

Bill would keep truants from getting a driver's license

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Sen. Gary Peters

"I would always marvel at it. We occasionally would have kids who would have a real truancy problem, but when it would come to drivers' training, they never missed a class," Gary Doyle, superintendent of Bloomfield Schools, said.

In fact, having a driver's license can encourage further truancy, because the youngster has transportation.

So it makes sense to Doyle to tie issuance of a driver's license to attendance in school, as proposed by Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield.

Peters recently introduced a four-bill package to give school officials new ways to enforce school attendance requirements. A key part of the package, in Senate Bill 759, would allow a

not regularly attending school.

Senate Bills 758 through 761 would also require parental notification if a child is absent without an excuse twice in 30 days; require an "agreement for attendance" if a child is absent without an excuse five times in a month; allow court intervention if a child is absent seven times in a month; and increase penalties for parents who fail to send their children to school.

Sentences for parents could include fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, or jail from two to 90 days.

Doyle said he wouldn't want to see parents who are making an effort to get kids to school punished.

"I had one parent who would drive his daughter to school every day and walk her in the front door," he said. "As he was walking out the front door, she was headed out the back. Obvi-

ously, you don't want to see a parent like that punished."

Other parents, however, seem to encourage their youngster to skip school.

Still others "cover" for them, he said.

"I saw one student across the parking lot and went in to call his parents. His mother said he had been home sick for the last week. I told her I had just seen him across the parking lot and there was nothing but silence on the phone. I don't understand why some parents do that," he said.

It would be up to the family court and Protective Services to determine which parents are making the effort and which should be subject to sanctions, and Doyle said he believes they would be well able to make that determination.

Peters sees the package as a

way to intervene early in the lives of youngsters headed for trouble. Truancy is often an early sign a youth is headed toward delinquency, he said.

"A lot of folks say they want to get tough on juveniles who commit serious crimes. There's the case in Pontiac," Peters said, referring to the trial of Nathaniel Abraham, charged with first-degree murder at age 11.

"He had a lot of contacts with police over the years and learned that nothing was going to hap-

pen to him. Then he commits a real serious crime and that's when we get tough ... There are losers all around in that case. He's facing jail for 70 years, but the big loser is the victim."

At present, truancy is seen by police and courts as a "status crime," that is a violation that only counts as an offense because the perpetrator is under age, Peters explained. So some officials don't take it seriously.

The package has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further action.

5 to interview for Schoolcraft board seat

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Six Schoolcraft College trustees will interview Wednesday five applicants who want to fill a vacancy on the college's board.

Trustees will begin the interviews at 7 p.m. at the board's meeting room in the college's Administration Building, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia. Trustees plan to interview each candidate for 30 minutes.

The applicants are Fred Bolden of Canton Township, Tod J. Kilroy of Westland, Fred Libbing of Plymouth Township, Michael Novak of Westland and Richard Reaume of Plymouth Township. They will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Steve Ragan.

Bolden has a bachelor's in criminal justice, with a master's in computer information science from the University of Detroit.

Bolden ran in last year's primary election as a Democrat for the 11th District Wayne County Commission seat, a position

eventually won by John Sullivan, D-Wayne.

Kilroy, 58, has been city planner of Westland six years. Married and the father of six and grandfather of nine, he holds a degree in urban planning from Michigan State University and a master's in public administration from Oakland University.

Libbing, 60, plans to retire in June after 30 years as a counselor at Plymouth-Canton High School. He and his wife have two children and a grandson. He has a bachelor's in education from EMU and a master's in counseling from the University of Michigan.

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Reaume, 49, who has three foster children, is owner of Worldwide Express, an overnight shipper, and has worked in mainframe and personal computer technical sales. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Wayne State University and a master's in business administration from the University of Texas.

Novak, 33, of Westland is a Livonia police officer and assistant coordinator with the police academy at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

He holds a bachelor's in criminal justice from Madonna Uni-

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versity and an associate's from Henry Ford Community College. He is working on a master's in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

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Schoolcraft upgrades to faster phone registration system

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Schoolcraft College purchased computer equipment and software Wednesday to upgrade the college's interactive touch-tone telephone registration system to ensure fast phone registration for students.

Trustees approved a purchase of a Pentium personal computer, a 16-line telephone interface board and software for \$41,009 from EPOS Corp. of Auburn, Ala. It is expected to be installed by mid-December, in time for the January registration for winter term.

The current phone system allows students to register and pay by credit card, registering 3,216 students for the fall

semester. About 35 percent of students register early by phone each semester, according to Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

"(The system) handles credit card transactions between the college and the bank," Jeffress said.

Jeffress said later that the software purchase was not in response to problems reported by staffers this fall during the last-minute registration of students. They complained that a registration system with a separate software package was slow in transmitting information on financial aid for students during registration. Jeffress said there were major glitches from adding software continuously over the past few years.

"The major complaint from the

staff is to move through all the screens," Jeffress said.

That Datatel system worked in conjunction with Colleague software. Officials from those companies were working with Schoolcraft's Information Technology staffers to resolve the glitches and speed up the system, Jeffress said.

Trustees also approved the purchase of 119 personal computers, 50 of which will be housed at two computer labs at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, 33 for staff, 25 for the Applied Sciences computer lab, seven for the Geography Department and four for Student Activities.

Quality Computer Systems in Livonia will be paid \$167,015 for the computers.

UM-Dearborn holds violence seminar

The Center for Corporate and Professional Development at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will host a one-day seminar Thursday, Nov. 4, focusing on reducing violence in public schools.

The event is designed to provide educators with the knowledge needed to implement a four-step prevention program to supplement new security measures in schools. The seminar is aimed toward public and private school administrators, principals, guidance counselors, school

board members and educators interested in reducing violence in schools.

The speaker is Stan Friedland, a former teacher, guidance counselor and high school principal. During his 12 years as principal, his Long Island, N.Y., high school won numerous awards for innovative programs.

Friedland writes for national journals, recently published the book "An Orphan Has Many Parents" and hosts a long-running television program, Inside Edu-

cation. He earned his doctorate in educational administration at Columbia University and has taught at the graduate level at several universities.

The seminar is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the UM-Dearborn campus. The \$195 entrance fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverage breaks and reference materials. Group and early-bird discounts are available. For registration information, call Jennifer Miller at (313) 593-3489.

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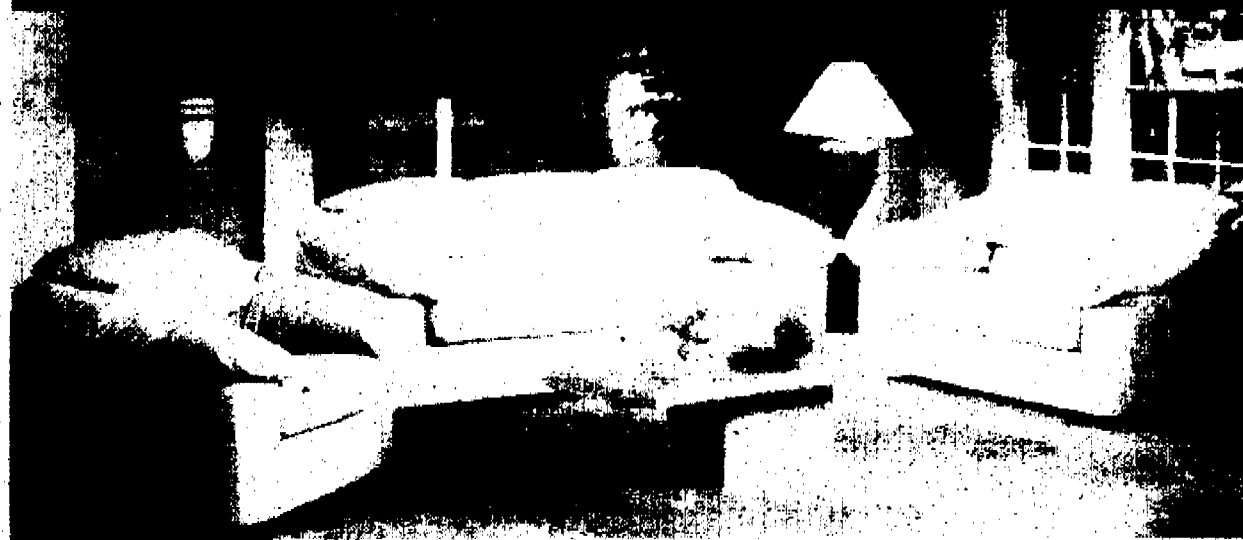
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County Head Start director brings 20 years of experience

Wayne County's new Head Start director has spent more than 20 years in early childhood programs.

Audrey McKenzie will lead the county's new program, administered under the County's Health and Community Services Department. Vanessa Milton and Michael Johnson have been hired as the department's assistant directors.



Audrey McKenzie

"We welcome this strong team to Wayne County," County Executive Ed McNamara said. "People make the difference in successful programs such as Head Start and we conducted a thorough search to find the best for this critical program." Wayne County's program is one of the top five largest programs in the Midwest, county officials said.

McKenzie has worked as handicap services coordinator and also served as acting director of Detroit's Head Start grantee program, which was funded to serve more than 4,000 preschool children.

McKenzie also worked as a speech and language pathologist with Detroit Public Schools, working with preschool through middle school-age students. McKenzie also was employed as a Head Start on-site review consultant with the Chicago office of

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

McKenzie began her career at Wayne County's out-county Head Start in 1976 after graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in audiology and speech science.

Milton most recently worked as the owner/consultant of C&M Associates in Georgia where she conducted Head Start compliance reviews in a six-state

region. A certified Head Start peer reviewer and trainer, she also provided technical assistance to Head Start and Job Training Partnership Program staff.

Johnson worked as both the mental health coordinator and assistant director with the city of Detroit's Head Start program. That program served more than 7,200 children and families. His background included development of the Fatherhood Initiative Project. A graduate of the National Head Start Association Credentialing Academy, he has a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University.

Wayne County's Head Start program is available in 25 out-county communities at 17 sites. Children participating in Head Start receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and mental health services.

Children with disabilities who will be 3 or 4 before Dec. 1 also are encouraged to enroll. The program also assists the families of children in areas such as health care, employment and housing. Low income is defined as families who meet the federal government poverty guidelines.

For information on the Head Start program, call (734) 334-1300.

Group offers workshop to help nonprofits

Nonprofit organizations will learn how to get wider recognition for their work by attending Accounting Aid Society's half-day workshop on "Marketing, Public Relations and Media for Nonprofits." Instructor for the workshop is Walter P. Kraft, Caponigro

Public Relations, Southfield.

The workshop meets 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Salvation Army Kresge Education Center, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield. A Continental breakfast will be served and free

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Backyard Birds. She began a mail order business as well. When she had seven sewers working full time it was time to get a store, she said.

Deb's bears are another of her creative ideas. The bears, designed from her own patterns, are made from German Mohair and are available in many sizes. Deb can also use old fur coats and turn them into a keepsake teddy bear.

Her hobby soon turned into a full scale business out of her home. In 1987 she quit her job and began making geese clothing full time. She sold the clothes to wholesalers such as Hudson's Nature Nook and

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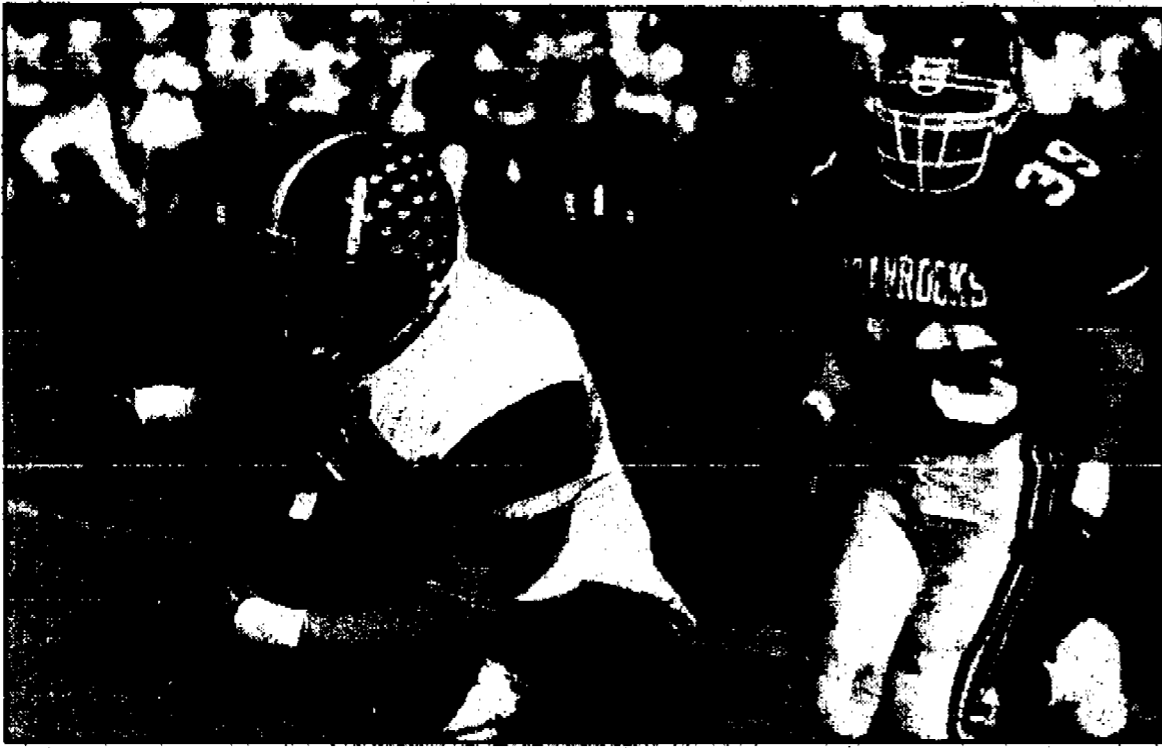
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Breaking loose: Livonia Stevenson's Dan Wilson (with ball) tries to elude Shamrock pursuer Ed Zylak during Saturday's state playoff game.

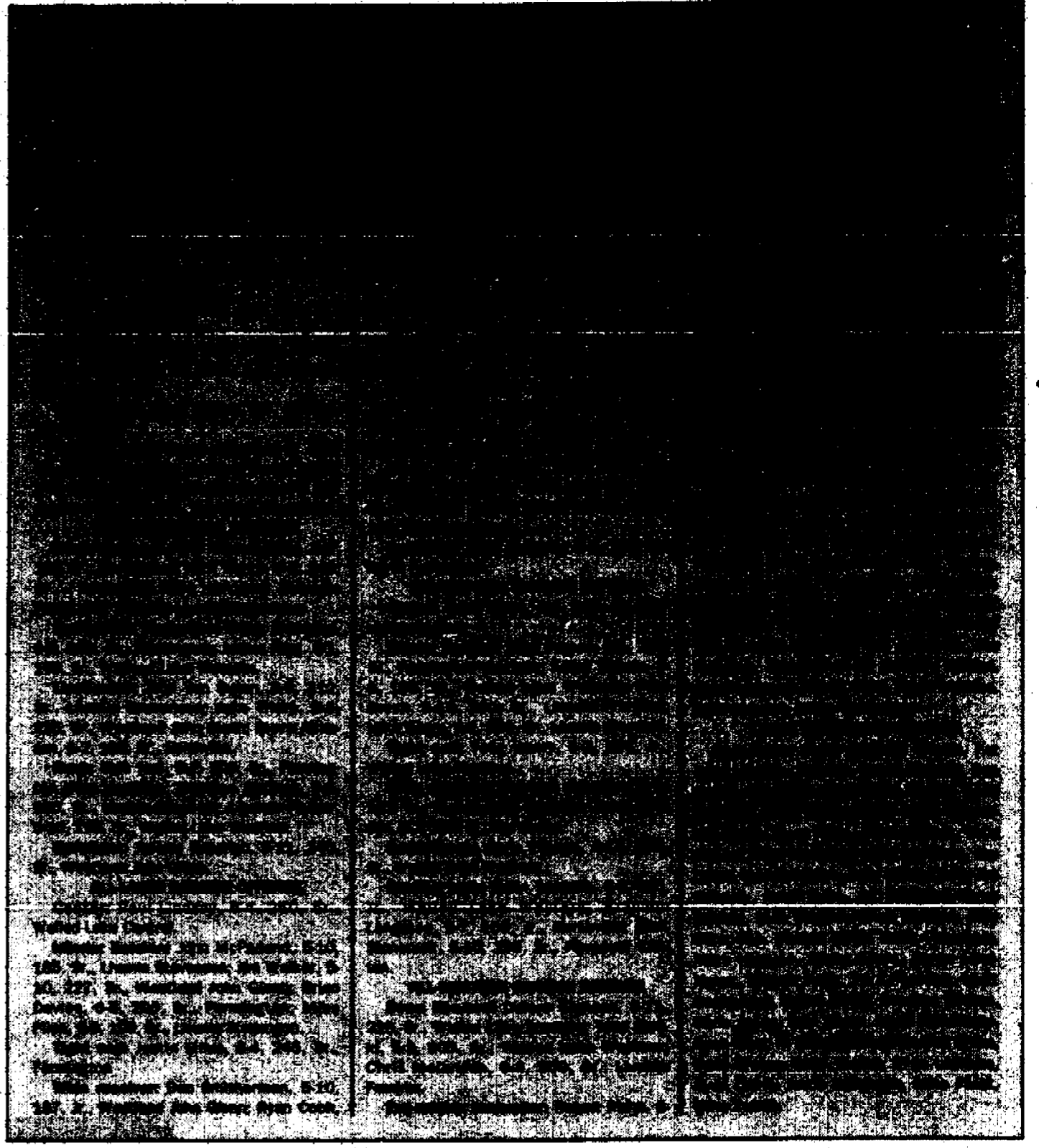


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passing situation, got hit and fumbled. Lanky defensive end Jeff Moore (6-5, 220) scooped up the ball at the Stevenson 5 and dove into the end zone for a TD. Mike Sgroi's extra point made it 7-all. CC then drove 56 yards in 11 plays, capped by Dave Groth's 2-yard TD run. Sgroi's extra point, with 4:27 left in the half, gave the Shamrocks a 14-7 advantage. In the third quarter, Sgroi, after missing earlier attempts of 47 and 31 yards, drilled 32-yard field goal with 7:35 remaining to put CC ahead 17-7. The Shamrocks, who seemingly were in control, then gave up two points with 1:21 left in the third quarter when the snap from center sailed over punter Mark Gurskey's head and out of the end zone. The play seemed to inject new life in the Spartans, but CC's defense came up big in the final quarter.

