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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Concert tonight:** *The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble will perform a Halloween concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road, Garden City, south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman. A donation will be requested at the door.*

### MONDAY

**Attic sale:** *Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.*

### TUESDAY

**On the road:** *The mobile office of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham will be in Wayne County from 9:30-11 a.m. at Livonia City Hall. Constituents are welcome to visit; no appointments are needed.*

### WEDNESDAY

**Music:** *Schoolcraft College kicks off its 1997-98 Music Series with pianist Anton Nel noon to 1 p.m. in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Admission is free. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception following the performance. For information, call (313) 462-4400.*

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## Candidates slug it out at forum



Mayor Robert Thomas and challenger Kenneth Mehl faced off Wednesday during a candidates' forum sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Incumbent Westland Mayor Robert Thomas says voters should ask themselves a simple question when they go to the polls Nov. 4:

Are they better off now than they were eight years ago, when he was first elected?

Challenger Kenneth Mehl says he already has the answer: No.

In what is expected to be their last pre-election appearance together,

Thomas and Mehl squared off Wednesday during a candidates' forum sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

About 60 people attended the event at Joy Manor, but the forum was offered to a wider audience on local cable television.

Thomas, seeking his third consecutive four-year term, touted city services that he said have improved dramatically under his leadership.

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## Mayor denounces letter

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Robert Thomas fired back Friday at longtime politician Thomas Brown for falsely implying that the mayor dropped out of high school and lied about being a Wayne Memorial High School graduate.

Brown, who supports mayoral challenger Kenneth Mehl, issued to newspapers a letter saying Thomas should admit it if he quit high school and later obtained his General Equivalency Diploma, or GED.

"If he did not graduate," Thomas wrote, "why lie about it?"

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy confirmed that Thomas was a Wayne Memorial graduate. With Thomas' permission, Baracy allowed the Observer to see confidential school records showing that Thomas received his standard diploma on June 8, 1968.

"I graduated from Wayne Memorial," Thomas said Friday, "and I believe that Tom Brown knew when

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### Stories to tell



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Neat treats:** *Cinderella Diane Halis (top photo, left) with the Westland Fire Department hands out treats to Corine Eastman (right to left), Brittaney Gardner and Angela Sagert who dressed up in her Halloween costume as a cat. This was one of the 14 stations on the Halloween Walk at the Bailey Center sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation and Westland Civitan. Angela Sagert, 3, of Westland, (lower left photo) dressed as a cat takes a lookup at the Bunny at the Halloween Walk. Scarecrow Kelly Elswick (lower right photo) with the Collins Rebekah Lodge No. 325 acts out her part as the children listen to the story on the Halloween walk.*



## No fear! Children hear special stories

Halloween is a traditional time for imaginary ghosts and goblins and scary stories.

But the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Civitans presented a Halloween Walk, a "non-scary" family adventure through a special story on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Central City Park.

The 40-minute guided tours took small groups along candle-lit pathways through the park. Proceeds from the event benefited the Fun For All Children Recreation Scholarship Fund.

The guide played out a scene with other characters to tell different chapters of a story.

Some of the characters included a friendly troll, woodsman, three blind mice and Cinderella.

The costumed characters were volunteers from many organizations including the Muggs coffee shop, All Stars Youth Theater Troupe, Westland Breakfast Lions, playscape, Collins Rebekah Lodge No. 325, Civitans, VFW 3323 Ladies Auxiliary and Kiwanis Club of Westland.

Another event, for children in elementary and middle school, is the Boo Bash.

It will be 1-4 p.m. today at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Tickets are \$5 and the Bash will include hot dogs and games.

Proceeds from the Boo Bash benefit the Westland All Stars Theater Troupe which is planning a production of "The Music Man."

## 'A real fat pig' eludes animal control officers

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

■ 'He's well-fed. He's a real fat pig.'

Marc Stobbe  
—police lieutenant

Remember Arnold the pig of TV's "Green Acres" — the place to be?

Little did Westland city leaders know they would attract their own Arnold when they coined a slogan calling Westland "the place to be."

But Westland has become swine country, folks, and it has nothing to do with mudling by mayoral and city council candidates.

A wild pig roaming the city has been seen by hundreds of people, but it has

eluded animal control officers for nearly a month now, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

"He's fast," Stobbe said. Westland's pig has been spotted on the city's east side and the west side — often along Warren Road.

"He travels from Newburgh to Merriman," Stobbe said.

Some residents have reported feeding the pig, which Stobbe estimated weighs 180 to 200 pounds.

"He's well-fed," Stobbe said. "He's a real fat pig."

He has little tusks, too, but he isn't suspected of hurting any people.

"He did beat up a dog, though," Stobbe said. "One man was coming out of

his house with his dog, and the dog started barking at the pig. The pig beat up the dog."

Animal control officers shot at the Westland swine with a tranquilizer gun during one sighting — but failed to capture him.

Some residents reported seeing the pig swimming — or bathing, maybe — in the Rouge River area of Hines Park, Stobbe said.

"One day he was sunbathing outside

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## Forum

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Mehl, a former 12-year Westland City Council member waging his second battle to unseat Thomas, portrayed the mayor as a big-spending politician who wastes taxpayer money.

### His record

Thomas, 47, said his administration has brought citizens advanced medical rescue services, community policing, a police canine unit, a new public library, a children's Playscape in Central City Park, a quality leaf pickup program and a new Westland Center-based Sears store — all while maintaining a balanced budget.

"You get a lot of bang for your dollar here in Westland," Thomas said.

Mehl, 51, criticized the mayor for excessive spending on administration salaries and benefits and accused the mayor of wasting taxpayer dollars by helping Westland Center lure Sears, which had a grand opening Saturday.

"It's not as rosy as everybody thinks it is," Mehl said.

Thomas defended his support of providing \$1.5 million in Tax Increment Finance Authority dollars to improve landscaping and parking and to relocate utilities for the Sears project.

"When you can attract a Sears store to your community," he said, "you are on the map."

Thomas also said Sears could lure other businesses to Westland and help to fill strip mall vacancies.

"I think Sears will be the magnet," he said.

Moreover, tax revenues from the mall will more than compensate for the \$1.5 million, Thomas said.

"It's still corporate welfare," Mehl charged. "We will never ever recover that money."

"It's a direct gift from Westland taxpayers to the Westland mall and the Sears corporation," Mehl said.

### War chest

Mehl also lashed out at Thomas for raising more than \$500,000 during his eight years in office. Mehl said the mayor's campaign war chest has drained community coffers and made it difficult for nonprofit organizations to raise money.

Mehl also criticized Thomas for becoming the first local mayor ever to receive longevity pay that will amount to \$2,800 this year, alone.

Mehl outlined his vision for Westland, including sound financial planning, more youth programs, improved roads and efforts to fill commercial vacancies.

Thomas said his administration has had a balanced budget for eight years and has supported some 60 youth programs. He also said a new Downtown Development Authority will begin to show results in coming

### 'It's not as rosy as everybody thinks it is.'

Kenneth Mehl  
—mayoral candidate

### 'You get a lot of bang for your buck here in Westland.'

Robert Thomas  
—mayor

years, as businesses along Wayne and Ford roads are spruced up.

On other issues:

■ Thomas defended the city's decision to impose a 1-mill tax on residents for library operations — the amount allowed without a ballot proposal. "I think that was the right decision," he said.

Mehl said he supported a library but, "I don't believe we should impose a tax on anyone without their vote."

■ Mehl said he would look at special zoning measures to help fill strip mall vacancies. Thomas said Sears and other big companies will draw smaller businesses.

■ Mehl said he would have a balanced budget as mayor. Thomas said his budgets have been balanced, and he challenged anyone to review them.

■ Thomas accused Mehl of trying to spend a \$2 million city budget surplus "in one night" when Mehl served on the council. Had that been accomplished, Thomas said, the city "would have been broke."

Mehl reminded the mayor why he proposed the spending measures. "That was a program to put more police officers and firefighters on the street, sir."

■ If elected mayor, Mehl said he would ask council members to reduce pensions for themselves as part-time employees. Thomas said he wouldn't meddle in council affairs. "That's up to them."

■ Mehl said he supports a satellite senior citizen center because some seniors can't get to the Friendship Center on Newburgh. He suggested possibly working with the Salvation Army on a plan.

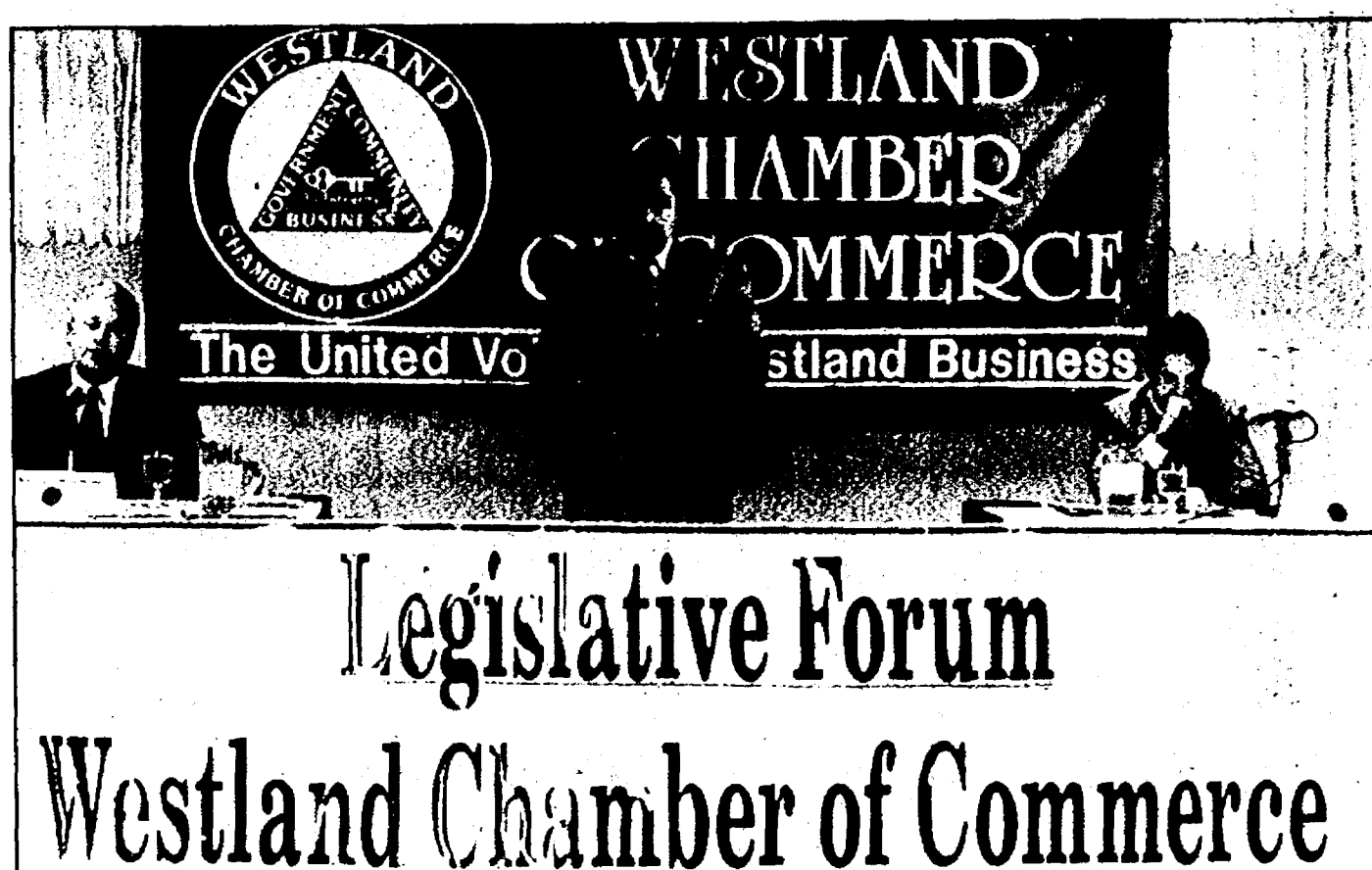
Thomas said a satellite center would be nice, "but it costs a lot of money." He said seniors who can't find a way to the Friendship Center should ask director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek for help.

■ Mehl criticized the city's response to a north-end sewer-separation project that caused basement flooding and street paving delays. Thomas fired back that Mehl shouldn't "play politics with people's lives," and he said flood claims have been settled for 350 of the 400-plus homeowners who had damages.

■ Thomas misspoke during the forum when he said the

Chamber of Commerce director supported Mehl. In fact, the chamber board president, John Toye, supports Mehl. Thomas said chamber officials should remain neutral. He later said he didn't mean to imply that director Linda Shapona had taken sides in the election. She has not.

■ Thomas said he is comfortable with current methods of recommending appointees for local boards and commissions to city council. Mehl said he, as mayor, would try to make local boards more reflective of the various "nationalities" of residents.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Battling it out:** Westland mayoral incumbent Robert Thomas (left) and challenger Kenneth Mehl (right) square off in a Westland Chamber of Commerce candidates forum. Chamber moderator Kim Shunkwiler stood between the candidates and posed questions written down by audience members.

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## Diploma

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he put that letter out that I graduated from Wayne Memorial."

"To me that was really a childish piece of literature," Thomas said, dismissing it as "a desperate attempt by a desperate campaign."

Brown — a former mayor, council member and state representative — said Friday he withdrew his letter after school officials confirmed Thomas as a graduate.

Brown had said in his letter that he raised the issue because Thomas wasn't pictured in his senior class yearbook and because 1968 classmates didn't remember Thomas graduating with them.

Thomas said he didn't want to have his senior picture taken for the yearbook.

"When I was in school, I was kind of a shy guy," he said. "I didn't like having my picture taken. I just didn't participate in that kind of stuff."

But Thomas said he did attend his graduation and a post-ceremony party.

"I think that letter (from Brown) is just a prime example of how somebody can circulate something that is totally false," Thomas said.

Thomas said his graduation "can be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt."

Just last spring, Thomas was honored with an Alumni of the Year Award from Wayne Memorial, and he addressed the graduating class of 1997.

Baracy confirmed that Wayne Memorial officials check the background of alum-

ni award candidates before bestowing the honor.

Said Thomas, "I'm sure they wouldn't have given me the award if I hadn't graduated."

Brown's letter noted that Thomas addressed the Class of 1997 and that the mayor "appeared in cap and gown and posed as a 1968 graduate of Wayne Memorial."

"Does it mean that much to mislead our students and our educational community?" Brown asked in his letter.

Thomas responded that Brown, in fact, is guilty of trying to mislead the community. Moreover, Thomas said Brown's allegations cheapen the graduation experience for 1997 Wayne Memorial seniors who found pride in knowing that Westland's mayor came from their school.

"I think it's terrible to do that to those kids," Thomas said.

Brown had titled his letter "Liar, Liar" after the title of a Jim Carrey movie, and Brown posed the question: "Does this title fit the character of Mayor Robert J. Thomas?"

Brown noted that, when school officials confirmed Thomas' graduation, "That was all right with me. The letter was never printed. I withdrew it."

Thomas said he hopes that Westland voters will decide between himself and Mehl based on legitimate issues — and not false allegations raised by his opponents.

# District's rainy day fund hits \$8.7 million, auditors report

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

## LIVONIA SCHOOLS

With Livonia Public Schools' rainy day fund now a hefty \$8.7 million — or 6.9 percent of its \$130 million budget — the big question facing school officials is how big the fund should be.

In the 1997 audit of Livonia schools, Plante & Moran spokesman Tom Doyle put the state's rainy day fund average, excluding Detroit schools, at 11 percent.

That means that despite its hefty size, Livonia's fund is still lower than those held by other school districts throughout the state.

On the other hand, some Livonia school officials question whether the fund has grown too big.

The opening shot in this debate, sure to pick up momentum as 1997-98 budget discussions get under way, came recently at a board committee meeting from trustee Ken Timmons.

"We shouldn't have that much in fund equity; it's not politically smart," Timmons said. "Our representatives (in Lansing) tell us, we're a rich district because of the amount of money we have in this fund. It's the downside to having a fund equity."

