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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Bowlathon:** Junior Miss program participants will hold a fund-raiser bowlathon with a Halloween theme from 1-3 p.m. today at Westland Bowl in Westland.

### MONDAY

**Council:** The Westland City Council meets today at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Ford at Carlson. Among the topics: cable competition.

**Bond proposal:** A committee studying a bond proposal will issue recommendations to the Wayne-Westland school board at 6 p.m. at district offices on Marquette.

### TUESDAY

**Photographs:** The Livonia Arts Commission presents Kelly and Frank Nachtman's color and black and white photographs, which focus on one of the great art centers of the world through Friday, Oct. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

### WEDNESDAY

**Forum:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce will host a mayoral candidates forum at noon at Joy Manor, Joy Road east of Middlebelt.

### THURSDAY

**Halloween:** A Halloween walk for small children and their families will offer a guided tour with storybook characters along candlelit pathways in Central City Park 7-8:45 p.m. today.

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## Judge refuses bond reduction

■ Judge C. Charles Bokos upheld cash bonds for three Garden City teenagers charged in a brutal attack near Hines Park.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland district judge Thursday refused bond-reduction pleas for three Garden City teenagers charged in a brutal attack near Hines Park, calling the crime "one of most vicious assaults I have ever seen."

Judge C. Charles Bokos upheld a \$100,000 cash bond for David Ryan Kozakowski and \$50,000 cash bonds for Brian Alan Wiatr and Thomas Domagalski Jr. All three defendants

are 17 years old.

Families for two other suspects, 16-year-old Christopher Totten and 17-year-old Kyle Anders Tingstad, have already posted \$50,000 bonds for their release.

The Garden City teens — all charged as adults — are accused in a 3:30 a.m. Oct. 4 attack that left 21-year-old Robert Sumey of Westland in a coma. "He is still in and out of a coma," Westland police Sgt. Jon Handzlik said in court Thursday. "His condition is

still critical."

The teens also are accused of beating 19-year-old Kevin Baker of Westland. Baker, suffering skull fractures and hemorrhaging, has been hospitalized again after his earlier release, Handzlik.

Sumey and Baker came under attack from a group of teens while leaving a Hines Park bonfire party near the Rouge River. Defendants are accused of using bonfire wood, beer bottles and their fists during the assault.

Westland police said the attack followed an ongoing exchange of words between the Garden City defendants and Westland victims.

### ■ PARK BEATINGS

All five suspects are charged with assault with intent to commit murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. They could face maximum sentences of life in prison if convicted as charged.

They appeared before Judge Bokos for a preliminary examination Thursday that was to determine whether they should stand trial on the charges.

However, Bokos postponed the hearing until Nov. 6 at the request of

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## Communities turn to foundations when government pockets empty

Building ON A FOUNDATION

So few tax dollars, but so many worthy projects.

Symphony orchestra support here, historical preservation there.

Skillful teachers with great ideas that might get no trial. Students ready for different challenges.

What's a community to do?

More and more they are turning to foundations: private, community and corporate.

A foundation is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization with funds and programs managed by its own trustees or directors. It is established to aid social, educational, charitable, religious or other activities to serve the common welfare, primarily through grants.

Tax advantage

There are significant tax incentives for those corporations or individuals who donate to community foundations in Michigan. A contribution can be worth three times the out-of-pocket cost as a result of state income tax

legislation. The Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit permits a taxpayer to reduce state income tax or single business tax liability by a credit of 50 percent.

There are numerous small nonprofit charitable organizations that call themselves community foundations but don't meet the criteria of such a foundation, said Robert Collier, vice president and chief operating officer of the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF), a Grand Haven-based association representing nearly all the largest foundations in the state.

Meeting needs

"When we're talking about family (private), corporate or community foundations we're talking about permanent endowment funds that can benefit a wide variety of community needs," he said. "When you raise money and pass it through, you're really a civic foundation."

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## Local foundations help youth, boost culture

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland-based community foundation sends youngsters to Salvation Army camps, helps teens afford college, brings cultural events to the city and sponsors receptions for business people to form ties.

A separate Wayne-Westland school district foundation gives away money for classroom projects that teach students about recycling, ocean life, cultural diversity, rain forests and the way children lived in colonial America.

The spirit of giving, it seems, is thriving in Westland.

Two groups — the Westland Community Foundation and the Wayne-Westland Foundation For The Improvement of Instruction — are dedicated to improving lives of local people.

### Make a difference

They're making a difference educationally, culturally and socially, volunteers say.

"We're stepping Westland up to another level," Westland Community

Foundation president Glenn Shaw said.

Shaw, a local businessman, founded the community foundation two years ago after Westland Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh approached him and asked for donations to send needy youngsters to camp.

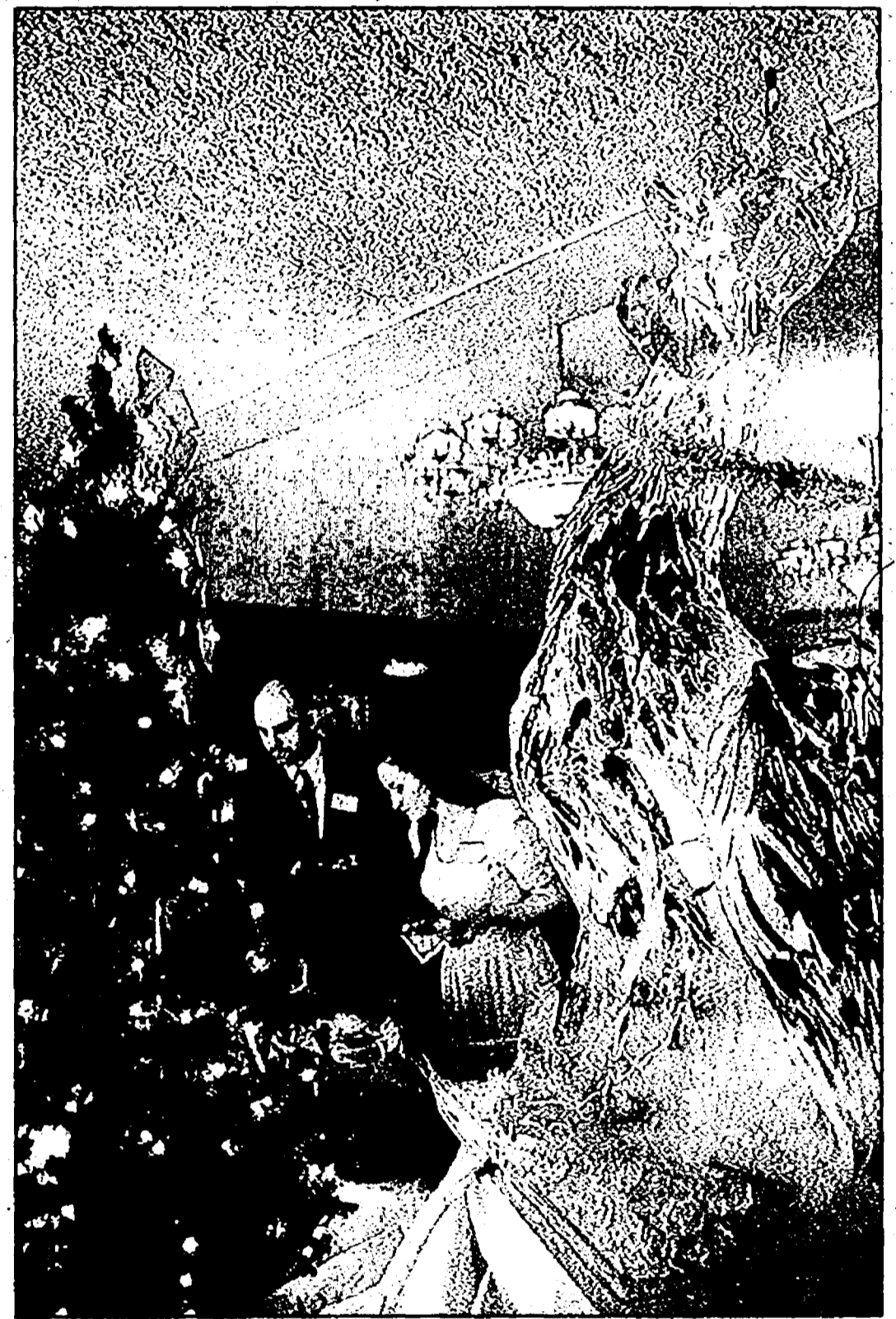
"I felt a need to do something," Shaw said.

He and other volunteers planned a 1995 Christmas in July event that helped the Salvation Army. The now-annual event also became the impetus for the foundation — incorporated in November of that same year.

The foundation has raised \$137,000 since 1995, but much of that already has been returned to the community. It now has \$37,500 in its coffers, although Shaw said he hopes to see the organization reach a point where it gives out \$100,000 a year.

"We could do a lot for the community then," he said.