Rize was sacked twice on critical third and fourth downs, respectively, on the Spartans' first two offensive possessions of the fourth period. "Sometime we had to go for it, we didn't have much of a choice at the time," Gabel said of the fourth-and-4 at midfield with just under five minutes left. "And we were on defense a lot. It's not like we moved the ball at all." Gabel said the Spartans had to "play close to perfect" in all phases to beat the Shamrocks. "We had turnovers, dropped balls and missed blocks," said Gabel, whose team bowed out at 7-3 overall. "But it was an outstanding effort defensively, and offensively, for 48 minutes. "We didn't have a flat game in 10 games and very few bad practices. They're heartbroken because they came here to win, not to keep it close." CC had 249 yards rushing and total yardage of 253, while Stevenson had just 98 total.



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100 percent of the credit goes to them." Jones, yet to be held under the 100-yard mark this season, proved he could run inside and outside against the physical Trojans. "You can't make mistakes against a good football team, but when you think about it, the difference was No. 3 (Jones)," Monroe coach Ralph Carducci said. "He looks like he's going to die after every play, but he gets back up and makes a great run. He's a great one." Jones' 21-yard TD run, in which he broke three tackles at the line of scrimmage, gave Glenn a 10-7 lead with 7:37 left in the second quarter. The play certainly deserved an

ovation. "What Eric Jones has learned this season is to play hard on every snap," Gordon said. "Everybody knows he's fast, but he's also powerful." Jones had just 4 net yards in the third quarter, but came back with 76 on seven carries in the final period, including a 1-yard TD run with 6:13 remaining to put the game away. "They (Monroe) had some momentum going, but we got into our elephant (backfield) formation and our big guys helped us move the ball," Gordon said. And then there was the play of Cechiewicz, the freshman QB, who ran the Glenn offense with poise and precision. His only negative play was a third quar-

ter pickoff by Monroe's Antoine Ford. Cechiewicz, who played his first seven games on the JV squad, also rushed for three key first downs. "Brian played very well," Gordon said. "And I'm proud of him. But he's no different than anyone else. Like everybody else, on this team, he can get better." Glenn outgained Monroe in total offense, 300-236. Monroe led in first downs, 13-11. Moser was 19 for 93 on the ground, while Leach was six of 14 for 86. But the Monroe quarterback was sacked three times and intercepted twice. Glenn, now 8-2, awaits the winner of Saturday's Belleville-Detroit Henry Ford matchup.

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Spartans roll in district, 4-0

BY SCOTT NEINAS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson proved it can win without resorting to the Tom Eller show as they shutout crosstown rival Livonia Churchill 4-0 Saturday at University of Detroit Jesuit High School in a Division I district soccer final.

Spartan captain Mike White scored two goals and assisted on another as Stevenson advanced to the sweet-16 round of the state playoffs.

They will play the winner of the Temperance Bedford district winner in a Division I regional semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at South Lyon Middle School.

"I'm pleased with the result. We came off of two difficult games that took a lot of energy out of us. I was concerned about a letdown," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

The Spartans, who improved to 16-2-1, scored the only goal they would need early in the game when T.J. Djokic and a Churchill defender slid into the ball together near the Charger goal mouth. The ball somehow found its way into the net, giving the Spartans the lead three minutes into the game.

White assisted on the goal. "We gave up a goal in the first few minutes of each half. You can't do that and expect to win any game, much less against Stevenson," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, his team bowing out at 10-11. "We put ourselves in a hole."

Stevenson dominated play in the first half, keeping the ball in Churchill's zone and winning most of the battles in the air.

When the Chargers did win the ball, they seemed content kicking it out of their zone or attempting a long pass.

The first half ended with Stevenson ahead, 1-0. Five minutes into the second half, the Spartans added an insurance tally when Churchill keeper

Eric Sicilia and one of his defenders crossed wires going for a loose ball in the box.

The ball squirted out to Spartan forward Dan Lipon, who, with the keeper and defender down, booted it into an empty net.

"That was just hard work," Richters said. "He never gave up on the play."

Down by two goals, the Chargers tried opening the game up, pushing two defenders up into the play and leaving just two back.

The gamble backfired in the 49th minute when Eller hit a streaking White with a pass behind the defense.

White battled his defender and got a shot off that beat Sicilia, putting the game virtually out of reach for low-scoring Churchill.

Up 3-0, Richters substituted for Eller, since his star forward had received a yellow card in the first half. A red card would have meant him missing the next game.

"It was better to not take the risk," Richters said. "I like to watch him play as well, but we need him for the next game."

White scored Stevenson's final goal in the 56th minute, heading in a throw-in from Matt Koontz. "They played better than us," Friedrichs said. "You play the game to see who's the better team."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: Junior Derek Bias and freshman Ryan West each had two goals and one assist in Lutheran High Westland's Division IV district semifinal triumph Thursday over visiting Southfield Franklin Road Christian.

Goalkeeper Andrew Giesman notched his 13th shutout of the season and 40th of his career as the Warriors improved to 15-2-1 overall.

Sophomore Carl Paulus and senior Ryan Noel each contributed a goal and one assist.

Freshman Josh Meckes, freshman Dave Sadler, sophomore John DeVries and freshman Matt Nollar each had a goal.

Junior Brad Nollar recorded three assists, including one to his brother Matt.

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REGION 2 AT SOUTH LYON

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Livonia Stevenson-Livonia Churchill winner vs. Temperance-Bedford Dist. 4 winner, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4: Wayne Memorial Dist. 5 winner vs. Novi Dist. 12 winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, 1 p.m. winner to Jackson vs. Kalamazoo Central regional winner, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

DIVISION II-REGION 6 AT EATON RAPIDS

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Lansing Waverly Dist. 27 winner vs. Tawasushi Dist. 19 winner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3: Farmington Redford Thurston winner vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern Dist. 28 winner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, 1 p.m. winner to Richmond Gull Lake vs. Portage Northern Region 5 winner, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 2: Riverview Gabriel Richard Dist. 53 winner vs. Jackson Bap 1st Dist. 52 winner, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3: Lake Forest Dist. 42 winner vs. Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian Dist. 84 winner, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6: Final, noon winner to Livonia vs. Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian Region 15 winner, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 2: Wayne at Kennedy, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3: Westland at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at St. Albansville, 7 p.m. Hamtramck at Clarensville, 7 p.m. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m. W. Central at W. Western, 7 p.m. (WLAAs Playoffs 1st Round) Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Iphigeneia at Canton, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3: (CHSL Playoffs at Schoecraft CCI) Iphigeneia vs. Belgick, 6 p.m. Iphigeneia vs. Marlow, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4: Iphigeneia vs. Iphigeneia, 6 p.m. W. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m. W. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m. W. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

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Winterized grackles spotted near evergreen trees

Grackles flying around the neighborhood in summer is a common sight.

These medium size, glossy, iridescent black birds have adapted well to living in urban and suburban areas. But it's fall, and most of the summer residents have migrated south. Which is why I found the three flocks of grackles I saw the other day eye-catching.

Males are a shiny black coloration with a wide flaring tail that is bent into a "V" while flying. Females are dark, but not as shiny and iridescent. Young of the year are dark enough to stand out against the colors of fall.

The flocks of grackles I saw may have been northern birds that are on their way south to winter in the warmer states.

Our resident grackles left weeks ago, which is why it seemed unusual to see these flocks of grackles. I thought they had all migrated by now.

Birds of many species often flock during their migration.

More birds in a flock can detect a predator approaching and alert relatives that danger is immi-

nent. As birds migrate they must keep a compass bearing to get to their destination. A flock has several birds that are veterans of this journey and they tend to keep each other going in the proper direction.

If only one bird was responsible for navigating, there is a greater chance it could be slightly off course.

As they head south they will stop at various locations in order to find food.

I remember watching a large flock of grackles a few years ago in a beech forest. While some were in low branches watching for danger, most birds were on the ground lifting leaves to search for beech nuts on the ground.

Once in awhile I could see one scratching with their feet in an effort to expose a tasty nut. Nuts have a lot of energy which migrating birds need as they fly for long periods of time.

While the flocks I saw recently were composed of only grackles, many fall flocks of blackbirds have three or four species in them.

Grackles often join in larger flocks with red-winged blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds and starlings.

Mixed flocks of these common species can number in the thousands.

In some areas they can be a nuisance because of their droppings, noise and the food they eat. This occurs more in the southern states where migratory flocks join with local residents to increase the local population.

By November grackles should all be south of the Detroit area. But it is not unusual to find some individuals that stay the winter

for some reason.

Their broad diet enables them to eat any foods that are available. Fatty seeds like acorns are preferred, but weed seeds are potential food.

Insect larvae and any dormant insects would be fair game, as well as other birds and animals. Grackles are not beyond attacking, killing and eating small birds

like house sparrows.

Their ability to adapt to urbanization and a very general diet has allowed the grackle to increase in numbers in many areas.

If you have evergreens, you probably have grackles nesting in them during the summer.

But don't look for them until spring.



TIM NOWICKI

Madonna men stop Saints, 2-1

It was a victory of major proportions, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Madonna University, still playing without leading scorer Sam Piraine — out with an injured leg muscle — got a goal from Keith Barber at 3:58 of overtime to edge Siena Heights University 2-1 Wednesday at Siena Heights.

The victory sent Madonna, the third seed in the Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference, into the opening round of the tournament with some momentum. The Crusaders are 13-5-1 overall, 9-4-1 in the WHAC.

Siena Heights concludes the WHAC regular season at 10-3-1; the Saints are 13-6-1 overall.

Charlie Bell gave Madonna the early lead, scoring an unassisted goal at the 28:14 mark in the first half. It stayed that way until, 9:17 into the second half, Siena Heights' B.J. Horn converted a pass from Sam Skeels and blasted a shot through Madonna keeper Dave Hart.

Barber's game-winner was a low crossing shot

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off a headed pass from Rob Willard.

Hart made five saves in goal for Madonna. Nick DeKam had seven in goal for the Saints.

It won't be the last time these teams clash. A Madonna win over Spring Arbor yesterday will set up a rematch in the WHAC semifinals Wednesday in Adrian.

SCHOOLCRAFT 4, CMU JV 0 (WOMEN): Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, ranked sixth in the NJCAA coaches' poll and ninth by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, improved its record to 17-1-2 with a 4-0 shutout of Central Michigan University JV squad.

In the win over CMU, the Lady Ocelots got goals from Marina Vazquez (from Farmington), Shannon Konarski and Alyson Botke on a header in the first half. Assists went to Tracy McIntyre, Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton) and Emily Aiford (Livonia Clarenceville).

Michele Bardon (Plymouth Salem) got SC's only second half goal. Shannon Brooks and Kerrie LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) were in goal for the shutout.



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- Fri. & Sat., Feb. 4-5 Iona College
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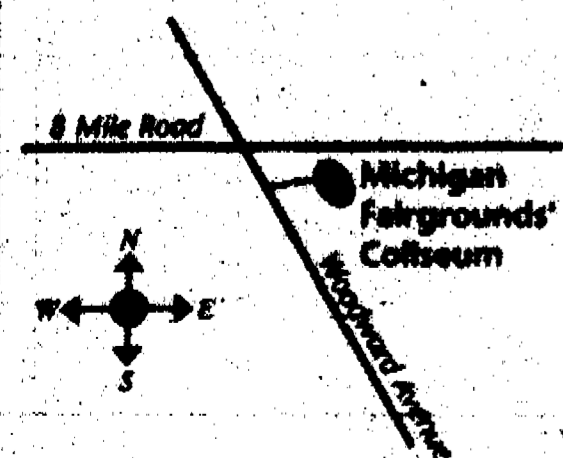
- Sat. & Sun, Nov. 6-7 Michigan
- Fri. & Sat., Nov. 12-13 Michigan State
- Fri. & Sat., Dec. 3-4 Bemidji State University
- Thursday, Jan. 6 Niagara University
- Sunday, Jan. 16 Western Michigan
- Fri. & Sat., Jan. 21-22 Mercyhurst
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ORDINANCE NO. 99- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION(S) TO BE NUMBERED 70.04(L) PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF 70.04(E) BEING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE; SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR DENIAL OF LICENSE; PRIOR SUSPENSIONS, REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS: THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CODE" BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION(S) 70.04(L) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 70.04(L). Vehicle immobilization, violation of 70.04(E) of the Uniform Traffic Code, suspension, revocation, or denial of license; prior suspension.

(a) A suspension, revocation, or denial based on a violation of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 296, MCL 562.601 to 562.650 (b) For a suspension, revocation, or denial under section 70.04(H) of the Code of Ordinances, or Michigan Compiled Laws 257.904, an individual who has no currently effective suspension or denial under section 221a of the Michigan Compiled Laws...

Section 8. As used in this section, "vehicle immobilization" means requiring the motor vehicle involved in the violation immobilized in a manner provided in section 70.04(M) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City or Michigan Compiled Laws 257.904e

Severability. This ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction...

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Section 6. Before a person is arraigned before a district court magistrate or judge on a charge of violating this section, the arresting officer shall obtain the person's driving record from the Secretary of State and shall furnish the record to the court. The driving record of the person may be obtained from the Secretary of State's computer information network. Section 7. This ordinance does not apply to a person who operates a vehicle solely for the purpose of protecting human life or property if the life or property is endangered and summoning prompt aid is essential.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Characters come to life on walls

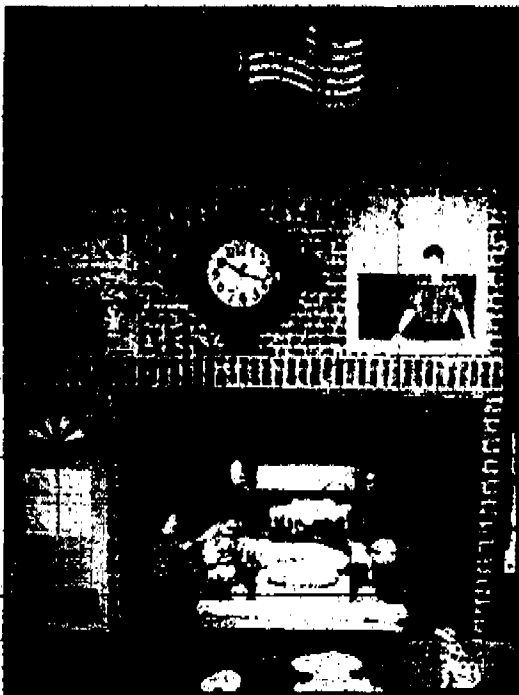
Jennifer Riopelle and Joe Rutherford admit "it's unusual for two artists to work on the same painting" even though they're the best of friends. But it can be done when you're sharing entire walls and sometimes rooms.

These two Plymouth artists make their living painting murals of lions, tigers and bears, and of course, other subjects.

"We realized we could work together, and that our ideas would work together," said Riopelle. "A mural is really a painting you step into."

Riopelle and Rutherford step into the rooms of clients before making a scale drawing, and if the customer wants, a palette of the colors. Then they transform walls into stories that frequently mean something special to the client. One homeowner had their Black Labrador painted into a garden scene.

"Many times we have people who want personal touches," said Rutherford.



Alarming: This clock was incorporated into a mural of a firehouse and engine.

ford. "They want us to incorporate their dogs, sailboats, favorite old teddy bears. Many things can be done with murals."

Rutherford and Riopelle will also incorporate three-dimensional works into the theme of a mural. A jungle scene is painted around a three-dimensional papier mache tiger. In another room a 7 1/2-foot bronze giraffe stands in front of a wall mural of the City Zoo. To bring it all to life, Rutherford and Riopelle added silk leaves for the giraffe to pluck from the tree painted on the walls and ceiling.

In a Rochester child's room, a framed watercolor painting looks as if its suspended from a tree branch as



Storybook character: Jennifer Riopelle and Joe Rutherford painted this bear for a nursery wall.

raccoons lurk in the hollow of a nearby tree.

A Clarkston home features a 13-foot green dragon for a child named Ian. The door is painted to look like an old castle door. Playing card characters, ala "Alice in Wonderland," are grouped together to denote the child's birth date.

"It's always neat watching kids react to a room," said Riopelle, who's exhibited her decorative painting on wood at art fairs. "A lot of them were

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20th Century salute

Livonia Symphony says good-bye to old century, hello to new

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It was early Monday morning and Volodymyr Schesiuk's dining room was anything but quiet as members of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra gathered to talk about the new season.

Jui-Chao Wang was the last to lug in her cello. Schesiuk, now in his fifth season as conductor, sat at the head of the table enthusiastically listing the highlights of the first program on Saturday, Nov. 13. The "Salute to 20th Century Music" includes selections ranging from Rossini's "William Tell Overture" to John Williams' "Star Wars."

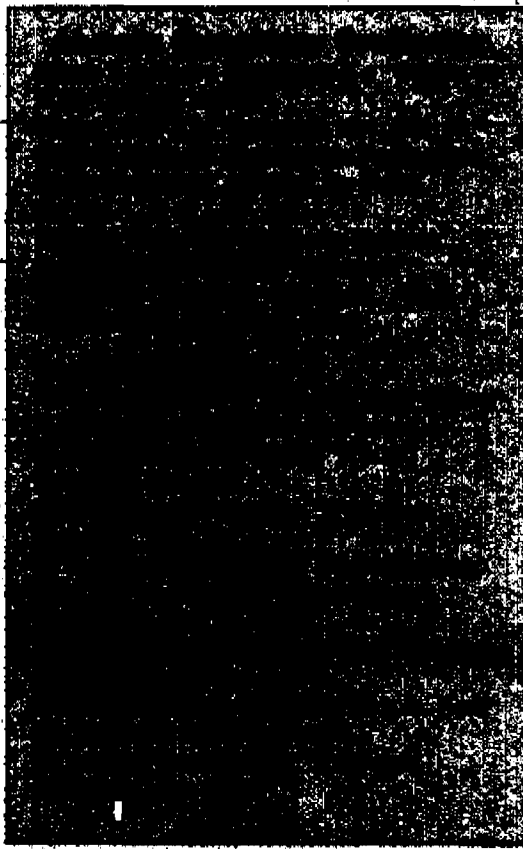
"I'm excited about the new millennium," said Schesiuk, a Garden city resident who immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine in 1991. "The first concert is not only music from century but American music, pop, music from shows and movies, some pieces for everybody."