Livonia's healthy rainy day fund is one of the many highlights of the 1997 audit, which state law requires yearly for school districts. Plante & Moran outlined the audit at Monday's meeting of the Livonia Board of Education.

The audit shows the district gets more money each year from the state since passage of Proposal A.

The last year the district got the bulk of its income — \$108.8 million — from local sources was 1994. That flip-flopped in 1995, when the district got \$87.9 million from the state, \$33.2 million locally.

That trend has continued ever since.

In 1996, the district got \$92.5 million from the state, \$33.4 million locally; in 1997, \$95.3 million from the state, \$34.6 million locally.

But with the increase in income from the state has come an increase in teacher retirement costs, an expense formerly paid by the state.

"We're getting more money,

but paying more out for retirement benefits," said board president Frank Kokenakes.

Before Proposal A, in 1994, the district's contribution into the teachers' defined benefit pension plan was 5 percent. In 1995, that percentage jumped to 14.2 percent; in 1996, 14.5 percent; in 1997, 15.1 percent.

"The percentage has steadily grown when this expense was passed to school districts, and the plan is still underfunded," Doyle said.

One interesting number in the audit is the amount of interest charged for the \$62 million bond issue approved by voters in 1992 to upgrade school buildings.

Before 1997, the amount of interest charged had doubled the initial bond issue, to \$120 million, Doyle said.

This past year, he said, the district refinanced the long-term loan, so that the debt now stands at \$111 million, he said.

The audit gives Livonia schools a high rating for its book-keeping. The district gets "the best opinion we can give," Doyle said.

## 1945 audit was only four pages long

What a difference 52 years make.

Randy Liepa, Livonia Public Schools assistant superintendent for business, recently came across an audit of the Livonia district done in 1945 when it was known as the Livonia Township School District and housed in Plymouth.

Plante & Moran's 1997 audit of Livonia Public Schools ran 49 pages, with many folded pages that opened to reveal long charts.

The audit done in 1945 by Detroit-based CPA George Dunlop covered just four pages.

The old school district has three funds: general, debt retirement and building and site. It had \$44,984 in savings accounts in four different banks.

The auditor found two errors: an unsigned payroll check, and a bond payment apparently not approved by the trustees.

In a cover letter to the audit, then-superintendent H. O. Johnson told how the two errors had occurred. When the unsigned check arrived at the bank, arrangements had been made to get it signed, but it had not been done, he said.

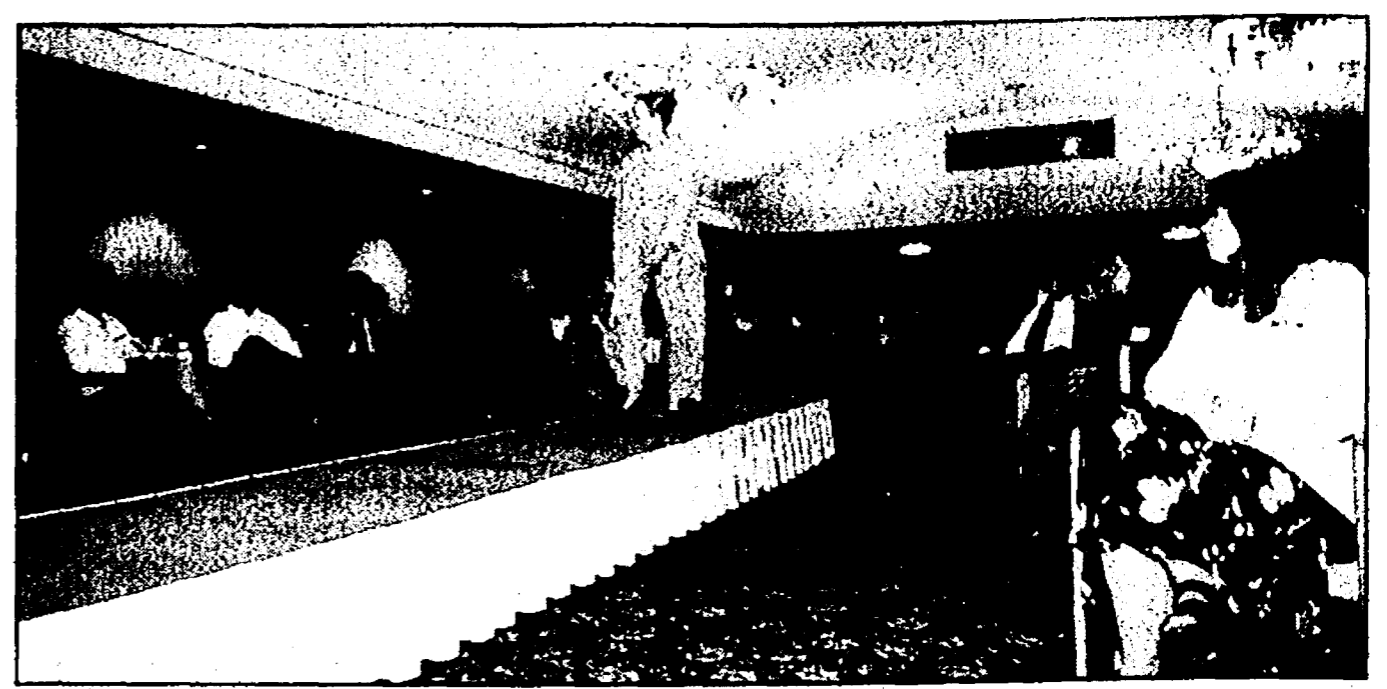
The \$2,540 bond payment to

NBD was issued between meetings of the board, and not included in the minutes of one of the meetings, he said.

The district's income was \$154,805; its expenses were \$145,089.

The superintendent's salary was \$4,800. The cost for the district's four male teachers, 41 female teachers, and substitute teachers was \$85,076.

The district spent \$12,116 to transport students. The cost to operate the district, including janitors' salaries, telephone, and insurance, was \$23,952.



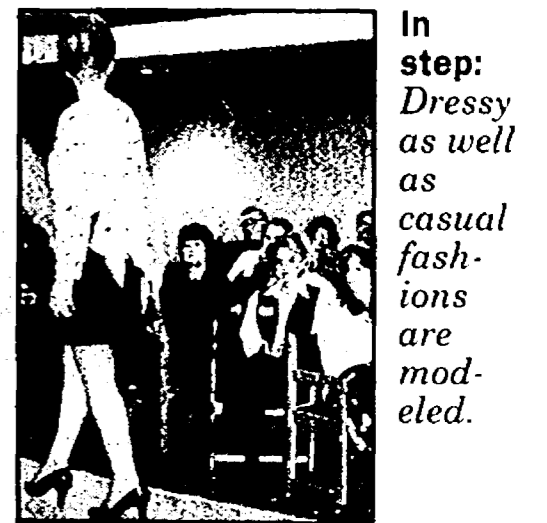
On the runway: About 70 people attended the Westland chamber luncheon Tuesday which featured fashions from Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Clothier.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD



Fashion finds: Above, John Toye, Westland Chamber of Commerce president, models fashions from Nicole's Revival. At left, Ehry Cousins, 4, heads down the catwalk with her teddy bear.



In step: Dressy as well as casual fashions are modeled.

## Chamber lunch features fashion

Fashion hit the runway in Westland Tuesday — and it was all resale.

Nicole Christ of Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Cloth-

ier of Westland presented a show of resale designer fashions during a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

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# Decked out for Halloween

## Area residents revel in 'spirit' of season

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

### Baby boomers

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

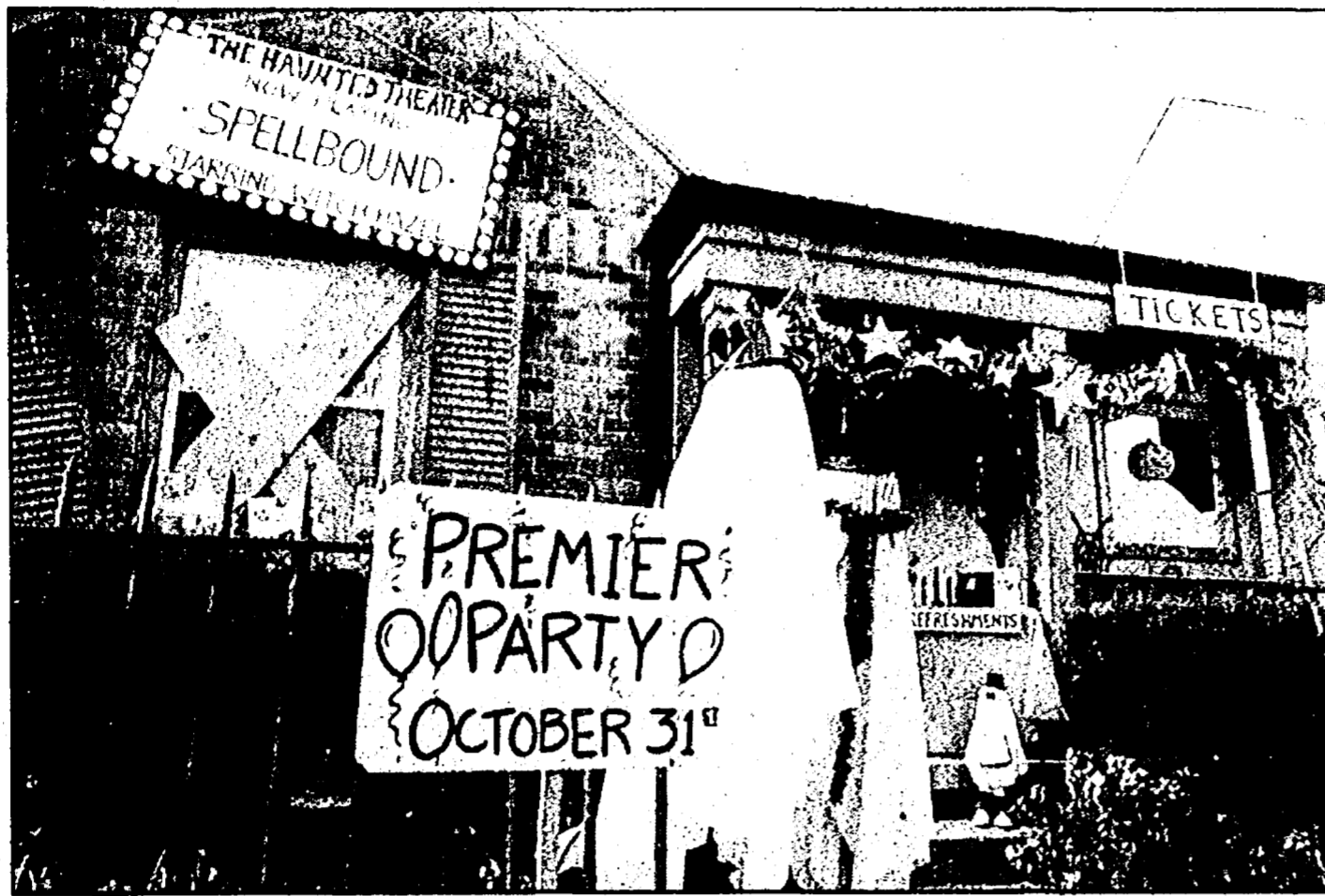
Zazula said he has more Halloween decorations than Christmas ornaments. And, every year his Halloween display just seems to get bigger as he adds more to it.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

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

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

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

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### FIREFIGHTER TOM'S DINNER IN A PUMPKIN

SERVES 6 ADULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Costume time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Witches busy

Halloween, of course, is about the supernatural.

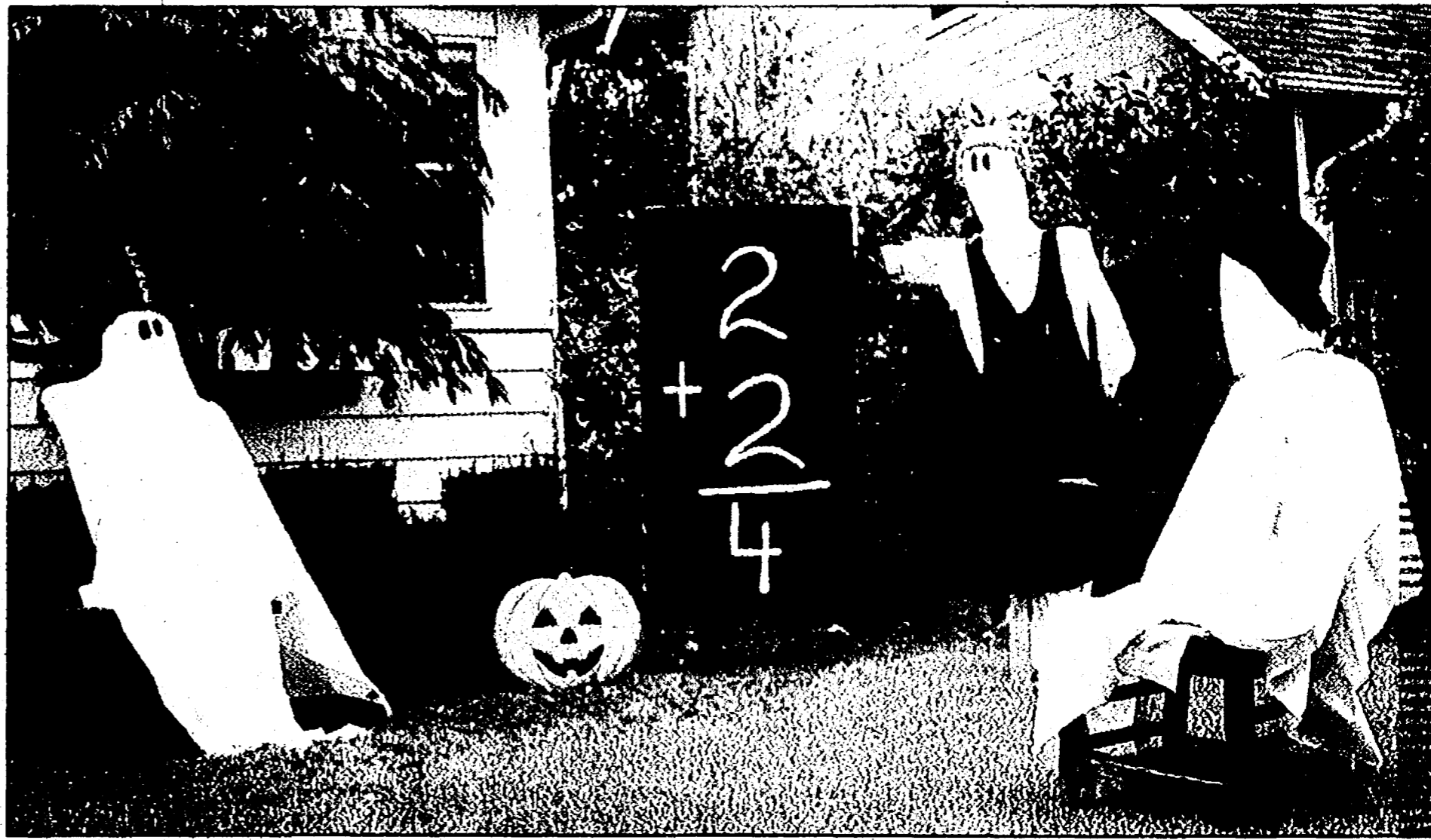
Veronica Kuclo-Raub has a Halloween shop in Garden City, one she describes as New Age. While it has some costumes, she also carries cult supplies, jewelry, and books on witchcraft and dreams.

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

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

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

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



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

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## Panel

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

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

That's an extreme cost for school districts."

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

### No federal tests

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

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

### 2 calendar bills

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

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

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

## Cyber

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

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

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

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

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

"All she had to do was tap into the system," McDowell said.

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**SPECIALTY FOODS**



**KEELY WYGONIK**

## Organic, gluten-free products fill niche

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

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

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

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

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

### Gluten-Free Pantry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly



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

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BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

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

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

Eleanor Froehlich of Rochester was the grand prize winner, and received \$1,000, and a year's supply of Faygo pop. Her recipe — Chicken, pear and

Walnut Salad with Faygo Ginger Ale Dressing is a mouth-watering combination of flavors and textures.