Already, organizers have given \$63,000 to Salvation Army programs and set aside \$10,000 for student scholarships — \$5,500 of which already has been allocated among 11



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

**Fun fund-raiser:** The Westland Community Foundation's Christmas in July program is a fund-raiser for the Salvation Army and other groups.

students, foundation volunteer Diane Mathews said.

### Foundation grants

The foundation also paid for a series of children's programs at the city's public library, and it has sponsored events aimed at drawing the business community together to form ties. One event was held at the library; the other at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The

foundation also had a winter ball early this year to raise money.

One of the foundation's donors is Joseph Boyle, part-owner of Westland Meadows mobile home park in the city's far southeast end. He said he personally has given \$2,500 to the Westland Community Foundation, and he and his business partners together have donated another

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## Retiring educator praised as fighter

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne-Westland educator is retiring after leading efforts to improve classroom instruction and boost student performance on state achievement tests.

Jane Kuckel, praised by colleagues and school board members for her tireless efforts as assistant superintendent of instruction, plans to retire Oct. 31.

"Jane has always been a fighter for what is right for kids and what is right for the school district," school board vice president Mathew McCusker said.

"I hate to see good people leave," he added.

Kuckel's departure ends her 30-year career in Michigan public education. Her 4½-year tenure in Wayne-Westland has been marked by some significant gains in student scores on Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or MEAP, tests.

"I feel proud that we've really moved this district forward these last four years," Kuckel said Tuesday, on the same night the school board approved her

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Mathew McCusker  
— School board vice president

retirement.

Kuckel, chosen for her job by former Superintendent Larry Thomas, has led major efforts to revamp curriculum at all grade levels — efforts that educators say will bring results long after Kuckel leaves.

From 1994 to 1997, the district saw double-digit increases in student MEAP scores in fourth-grade reading and science and seventh-grade math — to name just three areas.

Kuckel has voiced hope that the school board will be able to continue buying new textbooks to improve the curriculum.

Kuckel sent Wayne-Westland staff members a memo announcing her plans to retire. She cited "major change and restructuring" that the district has accomplished in recent years despite financial problems and restrictive state legislation.

She helped to rebuild the instructional department after an outside firm conducted an independent curriculum audit early this decade. The study was highly critical of classroom instructional shortcomings that hadn't been addressed in years.

More recently, Wayne-Westland students have begun to close some of the gaps between local test scores and statewide averages. Even so, Kuckel has stressed that more work needs to be done to boost classroom instruction.

In a letter to Wayne-Westland staff members, Kuckel wrote, "I brag to everyone about the excellence within this organization. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in this process."



## WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION '97



Six candidates are competing for four council seats on Nov. 4. The top three vote-getters win four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher gets two years. This is the first of two charts exploring council issues.

Why should voters support you for the Westland City Council?

Should the City of Westland have an ethical conduct policy? Why or why not?



**Incumbent Sandra Cicirelli, 45,** is an attorney who received her law degree from Wayne State University. She received a bachelor of art's degree from University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her community involvement includes serving as current council president; Westland Business & Professional Women; Chamber of Commerce; Westland Jaycees; former Youth Assistance Advisory Council; former YMCA board; former vice chair Westland Zoning Board of Appeals. She is seeking a third term.

As a 26-year resident of Westland and a longtime business owner, I am committed to our city. During the past eight years, I have had the privilege of serving on the city council. I believe we have accomplished a great deal. Advanced Life Support has been added to our emergency medical rescue service; we have implemented a community police program; Westland has a new library; our senior and youth programs have been expanded, and we have improved our parks. All this has been done while operating within our budget. If re-elected, I will work hard to keep Westland moving ahead.

I recognize that as an elected official I have a responsibility to conduct myself ethically and honorably, and I work hard to meet that responsibility. Our city charter and our council procedures and policies currently address the conduct of elected officials. Ethics codes that criminalize certain conduct invite abuse by political adversaries. If an ethics policy is proposed as a guide for conduct and is drafted as such, I would support it.



**Incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin, 57,** is a retired university director for the Michigan Education Association. He received master's and bachelor's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, majoring in government/administration. He has been a former PTA president; former Wayne-Westland school board member; served a total of 14 years on city council (four years as president); served as mayor 1986-89; formerly chaired Conference of Western Wayne. He is seeking re-election to a new term.

My academic background includes a major in government and administration. I have studied, taught and practiced government since 1972. Governmental service has to combine experience, common sense and compromise to make it work. I have proven that I can make government work for the benefit of all our citizens.

In 1978 as a newly elected councilman, I investigated proposing an ethics ordinance. My investigation revealed: a) State law prohibits public officials from engaging in conflict of interest activity. b) The city charter also covers the appropriate and legal conduct of elected officials in their capacity as public officers. c) The rules and regulations of the Westland City Council cover other activity outside the two areas cited above. I concluded that ethical conduct was already covered and no city ordinance was required. I don't believe substantial changes have occurred which would change my initial conclusion.



**Incumbent Richard LeBlanc, 39,** is a Ford Motor Co. part service warrant coordinator who received a bachelor's degree in human resources administration from Concordia College. His involvement includes Westland Library Board officer; Westland Goodfellows; Westland Historical Commission; Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Board; Madison Elementary PTA; Canton reserve police officer; Westland Cultural Society; Westland Jaycees director; Westland Cable Commission. He is finishing a two-year term.

Residents have had two years to evaluate my performance. It is obvious I am prepared, well-informed, willing to challenge issues and demand responsiveness to the concerns of our residents. My credentials, experience, dedication and ability to communicate with others are attributes that have allowed me to serve the community effectively. I believe residents will recognize my qualifications, efforts and accomplishments by reelecting me.

Yes, to provide language outlining instances when acknowledgement and disclosure would be appropriate. A draft ordinance exists and awaits only enough support to place it on an agenda for discussion and action. This draft was prepared at my request in 1996. (The language, however, does not legislate conduct, but rather disclosure.)



**Challenger Dennis LeMaitre, 38,** owns U.S. Print in Westland, and he is a graduate of Thurston High School, South Redford. He won the Westland First Citizen Award in 1995 and Business Person of the Year in 1993. His involvement includes the Chamber of Commerce (former president); Salvation Army Advisory Council; DARE; Civitans; Youth Assistance Program; Jaycees; First Step for abused women and children; Westland Summer Festival; Westland Winterfest. He is seeking his first council term.

My record of accomplishment, such as being honored as Business Person of the Year 1993 and Westland First Citizen 1995. In all my leadership roles, my greatest strength is identifying the group's common goal and then working to bring its members together and formulate a plan for achievement. I have the knack for getting myself and others to push their political and philosophical differences aside to get the job done. These skills are crucial to being a good councilman. I have a lot of goals and a strong vision of what Westland will be like in the future.

Yes. We now have city officials involved in land deals, real estate development and business ventures, etc. While I do not question the legality or the rights of any of these individuals to do so, many citizens have asked me questions. Questions about ethics, morals, etc. I want an ethics policy instituted. Voters will be able to use this as another yardstick to measure their city leaders by. Also city leaders and elected officials will clearly know what is permitted and what is not.



**Incumbent Sharon Scott, 58,** is a longtime community activist and a graduate of Wayne High School. She served 8 1/2 years on the Wayne-Westland school board and is involved in Westland Winterfest; Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse; St. John's Episcopal Church altar guild; Friends of the Mill board; YMCA board; Business and Professional Women; Westland Community Foundation board; Westland Cultural Society; Economic Development Corp./TIFA board. She is seeking a third term.

Since I've been serving in public office, I have always placed people above politics. My public service has always been addressed in a manner in which I would ask myself how can we improve our community and add to the quality of living in Westland.

I don't think we should be legislating ethics, because just saying it doesn't make it so. I am responsible for my behavior and intend to behave ethically. The city charter does already address ethical conduct with regard to employees and elected officials.



**Challenger Dorothy Smith, age unknown,** is a former teacher and former part-time instructor at Wayne State University, where she received her master's degree in humanities and her bachelor's degree in vocal music education. She publishes a civic newsletter, The Westland Citizens Chronicle, and has been involved in the Economic Development Committee; Community Development Block Grant advisory committee; SMART bus system committee for elderly and handicapped; Southeast Homeowners Association.

I have sought voter support seven previous times because of the situations, activities and almost total disregard of the desires and wishes of the people who chose them as representatives, caretakers and guardians of the public good. I have been active in the city-at-large and in my immediate community for 42 years. I attended council meetings for 16 1/2 years before I was forced to stop briefly because of circumstances. I have served on the Economic Development Commission and the Economic Development Advisory Committee. I respond to citizens' calls for help. I publish a (local) newsletter.

Yes. Remember the old sayings: "Handsome is as handsome does." "As a man thinketh, so is he." "Examples have to be set for our children." The dictionary defines ethics as "conforming to moral standards." Moral means "making the distinction between right and wrong ..." and "implies uniformity with the generally accepted standards of goodness and rightness in conduct or character." The old adages produced healthy-minded individuals who commanded respect with their measures of dignity, especially in homes, schools and places of worship. To help restore confidence in those who would lead, the answer is yes.

