Center, near the Skytrain. Best buys are silk and silk items; jewelry; baskets; pottery; teak chopsticks and Benjarong, exquisitely decorated porcelain.

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Technological advances helped make better wines while new varietals and clonal selections were developed for the vineyards. Today's wines clearly show the impact of such efforts. Sonoma County is a patchwork of small family-owned wineries co-existing as next-door neighbors to larger, corporately run mega-producers. They respect each other and share methodologies while producing their own unique style of wines.

In the last decade, there has been renewed interest in farming. Small family farms specializing in crops, such as baby vegetables and tender salad greens, have sprung up. Others are focused on fresh fowl, turkey, duck and range-fed chickens. Baby lamb from the County is so delectable, it is sought after by the best restaurants coast to coast.

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Time for Tea

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR TEA?
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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK AND NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITERS

It's tea time. Derived from a ritual of English royalty, an afternoon tea is considered a light, tie-over snack served between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. while a high tea, served after 5 p.m., compares more to a meal than a snack.

Confronted with a "down time" in her daily schedule, the Queen of England requested her servers bring tea and accompaniments to her in the late afternoon, explains Pauline Palazzolo, The Townsend Hotel's afternoon tea director for the past 11 years. The Townsend serves afternoon tea Tuesday through Saturday.

"Then, it became such a wonderful thing to be invited to take tea with the Queen," that the entire culture took up the practice, says Palazzolo.

"There's something about saying 'come over and have tea' that makes you want to dress up and use your best manners," says Palazzolo.

When it comes to high tea, the Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth breaks away from the traditional serving times, instead offering it during normal restaurant hours, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"It's almost a full meal," said owner Nancy Burton. "Our serving order is mini-quiches, tea sandwiches, scones and mini-tarts."

"Most places don't serve (high tea) everyday, so most people don't have to wait until Monday," Burton said.

(Also serving Beef Wellington and shepherd's pie, you might say Burton's restaurant is "steeped" in British themes.)

Have your own

Of course, you can always throw your own afternoon tea.

Assembling the traditional components of an afternoon tea is a fairly simple process. The amount of time, work and attention to detail required depends on your preferences.

Other than freshly steeped tea, the food elements are scones with clotted cream and preserves followed by a choice of tea sandwiches and then what the British call a "sweet."

If you're giving a tea at home and don't have much time to spare, purchase scones and your "sweet" from a local bakery. Devonshire cream or mascarpone cheese, both which are available at

gourmet markets, can substitute for clotted cream. Plan to serve one scone and about three small pastries or one slice of cake to each guest.

Though a jelly roll is traditional for a "sweet," almost anything in the dessert category works, from store-bought cookies to elaborate tortes, says Palazzolo. Follow your instincts and cater to your guests' tastes. Candy, cheesecake, mousse, even chocolate-dipped fruits are fine choices. "It almost doesn't matter, as long as you have a sweet."

Your second course, a selection of tea sandwiches, is probably more important. But again, what you prepare need not be complicated and time-consuming.

Palazzolo recommends using three traditional ingredients: cucumber, watercress and a sandwich spread. She also suggests serving a choice of different sandwiches and preparing about five per guest. A simple combination might be one set with cucumber and cream cheese on white bread and another with a sandwich spread, an item readily available in the deli at most grocery stores.

Whole breads and nut breads are whole wheat varieties and variety. However, do use a soft bread and cut off the crusts. And, as long as your tea sandwiches qualify as "finger-food," they can be served open-face on a single slice of bread or layered high using several slices.

The first step is to spread butter on the top of

each layer of bread, crust removed. Then, follow with your sandwich spread or cream cheese and slice bread into four or six pieces. Add cucumber, watercress, baby shrimp, smoked salmon and other toppings for decoration. "Be creative," says Palazzolo. A tea's success probably depends more on aesthetics and mood than on the flavor of your edibles.

Serve it fresh

The tea you serve, however, ought to be superb. The Townsend Hotel serves Harney & Sons and only stocks five pounds at a time to guarantee freshness.

Consult a specialty market for specific recommendations; most stock a variety of excellent brands, says Palazzolo. Store your tea in an air-tight container, either tin or plastic.

While Earl Grey and English Breakfast tea are traditionally served at an afternoon tea, Palazzolo suggests offering a flavored herbal tea as well.

Use tea leaves - not tea bags - and avoid using a



Treats at tea: Small sandwiches, scones and "sweets" complete an afternoon tea. Scones can be served with just a spread or embellished with ham, cream cheese, salmon, etc., while fancy cakes and cookies (below) round out the occasion.



BASIC SCONES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/3 cup chilled shortening, margarine or butter
- 2/3 cup milk

Sift together dry ingredients. Cut fat in with pastry cutter or rub in with finger to size of small peas.

Add milk gradually, just enough to form stiff dough, but not enough to be sticky. Turn out onto floured board and knead 12 times, turning each time. Roll out to 1/2 to 3/4 inch thickness; cut out with 2 or 3 inch round cutter. If you want crisp crusts, place apart on ungreased cookie sheet. If you like soft sides, place close together. Bake at 375°F for 12 to 15 minutes. Eat at once, spread with butter, strawberry jam or Devonshire cream.

DEVONSHIRE CREAM

- 3 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream

Put all ingredients in mixer and blend until smooth and stiffened. Makes 2 cups cream.

PREPARING TEA PROPERLY

You'll need:

- Teapot
- sugar
- tea leaves
- milk
- strainer
- lemon slices

Take a china teapot that holds from 4 to 6 cups and, in a tea kettle, boil enough water to fill the pot twice. When the water comes to a rolling boil, remove from heat within 30 seconds and fill the teapot. Let sit for one minute then pour out the water. Spoon fresh tea leaves into the pot (about 1 heaping teaspoon per cup). Fill again with hot water and allow to steep for two to three minutes depending on strength desired. To remove leaves, pour through a tea strainer into cups. Add milk, sugar or lemon, if desired.



Tea time: Pauline Palazzolo, afternoon tea director of The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, pours herself a freshly steeped cup of tea.



metal ball for straining.

"It takes the ceremony out of it," says Palazzolo. Besides, loose tea leaves will often remain at the bottom of your tea pot, and having a few leaves in the bottom of the cup is traditional. If straining is necessary, do it as you pour with an individual cup strainer.

To get the best flavor from your tea leaves, follow proper steeping instructions, always bringing water to a rolling boil.

In water that's reached a rolling boil, a burst of flavor will issue from the tea leaves, reducing bitterness. If you boil the water beyond 212°F, you'll lose its oxidation, which affects the tea leaves' ability to expand and impart flavor. Serve your tea with decorative sugar cubes, milk - not cream or half-and-half - and thin lemon slices.

The only required serving pieces are a tea pot and tea cups. Otherwise, be creative and use the plates and dishes you have. If you have china and sterling silver, by all means, dust them off and make good use of these pieces, says Palazzolo.

Just a few china dishes passed down by grandmother? Again, use what you have; a combination of patterns and styles creates a personal and cozy atmosphere. Tea parties are elegant, but not stuffy, says Palazzolo.

Most important, allow your guests to take tea by giving it properly. As hostess, your role is to spoil and indulge your guests. That's why the first step for servers at The Townsend Hotel is to place a napkin on each guest's lap.

Likewise, pour each of your guest's tea for them. "Tea is a ceremony. Tea is medicinal," says Palazzolo. "It's all about pampering."



Wine

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Nelson Estate, 1998 Sonoma Creek Sangiacomo Vineyard.

■ Pinot Noir (under \$20): 1998 Chateau St. Jean.

■ Pinot Noir (over \$20): 1998 Castle Vineyards, 1998 Davis Bynum Le Pinot, 1998 Forchini, 1998 Gary Farrell Allen Vineyard, 1998 Kenwood Vineyards Reserve Olivet, 1998 Murphy-Goode.

■ Zinfandel (over \$18): 1998 Hartford Fanucchi Vineyard, 1998 Gary Farrell Bradford Mountain, 1999 Mayo Old Vines Ricci Vineyard, 1998 Rosenblum Rockpile Road Vineyard.

■ Chardonnay (under \$20): 1999 Kunde Estate.

■ Chardonnay (over \$20):

1999 Mayo Hillside Select, 1998 Davis Bynum Limited Edition, 1998 Gallo of Sonoma Laguna Ranch, 1999 Geyser Peak Ricci Vineyard, 1998 Rosenblum Lone Oak Vineyard Reserve.

Remarks we've made over the last months were emphasized by judging results. No great merlots or sinfandels under \$20; Chateau St. Jean is the best Pinot Noir under \$20; and Kunde chardonnays are terrific. Not all wines listed are available in Michigan, but are worth a search elsewhere.

Look for Focus on Wine in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Pumpkin dishes only begin at Halloween

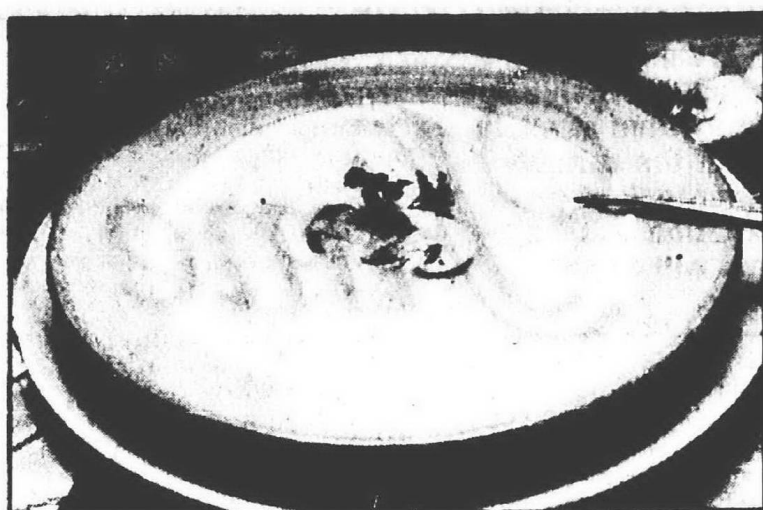
Jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkin pie are popular signs of the season, but there's a lot more good eating from the pumpkin patch at this time of year. Pumpkins are a perfect food for fall meals, providing healthy amounts of vitamin A and dietary fiber.