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

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

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

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

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

## Cooks pop Faygo into dishes for flavor

the Bavarian Inn where they competed in a cooking contest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

## Chefs set stage for Gourmet Gala

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

### Gourmet Gala

- When: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.
- Where: Presented by Crittenton Hospital at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.
- Tickets: \$75 (Friend); \$125 (Patron); and \$175 (Benefactor), call (248) 652-5345, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

barger. "Over the years, the restaurants have gotten very creative with their table displays, they were putting in so much effort."

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

took home the prize last year.

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

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

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

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

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# Gala

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dinner table. "Drape napkins over a pedestal cake plate, or even a can of tomato juice," said Paterek. "Use things you have around the house to create high and low elevations."

"Upholstery fabric isn't just for seat cushions, Paterek uses it to cover her table. Shop remnant tables for interesting fabric that can help you set the mood for your dinner. During the holidays, Paterek uses lots of silver and gold fabric to create a festive mood.

Lighting is important - lots of candles, all different sizes, colors, and in a variety of candle holders. Place mirrors on the table, underneath candles, to reflect the light.

"Candles are relaxing and can help set mood - glitzy, fun, or quiet, subdued and soft," said Paterek. "Lighting is important. Use lots of candles on your buffet and dinner table. Put a small candle in front of each table setting."

Bauman also likes to use a lot of natural items in his table set-

**Crittenton Hospital's Gourmet Gala Benefit**  
Participating restaurants include: Bistro Seventy 5, Boodles Restaurant, The Breadwinner Bakery, Brisoni's Ristorante, Cadillac Coffee Co., Charley's Crab - Troy, d.l. Harrington's Chop House, Golden Eagle Restaurant, Great Oaks Country Club, HDS Services, Indianwood Golf & Country Club, Kabin Kruser's Oyster Bar, Kruse & Muer Restaurants, Lino's, Mac & Ray's, Main Event - Pontiac Silverdome, Marinelli's Restaurants, Merchant of Vino Marketplace, Metamora Country Club, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, Mountain Jack's - Troy, Mr. B's Restaurants, Northfield Hilton, Paint Creek Country Club, Palace Grill, Pampered by Polly Custom Catering, Picano's Restaurant & Lounge, The Red Wagon Wine Shoppe, Rochester Chop House, Scallops Gill & Grill, Seagram America's, Don Shula's Steak House - Troy Marriott, Tastefully Yours, Troy Marriott Catering and Uptowne Roadhouse.

tings. "Small gourds, autumn leaves, pine cones, little pumpkins, and seed pods are great for arrangements," he said. "Put a cornucopia filled with little gourds on the table, acorns are really nice."

Napkins in fall colors can also compliment your table. You can change the mood simply by changing the color of napkins.

Since it began 21 years ago, Crittenton Hospital's Gourmet Gala has grown from an event attended by fewer than 200 people to over 800 people.

"I've seen it grow," said Bauman, a participant since 1985. "It's for a really good cause."

But some things haven't changed. This is still a community event that hard working vol-

unteers, and generous chefs who donate food, their time and staff, make possible.

"We start setting up at 8 a.m.," said Ruth Stephens-Collins, Director of Community Resources for the hospital. "On Nov. 20 we'll have our appreciation luncheon, and then start planning next year's event. We send out evaluations to the restaurants to see how we can do things better."

Gourmet Gala is a dressy event, but not black tie. Entertainment is provided by the Dick Bourez Trio and harpist Onita Saunders.

This will be Paterek's 10th year participating in the Gala. "It's a fun thing," she said. "It puts us out in the community. The committee members are such hard workers, there's a lot of effort that goes into it, and a real commitment to the community. It would be nice if the community would support by attending."

# Cooks share Faygo recipes

See related story on Taste front.

## CHICKEN, PEAR AND WALNUT SALAD WITH FAYGO GINGER ALE DRESSING

- Dressing:**  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup Faygo Ginger Ale  
1/4 cup minced green onion  
1/4 cup minced celery  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
2 tablespoons light soy sauce  
1 tablespoon light brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper  
1/8 teaspoon celery salt
- Salad:**  
2 large firm Bosc or Bartlett Pears  
2 to 3 cups Faygo Ginger Ale  
6 cups mixed baby greens, washed, dried, divided  
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked (poached, broiled, sauteed or grilled) and sliced 1/4-inch thick  
4 ounces blue cheese, crumbled, divided  
1/4 cup walnut (or pecan halves), toasted and cooled  
2 tablespoons minced candied ginger

To prepare dressing: In a small bowl or 3-cup jar with a cover, mix all dressing ingredients. Set aside.

To poach pears for salad: Peel and cut each pear in half and use a melon baller to remove the core and stem. Place the four halves in a small skillet with a cover. Add 2 to 3 cups of Faygo Ginger Ale, enough to cover pear halves. Cover pan and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.

At serving time, drain and slice the 4 pear halves into fans, leaving them connected at the small end. Divide greens among 4 serving plates. Arrange chicken breast slices over one side of greens on each plate.

Place a pear fan over the over half of the greens on each plate. Sprinkle blue cheese evenly over the 4 salads. Arrange the walnuts (or pecans) and candied ginger atop the salads. Spoon dressing over salads, and serve the remaining dressing on the side. Serves 4.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Froehlich and Faygo Beverages Inc.

## GRANDMA'S CANNOLI CAKE

- 18.25-ounce yellow cake mix with pudding in the mix  
1 1/2 pints whipping cream, divided  
4 tablespoons sifted confectioners' sugar, divided  
1 teaspoon vanilla, divided  
15 to 16 ounces ricotta cheese, drained  
1/4 cup chopped candied pineapple or chopped nuts  
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate mini-morsels  
1/2 cup Faygo Creme Soda, divided  
3 3/4 ounces vanilla instant pudding, made according to package directions for pie  
Chocolate shavings, optional  
Candied Cherries, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bake cake according to package directions in two 9-inch, round cake pans. Remove from oven and cool pans on a rack for 5 to 10 minutes, then turn cake onto rack to complete cooling.

In a small bowl, whip 1/2 pint whipping cream with 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Fold in ricotta cheese, candied pineapple or chopped nuts and chocolate mini-morsels. Cover and refrigerate.

To assemble cake, slice each layer in half to form 4 thin, round layers. Place first layer on a serving tray and brush 2 tablespoons of Faygo Creme Soda on the cake. Spread with half of the prepared pudding.

Place a second cake layer on top of the first. Brush with the Faygo Creme Soda. Spread with half of the ricotta mixture. Repeat layering with cake, Faygo Creme Soda and remaining pudding. Top with the fourth cake layer, Faygo Creme Soda and remaining ricotta mixture.

In a mixing bowl, whip remaining 1 pint whipping cream with 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Frost the top and sides of the cake with the whipped cream. Garnish with chocolate shavings and candied cherries if desired. Serves 12.

Recipe compliments of Richard Rizzio and Faygo Beverages, Inc.

# Faygo

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To make cut flowers last longer, Colleen Matthewson of Dearborn mixes 1 pint Faygo Twist with 1 pint water and 1 teaspoon lemon juice in a pitcher.

The Faygo Flower Saver should be at least 3 to 4 inches

deep on flower the flower stems. The mixture will be cloudy.

Faygo saved Froehlich some money when one of her guests accidentally spilled a holiday punch containing cranberry juice on her carpet.

"I put club soda on it, and the spot came right out," she said. "I didn't even have to call the carpet cleaner."

To get your copy of the Faygo cookbook, send your name,

address and a cash register receipt showing proof of purchase of any Faygo product to: Faygo 90th Anniversary Recipe Book, P.O. Box 07113, Detroit, MI 48207.

# Pumpkin-pineapple cheesecake sweet, simple

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The following recipe for Pineapple Pumpkin Cheesecake satisfies almost any sweet tooth. The recipe is simple and easy to make, using canned pumpkin and canned, sliced pineapple.

- cheese, softened  
16-ounce can pumpkin  
4 eggs  
2 tablespoons flour  
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
15-1/2-ounce can sliced pineapple in heavy syrup

Set aside 2 tablespoons of the brown sugar.

In food processor, combine remaining sugar with cream cheese. Process 20 seconds. Add pumpkin, eggs, flour, spice and vanilla extract. Process 10 seconds, scraping sides once.

To bake: Pour into an 8-inch springform pan coated with vegetable cooking spray.

Bake 50 minutes without opening door. Turn off oven. Let cake stand in oven for one hour.

To cool: Remove cake from oven. Immediately run knife around sides of pan. Cool; refrigerate 3 hours. Drain pineapple; reserving syrup. Dice 1 pineapple slice. Cook reserved syrup, reserved sugar and diced pineapple over medium-high heat 8 minutes or until thick, without stirring. Just before serving, arrange pineapple on cake. Top with glaze. Makes 8 servings.

Notes: Cracking is common in cheesecake. If food processor is not available, prepare in large bowl, as directed above, using a wooden spoon to mix ingredients.

You can substitute the pumpkin pie spice with 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger and 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice.

Nutrition facts per serving: 356 calories 10 grams fat, 121 mg cholesterol 291 mg sodium. Percentage of calories from fat: 25 percent.

# Beef-rice mix easy dinner

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Ranchero Beef & Rice Skillet is a 20-minute dinner with all-family appeal, prepared with ingredients that are easy to keep on hand in the pantry and freezer. Just brown lean ground beef with bell pepper and garlic, then season with chili powder. Cooked rice, frozen green peas and prepared salsa are added to the

## Ranchero Beef & Rice Skillet is a 20-minute dinner with all-family appeal.

ground beef mixture to heat through. Using one pan for cooking and serving makes cleanup easy and fuss-free. Serve with oatmeal-raisin cookies and fruit for a quick dessert.

## RANCHERO BEEF & RICE SKILLET

Total preparation and cooking time: 20 minutes

- 1 pound lean ground beef  
1 medium red or green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
1 large clove garlic, crushed  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 cups cooked rice, cooled  
1 cup frozen peas, thawed  
3/4 cup prepared mild or medium salsa

In large nonstick skillet, brown ground beef, bell pepper and garlic over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up into 3/4-inch cubes. Pour off drippings. Season beef with chili powder and salt.

Add rice to skillet; mix well. Cook an additional 2 minutes or until rice is hot, stirring occasionally. Stir in peas and salsa; heat through. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 429 calories, 18 grams protein, 57 grams carbohydrates, 10 grams fat, 5.3 mg iron, 683 mg sodium, 70 mg cholesterol. Percentage of calories from fat: 21 percent.

Recipe from: National Cattle-men's Beef Association

**PINEAPPLE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE**  
1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar  
2 ounces light cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place a 9- by 13-inch pan of hot water on lower rack in oven.

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# Look for 'Jack' at area pumpkin patches

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

**Pumpkin Patches**  
Always call ahead to check availability of fruit.

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

Here are some nearby pumpkin patches to visit.

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

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

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

**Oakland County**

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

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

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

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

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

weekends.  
**Wayne County**

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

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

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

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

**Washtenaw County**

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

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

■ Wiard's Orchard and Cider Mill, (313) 482-7744 - South of Ypsilanti, take I-94 to Huron St., go south 4 miles. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cider, u-pick apples and pumpkins. Country Fair Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through the last weekend of October. Features live entertainment, children's activities. Different event each weekend call for details.

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

## Gourmet pork with savory sauce sure to please

See related story on Taste front.

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

### PORK LOIN TIKO TIKO

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

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

### Sauce:

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

Salt to taste

Saute onion, add chopped mushrooms.

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

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

### CURRIED RICE AND APRICOTS

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

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

## READER REQUESTS

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Our theme for Thanksgiving this year is - "Dish to Pass" - send your favorite Thanksgiving side dish recipe for consideration in our feature to me by Monday, Nov. 3 at the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (313) 591-7279.

We'll pick five to share with readers. If your recipe is chosen, you'll be interviewed for the article, and receive a newly published cookbook.

For those of you who would rather leave the cooking to someone else, Schoolcraft College is offering Thanksgiving dinners to go.

The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a complete dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Included with a 14- to 16-pound whole turkey are stuffing, a fresh vegetable, yams, relish and gravy. The meal will serve 8 to 10 people and cost between \$70 and \$80. Fresh pies and cheesecake

can also be purchased to complement the meal. You can order a Thanksgiving dinner starting Oct. 27 by calling (313) 462-4491.

Dora of Royal Oak is looking for a cookie recipe that uses Vernor's as a leavening agent. If you have one, please send it to me at the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers.

Sylvia Treitman, a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County, shares these tips for preserving herbs.

Herbs can be frozen without blanching. Wash drain and spread on a flat tray to freeze. When firm, pack in freezer bags or containers.

Dried herbs are stronger than fresh. One teaspoon crumbled herbs equals two teaspoons fresh herbs.

Freeze fine chopped herbs into ice cubes and package cubes in freezer bags to use to flavor soups, stews and other recipes.

## Smothered chicken never goes out of style

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

### SMOTHERED CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS AND ONIONS

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

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

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

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

Return the pan to medium-high

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

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

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

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

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# Malls & Mainstreets

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**Knob decor:** These 2" jewels by artist Susan Goldstick are mini works of art, from \$17 at Bellissima in Rochester.

## Time to create special effects

DONNA MULCAHY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Home remodeling is one of America's favorite pastimes and according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), kitchen and bathroom projects add the most resale value to a home.

On average, a homeowner can recoup 90 to 94 percent of the cost of a kitchen remodeling project, about 90 percent of the cost of a bathroom addition, and about 77 percent of the cost of a bathroom remodeling job when the home is sold.

If you're looking for ways to spruce up your kitchen or bathroom, here are some ideas I got when I visited the 5th annual Fall Remodeling Show, held at the Novi Expo Center in September and sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

If your kitchen looks old and drab, and you'd like to fix it up but don't have a lot of money, why not paint the walls and cabinets and put new knobs and handles on the doors? You might be surprised at what a big difference these relatively minor repairs make.

There are a lot of national paint brands on the market. But before making your buying decision, you might want to visit Stricker Paint Products in Novi. This family-owned company has been manufacturing paint since 1957. For more information, call (248) 349-0793.

You can find cabinet knobs and drawer pulls at just about any hardware store. But if you're looking for something out of the ordinary, visit Classic Hardware in Livonia, (313) 542-9940 and Bellissima in downtown Rochester, (248) 650-9557.

Classic Hardware has three aisles of cabinet hardware, including: hand-painted ceramic knobs in a variety of whimsical designs (such as animal and food shapes), made by Nifty Nob of California; and antique-finish metallic knobs and pulls that look like finely crafted pins, earrings and other jewelry, made by Emenee of New York.

Bellissima carries jeweled knobs and curtain tie-backs by commissioned artist Susan Goldstick of San Francisco. They come in a wide variety of looks, from Byzantine to space-age, and some of the tie-backs remind me of Jeannie's bottle in the show "I Dream of Jeannie."

Nifty Nobs and Emenee knobs cost about \$11 or \$12 each, and Knobs by Susan Goldstick start at \$17.95, so they're not for everybody. To keep the cost down, you could mix and match, using the decorative pulls on one or two cabinets and less expensive ones on the rest.

### More quick fixes

If your bathtub is chipped and stained, and if the ceramic tile around it is cracked, then you might be tempted to have it all torn out and replaced.

But a quicker and less-costly alternative is to have a Re-Bath Bathtub Liner and Wall Surround installed. They're available from Bathtub Liners of Michigan in Troy, 1-800-353-3384 or 248-577-0047. Made of durable, high-gloss acrylic, they're custom made to fit over your existing wall tile and bathtub or shower base.

If you do decide to re-tile in the bathroom, Tom Foell of Virginia Tile Co., Troy (248) 649-4422 and Farmington Hills, said the current trend is wall and floor tiles in natural stone colors and matte finishes, plus decorative tiles that look like they're made of pebbles, sea shells and fossilized items.

## Health events unite shopping and fitness



Both Northland Center and Nordstrom used last Saturday morning to combine shopping with lessons on good health. The mall hosted an osteoporosis walk, the department store a program on breast cancer.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
EDITOR

The Northland Pacers proved they have both mind and heart, turning out 600 strong for the first-ever mall-sponsored osteoporosis walk.