## First Citizen nominations sought

Here's a chance to give back to someone who has given of themselves to the community.

The time is now to nominate people for the 12th annual First Citizen of Westland community service award.

The award will honor someone who has donated time and energy to one or more groups and has made an impact on the quality of life in the community generally or a segment of the community such as children, handicapped people or senior citizens.

The award will be announced in early November with the First Citizen to be publicly honored at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon program 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Joy Manor. Anyone who qualifies can be nominated by the Friday, Oct. 24, deadline. Local residency isn't a requirement.

In past years the first citizens have represented a range of activities such as government, schools, business, scouting and recreation.

Past first citizens have included Joseph Benyo, Thomas Brown, Sam Corrado, Linda Pratt, Sharon Scott, Margaret Harlow, Sue Price, Dennis LeMaitre and last year's winner Glenn Shaw.

Corrado, the winner in 1988, called the program phenomenal.

"I've been involved in a lot of things and it was quite an honor," Corrado said.

"There isn't anybody who doesn't like an 'attaboy,'" Corrado said. "What a wonderful way to say thank you."

The award was initiated in 1986 by its cosponsors the Westland Observer and the Westland chamber.

Purpose of the award is to honor a volunteer who has made an impact on the community or a

### 1997 First Citizen of the Year

N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

#### Nominee:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title or Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator (optional):

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of the award:** The First Citizen of the Year Award was created to recognize a local person for outstanding volunteer community service. The winner will be honored at the Westland Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Joy Manor.

Outline of Community Service, including the impact on the population group or persons served. Include length of time and offices held. Local residency is not required.

**Mail to:** Attn: Julie Brown  
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 Livonia, MI 48150

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**Deadline for nominations:** Friday, Oct. 24, 1997

**Questions:** Call (313) 953-2126 or (313) 326-7222



segment of the city. Nominations should include as much specific information on the impact the nominee has had as possible.

## Friends of Sassafras plan celebration

To celebrate a successful campaign to protect a Westland nature area from development, a citizens group has planned a ceremony for Sunday, Oct. 26.

The Friends of Sassafras Trails is planning an event for 3 p.m. Oct. 26 in an open field near Palmer and Wildwood. The group helped to save 50-plus acres of wooded land northeast of Palmer-Wildwood.

Citizens helped convince the

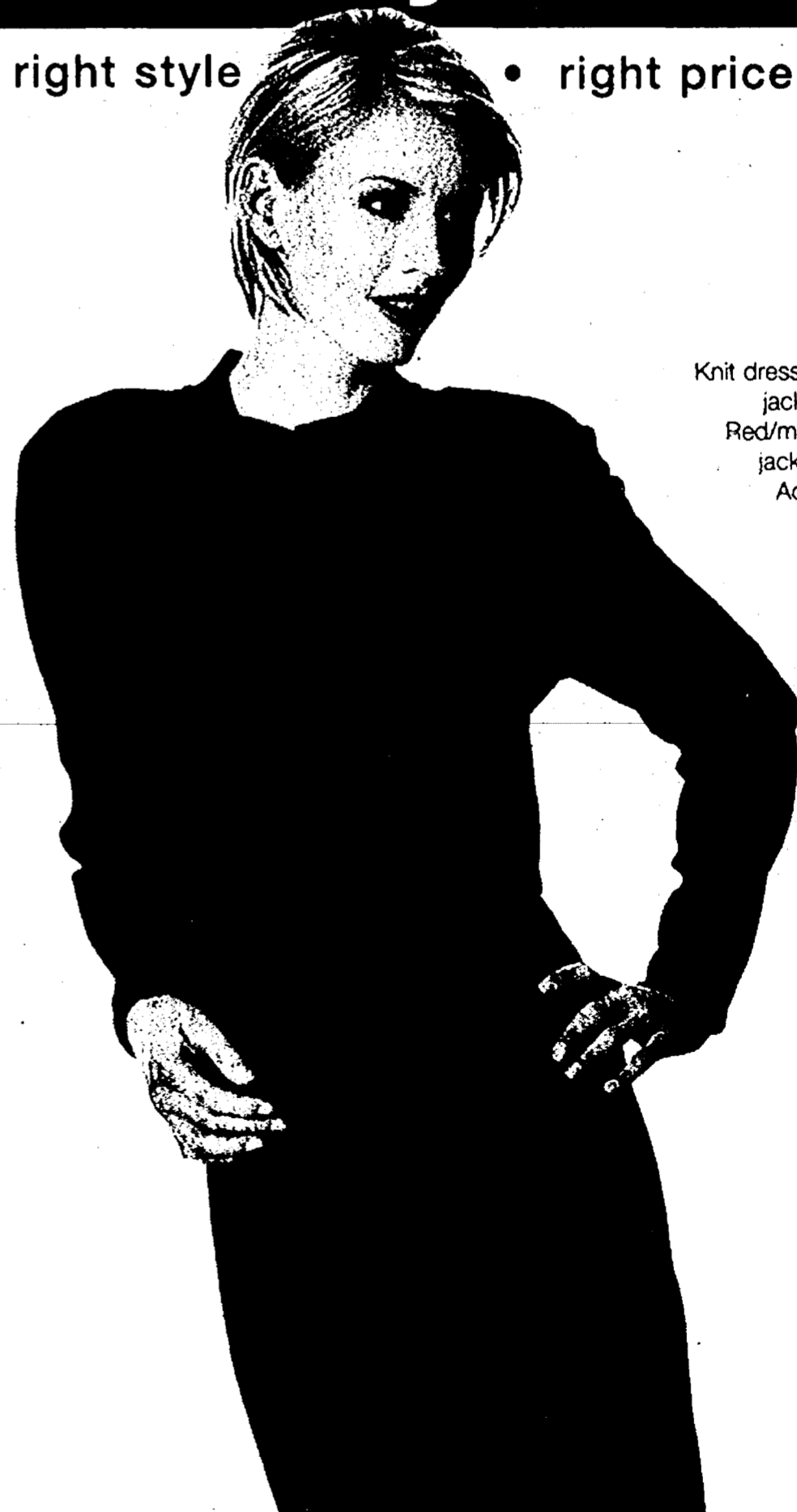
land owner — the Wayne-Westland school board — not to sell the land for residential development. Instead, the board has accepted \$520,000 from state natural resources officials — money that gives the state control over the development rights. The agreement was reached as a way for the state to ensure the land's protection from development. During the ceremony, state

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, plans to give the Friends of Sassafras Trails a White Pine Award for the group's unrelenting efforts to save Sassafras Trails, group leader Teresa Robbins said.

In turn, the group also plans to honor Bennett because of his state-level efforts to protect the property, she said. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Good job, mayor

(An open letter to Gov. John Engler)

This is a letter of commendation for Robert J. Thomas, mayor, city of Westland, Michigan. I wish to advise you of the wonderful job this man has and is doing for the city of Westland since he took office over seven years ago.

I have observed Mayor Thomas for many years, positively interacting both with the public as well as the employees of Westland. The city has expanded in many diverse directions, that is, in the beautification of the city through landscaping and building architecture plus improving the quality of life for all those involved with Westland. Police protection has improved as well as continuing efforts to enhance fire and police safety education for both children and adults. He has greatly improved snow removal and leaf and limb pickup. Recently, Advanced Life Support (ALS) through the Westland Fire Department has been activated, significantly improving the ability to save lives. There is a beautiful new library, new high rises and a wide variety of shopping centers and restaurants to serve the interests of all. One can turn on the cable station and watch video tapings of council meetings, board meetings, an abundance of local community activities and also upcoming events in the community.

I have attended public meetings and watched local cable station city activities where I have witnessed Mayor Thomas' consistent sincere interaction with all people. There is not enough good that can be said about this outstanding individual. Mayor Thomas is a person who loves people and loves to serve.

Patricia Neal  
Westland

## Bad language

I'd like to make a comment on the mayor of Westland's use of words in Sunday's Observer (10-5-1997). The mayor of a city making \$82,000

a year should have a better vocabulary than what he chooses to use in public. For instance in your paper, the mayor claims: Mr. (Kenneth) Mehl's campaign literature as "a real piece of CRAP." The only CRAP in the city of Westland comes out of the mayor's mouth. All I can say is what a disgusting choice of words. Maybe the city should send him to school to learn how to speak, then bill the citizens of Westland without a vote. (like the library). I, along with several of my neighbors think Mr. Mehl's campaign literature was wonderful. The City of Westland should really open their eyes to this self-serving mayor!

Shila Ferre'  
Westland

## Give it up

Justine, you were right on two accounts in the letter you sent out to the citizens of Westland.

I was one of those people who supported and voted for you two years ago and I did vote for your when you ran for state representative.