The huge pumpkins that look so good on Halloween, however, are not the best for cooking, as they tend to be stringy and tasteless. Look instead for smaller varieties. Mini-sized pumpkins, for example, are great for stuffing. Avoid any that are cut or bruised. Pumpkins should have a good orange-golden color and a hard rind, and they should be heavy in relation to their size. Store them in a cool place until ready to use.

The best way to start is to grill, bake, or steam the pumpkin. The easiest way is to cut it in half, put it cut side down on a slightly greased baking sheet and bake at 350° F until tender (30 to 90 minutes depending on size). After cooling, scoop out the fiber and seeds, and you're ready to prepare the tender meat any way you wish.

Pumpkin soup is sensational made with chicken or vegetable stock. For variety, try pumpkin and lentil soup, seasoned with onion, clove, ginger and curry powder, or sample the curried pumpkin soup recipe below.

You'll find pumpkin in recipes from around the world. Try a Mexican-style pumpkin and



Curried pumpkin soup: Pumpkins are a perfect food for fall meals, providing healthy amounts of Vitamin A and fiber.

bean stew, made with pumpkin cubes, bell peppers, kidney beans, black-eyed peas, plum tomatoes, mild chilies and finely chopped garlic. Add cubes of cooked pumpkin to an Italian risotto, seasoned with thyme and sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese and black olive slivers.

Pumpkin purée works wonders in all sorts of desserts and baked goods. Light and moist, it's a great addition to cakes, cookies, bars, muffins and rolls. Stir it into softened low-fat vanilla ice cream or use it to make pumpkin pudding or mousse.

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CURRIED PUMPKIN SOUP

- 1 tablespoons softened butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 cups non-fat chicken broth
- 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin or 2 cups cooked fresh pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon liquid honey
- Freshly-grated nutmeg
- 2 cups low-fat milk

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Cook onion, garlic and mushrooms until softened, about 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in flour and curry powder and blend well. Cook for 1 minute over low heat, stirring.

Gradually add stock, whisking until smooth. Stir in pumpkin and honey. Season with nutmeg to taste. Cook over low heat 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. (Soup can be prepared ahead to this point and then held, covered and refrigerated, up to two days.) Add milk and heat until hot. Serve immediately.

Nutritional information: Makes six servings, each containing 1 cup, with 123 calories and 3 grams of fat per serving.

Recipe courtesy of American Institute for Cancer Research.

Try these barbecued roast beef sandwiches

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not only is this recipe for Barbecued Roast Beef Sandwiches tagged "fast" it is also identified as "low-fat" in the big red 50th anniversary edition of "Betty Crocker's Cookbook" (IDG, \$27.50).

This tagging of these two categories is a good example of the revised classic's updating. There's a new vegetarian chapter, too, and one on grilling.

The head note to this recipe points out that you can make it in even less than the estimated 30 minutes if you use 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce instead of making your own. Just heat the ready-made sauce to boiling and

stir in three 21/2-ounce packages of sliced cooked chicken, ham, turkey, beef or pastrami, cut into 1-inch strips.

BARBECUED ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES

(Preparation 25 minutes, cooking time 5 minutes)

Zesty Barbecue Sauce (recipe follows)

1 pound thinly sliced cooked roast beef, cut into 1-inch strips (3 cups)

6 hamburger buns, split

Make Zesty Barbecue Sauce.

Stir beef into sauce. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until beef is hot. Fill buns with beef

mixture.

ZESTY BARBECUE SAUCE

1/2 cup ketchup

3 tablespoons white vinegar

2 tablespoons chopped onion

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons packed brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon ground mustard

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

Heat all ingredients to boiling in 1-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Makes 6 sandwiches.

Nutrition information per sandwich: 270 cal., 6 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 55 mg chol., 540 mg sodium, 30 g carbs., 25 g pro.

Fall greens flavor dish of lasagna

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple Lasagna is a dish you can make any season, with apples you will find in the stores around the year.

APPLE LASAGNA WITH FALL GREENS

12 lasagna noodles

5 tablespoons butter

1 small onion, diced (about 4 tablespoons)

5 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 cup apple cider

1 cup vegetable stock (you may use chicken for non-vegetarian alternative)

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, grated

1/2 teaspoon coriander, ground

1/4 teaspoon clove, ground

2 teaspoons thyme leaves

1 cup applesauce

1/2 lemon, juiced

1/2 cup ricotta cheese

1/2 cup whole milk mozzarella, shredded

4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

1-1/2 cups turnip greens or Swiss chard, cooked, drained, chopped and seasoned with salt, pepper and nutmeg

Cook lasagna noodles in 4 quarts lightly salted, boiling water until tender. Drain well and rinse with cold water; set aside.

In a heavy, non-aluminum saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook until clear, about 3 minutes. Add flour, stir well; cook about 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add apple cider and vegetable stock; simmer. Season with salt and pepper, nutmeg, coriander, clove and thyme. Add applesauce and lemon juice. Continue to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring to medium-thick consistency.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly oil an 8-by-11-inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Place one layer of pasta on bottom; on this spread 1/3 of the applesauce mixture, then a layer of greens, followed by a thin layer of cheese. Repeat, finishing with sauce and cheese on top (there should be 4 layers in all). Cover with foil. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove; let cool for 15 minutes before cutting. Makes 6 to 8 servings. Recipe from U.S. Apple Association.

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Cookies look sinister, but tame a monstrous taste

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halloween's ghastly specters may give your children or party guests the chills, but rich Spider Cookies with cream-cheese frosting will revive their spirits in no time at all.

These treats are easily made and will beguile tasters in spite of the suitably sinister look of their decorations, devised from black licorice and jellybeans.

SPIDER COOKIES

(Preparation 20 minutes, cooking time 10 to 12 minutes)

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 squares (1 ounce) semisweet chocolate, melted and slightly cooled
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Black licorice whips, black jellybeans, black decorating gel, assorted Halloween candies
- For cream cheese frosting: 2 packages (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar

To make the cookies: Cream butter and sugar in mixing bowl until fluffy. Beat in egg and then melted chocolate. Beat in flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt until combined. Divide dough in half and shape each half into a roll about 8 inches long. Wrap in waxed paper or plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or

Rich spider cookies with cream cheese frosting will revive spirits in no time at all. In spite of the suitably sinister look of their decorations, these treats will beguile tasters.

overnight.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Cut rolls into 1/4-inch slices and place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until cookies are set when lightly touched, 10 to 12 minutes. Cool completely.

To make the frosting: Combine cream cheese and confectioners' sugar. Spread about 1 teaspoon of frosting on half of the cookies. Top with remaining cookies and spread additional frosting on top.

Decorate the cookies with "spiders," using jellybeans for bodies and licorice for legs. To make cobweb cookies, squeeze a small amount of black gel on the middle of the cookie. Use the end of a toothpick to draw gel from the middle of the cookies to edges. Then put gel across to connect the gel lines in a cobweb pattern. Cookies can also be decorated with a variety of ready-made Halloween candy decorations. Once frosted, keep cookies refrigerated.

Makes 32 servings.

Recipe from American Dairy Association.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Scholcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

M-FIT CLASSES CONTINUE

The M-Fit culinary school and nutrition education class schedule continues with Swift and Simple Suppers, Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. Super Foods for Super Health is scheduled noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. Peter Julian, executive chef at Busch's, will present Five Fast and Festive Party Trays of smoked salmon platter, steamed asparagus wrapped in prosciutto, rosettes of sweet potatoes, garden vegetable crudite and Grand Marnier marinated strawberries at a class scheduled 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Dazzling Holiday Desserts are on the menu 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, by Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt. Dishes include cranberry apple crisp, poached pears with raspberry sauce, fragrant orange bundt cake, pavlova with custard filling and fruit and chocolate-dipped berries. Energize Your Holidays, a nutrition education class, will be taught 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. Elegant and Easy Appetizers will allow you to celebrate the New Year with crab spread, cornucopia with salsa and sour cream, tomato, mozzarella and basil crostini and Thai shrimp rolls. Class will be taught by Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13. Classes are held at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, while a two-

person fee is \$50, and a series of any three classes is \$80. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 for more information or register online at www.mfitnutrition.com.

SOMMELIER DINNER

The Ann Arbor Art Center has scheduled its ninth annual Celebrity Sommelier Dinner to benefit its outreach programs on Monday, Oct. 30 at the Earle Restaurant, 121 W. Washington Street in Ann Arbor. More than 20 area celebrities will assist guests with fine wine selections for a gourmet meal prepared and served by the staff of the Earle. Ticket prices are \$55, which includes a tax-deductible gift to the Art Center. Reservations can be made for one of two seatings, at 6 or 8:15 p.m. For information about the dinner or reservations, call (734) 994-8004 ext. 101.

DOE WITH CRITIC

Do restaurant critics really have the ideal job? On Tuesday, Nov. 14, join Ric Bohy for a night of fantastic cuisine. This class offered through the Center of Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College will visit a Turkish/Middle Eastern/Mediterranean/French restaurant, which is housed in a restored manor home in Windsor. Bohy will choose the menu to be served to provide students with a selection of the best the establishment has to offer. Class is limited to 12 and costs \$44 per student. For a complete list of courses, call (313) 317-1500, e-mail the center at CL24Life@hfcc.net or visit HFCC's Website at www.hfcc.net.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CULINARY CLASSES

Enjoy some of today's most popular and nutritious cuisines from the Pacific Rim. These dishes are full of flavor and easy to prepare. Learn new and excit-

ing dishes. Taught by master chef Jeff Gabriel and chef Jeff Oppat, the class is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. Call (734) 462-4448.