America Walks For Strong Women got under foot Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. inside the Southfield shopping center, raising \$15,000 for the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Meanwhile, over at Nordstrom in the Somerset Collection North in Troy, a sold-out crowd gathered for breakfast, a fashion show, and panel discussion on breast cancer with leading specialists at the microphones.

Northland Center was one of eight ERE Yarmouth-owned shopping centers across the nation to host the walk - and the top producing. (Total revenue from the event was a \$600,000 boost for the National Osteoporosis Foundation.)

"We will make this walk an annual event," said John Bemis, Northland's general manager. "Next year we hope to have 10 or 12 centers participating. In 1999, we're shooting for 18. It's such an important cause. One-in-three women, and one-in-eight men in the U.S., suffers from osteoporosis. It's not a killer, but many die from its complications and side effects."

Bemis said his company was proud to be a sponsor of America Walks For Strong Women to give something back to the community which supports the mall. Other sponsors included Prevention Magazine, Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals and Caltrate.

Mall marketing director Linda Brown pointed out that more than 800,000 Michigan women suffer from osteoporosis, a debilitating bone disease. The mall, with the nation's largest walking club (Northland Pacers number 1,200) was a natural to launch the event.

"Our walkers, joined by shoppers and community leaders, gave up a Saturday morning to participate and that makes you feel really good inside," Bemis said. "I can see this evolving into a major event for the city."

Walkers contributed \$10 to participate, enjoying refreshments, entertainment, gifts and prizes, mall discount coupons and a health fair staffed by medical professionals.

National walk chairwomen included actresses Debbie Reynolds, Robin Strasser and Rita and daughter Fernanda, Moreno. In addition to raising revenue for the foundation, the walk's mission was to encourage people to begin a daily exercise routine and learn about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

For more information about the National Osteoporosis Foundation call 1-800-231-4222.

The message from Nordstrom was that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and women at risk are urged to have annual mammograms and understand more about the disease.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NORTHLAND CENTER

Walk this way: (Top, above) It was not a race, but the chance to celebrate strong bones and keeping fit. "America Walks for Strong Women" got off to a crowded start, taking participants around the parameters of Northland Center in Southfield, three times for a total of three miles.

### Bone up on the facts

Certain people are more likely to develop osteoporosis than others. These factors come into play:

- A thin, small bone frame
- Family history of osteoporosis
- Early menopause
- A diet low in calcium
- Excessive alcohol intake
- Use of certain medications
- Low testosterone levels in men
- A sedentary lifestyle
- Cigarette smoking

Building strong bones, especially before age 30, can be the best defense against developing osteoporosis.

A comprehensive program that can help prevent osteoporosis includes a balanced diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, weight-bearing exercises, a healthy lifestyle with no smoking and limited alcohol intake, and medication when appropriate.

Specialized tests called bone density tests can measure bone density in various sites of the body. Bone mass measurement is a simple, painless test and can be helpful in detecting osteoporosis before a fracture occurs, predicting the chances of fracturing in the future and monitoring the effects of treatment.

As yet is no cure for osteoporosis. Patients should discuss treatment options with their doctor.

## Retailers fight 'unfair' tax

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
EDITOR

Retailers fed up with a 1993 Michigan law that requires them to prepay their sales and use taxes monthly, are lining up behind a bill introduced by Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, to abolish the practice.

At a Monday morning press conference at Damman Hardware store in the Bloomfield Plaza at Maple and Telegraph, Rick Damman, CEO of the family chain, said he represented hundreds of merchants who must contend with the "discriminatory law."

The law requires retailers with annual sales above \$12 million, to estimate what their businesses will owe in state taxes the following month, and pre-pay the state treasury.

Underestimates result in a penalty, overestimates lead to a

credit.

Many retailers have had to borrow money to pay their pre-sales tax, and others resent the amount of time spent each month figuring out their tax bill, according to Crissman.

She said she introduced House Bill 4942, asking the governor to abandon the law, at the urging of retail accountants.

"It's blatantly unfair," she said. "And it's not a matter of cost to the state. If it is repealed, it will simply be a one-time adjustment in cash flow."

Crissman said she sponsored the bill on behalf of big retailers like Kmart and Meijer's, but also family-owned businesses like Bruce Bordine's garden centers and NuWay Plumbing.

It is backed by the Michigan Retailer's Association. The House tax policy committee is reviewing the bill.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 26

#### Black history exhibit

An exhibit that chronicles the dedicated men and women who brought education to African Americans despite danger and difficulty, is set up next to Saks Fifth Avenue on the upper level of Fairlane through Nov. 15. Presented by the African American Media Archives Society, the exhibit includes more than 200 images from national archives.

Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield Fwy. (313) 693-1370.

#### Halloween Party

FAO Schwarz Toys hosts afternoon of seasonal fun with face-painting, story teller, tattoos, games and more, noon to 2 p.m. First 100 children to arrive in costume win a special treat and chance to win creepy prize.

Somerset Collection South.

Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.

(248) 643-4554.

#### Pumpkinfest

Olde World Canterbury Village hosts 5th annual party with seasonal fun for the family. Don't miss a trip to the Always Christmas store, an inspiration for holiday decorators.

1-75 exit #83, Off Joslyn, Lake Orion.

(248) 391-5700.

### MONDAY, OCT. 27

#### Monday Night Football

Some of the Detroit Lions will sign autographs

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

from 6-8 p.m. in the H-Court area of the mall. Event tickets are \$4 available at Pitch, Hit and Run.

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 474-4266.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

#### Golf show

Through Nov. 2 shop for savings on golf equipment and related merchandise throughout the mall. Drawing for golf prizes, enter at Information Booth.

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 30

#### Kids holiday fun

Jacobson's hosts costume parade beginning in the Children's Department from 6:30-8 p.m. Children receive a pumpkin with each garment purchase.

Laurel Park Place store only.

Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.

(313) 691-7696.

#### Halloween extravaganza

Borders presents scary Celtic stories, songs and magic with Irishman Jim Perkins from 6-7 p.m. The Organization for Bats presents "Michigan Bats" from 7-8 p.m. Free programs.

34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

(248) 203-0005.

#### Antique Show

Mall hosts Jeanne Fishman production with local and regional dealers exhibiting through Nov. 2. Puppet show for the kids "Peter Rabbit" daily at 7 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday: 1 and 3 p.m.

MeadowBrook Village Mall.

Adams/University, Rochester Hills.

(248) 375-9451.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

#### Trick or treating

See the story above for a complete list of local malls open for "begging" to children in costume.

#### Scary slumber party

Border's invites kids, ages 5 and up, to come in costume and bring a treat bag to enjoy scary movies and stories by Judy Sima beginning at 7:30 p.m. Face painting.

34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

(248) 203-0005.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 1

#### Little boxes event

La Belle Provence hosts its 8th annual Limoges Trunk Show with hundreds of miniature porcelain collectible boxes on display, plus a visit from Francois Sochet, president of the import company. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will personalize purchases.

185 West Maple, Birmingham.

(248) 540-3876.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 2

#### Designer visits

Meet Patricia Breen 2:30-5 p.m. at Raphael's Magnificent Possessions. She will sign up to two ornaments per customer. Her designs are sold in only 40 stores in the world and have been featured in national museums.

1799 Coolidge, Berkley.

(248) 546-0194.

## Many malls welcome trick or treaters!

Little beggars in costume and their parents with cameras are welcome at the following shopping centers which will hand out treats store to store:

- Twelve Oaks. 6-8 p.m. 12 Mile/Novi, Novi. (248) 348-9438.
- MeadowBrook Village Mall. 6:30-8 p.m. Adams/University, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.
- Oakland Mall. 6-8 p.m. 14 Mile John R. Troy. (248) 585-6000. (At a special Oakland Family Services table in the mall, kids have the chance to donate some of their "loot" to underprivileged kids.)
- Universal Mall. 3-5 p.m. 12 Mile/Dequindre. (81) 751-3161.
- Lakeside. 6-8 p.m. M-59/Schoenherr, 1-800-334-LKSD.
- Wonderland Mall. 6-8 p.m. Plymouth/Middlebelt. (313) 522-4100.
- Tel-Twelve Mall. 6 p.m. Musical presentation. Begging follows throughout the center 12 Mile/Telegraph. (248) 353-4111.
- Summit Place. 5-6 p.m. Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. (248) 682-0123.

(There is NO trick or treating at Westland Center, The Somerset Collection, Fairlane Town Center, Laurel Park Place.)

## Where can I find?

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

### What we found:

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

### Still searching for:

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

## Halloween trees grow tall



PHOTO BY JOHN STROMZAND

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

## Retail hotline hawks holiday job postings

Finding good help continues to be the number one concern of area mall and main street retailers, especially with business picking up for the holidays. In response to the never-ending quest for good employees, The Michigan Retailers Association and The Michigan Employment Security Agency are again offering the Holiday Helpers program, soliciting job opening information from retailers, and posting the spots in MESA offices and through the Internet at <http://web.mesc.state.mi.us/hel pers.htm>. During the holidays, October through January, retailers look to double their workforce by adding many part-time employees to cover extended hours and the additional wrapping and stock work.

## Jeepers!

### Wonderland opens family playground

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

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

"We are extremely pleased to

be bringing this new concept in family entertainment to Michigan," said Nabil El-Hage, CEO of Jeepers! Inc. "There truly is nothing else quite like the experience." Visitors have described Jeepers! as having elements of Chuck E. Cheese, Disney World and Discovery Zone. The concept was originally launched in Michigan in August at the Macomb Mall in Roseville, another Schostak property. "Jeepers! is the cornerstone of our multi-million redevelopment plans geared towards families and children," said Mike Biescher, marketing director at Schostak Brothers and Co. "We are looking forward to sharing the experience with our west-side customers."

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


Michigan retailers are projecting solid sales gains during the upcoming holiday shopping season. Seventy-four (74) percent expect to increase sales over last year's shortened season and another 16 percent project they'll match last year's figures. Overall, they project an optimistic 12 percent gain. "Retailers are full of optimism as they move toward the most important shopping season of the year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association. "Their aggressive projections are the result of several factors, including solid year-to-date sales, one more shopping day than last year, and an inherent optimism." The survey was conducted by the Michigan Retailers Association in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as part of the organizations' monthly Michigan Retail Index

poll. September's Index showed that 54 percent of Michigan retailers recorded sales increases, the third consecutive month that a majority of stores have increased sales. Jewelry and gift retailers led the industry, with 63 percent of jewelers and 55 percent of gift stores reporting increases. Apparel retailers trailed at 44 percent, blaming the slow-down on warm fall temperatures. Last year, 75 percent of Michigan retailers expected increased holiday sales with projected gains averaging 13 percent. The season ended up a disappointment for many, however. The post-holiday survey found 46 percent realized sales gains, with increases averaging 5 percent. But that was better than 1995, when 42 percent realized gains, with increases averaging 2 percent.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.



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**Discount card benefits families in poverty**

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

**Volunteers needed for Holiday Parade**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tiffany's celebrates 5th year in Detroit**

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

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

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

**Santabear, Nutcracker-style**

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

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

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

**Paulson's earns Sony franchise**

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

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


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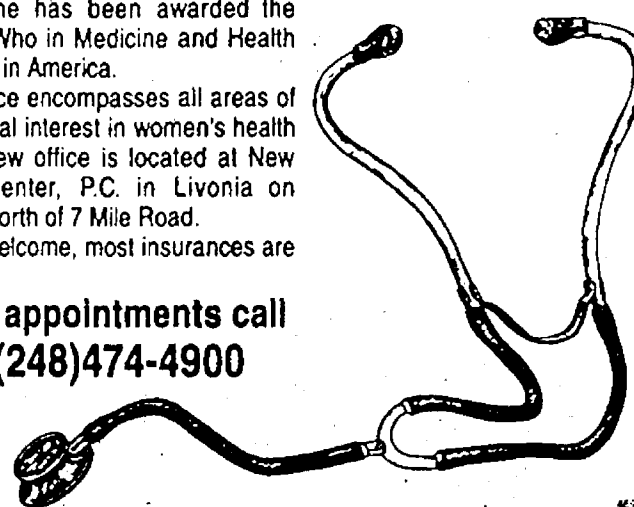



Dr. Simone is a graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Prior to her Family Practice residency she completed 1 year of Internal Medicine. Dr. Simone is Board Certified from the American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She is a member of the American Medical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

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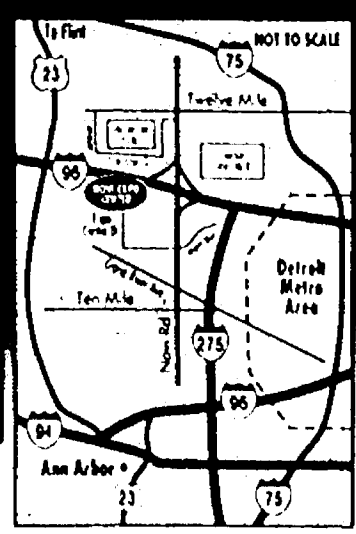
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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Valassis honored

Valassis Communications Inc. of Livonia is being honored, Monday Oct. 27, for their contributions to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). 1997 was the third consecutive year that Valassis ran a fall FSI featuring RMHC. Valassis' contributions over the years have earned them a spot in RMHC's "Million Dollar Club." Each year, Valassis has donated its inserts' front cover space to RMHC free of charge. Over three years, the value of the space amounts to approximately \$1.5 million.

### Cardio safety check

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

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

### Research grant

Researchers at Henry Ford Hospital have received a five-year, \$8.9 million grant to study the causes and effects of hypertension or high blood pressure, one of the country's most common cardiovascular diseases. "This grant opens tremendous opportunity for us as researchers to concentrate on solving a major health problem," said Oscar A. Carretero, M.D., principal investigator of the study.

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

### Women and cancer

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

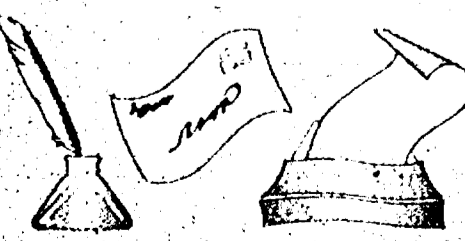
The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the Livonia West Holiday Inn (1-275 and Six Mile). Registration is not required. For more information call, 1-800-865-1125.

### Orthopedic study

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor and its affiliated orthopedic surgeons are one of only eight sites nationwide to participate in a clinical study to examine a new type of prosthesis that may significantly improve the performance of replacement hips in patients. The new device, which is made of porous tantalum metal called Hydroceel with improved polyethylene, received FDA acceptance this summer. Thomas O'Keefe, M.D. is the primary investigator of the SJMH study. He and other members of Michigan Orthopedic and Neurologic Associates will analyze outcomes of patients with the new implant versus patients who use traditional devices. The first Hydroceel hip prostheses in Michigan was implanted at SJMH in August.

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# JUST FOR THE RECORD

Health information manager wins Award of Excellence for innovative record keeping



By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Keeping at it

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

ences from her own profession of health information management.

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

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

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

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

### Many challenges

Other challenges Staszal encoun-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Making progress

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

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

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

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

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

# Adult day care an alternative for caregivers

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

dad, husband or wife."

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS**

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**Physician of the year**

**Thomas C. Royer, M.D.**, senior vice president, Medical Affairs, Henry Ford Health System, is the recipient of this year's Physician Executive Award given by the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE).



T. Royer, M.D.

Royer joined Henry Ford in 1994. As chief medical officer, he is the leader of the 1,000-physician Henry Ford Medical Group which staffs Henry Ford Hospital and more than 30 Henry Ford medical centers located throughout southeast Michigan.

"In the three years at Henry Ford Health System, Dr. Royer has exhibited outstanding leadership and effectiveness," said Gail L. Warden, Henry Ford president and CEO. "He has been very effective in leading our large, diverse medical group through times of significant change."

**Hypertension research award**

**Oscar A. Carretero, M.D.**, division head of hypertension and vascular research at Henry Ford Hospital, has won the most prestigious international award for hypertension research.



Carretero, M.D.

The 1997 Novartis Award for Hypertension Research was presented to Carretero in Washington, D.C. during the 51st Annual Full Conference and Scientific Sessions of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association.