I have supported you for many years all the way back to when we were a township but that's over.

Just who do you think you are downgrading a fine young man like Richard LeBlanc? LeBlanc is one of the most informative, researching persons on the city council.

He does work and cares for the citizens of Westland and not for his own ambitions as you stated in your letter.

The man you are backing for mayor (Robert Thomas) is money hungry, manipulative, egotistic and has been misdirecting the citizens of Westland for years.

Justine, I think along with a lot of other people it is time for you to retire. I see by watching the city council meetings you are still living in the past. You just do not have it any more - give it up.

Ruby Johnson  
Westland

## Sick of tricks

Must be an election coming. Must be. The city hall gang has virtu-

ally ignored the war zone at the northeast end of the city for more than two years now.

All the complaints against the inept roads, the raw sewage dumped into the basements, the slow-moving construction which will end up in the millennium. All ignored. Until the gang wants votes. Well none of them will get mine. (Charles) Griffin wants an investigation of the contract. You mean he signed a \$10-million contract and didn't know what was in it? (Sandra) Cicirelli sold out the victims of the sewer backup by placing the homeowners in a no-win position. The insurance companies won that battle. And now the council fears retaliation from the incompetent contractors if the council applies penalties. Apparently there's a lot of ignorance in city hall but no testosterone. Frankly, I'm sick of the whole bunch and their political tricks.

Beatrice Scalise  
Westland

## 4 more for Thomas

On Aug. 14, 1997, I read an article in a local newspaper that had a headline, "Former supporters abandon Thomas." What really caught my eye was the picture of Glenn Anderson, Tom Brown, Ken Mehl and Charles Pickering. I had to laugh because it looked like a cartoon. I also know that two of these people were being dishonest; Mehl and Brown have never supported Thomas.

Why would the citizens of Westland even listen to these people? Living in Westland for a number of years it was sad, but not surprising, to see these four try and perpetrate a hoax on the citizens of this community. How could Brown, Anderson and Pickering dare tell us that Mehl is a better candidate for the position of mayor than Bob Thomas is?

Let me start with Tom Brown. Mr. Brown thinks he is so well-liked that he can turn an election around in this city. He should remember the vote count in his last election.

Then we have Mr. Pickering, who has very bitter feelings because he

has been defeated by Bob Thomas. Bob Thomas succeeded in earning the confidence and respect of most of us, something Pickering never accomplished as mayor.

The picture also showed current Councilman Glenn Anderson. I find it rather strange that he was even pictured there because for several years he has had nothing good to say about Ken Mehl.

I don't think any one of these three could look you in the eye and be honest if they told you Mehl is better for this city than Bob Thomas.

Last but not least we have Ken Mehl. Mr. Mehl has approached this election in the same manner he always does, with mud-slinging, half-truths and character assassination. Mehl should be very thankful that Bob Thomas has not sunk to his level, because almost everyone knows if Ken Mehl's closets were opened there would be enough skeletons fall out to make it Halloween all year round.

Bob Thomas has been good for this city. He not only deserves, but has earned another four years. He will keep this city headed in the right direction.

Bill Johnson  
Westland

## Sad and embarrassing

When an individual runs for any office in the city in America, it should be an honor and a privilege; however, in Westland this is not the case.

Unfortunately two of the three candidates running for the mayor's office are there for their own personal gain and egos.

By doing this, they have cheapened the honor of running for such a prestigious position and taken it to the bottom of the barrel.

All I had to see was a person called Dixie McNa and a bar owner named Ken Mehl giving a 10-minute political speech or whatever it was called to the citizens of Westland on cable.

McNa's "speech" isn't worth describing and the bar owner Mehl who supposedly sat on the Westland Council for several years was just as

sad. To be more exact it was terrible and embarrassing to the city and the mayor's position.

Mehl read his 10-minute speech never looking up and he never smiled. He portrayed his usually surly approach to anything he does, bitterness and anger.

Come on people of Westland, this is not funny anymore. We have made great strides in the city in recent years and we certainly should not have to consider a person like Mehl for mayor. It is an insult to our intelligence.

Kathy Johnson  
Westland

## Family values

Wayne-Westland Community Schools district teacher recently wrote to score Gov. Engler for his direction and implementation of school policies that included a much greater share of tax money to the poorest school districts. The writer called Engler bitter and the most mean-spirited leader ever.

The writer identifies today's school climate as lean and tragic. He didn't forget to identify Republicans as anti-working men and opposed to welfare. He recalls that education's best days were experienced with Carter and Blanchard holding offices!

His spin on history is amazing. It has been the Democrats, the liberal left-leaning mentalities that brought us new math, the abandonment of the use of phonics in teaching reading, the distribution of condoms to high school students, and the decision to eschew the teaching of family values.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

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Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150

## Junior Miss participants to bowl today

They're getting ready and need your help.

Applicants in the 1997-98 Wayne Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be hosting a bowling today.

A fund-raiser, the bowling is 1-3 p.m. at Westland Bowl on Wayne Road north of Ford Road.

The participants will be in Halloween costumes for the event and have been seeking

sponsors. The Junior Miss program will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at Stottmeyer Auditorium next to Wayne Memorial High School.

Participants this year include Katrina Zacharczuk, Stephanie Mead, Jamie McPartlin, Audrey Shyu, L'Oreal Fowlkes, Julie Anderson, Mary Crofts, AnneMarie James, Amanda Roberts, Amy McKerracher,

Mary Gillispie, Jennifer Marchand, Kimberly Corney, Kristy Broadrick, Krista Kordie and Stephanie Thompson of John Glenn High School, Michelle Birchard, Michele Mayberry, Teresa Yorke, Alison Kulas, Crystal Bumbalough, Jean Leverenz and Lakesha Butler of Wayne Memorial High School and Melissa Anderson of Churchill High School.

## Why Travel Far for Cancer Therapy?

Radiation Therapy Associates P.C. in Garden City is now offering three dimensional conformal beam therapy, an advanced cancer treatment previously available only at major medical centers.

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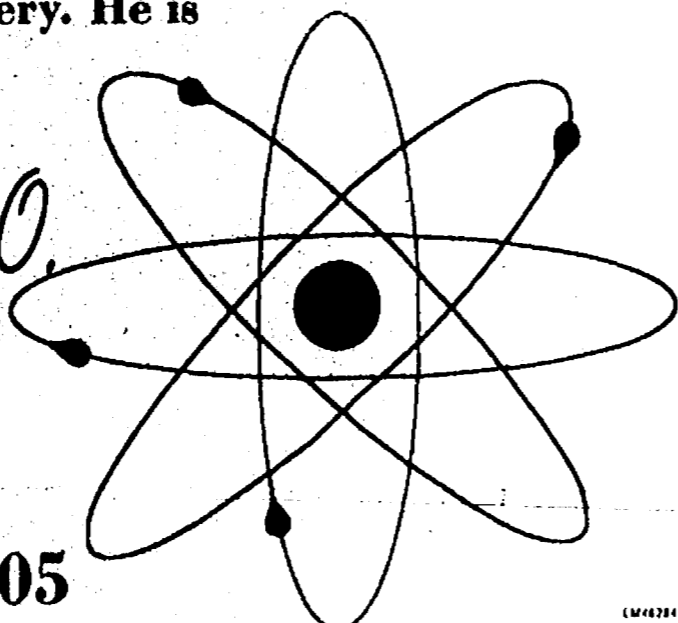
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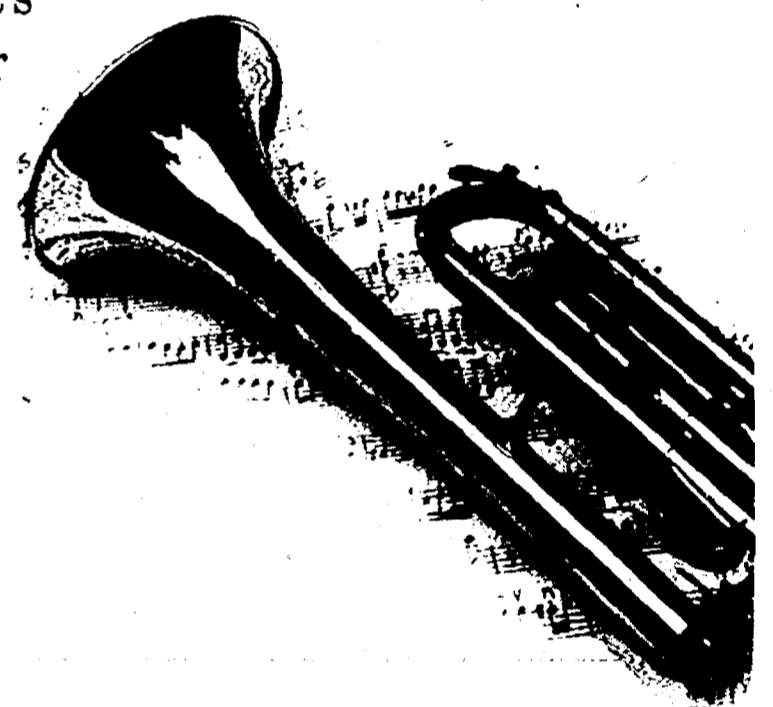
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# Engler addresses roads, schools jobs in area stop

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Out of a job? Now you'll stop at the "Job Search" desk before you apply for unemployment compensation, says Gov. John Engler.