CHAMPAGNE, DESSERT WINES

Before you pop the cork this holiday season, learn how to select the perfect champagne and dessert wines for memorable entertaining or romantic dining. Explore the varieties, history and growing regions with opportunities to taste and enjoy along the way. Learn to discriminate among wines, pronounce their names and select wonderful wines for gift giving. Students must be 21. Class is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Mondays for five weeks, starting Nov. 6, and another section on Tuesdays, starting Nov. 7. Call (734) 462-4448.

ROASTING AND BRAISING

Chilly autumn days are perfect for long, slow cooking techniques. Begin to understand the differences between braising and roasting and learn about appropriate cuts of meat and hearty vegetables for both techniques. Learn which seasonings and rubs to use in roasting and how temperature and time affect your result. Class is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, for two weeks, starting Nov. 7. Call (734) 462-4448.

AUTUMN HARVEST

Create fantastic fall menus with the bounty of Michigan autumn. Fresh pumpkins, squash, sweet corn, poultry, game, apples and pears are plentiful and delicious at the market this fall. Following the demonstrations, enjoy a light meal of the recipes you've learned. Class is scheduled 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13. Call (734) 462-4448.

APPETIZERS

Expecting company to drop by over the holidays? Learn tips and get recipes for holiday treats that can be incorporated into a

busy entertaining schedule. Some ideas for make-ahead dishes will be demonstrated, as well as creative ways to display them on a festive buffet. Bring your curious palate for a sampling of holiday appetizers and side dishes. Class is scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. for two Wednesdays, starting Nov. 29. Call (734) 462-4448.

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BAKE A PIE

Think making pies from scratch is hard? Think again! Come learn how to make homemade crust, and how to use all-ready prepared and frozen varieties available at the grocery store. Fillings are a snap and aren't just desserts. This class is just in time for the up-coming holidays. Bring an apron if desired. Scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

PARENT AND TOT

Come and enjoy a story with your child (ages 3-6 years) as some silly stories about our holidays will be read. The class will cut out, bake and decorate cookies relating to the readings. Parents must attend. There will be a \$3 lab fee collected by the instructor. Limit 15 children and one parent per child. Classes are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, and again for Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 2.

You won't whistle past graveyard mousse

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooks will be pleased to note that this light-as-air pumpkin mousse is fast and easy to whip up from a fairly simple combination of ingredients.

It's the spooky decorations that instantly transform the mousse into theme-party fare — and it will probably vanish off the dessert table faster than a Halloween apparition disappears into the twilight-zone mists.

GRAVEYARD PUMPKIN MOUSSE

(Preparation time 15 minutes)

- 12 chocolate sandwich cookies
- 1 cup heavy cream

8-ounce package reduced-fat cream cheese (Neufchâtel style), softened

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 15-ounce can pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 3 medium bananas, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- For garnish: long gummy worms, clean plastic skeletons or spiders

In food processor container, process cookies to form fine crumbs; set aside. In mixer bowl, beat cream to form stiff peaks; set aside. In separate mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy. Add pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice; mix well. Fold in whipped cream and banana until

blended.

Spoon 3/4 cup of pumpkin mousse into each of 8 stemmed dessert glasses or large custard cups; spread to make top even. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons cookie crumbs over the top to make "dirt" surface. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.


To garnish: Arrange gummy worms, skeletons and spiders on "dirt" layer, with worms looking as if they are crawling over the edge of the glass or dish.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 381 cal., 21 g fat, 61 mg chol., 372 mg sodium, 45 g carbo., 3 g fiber, 6 g pro. Recipe from Canned Food Alliance.

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All participants must be in good health and will undergo a free physical examination. The center is looking for people between the ages of 21 and 60 who have difficulty falling asleep, or between the ages of 35 and 60 who have no difficulty falling or staying asleep.

Eligible participants will receive financial compensation for their time. For more information, call (313) 916-5185.

Stroke talk

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 53 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.3 minutes.

St. Mary Mercy in Livonia will present a Carelink lecture on *Stroke 1-3* p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the hospital auditorium. Ginger Ramsay, RN, will present a comprehensive overview of stroke including types of stroke, risk factors, warning signs, treatment and prevention. All attendees will also receive a stroke risk appraisal.

There is no charge for this lecture but registration is required. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road. Call (734) 655-8940.

Managing stress

According to the American Psychological Association, 75-90 percent of all physician office visits are for stress-related complaints. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is offering a three-session/three week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting Nov. 7. The class will take place in Pavilion Room A (use South Entrance off Levan Road).

Many coping skills will be explored including a variety of relaxation techniques, communication skills and the use of humor. There is a registration fee and pre-registration is required. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940.

Aneurysm study

The Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Wayne State University School of Medicine is conducting genetic research on the human chromosomes associated with aneurysms.

Once the genes involved in the cause of aneurysms are identified, a DNA test could identify people with a genetic tendency. These people would then benefit from routinely looking for aneurysms using tests such as an ultrasound.

Results of this study are not expected to directly benefit participants; however, participation will help unravel the cause of aneurysms for future generations.

If you have family members (living and deceased) who have, or have had, aneurysms and think you may be interested in participating in the study, contact researchers Dr. S. Helena Kuivaniemi or Dr. Gerardus C. Tromp or genetic study coordinator Alicia Salkowski at (313) 577-9735.

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ANEURYSM
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New surgery offered for deadly aneurysm

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Approximately 15,000 Americans die each year from ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms, making it the 13th leading cause of death in the United States. Compared with the half million who die annually of heart attacks, the number of deaths due to aneurysms seems small.

But it's scary. Most patients die before they reach the hospital.

Surgeons at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Dearborn, as well as the Detroit VA Medical Center, can now safely defuse this anatomical time bomb with the added benefit of a shorter hospital stay and recovery period.

Endovascular grafting, a new technique for repairing abdominal aortic aneurysms, involves making two small incisions in the leg or groin. Guided by X-ray equipment that provides a clear, three-dimensional view of the blood vessels, the surgeon inserts a graft into the aorta, where tiny surgical hooks affix it to the vessel walls. The hose-like graft allows blood to flow past the weakened area in the artery without the risk of a deadly rupture.

"The results are dramatically different from those with open surgery," said Oakwood vascular surgeon Dr. Thomas Siegel. "Most patients are discharged in two or three days and can return to normal life in a matter of weeks, instead of months."

Siegel is one of the few physicians in the state approved to perform this surgery. He has undergone extensive training by Guidant Corporation Cardiac & Vascular Surgery Group, the manufacturer of the Ancure Endograft System used in many aneurysm repairs at Oakwood.

"Oakwood's use of this device is good news to the many people in southeast Michigan who have an abdominal aortic aneurysm. For the first time, we can offer people a repair that promises much less risk and much more comfort. This technology allows us to fix the chief problem without worrying about causing complications, a constant concern with the older, highly invasive technique."

Prior to this new technique, patients faced a complicated surgery that required an incision from the breast bone to the pubic bone. Surgeons had to

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—Vascular surgeon,
Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center

manipulate major organs to access the abdominal aorta, which lies close to the backbone. In addition, clamping of the artery to repair the aneurysm increased blood pressure in arteries already stressed, said Siegel.

Definition

An abdominal aortic aneurysm is a weakening, or bulge, in the wall of the body's largest blood vessel, the aorta, which runs downward from the heart along the spinal column and supplies blood to all the organs. The aorta's diameter normally measures 2.3 centimeters (1 inch) in men and 1.9 centimeters (3/4 inch) in women.

Although aneurysms can occur in any blood vessel in the body, the most common area is in the abdomen just below the renal arteries, which supply blood to the kidneys.

Statistics show that men are four times as likely as women to develop an aneurysm, due in part to the earlier onset of arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Aneurysms most often occur after the age of 55-60.

According to the American Heart and Lung Institute, small aneurysms — those measuring less than 2 inches — rarely rupture. However, as they grow bigger, the risk of rupture increases by 5 percent each year.

"At 6 centimeters, the risk of rupture over two years is extremely high," said Siegel.

Diagnosis

Aneurysms are not easy to detect.

"Usually there are no symptoms," said Siegel.

"That's one of the problems. It's insidious. Once a person develops symptoms, the aneurysm is already leaking."

Sometimes an aneurysm is determined upon physical examination when the physician senses "expansibility" as he probes the abdomen, said Siegel. The pulsating aneurysm pushes probing fingers away from each other with each heartbeat. However, an aneurysm in an overweight person may be more difficult to detect by probing.

"A simple, good physical examination with palpation of the abdomen" finds most aneurysms, said Dr. Michael S. Dahn, chief of vascular surgery at Detroit VA Medical Center.

Sometimes physicians can "hear" an aneurysm by placing a stethoscope on the abdomen. They hear "the noise of turbulence in the blood," said Dr. Syam Zampani, chief of cardiology and director of the catheterization laboratory at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Other symptoms include back, chest, abdominal or groin pain; pain, numbness, coldness or weakness in the legs or buttocks; cramps in the back of the calves when walking; dizziness or fainting; rapid heartbeat, or sudden weakness.

When a physical examination indicates an aneurysm, the diagnosis is confirmed by an abdominal ultrasound or CT scan.

"If you can feel and hear it, then proceed with an

ultrasound ...," said Zampani. He does not use ultrasound as a primary diagnostic tool unless there are other indications — angina, a history of heart disease or stroke, or weak leg pulses.

Zampani is a proponent of the traditional surgery — "It has the best proven record" — and remains skeptical of new procedures. "We have to be careful not to raise false hopes that everyone with an aneurysm is a candidate for a stent."

He added: "What we see in research may not be applicable in a community practice."

Candidates

"Sixty-five percent (of patients with aneurysms) are candidates" for endovascular surgery, said Dahn.

Qualification is determined by anatomy. Blood vessels need to be of a certain size for the grafts to be properly inserted and fitted into place. Also, extensive calcium deposits within the aorta also may preclude candidacy. These characteristics are determined by CT scans and angiogram.

"Patients who don't have sufficient aortic neck or iliac arteries (the two main arteries extending from the aorta into the legs) are not candidates," said Dr. Jeffrey Miller, an interventional radiologist who works with Siegel as part of a vascular surgery team.