Flutist Robynn Rhodes has played with the 65-member orchestra for nine years, and likes "the new season a lot."

"There's a lot of music we haven't played," said Rhodes. "I'm grateful to perform with the orchestra because it's an outlet for creative expression. And the new season gives us the opportunity to play great masters."

Carl Karoub is especially looking forward to playing Beethoven's Ninth with the Madonna University Chorale, Schoolcraft College Chorus and other area choral groups on Saturday, Jan. 23 in "Hello New Millennium."

"It's a great experience for the musi-



CONCERT

Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra challenges students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Thrilled isn't quite the word to describe how Faith Scholfield, a Canton oboist, and Ross Gasworth, a Farmington Hills cellist, feel about playing with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 6. That's because the youth training orchestra presents their

concerts at the magnificent Orchestra Hall. The season opens with Adolph Hailstork's "Celebration." Saint-Saens' "Cello Concerto No. 1," Brahms' "Hungarian Dances" No. 1, 3 and 10, and Musorgsky's masterpiece "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Gasworth, one of the finalists in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's concerto competition, is the fea-

tured soloist in the Saint-Saens concerto. Gasworth considers winning a "double honor" because this is the first time a Civic Orchestra member has soloed in a season concert.

"I've been playing the concerto for quite a while so it isn't as much of a challenge. I just hope I don't get nervous," said Gasworth, 15, a student at North Farmington High School.

He comes from a musical family (mom plays piano, dad played clarinet and electric guitar in high school) and frequently rehearses the concerto with his younger brother Leigh, a pianist. Gasworth began playing cello 12 years ago after his parents noticed him playing along with concerts they were watching on TV. By age three, he had his photograph taken with internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Now in his second year with the 90-member Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, Gasworth lives and breathes music. Last summer, he attended not one but two music camps — the Lyric Chamber Ensemble at Eastern Michigan University and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Institute at Meadow Brook on full scholarship. He also plays in the steel band at North Farmington and plans to join the marching band next year. His busy schedule also includes playing with his school orchestra and work-

ing with the cable TV station at North Farmington.

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Wish list

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New season: Volodymyr Schesiuk (at piano), Linda Brucksieker (left to right), Earl Lundin, Carl Karoub, Kathy Zuchniewicz, Jui-Chao Wang, and Robynn Rhodes prepare for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Nov. 13 concert.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

In love with the music

Linda Brucksieker, a 15-year member of the orchestra, loves everything the orchestra will play this season especially Haydn's "Farewell Symphony." It was the Farmington Hills violinist's idea to have lit candles attached to their music stands during the per-

formance of the work.

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Youth Competition and soloed with the orchestra. She is planning on a performance career and is applying to the Eastman School of Music and The Juilliard School in New York.

"Musically I've grown so much since I joined the Civic Orchestra," said Scholfield who began playing oboe in sixth grade. "I like all the music. It's just fun to do and it's so incredible. The acoustics are incredible in Orchestra Hall."

Family affair

Charles Burke is excited about beginning his first season as music director of the Civic Orchestra now in its 30th year. For the Nov. 6 program, the Canton conductor selected a variety of music including Musorgsky's "Pictures" during which Burke's father, Larry, will play the saxophone solo in "The Old Castle." A Civic Family Hour before the concert features family members of orchestra members, and it's free. Among the performers are Burke and his father.

"It's an incredible season," said Burke, who is also assistant director of education for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "For 'Pictures' we'll have special lighting to accentuate the stories. It's not only aural and visual but now we'll be able to enhance the visual. I'm also excited about the Civic Chamber Players who will be performing around Detroit in a program I like to refer to as Bridging Woodward. We're trying to form partnerships with different cultural institutions and businesses in the area." The concert, featuring Stravinsky's "A Sol-

dier's Tale," takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 in the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall. The orchestra is also playing for Queen Noor of Jordan at the Renaissance Center on Dec. 4.

The Civic Orchestra's Feb. 27 concert reaches out to the community and builds bridges as well. Through the Michigan State Vocal Music Association, 300 high school students will be chosen from auditions to sing Beethoven's Choral Fantasia with the orchestra. A gala performance on May 13 premieres a commissioned work by Kevin

Beavers, a Fulbright fellow. The concert also features the 18-member U.S. Army Band Herald Trumpets.

"It's unbelievable the experience the Civic Orchestra members get not only in performing but in master classes with international soloists and working with guest conductors that come in to play with the DSO," said Burke.

has inspired the formation of the Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia composed of elementary and middle school students. They make their debut later in the season on Feb. 6.

"It's a training orchestra for the Civic Orchestra," said Burke. "We found we had so many kids auditioning for the orchestra we decided to start the Sinfonia. They've worked really hard."

A CD will be available at the Nov. 6 concert. It was recorded during the Civic Orchestra's May 16 season finale.

For the younger set

The success of the Civic Orchestra for the last 30 years

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surprises."

Tailored to please

Riopelle said "underwater scenes have become a popular theme because fish are very soothing." One little girl went to the library and brought back books of pictures for the muralists to paint. Then she took the two artists to visit an aquarium in a friend's home so the color of the fish's eyes would be correct.

Although Riopelle and Rutherford can make the murals as realistic as you want (one West Bloomfield home spotlights a forest scene complete with 22 different species of birds), they excel at storybook characters. That's probably because Riopelle illustrated the children's book "Priscilla's

Pumpkin Patch" with text by Marian Nelson. Inspired by the characters in the murals, Riopelle and Rutherford are now working on a children's book of their own.

Because Riopelle and Rutherford were commercial graphic artists before they took an interest in decorative painting, they know how to work with clients and execute their ideas. Rutherford specialized in hand-painted furniture before the two got together so if a client is interested in the total look they can supply that also.

"You have to be able to interpret what they have in mind," said Rutherford. "And even though we're not interior designers we know what to do with color."

Something for everyone

Riopelle and Rutherford never get bored with painting murals because of the variety of requests they receive — a pink castle and a dalmatian for little girl's rooms, Beatrix Potter-like scenes, a giraffe in a Livonia nursery, faux tiles painted on the wall behind a kitchen counter. Rutherford's neck is still stiff from painting angels on the ceiling of a bedroom. The couple, who requested the heavenly scenario, were inspired by the "Angels from the Vatican" exhibition they saw at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Riopelle and Rutherford won't soon forget the two murals they donated to a battered women's shelter run by First Step which

is based in Canton. The sea scene features a turtle, dolphin and mermaid swimming down the walls of the hallway.

"While we were there a couple of kids came up to tell us writing on the wall was not allowed," said Rutherford. "I had to explain to them that sometimes people actually do pay you to draw on the walls."

For more information, about Riopelle and Rutherford's business, Upon a Wall, call (734) 354-9350.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

ART BEAT

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DUTCH AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding a Dutch Auction as a fund-raiser for its many programs. Plymouth artist Charles Aimone has made several works available to the public. Any amount over the starting bid will be donated to the arts council.

Register your name and bid with the arts council office staff by noon Monday, Nov. 1. For information, call (734) 416-4ART.

Aimone, an instructor at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, creates many of his works (abstract and figurative) with sand and paint.

FREE CLINIC

The Michigan Jazz Festival committee, in cooperation with Clarenceville Public Schools, is hosting a free Big Band clinic 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, north of Seven Mile, Livonia.

Johnny Trudell, founder of the festival, has assembled a "first call" band of Detroit musicians and educators who will perform a variety of Big Band music while demonstrating basic concepts of style, technique and other necessary ingredients of Big Band performance. Jack Pierson, retiring executive director of the Michigan School Band Orchestra Association and current director of Schoolcraft College Instrumental Jazz Band, will narrate the program. Trudell and Pierson will cover organizing the sections, picking appropriate music, improvisation, playing behind the soloist and rehearsal techniques.

The auditorium holds 900 and space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

NEW SYMPHONY SEASON

The Redford Civic Symphony has announced the concerts for its 1999-2000 season. All of the concerts are free and begin at 3 p.m. unless noted. For more information, call (313) 538-1652.

■ Christmas Concert— Sunday, Dec. 19, Thurston High School.

■ Family Concert— Sunday, Feb. 13, Redford Union High School.

■ Cabaret— Sunday, March 26, Redford Thurston.

■ Spring Concert— Sunday, May 21, Redford Union.

■ Pops Concert in the Park— 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Capitol Park, Redford.

ARTS CLUB MEETING

Three Cities Art Club holds a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1 in the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

Kaye Rowe of the Village Artists will talk about her work and demonstrate the entire process of creating a painting from the planning stages through completion.

Bring a sample of your work. A ribbon will be awarded for the most popular painting as determined by a vote. You need not be a member to win. For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

CALL FOR POETS

The Poetry Society of Michigan is looking for more members for its workshops for poets held 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

For more information, call Ruth Lamb at (734) 762-7568.

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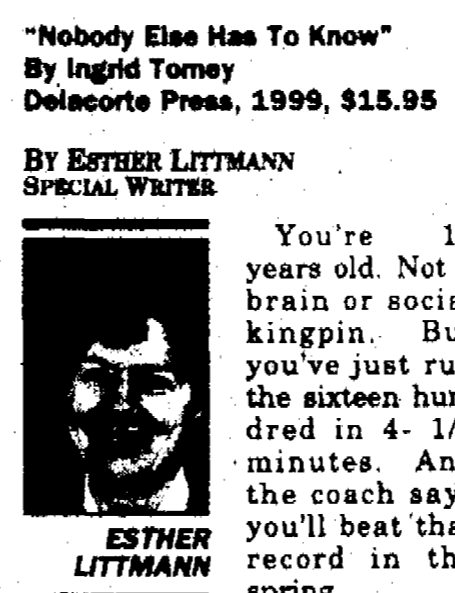
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Book for teen readers has no easy answers



ESTHER LITTMANN

'Nobody Else Has To Know' By Ingrid Tomey
Delacorte Press, 1999, \$15.95
You're 15 years old. Not a brain or social kingpin. But you've just run the sixteen hundred in 4-1/2 minutes. And the coach says you'll beat that record in the spring.

Once nutty and carefree, Webb faces these questions alone, with nothing but his conscience and the memory of his dead father to help him find the answer. Ingrid Tomey has written several books for young readers, including 'The Queen of Dreamland,' awarded 'Best book for Young Adults' by the American Library Association.

The author grew up in a family of five children in Midland, Mich., and published her first story when she was 8. After graduating from Michigan State University, she received her master of fine arts degree in creative writing at the University of Michigan. Currently a resident of West Bloomfield, Tomey is married and has two grown children.

Subsidy helps Greyhound begin UP bus service

Intercity bus service returned to Michigan's Upper Peninsula this summer, when Greyhound began three new daily routes. It is the first consistent bus service in the area in more than two years.

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Michigan Humanties Council and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library present Literary Outlets: Contemporary Voices. This series at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia offers a collection of stories of love, betrayal, mystery and madness, stories that lay bare the terrible lies of love and madness that bind us all.

Local women's clothing retailer Lynn Portnoy will present one of her popular "Travel With One Bag" workshops and sign copies of her travel primers for women entitled "Going Like Lynn." 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Auction to aid St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Not surprisingly, a sculpture of the benevolent St. Vincent appears in the greeting area inside the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

The statue of the patron saint and protector of children appears with several small children in his arms and around his feet. They seem to be dancing amid a halo of innocence.

It'd be nice to think of the saintly sculpture as a subtle reminder of how children are delicate like a fragile piece of art.

But the sculpture of St. Vincent is more of a case of art approximating an ideal.

Serving a cause

Unfortunately, for many children, the image of St. Vincent isn't an abstract symbol, but a literal sign that inside its doors is a safe haven from the horrors they've endured.

This Saturday, the works of nearly 60 fine artists from around metro Detroit will be auctioned in the eighth annual ArtShare, a benefit for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Cen-

What: Eighth annual ArtShare Invitational, a benefit for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's programs for severely abused children and families in crisis.
When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6
Where: 2000 Tower of the Southfield Town Center, east of the Lodge Freeway, between 9 and 10 Mile roads.
Tickets: \$50/person. Patron packages - \$200, include two tickets. Benefactor packages - \$300. Call (248) 626-7527, ext. 3118
Live auction includes works by sculptor Henry Heading of Lathrup Village, sculptor Harlan Quinn of Birmingham, photographer Linda Solomon of Bloomfield Hills, and painter Howard Weingarden of Farmington Hills.

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A case, perhaps, of contemporary art serving a cause, rather than being self-serving.

For 70 years, abused and neglected children have found refuge inside the Victorian-styled, slate-roof buildings on the 30 acres at the corner of 12 Mile and Inkster roads.

And with the center typically filled to its 60-person capacity, the refuge for children ages 9-19 is a stark reminder that innocence lost isn't regained so much as it must be reconstructed, bit by bit.

Bitter distrust

On a typical day after breakfast, the halls are swept, carpets vacuumed and floors mopped. But the scent of disinfectant can't rinse away the horrible memories of those children who've sought intervention from their own family members.

At least half of the children have been sexually abused. Most have incurred some type of physical assault.

Some have stayed for a month. Others have been around for five years.

All carry the bitter scar of distrust.



For a cause: This watercolor painting of a street scene by Kathy Phillips of West Bloomfield will be auctioned at the upcoming benefit.

Facing choices

Along the walls in the common living areas are a list of rules. Codes of behavior. Do's and don'ts instead of living, breathing role models.

"We provide a structure, and a stable education," said Sallie Justice, spokesperson for St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

A "structured life" provides security and stability, but it

doesn't always offer explanations.

Nor can it bring back what has been lost. Answers, for most of these kids, ride on the wind.

On a bulletin board, a sign reads, "Life is a series of choices, the choice is yours."

Learning the stark reality of making choices and being responsible is a tough lesson at any age, especially when your top priority might be adding to

your stuffed animal collection.

The St. Vincent and Fisher Center offers a reminder that children are in themselves delicate pieces of art. And ultimately, that a community must be responsible for the well-being of its youth.

Delicate pieces that have fallen apart can indeed be put back together.

Children, after all, are works-in-progress.

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF BENEFIT RECITAL

Students and friends of Mary Scigliano give a Taiwan Earthquake Relief Benefit Recital 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Hammel Music, 15630 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

A \$10 free-will donation is welcome. For more information, call (248) 474-3406 or (248) 344-0038.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS

Madonna University is featuring the work of Stewart & Stewart Nov. 4-24 in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the

Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Stewart & Stewart, a printer and publisher of fine art prints, specializes in screenprinting. Norman Stewart, an artist/masterprinter, and Susan Stewart, a graphic designer, have a studio in Bloomfield Hills. Their prints are noted for a painterly approach to screenprints; the skillful use of vibrant, transparent inks, and comprehensive print documentation.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat-

urday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (734) 432-5710.

ART EXHIBIT

The Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities presents its "Wayne County - the Artists Among Us" exhibit through Nov. 5 at the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff.

For more information, call (313) 386-1291.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOWCASE

Madonna University holds its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 6-7

in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Admission is \$2, children under 12 free. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

Arts and crafts include pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking, and cross-stitch.

FINE ARTS AUCTION

A fine arts auction will be conducted by Park West Gallery of Southfield to benefit the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Botsford Inn Coach House, Farmington Hills.

There will be a \$15 donation at the door. Call the Ecumenical Institute for more information (248) 557-4522.

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

A general membership by the Friends of Polish Art will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 15 Mile Road and Dequindre, Troy. For information, call (810) 778-8035 or (734) 425-2727.


Susan Tompor, personal finance columnist for the Detroit Free Press, will speak about the contrast between the economies

of Poland and the United States.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is looking for artists for its 19th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition March 10 to April 1. The deadline is Jan. 3.

Works in all media will be accepted. Internationally renowned artist Howardena Pindell will jury the works from 35 mm color slides. Cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. For information, call 248-644-0866.



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Even malls can make us sentimental

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I don't think of myself as sentimental about shopping, especially when it comes to big department stores and shopping malls. At a time when big retailers and malls just seem to be getting larger and larger and less and less personal, who would?

Last week, though, I found myself reminiscing about childhood and teenage excursions to Somerset Collection South, what was then just Somerset Mall.

My recollections grew out of a conversation I was having with Kim Nye, the general manager at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy. Saks holds a plethora of events for shoppers, so we were discussing why that it is exactly.

As a retail editor, it's easy to become jaded about such events; day in and day out I receive one press release after another about retail programs and events. In this way, they seem to blend into one and lose their individual value and purpose.

While speaking to Nye, I remembered my mom bringing my sister and I to visit Santa Claus at Saks each December. The waiting lines were long, and the garments Mom dressed me in seemed stiff and frilly.

And since I was a bit on the mischievous side as a child, I was usually worried Santa might confront me about my behavior. (Thanks to forgiving parents, I was never concerned about receiving a bag full of coal for Christmas.)

Of course, Mom needed to snap photographs of us on Santa's lap, a process that seemed to take forever and require all kinds of physical adjustments - bigger smiles, better hand placement and the like. It also struck me as trivial and a waste of time.

Nonetheless, as I stood in Saks last week, I recalled the tradition fondly. I could almost see myself dressed in a velvet dress and black patent Mary Janes, stumbling behind Mom, as we stepped on to the first floor elevator to go see Santa. After, Mom would shop. More time wasted, but I didn't care; I was too busy sucking on a peppermint candy cane that Santa (Saks) had given me.

Somerset was also the backdrop for my first solo shopping excursion. Having reached the appropriate age, my parents agreed to allow my sister and I to spend a Saturday afternoon there without them.

For all I knew, Mom might have been running errands, browsing window displays and keeping tabs on the two of us all afternoon. And, while Mom had given us money to buy lunch at one of the mall's restaurants, neither of us had enough of our own money to purchase anything more than a pack of gum.