"We want to divert them (to applying for work) before applying for unemployment comp. We say, 'This is about supporting your family.'" Engler told an audience of nearly 100 Friday in public forum Friday in Southfield's Centre for the Arts.

In reply to a question from Charles Chambers of Lawrence Technological University, Engler said "far too much money was being wasted" by multiple federal and state efforts at retraining workers for new jobs.

"Labor markets are local or regional. We set up 25 boards, where at least half the members must be business employers, not public employers. The board must be the decision maker on who does the training" - community college, private agency, whatever.

To a West Bloomfield teacher who asked if the governor is concerned about metro Detroit's reputation as the second most segregated city in the nation, Engler said, "I'm trying to improve economic opportunity and educational opportunity for people of all races."

"A charter school in Dearborn is the most integrated school in Wayne County," he said, plugging his charter school project.

"In Michigan there are no legal barriers (to where one lives). In fact there are strong penalties (for racial bias in real estate transactions). Within the African-American community, there is segregation between those who can and can't afford to get out (of bad neighborhoods).

Farmington Hills councilwoman Vicki Barnett was unhappy that well-off Plymouth Township was using a 50 percent property tax abatement to lure a company out of Farmington Hills. "If they asked for a tax abatement to move to Pontiac or a Detroit Renaissance Zone, I'd grant it in a heartbeat," she said.

"It's a dilemma," Engler replied, but he made it clear his priority is keeping companies within the state, not in favoring any one community. "The alternative may be Toledo (Ohio) . . . Silicon Valley . . . Austin, Texas. We view that as the competition."

"In some cities, the problem is land assembly (finding a large enough parcel for a big firm). In the 1980s we tried to tell people where they should go. It was ultimately unsuccessful."

Asked by Barnett if the tax abatement laws should be revisited, Engler said, "The answer is maybe. Someone may say I won't go to Pontiac. I want to be near Ann Arbor. . . I want to be near Metro Airport."

In reply to other questions, Engler said:

■ A bill by Sen. Henry Stallings, D-Detroit, to raise the compulsory school attendance age to 18 "isn't going anywhere." He said there is "unacceptably high absenteeism of sixth and eighth graders" in some districts, and that is a higher priority than keeping 16-18-year-olds



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- Gov. John Engler

in school. His questioner referred to the bill, advocated unsuccessfully by Gov. James Blanchard in the mid-1980s, as "incarceration of students who doesn't see the value in staying in school."

■ He is hopeful warring legislators can negotiate a deal "in the next couple of weeks" on paying off the 84 plaintiff school districts who won a \$211 million court judgment against the state for special education and other mandated services. Engler said he wanted to settle the 17-year-old "Durant" suit when he took office in 1991, but the districts wanted \$2 billion to \$3 billion. Senate Republicans are at odds with House Democrats over how to pay off the plaintiffs and how to deal with districts that could file claims but weren't part of the lawsuit.

■ The state has "transformed" how it deals with pollution problems by managing watersheds rather than looking at artificial county lines. "A stream doesn't where a county line is," he said.

■ Michigan will emphasize road maintenance and repair rather than new roads with its new gasoline tax and federal aid. State government controls only 18,000 of the 118,000 miles of roads, "but we get 90 percent of the calls." He praised the state Department of Transportation's takeover and rebuilding of the Davison Freeway from Wayne County. "The Davison is fabulous. It was a county road all these years (about 50). We took it three years ago and fixed it."

The meeting was arranged in a few days by Susy Heintz, former Northville Township supervisor and Wayne County commissioner who is back in charge of the governor's southeastern Michigan office in Detroit.

"I saw a blank hour in his schedule," Heintz said.

# Dems pass bills to open state claims group

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

House Democrats used their majority muscle to "let the sunshine in" to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association, a state-created agency that pays off auto accident injuries greater than \$250,000.

"It's a private entity," protested Republican state Rep. Gerry Law of Plymouth. "There's no need for the intrusion of the

state."

"The Supreme Court of Michigan ruled that, taken as a whole, MCCA is a private association," added Rep. Mick Middaugh, R-Paw Paw. "It is private, not public. It is not a state agency."

"On one side," replied sponsor David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, "there is sunshine; on the other side, darkness."

So Gubow and Democrats on

Oct. 15 passed, largely on party-line votes, four bills to open up the MCCA, which currently is run by a five-member board from auto insurance companies who are appointed by the insurance commissioner.

The bills, almost certainly doomed when they get to the Republican-controlled Senate, would:

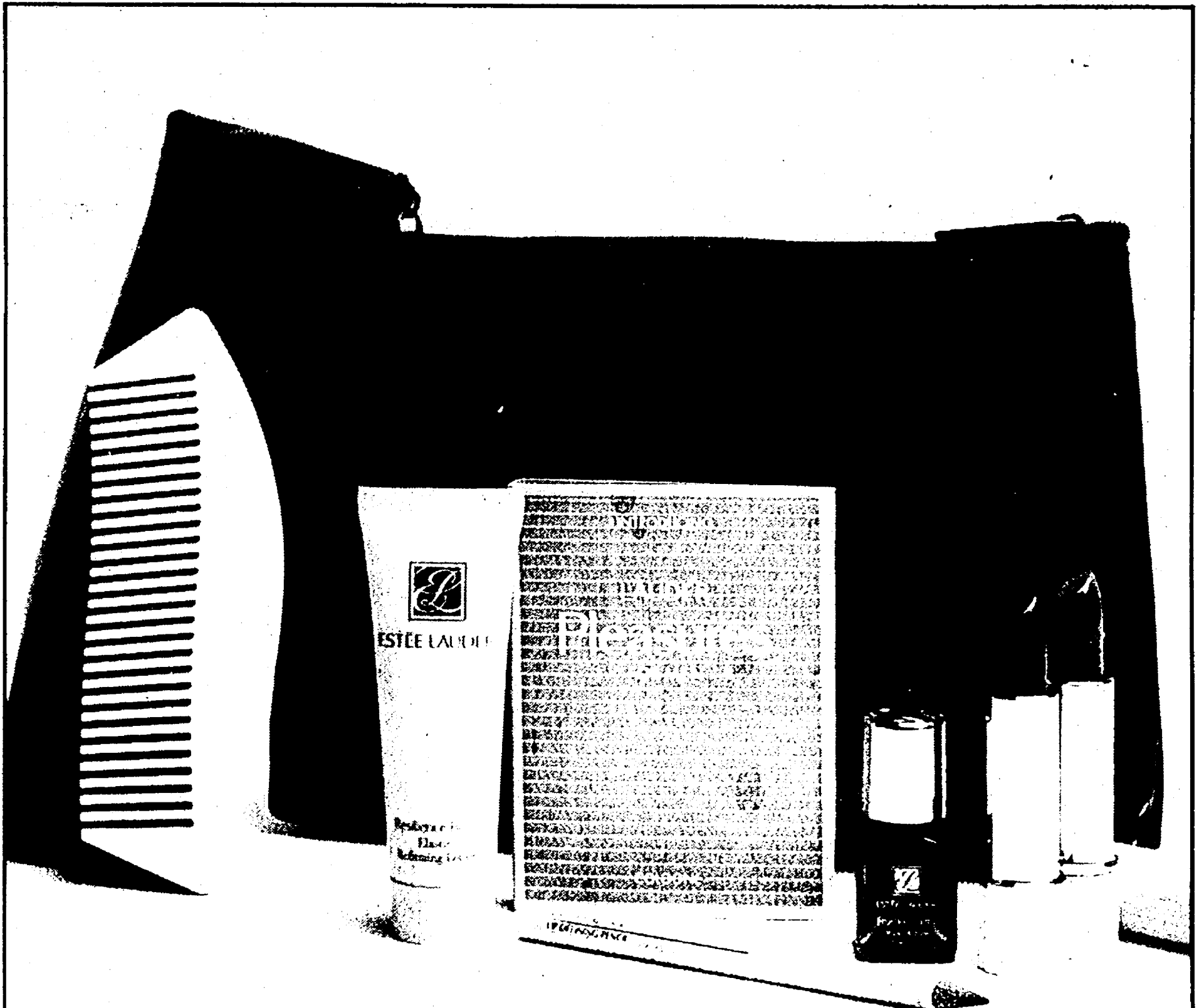
■ Add four "public" members to the MCCA governing board.

■ Require MCCA to follow the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts (two bills).

■ Subject MCCA to audits by the state auditor general, an appointee of the Legislature.