The mortality rates for patients who have undergone endovascular grafting as opposed to traditional surgery have not been tracked over a five-year period; however, according to Guidant Corporation's two-year data, no ruptures have occurred in the 2,000 implants tracked worldwide.

The post-operative morbidity problems — the respiratory, gastro-intestinal and wound complications associated with traditional surgery — have significantly been reduced, said Dahn. Many nurses, he added, report patients ready to walk out of the intensive care unit after surgery.

The typical hospital stay for endovascular graft patients is one to three days; for traditional open surgery, it's eight to 10 days.

The manufacturers of the endovascular grafts restrict training to those hospitals that do a significant volume of vascular procedures and demonstrate great expertise, said Dahn.

The endovascular grafts have revolutionized aneurysm surgery, he said.

"I expect as time goes on and technology improves, more patients will become candidates for this procedure. It will completely replace open surgery."



Monitoring: Oakwood physicians Dr. Thomas Siegel, a vascular surgeon, and Dr. Jeffrey Miller, an interventional radiologist, view a film of a patient's aneurysm as a diagnostic tool.

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Halloween treats

Oakwood celebrates return of NICU graduates at party



Blooming: Nola Wilson, 2½, from Redford is a charming butterfly at the party.



Festive: The Phipps family from Livonia (l-r) Lauren, mom Christine, NICU alumni twins Charles and Daniel, 2, and dad, Charles pose for a photo. Right, Maxwell Jarzebowski, 3, enjoys a doughnut at the Oct. 15 reunion.



The annual reunion of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit graduates from Oakwood Hospital - Dearborn was held Oct. 15. Dozens of families, former NICU children and family

members attended the Halloween-themed party. The staff from the NICU unit at the Dearborn Hospital gathers together "graduates" of the unit to celebrate their

continued success. The event provides families an opportunity to touch base with each other who have shared in the experience of having a premature baby.

Hospital offers adoption information series

Couples considering adoption as a family building option can get information on related issues and alternatives through the "Adoption Information Series," an educational series that meets monthly at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The group will meet 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, November 6 in the first floor private dining room of the hospital's Administration Building, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road. There is no charge to attend.

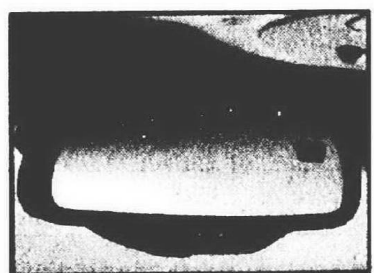
Social worker Paul Springer will discuss working with an adoption agency to finalize an independent adoption. A panel of couples also will discuss their experience with independent adoption.

Future cars equipped with emergency call system

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Not long ago, traffic accidents were reported by witnesses who first had to find a telephone. Then in the late 1980s cellular phones proliferated and accidents were increasingly reported almost instantly, often by several callers.

Nowadays, there are so many eager cellular accident reporters that it's almost a problem, said Lt. Jack Raker of the Canton Township Fire Division. Cellular reports on everything from overheated cars to massive pileups are common, he added.



New telematic system.

Onto this scene now steps a new player, a car that makes the accident call itself. Since 1998, automakers have offered "telematics" systems as optional or standard equipment in selected models. General Motors now offers it in 32 of its

54 models and leads the industry for putting telematics cars on the road.

Emergency calls

These systems include a built-in cell phone that automatically calls an emergency center in the event of an accident. The phone is connected to a global positioning system that reports the vehicle's exact location. The emergency operator receives this telemetry and has voice contact

with the occupants of the vehicle, assuming they remain conscious and the telematics system hasn't been damaged.

The emergency call can also be made by pushing a button on the rear view mirror in the event of a medical emergency that doesn't involve an accident.

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DIABETES CLASSES
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes" 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Pavilion Conference Room A. The series is \$100, or \$90 for people 55 and over, and pre-registration is required. Call (313) 655-8940.

WED, NOV. 1

LUNG CANCER
The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will hold a free program on lung cancer, "Lung Cancer: The Invisible Disease," 7-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia West Holiday Inn (Six Mile Road east of I-275). Experts will discuss detection, treatment options, symptom management and current research. To register, call 1-800-742-2300 and

enter category 7870.

THURS, NOV. 2

DIVORCE RECOVERY
Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Hagerty, Northville, begins "Stepping Stones," a six-week course on divorce recovery and support for children and parents. Call (248) 374-5920.

SAT, NOV. 4

HEALTH PRESENTATION
New solutions for arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, hot flashes, osteoporosis will be addressed at a health conference 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville Schools, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Seniors \$30/person; others \$35; RNs and LPNs (4.8 CEUs) \$45. Lunch included. Must register by Oct. 28. Call Clarenceville

Continuing Education (248) 473-8933.

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
The Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends group will meet 2-5 p.m. at Pathways to Wellness, 20337 Middlebelt Road (south of 8 Mile), Livonia for demonstrations and techniques by chiropractors and alternative health practitioners. Contact Beth Dover at (313) 531-8455 or Margaret Barlow at (248) 349-4972. Please come free of fragrance and chemicals (dry cleaning, gas, etc.).

NOV. 6-27

STOP SMOKING
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will hold four two-hour sessions on smoking cessation 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pavilion A. Pre-registration requested. Call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

Halloween hazards may be lurking

Halloween means miniature vampires, goblins and superheroes will scavenge neighborhoods for treats and become those creatures that go "bump in the night."

These creatures will do whatever it takes to get their treats, including running through neighbor's yards and across dimly lit streets with nary a glance to check for potholes or ditches, let alone passing vehicles.

Parents must take special care to review with children the hazards this ghostly holiday can present.

Dr. Marie Lozon, director of pediatric emergency medicine at U-M Health System, sees the results of too much Halloween fun and unfortunate tragedies.

"The emergency department can be very busy on Halloween. We see everything from minor injuries like bumps and bruises to more serious cases such as car-pedestrian accidents," she said.

The first things many people think of when they hear "Halloween hazards" are pins, poisons or other contaminant's in the candy. However, the bigger danger is choking said Lozon.

"Sort through the treats to see if they're appropriate for your child, to see if they could present a choking hazard." And, of course, eating too much candy could cause stomach cramping and diarrhea.

Stop, look and listen

Trick-or-treating is usually held at dusk, "a very difficult time for drivers to adjust their vision," said Lozon. A child who breaks away from parents or darts out between two parked cars could run the risk of being hit by a passing motorist - resulting in a serious head injury, orthopedic trauma, abdominal injury, or even death.

(Keep in mind that Oct. 29 is

the start of daylight-saving time when darkness will descend earlier in the day.)

On Halloween night, Lozon also sees children suffering from radial head subluxation, or nursemaid's elbow.

"This is not through any fault of the parent, this is just a normal safety measure where the child is being caught during a stumble or held tightly and the child wants to break free," she continued. "When the parent tries to check it or examine it by turning it, the child will cry. It will be very painful and usually requires a trip to the emergency department to have the bone relocated."

Halloween occurs at the time of year when shifts in temperature can be problematic for children with asthma. In addition to precautions for those children, all parents should be sure to layer warm clothing underneath children's costumes to ensure they are warm enough.

Safety preparations

To combat Halloween hazards, conversations about safety should start well before the little ghosts leave for haunting.

"First and foremost, discuss how they're going to behave while trick-or-treating, and plan who will supervise them," said Lozon. "Plan a route or general area for trick-or-treating and discuss the biggest danger to the children that comes from motor vehicle drivers who may be unable to see them."

Costumes should permit children to see and walk easily. Parents must also be sure that, if the costume is dark in color, a reflective tape is added to children's costumes so motorists can see them.

About older children who may want to roam with their friends without supervision, Lozon cautions: "Remember, they seem autonomous. They have excellent motor skills. They independently operate things at home, but yet, they are still children in terms of judgment and impulsiveness to a certain extent."

Refresh their memories about the Halloween rules from their childhood. "Maybe they will choose not to follow them, but probably if you've talked to them and made them aware of the dangers, they'll have a safer holiday."

Also, parents inviting children to trick-or-treat at their homes should make sure their pets are controlled and the walkways clear.

"It's very, very important to make sure that your porch is well lit, and that the children are not going to be injured. Also, give out candy that will not present a choking hazard," Lozon advises.

Finally, Lozon cautions parents against taking a group of more than a few children trick-or-treating. "Somebody will volunteer, I'll take seven kids with me trick-or-treating." It's probably manageable for most people," she said. Following is a list of Halloween safety tips:

- Avoid masks, wigs and other costume pieces that could interfere with vision or cause a child to trip or fall.

- Be sure that your home's outdoor walkways are clear of obstructions and other hazards.

- Accompany children while trick-or-treating and carry a flashlight. Add reflective or light colored material to dark costumes.