Carretero's work has contributed greatly to understanding the hormones that decrease or increase blood pressure, as well as their role in the development of hypertension, cardiovascular and renal diseases, and contribution of these substances to the cardioprotective effect of antihypertensive drugs. He and his colleagues at Henry Ford Hospital were recently awarded a five-year \$8.9 million grant to continue their work in hypertension.

**Paramedic runnerup**

**Christopher Cosselmon**, a Westland John Glenn graduate, was a finalist for the Asmund P. Laerdal Award for Excellence (EMT-Paramedic of the Year) from the National Emergency Medical Technicians.

Cosselmon has been involved in EMS for five years and is a Paramedic and MICU Technician for Community EMS through Sinai Hospital.

He was recognized in October at an award ceremony in Nevada. The Asmund P. Laerdal Award for Excellence is given to an EMT-Paramedic who has significantly contributed to EMS as a community, state or national level. Cosselmon currently resides in Belleville with his wife Angela and their two children.

**Medical business honor**

**Robert B. Johnson**, executive vice president and COO of The Detroit Medical Center (a Farmington Hills resident), accepted an award on behalf of The Detroit Medical Center for 'Corporation of the Year,' from the Michigan Minority Business Development Council (MMBDC). This annual award pays tribute to corporations that have "gone the extra mile" by helping minority suppliers develop, sustain, or significantly advance their business.



R. Johnson

"We are proud to be recognized by the Michigan Minority Business Development Council. This honor shows that The Detroit Medical Center has a strong commitment to the development and growth of minority owned business in southeast Michigan. These minority businesses will play a major role in the continued success of The Detroit Medical Center and the metro Detroit area."

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**TUE, OCT. 28**

**COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
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**PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT**  
Us too, Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet with members and potential members, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Guest speaker John Cotter Ph.D. will speak on acceptance.

**PEDIATRIC CPR**  
This is an American Heart Association course that teaches CPR and the Heimlich maneuver on persons age birth to eight years. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Call Livonia Public Schools for more information, (313) 523-9277. The fee for Livonia residents is \$23, others \$26.

**WED, OCT. 29**

**ART OF MEDITATION**  
Botsford General Hospital will offer a special session on how to take charge of the stress in your life. In the Art of Meditation, participants will learn practical exercises to quiet their minds, lower their blood pressure and decrease their response to daily stress situations through meditation. The session is held from 7-9 p.m. at Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. The fee is \$15. Preregister by calling, (248) 477-6100.

**EATING/MOOD DISORDERS**  
An educational series of free lectures is presented from 7-9 p.m. in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium which is located on the lower level of the main hospital building. The topic is "Eating and Mood Disorders" and the presenters will be, Lee Bauman, and Dr. Phillip O'Dwyer. Call 458-4330 for more information.

**THROUGH NOV. 5**

**CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION**  
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday through Nov. 5 in the Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Registration is required by calling (313) 655-1100.

**OCT. 23-DEC. 4**

**LIVING WITH DIABETES**  
Learning to live with diabetes, its long-term complications and effects on your personal health can be overwhelming. Oakwood Healthcare System is offering a six-week series called "Life with Diabetes" Thursday evenings (except Thanksgiving Day) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland, 2345 Merriman. The cost is \$30; call, 1-800-543-WELL.

**THROUGH NOV. 26**

**FLU VACCINE**  
Get your flu vaccine before the influenza season starts. Oakwood is offering the vaccine for only \$5. Immunizations will be given at various physician offices throughout the community through Nov. 26. To find the physician's office near you, call 1-800-543-WELL.

**MON, OCT. 27**

**CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS**  
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Program from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room near the south entrance off Levan Road. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. Influenza

**THUR, OCT. 30**

**EXERCISE ADVANCES FOR LOW BACK PAIN**  
Please join Oakland Physical Therapy for our upcoming program: "The Latest Advances in Exercise for Low Back Pain." This program emphasizes back pain prevention through proper conditioning and exercise. A physical therapy referral is not necessary to attend this free educational program, open to the public. The Oakland Physical Therapy center will be the host site, from 7-9 p.m., located on Grand River and Beck roads in Novi; Providence Medical Park, Suite B-124. For more information call, (248) 380-3550. (Walk-in).

**OCT. 29, NOV. 5**

**DECISIONS THE ELDERLY FACE**  
One of the most difficult decisions that an older person faces is to consider whether they can safely maintain themselves in their own home. St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, is offering "When Our Older Parents Face Leaving their Home." This is a free program, but registration is required. The class will be held in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. For more information, call 655-1676.

**SAT, NOV. 1**

**PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS**  
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 10 a.m. in Romulus at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

**MON, NOV. 2**

**ANGER, FORGIVENESS**  
Discussion regarding the effects of anger on the body, and spirit and examines various myths about anger, describe the journey of forgiveness, and the process of recognizing life events that are often vented as anger. Refreshments will be served. Preregistration is required by Oct. 28. Call, (248) 848-1750. This is an ElderMed program at Botsford for adults ages 50 and better.

**WED, NOV. 5**

**PATHWAYS TO PARENTING**  
New monthly support group

gives new moms an opportunity to network with peers, share concerns and obtain information. This month, Carol Parker, R.N., a Botsford maternal child health nurse, presents "First Days at Home." Meets first Wednesday of each month. Free, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, sponsored by Botsford Hospital. For more information call (248) 477-6100.

**NOV. 7, 8**

**AUTISM '97**  
Internationally recognized experts offer ideas and treatment strategies at the Holiday Inn Fairlane Conference Center, Detroit. Autism '97 - from diagnosis to effective treatment: will feature several medical experts in the field who will speak on topics of assessing assessment; medical treatments for autism; special education rights and visual strategies for improving communication. For more information and reservations, call 1-800-489-0727. Conference cannot license and/or continuing education requirements for psychologists, social workers, speech therapists and teachers.

**FRI, NOV. 7**

**PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP**  
Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop "The Psychology of Traumatic Experience" from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$95. Students earn 1.2 continuing education units. To register call, (313) 432-5731.

**SAT, NOV. 8**

**IMAGE WORKSHOP**  
Botsford General Hospital offers a workshop that focuses on living as well as reflecting a healthier lifestyle. In the exciting seminar, Your Collective Image, learn the secrets of talking yourself into a positive attitude; eating healthy and loving it; benefiting from the latest in cosmetic surgery options; and looking your best by rejuvenating your makeup regimen. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Botsford General Hospital's Farmington Hills campus (28050 Grand River Ave.) The fee is \$15 and includes a nutritious breakfast and a healthy snack. Pre-register by Nov. 3 by calling, (248) 442-7986.

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# Online services are revamped in light of demand, popularity

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



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK

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

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

## One at a time

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

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

I'm impressed with the changes I'm seeing.

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

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

## Beefed up for appeal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The new Prodigy

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

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

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

## BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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

### Sisters open franchise

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

said Patty Gillissie.

### Helm changes

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

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

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

### Paton winner

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



M. Krizan

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

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

### CPA certification

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

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

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### TUE, OCT. 28

#### JOB SEARCHING

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

### WED, OCT. 29

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE  
The Air & Waste Management

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

### THUR, OCT. 30

#### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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

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

### FRI, OCT. 31

#### ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

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

# Cancer AnswerNight

**Mother, Daughter, Sister, Self: Women and Cancer**

Presented by  
**Vicki V. Baker, M.D.**  
Division Chief of Gynecologic Oncology  
and  
**Helen A. Pass, M.D.**  
Breast Care Center Surgeon

Wednesday, Oct. 29  
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# Nothing unorthodox about Livonia gift/bookstore

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

## Historic origin

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

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

Differences in

## UNIQUE BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

## Traditional merchandise

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

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



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

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

expressed that want."

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

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

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

## Enterprising endeavor

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

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

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

## Faith'ful artists

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



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Artist transforms rust in time

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

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

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

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

It's About Time

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

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

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

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

Different directions

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

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

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

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

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HOMETOWN CANVAS

## Making art matter

# Throwing down the gauntlet

## NEA report provokes passionate debate on the arts

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

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

The metro area, panel members noted, is the world headquarters for a range of corporations, prime targets for grants and philanthropy.

But the most stark reality, according to the panel, is that the arts exist amidst a time of expanding entertainment-leisure alternatives and fewer opportunities to educate the public on the empowering influence of the arts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

— Barbara Kratchman,  
executive director of ArtServe



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

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



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

— Michael Vigilant,  
spokesperson, Meadow Brook Theatre



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

— Maurice Parrish,  
deputy director, Detroit Institute of Arts

MUSIC



Young artist: Pianist Joshua Cullen.

## Young pianist would rather collect candy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

"Which only goes to prove he's still a kid," added Mona Cullen, Joshua's mother. According to orchestra president Dr. Moon J. Pak, Cullen's young age is not a reflection of his musical skills. That's why the young pianist was chosen to kick off the orchestra's 1997-98 season at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

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

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

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

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

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

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Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra

■ **What:** Presents the first concert of its 1997-98 season (an all Haydn program) featuring 13-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen.  
■ **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.  
■ **Where:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph and 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills.  
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# Debate from page D1

funding.

## Private donations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to the next stage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

But Simon contends the report is far from dismal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But for now, let the debate begin.

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

## Raising a prodigy

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

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

So how does a parent nurture music in one so young without dominating and discouraging them?

"What I understand from other parents is they're always after their children to practice just like I am with the two younger children, Catherine, age 4 and Christian, 7," said Mona.

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

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

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By Hugh Gallagher Staff Writer
Jerry Piasecki has a hearty laugh that starts small and then bubbles over. This same infectious spirit is found in the Farmington Hills' ad executive's books for children.



Book tells why we're tired

Americans Exhausted By Edward J. Conley (Vitality Press, 1997, \$14.95)
Americans are exhausted, writes Dr. Edward J. Conley, founder and medical director of the Fatigue Clinic in Michigan and Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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OPERA

# 'Magic Flute' brings sweet music to MOT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

been even more opulent and surreal.

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

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

one's mom and dad?

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

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

age the kidnapped Pamina.

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

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

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

ART BEAT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SISTER ART

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

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

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

AUDITION

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

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

ART CLASSES

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

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

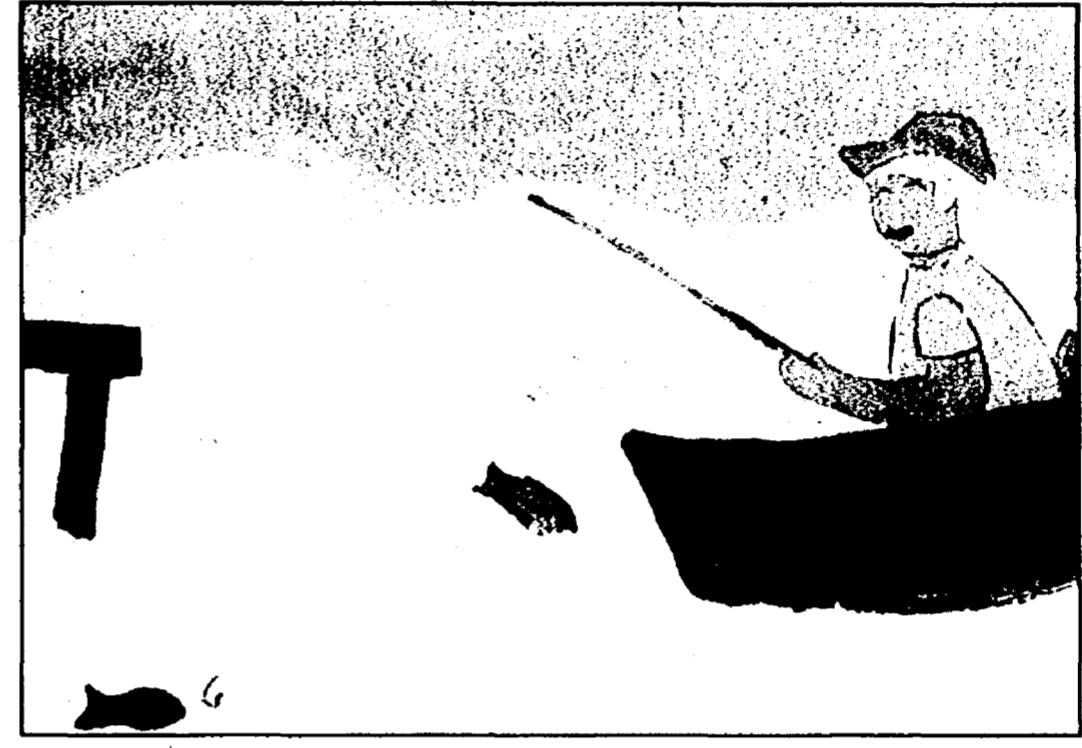
MDA ART COLLECTION

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

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

Fifty-six pieces from the collection featuring 160 works by children and adult artists affected by neuromuscular diseases will be on display in the lobbies of Fairlane Office Centre, 4 and 6 Parkland Boulevard off Hubbard Drive between Mercury and the Southfield Freeway; Regent Court, 16800 Executive Plaza Drive (parallel to Ford Road) and Fairlane Plaza, 200 and 400 Town Centre Drive off of Ring Road that goes around Fairlane Town Centre. The works have been seen by an estimated half a million people in exhibits across the country.

Two Michigan artists Dan Beacome of Alma and Jack Mac-Coleman of the MDA Art Collection was established by the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1992 to focus attention on the achievements of artists with disabilities and to emphasize that physical disability doesn't diminish creativity. Artists from age 2 to 82 have donated to the collection representing 38 states. Some of the children's projects were created by groups of youngsters at MDA summer camps or MDA-sponsored art workshops. Each artist, whether a talented



**Catch of the Day:** Nick Gerstler of Houston, Texas painted this scene of "Fishing at Camp". The work is part of the MDA Art Collection on display Oct. 28 to Nov. 13 at Ford Motor Land Development Company in Dearborn.