MCCA was created by state law 20 years ago to re-insure insurance companies for major injuries, such as closed-head injuries where a patient might

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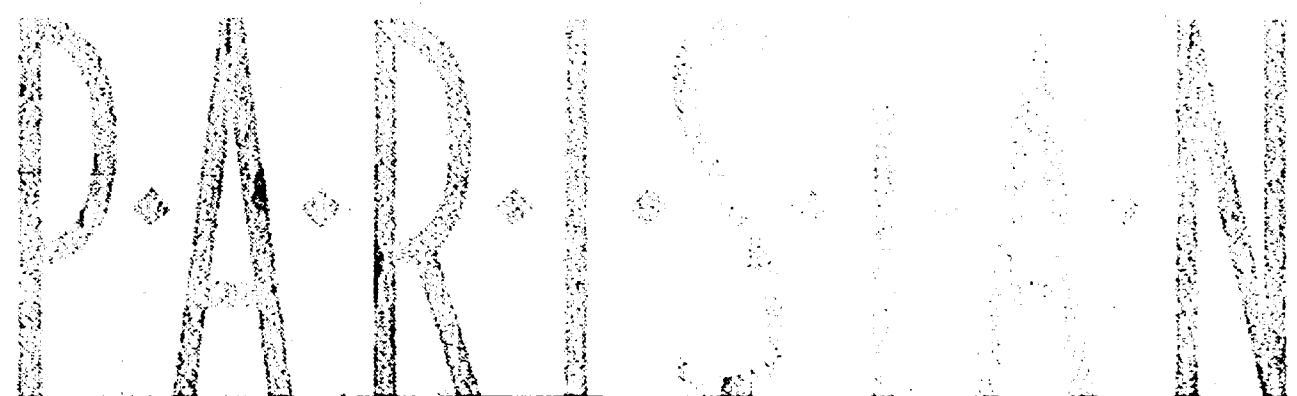
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linger at high cost for years. The companies assess six million vehicle owners \$5 to \$118 - an average of about \$15 per car - and pay the assessments to MCCA. Costs have escalated as more patients survive such crashes and require rehabilitative therapy.

Democrats argue the MCCA fee is a "tax," that MCCA is a state public body, that public oversight is needed. Gubow, in speeches and documents, never alleged any improprieties.

"In committee we never heard a reason for a change," said Law, a veteran Republican on the House Insurance Committee. "The members are financially responsible. There is no need to put on 'public' members."

On the auditing question, Law said, "The auditor general hasn't requested this. It's a \$40,000 waste of money."

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, said, "If you want to do something for the little guy, why not get rid of no-fault?" Michigan's no-fault insurance law requires owners to buy liability insurance, though in some areas it's common knowledge that 25 percent or more of drivers are

uninsured.

The key measure, to place four public appointees on the MCCA board, barely passed on a 56-51 vote with three absent. All area Democrats voted yes. All area Republicans voted no.

Rep. Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, tried to turn the tables on the Democrats with an amendment to make MESSA, the insurance administrator arm of the Michigan Education Association union, also subject to the Open Meetings Act.

"There's a big difference," Gubow replied. "MESSA was not created by the Legislature, and MCCA was."

"You mean MESSA has a PAC (political action committee) that gives money to Democrats and MCCA doesn't," Perricone shot back.

Perricone's amendment went down 48 to 50 with 12 not voting.

All area members who voted stuck with their parties - Republicans for the Perricone amendment, Democrats against.

Missing the vote were Democrats Bob Brown of Dearborn Heights, Law, and Deborah Whyman of Canton.

## School test bills win bipartisan support

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A bipartisan package of bills to improve the state High School Proficiency Tests got only token resistance as they sailed through the House of Representatives Oct. 15.

The Senate is expected to take them up fairly quickly so the state Department of Education can begin implementing changes before Jan. 1.

Despite legislative tinkering, Dorothy Beardmore, 13-year member of the State Board of Education, said the HSPT "is doing exactly what it was expected to do. The HSPT demonstrates that most Michigan students are doing well in these essential areas of learning."

The House-passed bills will:

- Shift test times from 11th

grade to first semester of the 12th grade, giving those who did poorly a chance to re-take the tests prior to graduation.

- Give test results and feedback to students and parents more promptly.

- Allow only Michigan teachers, trained for the purpose, to score "non-mechanical" portion of the tests.

- Show state endorsements in subject areas on a student's transcript, but not on the diploma.

- Instruct the State Board of Education to junk the rankings of "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" in favor of three categories indicating basic competency, above average and outstanding.

- Require school districts to address test scores in their improvement plans.

- Shorten testing time.

Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, voted against the key bill because the House rejected his amendment. Raczowski sought to keep the state endorsement information away from colleges and employers without the written consent of a parent, guardian or pupil (once he or she has reached age 18).

In the Farmington district, he said, "parents of students doing extremely well will be opting out of the tests. They don't want the scores on the transcript."

But that is exactly what the Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence wanted. MBLLEE argued for years that high school diplomas, with strictly local standards, showed only how many hours students spent in various classrooms - not what they learned. HSPTs

cover reading, writing, math and science.

Reps. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, also voted against some of the bills, which otherwise passed with more than 100 yes votes and two to five nay votes.

The bills were the work of the House Education Committee, which conducted hearings over the summer on complaints about the tests. Lead bill was sponsored by the committee chair, Rep. Sharon Gire, D-Clinton Township. Five bills were sponsored by Democrats, three by Republicans.

The Senate, which did not work on the HSPT separately, is expected to take up the bills with little controversy.

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## Learning to surf the net worth the trouble

Should I or shouldn't I become a web freak? There is so much information out there on the Internet. It's almost a must for a person like me who is always on the hunt for new and exciting recipes and food ideas to be plugged in.

There are lots of web sites to check out, including ones that deal with more traditional cuisine. I just heard about one that deals specifically with "Traditional Florentine and Tuscan Recipes and Wines."

Recently I subscribed to a newsletter called "Culinary Online." There are so many cool web sites to check out. Digital Chef has a huge archive of recipes from the people who popularized so many different types of produce - Freida's.

There are even web sites that deal with just heirloom seeds. If you're wondering what "heirloom" foods are, this web site defines them as "A valued possession passed down in a family through succeeding generations." Now that's a web site that deserves so recognition, Old World/New World, I just hope someone is saving the handwritten notes from their ancestors.

### Plugging in

It's the Old World/New World thing that I'm having trouble with. I'm a committed traditionalist (in a sense), and I'm just not quite ready for the "Super Highway." It's all too fast. Every time I make an attempt to plug in and cruise, I get frustrated. Maybe I just don't want to take the time to learn how to do this surfin' thing.

People suggest that I develop a web site for my restaurant, Emily's, telling me it will be good for business. But each time I try to listen to someone talk about how to proceed with this project, I get lost in a matter of seconds.

Could someone please tell me what a "cyber cafe" is? Can you really get coffee there? And does a "chat room" work?

When will someone invent a way to access all of these things without having to type? I'm the worst typist and always get elbow cramps.

What will happen to our food-stained, well-thumbed cookbooks if everything is on the computer? And you better not splash egg yolks into your hard drive.

On the up-side though, we can get access almost immediately to thousands of recipes from countless chefs and hundred of cookbooks. We can even get nutritional information on just about any recipe or ingredient.

Restaurant reviews are just a key-stroke away, and we can find just about any food magazine article on the web as well. People even suggest putting your PC in the kitchen so you will be able to monitor the kinds of Internet stuff your kids access.

Somehow, I think I will have to give in to the new age of communication and information access, but I have to learn to swim before I can go out there and surf with the big Kahuna.

### Appetizing sites

Here are some web sites to add to your file:

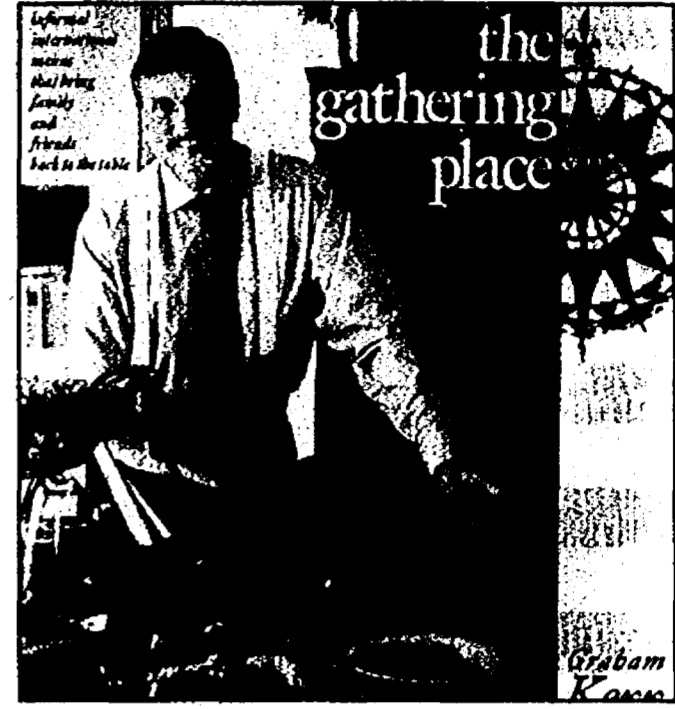
- www.digitalchef.com - Digital chef access to Culinary Institute of America recipes.
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For information on subscribing to the Culinary Online Newsletter, send email to [culinary@churchstreet.com](mailto:culinary@churchstreet.com). Rick Halberg, chef/owner of Emily's restaurant in Northville, lives in Farmington Hills with his family. He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Halberg is an extensive traveler and is known for his fine French-inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste. See recipe inside.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Specialty Foods Column
  - Local cooks share Faygo recipes

# Bring friends & family back to the table



Entertaining at home: Graham Kerr shares recipes, resources and ideas in his new book, "The Gathering Place."