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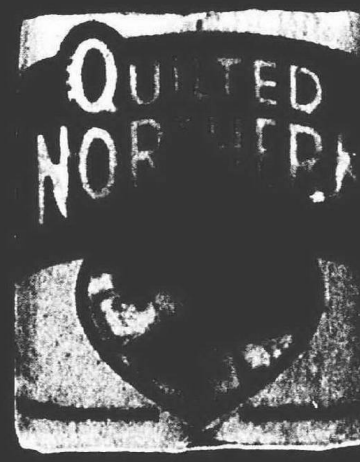
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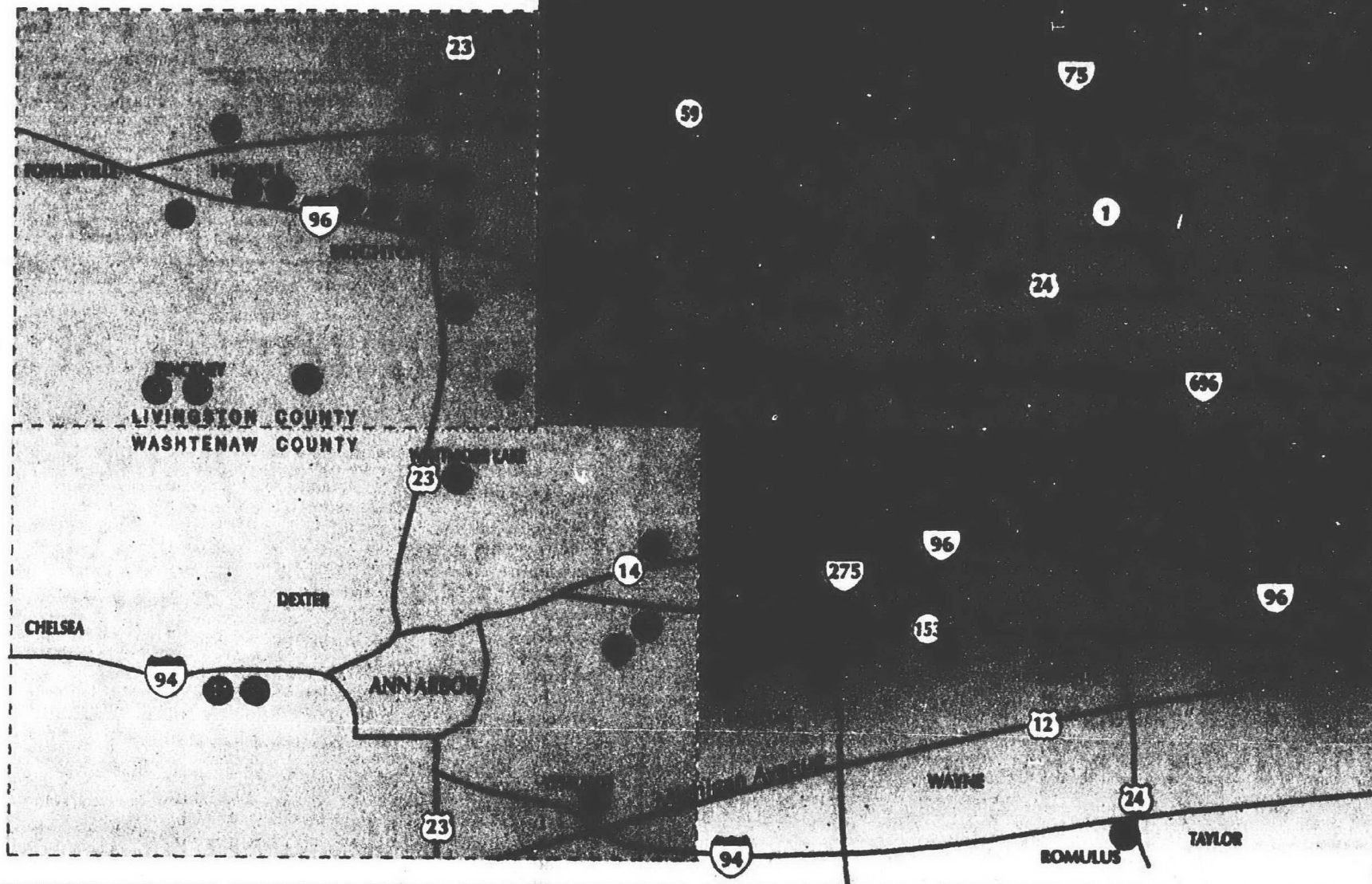
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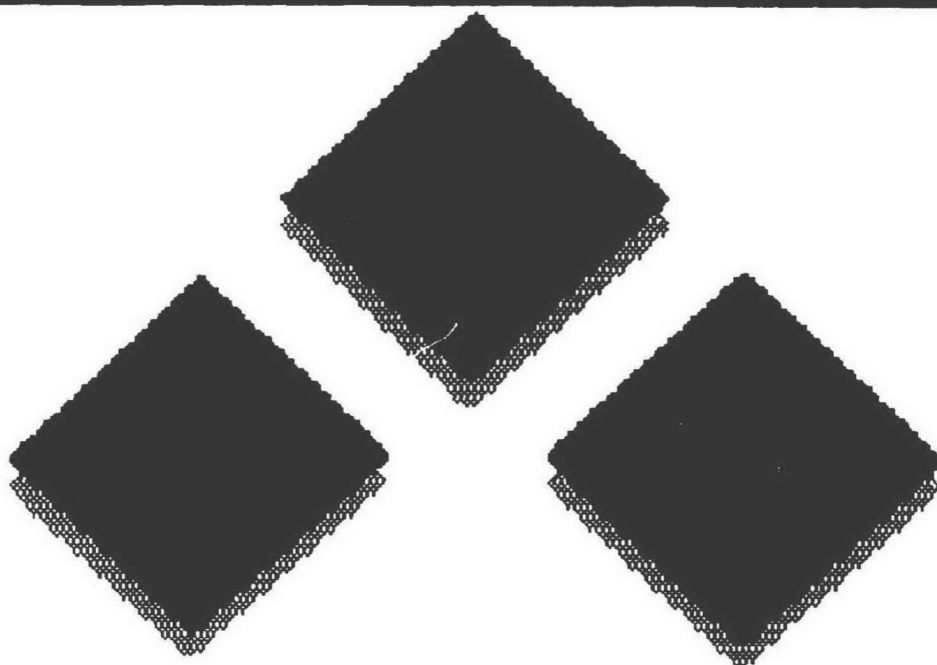
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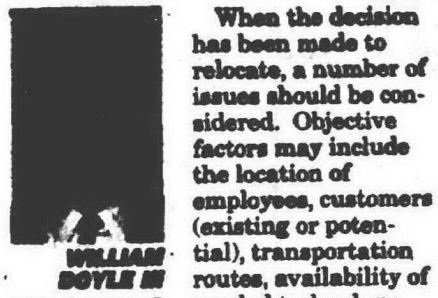


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What to look for in new office



WILLIAM DOYLE III

When the decision has been made to relocate, a number of issues should be considered. Objective factors may include the location of employees, customers (existing or potential), transportation routes, availability of needed technology and labor costs. Subjective factors may include prestige, image, visibility and security. The first step is to identify and prioritize these with a real estate professional.

Project your space needs over time. Look at your organizational culture and identify what is important. Who gets enclosed offices and of what size? Who occupies cubicles? What ancillary spaces are there and how large do they need to be?

Use spreadsheets to list departments and their parts. Identify the space needed by each area. Eventually, you have identified the amount of space that your organization needs.

Use a block diagram to identify who needs to be next to whom. Hire an architect or interior designer for this. Inventory your technology needs.

This used to be simple: getting the right telephone on the right desk. It isn't simple anymore. When the needs are identified, perform a market survey. Hire a real estate professional to find the options and preliminary costs to match your needs. Narrow the options to a workable number. Then send out requests for proposals.

Reduce transactions to writing. This protects you in a real estate transaction and requires the assistance of competent legal help.

The final phase: Make sure the required construction is appropriately specified, bid and completed. The relocation must be organized.

William Doyle III, CPA, is a partner specializing in real estate at Plante & Moran, LLP. He is managing partner of Plante & Moran's new Auburn Hills office.

If you want smaller home, try these condos

Empty-nesters or those whose kids are nearly grown who want to downsize, enjoy the amenities of newer houses and stay in Livonia especially will be drawn to Civic Park Woods.

That's the thinking, anyway, of the development/building team there.

Eighteen condominiums, all ranches and most attached two to a building, are going up off Brookfield south of Five Mile about a half mile east of Farmington Road.

Several Realtors at RE/MAX Classic in Canton - Lee and Noel Bittinger, Jim Szkrybalo and Larry Henney - developed the property. Twin Valley is the builder. Henney is the primary sales rep.

"The biggest thing is it's a ranch," Henney said. "Most folks who have purchased are 55 and older, but they don't specifically have to be senior citizens."

"Our whole credo is we want to give value and quality," Szkrybalo added.

"Andersen windows throughout, ceramic bathrooms, quality in wood flooring," Henney said.

"I love Livonia," Szkrybalo said. "It has parks. It has schools. It's a good, all-around town. It's a family town."

"There's a spirit of cooperation between residents, politicians, city employees. You can get things done here without much of a problem," he said.

Both Szkrybalo and Henney have bought condos at Civic Park Woods.

"This is the highest-quality residential I've ever been involved with what we offer the customer," said Steve Summers of Twin Valley.

"Everything from nine-foot basements to brick work on the structure," Summers said. "Energy-efficient furnace. We have zero exterior maintenance with vinyl and aluminum."

"Every step of the way we've always based decisions on what we do as if we're living here," he said. "We want customers to be happy here. They will be."

Civic Park Woods is less than a mile north of the Jeffries Freeway.

"Everything is accessible from Livonia in 20 minutes," Szkrybalo said. "The city center is right here; you're a block from the library."

"We've got woods across the street belonging to the city, 11 acres, plus we've saved as many trees as we've possibly could," Henney said.

The 1,400-square-foot ranch, designed by R.G. Meyers of Plymouth,



Civic Park Woods: All 18 condominiums in this Livonia community feature two bedrooms, two baths and a two-car garage.

contains two bedrooms and two baths. Base price is \$249,900.

Landscaping, a two-car garage, first-floor laundry, fireplace, air conditioning, cedar deck and basement with daylight window are standard features.

Also included at base price are hardwood flooring in the foyer, laundry and kitchen/nook, all-ceramic baths, dishwasher, up to seven recessed lights and a light fixture allowance of \$500.

Skylights (\$200) and poplar-fluted molding (\$500) are upgrades.

The plan features a covered porch, a great room with cathedral ceiling, a master suite with sloped ceiling, walk-in closet and chiffer, a second full bath with combination tub/shower and a second bedroom with bay window.

The steps leading to the basement are tucked out of the way off the laundry room. The basement is rough plumbed for future finishing.

Civic Park Woods, within the Livonia Public School boundaries, will have sidewalks. Most units carry a site premium ranging from \$3,000 to \$18,000.