Nonetheless, we were free to roam wherever we pleased, relished in showing each other clothes we liked and looked forward to heading to the restaurant to order and eat lunch.

I think we ordered a cheeseburger and fries and one hot fudge sundae to split. Mom had instructed us how to tip our waitress, but being new at this sort of thing, we skimped on the food, fearing we might run out of money for the tip.

As I got older, trips to the mall with my sister and girlfriends were more frequent but still treasured.

As a teenager, going to the mall with my best friend in late summer to search for back-to-school clothes was a ritual. Again, neither of us had much money, and shopping meant looking for clothes for Mom to buy later. Or, so we hoped.

My girlfriend and I did, however, routinely stop at the mall's candy store - I'm fairly certain it was Fannie Mae Candies - to buy two or three handmade chocolates to gobble up while we made shopping rounds.

At lunch time, we headed to the same restaurant where my sister and I ate lunch by ourselves for the first time. By now, eating there had become old hat. I had, for example, learned I needed to order my cheeseburger medium-well, rather than medium. Having computed the tip many times before, I also was less anxious about ordering what I wanted, so individual sundaes always followed our cheeseburgers. But what struck me most about this experience was a new boldness in my best friend when it came ordering her sundae: mint chocolate-chip ice-cream with strawberry sauce.

Dialogue with Dana



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORZMAN

Woman to woman: A local Neiman Marcus shopper talks with clothing designer Dana Buchman (at right) after a runway show of Buchman's clothing. The designer also spoke to members of the Women's Economic Club in Detroit.

Clothing designer Dana Buchman talks to local women about lifestyle and fashion

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Today, it's not uncommon to hear fashion designers talk about how women ought to wear comfortable, pleasing clothes, fashion to suit their personality and lifestyle.

But how many fashion designers actually look at the clothing American women are wearing and convince us that's so?

Well, at least one designer, Dana Buchman, who made a two-day stop in the metropolitan Detroit area last week, does.

Buchman's visit, which was sponsored by Neiman Marcus, included speaking at a meeting of the Women's Economic Club and a Thursday fashion show and luncheon at Neiman Marcus to benefit Angels' Place.

After the in-store luncheon, Buchman spoke with fans, dispensed fashion advice, signed autographs, helped customers pick out merchandise and even followed a few shoppers into the dressing room to provide support.

"It's her trademark. It's her thing," said Buchman's assistant, Doreen Zaldivar, as the fashion designer emerged from a dressing room. "She's very hands-on and likes the one-on-one thing. And, everybody wants her opinion."

Ironically, Buchman's opinion about what women should wear is probably more dependent on other women's attitudes and lifestyles than her own.

Not only did she pay close attention to what members of the Women's Economic Club were donning - more skirts than she would have expected, lots of accessories, a chic group - but she described her job as figuring out "what we women want to wear on our backs next year."

She also shared her observations about women's lifestyles today, saying, "there's been a trend of loosening up" in regards to how women balance priorities and responsibilities.

In contrast to the 80s, women are not singularly focused on their careers and work life. "And this shift, this loosening up, has affected fashion," she said. Women are, not only "going after the emotional side of clothes again," but also resuming an interest in fashion in general, she said.

Here's what else Dana Buchman had to say in a one-on-one interview following her speech before the Women's Economic Club.

Q: You seem to sense and tap into an ambivalence many women have today about fashion and beauty, could you comment?

A: I think we're evolving back to a time when

fashion can be enjoyed again. We're allowing ourselves to enjoy getting dressed, which we haven't for a while.

Q: Other than we have to get dressed, how is fashion elemental to women?

A: Fashion is a cultural thing. The way you dress affects how you feel about yourself and how others perceive you.

Q: How can women make fashion work for them, rather than allowing it to impose itself on them?

A: The most important thing is to be open to something new, to try something new. ... The second thing is make sure what you buy fits. If it fits, there's nothing like it. ... And, then the sure-fire key thing is to look in the mirror.

Q: What drew you to speaking to the Women's Economic Club?

A: Speaking to a group like this is fun for me, but also I get to see what the women of Detroit involved in this aspect of business - what they're wearing, what they're thinking, how they look.

Q: What did you notice about the women here?

A: (They are) a chic group of women. There's not as much color as I would have expected. Detroit women have traditionally bought a lot of color. ... Lots of jackets, a lot of accessories. Fewer pants than I would have thought.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

HOLIDAY LOOKS
Learn about holiday fashion trends at the next meeting of the Association of Image Consultants, Southeast Michigan Chapter, 7 p.m., Big Daddy's Parthenon restaurant in West Bloomfield. Meeting is preceded by an optional networking dinner at 5:30 p.m. No charge for members and first-time guests. To make a reservation, call (248) 280-9218.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BOOK OF LOVE EVENT & EXHIBIT
View the writings of national celebrities like actress Susan Sarandon and playwright Arthur Miller while sharing your own thoughts in a nationally touring book. Pen maker Montblanc created the document, called the Book of Love, to allow customers to share their written thoughts and passion for writing. Montblanc Boutique, the Somerset Collection in Troy through Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

JOHN ARNOLD TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham hosts a trunk show of John Atencio's latest jewelry collection, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Jewelry department.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

DONNA KARAN TRUNK SHOW
View Donna Karan's latest resort collection through Nov. 5 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Designer Sportswear, third floor.

COUTURE BRIDAL SHOW
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts bridal wear designer Anne Barge-Clegg and her collection through Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 644-7200.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

JEWELRY DESIGNER APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Douglas Elliott and view his latest collection through Nov. 6 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Designer Jewelry, first floor.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CHARITY DAY SALE
Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a day of special sales with a light breakfast and door prize drawing to benefit select local charities, 6-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (734) 953-7605.

MICHAEL DAWKINS APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Michael Dawkins and view his collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fine Jewelry, first floor.

ANNA SUI MAKEOVERS
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts makeover appointments with an Anna Sui makeup artist, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 614-3364.

FASHION/DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA
African-influenced clothing is combined with masks and West-African dance in clothing boutique owner's Sharrone Mitchell's We Wear the Mask dance and fashion presentation at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, 8 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$35 for general admission and \$12 for children, partly benefit an organization dedicated to helping Detroit children afflicted with HIV and AIDS. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 873-3889.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The game "Pit" can be bought at Adventures in Toys, 163 Maple in Birmingham.
- Colored elastic (by-the-yard) can be found at all Joanne Fabric stores.
- Tang powdered drink mix is sold at Costco, Sam's Club, Hiller's Market, Bush's Market, Farmer Jack and Kroger.
- Buster Brown's children's clothing is sold at Parisian in the Laurel Park Mall in Livonia.
- Short-sleeved sweatshirts can be purchased at the Vanity Fair store at Birch Run.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- Two teachers called us to say they are interested in the Apple IIE computer.
- We located a Lady of Charm cookbook and tape cassettes for a talking Big Bird toy.
- Sock clips are not carried at any Birch Run stores. However, Sock Express carries them. The retailer has three locations in Michigan.
- Bear Creek Chili mix can be bought at the Plymouth Market on Ann Arbor and Lilly roads.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Chantilly roll-on deodorant for Mrs. Barnett.
- Dykes Automotive Encyclopedia for antique cars and a 1979 Churchill High School yearbook for Linda.
- A "Barney at the Beach" video cassette for Karen.
- Duncan Hines "Blondies" brownie mix and Classic American chili mix (Cincinnati-style) in a box for Beverly.
- A manual for a Kenner child's pottery wheel for Francine.
- Redkin's "Suspend Hair" care products for Sandra.
- A 1963 Michigan State University yearbook for Jeanne.
- A store that sells Marabou Fur by-the-yard for Anne.
- A store that sells Hoffritz scissors and a store that carries used bridesmaid's dresses for Mrs. Board.
- A button book for Markie.
- A 1980 Divine Child High School yearbook for Michael.
- A 1969 University of Michigan yearbook for Harriette.
- A 1984 St. Agatha of Redford Township High School yearbook for Shannon.
- A store that sells men's cardigan sweaters with shawl collars in extra large sizes for Mike.
- A store where DuBarry Sophisticated makeup (in a compact) is sold.
- Stores where women's black slacks by Counter Parts and women's hats with ear flaps are sold for Marilyn.
- A Foley cooking fork for Mrs. Liberian.
- A store where Jean Nate deodorant is sold for Marie.
- An engine for a child's Fisher Price Circus Train for Stephanie.
- A record of or song lyrics for "Little Man, You Had a Busy Day" for Beverly of Westland.
- The single "Say a Little Prayer For Me" by Diana King (but not the version from the movie "My Best Friend's Wedding") for Rachel.
- A store that sells Christmas stockings made on a knitting machine for Barbara.
- A shop where leather coats are repaired and a shop where a glass snow-globe can be repaired for Penny.
- A store that sells inexpensive, lightweight Harley Davidson leather jackets, other than the Harley Davidson store for A.J.
- A metallic, shoe shining

- kit that attaches to a wall for Jerry.
- A Pocahontas doll for Amelia.
- Detroit Red Wings player Darren McCarty's book about his father having cancer for Florence.
- Sheet music for or a copy of the song "A Mother's Love" for Jill.
- Wedgwood china dishes or serving pieces in the Lancaster pattern for Pat.
- A video cassette of the movie "The Champ" for Judy.
- A 1948 Clawson High School yearbook for Betty.
- Almay Moisture Renew night cream for dry skin for Rita.
- A store where Vanity Fair's long-leg girdles with a tulip design (item #41-015) are sold for Sheila.
- A store where used, high-quality furniture is sold.
- A store where Andrea Jovine knit separates are sold.
- The game "Kismet" (original version) for Kim, who lives in Garden City.
- A pair of snow/rain plastic boots to put over shoes for Christine.
- A store where Linen towels or dish toweling by-the-yard are sold for Norma.
- Replacements parts for antique oil lamps (glass chimneys and brass burners) for Ed.
- A video tape of the movie "He Is My Brother" for Barbara.
- Victoria Secret's Garden Indulgence bubble bath in "Peach Hyacinth" for Del.
- A store where an Austrian Swarovski crystal Unicorn might be available to purchase for Virginia.
- Photographs and prints of Bob-Lo Island, Tashmo Island and Put-In-Bay boats and Ford freighters for Marilyn.
- A store where "Debbie Munn" Halloween mugs, glasses and dishes are sold for Suzanne.
- A store where Wayne State University apparel is sold other than at Wayne State University for Ken.
- The lipstick "True Colors" by YZESROCHER for Sue.

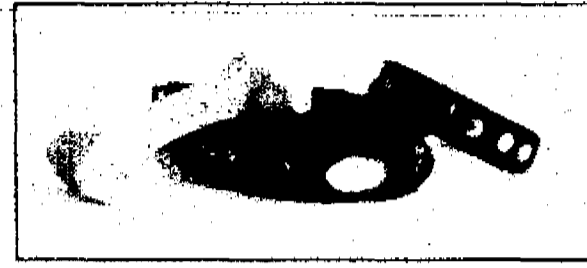
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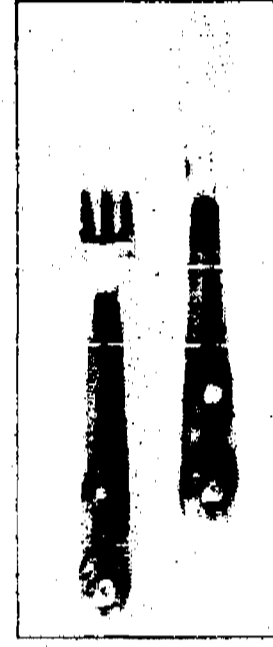
Flannel's flex: Anne Klein's oatmeal flannel pea-coat, \$325, and skirt, \$160, are stretch fabrics. Shown with brushed boucle turtleneck in oatmeal, \$145, all at area department stores.



To the dogs: Treat the dog to a colorful leather dog collar by Baxter & Charming, \$34-46, and bright yellow, pure gum rubber bone, \$15, both at Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in downtown Clarkston.

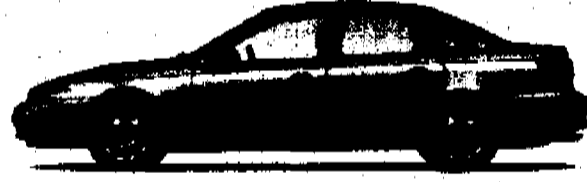


Handful of roses: Rosebuds meet classic black in Wooden Ships' evening handbag, \$42 at Jo Lyn Fashions in downtown Rochester.



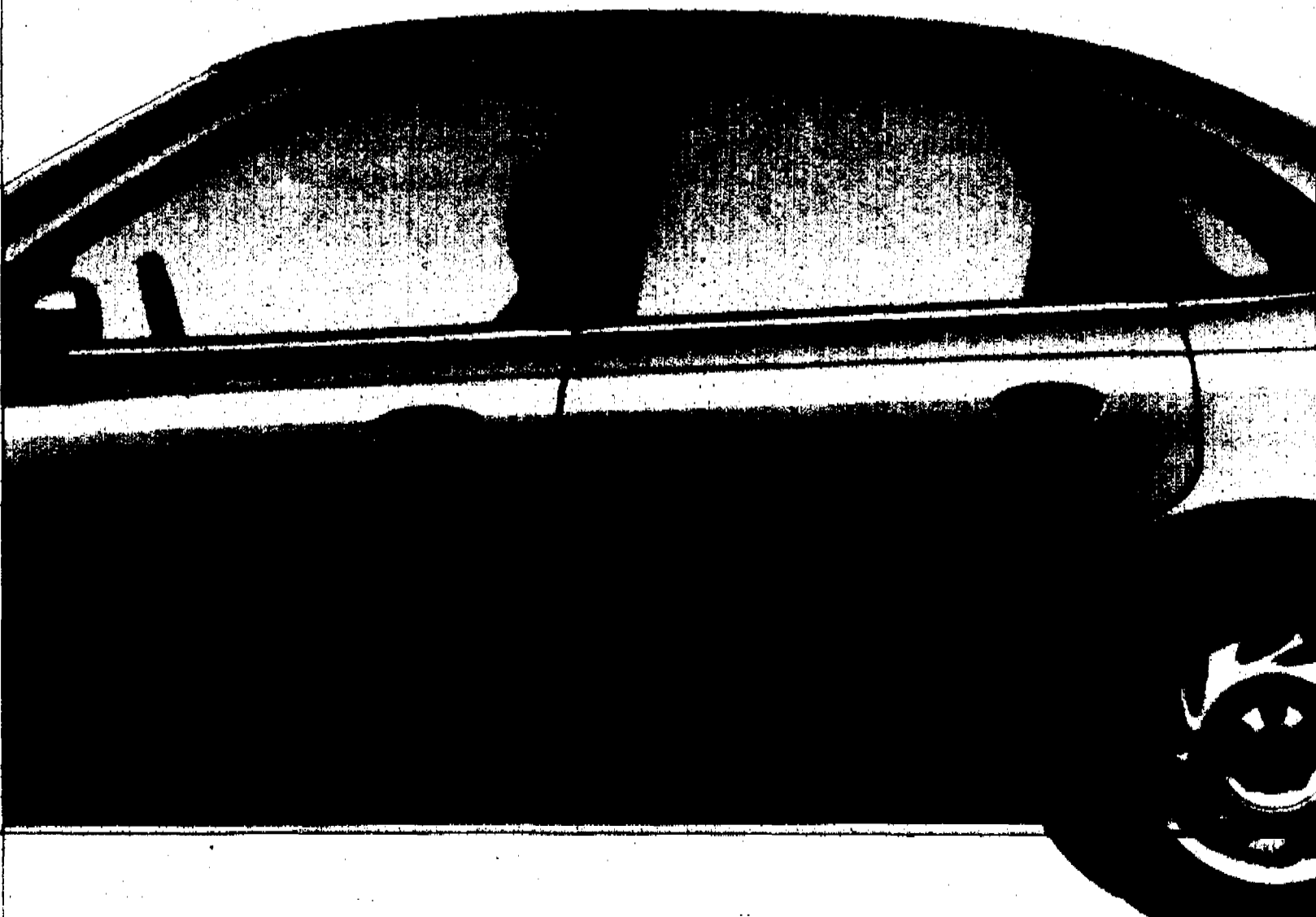
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TRAVEL

Great Wall really is larger-than-life sight

(Second of a 2-part series)

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ON OUR full 17-day tour of China we saw more larger-than-life sights than I've experienced in any other country. Three are in the Beijing area: The Great Wall, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

The others are the terra cotta soldiers at Xian, the Three Gorges Dam, and the Yangtze River itself. (These wonders will have to be the subject of a future article.)

The Great Wall, widely advertised as the only man-made structure visible from space, was just as moving close up. We saw it from Mutianyu, about 45 miles from Beijing, where a Japanese-built cable car takes you on a scenic ride, depositing you within reach of the highest restored section. It's still a short, but steep climb to the top, where unfortunately a blasting loud speaker and souvenir hawkers greet you. But it's possible to move down a few yards to find the man-made wonder of the world.

Originally built in small sections by individual feudal states during the 5th Century BC, the Great Wall was connected at the end of the 3rd Century BC on orders of Emperor Qin when he unified China. The enormity of the task - the wall runs for 3,000 miles - is almost unimaginable.

On the same day, we stopped at the Ming tombs, where 13 of 16 Ming emperors were buried. We entered from the Avenue of Animals, a tree-lined path flanked by whimsical pairs of

stone animals and courtesans leading to the excavated tomb of Ming Emperor Wan Li (1573-1620). Legend has it that they were erected to save the dead emperor and his wives from danger in the afterlife. Other imperial tombs in this area remain unexcavated.

We re-viewed the film "The Last Emperor" shortly before we left for China.

But still we weren't prepared for the Forbidden City. Twenty-four emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties lived within its red walls, which until 1911 was the center of the Chinese world.

The square, flat architecture, the symmetry of its courtyards within courtyards, the treeless (nothing should be more imposing than the emperor), flat 200 acres are bisected by the Imperial Path, along which only the emperor could travel.

Halls, pavilions, palaces and courtyards comprising the Forbidden City were built between 1406 and 1420 by 200,000 men, we were told. Only the palace, where the imperial family resided, survived war and fire. The other buildings have been rebuilt, restored and repainted many times, maintaining the original design.