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

A few of the works were donated posthumously by families of artists who have died from neuromuscular diseases. Since donating their works, several other artists represented in the collection have died from such

fatal neuromuscular disorders as Duchenne muscular dystrophy, making the collection a fitting memorial to their abilities.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research,

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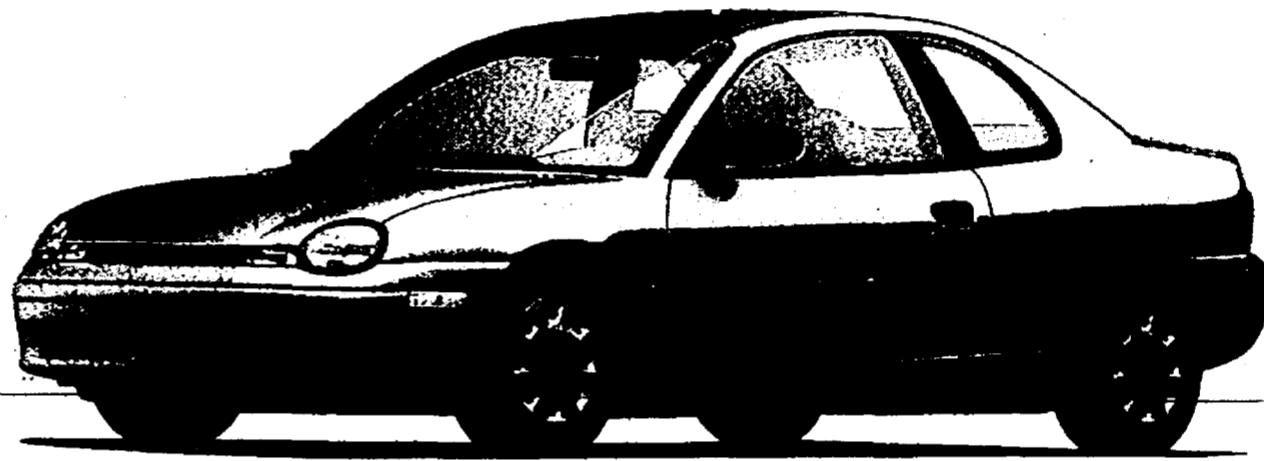
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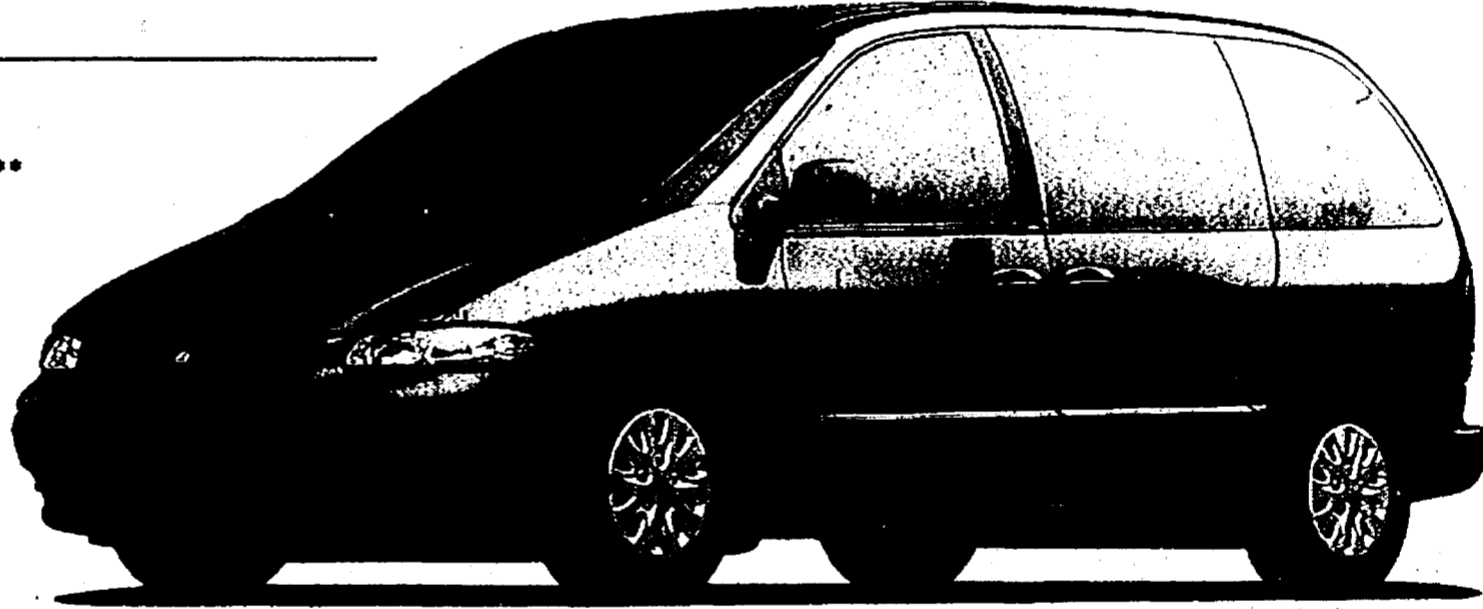
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TRAVEL

# Tour guide insists France is warm, welcoming

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

France has this image problem.

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

David Groen doesn't believe a word of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But Groen's real passion is France.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

country's first historical monument in 1961.

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

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

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

The "gilt, crystal, glass and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### State Cup champs

The 1982 Michigan Hawks captured the under-16 Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup Oct. 18 with a 3-0 win over the Canton Flames in the championship final at Macomb Community College.

The Hawks, coached by Tim Ernst, defeated the Brighton Eclipse, Midland Missiles and River Oaks in the preliminary round before advancing to the final with a 5-1 semifinal victory over the Birmingham Blazers.

Members of the Hawks include: Amy Allen, Kristi Arrington, Nicole D'Hondt, Jennifer Fejes, Laura Grode, Alyson Kehler, Kelly Kraft, Tiffany Laskowski, Michele Lowe, Abi Morrell, Anne Morrell, Katie Poole, Brianna Roy, Andi Sied, Suzi Towne and Lauren Zacharski.

### Collegiate notes

Two area University of Michigan-Dearborn students have been named to the American Collegiate Hockey Association All-American team.

Junior forward **Matt Henderson** (Livonia), who is majoring in mechanical engineering, captained the 1996-97 hockey team where he scored 77 points with 28 goals and 49 assists in 40 games. Henderson is a repeat selection to the ACHA, an association of college club-hockey programs.

Defenseman **Mike Olszewski** (Westland), who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration, also was named to the name after playing in 34 games where he accumulated 10 goals and 16 assists.

"A 3.5 grade-point average and impressive game statistics are the primary criteria for the honor," UM-Dearborn Athletic Director and Assistant Professor of Physical Education Peggy Foss said.

### Aristeo Senior champs

Aristeo Construction of Livonia recently captured two major senior slow-pitch softball titles in the 70-and-up division.

Aristeo took the four-day, 14-team 1997 Senior Softball World Series title in Dallas, Tex. with eight victories, capped by an 18-4 victory in the championship final over a team from Dallas-Fort Worth after capturing the Senior Players Association National Tournament last month in St. Louis, Mo.

The team, which plays in the Michigan ASCOT Travel Division (65 division), won qualifiers in Syracuse, N.Y. and Liberty Park in Sterling Heights.

Members of the Aristeo squad, managed by Garden City's Forrest Saylor, include: George Panzoff, Westland; Earl Mudge, Bloomfield Hills; Reno Merlo, Southfield; Les Richardson and Ray DiFiore, Clarkston; Jim Batchelor, Lake City; Ralph Grover, Sterling Heights; Vic Dimon, Marysville; Al Kubany, Flint; Joe Furci, Eastpointe; Mike Horvath, Dearborn Heights; Will Magone, Windsor, Ont.; Ray Schumann, Hull, Ill.; Ed Wayne, Dearborn; Bill Turkington and Al D'Angeló, Royal Oak; Cal VanBoxell, Riverview; Clyde Standerfor, Warren.

### Goalkeeper clinic

The Livonia Family YMCA Soccer Club will host a free two-hour goalkeeping clinic for its soccer enthusiasts at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Pat Harrington of the Detroit Safari pro soccer team will lead the clinic in cooperation with Mike Roberts of the Ann Arbor YMCA, St. Paul's; Livonia Family YMCA and the Safari.

For more information, call Christy Nolan at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 324.

### Inline hockey clinic

The Roll-America Inline Hockey Academy will stage a Thanksgiving weekend clinic at U.S. Bades, 5700 Drake Road, West Bloomfield.

Division I players (ages 6-9 will meet from 9-11 a.m. and Division II (ages 10-12) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Nov. 28-30.

The three-day cost is \$95 (includes hockey jersey).

The head instructor is Paul Lubanski, Coach-in-Chief for USA Inline Hockey (Great Lakes Region) and coach for the USA Inline Hockey 10-and-under division national championships.

For more information, call (248) 661-9769.

### Hanging on

**Tear-a-way Jersey: Livonia Clarenceville's John Schiffman (bottom) tries to hang by a thread against Hamtramck ball carrier Aaron Brock during Friday night's Metro Conference encounter.**

Hamtramck earned a 15-14 victory over the host Trojans, who fall to 3-5 overall and 3-5 in the conference. Hamtramck, nicknamed the Cosmos, improved to 3-5, 3-4. It was 8-8 at intermission. For a roundup of other area games, turn to page E2.



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## District champs

### Churchill earns Monday test vs. Rocks

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

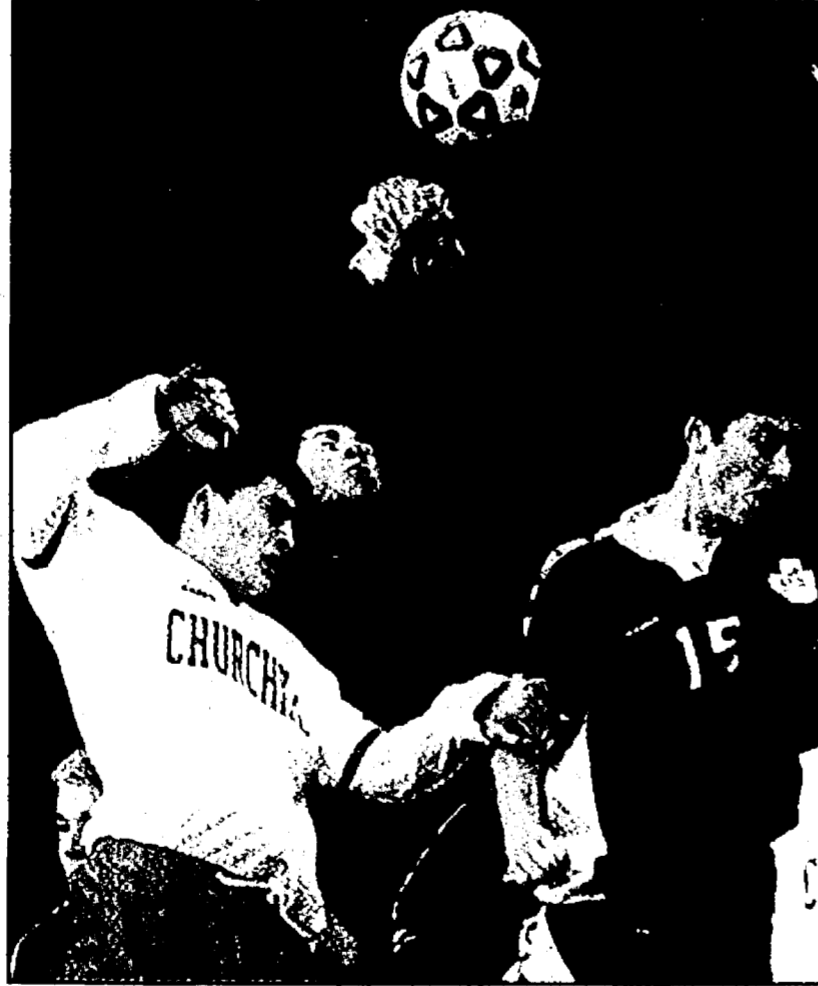
Although Livonia Churchill is notorious for slow starts, the Chargers proved they're still strong finishers with a 6-0 boys soccer victory Saturday over Westland John Glenn in the Division I district championship held at Livonia Franklin.

The victory puts Churchill, now 14-2-4 overall, into Monday's regional semifinal against host Plymouth Salem (16-0-3) in a rematch of the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

In the last outing between the two teams on Oct. 15, Salem jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Churchill rallied for a 2-2 tie.

Salem also won its district Saturday at Livonia Stevenson with a 2-1 sudden-death overtime win over rival Plymouth Canton.

Churchill and Salem will square off at 7 p.m. at Centennial Educational Park in a match that will more than likely



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Going airborne: Churchill's Shaun Murray (left) goes up against Glenn keeper Justin Ballard (center) and Jeff Ruppel (right).**

## Hartsells begin international quest



BRAD EMONS

Call it all part of the learning process.

Pairs skaters Danielle and Steven Hartsell of Westland took the international stage Thursday night at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Hometown skaters doing their thing before the hometown crowd in the Thrifty

Car Rental Skate America.

Their last local appearance was 1994 at Cobo Arena in the U.S. Junior Nationals, which coincided with the Senior Nationals, but was overshadowed by the Nancy Kerrigan clubbing.

Fresh from a second-place finish only

two weeks earlier in Vienna, Austria, the Hartsells had barely launched their 2-minute, 40-second short program when cruel reality hit home.

They stubbed their toes — simultaneously — trying to perform a triple-toe loop.

After crashing in unison to the ice, the Hartsells got off the deck and completed their program without a hitch. The sparse JLA crowd gave them a warm round of applause.

But after getting blindsided by seven international judges, they found themselves seventh out of eight teams.

Saturday's long program, however, would be another day and a chance for the brother and sister combination to redeem themselves.

"I knew as soon as I went up in the

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determine the state finalist.

"We know it's a big one," said Churchill coach Chad Campau, whose team is 0-1-1 vs. the Rocks this season. "Down the line we know we were going to meet someone from our conference. The Western Lakes has been in the finals every year (since 1982) except one (1987), so you have to think we probably have the best conference in the state."

Glenn, which bowed at 8-10-1 overall, was making its first-ever district final appearance.

The heavy underdog Rockets held fort for a half, trailing 2-0, but simply couldn't match up with Churchill's overall speed and skill.

"I'll argue with anyone that between these two districts (Franklin and Stevenson), you have six powerhouse teams and six others who aren't bad," said Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski, who loses just two seniors to graduation (Brian Huber and Will Bozer). "It was kind of neat to be here. You learn from your mistakes and it's a growing process for a third-year team."

Senior Rob Bartoletti scored twice for the Chargers, including the game-winner with 29:46 left in the first half.

Other Churchill goal scorers included Shaun Murray, Joel Stage, Mike Koivunen and Tom Pichler.

"You do what you can do versus a team like Churchill," Poniatowski said. "They seem to be a second-half team. They were down 2-0 against Salem and came back so give them credit. We knew they'd come back in the second half loaded for bear."

Matt Wysocki and Mark Sicilia each added two assists, while Bartoletti and Murray contributed one apiece for the Chargers.

"Mark Sicilia always works extremely hard, he gives us so much in the midfield," said Campau, who received his second straight district championship trophy. "And another unsung hero was Dan Ott. We bring him off the bench and he's another who works hard. He's got those long legs and it's hard to go around him."

Campau would like to start a different trend in Monday night's rematch with Salem.

"We started slowly against teams like Canton and Salem and it's been that way all year, we seem to develop a pattern," he said. "But you won't always be able to that against a team like Salem. I hope that's not the case again."

The Chargers, a quarterfinalist a year ago who last appeared in the state finals in 1990, will have to be hitting on all cylinders to beat the Rocks.

"We're a good team if we're passing well and playing the ball at our feet," Campau said. "We don't want to kick the long ball. We're good when we're playing hard and physical, and when we win the balls in the air. None of that was happening first half, but we know it could be done."

Other late Saturday district finals will appear Thursday.

## Late TD run lifts Western by Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The defending state Class AA football champions exercised one of its demons Friday night.

Walled Lake Western rallied from a 14-0 late third-quarter deficit Friday to beat host Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover between second- and third-divisional teams, 20-14.

Western, now 7-1 overall, remains in the hunt for a playoff berth in Class AA-Region II. The Warriors finish their regular season Saturday night at home against rival Walled Lake Central (6-2).

Glenn, which lost its second straight game, falls to 6-2. But even with the loss, the Rockets still have hopes of securing a spot in Class AA-Region III if they win Friday night at Way Memorial (1-7).

Starting at a 14-point deficit on the scoreboard, Western coach Chuck Apap had to be wondering whether it was going to be a repeat of last year's pair of regular season losses administered by Glenn.

"I apologized to my team at halftime," said Apap, whose team trailed 7-0. "I screwed around and ran different formations and had us in different offensive sets."

"We went back to the basics. We saw another girl at the dance and we forgot about the one we brought and got us there. I told our kids I didn't care what the score was, we were going back to the basics."

The Rockets, using an effective ground game to eat up valuable time on the clock, rode the legs of senior fullback Sean Heard (21 carries for 100 yards) and junior tailback Reggie Spearmon (17 for 85).

And this occurred despite the absence of three-year starting quarterback Justin Berent, one of Glenn's most prolific passers in school history. (Berent was lost for the season with a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament following last week's 27-21 loss to Walled Lake Central.)

"We played all our defenses knowing he'd (Berent) would play, but right away I told our coaches, 'Guess What? They're running the fullback and tailback and they're not throwing as much.' And they were doing a nice job of it."

Figuring out Glenn's offensive attack was tough enough, but the Warriors also had problems moving the ball against Glenn's defense.

Western ran just three offensive series through two quarters, getting stopped on their first possession at the Glenn 5 after the Rockets muffed the opening kickoff.

Glenn marched 70 yards in nine plays to gain a 7-0 halftime lead capped by junior quarterback Nick Hudson's 1-yard sneak with 1:48 left until intermission.

The Rockets then took the second-half kickoff and drove 80 yards in 13 plays culminating in Heard's 1-yard TD run on fourth-and-goal. The score was set up by Hudson's 36-yard pass to Jason Crofton.

"We knew we were going to have to keep the ball away from them," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "And our offensive line did an outstanding job. Sean ran extremely hard and Reggie ran well, too."

But the tide quickly turned in Western's favor as junior tailback Dave Johnson, who led all rushers with 135 yards in 17 carries, scored on a 39-yard run with 3:37 left in the quarter. The Warriors, however, missed the two-point pass and trailed by eight, 14-6.