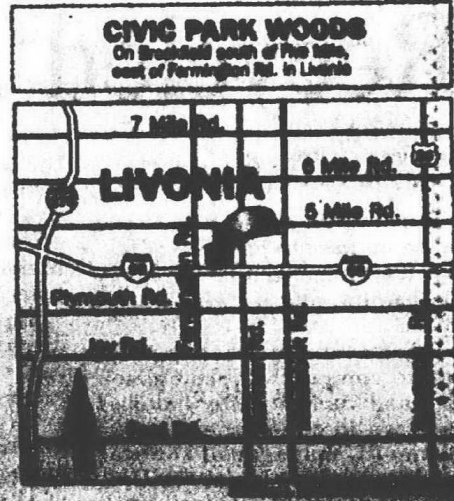
The property tax rate currently is \$32.17 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price. That means the owners of a \$270,000 condo there would pay about \$4,400 the first year.

The monthly maintenance/association fee, which includes grass cutting, snow shoveling outside water and insurance, is \$150.

A lot of things attracted Shirley Bruff, who already lives in Livonia, to Civic Park Woods.

"I didn't want to move that far," she said. "It was so close to everything around here - my doctor, church. This house was a ranch to start with. I wanted everything on the same floor. It's comfortable."

No worries about outside maintenance also was a big factor, Bruff



The sales office/model at Civic Park Woods is open 1-5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays. Contact Henney at (734) 422-2577.

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2-bedroom starter plan easily expandable

Homes designed for narrow lots that have a quality appearance to them are always in demand. Some developments have lots that need that special home to fit.

The Kirby Farm (D8093) has 1,912 square feet and is nearly square in shape. It has distinctive rooflines that provide character to the front this great starter home.

The entry has a covered porch with a transom overhead. Inside to the right side is a closet, while the stairs for the unfinished basement is on the left.

Straight ahead is the large great room with a fireplace covering nearly half of the back wall. Windows with transoms overhead decorate the balance of the area. In a front corner is a bookshelf, ideal for having a favorite book ready to read at a moment's notice.

To the right of the great room is a large nook. This eating area is enhanced with large windows bathing the room in light. For convenience, a door to the back yard has been inserted at the rear of the nook.

The kitchen for the Kirby

Farm is C-shaped with an eating bar facing the nook. A corner sink is adjacent to the eating bar and a pantry is across the walkway.

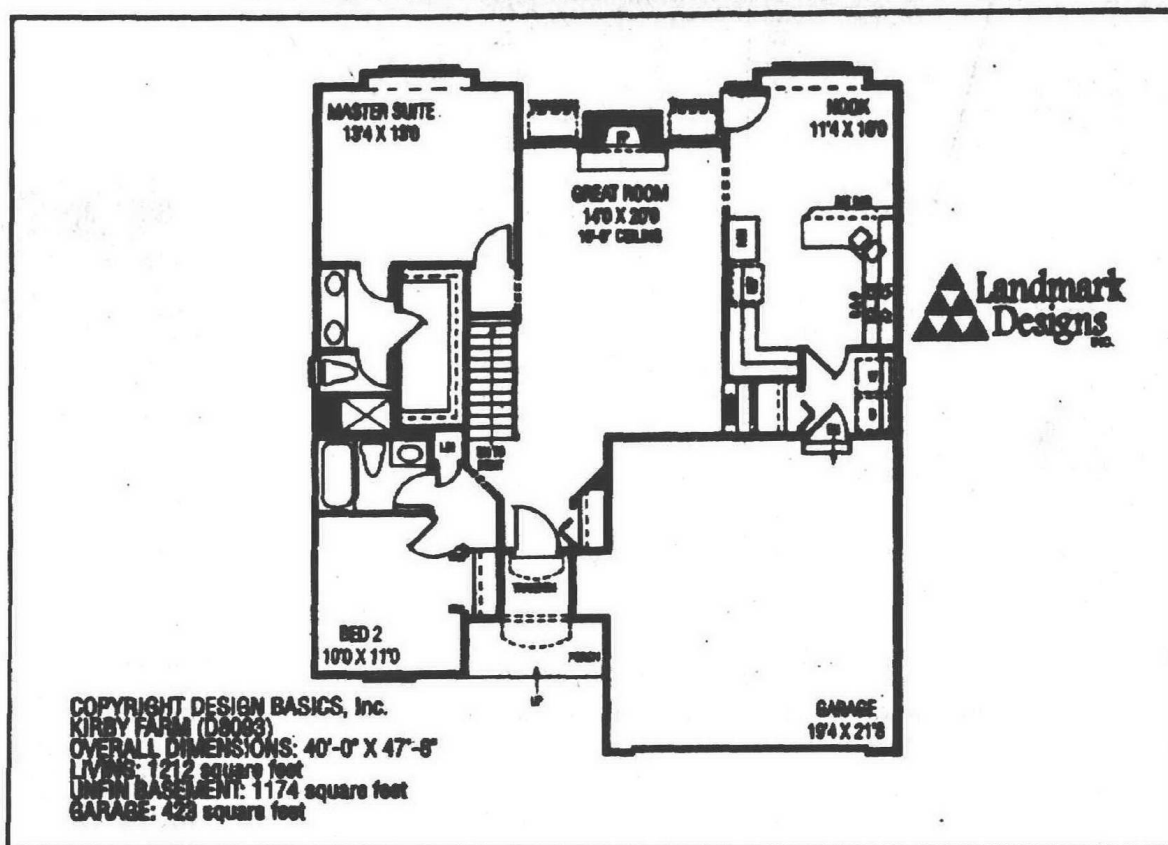
At the end of the kitchen is a door leading to the utility room. An extra storage closet has been added to the utility. Another door opening into the two-car garage makes bringing in groceries or kids easier.

An extra jog in the garage provides a possibility of storage or a workbench for the weekend do-it-yourselfer.

The Kirby Farm has two bedrooms, the master suite in the left rear area, and the secondary bedroom (ideal as a kid's room or nursery) in the left front.

A full bath is located between the two bedrooms, along with a linen closet in the hall. This is easily accessible from the rest of the home through an arched doorway.

The master suite has a large walk-in closet with twin sinks directly across the walkway. This is ideal for getting ready for work in the



mornings. There is an oversized shower conveniently located beside the closet.

Entry into this suite passes through an arched doorway, and over the basement stairwell.

Finding a home that is open and roomy is sometimes diffi-

cult for the first time buyer. Kirby Farm has the openness of a traditional old farmhouse and could easily be expanded if the need arose.

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Recycled leaves at new home yield good compost

BY SCOTT GIBSON
TODAY'S HOMESOWNER MAGAZINE

Burning all those leaves you raked up used to be a rite of fall. But it's against the law in many places now, and it's also wasteful.

Dry leaves are a key ingredient in compost — decomposed yard and kitchen waste that does wonders in the garden. Dawn Pettinelli, manager of the soil nutrient analysis lab at the University of Connecticut, says leaves combined with grass clippings, a little soil and water are

the heart of a natural decomposition process that forms compost in as little as three months.

Used as an additive, compost makes soil easier to work and provides nutrients to plants. Compost will even improve the disease resistance of plants. You can simply throw garden and kitchen waste in a pile and leave it alone. Eventually it will decompose. But building a hot compost pile speeds the process.

"It can be as difficult or as easy as you want it to be," says Pettinelli about making a hot

compost pile. "It's almost as much art as it is science."

Building a containment area for the pile is not necessary, although it will make the pile look neater and keep animals out. More important is the right proportion of materials high in carbon and those rich in nitrogen.

Materials such as sawdust, hay and dry leaves have a lot of carbon, which supplies food for the compost. Grass, manure (but not dog or cat droppings) and kitchen waste all have a high

nitrogen content, which gives the compost energy.

Don't use meat scraps, though. They attract animals.

The standard recipe for a hot compost pile, according to Pettinelli, goes like this: Start with a 6- to 8-inch layer of brown stuff — leaves, wood shavings or salt marsh hay.

Then add two inches of a material high in nitrogen, then a shovelful or two of good garden soil or commercial compost booster and a handful of both green sand and rock phosphate,

available at garden-supply centers.

If you're short of grass clippings or other greens for the nitrogen, use one cup of fertilizer or blood meal for every six or eight inches of brown material.

Repeat the layers until you have a cube roughly four feet on a side. If the material is very dry, add water; make it moist but not saturated. When the pile is assembled, mix it thoroughly. If the ingredients are correct, the pile should get to 140 F in about 24 hours.

The pile should be turned at least once a month while the material decomposes, a process that takes three to 12 months. The pile does not need to be covered, although that is a good idea if the weather is unusually cold, rainy or dry.

Commercial barrel composters, which claim to drastically shorten the time needed for decomposition, do work, Pettinelli says. But there's a catch. You have to turn the barrel three to five times every day.



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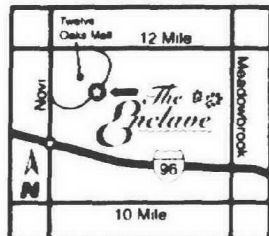


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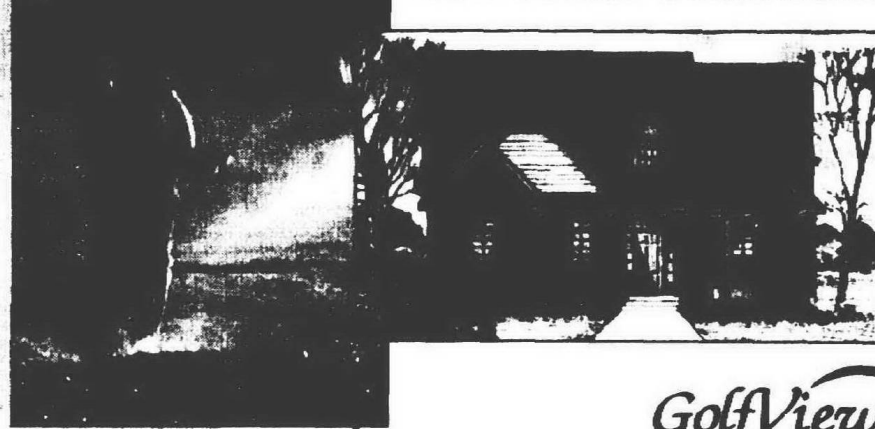


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Be bold when decorating

(NAPSI) - One of the hardest steps in decorating a room is often the first - getting started. Here are a couple of tips from the Carpet and Rug Institute on taking the leap.