We visited Tiananmen Square, considered the heart of China, twice. Our 24-year-old guide, usually very open, brushed off a question about where in the square the 1989 conflict between students and soldiers took place. Of the building which houses Chairman Mao Zedong's tomb, closed while we were there, she said: "Only the old people go there. The young people don't

like him."

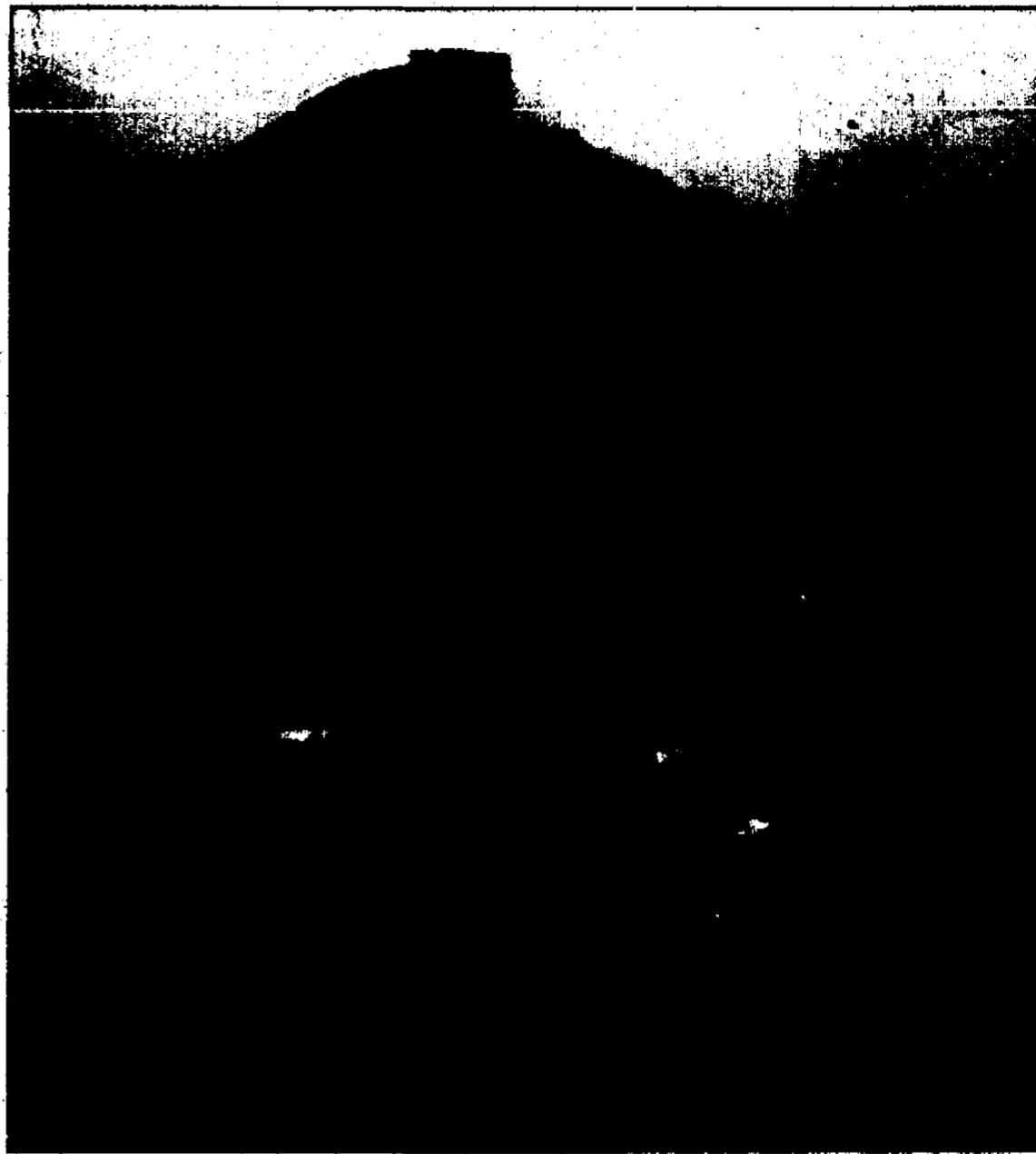
In Beijing, we rode in a rickshaw, visited a traditional Chinese home in the hutong and a nearby elementary school, toured the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven (the most famous temple in China) and Beihai Park. The latter was where we enjoyed lunch, on our own, at the illustrious Fangshan restaurant. According to Fodor's: "Established in 1925 by three royal chefs, Fangshan serves dishes once prepared by Qing emperors based on recipes garnered from across China."

We stumbled through a pre-set meal of a dozen dishes, with some help from a Chinese woman at an adjoining table.

The Chinese people are generally friendly, but seemed the most reserved in Beijing. I had a halting conversation with a young Chinese woman in the health club locker room of my hotel. She was eager to try out her English, to trade e-mail addresses, and proudly told me she had just hooked up to Yahoo. But when I began asking her questions about political issues, she clammed up.

We weren't friendless in a foreign land, however. Arriving a day earlier than our tour group, we were greeted by a large blue and gold University of Michigan poster in the lobby of our hotel. It turned out that a U-M alumni travel group had arrived a day ahead of us.

On that tour were Paul and Ruth Kadish of Farmington Hills, who are friends of friends, as well as former West Bloomfield residents Jim and Ann Beuerle, who now live in Suttons



Impressive: Judith Doner Berne poses on the steps of The Great Wall. They say The Great Wall is the only man-made object you can see from space.

Ed Berne

Bay.

The food in China is built around fresh vegetables, and either noodles or rice, depending on the region, and the sauces are a lot lighter than here. We didn't eat off the street or from the markets, which in addition to abundant fruits and vegetables

featured delicacies such as live snakes, pigs ears and more entrails than I knew existed.

In Beijing desserts looked a lot better than they tasted. I never saw orange sherbet, the dessert staple of Chinese restaurants in the U.S.

And nowhere in China did I

see anything resembling a fortune cookie.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE EDGERUNNER SKI CLUB

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is \$85; nonmember \$115.

Skiers and snowboarders are invited to join the Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club. Jan. 2-9 in Steamboat, Colo. Trip includes round-trip bus transportation, five-night condo accommodation, four-day lift passes, heated outdoor pool and hot tubs. The cost for club members is \$409; \$439 for nonmembers. Call (734) 462-4422 for information.

SKI DISCOUNTS

For the sixth winter the Michigan Ski Industries Association has produced a card that allows you to ski at 25 different ski

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White Gold Cards are also sold at participating MSIA ski shops throughout the state and are available through the MSIA offices by calling 248-620-4448.

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CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Comfort food, Oktoberfest beer in season

Well, here it is the end of October already. Bow season for deer has started, and another Oktoberfest has passed by, but the wonderful beer is still with us.

Oktoberfest beer is a bottom-fermented lager that is made stronger and lagered (aged) longer and made in March for Oktoberfest so it is also called Marzenbier (March beer). The original Oktoberfest beer dates from the 1840s and was brewed by Gabriel Sedlmayr as a tribute to the Viennese brewer Anton Dreher at his Spaten Brewery in Munich. There are only six brewers allowed to sell their beer at the Oktoberfest — Spaten, Paulaner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbrau, Augustiner and Lowenbrau.

The malt used is called Vienna malt, which is dried at higher temperatures than the very pale pilsner but lower than the darker Munich so it gives that lovely amber to pale copper color.

Marzen is made according to the 1516 German beer purity law called the *Reinheitsgebot*, which states that beer can be made only with water, malt, hops and yeast. It is a medium to strong beer with an alcoholic content of 5 to 7 percent by volume. It is medium to full-bodied with a very malty nose but has a lighter malt flavor. Hops are from Munich's own Hallertau district and have a little spice and bitterness to balance the malt sweetness. My favorite is the Ur-Marzen from Spaten.

Oktoberfest fare includes wursts (sausages) of all kinds, roasted oxen and chickens and venison, which is in season. This recipe below came from my grandmother and was the first venison dish I ever ate. I was 9 at the time and wasn't told I had eaten venison until I was done. I loved it and the spaetzle served alongside it.

She called it a ragout of venison, but I told her it was a stew and was promptly told, "children should be seen and not heard." She told me ragout was just a fancy word for stew. If venison is not available, lamb, pork shoulder or beef work just as well.

Spaetzle is the pasta of Germany and is thought to have come from Swabia. Spaetzle is often served in place of potatoes with gravy or just tossed with a little butter.

You can use a spaetzle-maker that looks like a monster garlic press or you can just push it through the bottom of a colander. The secret of good spaetzle is a dough thick and elastic but still thin enough to push through the colander. This stuff is comfort food on cold blustery days and will grow on you.

RAGOUT OF VENISON

- 3 pounds of venison shoulder (or beef or pork) cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup oil
- 3 medium onions, diced large
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 2-1/2 cups beef stock
- 2 cups red wine
- 1/2 ounce dried chanterelle mushrooms
- 1/2 ounce dried Polish, Black Forest or porcini mushrooms
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound peeled chestnuts
- 1 cup heavy cream

Salt and pepper to taste

In a heavy pot big enough to hold everything, brown the meat over medium-high heat in batches and place in a bowl, adding more oil as needed. Add onions to pot and cook until almost a little brown and then add garlic and mushrooms.

Cook for 4 more minutes, stirring con-

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A real pick-up meal: (Above) Your tailgating guests will love the easy-to-make roll-ups, corn chowder and chocolate chip and apricot blondies made from HoneyBaked ham recipes. (Below) Gerald Gramzay, executive chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, offers a toast to tailgaters with discerning taste buds. He's prepared smoked-salmon roulade with caviar and grilled marinated lamb chops and vegetables.

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Tailgating

WITH AN ATTITUDE



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Ooo sa, sa, sa. Ooo sa, sa, sa. Hit 'em in the head with a big kielbasa! Go, team, go!

What better way to entertain friends and cheer your favorite football team on to victory than with a stadium-size, back-bumper feast or coffee table buffet.

And remember, footballs aren't the only things wrapped in pigskin. Besides kielbasa, there's plump bratwurst, juicy hot dogs, tiny cocktail franks and succulent

Italian sausage heaped with onions and peppers.

Stadium kielbasa is the biggest seller at Kowalski Sausage Co. in Westland during football season, said store manager Wendy Vella. This is no thin-skinned, sisay sausage requiring gentle prodding or careful cooking, she added. This is manly FOOTBALL FAN kielbasa. Hut, hut, hut!

"Just throw it on the grill or simmer it in a little bit of water like they do at Tiger Stadium. Most people then top it with kapusta or regular sauerkraut,"

she said. "OK, so what's kapusta?"

"It's sauerkraut with cabbage, mushroom soup mix and salt pork. We sell it by the pound," said Vella.

The secret to a touchdown-scoring tailgate party is to prepare foods that hold their flavors and textures, simple dishes that will taste great when served later in the day, said Kathy Stark, executive chef for The HoneyBaked Ham Company in Troy.

"We love tailgate picnics. They are a treat because all of the work is done in advance. The host can enjoy the food and atmosphere as much as the guests."

Simple fare often means sandwiches, especially roll-ups. Just spread your favorite filling on a lavash bread, roll and refrigerate for several hours. Serve with a few bowls of your favorite dip, a platter of chicken wings or cocktail franks basted in a tangy sauce, and you'll have a tailgate party that doesn't sideline the host.

If your guests have warm hearts but cold fingers, warm up those

Tailgate tips

- Bring along school-colored napkins, blankets or even school-sanctioned decorations. Purchase enough pompoms for each of your tailgate guests.
- To pre-heat thermoses, place boiling water in them for five or 10 minutes. Empty and fill with soup, chowder or hot beverage.
- To protect the serving area of your vehicle against any spills, line with a plastic sheet. Cover the plastic with a school-colored blanket.
- Park your caravan of cars in a circle, if possible, to provide a little privacy while you dine.
- Bring a portable, battery-operated TV or radio to listen to pregame commentary.
- Pack a few extra folding chairs in your vehicle.

digits with steamy mugs of homemade soup or chili, poured piping hot from a large thermos, suggests Stark. Pass around some cheddar cheese biscuits — sliced, brushed with honey mustard and stuffed with a wedge of your favorite baked ham, and you've scored a

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Hearty Beans 'n' Sausage warms and comforts

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Hearty Michigan Beans 'n' Sausage "smells good when you bake it," said Elaine Schuster of Southfield. "It's a really good recipe. It has lots of meat and is real thick. I serve it as a main dish or a side dish at parties."

Schuster's recipe appears on page 78 of "2000 Taste of Home Annual Recipes" published by Reinjan Publications.

Schuster a Taste of Home magazine subscriber, was surprised to learn that her recipe was chosen for the cookbook, a collection of 576 recipes, including ones from the 1999 issues of Taste of Home. Her recipe appeared in the February 1999 edition. All of the recipes in

Taste of Home come from the magazine's nearly five million subscribers.

"It's fun to share what you cook. It's almost like having people over to eat," she said.

Schuster's Michigan Beans 'n' Sausage recipe calls for chicken gizzards, but you can substitute chopped turkey or chicken. She recommends using chopped chicken thighs, but adds, "I do have to warn you that gizzards are very good." To save time, she sometimes substitutes canned beans for the dry navy beans.

Married to Jim for 30 years, Schuster has a grown son, and 5-year-old granddaughter. She works as a contract coordinator for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

"I throw everything in one pot," to

get dinner on the table fast," she said. "I'll start with a can of soup, add some thing, and thicken it up with rice. I'm always looking for fast recipes. If I can't get dinner on the table in a half hour we get carry-out. It helps to have a plan."

"2000 Taste of Home Annual Recipes," a 324-page hardcover cookbook, with full color photos, kitchen tested "family favorite" recipes, theme-related menus, and other surprises is available from Reinjan Publications for \$29.99, plus \$2.50 shipping/insured delivery. To order by mail send check to Taste of Home Books, Suite 4235, P.O. Box 990, Greendale, WI 53129. To order with a credit card, call 800-555-1013, and specify item 27861.

Here's Schuster's recipe:

MICHIGAN BEANS 'N' SAUSAGE

- 1 pound dry navy beans
- 6 bacon strips, sliced
- 3 medium onions, sliced into rings
- 1 pound chicken gizzards, trimmed and halved, (optional; you can substitute an equal amount of cubed chicken or turkey)
- 4 cups water
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup tomato paste
- 1 pound fully smoked sausage (Pork and sausage involved might work better with 1/4 inch slices)

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gastronomical touchdown.

But what if you want to serve something beyond the usual hamburgers and hot dogs? What if beer makes you belch, but champagne makes you delightfully giddy. What if you're more paté than potato salad?

Tailgate parties can be "football, fancy and fun," said Gerald Gramzay, executive chef at The Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Go ahead, fans, get out the lobster pot and chill the bubbly.

Gramzay suggests preparing cold smoked salmon roulade stuffed with lump crab or shrimp salad. He's also fond of a cucumber dill salad filling. Simply peel, slice, salt and drain a few cucumbers. Add diced red onion, diced red and yellow peppers, and dress with salt, pepper, sugar, fresh dill and a splash of rice wine vinegar and olive oil.

If football season brings out the meat-eater in you, Gramzay's grilled rack of lamb drizzled with balsamic vinegar will score extra points. One rack usually yields eight small chops. Most football fans can devour at least four chops, so buy at least three or four racks. Choose Australian over New Zealand lamb, but try to get Colorado lamb if possible, said Gramzay. It has a

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richer, more intense flavor.

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Of course, Gramzay recommends serving lots of Illy Cafe or Jamaican Blue coffee to go with those chocolate cheesecake brownies.

"Just the smell of that coffee along with those lamb chops will bring everyone to your tailgate."

Whether its brats or caviar, Bud Lite or Veuve Clicquot, enjoy your tailgate party and let the crumbs fall where they may. And if you happen to get invited to a tailgate party, just remember: Never tackle the hostess.

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1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Place beans in a Dutch oven; add water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 hour.

Drain and discard liquid. Return beans to pan and set aside. In a skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons of drippings; set bacon aside.

Sauté onions and gizzards (cubed chicken or turkey) if desired in the drippings until the onions are tender and the gizzards are browned. Add the 4 cups of water, garlic, salt, marjoram, bay leaf, pepper, bacon and onion mixture to the beans.

Cover and bake at 350°F for 3 hours or until the beans are tender. Discard bay leaf. Stir in sausage and tomato sauce. Toss bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Bake uncovered, 25 minutes longer or until golden. Yield 10-12 servings.

Green tomatoes

If you're like me, you've probably got a few green tomatoes clinging to your tomato plants.

Sure, you can dip them in a little egg, dust with flour, and fry in oil, or try this recipe from Philip Power, chairman of the board, Hometown Communications, Inc. "It's one of our family favorites for fall," he said. "Use green tomatoes that have a little bit of a bluish."

GREEN TOMATOES

2 pounds, chopped green tomatoes
3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
3 or 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped

Sauté garlic in olive oil. Add tomatoes. Cook gently until cooked down. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve over fresh cooked pasta with a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. Serves 4.

Everyone has a recipe to share. What's yours? Send us your favorite recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook along with our thanks.

Send recipes to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax recipes call (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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MODERN IRISH COOKING

Aisacco Meehan will give a talk on traditional and modern Irish cooking 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Dr. Enter the building from the north parking lot. Meehan is the chef at Dish in Temple Bar in Dublin. She is also the author of "Brunch with an Irish Flavor." There will be recipe handouts. The program is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. The cost is \$5, refreshments will be served. Call (248) 540-6687 for information.

HOLIDAY VEGETARIAN TASTING EVENT

Twelfth annual event hosted by Better Living Seminars with the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church Sunday, Nov. 14, at the church in Plymouth. Seatings 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. or 2-3 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$3 children ages 6-12. Call (734) 495-3602 for information and reservations. The event, which features tastings of vegetarian holiday dishes prepared by long-time vegetarians and semi-vegetarians, menu ideas and presentation suggestions, sells out quickly, so advance reservations are a must. A cookbook of all the recipes is available for purchase.

POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebration includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$39. call (313) 317-1500

TASTE OF THE ARTS

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking restaurants to participate in the Taste of the Arts event scheduled 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Culture Center on Joy Road near Churchill High School. There is no charge for restaurants to participate. At least 600 guests are expected to attend, paying \$20 a person for the chance to sample the best of area restaurant food. Tickets will cost \$25 at the door. The Taste festival will raise funds for the Chamber and for the Family Resource Center in Westland. A silent auction of art will also be held. Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (313) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate.

Try this make-ahead tailgate party menu

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tailgate parties are as cheery a part of football as the point after touchdown.

They can be beer-swilling barbecue feasts with fans in complete regalia and painted faces. Or they can be refined affairs featuring prepared meals served on the best china, with linen napkins and wine goblets.

Here's a suggestion from the Culinary Institute of America: a simple make-ahead menu for a cool-weather picnic to serve from your tailgate.

Recipes are adapted from the institute's new cookbook "Garde Manger: The Art and Craft of the Cold Kitchen" (Wiley, \$54.95).

Pan Bagnat, literally meaning "bathed bread," consists of marinated tuna salad, stuffed inside hard rolls and wrapped up tightly. The bread soaks up the savory juices of the salad and the robust flavor calls for an icy cold beer and salty potato chips.

For dessert try Hermit Bars, hearty spiced cookies. Serve them with mugs of steaming Mulled Cider you've kept piping hot in a thermos.

the rolls and firmly press the sandwiches closed. Wrap each sandwich tightly with deli paper or wax paper. Let rest at room temperature at least 1 hour before serving.

Makes 10 sandwiches.

Nutrition information per sandwich bar: 486 cal., 21 g pro., 29 g fat, 36 g carbo., 709 mg sodium, 53 mg chol.

HERMIT BARS

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unsulphured molasses
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter and lightly flour a 9-inch by 11-inch baking pan.

Sift together the flour, baking soda, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Set aside. Cream together the butter, sugar and molasses until light and fluffy. Scrape the bowl to incorporate all ingredients fully. Add the eggs, one at a time, blending thoroughly into the batter. Add the milk and blend well. Stir in the sifted dry ingredients until just combined. Stir in the raisins gently.

Spread the cookie batter evenly in the prepared pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the center springs back when pressed with a fingertip. Allow the cookies to cool in the pan before cutting into bars.

Makes 36 bars.

Nutrition information per bar: 110 cal., 1 g pro., 4 g fat, 15 g carbo., 100 mg sodium, 30 mg chol.

MULLED CIDER

- 2 1/4 quarts apple cider
 - 1 cinnamon stick
 - 4 whole cloves
 - 4 allspice berries
 - Zest of 1 orange
 - 10 thin orange slices
- Optional Garnish:
- 10 cinnamon sticks
 - 20 allspice berries

Combine all the ingredients except the orange slices in a saucepan. Simmer until the flavor of the spices and orange zest are infused into the cider, about 20 minutes. Strain the cider and serve in heated mugs or glasses (cider may be poured into warm thermos to take out). Garnish each portion with an orange slice and a cinnamon stick and 2 allspice berries, if desired.

Makes 10 6-ounce servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 cal., 0 g pro., 0 g fat, 27 g carbo., 5 mg sodium, 0 mg chol.

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stantly. Return the meat to the pot and add thyme, rosemary, dried mushrooms, stock and wine. Simmer covered for 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Add chestnuts and simmer one hour longer. Check the meat for tenderness and cook longer if needed, especially if the deer was an older one. Add cream and salt and pepper, simmering for about a 1/2 hour more. Serve the spaetzle on the side with some of the gravy from the stew.

Polish and Black Forest mushrooms can be bought a Rafel's Spice Co. in the Eastern Market.

Place all the ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and process to blend. Pulse 5 or 6 times until dough is smooth and elastic.

Push the batter through the spaetzle maker or colander into a large pot of boiling salted water and cook 5 to 8 more minutes, stirring to keep from sticking. Dough will have to be cooked in batches. Remove with a slotted spoon and place in a bowl of cold water to stop the cooking. Drain and lightly toss with oil until ready to use. To heat, melt 3 tablespoons butter in a sauté pan over medium-low heat, add spaetzle and stir to keep from sticking.

Chef Joseph Styke is an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

SPAETZLE

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 extra large egg
- 6 tablespoons milk

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Delicious tailgate treats fans are sure to cheer

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HONEYBAKED HAM, SPINACH AND CHUTNEY ROLL-UPS

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 1 cup prepared chutney (any flavor or brand)
- 8 whole wheat lavash wraps (or 8-inch flour tortillas)
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into thin slices
- 2 pounds HoneyBaked Ham slices
- 1 bunch spinach leaves, washed and dried

In a small bowl, mix the cream cheese with the chutney until combined. Spread lavash wrap with the chutney mixture. Layer the ham slices, spinach leaves and red bell pepper over the spread and tightly roll up each lavash. Slice in half and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Chill for up to two hours. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

HONEYBAKED ROASTED TURKEY, SWISS & APPLE ROLL-UPS

- 2 pounds HoneyBaked Roasted Turkey Breast slices
- 8 Swiss cheese slices
- 1 head red leaf lettuce
- 1-2 Granny Smith apples, sliced thin
- Honey mustard
- 8 Lavash wraps, plain or spinach or 8" flour tortillas

In a small bowl, mix the cream cheese with the chutney until combined. Spread lavash wrap with the chutney mixture. Layer the ham slices, spinach leaves and red bell pepper over the spread and tightly roll up each lavash. Slice in half and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Chill for up to two hours. Serves 8.

Thinly layer each lavash wrap with three turkey slices, one cheese slice, two lettuce leaves, four apple slices and about one tablespoon of honey mustard. Tightly roll up the lavash. Slice in half, wrap tightly in plastic wrap (you may want to secure with a toothpick). Chill for up to two hours. Serves 8.
Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

HONEYBAKED HAM, CORN & WILD RICE CHOWDER

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups wild rice
- 2 cups tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups corn
- 1 pound HoneyBaked Ham, diced

In a large soup pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the carrots, celery and onion and sauté, stirring for eight minutes until softened. Add the rice and sauté two minutes. Add the tomatoes with juices and the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes until rice is tender. Add the corn and HoneyBaked Ham and heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve piping hot from a large thermos.

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

BALSAMIC MARINATED GAME DAY LAMB CHOPS

- 3 8-bone racks of lamb (yields 24 chops)
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups very good virgin olive oil (not extra virgin)
- 8 cloves of garlic, peeled and cracked
- 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary, chopped
- 2 sprigs of fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Ask your butcher to "French trim" the 8-bone racks of lamb. Allow four chops per person. Whisk together the balsamic vinegar, olive oil and garlic. Put lamb racks into a 9 x 13-inch glass baking dish, cover with marinade and top with rosemary and thyme. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

The next day cut each rack into 8 individual lamb chops (cut evenly between the bones for consistent thickness). Lightly dry chops so they don't flare up and season with kosher salt and fresh ground pepper. Cook over an ashen gray charcoal fire.

Baste with marinade carefully. Cook for three minutes, then turn and cook three more minutes. Turn back and forth one more time, basting carefully but amply. Remove from grill when correct doneness is achieved. Use an instant meat thermometer - 130°F for medium and 160°F for well done. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Executive

SMOKED SALMON AND CUCUMBER ROLL-UP WITH AMERICAN CAVIAR

- 18 ounces smoked salmon, 3 oz. per person
- 1 English cucumber, split, seeded and cut into bias slices
- 1/2 red onion, julienned
- 1/2 red pepper, seeded and julienned
- 1/2 yellow pepper, seeded and julienned
- 2 ounces rice wine vinegar, or white vinegar
- 1 ounce olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dill, chopped
- 1 pinch salt and pepper
- 1 pinch sugar
- 3 ounces Caviar, American Sturgeon

Make salad the day ahead: Mix together cucumbers, onions and peppers. Add olive oil, vinegar, dill and seasonings.

For each person, lay out four slices of smoked salmon (purchased at your favorite specialty store) on a small 7 by 7-inch piece of plastic wrap. Gently flatten out with your hand to create a single salmon "skin" that you can roll up.

Gently squeeze out excess juice from cucumber salad and place in center of salmon. Roll up tightly like a cigar, using the plastic wrap to assist. At meal time, remove plastic wrap and garnish with a lemon wedge, fresh dill sprig and a generous dollop of the American Spoonbill Caviar. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Chef Gerald Gramzay

ROSEMARY BRUSHED GRILLED VEGETABLE MEDLEY

- 6 plum tomatoes, cut in half
- 6 portabello mushrooms, stems removed
- 3 red peppers, seeded and quartered
- 3 yellow peppers, seeded and quartered
- 24 stalks asparagus spears, jumbo size
- 3 zucchini, sliced lengthwise
- 3 yellow squash, sliced lengthwise
- 3 sprigs of rosemary, long and leafy
- 1 pinch kosher salt
- 1 pinch black pepper, freshly ground
- 2 ounces 100-year-old balsamic vinegar
- 2 ounces extra virgin olive oil

Cook vegetables on hot charcoal grill and season with salt and pepper. Use rosemary sprigs to brush on olive oil. (You may briefly sauté vegetables on the stove, lightly marinate with olive oil and rosemary and bake in a 350-degree oven for 12 minutes. Serve the next day drizzled with oil and vinegar.)

Removed cooked but still crisp vegetables from grill and place on an attractive oval serving platter. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Chef Gerald Gramzay

EASY FOOTBALL FRANKS

- 1 cup Heinz tomato ketchup
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup grape jelly

- 12 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers
- 1 lb. cocktail franks

Combine ketchup, pineapple, jelly and jalapenos. Cook over medium heat until jelly is melted. Stir in franks and heat. Serve warm with picks. Makes 12-15 servings.

Recipe compliments of Heinz

CHOCOLATE CHIP & APRICOT BLONDIES

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped

Cream the butter and sugar on high speed of mixer until light. Add the eggs, one at a time, until well blended. Add the vanilla and mix well. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt and add to the butter mixture. Mix on lowest speed until just mixed. Removed mixer bowl. Stir in the pecans, chocolate chips and apricots by hand with a wooden spoon.

Spread the batter in a greased 8 x 8 pan and bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25-30 minutes or until top springs back when touched. Remove and cool completely before cutting in 16 squares.

Recipe compliments of the HoneyBaked Ham Company

Spiced apple walnut cheesecake a special treat

Nicole Lillard of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y., won first prize in the student category of a baking contest for her delectably smooth Spiced Apple Walnut Cheesecake. The dessert, a rich treat for special occasions, is especially timely at the harvest season for apples and nuts. It has a ground-walnut crust, which holds the cheesecake, a creamy mixture of apples, eggs, cream cheese and spice. The toppings are a white chocolate glaze and a garnish of cinnamon-glazed walnuts.

- 3 large egg yolks
- White Chocolate Glaze:**
 - Fourteen 1 ounce squares white chocolate
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - Cinnamon Glazed Walnut Garnish
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons water
- 13/4 cups walnut halves

In a small bowl stir the sugar and ground spices until well blended. Add the spiced sugar to the cream-cheese mixture. Scrape the bowl down after the addition and continue to beat on low speed until the spiced sugar is incorporated. Whisk the eggs and egg yolks together to blend them, then add the eggs to the batter. Scrape the bowl down once more and continue beating until the eggs are absorbed and the batter is well blended.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Place a shallow pan of water on the bottom shelf of the oven. Pour the cheesecake batter into the walnut crust in the 9-inch springform pan. Place on the middle shelf of the oven. Bake the cheesecake for 40 minutes, or until it is set. Remove the cheesecake from the oven and allow it to come to room temperature. Loosen sides of springform pan and slip off the ring.

To make the White Chocolate Glaze: Chop the white chocolate finely and place it in a mixing bowl. Bring the cream to a rolling boil and pour it over the chopped chocolate. Stir the mixture until the chocolate has melted. Pour the glaze over the cheesecake to coat it evenly, then place the cheesecake in the refrigerator until the glaze has set, 1 to 2 hours.

To make the Cinnamon Glazed Walnut Garnish: Combine the sugars, cinnamon and water in a skillet over high heat and stir to blend the mixture well. Bring the syrup to a boil, add the walnut halves and stir the walnuts in the syrup until the skillet is dry and the walnuts are well coated. Remove the walnuts to a piece of kitchen parchment and let them cool. Garnish the cheesecake with the glazed walnuts and serve.

- SPICED APPLE WALNUT CHEESECAKE**
- Walnut Crust:**
 - 4 cups ground walnuts
 - 6 tablespoons sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter (melted)
- Apple Cheesecake Batter:**
 - 11/2 cups cream cheese
 - 1/2 cup mascarpone cheese
 - 1/2 cup applesauce
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Dash ground nutmeg
- Dash ground cloves
- 3 large eggs

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Menopause support

Dr. Michael Gatt, OB/GYN of St. Mary Hospital, will host a question and answer session from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 on topics relating to menopause at St. Mary Hospital, West Addition B (South Entrance off Levan, (36475 Five Mile). No charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Low-fat turkey

Macro Val presents "Low-Fat Thanksgiving Dinner," cooking classes from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22. Menu includes tofu turkey, yeast-free bread stuffing, millet mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce (with whole cranberries) and pumpkin pie (made without sugar). Call (734) 261-2856 to register.

First aid

An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Class begins Wednesday, Nov. 3. Call 458-4330.

Time change may affect sleep pattern

Sleepy the Dwarf, of Snow White fame, may be the most appropriate costume this Halloween as your body adjusts to daylight savings time.

At 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, clocks will be moved back one hour and standard daylight time will begin. This time change may disrupt your body's sleep rhythm and therefore your overall alertness, according to Thomas Roth, Ph.D., director of the Sleep Disorders and Research Center at Henry Ford Hospital.

"Many people assume that their body benefits by gaining an extra hour. Actually, it is more difficult for the body to adjust to a longer day in the fall than it is to adjust to a shorter day in the spring," Roth says.

To ensure that you and your children are alert for any Halloween activities you may have planned, Roth suggests that you prepare your body's internal clock by going to bed 15 minutes earlier each day for several days prior to any time change.

Also be aware that you may be less alert behind the wheel driving to and from Halloween parties. An increase in sleep-related automobile accidents is often seen in the days after time changes. He reminds motorists that they may be in danger of falling asleep behind the wheel if they:

- can't remember the last few miles driven;
- keep jerking their vehicles back into the lane;
- experience wandering, disconnected thoughts;
- yawn repeatedly or have trouble keeping their head up;
- have difficulty focusing or keeping their eyes open; or
- tailgate or miss traffic signs.

If you find you are falling asleep, find a safe place to stop; take a brief nap (20 to 40 minutes) if tired; and drink coffee or another source of caffeine to increase short-term alertness.

Upping the standards

Traditional school eye exams warrant second look

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If your child recently passed a school vision screening test you would probably assume he or she has good vision. Surprisingly, this assumption isn't necessarily true.

The "standard" eye exam given in schools throughout the United States doesn't test aspects of vision necessary for reading and grasping information for long periods of time. Vision problems could go unnoticed until children have suffered learning setbacks irrespective of the repeated and annual testing during their school years.

A child who receives a 20/20 score from a traditional school eye exam can identify the letters and numbers of an eye chart at a distance of 20 feet. This, however, fails to address vision skills necessary for learning such as where the object is, its size, distance from the observer, rate of movement, and texture — none of which are measured in a standard eye exam.

According to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, nearly 80 percent of what a child perceives, comprehends and remembers depends on the efficiency of the visual system.

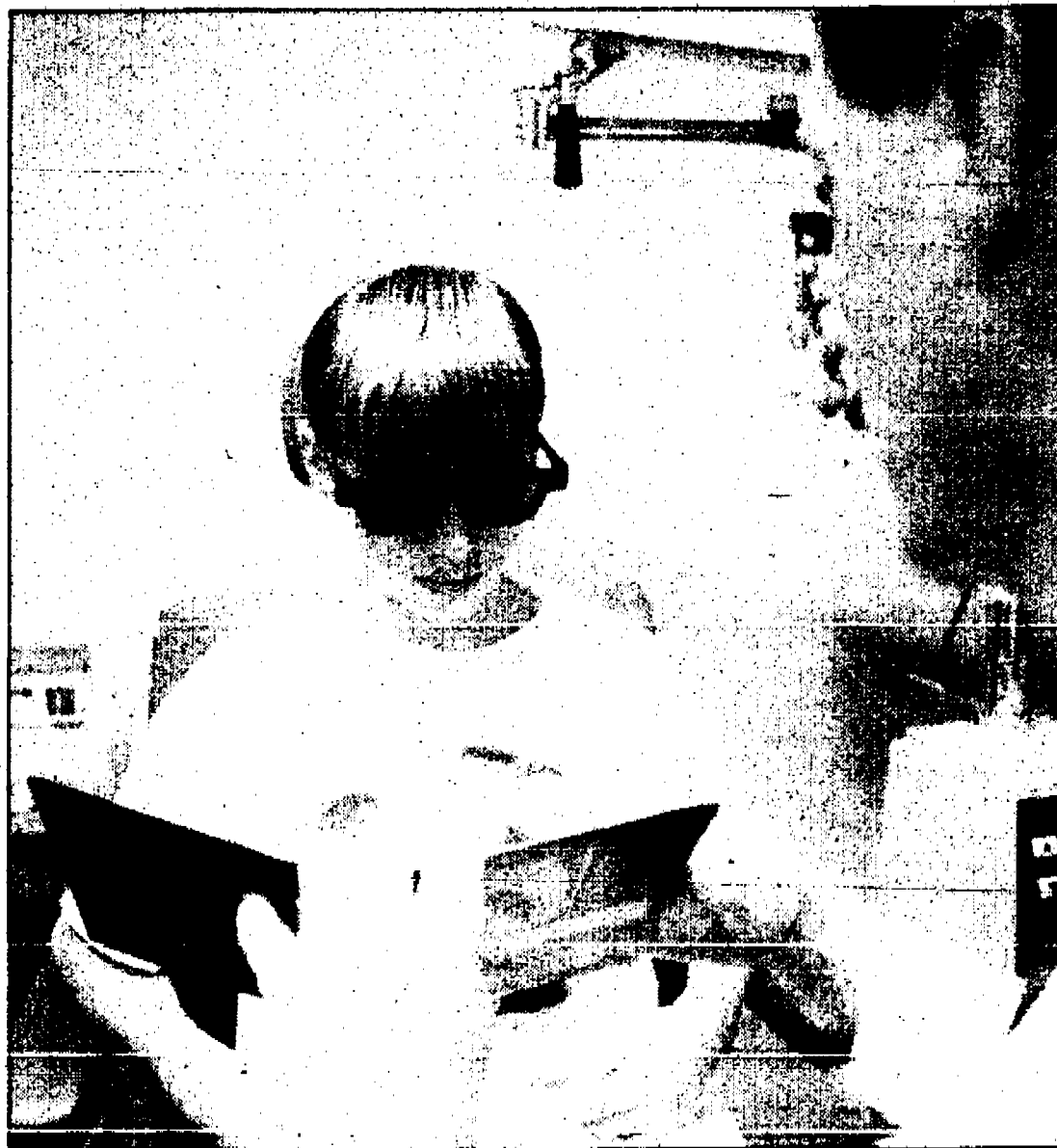
Asking more questions

"Despite the fact that a child has had an eye exam they may still have a problem," said Dr. Randy Houdek, O.D., of Vision Associates of Westland. "These standard tests fail to screen for more comprehensive visual skills and to test for learning-related vision problems — problems that may be impeding the academic progress of a child while masquerading themselves as behavioral problems, ADD or even dyslexia."