Warming dish: Posole is an earthy stew inspired by Graham Kerr's visit to Acapulco.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Bringing people back to the table, where they can enjoy each other's company, support and a healthful meal, is Graham Kerr's latest crusade.

In a race against time, the former "Gallop Gourmet" shows readers how they can beat the clock with a little planning in "The Gathering Place: Informal International Menus That Will Bring Family and Friends Back to the Table" (Camano Press; \$27.95).

"Family should come first, followed by friends," he said convincingly. "Food and conversation make life worth living again. It's the glue that holds us together, and it's very fragile."

"I don't have enough time," is an excuse he won't buy. "We actually have more leisure time now than we did 10 years ago," he said. "So many people tell us 'you're out of time,' that we get to believe it."

Home Meal Replacement is the food industry term for meals to go, and their popularity is growing, but Kerr says there is no replacement for breaking bread with people we love.

"My goal is to inspire you to make casual gatherings a part of your life, again, but with a few twists," he said.

Tragedy forced life changes upon Kerr and his wife, Treena. In April 1971 he was partially paralyzed. Ironically, a vegetable truck hit the motor home he and his wife were traveling in. "I couldn't stand up for more than 20 minutes at a time," he said.

His doctor told him to buy a sailboat to help build his strength. At first he was seasick a lot and realized it was his high-fat diet. He changed to a very-low-fat diet, "and got disgustingly well."

"I get very, very keen on food for health," he said. Treena rebelled, complaining, "there's nothing to eat."

Kerr, admitted he did go a lit-

tle overboard, apologized and told Treena she could eat whatever she wanted. But in 1987 Treena had a small stroke; six months later she had a heart attack.

"They told her it was terminal," said Kerr. "I was thinking 'Why didn't I make her listen?' She was thinking 'Why didn't I listen to him?'"

Kerr analyzed Treena's food preferences this time using more "TACT" - taking taste, aroma, color and texture into consideration.

"Suddenly, food just took off for me and her," he said. Their journey toward health led to a cruise on the Cunard Lines' Queen Elizabeth II in 1996. On board, they shared their philosophy of healthy eating and balanced lifestyles in a series of seminars presented on the voyage, which took them halfway around the world.

On the trip they met "hundreds of people who were deeply interested in making healthful changes in their lives but didn't want to give up socializing with friends."

They also visited markets, cafes and homes exploring the foods, flavors and ingredients from different cultures.

"The Gathering Place" is the fruit of their labors. It's a family project. Treena took the travel photos, and their son Andy is the publisher.

Treena and Graham take readers to 13 ports of call. "Each menu includes an appetizer, main course, vegetable side dish and dessert," he said. Good hosts are concerned about the

needs of their friends. "There are vegetarian alternatives for every single dish," he said. "They're seasoned and presented in a way that doesn't make the person feel like an oddity. That's what you call being a good host."

Kerr's menus are designed for a dinner party of six. Planning is the key to making them work.

Please see GATHERING, B2

## Duckhorn Vineyards leads at charity auction



The Detroit International Wine Auction, aptly named for its global recognition, is a benefit for the Center for Creative Studies, one of the nation's leading arts education institutions. Each autumn, it serves as Michigan's premier wine event. Margaret and Dan Duckhorn of Napa Valley's Duckhorn Vineyards have lent their support to this year's event to be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at Detroit's General Motors Building. Founded in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards is located on a 10-acre parcel just north

of St. Helena in California's Napa Valley. Several families share ownership with the Duckhorns, who are responsible for management of the winery. The inaugural release in 1978 was the first bottling of the now-celebrated Duckhorn Three Palms Vineyard Merlot. Wine emphasis continues to be merlot, however exceptional cabernet sauvignon and our favorite Napa Valley sauvignon blanc are also bottled. Duckhorn purchases grapes from about 30 Napa Valley vineyards, including the great appellations of Howell Mountain and Carneros as well as some elevated benchland parcels. Duckhorn owns or directly controls 150 acres of prime vineyard land in the Napa Valley. But it is attention to detail that

has created the notoriety Duckhorn so well deserves. All grapes are hand picked and hand sorted prior to crushing. Veteran winemaker Tom Rinaldi has been with Duckhorn since 1978. He considers himself a traditionalist with the goal of producing elegant wines which are enjoyable in youth as well as being suitable for aging. And this he does! Dan Duckhorn acquired his passion for merlot in 1977 when he visited St. Emilion and Pomerol and became an admirer of the wines from Chateaux Pétrus, Ausone and Vieux Chateau Certan. We admire people with high benchmarks. Dan Duckhorn was



Arts supporters: Dan and Margaret Duckhorn, owners of Duckhorn Vineyards in Napa Valley and honorary chairpersons for the Detroit International Wine Auction.

Please see WINE, B2



# Flavorful stuffed peppers have ole! appeal

In addition to finding the New World, Christopher Columbus also "discovered" many foods. Tomatoes, potatoes, corn, squash and peppers were brought back to Europe to contribute new flavor and variety to Old World cooking. Now, according to a new international report sponsored by the American Institute for Cancer Research, we know that in addition to providing great flavor, these foods may also play a major role in lowering cancer risk and maintaining overall health.

*Food, Nutrition and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective* details the results of a three-year international study on the link between diet and cancer and stresses the importance to health of eating a wide variety of fruits and vegetables as part of a plant-based diet. While this may sound difficult, it's actually quite easy when you explore the many varieties of fruits and vegetables in your grocery store produce section.

Pumpkin, acorn and butternut are all varieties of squash that can contribute great flavor and fiber to any meal, whether simmered in stew, pureed and

mixed into bread batter, or stuffed with bread cubes, pine nuts, raisins and spices.

Peppers, in all shapes, colors and sizes, can be used to complement the flavors of many other foods. Red bell peppers have a rich, smoky quality when roasted and added to pasta. Baked poblano chile peppers provide a spicy, slow burn to rich fillings of beans, rice, cheese and eggs. Many Mexican dishes, such as fajitas, enchiladas, and tacos would seem incomplete without the fiery contribution of the small green pepper known as the jalapeno.

Roma, plum and beefsteak tomatoes can all be used to provide their own taste and texture to sauces, salsas and salads. Creamy stuffed cherry tomatoes make a special treat for your next festive occasion. Scoop out the centers of a dozen cherry tomatoes. In a small saucepan, simmer together one-third cup of tomato juice, minced celery leaves, slivered basil and salt and pepper. Process the mixture in a blender or food processor until smooth. Chill thoroughly before mixing in reduced-fat cream cheese and spooning into tomatoes.

Here's a recipe to try.

### MEXI-CALI STUFFED PEPPERS

- 3/4 lb. ground turkey breast (7oz.) can com, drained
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese with jalapenos, grated
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1 roma tomato, seeded, in 1/4-inch pieces
- 2 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 4 large red or green peppers, seeded and cut in half lengthwise
- 1 (8oz.) can tomato sauce

Reserve a quarter-cup of the cheese. In medium-sized bowl, combine the remaining cheese, turkey, com, onions, cilantro, tomato, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper. Fill each of the pepper halves with the meat mixture, placing them in a 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Pour the tomato sauce over the filling and cover the pan with foil. Bake at 350 degrees F. for one hour, or until the peppers are almost tender. Remove the foil and continue cooking, uncovered, for another 15 minutes.

During the last 5 minutes of cooking, top each pepper with a



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tablespoon of the reserved cheese. Return the pan to the oven and cook until the cheese is melted and

lightly browned. Each of the 4 servings contains 284 calories and 6 grams of fat.

**Festive fare:**  
*Mexi-Cali Green Peppers combines some of the best food that the New World has to offer.*

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## READER REQUESTS

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Three readers kindly answered Madeline of Westland's request for the Ozark Apple Pie recipe.

The recipe is a specialty at the Cozy Cafe in Plymouth. Adrienne Sander, Virginia Biskner and Lucille E. Broxholm responded to Madeline's request. Thanks for your help.