■ Turn to newspaper articles and design magazines for help. Don't be afraid to use the decorating ideas you find there.

■ Find the unusual, and use your imagination. Don't be afraid

to experiment a little.

■ More and more people are choosing darker colors for walls and floors. Just remember that because floors and walls are two of the biggest elements in a room, using darker colors can make the room look cozier.

■ Lighter colors on the floor can make the room seem larger and carpet texture can add a new, fresh appearance to the room.

Home holiday fare on TV docket

This holiday season, cable Home & Garden Television (HGTV) provides a feast of specials laden with decorating and entertaining ideas.

These can be especially fun if you've recently moved into a new home.

From unique traditions to sumptuous dinners, HGTV demonstrates dozens of festive ideas for celebrating the holidays in style.

Here's HGTV's holiday programming schedule.

Thanksgiving Traditions

Airs 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

This hour-long special honors America's favorite holiday by celebrating the country's diversity of people and cultures.

Thanksgiving Traditions Across America features the food, customs and traditions from our many regions and cultures.

From Maine to Oregon, from Georgia to Texas, HGTV viewers can see how families prepare for the holiday and how the food they serve relates to their heritage.

Feasts include a low-country boil; a Texas dinner of chili and corn; and in California, a cornucopia of Far East inspired dishes.

Bright Holiday Lights

Airs 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22; 1 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23; 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

This one-hour special will show viewers how to make holiday lighting fun instead of work.

Host Pat Simpson has step-by-step instructions for creating beautiful holiday decorations for inside your home and out. He also has lighting and safety tips; instructions for tool use; hints for storing decorations and lights; and examples of colorful outdoor displays, from one family's million-light creation to another's annual hand-made fantasy wonderland.

Southern Living Natural Holiday House

Airs 9 p.m. and midnight Saturday, Nov. 25; also, 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30; and 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Beautiful holiday decorations created from the bounty of nature welcome HGTV viewers to the Southern Living Natural Holiday house in Brookgreen Gardens, near Pawley's Island, South Carolina.

During this one hour holiday special, hosted by Joan Steffend, HGTV viewers will tour the Southern Living House designed for elegance, function and comfort.

Enjoy the charming and fresh holiday decorations created by designer Ryan Gainey using nat-

ural materials. The creations enliven every room with special decorations for the porch and gardens, and festive decorations created especially for children.

There is a generous helping of easy-to-follow demonstrations so viewers can create many of the decorations featured in this very festive setting and an abundance of inspiration for creating new holiday traditions.

Room by Room for the Holidays

Premieres 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25; also airs 11 p.m. that night; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

In this hour-long holiday special, Matt Fox and Shari Hiller cover decorating and accessorizing room after room around a holiday theme; take a field trip to find the perfect tree; invite kids in to make a lollipop tree, advent calendar, stockings and dreidels; and create tabletop trees, window treatments, ornament-storage units and card-display screen.

The White House Christmas 2000

Airs 10 p.m. and midnight Saturday Dec. 23; also airs at 1, 6 and 10:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25.

HGTV spent a week inside the

White House with dozens of decorators, artisans and volunteers to find out just what it takes to decorate the home of the President and the First Lady for the holidays.

The First Lady's social secretary, the White House chief florist and the White House chief pastry chef take viewers through the exhausting days of preparing the "People's House."

Viewers get to see the stunning results of this holiday transformation including the famous Blue Room, the State Dining Room and the East Room.

HGTV's Christmas Across America 2000

Airs at 8 and 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24; also, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25.

HGTV takes viewers on a three-hour cross-country tour, hosted by "Today" show contributor Willard Scott.

This holiday special visits cities across America, showcasing the regional diversity in holiday celebrations from city to city. Visit 32 cities across the country including Detroit.

Set to holiday music, the special treats viewers to the captivating spectacle of sights and sounds of Christmas in each city including distinct holiday displays, local traditions and special landmarks.

HUD apartments aid 'very low income' senior citizens

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$597 million to non-profit groups around the country to create more than 6,500 federally subsidized apartments for low-income senior citizens.

HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, who announced the awards, said that the assistance is going to groups in 42 states and the District of Columbia under HUD's Section 202 Program for senior citizens.

Some 359 groups applied for the Section 202 assistance and 161 received grants. Michigan received \$14.7 million in funding.

"The money that we awarded today is one way we can give back to those who have given us so much," Cuomo said. "Our elderly should never have to worry about being able to afford a safe and decent place to live."

In addition to funding construction and rehabilitation projects to create the apartments, the HUD grants will subsidize rents on the apartments for five years so that residents will pay only 30 percent of their incomes as rent.

To be eligible for the assistance a household must be classified as "very low income," which means an income less than 50 percent of the area median. Nationally, this means an income of less than \$17,570 a year.

HUD provides two forms of Section 202

funds to non-profit groups:

■ Capital advances. This money covers the cost of developing the housing.

It does not need to be repaid if the housing is available for occupancy by very low-income seniors for at least 40 years.

■ Project rental assistance. This money covers the difference between the resident's contribution toward rent and the cost of operating the project.

Of the 20.9 million households headed by older persons in 1997, the most recent data available, 21 percent were renters, according to the U.S. Administration on Aging report, *Profile of Older Americans: 1999*. The median family income of older renters was \$10,867.

HUD issued a report last year that said more than 7.4 million senior citizen households pay more than they can afford - defined as more than 30 percent of their income - for housing. Others live in housing that is either substandard or fails to accommodate their physical limitations or needs for assistance.

The HUD report, *Housing Our Elders: A Report Card on the Housing Conditions and Needs of Older Americans*, identified four serious challenges to elderly housing conditions in the U.S. - adequacy, affordability, accessibility, and appropriateness.

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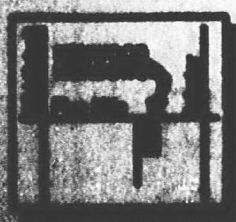
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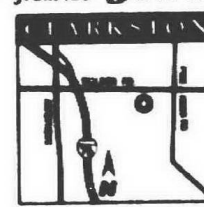


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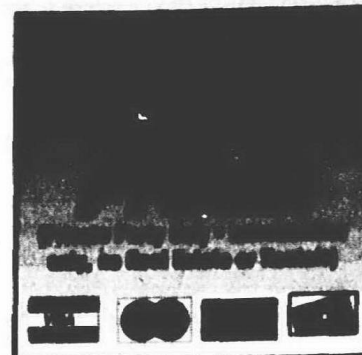
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This home features a double staircase one that leads into the kitchen for those last nite snackers and another in the foyer. The main staircase curves majestically onto a dramatic bridge area overlooking the foyer and Great Room. Hampton oak railings and solid oak end caps nicely accent the staircase. Two of the four oversized upstairs bedrooms are equipped with bay windows.

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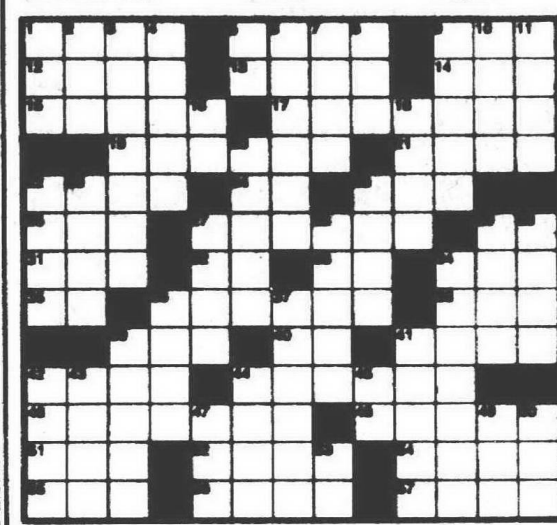
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Sunroom expands activity space in house



More space: Sunrooms add function as well as form to the family home.

(IHT) - Many new demands are put on the home with today's ever-changing family.

From elderly grandparents joining the fold to college students who return home after graduation, to blended families with wide-ranging age gaps among children, the family has never looked so different.

On top of that, many household heads are earning their wages at least partly from their home.

These changes are requiring more flexibility in the design and function of the home. One remodeling choice that is increasingly popular is the sunroom addition.

It meets the demands of the new millennium home because it's highly versatile and cost

effective. Glass enclosures cost less than full construction additions and are wise choices because their uses can evolve as the family does.

According to Patio Enclosures, Inc., today's family is putting sunrooms to good and creative uses.

"We often receive email from our customers telling us how the simple addition of a sunroom solved their unique family situation while adding a fresh look to their home," said Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures, a large installer of custom sunrooms.

"During the holidays, we never seem to have enough room," said Dori Smedley. "We decided the most economical and appealing way to expand our

home was to add a sunroom. Now I use the room as my home office - it's too fulfilling not to use everyday."

"While my daughter and grandson are living with us, the sunroom has become a much needed respite from the additional commotion in the house now," said Hane Jones.

"We added a sunroom for a family that practically lives on a runway. The enclosure became a personal aviation watchtower and a great place for family and friends to relax and observe," said Darrell DeVantier of DeVantier Construction, a Patio Enclosures Inc. dealership.

From romantic spas and dining areas to playrooms and home offices, sunrooms are beautiful, airy rooms that can easily

and cost effectively adapt to the changing demands on the home and family.

Sunrooms can be added onto a home, typically off the side or back. A more cost effective option is to convert an existing deck or patio into usable space.

Solariums, the most dramatic sunroom style, are all glass with a curved or angled roof and can be used year-round.

Three-season and year round insulated rooms can have a solid gable or single slope style roof with glass roof panels for a view of the sky.

You can see many different styles of sunrooms by checking out the photo gallery at www.patioenclosuresinc.com or by calling (800) 480-1966 for a free booklet.

Dead bolt locks require proper installation for maximum effect

BY DANNY LEFFORD
TODAY'S HOMEOWNERS MAGAZINE

(AP) - I know from personal experience that burglars and vandals have a field day when they come across a exterior door unprotected by a dead bolt.