The Westland optometrist has long been a proponent of improving school vision testing not only by increasing public awareness of some of the standard exam inefficiencies but through free screenings in local public and parochial schools, in addition to offering the services at no cost from his office.

PAVE, Parents Active for Vision Education, is a national non-profit organization founded on the belief that there is a significant relationship between vision and learning and that early diagnosis is one of the best ways to keep a child from suffering both academically and emotionally because of a vision problem.

At a recent symposium in California PAVE pointed to research that implies one in every four children and seven out of 10 juvenile delinquents have vision problems that interfere with their ability to achieve, according to Marjie Thompson, PAVE co-



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Test: Dr. Randy Houdek, an optometrist with Vision Associates of Westland, performs a depth perception test on 11-year-old Sean Dixon. Depth perception is a component of a comprehensive eye exam. Houdek recommends all school-age children should receive.

National Eye Institute — www.nei.nih.gov

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Parents Active for Vision Education (PAVE) — www.pave-eye.com/~vision/

founder and president. PAVE members and Houdek hope to increase both parent and teacher awareness of the symptoms and the impact a vision problem can have if left undetected.

Learning problems such as poor reading comprehension, short attention span, letter and word reversal, slopping writing and trouble recognizing words could, and have in some cases, been misinterpreted as signs of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, when in fact the cause is a focusing or tracking disorder, faulty visual memory (inability to remember what is seen), faulty visual form per-

ception (inability to discriminate among different shapes) or faulty visual motor integration (inability to process and reproduce visual images by writing/drawing) — all conditions related to vision.

Learning-related vision problems share similar symptoms with other diagnoses such as food allergies, sensory integration dysfunction, ADHD and in the normal behavior of children under the age of seven.

According to Patricia S. Lemer, M.Ed., of the Optometric Extension Program, "the public needs to understand that some behavioral optometrists, physicians, educators, mental health professionals, occupational therapists and allergists are all addressing the same symptoms and behaviors."

In a brochure on the developmental approach to attention deficits Lemer states, "The difference is that medication, special education and counseling (can) mask these symptoms and behaviors, while vision therapy, occupational therapy and treatment of allergies can (may) alleviate the underlying causes and thus eliminate the symptoms long-term."

What to look for

"Parents and teachers have to be vigilant about the signs a child may be displaying such as rubbing their eyes, losing their place frequently when reading, squinting or a lack of interest in what they're reading. The tests that an optometrist is trained to perform enables them to detect and treat vision problems," said Houdek.

A large part of the problem of school vision screenings is that there are currently no national standards in place for vision screening of school-age children nor are there standards for who is administering the screening. Screeners can range from state-certified vision and audiology technicians to credentialed school nurses and teachers.

"The passage or failure of a school eye exam should be the first step in the health care of your child's eyes. It's important to schedule a more extensive exam that includes testing aspects of vision such as visual spatial skills, visual analysis skills, visual motor integration and visual memory," said Houdek. "You shouldn't be afraid to ask your optometrist if he or she is checking for visual efficiency problems."

Vision Associates of Westland will be conducting free vision perception and testing for children in grades first through ninth from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16. Call (734) 326-2160 to make an appointment. The Westland office is located at 38979 Cherry Hill Rd., Suite B.

Applicants sought for free comprehensive vision screening

Low-income workers and their families can begin applying for free eye exams through a program called VISION USA.

VISION USA is a national non-profit program that matches low-income children and adults with optometrists in their communities who provide free comprehensive eye exams in their offices.

Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2000 will mark

the start of the program's emphasis on aiding children.

To qualify for free eye care under VISION USA, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is at least one working member, have no health insurance that covers eye examinations, have income below an established level based on household size and have had no eye examination within two years.

Although the VISION USA eye

exams are not given until March, 2000, the American Optometric Association, which administers the program, is accepting applications for program participation now.

Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141 and starting in November, forms will be available from the American Optometric Association Web site (www.aoanet.org) in the "Meet the AOA" section. Completed

forms must be postmarked by Jan. 21, 2000.

Nearly nine out of 10 people served by the VISION USA program have had one or more eye health or vision problems. Optometrists have also diagnosed potentially blinding eye disease in VISION USA patients, including glaucoma, as well as uncovered general health problems affecting vision, such as diabetes and brain tumors.

Pace your kids' consumption of candy to avoid tummy aches

The kids, just back from trick-or-treating, are sitting on the floor with huge mounds of candy in front of them. They're peeling the wrapper off a piece of candy before their other is gone. Their only concern is how fast they can eat it. What comes next? The tummy ache. But when is a tummy ache more than just a tummy ache?

Most adults have had a stomach ache sometime during their lives, but kids seem to be afflicted with them much more often than adults. A good 10 percent to 20 percent of kids are bothered by abdominal pain to the point that it interferes with their normal routines, and 20 percent of those have no identifiable cause (a condition known as recurrent abdominal pain, or RAP).

So, experts say, the time to be seen by a doctor for a stomach ache is when the pain is combined with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, poor weight gain, weight loss or sharp localized pain.

Stomach complaints can be linked to many things, including distraction from

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chief of pediatric gastroenterology, U-M

eating too much, intolerance to certain foods and bowel spasms. But that is now always the case. At times like Halloween, a condition called hypoglycemia may also be a culprit of tummy aches after the chocolate and candy corn are gone.

"The kids sometimes just eat too much candy. The candies often have a lot of sugar in them, raising the levels of sugar in their blood stream dramatically, which causes release of insulin," said Chris J. Dickinson, M.D., chief of pediatric gastroenterology at the Uni-

versity of Michigan Health System. "Suddenly the candy's gone from their system, their blood sugar is now coming down, and the insulin's still around and the kids get hypoglycemic, where their blood sugar is quite low and they often feel very sick, then get pale, complain of nausea, sometimes even vomit."

Dickinson suggests that parents limit the number of pieces of candy that their kids eat, especially that first evening, to avoid problems.

To treat the tummy aches, kids can

take some of the over-the-counter medications, but for a lot of them, the dosages are much different for children than for adults, says Dickinson. "Check with your pediatrician beforehand to make sure that the dose that you're going to give is appropriate for your child."

One general rule to follow is "if it is pain alone, we leave it alone," says Dickinson. Concerns arise if a child also experiences a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, poor weight gain, or even weight loss with their tummy ache. At those times, parents will want to have a physician evaluate their child.

While checking all candy for tampering, also remove candy that presents a choking hazard. Candies that are particularly easy to choke on are the large hard candies such as jaw breakers, or smaller ones that can get directly into the lungs such as peanuts or other small candy. Don't allow toddlers to have those types of candy.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

MON, NOV. 1

HEART PALS
Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant other which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242.

TUE, NOV. 2

GRIEF SUPPORT
Helping those grieving around the holidays, Starting Over, an ongoing support group sponsored by Arbor Hospice for men and women approximately 45 and under who have lost their spouse or fiancé to death, meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at Church of Christ in Plymouth on Sheldon Road at 7 p.m. Call (800) 783-5164 for information. They also have a child's group that meets in Plymouth the same evenings at 6:30 p.m. New Directions group, ages approximately 45-60 meets in Plymouth the 2nd Thursday at Church of Christ at 7 p.m.

WED, NOV. 3

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call (734) 458-4330.

FIRST AID

An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Practice and learn emergency principles, CPR and how to correctly provide first aid for shocks, burns, bites, fractures and bleeding. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 458-4330 to register.

THUR, NOV. 4

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh Day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Aroldo Aragones, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian; and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information call (734) 844-8660.

NOV. 5 & 6

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
Actor David L. Lander, "Squigly," from television's Laverne &

Shirley, will offer his personal perspective and insight on managing and living with multiple sclerosis Friday, Nov. 5 as well as Dr. Howard Rosman, Department of Neurology chairman at Botsford General Hospital. Saturday an MS chapter-patient program: "Living with MS" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to the public. The Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Contact the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter at (248) 350-0020 ext. 239.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

"Substance Abuse and AIDS," will be held on from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Madonna University. This course will acquaint students with treatment considerations, methods for reducing high risk behaviors, prevention measures, and high risk groups. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register call (734) 432-5731.

TUE, NOV. 9

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Lisa Samerdyka, DuPont Pharmaceuticals, will present on Pirmaluma Imaging, a new diagnostic procedure used with mammography. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information or to register call 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

WED, NOV. 10

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Free of charge sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

WINTER READINESS

Henry Ford OptiEyes will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to noon at their Westland Super Vision Center (35184 Central City Parkway). You'll also have the opportunity to "Ask the Experts," with AAA, Consumers Energy, Westland Car Care and Westland Police. Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Richter from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 427-5200 for information.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

An education program to help people self-manage diabetes from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison St., Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330. Join in the celebration during National Diabetes Month. Bring your questions and ask our diabetes educators about the latest in self-management and medical nutrition therapy. Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and special activities.

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GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

Are you ready for the Great American Smokeout? The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Participants will learn the latest products available to help them become smoke-free as well as other emotional and behavioral steps that can be taken to kick the habit for good. This is a free program but registration is requested at (734) 655-8940.

SAT, NOV. 13

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A seminar for couples who are either thinking of having a baby or are newly expecting. Class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at

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LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP

Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St., Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy, physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system, recout indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage, learn how to detox the body, and discuss deep cellular supplements. CEUs available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single, \$90 couple.

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TUE, NOV. 16

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members, friends, widows. Group will meet at the Livonia Hospital from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16. Call 458-4330 for information.

FLU SHOTS

■ Livonia Senior Citizens, by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10800 Farmington Road. Call (734) 422-5010.
■ St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4. There will be an \$8 fee and

registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.
■ Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Livonia store Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at 37685 Five Mile, near Newburgh Road.

CORRECTION

Gynecologists Jerrold H. Weinberg, M.D., and Milton L. Nathanson, M.D., and their uniquely-trained staff, including Stacy L. Ekelman, R.N., and nutritional specialist, are offering specialized services to women who are just beginning to encounter the challenges menopause often presents, or to women already diagnosed as menopausal.
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Lawyers are often called upon to advise a client on the best way to handle a situation. In the case of a crime, the lawyer's job is to advise the victim on the best way to handle the situation. The victim's compensation is often the most important factor in the decision.

HINT: Certain behavior can result in the victim's compensation. If the victim is injured by the crime, then they have a claim for the damages caused.

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Managing pain in arthritic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and fibromyalgia is difficult. The problem is that each of these conditions can continue for years, while medications designed to provide thorough pain relief do so best for periods of days or, for the person with a terminal condition, the last weeks of life.
Of the three rheumatologic conditions mentioned above, the one most difficult to treat for pain is fibromyalgia. That happens because one of its features is a heightened sense of pain.
The search for drugs useful in fibromyalgia has uncovered no medication or regimen of drugs that will consistently provide pain relief. The use of traditional antidepressants such as Elavil has shown that the medication helps to initiate sleep but it cannot give the individual sustained relief or rest. Newer antidepressants such as Prozac have not worked at all. None of the non-steroidal drugs such as Motrin, naproxen, or aspirin have blunted the discomfort of fibromyalgia. The newer non-steroidal drugs such as Celebrex and Vioxx have not yet stood the test of time, but information to date indicates they will not fare any better than their older colleagues.
Behavioral modification and group therapy programs have reported mixed results.
To date the regimens with the best results are those that emphasize regular exercise, patient familiarity with the features of fibromyalgia, and use small doses of Elavil or Ambien at bedtime to promote sleep. Of particular importance is regular exercise, best done in the morning 6-7 days a week with the period of exercise lasting at least 30 minutes.

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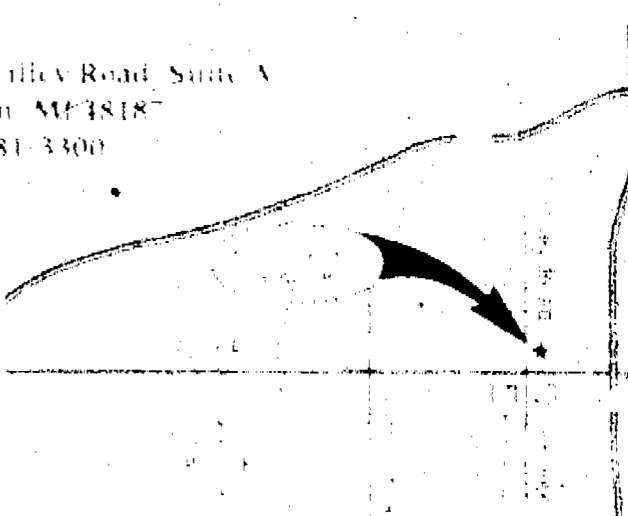


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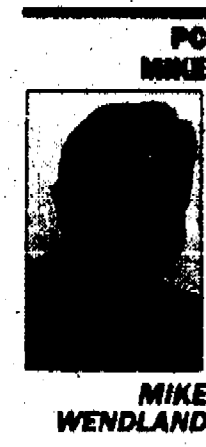
As unlikely as it may seem, recent research indicates that people with periodontitis (gum disease) are more likely to develop heart problems than those without gum disease. Periodontitis has also been linked with poor control of diabetes, a number of chronic respiratory conditions, the development of ulcers, and an increased risk of premature birth. Why? It seems that inflamed and infected gums and bone tissue provide bacteria residing in periodontal pockets with easy access to the bloodstream. From there, it's a simple matter of traveling to various locations in the body to carry out their destructive work. Keeping periodontal disease in check through regular checkups and treatment carries potential benefits that reach far beyond the mouth.

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Desktop Video Editing lets you use your PC to be a moviemaker



MIKE WENDLAND

Remember when personal computers first came out in the early seventies. I was working for a big daily newspaper at the time, and I was absolutely astounded when I first typed on a keyboard and saw

my words instantly appear on a CRT, or Cathode Ray Tube as we then called the PC screen.

I knew immediately that the way I did my work would never be the same.

So, it has again been for me over the past couple of months as I've experimented with what I believe will be the next big craze in personal computer technology.

Desktop Video Editing. The boundaries between the printed word, pictures, video, sound and speech have been torn down. Everything is multimedia now. And it all happens inside a personal computer.

I'm amazed. To watch video and audio download from a camcorder directly onto my hard drive makes me feel like I'm again witnessing a sea change in technological development.

And then to be able to take those video and sound clips and arrange, cut, trim, mix and enhance them with all sorts of special effects into a finished production is not only fun but, creatively speaking, amazingly fulfilling.

Since late last summer, I've been using a powerful desktop video editing system to produce television stories. The system I'm using, a fully equipped NT Workstation from SGI (www.sgi.com), is of the same type George Lucas and his video artists used to edit some of the special effects on the latest Star Wars movie.

And while you can easily

spend tens of thousands of dollars for a loaded SGI system, you can also pick one up starting at just a few thousand dollars, or not that much more than a high-end consumer machine.

But because I'm using my system to edit my NBC-TV "High Tech Talk" computer and Internet reports that are sent out each week to 250 television stations, I need to make sure I'm producing finished stories that are of broadcast quality. So I have a lot of options on my desktop video editing system that the average consumer doesn't need.

My SGI system can do things that, until very recently, were only available in commercial video production studios containing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment.

If you want to edit family vacation shots or junior's school play into video productions, you can easily get started for as little as \$1,000, assuming you already have a decent personal computer.

How to be a movie maker

Here's a quick primer on what you'll need:

Computer: To do it right, you'll want a fast processor. I suggest a minimum speed of 450 MHz. Get as much RAM, or random access memory, as you can, 256K at the least. The top-end SGI system I use has dual 600 MHz Intel Pentium III processors, a gigabyte of RAM and an array of four hard drives capable of holding nearly 70 gigabytes of data.

Video Capture Card: Expect to pay somewhere between \$500 to \$1,000 for a quality card that can take in, process and send out your video. Check out Pinnacle Systems (<http://pinnaclesys.com>) or Matrox (www.matrox.com).

Camera: Today's sub-\$1,000 digital camcorders are capable of producing better quality video than full-sized TV studio cameras did a decade ago. Make sure your camera has either an S-

VHS video out jack or a "FireWire IEEE1394" port to plug into the video card. The camera I'm shooting with is a pretty deluxe model, the XL-1 from Canon (www.canon.com/xl1/index2.html). Chances are, though, the same camcorder you use to take vacation videos will work fine with desktop video editing.

Software: Good video editing software isn't cheap. The most popular package out there right now is probably Adobe Premiere (www.adobe.com). Expect to pay \$450 or so. I'm using a package called "Speed Razor" from a company called In-Sync (www.in-sync.com).

For more information on desktop video editing, check out a Web site called The Video Guys (www.videoguys.com). They offer a great guide to getting started, with lots of links.

And on the Internet news-groups, read some of the posts in the rec.video.desktop discussion group to see how others are using this new tool.

PC Mike seminar

The next seminar will be "Maintaining and Troubleshooting Your PC" and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, in Southfield (near Evergreen).