Then, with 14 seconds left in the third period, quarterback Frank Stanford parted the waters with an electrifying 82-yard punt.

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## Stevenson breaks losing streak vs. Canton, 36-20

Livonia Stevenson turned a 22-point second quarter Friday into a 36-20 football victory over Plymouth Canton, ending a five-game losing streak.

The Spartans (2-6) struck for two touchdowns in the first quarter after recovering Canton fumbles on consecutive kickoffs.

Stevenson needed six plays to go 34 yards for its first score. Junior Jason Sorge ran the final 5.

The Spartans had another short drive of four plays and 36 yards that ended with Jason Allen's 11-yard run. He also ran for the two points.

Stevenson upped its lead to 21-0 lead in the second quarter with Sorge's 6-yard touchdown run and Dan West's extra point.

The Chiefs (1-7) put six on the scoreboard with Jay Schmitt's 9-yard pass to Brian Musser, but the Spartans answered with two more TDs before the half ended.

Junior Ryan VanBelle connected with Phil Szumlanski for a 55-yard scoring pass play, and he set up another TD with a 40-yard pass to Chris Gojns. That led to a 5-yard TD run by Allen.

West kicked the PAT after Szumlanski's score, but a bad snap after the next TD resulted in John Van Buren catching a tipped pass for two points and a 36-6 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Canton's Eric Frazer passed 20 yards to Casey McCusker for a touchdown after the Chiefs recovered a fumble at midfield. The try for two failed.

Canton's Glenn Heinrich returned an interception 45 yards to the Stevenson 12 that led to another touchdown in that quarter.

Frazer passed 10 yards to Musser for the TD and two-point conversion, which trimmed the margin to 36-20 late in the third period.

"Things went real right in the first half for a change," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "We

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were getting some breaks, and the kids played hard enough to take advantage of them.

"Canton came back and made a game of it; they played hard. We had to play for real in the fourth quarter.

"It's been six weeks since we've gotten a win. When you have a good week of practice and come out and play well, that's the way it's supposed to be."

The Spartans had 357 total yards, including 231 rushing. VanBelle was 5-of-10 passing. Van Buren rushed 18 times for 111 yards, Allen 20 for 86.

Canton quarterbacks completed seven of 20 passes for 101 yards. Byron Miller had five carries for 30 yards, Nick Allen four for 23. The Chiefs had 178 total yards.

**MONROE 16, WAYNE 0:** Monroe had a bigger edge in the offensive statistics than it did on the scoreboard.

The Trojans had a 318-88 margin in total offense Friday night, but could only manage two touchdowns and a field goal.

The three-pointer, a 20-yard boot by Mike McGinnis at 7:18 of the first period, gave Monroe a 3-0 lead to take into halftime.

The Trojans didn't get another score until eight seconds remained in the third period, when Matt Daniel scored on a 1-yard run to cap a 9-play, 51-yard drive.

Monroe got its other touchdown at 10:16 of the fourth quarter when Justin Steffy broke free for a 45-yard scoring scamper.

The Zebras were held to 63 yards rushing on 39 carries. Shane Nowak completed 2-of-7 passes for 25 yards but had two throws intercepted.

State-ranked Monroe had an 11-6 advantage in first downs, but lost three fumbles, two of which were recovered by Wayne's Pat Czarnik.

Phil Hill gained 80 yards on 16 rushes for Monroe, which gained 234 yards on the ground.

Wayne is now 1-7 overall, 1-5 in the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division. Monroe's record is exactly the opposite in both categories.

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return. Johnson then ran in for the two-pointer to make it 14-11.

"We knew he (Stanford) is a tremendous threat back there and our plan was to kick the ball away from him, and on that play we did," Gordon said. "He had to go over and field the ball. He made a tremendous individual effort. He's one of the fastest and most elusive guys in the state."

Poor field position finally caught up with Glenn in the final quarter.

Taking over at the Glenn 34, the Warriors went five straight plays to Johnson, who took it in from 19 yards out for the game-winner with 2:22 remaining.

The Warriors' defense also came alive, holding Glenn to a net-3 yards in the final quarter.

"Our (defensive) coordinator Mike Zdebski does a great job of putting together some nice packages," Apap said. "Once

we were able to adjust and stop the run, then some nice things happened against the pass. And our kids played some great coverage defense."

Glenn had the edge in total offense, 213-193.

Stanford did not complete a pass in four attempts, but he had 51 yards in 13 carries.

Glenn, minus top receiver Eric Jones down the stretch (out with a third-quarter concussion), connected on just two of 14 passes for 33 yards.

But it was Stanford's punt return for a TD that was the pivotal play.

"When we were in trouble Frank broke us out," Apap said. "It was like gun-powder blowing up."

Despite the loss, Gordon witnessed a different bunch of Rockets than the previous game against Central.

"A week ago we made too many mistakes," he said. "This week we played like a Glenn team — hard and physical."

## Knee injury puts Berent out for rest of '97 season

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn's all-time career passing leader Justin Berent watched Friday night's football game against Walled Lake Western from the press box.

The 6-foot-6 senior had his prep career cut short Oct. 17 when he tore an anterior cruciate knee ligament in a 27-21 loss to Walled Lake Central.

"It was the worst feeling not being able to be out there, even worse than losing the Sterling Heights (Stevenson) last year in the playoffs," said Berent, who led the Rockets to an 11-1 record a year ago.

Berent, a three-year starter who has thrown for 2,284 yards during the last two seasons, had a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) taken Wednesday at the University of Michigan Hospital.

"I aggravated it early in the game and I got hit again right near the end," said Berent, who surpassed Eric Stover's career

yardage total of 2,446 this season in just five games. "Before the last three plays, coach (Chuck) Gordon asked me if I wanted to come out. They were going to have to chop my leg off before I was coming out."

Berent, considered one of the state's top five passers, originally hurt his knee early in a season-opening win against Detroit Mackenzie. He sat out the next week against Plymouth Canton before returning to hit 12 of 20 passes for 139 yards against Farmington.

Against Central, Berent was 18 of 28 for 218 yards.

"I was close to being 100 percent although I had a little stiffness throughout the season, but I was good enough to play," said Berent, who has planned an official recruiting visit to Iowa State (Dec. 13-15).

Berent, who will be reexamined Monday by U-M team physician Dr. Gerald O'Connor, will more than likely miss the basketball season where he is a returning starting center.

## Salem offensive line mows down Patriots

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The defense played its usual

good game," Moshimer said. "Our defense has held us together all year."

The Rocks will close the season Friday against Canton. Salem has won the last four meetings.

While the win over the Patriots was big, Moshimer said his team doesn't need extra incentive to get up for the Chiefs.

"Our kids shouldn't need any motivation for that," he commented.

Franklin (3-5) closes the year at Trenton.

Livonia began Friday night's contest with the ball. After a few solid runs by Anthony Grech, Franklin was forced to punt.

Salem took over on its own 19-yard line. The Rocks went to work on the ground with seven straight rushes.

A 25-yard pass from Matt Fair to Andy Koccoloski moved the ball to Livonia's 31-yard-line. Two plays later, Fair sprinted around right end, down the sideline and into the end zone for a 25-yard touchdown at 6:42.

Moshimer said his sophomore quarterback, who took over for Tony Bernhardt earlier in the season, was solid against Franklin.

"The kid was thrown into the fire and has done a great job," he added.

After trading possessions, Salem pinned Livonia at its 11-yard-line with a Rob Zdrozowski punt. On second down, the Patriots tried to sweep right with Grech.

But the Rocks swarmed the senior running back and forced a fumble. The ball squirted loose and Salem's Jason Lukasik recovered in the end zone for a touchdown at 2:17 of the first quarter.

Franklin's best drive of the game came on its next possession.

The Patriots put together a 74-yard scoring drive early in the second quarter. Face mask and pass interference penalties on Salem helped the drive.

Livonia's Scott Balco finished it off with a three-yard run at 9:39. Salem blocked the extra point and held a 12-6 lead.

The Rocks added a touchdown shortly before halftime. A 15-yard punt by Livonia gave Salem excellent field position at the Patriots' 35-yard line.

On first down, Fair connected with Jeff McKian for a 35-yard touchdown pass. Eric Peterson ran a two-point conversion to make it 20-6 at halftime.

Neither team did much offensively in the third quarter, but Livonia got itself back into the game on a freak play early in the

fourth.

After starting on its own 20-yard-line, the Patriots were forced to punt after three plays. Salem appeared ready to block the kick, but punter Eric Crouse stepped and shoveled a pass to Bryan Regner.

The senior took off and ran like a bolt down the middle of the field for an 81-yard touchdown at 8:42. Livonia cut Salem's lead to 20-13 with the score.

It didn't stay close long, however.

Salem's David Clemons returned the kickoff to the Rocks' 49-yard line. Six plays later, Peterson punched it in from a yard out to make it 27-13.

The Rocks closed the scoring a few minutes later on a 45-yard drive. Charlie Schmidt capped the drive with a two-yard run.

"I think it was our best effort of the year," Moshimer said.

Schmidt and Peterson led Salem's rushing attack with 85 yards each. Fair rushed for 59 yards and Teono Wilson added 57.

Fair completed 4-of-10 passes for 90 yards.

Grech led Franklin's attack with 77 yards on 20 carries. Quarterback Brian Facione completed four passes for 85 yards.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 97  
NORTHVILLE 89

Oct. 23 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: Northville (Salliotte, Callan, Warnke, Sabo), 2:00.91; 200 freestyle: Angela Simetkowski (LC), 2:02.91; 200 individual medley: Warnke (N), 2:21.52; 50 freestyle: Sabo (N), 26.79; diving: Amanda Boyce (LC), 180.45; 100 butterfly: Warnke (N), 1:02.58; 100 freestyle: Sabo (N), 59.16; 500 freestyle: Adrienne Doyle (LC), 5:25.30 (state qualifying time); 200 freestyle relay: Churchill (Kristen Stahley, Courtney Lim, Doyle, Simetkowski), 1:48.51; 100 backstroke: Kristen Derwich (LC), 1:07.53; 100 breaststroke: Callen (N), 1:17.31; 400 freestyle relay: Northville (Sabo, Warnke, Hrivnak, Dweley), 3:54.76.

Churchill's dual meet record: 6-3 overall, 4-1 Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 113  
MADISON HTS. BISHOP FOLEY 67  
Oct. 23 at Wayne Memorial

200-yard medley relay: Ladywood

(Wehrmeister, Timko, Mocer, Cobb), 2:09.87; 200 freestyle: Megan Melvin (LL), 2:29.48; 200 individual medley: Dorsch (MHBF), 2:31.18; 50 freestyle: Christina Mocer (LL), 25.4; diving: Bridgid Casey (LL), 144.75; 100 butterfly: Katie Timko (LL), 1:21.52; 100 freestyle: Patermoster (MHBF), 1:01.97; 500 freestyle: Hulstrom (MHBF), 6:28.81; 200 freestyle relay: Foley (Patermoster, Wrobel, Wright, Hulstrom), 1:57.32; 100 backstroke: Mocer (LL), 1:05.19; 100 breaststroke: Lindsay McKay (LL), 1:24.0; 400 freestyle relay: Ladywood (Cobb, Morski, Blaskay, Mocer), 4:19.38.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 4-6 overall and 2-2 Catholic League.

FARMINGTON 104  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 81

Oct. 23 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: Farmington (Heather Bruce, Sarah Cohn, Tina Cavicchioli, Karen Mathie), 2:04.41; 200 freestyle: Jamie McPartlin (G), 2:11.84; 200 IM: Kristel Mathie (F), 2:32.51; 50 freestyle: Kristen Stone (G), 26.16; diving: Jennie Marchand (G), 190.2; butterfly: Julie Anderson (G), 1:09.23; 100 freestyle: Kristen Stone (G), 58.97; 500 freestyle: Kristel Mathie (F), 5:50.57; 200 freestyle relay: Glenn (Julie Anderson, Jamie McPartlin, Noelle Swartz, Kristen Stone), 1:51.44; 100 backstroke: Karen Mathie (F), 1:07.75; 100 breaststroke: Cavicchioli (F), 1:15.19; 400 freestyle relay: Farmington (Cohn, Stefanie Fitzpatrick, Karen Mathie, Meredith Crawford), 4:15.37.

## Lady Ocelots claw Delta in easy win

Schoolcraft College's volleyball team had no trouble with Delta College Wednesday at SC, winning its sixth-straight Eastern Conference match by a 15-5, 15-4, 15-8 score.

The Lady Ocelots are now 15-12 overall, 7-2 in the conference. Delta remains winless in the conference at 0-9.

SC has managed to win its last three matches despite the absence of Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill), who has mononucleosis.

Kim Washnock (Farmington) helped fill the void, collecting 12 kills (a .500 kill percentage) and 12 digs. Stacey Campaign had 10 kills,

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10 assists to kills and two blocks.

Amber Wells (Plymouth Canton) had 18 assists to kills, five kills and two blocks; Mindy Sullivan had 11 kills; and Donna Logsdon contributed two service aces.

After traveling to Illinois Central Community College for a weekend tournament, the Lady Ocelots return to conference action Tuesday at home against Flint Mott in a battle for first place.

The match starts at 7 p.m.

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# Chargers zap Franklin, 62-32

Livonia Churchill moved closer to clinching a berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball playoffs with a 62-32 win over Thursday over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Churchill improved to 9-6 overall and 4-5 in the WLAA, while Franklin dropped to 4-11 and 2-7.

Junior forward Stacey Supanich led the winners with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Kesten Conklin added 11 points, 10 coming in the third quarter as Churchill made a 21-13 run to break away from a 25-19 halftime.

The Chargers went on to outscore Franklin 16-0 in the final quarter.

Dominique Betancourt came up with a couple of steals to ignite the third quarter surge.

Jill Routzahn and Lauren Ruprecht each contributed six points for the winners.

Tera Morrill led Franklin with 12 points, while Lori Jendrusik added nine.

"Our defense wasn't bad tonight," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "The first quarter (8-8 tie) was a struggle. We didn't figure out their offense or get in a running game."

"We kind of put them away in the third quarter when they (Franklin) were hanging in there. Franklin is a good, hard-nosed team."

"It's just exciting to know we beat Stevenson and Franklin in the same week."

In other action:

**N. FARMINGTON 36, STEVENSON 35:** Samantha McComb's free throw with no time on the clock Thursday allowed North Farmington to take a WLAA victory from host Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans led 35-31 with a little more than four minutes left.

North's Melissa Gratz threw a long pass to Katie Vihtelic, who sank a layup to make it a two-point difference.

McComb sank two free throws with under 11 seconds remaining to tie the score.

During that time, the Spartans shot the ball twice when they weren't supposed to do that, according to Stevenson coach Wayne Henry, had a turnover and missed a couple free throws.

The Spartans inbounded the ball under their basket with 2.7 seconds left and threw it to mid court.

McComb intercepted the pass, drove straight for the Stevenson basket and was fouled in the act of shooting as time expired.

"It was unbelievable," said North coach Linda Perkins of the finish. "We really needed this one for the (league) playoffs."

"They took us out of our game, and we weren't doing things very well. That's to their credit."

"To our credit, the girls did a great job in the man-to-man defense at the end and were doing things right when it counted. It was nice to pull this one out."

McComb scored a game-high 17 points and Vihtelic nine.

Stephanie Dulz had 10 points and Lindsay Guskic eight for Stevenson.

The Raiders made 17 of 31 free throws; the Spartans converted five of 14 chances.

"We didn't have the court maturity to hang on to (the lead)," Henry said. "We complicated matters by not taking care of the ball."

"We knew North Farmington was a quality team; we knew it would be a challenge."

"If we had won, we would still have a shot at fifth (place). Now we could be anywhere from sixth to ninth."

Both teams are 9-6 overall. In the WLAA, the Raiders are 6-3, the Spartans 4-5.

Stevenson led at halftime, 23-22, but North was ahead going into the final quarter, 29-28.

**WAYNE 42, GARDEN CITY 40:** Natalie Garrison's jumper with 40 seconds remaining proved to be the game-winner Thursday as host Wayne Memorial (2-5, 3-10) slid past Garden City (4-10, 1-6) in a Mega Conference Red Division game.