Even a door equipped with a high-quality lockset is an easy target because the latch might not extend far enough into the door frame to withstand a sharp kick. A well-placed boot will tear the strike plate loose and splinter the jamb, providing easy access to a house.

Installing a dead bolt in addition to the lockset you already have solved the problem.

When you buy a lock, don't look for bargains. There might not appear to be differences between a \$6 dead bolt and a

\$16 model. But there are. Stick with a name brand. I've had good luck with Baldwin and Schlage hardware. If you're willing to spend an extra \$10, you'll get a dead bolt three times as strong as the economy model.

Whichever brand you choose, look for a hardened-steel bolt that extends at least an inch into the doorjamb.

For doors that contain glass or entries with sidelights, I stay away from locks with a thumb latch on the inside. A burglar can break the glass and unlock the door. For these cases, a dead bolt with a key inside and outside is my favorite, but this choice is controversial because it makes it harder to get the door open in a hurry.

That is a concern in case of a fire, especially if you have kids.

In these cases, it's a good idea to keep a key near the door but out of sight and reach of someone on the outside. Some building codes require that at least one entry have a thumb-turn latch on the inside. Bottom line - check your local building code before deciding on which type to install.

Even a top-quality dead bolt is only as good as the weak link in the chain, and that's the doorjamb.

Some manufacturers reinforce the bolt with a steel pocket that is mounted in the jamb behind the strike plate. I like to go one step further. When we install dead bolts, we add an extra piece of steel strapping to make sure the bolt won't blow out the back of the jamb if it is kicked.

We take off the door casing

and install the strapping on the inside edge of the jamb, right behind the strike plate.

Use 2-inch screws, and rout a small hollow in the back of the casing to accommodate the strapping. We use flat stock about 3/4 inch wide by 1/8 inch thick by 6-to-8 inches long for the strapping; it's usually available at hardware stores and home centers.

Another tip: When installing the strike plate for the dead bolt, use 3-inch screws. These are long enough to penetrate the trimmed stud an inch.

And while the casing is off, fill the void between the framing and the jamb with solid material. You'll get a strong, worry-free connection that frustrates potential burglars while you sleep soundly.

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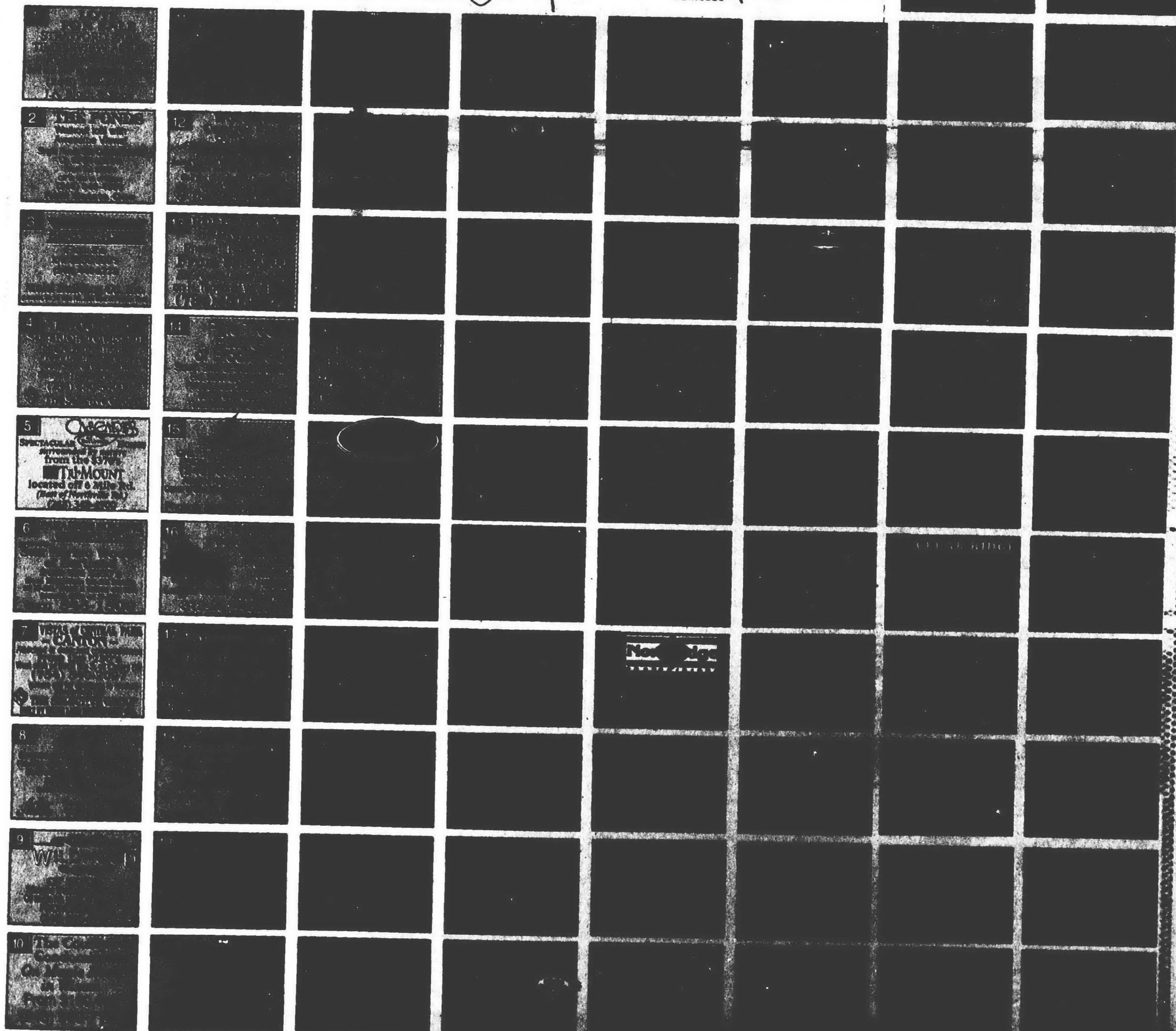
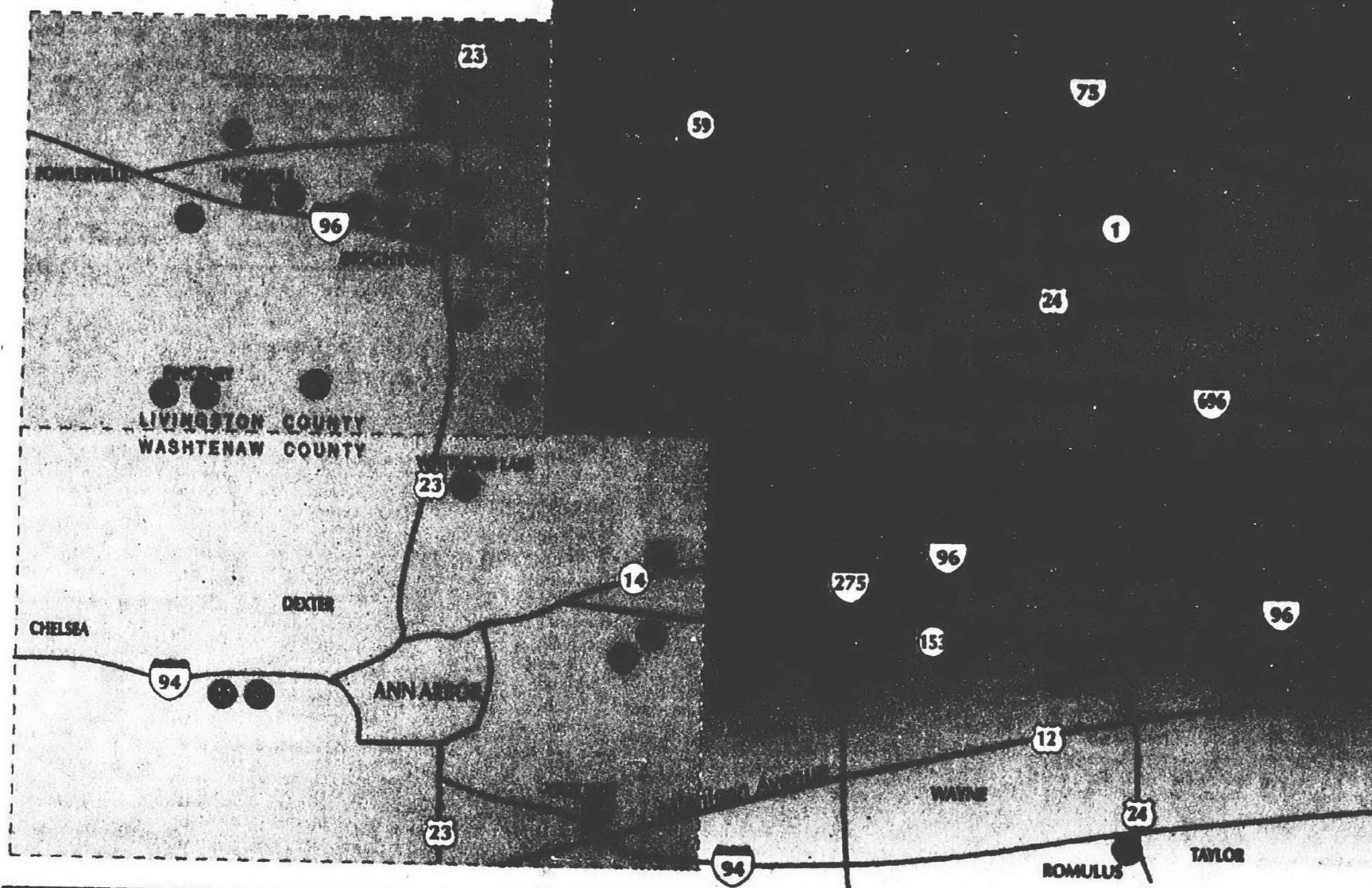
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GREAT CURB APPEAL! Elegant brick 4BR in Oak Creek. Foyer w/curved staircase, oak floor, bay windows in LR & MBR, oak kitchen to great room & newer deck, 3FP in LR, GR & master bedroom. (011WES) \$469,900 734-455-6800

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