The session will cover the basics of maintaining your PC and diagnosing and repairing common problems. Mike will also suggest ways to improve your system. The seminar is free, but you must have a reservation. Call the 24-hour seminar hot line at (248) 423-2721.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations' coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

WED, NOV. 3, 10

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

FRI, NOV. 5, 12

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

MON, NOV. 8

CANTON BPW
The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace. We achieve our goals

through advocacy, education and information. WE have a local, state and national presence.

Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We meet formally September through November and January through May. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. Marilyn Alimpich of the Regional Field Office for Social Security will discuss "A Woman's Guide to Social Security." On Jan. 10, 2000 the guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, will discuss mentoring today's high school students.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Sponsored by Great Lakes Christian College (Lansing) Gary Washburn, vice president of Financial Stewardship of Troy will make a presentation from 7-9 p.m. on ways you can be a good steward of your assets after your funeral including simple strategies that will guarantee that more of your estates goes the people/organizations of your choice than the government; and how to distribute your assets. Family, friends and co-workers

are encouraged to attend. No matter the size of your total estate, you will find something of value in this seminar.

TUE, NOV. 16

ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's in Plymouth (41661 Plymouth Road). The featured speaker will be Mary Uday of Prism Performance System. Her topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." Learn the art of persuasion, diplomacy and compromise. Cost is \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355 for a reservation.

THUR, NOV. 18

BUSINESS PLAN
Service Corps of Retired Executives will host a Business Plan Workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 895 in Detroit. \$40 per person. Topics include preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, example of a business plan and sources of help. Call (313) 226-7497 to register.

Here's One Thing You May Be Seeing Less Of After Cataract Surgery

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A. Cataract surgery, using the traditional monofocal lens, is intended to correct vision. Good near vision is generally not possible. When using the new multi-focal lens, the goal is to provide good distance and near vision, thereby decreasing your dependence on glasses.

Q. What are the primary benefits of the new multifocal lens?

A. The new multifocal lens is really designed to be a form of visual rehabilitation. Statistics show that 92% of patients using this lens will not be dependent on glasses at any distance.

Q. What are the risks associated with this new lens?

A. There really is no difference between the new lens and traditional cataract surgery, except for the possibility of halos and glare, but generally these effects get better.

Q. Is the new lens FDA approved?

A. Yes.

Q. What can I expect after surgery?

A. Vision after the first day should be as good as with the monofocal lens. Low level reading glasses may still be required for extended periods of reading.

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Distinguish aging from symptoms of Alzheimer's

Remember that party where you met what's-his-name?

Well, you've just run into him again at the grocery store. Furtively scanning your memory for his name, you draw a complete blank. It's only after you've tried to fake your way through a conversation and made it through the checkout line that his name comes flooding back — too late, of course, to save you from embarrassment.

We've all had this and similar experiences. It's especially common in these days of information overload. The names of people and places, electronic PIN numbers and the ever-elusive location of the car keys vanish from our minds, dangling just beyond our reach at the very moment we need them.

They usually pop back, alas, when we're already late for work or the damage to our dignity is done. This is called age-related memory loss, and it happens to everyone, more often as we grow older. It's not only maddening, we can't help but wonder if it's the beginning of Alzheimer's disease.

Memory problems and Alzheimer's disease have become so firmly linked in most people's minds that we rarely think of one without the other. Last year, a nationwide survey conducted by the National Council on the Aging showed that very few people know how to tell the difference between normal, age-related memory loss and the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease.

This is a problem because in Alzheimer's disease, early diagnosis is critical in order to reap the maximum benefits for the treatments now available. It is

also crucial because of the major life changes that Alzheimer's patients and their families must anticipate.

So how do you distinguish between normal aging and the gradual onset of Alzheimer's? There are important differences. One is that in age-related memory loss, memories are not really lost. It just takes a little longer to retrieve them. With Alzheimer's disease, not only are many memories permanently lost, recent research has shown that the brains of its victims lose the ability to make and store new memories. Deterioration in the brain's frontal lobes leads to breakdown in attention and the processing of information, a serious problem because it prevents patients from forming new memories and severely impairs their ability to perform the day-to-day tasks of living.

Dementia, the medical term for an Alzheimer's patient's state of mind, encompasses far more than memory loss. The condition involves what scientists have called a "global decline," in mental functioning. For example, forgetting where you left your keys is not a sign of dementia. Forgetting what the keys are for is. Not remembering the name of a neighbor you've met a couple of times is probably just a glitch, but if you have no recollection of ever meeting him or what the conversation was about, there could be a problem.

Another difference is that Alzheimer's disease affects many parts of the brain, not just the hippocampus (an important region involved in the formation of memories). The visual cortex, for example, affects one's ability to process vision and movement.

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Alzheimer's patients develop major difficulties with spatial relationships, especially with moving objects. This is one reason why driving and even walking along busy streets becomes dangerous. The memory loss, lack of ability to process or recognize visual images and confusion over spatial relationships form a frightening and perilous combination.

Rippling effect

One sad reality of Alzheimer's is that the patient's emotions and personality are not spared. While we all have our ups and downs, the Alzheimer's patient loses emotional coherence. Emotions, rather than residing in some specific part of the brain, are distributed throughout and can't escape being affected when the various parts of the brain deteriorate.

Alzheimer's patients not only experience inappropriate emotions such as fear, anger or suspicion at the wrong times, they go through personality changes such as withdrawal, being oblivious to the feelings of others and losing initiative and drive. As reality gradually recedes into a fog of uncertainty, patients who

still maintain insight into their condition can fall into a deep depression.

One of the first signs can be a problem with writing, the inability to keep the letters or words in a straight line. Another common occurrence among foreign-born Americans is the loss of English language skills and the reversion to a first language.

Recognizing the early warning signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or a loved one is more crucial than ever. One reason is that the two drugs currently being used to treat the disease — Cognex and Aricept — can add up to two years of quality time to the patient's life. Another reason is the potential confusion between the depression, stress, an undiagnosed infection, thyroid disease or even a reaction to certain medications. Testing for Alzheimer's is the only way to know.

Local support resources:

■ First Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Botsford Continuing Health Center. (248) 477-7400.

■ Family support offered the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. The group provides discussion, sharing and information for interested family members. Huron Valley Sinai Hospital. Call (888) DMC-2500 for information.

■ A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 at the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

Keep children away from lead, paint chips

Despite efforts at education and prevention, children in Wayne County continue to be poisoned by lead from peeling lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust and other sources in their homes.

Almost one million preschool age children in the U.S. have enough lead in their blood to harm them," says Steve Tackitt, director of Wayne County Environmental Health. "This includes approximately 800 children in Wayne County."

The County's lead hazard program will offer a brochure entitled, "Is your child safe from lead poisoning? Learn how to protect your family." The brochure is available to local organizations such as grocery stores and maternity clothing stores to promote increased lead hazard awareness county wide.

Tips to prevent lead poisoning include:

Make sure your child's diet contains enough iron and calcium. These minerals make it harder for a body to absorb lead.

Make sure children are not exposed to peeling paint. Pay special attention to window sills.

To remove lead dust, rinse your child's hands and face before he/she eats. Rinse toys and pacifiers frequently. If your child sucks his thumb or fingers, rinse his hands frequently. Wet-mop your hard surface floors.

Close off rooms that are being remodeled.

If you have a home built before 1978, and suspect it may be painted with leaded paint, repaint it.

A major awareness initiative to help prevent lead poisoning by the Campaign for a Lead-Safe America features a Web site at www.lead-safeamerica.net that provides information on lead safety, updates on campaign activities, links to other resources and an exciting overview of lead poisoning prevention programs around the country.

Wayne County's Lead Hazard Control Program has been focused on lead poisoning prevention for years," said Tackitt. "We're excited to be working with the national campaign and look forward to coordinating our efforts with others on the national level to better serve our local community."

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manslaughter, or murder resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, and the peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person was operating the vehicle while impaired by or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or while having an alcohol content of 0.10 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine, of if the person is less than 21 years of age while having any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subdivision, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:

(i) An alcohol content of not less than 0.021 grams or more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(ii) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of intoxicating liquor, other than consumption of intoxicating liquor as part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

(2) A person who is afflicted with hemophilia, diabetes, or a condition requiring the use of an anticoagulant under the direction of a physician is not considered to have given consent to the withdrawal of blood.

(3) The tests shall be administered as provided in section 5.15a(6).

Section 5.15d. Refusal to submit to chemical tests; report.

(1) If a person refuses the request of a peace officer to submit to a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6), a test shall not be given without a court order, but the officer may seek to obtain the court order.

(2) A written report shall be immediately forwarded to the secretary of state by the peace officer. The report shall state that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the person had committed a crime described in section 5.15c(1), and that the person had refused to submit to the test upon the request of the peace officer and had been advised of the consequences of the refusal. The form of the report shall be prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state.

Section 5.15e. Refusal to submit to chemical tests; written notice by officer, form; request for hearing.

(1) If a person refuses to submit to a chemical test pursuant to section 5.15d the peace officer shall immediately notify the person in writing that within 14 days of the date of the notice the person may request a hearing as provided in section 257.625f of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The form of the notice shall be prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state.

(2) The notice shall specifically state that failure to request a hearing within 14 days will result in the suspension of the person's license or permit to drive. The notice shall also state that there is not a requirement that the person retain counsel for the hearing, though counsel would be permitted to represent the person at the hearing.

Section 5.15f. Chemical tests; results; duties of peace officer; confiscation of license; temporary license

(1) If a person refuses a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6), or submits to a chemical test, or a chemical test is performed pursuant to a court order and the test reveals an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the test shall do all of the following:

(a) On behalf of the secretary of state, immediately confiscate the person's license or permit, issue a temporary license or permit to the person. The temporary license or permit shall be on a form provided by the secretary of state.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (2), immediately do all of the following:

(i) Forward a copy of the written report of the person's refusal to submit to a chemical test required under section 5.15d to the secretary of state.

(ii) Notify the secretary of state by means of the law enforcement network that a temporary license or permit was to the person.

(iii) Destroy the person's driver's license or permit.

(2) If a person submits to a chemical test offered pursuant to section 5.15a(6) that requires an analysis of blood or urine and a report of the results of that chemical test is not immediately available, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall comply with subsection (1) (a) pending receipt of the test report. If the report reveals an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall immediately comply with subsection (1) (b). If the report does not reveal an unlawful alcohol content, the peace officer who requested the person to submit to the test shall immediately notify the person of the test results and immediately return the person's license or permit by first-class mail to the address given at the time of the arrest.

(3) A temporary license or permit issued under this section is valid for 1 of the following time periods:

(a) If the case is not prosecuted for 90 days after issuance or until the person's license or permit is suspended pursuant to section 257.625f of the Michigan Compiled Laws, whichever occurs earlier. The prosecuting attorney shall notify the secretary of state if a case referred to the prosecuting attorney is not prosecuted. The arresting law enforcement agency shall notify the secretary of state if a case is not referred to the prosecuting attorney for prosecution.

(b) If the case is prosecuted, until the criminal charges against the person are dismissed, the person is acquitted of those charges, or the person's license or permit is suspended, restricted, or revoked.

(4) As used in this section, "unlawful alcohol content" means any of the following, as applicable:

(a) If the person tested is less than 21 years of age, 0.02 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(b) If the person tested was operating commercial vehicle within this

state, 0.04 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(c) If the person is not a person described in subsection (a) or (b), 0.10 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine.

Section 5.15g. Ignition interlock device; warning label; prohibited conduct; violation as misdemeanor; penalty; definition; liability; insurance; servicing.

(1) A person who has an ignition interlock device installed and whose driving privilege is restricted shall not request or solicit any other person to blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing the person whose driving privilege is restricted with an operable vehicle.

(2) A person shall not blow into an ignition interlock device or start a motor vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing an operable vehicle to a person who has an interlock device installed and whose driving privilege is restricted.

(3) A person shall not tamper with or circumvent the operation of an ignition interlock device.

(4) A person who violates subsection (1), (2) or (3) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(5) As used in this ordinance, "ignition interlock device" or "device" means an alcohol concentration measuring device that prevents a motor vehicle from being started at any time without first determining through a deep lung sample the operator's breath alcohol level. The system shall be calibrated so that the motor vehicle may not be started if the breath alcohol level of the operator, as measured by the test, reaches a level of 0.025 grams per 210 liters of breath.

Section 5.15h. Operation of commercial motor vehicle by person with certain alcohol content; arrest without warrant; violation as misdemeanor; sentence; "prior conviction" defined.

(1) A person, whether licensed or not, who has an alcohol content of 0.04 grams or more but not more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle within the City of Garden City.

(2) A peace officer may arrest a person without a warrant under either of the following circumstances:

(a) The peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person was, at the time of an accident, the driver of a commercial motor vehicle involved in the accident and was operating the vehicle in violation of this section or the provisions of section 257.625m of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) The person is found in the driver's seat of a commercial motor vehicle parked or stopped on a highway or street within the City of Garden City if any part of the vehicle intrudes into the roadway and the peace officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating the vehicle in violation of this section or the provisions of section 257.625m of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) A person who is convicted of a violation of this section or is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$300.00, or both, together with costs of the prosecution.

Section 5.15i. Forfeiture of vehicle or return to lessor.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in addition to any other penalty provided for in this ordinance, the judgment or sentence for a conviction for a violation of section 5.15f(5), may require 1 of the following with regard to the vehicle used in the offense if the defendant owns the vehicle in whole or in part or leases the vehicle:

(a) Forfeiture of the vehicle if the defendant owns the vehicle in whole or in part.

(b) Return the vehicle to the lessor if the defendant leases the vehicle.

(2) The vehicle may be seized pursuant to an order of seizure issued by the court having jurisdiction upon a showing of probable cause that the vehicle is subject to forfeiture or return to the lessor.

(3) The forfeiture of a vehicle is subject to the interest of the holder of a security interest who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the violation.

(4) Within 14 days after the defendant's conviction for a violation described in subsection (1), the prosecuting attorney may file a petition with the court for the forfeiture of the vehicle or to have the court order return of a leased vehicle to the lessor. The prosecuting attorney shall give notice by first-class mail or other process to the defendant and his or her attorney, to all owners of the vehicle, and to any person holding a security interest in the vehicle that the court may require forfeiture or return of the vehicle.

(5) If a vehicle is seized before disposition of the criminal proceedings, a defendant who is an owner or lessee of the vehicle may move the court having jurisdiction over the proceedings to require the seizing agency to file a lien against the vehicle and to return the vehicle to the owner or lessee pending disposition of the criminal proceedings. The court shall hear the motion within 7 days after the motion is filed. If the defendant establishes at the hearing that he or she holds the legal title to the vehicle or that he or she has a leasehold interest and it is necessary for him or her or a member of his or her family to use the vehicle pending the outcome of the forfeiture action, the court may order the seizing agency to return the vehicle to the owner or lessee. If the court orders the return of the vehicle to the owner or lessee, the court shall order the defendant to post a bond in an amount equal to the retail value of the vehicle, and shall also order the seizing agency to file a lien against the vehicle.

(6) Within 14 days after notice by the prosecuting attorney is given under subsection (4), the defendant, an owner, lessee, or holder of a security interest may file a claim of interest in the vehicle with the court. Within 21 days after the expiration of the period for filing claims, but before or at sentencing, the court shall hold a hearing to determine the legitimacy of

any claim, the extent of any co-owner's equity interest, the liability of the defendant to any co-lessee, and whether to order the vehicle forfeited or returned to the lessor. In considering whether to order forfeiture, the court shall review the defendant's driving record to determine whether the defendant has multiple convictions under this ordinance, the provisions of state law set forth at section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this ordinance and state law, or multiple suspensions, restrictions, or denials under section 257.904 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or both. If the defendant has multiple convictions under this ordinance, section 257.625 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to state law, or multiple suspensions, restrictions, or denials under section 257.904 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or both, that factor shall weigh heavily in favor of forfeiture.

(7) If a vehicle is forfeited under this section, the Township shall sell the vehicle and dispose of the proceeds in the following order of priority:

(a) Pay any outstanding security interest of a secured party who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the commission of the violation.

(b) Pay the equity interest of a co-owner who did not have prior knowledge of or consent to the commission of the violation.

(c) Satisfy any order of restitution entered in the prosecution for the violation.

(d) Pay the claim of each person who shows that he or she is a victim of the violation to the extent that the claim is not covered by an order of restitution.

(e) Pay any outstanding lien against the property that has been imposed by governmental unit.

(f) Pay the proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including, but not limited to, expenses incurred during the seizure process and expenses for maintaining custody of the property, advertising, and court costs.

(g) The court may order the defendant to pay to a co-lessee any liability determined under subsection (6). The order may be enforced in the same manner as a civil judgment.

(8) The return of a vehicle to the lessor under this section does not affect or impair the lessor's rights or the defendant's obligations under the lease.

(9) A person who knowingly conceals, sells, gives away or otherwise transfers or disposes of a vehicle with the intent to avoid forfeiture or return of the vehicle to the lessor under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(10) The failure of the court or the prosecutor to comply with any time limit specified in this section does not preclude the court from ordering forfeiture of a vehicle or its return to a lessor, unless the court finds that the owner or claimant suffered substantial prejudice as a result of that failure.

(11) The forfeiture provisions of this section do not preclude the prosecuting attorney from pursuing a forfeiture proceeding under any other law or this state or a local ordinance corresponding to this section.

Repeal.

This Ordinance hereby repeals Chapter 70, Section 70.04(E) through Section 70.04(G) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City, known as the "Uniform Traffic Code" as amended, and this Ordinance hereby repeals Sections 70.04(E) through Section 70.04(G), and all ordinances or parts thereof, which conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, and which are repealed only to the extent of any conflict. Except as herein modified, Said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Severability.

This Ordinance and various parts, sections, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Savings Clause.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are hereby saved and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the Ordinance enforced at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. This Ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or abate any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any Ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed by the Ordinance adopting this Ordinance, and all prosecutions instituted after the effective date of this Ordinance for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued or instituted under or in accordance with the provisions of any Ordinance enforced at the time of the commission of such offense.

Date of Effect.

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

Inclusion into Code of Ordinances.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City, as an addition and amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

JAMES L. BARKER
Mayor

ALYSSON M. REPTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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