Garrison, a senior forward, led the victorious Zebras with

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13 points, while junior forward Tonya Crawford contributed 10 points.

Carly Wright and Sarah Talbot tallied 12 and 10, respectively, for the Cougars, who couldn't convert the equalizer in the final minute.

**SALEM 58, JOHN GLENN 20:** Junior Christine Phillips scored 13 points and sophomore forward Bree Pastalanic added 11 points and four assists Thursday as Plymouth Salem (12-2, 8-1) rolled to the Western Lakes win over host Westland John Glenn (1-14, 1-8).

Andrea Pruett and Amanda Abraham each added 10 points and combined for 15 rebounds.

Tiffany Grubaugh collected six points, five rebounds and six steals.

Salem led 10-0 after one quarter and 24-12 at intermission before blowing things wide open with a 24-5 outburst in the third quarter.

Samantha Crews led Glenn with five points.

**BORGESS 47, LADYWOOD 24:** Everyone talks about Redford Bishop Borgess' Big Three, but how about its supporting cast?

Junior guard Tiffany Simon scored nine of her 13 points in the first quarter when the Spartans jumped to a 17-0 lead en route to the easy Catholic League Central Division victory at home.

It was another easy night for Borgess' senior standouts Koren Merchant, Aiysha Smith and Christina Anderson, who saw limited action and finished with six points each.

"Tiffany got us off to a real good start shooting the ball in the first quarter," Borgess coach Dave Mann said.

The Spartans led at one point, 28-2, in the second quarter before settling for a 28-5 halftime lead. The two teams each scored 19 points in the second half.

The Spartans, No. 1 ranked in all classes, will take a 16-0 overall record into the Catholic League playoffs which begin Tuesday at home against Allen Park Cabrini.

They finished the Central Division with a perfect 10-0 record.

Shermaine Drake had only three points but played another strong defensive game, according to Mann.

Ladywood is a playoff qualifier with an overall record of 6-10 overall, 3-7 in the Central Division. The Blazers will play either Wednesday or Thursday night in a first-round game.

The time or opponent weren't certain at press time.

Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski doesn't know how anyone can beat the Spartans.

"I don't see anyone beating them, not even close," Gorski said. "They have a great inside game, are strong on the boards, they can't penetrate, and now they have a perimeter game. I don't think any shot Simon made was closer than 18 feet."

Senior guard Meryl Denton, who didn't play as a junior, continues her valuable contributions to the Ladywood lineup. She scored a career-high 11 points for the Blazers.

"It helps having Meryl in the game, especially defensively," Gorski said. "She's our best defender and a good ballhandler."

The Blazers' top inside threat, Sarah Pogitis, was held to five points.

**LUTHERAN NORTH 55, CLARENCEVILLE 29:** On Thursday, Macomb Lutheran North pulled away during the final quarter with a 17-2 run to beat Livonia Clarenceville in a Metro Conference encounter.

Michelle Berry scored 14 points, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked two shots for the Trojans, who dipped to 3-13 overall and 1-10 in the Metro. Teammate Danielle Siedz added 10 points and six assists.

North, now 8-7 overall and 8-3 in the Metro, was led by Emily Thompson's game-high 17 points.

**ROEPER 33, HURON VALLEY 20:** Roeper's Lalydso Kiracoulou scored just seven fewer points than Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Hawks got nine from Sara Tacia in losing to a team they beat earlier in the season at home. Huron Valley is now 6-10 overall and 2-6 in its conference while Roeper is 7-9 overall, 3-5 in league play.

Roeper put the game away with a 12-3 fourth quarter.

# Warriors edge Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Lutheran Westland earned a berth in the Division IV boys soccer district final with a 1-0 win Thursday over host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Park.

The win moved Lutheran Westland into Saturday's championship game against Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian. (Results of that match will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

Senior midfielder Brad Woehlke broke a scoreless tie with a goal assisted by senior midfielder Scott Randall in the second half.

The Inter-City Baptist goalkeeper came out to challenge Woehlke, who fired the shot from about the 18 yards out after a crossing pass from Randall.

"I wouldn't have wanted to be in the position the keeper was in," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Brad broke through, the goalie came out to cut down the angle, tried to get to the ball before Brad could get his next touch on it."

Sophomore Andrew Glesman recorded his 11th shutout by stopping seven shots.

"He came up real big at the end of the game

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when Inter-City was putting pressure on, trying to force the tie," Block said.

Block said forwards Ben Heiden and Chris Broge did a good job fore-checking.

He said defenders Mike Randall, Ryan Ollinger, Jason Davis and Eric Falkenberg and midfielders Clint Gowen and Adam Voigt also played well.

Inter-City bowed out at 10-4-5.

**FAIRLANE 3, HURON VALLEY 0:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's season came to a halt Thursday as visiting Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian broke a scoreless halftime deadlock with three second-half goals.

Aaron Begley scored twice for the victorious Lions (9-8-2 overall), while Jeremy Goodnough added the other goal.

"We played pretty well," said Huron Valley coach Matt Henzi, whose team finished 3-15-1 overall. "But they had quite a few chances and we got dominated. They ran right through us."

Huron Valley goalkeeper Jared Ridenour kept things close with several key saves.

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lights. "We were ready to go," said Danielle, a 16-year-old junior at John Glenn High. "Maybe we were a little too excited and had a little too much energy. But overall I thought we skated the rest of the program pretty well."

You feel for skaters when they miss because it's so out there in the open. It's like an open wound. It stings and it's painful to watch even from a spectator's viewpoint.

But these two kids know it's all about paying their dues, while going through the maturation time.

And in their defense, the Hartsells are still getting a feel for a relatively new program routine.

"We'll get better," Danielle promised. "It's only the second time we've done it. We hope it gets better as the year goes along."

Last year the Hartsells finished fifth in their first Senior Nationals. They were also the 1997 World Junior champions.

This is a big season for the Hartsells and competitive skaters in general.

Three key events are looming

large: the U.S. Nationals Jan. 4-11 in Philadelphia, Pa.; the 18th Winter Olympic Games in Feb. 7-22 in Nagano, Japan; and the World Figure Skating Championships March 29-April 5 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Realistically, the Hartsells are eyeing the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"This is only our second Grand Prix event," Danielle said. "This is a step up. We're probably looking at the next Olympics when these guys decide to retire. These are the skaters who will be at the Olympics."

Two Russian teams led after the short program, which counts for 33 percent of the competition.

On Saturday, the Hartsells performed their Samson and Delilah program.

"It doesn't include getting my hair cut," cracked the 5-foot-9, 170-pound Steven, whose strength makes it possible to do all the lifts for her 5-2, 102-pound sister.

Coached by Johnny Johns and Mitch Moyer of the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Hills, the Hartsells have juggled their schedule with schooling to

become one of the country's top pairs teams.

Steven is taking 12 credits at OU, while Danielle attends classes mornings at John Glenn. The two hook up each afternoon at the DSC.

They admit they have their differences on the ice, but get along well off of it as brother and sister.

They come across as polite and humble individuals with a genuine passion for their sport.

"Not too many (at school) know what I'm doing, but I don't talk about it much," said Danielle, who prefers to keep a low profile.

"Some of my friends are coming down on Saturday."

Undeterred despite their mishap, the two keep a positive attitude.

"It's kind of disappointing," Steven said, "but there's nothing you can do about it."

"It boils down to experience. And now we're performing with the best in the world."

Wise beyond their years, the Hartsells, who travel next month to another international event in Paris, France, can only go up in the pairs skating world.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 31  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Canton vs. Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Howell, 7:30 p.m.  
RU at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m.  
Flat Rock at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1  
Garden City at Thurston, noon.  
Harrison at County Day, 1 p.m.  
Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 1 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 28  
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 6:30 p.m.  
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at River Rouge, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Easel Ford, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m.  
PCA at S'held Christian, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Marshall Jr. High, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30  
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m.  
Willow Run at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Dearborn at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31  
Agape at Greater Life, 7 p.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 27  
Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio) at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28  
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Sunday, Oct. 26  
Hillsdale at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 28  
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30  
Windsor at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31  
Schoolcraft Invitational, 7 p.m.  
Madonna at Clearwater (Fla.), TBA.

Saturday, Nov. 1  
Schoolcraft Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Madonna at Clearwater (Fla.), TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

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## BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

Following are the best girls swim times and diving scores by Observerland athletes. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 and leaving a voice-mail message if necessary or by faxing information to (313) 953-2729.

## 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Lyonia Stevenson 1:52.28  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:52.87  
North Farmington 1:56.05  
Farmington Harrison 1:58.01  
Plymouth Salem 1:59.17

## 200 FREESTYLE

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:56.27  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:57.14  
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:58.42  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 1:59.31  
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 2:00.08  
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:00.48  
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 2:00.72  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 2:00.83  
Angela Smetkoski (Churchill) 2:01.14  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:01.50

## 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:09.50  
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:13.64  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:14.90  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 2:15.18  
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 2:15.43  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 2:17.00  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 2:18.13  
Becky Noehel (Stevenson) 2:18.53  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 2:19.21  
Nevra Aher (N. Farmington) 2:19.37

## 50 FREESTYLE

Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 24.52  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.07  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 25.22  
Jordyn Goddard (Stevenson) 25.26  
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 25.45  
Carrie Dzalo (Salem) 25.56  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 25.58  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 25.63  
Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 25.71  
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 25.79

## DIVING

Laurel Dolin (Stevenson) 254.00  
Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 226.60  
Jennie Marchand (John Glenn) 224.70  
Michelle Walton (Salem) 211.40  
Becca Goud (Mercy) 211.05  
Jamee Pullum (Mercy) 202.00  
Nikki Hagmann (Churchill) 195.50  
Katie Braine (Mercy) 193.35  
Jennifer Dewaele (Harrison) 189.25  
Kelli Dodd (Churchill) 182.50

## 100 BUTTERFLY

Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 58.88  
Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.38  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:00.71  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 1:00.90

Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:02.02  
Jenny MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.26  
Becky Noehel (Stevenson) 1:03.08  
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.09  
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.38  
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:03.46

## 100 FREESTYLE

Julie Kern (Stevenson) 54.99  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 55.13  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 55.35  
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 55.61  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 55.75  
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 56.05  
Hannah Pawlewicz (N. Farm.) 56.20  
Carrie Dzalo (Salem) 56.70  
Angela Smetkoski (Churchill) 56.84  
Donna Schwalm (Harrison) 57.10

## 500 FREESTYLE

Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:08.27  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 5:17.88  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 5:18.09  
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:18.32  
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:18.56  
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 5:23.46  
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 5:23.77  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:24.54  
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 5:25.47  
Meghan Lesnau (Stevenson) 5:26.70

## 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Lyonia Stevenson 1:41.98  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:42.18  
North Farmington 1:42.57  
Farmington Harrison 1:47.67  
Plymouth Salem 1:47.94

## 100 BACKSTROKE

Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 59.46  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.50  
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:01.63  
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.65  
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:02.02  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 1:03.75  
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 1:04.12  
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:04.66  
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:04.69  
Katie Callan (Mercy) 1:04.94

## 100 BREASTSTROKE

Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 1:08.10  
Jordyn Goddard (Stevenson) 1:09.77  
Nevra Aher (N. Farmington) 1:10.35  
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:10.59  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:11.57  
Becky Noehel (Stevenson) 1:12.31  
Katie Bonner (Salem) 1:13.92  
Christina Mocerri (Ladywood) 1:14.83  
Tina Cavicholi (Farmington) 1:15.19  
Jennifer Bendick (N. Farm.) 1:15.25

## 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:39.39  
Lyonia Stevenson 3:42.37  
Farmington Harrison 3:51.03  
Plymouth Salem 3:54.35  
North Farmington 3:55.54

## No fish story: Livonian Reault takes 1st

Who says fishermen are superstitious?

Just because Dave Reault had his "lucky" teal shirt on and sported a "lucky" day-old beard when he won the Red Man Regional championship last weekend on Kentucky Lake, Kentucky isn't reason to jump to a conclusion.

Or is it? Reault, of Livonia, qualified for the regional bass fishing tournament by placing in the top 30 in the Red Man Michigan Division, which featured six tournaments over the summer. The top eight finishers in the regional advance to the Red Man All-American, which features a cash stipend of \$100,000 for the winner. Reault's goal heading down to the regional was simply to qualify for the All-American, May 25-30, on the Mississippi River at LaCrosse,

Wisconsin.

He easily accomplished his goal, and then some.

Reault topped a field of 111 anglers to win the regional crown. He weighed a three-day catch of nine fish which tipped the scale at 33 pounds 5 ounces. Reault won a Chevy pick-up truck and a fully-rigged Ranger bass boat powered by an Evinrude outboard. The package is valued at \$40,000. On top of that, the 40-year-old real estate broker won \$1,500 in a double-up pot as well as a four-day marlin fishing trip in Cabo, San Lucas.

Lady Luck was certainly on his side.

On the first day of the tournament Reault wore his "lucky" teal shirt and was in third place by the end of the day. He changed his shirt on the second day, managed to catch just one keeper and slid to eighth in the standings.

"I wore that shirt the first day and did pretty good. The second day I didn't wear it and I didn't do very well," explained Reault. "On the third day I decided, even

if it did smell a little, I was wearing that shirt."

Reault also decided to skip his daily morning shave, explaining, "because I wanted everything to be in my favor."

Late on that third and final day of the tournament Reault had three fish in the boat.

"I'd been doing pretty good slow-rolling spinner baits, but decided to switch to a Yamamoto Hula Grub and I picked up my fourth fish... With about an hour left I got hung up on something and was trying to shake it loose," he explained. "I went over to where I was snagged and popped it loose. As soon as it popped free, I felt something hit and my pole bent right to the water. I mean he was right there, I had him only on about five-feet of line."

What Reault had was a 6-pound, 4-ounce lunker that gave him his first daily limit of the tournament and pushed him over the top. Reault edged second-place finisher Jim Bryant of Kentucky by a mere 3 pounds, 2 ounces.

"That last fish, the one that

won me the tournament, was a gift from someone," said Reault.

Apparently, that someone likes the color teal.

## Reminder

There is still time to register for the Project F.I.S.H. Workshop, scheduled for Nov. 7-9 in Jackson. The weekend workshop is intended to show adults how to organize a community youth sport fishing club.

The workshop will be held at Camp McGregor and begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$60 per person and \$55 per person for a team of two or more. Fees include lodging and all teaching materials. Registration deadline is Oct. 31.

For a registration packet or more information contact Mary Jamieson and MSU at (517) 353-0308 or jamieso5@pilot.msu.edu.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.



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## Outdoor Calendar

## CLASSES

## FLY TYING

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

## ATTRACTING BIRDS

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

## OWL HUNT

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

## SEASONS/DATES

## BEAR

The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26.

## DEER

The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearms season begins Saturday Nov. 15.

## DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

## GOOSE

The second part of the Canada goose season runs Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South Zone outside the five Goose Management Units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMU's.

## PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

## WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

## ARCHERY

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

## TARGET LEAGUE

An indoor target league begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## OUTDOOR CLUBS

## SOLAR

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

## FISHING CLUBS

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-4481 for more information.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

## FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

## FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

## BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn

Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2663 for more information.

## METROPARKS

## METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

## GREAT PUMPKIN

Make a Great Pumpkin decoration for Halloween during this craft workshop, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## ANIMAL MYTHS

Explore the real world of bats, spiders, wolves and other Halloween-type creatures during this indoor program, which begins at 4 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

## COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

## OH DEER

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

## STATE PARKS

## STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION**

The Wayne County Commission will hold two Public Hearings on the following:

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 1997-98 Appropriations and Budget Ordinance will be the subject of these hearings.

The hearings will be held:

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**  
Wayne County Commission Hearing Room 402  
#Wayne County Building  
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**  
Wayne County Commission Chambers  
Wayne County Building  
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION**

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the following:

- The County 1997 Apportionment Report for the 43 Wayne County Communities; and
- The proposed 1997-98 Appropriations and Budget Ordinance

The hearing will be held:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**  
Wayne County Commission Chambers, Room 400  
600 Randolph, Detroit, MI

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