Our theme for Thanksgiving this year is - "Dish to Pass" -

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

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

Here's the Ozark Apple Pie

### recipe. OZARK APPLE PIE

- Crust**
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
  - Place 3 ounces crushed walnuts in bottom of crust
  - Place 2 peeled and sliced apples on walnuts

- Filling**
- Mix well in blender
  - 3 eggs

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Pour mixture over apple slices. Bake 10 minutes at 450 degrees, then reduce to 350 degrees F. for 35-45 minutes, or until golden brown.

If using a convection oven bake at 300 degrees F. for 35-40 minutes. Serve warm and topped with vanilla ice cream.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste, Entertainment, and Arts & Leisure sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

# Ready to roll tips for easy pie pastry

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pastry-making requires practice. The following tips can help the aspiring pie baker create a perfect crust:

- Use the minimum amount of water necessary to hold dough together.
- Keep handling of the dough to a minimum.
- Start with cold ingredients.
- Chill pastry before rolling and chill pastry briefly before baking.

■ The amount of liquid necessary for pastry preparation should be sufficient to just barely form a dough, but not a wet and sticky dough.

■ Cooling and resting pastry dough before rolling out allows the gluten in flour to relax, thus making rolling easier.

■ Roll out the dough from the center outward, to a depth of about 1/8th inch. A toothpick that has been previously marked at makes a quick and easy mea-

sure for determining uniform thickness of pastry.

■ Roll pastry dough 1 inch to 2 inches wider than the pie pan you will be using. This is easily measured by turning pie pan upside down on the pastry, then cutting a circle 1 inch to 2 inches larger than the pan.

■ Transferring pastry dough to pie pan/plate is made easier by rolling dough loosely onto rolling pin and then slowly unrolling into pie plate.

■ Avoid stretching dough when pressing into pie pan to minimize shrinkage.

■ Cooling and resting pastry dough before baking will help avoid shrinkage during baking.

■ Tears in the pastry are easily repaired using pastry scraps.

■ Well-wrapped, unfilled pastry (raw or baked) will keep in the freezer for up to 2 months.

Tips from: Northwest Blueberries

# Halloween snack: kiwi green goblin pudding

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a fun Halloween snack, serve Kiwi Green Goblin Pudding. The pudding is made with instant vanilla pudding, tinted with green food coloring. Sliced kiwifruit are used for goblin "hair" and "eyes." Raisins or chocolate chips are used to shape the mouth.

**KIWI GREEN GOBLIN PUDDING**  
5 to 6 kiwifruit

- Instant vanilla pudding
- Green food coloring
- 1 cup raisins or chocolate chips

Slice kiwifruit, leaving skin intact. Cut slices of kiwifruit in half, set aside. Prepare instant pudding. Add 2 to 3 drops of green food coloring until desired shade is reached. Pour pudding into four dessert bowls.

Place kiwifruit slices along top edges of bowls with skin side up (for goblin hair). Place two half or quarter kiwifruit slices onto pudding (for eyes). Place raisins or chocolate chips on pudding in the

shape of a mouth. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from: California Kiwifruit Commission

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**Dentistry in the 90s**  
by Herbel M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

**HELPING WOMEN AVERT TOOTH LOSS**

Women commonly experience tooth loss as they get older. On average, women lose about 12 permanent teeth by age 65, and about half of women over the age of 75 have lost all their teeth. The good news is that older women may be able to avert tooth loss by engaging in hormone replacement therapy. This notion is based on analysis of the records of nearly 500 women between the ages of 72 and 95 who participated in the Framingham Heart Study. It was found that those who used hormone therapy at some time retained more of their teeth than women who never took replacement hormones.

The longer women took the hormones, the fewer teeth they lost.

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## Q & A

### Jeffrey solves beauty puzzles

Q. What is beauty?

A. Beauty to me has always been someone doing the most with what she has. In other words, someone who is beautifully groomed (hands, feet, fragrance, hair).

Go to a professional to determine the look that best suits you. Ignore the faddish, and develop a classic look that will show you at your best,

#### BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

and give a signal as to how you feel about yourself, and what kind of person you are. Consider your appearance to be your business card, since your terrific personality is not the first thing that people see.

When you think of beauty, most of you will think of the Michelle Pfeiffers, the Candice Bergens, etc., and while these are great women to look at, I'm more intrigued by women like Angelica Huston and Paloma Picasso. In Paloma's case, this is not a stereotypical beauty, but she does the most with what she was given, and has developed a wonderful style. With somebody like Angelica, you just know that she will look outstanding in 20 or even 40 years.

Q. I have read that the older you get, the less make-up you should wear. Any truth to this?

A. Now what do you expect me to say? If make-up is designed to cover flaws, and to accentuate the positive, then it stands to reason that the older you are the more help you will need. You will probably need more foundation, more powder, but you will need to apply it better, otherwise everyone will look at what you are trying to cover up.

When a client calls me for a make-over, I always tell them "If you are coming to me to be made up, save your money and stay home. If you're coming to learn how to do your make-up, or to update your make-up, then we're on the same wavelength."

Q. There are so many "rules" about makeup. I have read some in magazines, and heard "experts" on TV. How do I know who to believe?

A. Consider the source. Credentials are everything. I remember Marilyn Turner asked the same question of me on Kelly and Co. I said, "Look at the work. Is it something I can carry off? Does it look like a made-up face, or will I look like myself, only better?" If you keep that in mind, then you can evaluate any of the so-called rules that you come across.

Q. How do I find a good plastic surgeon? What is the latest in surgical techniques?

A. I received a few questions about this subject, and I have combined them into one answer. As many of you already know, I am a big proponent of cosmetic surgery, having undergone some myself, but I am not qualified to give you specific advice. I would rather you auditioned a few surgeons that you have had recommended to you. I will tell you though that great work is being done locally, and that it is no longer necessary to go to New York City or California to get the best results.

Q. Do you do makeovers yourself, or do you rely on your salons?

A. The answer is both. I still visit many locations around the Detroit area, and have great trained staff in each of the salons to carry out the work. This year I have also been doing the work myself, in the privacy of one of the suites at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

I usually do two sessions a day, and while they are not one-on-one, I restrict the number of women to five at each session. I personally make you up, teach you how to do it yourself, involve you in a detailed skin care lesson, and then make suggestions about your hair, style, color, cut, perm, etc. In answer to your next question, the minimum purchase is \$125, all of which goes towards any Jeffrey Bruce aloe-based products used on you that day.

For more information, or to book a private makeup session with Jeffrey, call 1-800-944-6588.

## Spooky things are happening at the malls this week!



**Bewitching magic:** Doug Scheer helps Gruzelda (a witch school dropout) learn to fly. Catch the complimentary stage act, Saturday, Oct. 25 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on the Fountain Stage in Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. See the Added Attractions calendar below for a complete run-down on mall holiday events in this issue and next Sunday, Oct. 26. Many of the local shopping centers will welcome trick or treaters, plus offer puppet shows, sing-a-longs and costume parades to round out seasonal festivities.

## Discount card aids families in poverty

The Lovelight Foundation, established in 1993 to develop programs that work to alleviate poverty issues for women and children, partnered with the Somerset Collection in Troy to begin its first major fund-raiser — The Power Card.

Modeled after a successful fund-raiser developed by The Family Place, a Dallas-based non-profit, The Power Card creates a win-win-win situation.

Shoppers purchase The Power Card for \$50 (all of which goes to benefit the Lovelight Foundation programs) and then for a one-week period, Power Card holders receive a 20 percent discount on regularly priced merchandise at more than 60 participating Somerset Collection retailers and restaurants. Meanwhile, retailers will enjoy an increase in pre-holiday sales.

According to Lovelight co-founders Julie Fisher Cummings, Denise Ilitch Lites and Susan Stoner Kleinpell, consider the numbers one Dallas merchant experienced during the promotion held in the same week of November each year

beginning in 1993: \$186,000 in sales in first year; \$282,000 in second; \$397,000 in third, and during the final hour of the 1996 promotion: \$28,000 in sales — the equivalent of a typical full Saturday in the summer.

This is the first year that both the Lovelight Foundation and the Somerset Collection have been involved in a program of this nature, and this is the first promotion of its kind in the state of Michigan.

The Power Card may be purchased now through Oct. 25 from the concierge desk at the mall, or by calling the Lovelight Foundation (313) 874-2100. Cards will be ready for pick up from the concierge desk to be redeemed at participating Somerset Collection retailers from Oct. 25-Oct. 31.

The Lovelight Foundation expects to sell 3,000 Power Cards to raise \$150,000 for programs like Camp Bold Eagle, Share Our Strength Kids Upfront and Summer Grow and Learn Camps.

**The Lovelight Foundation expects to sell 3,000 Power Cards to Somerset Collection shoppers by Oct. 25 to raise \$150,000 for its programs.**

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

### SUNDAY, OCT. 19

#### Photo Exhibit

Monte Nagler's work on display throughout the mall until Oct. 26. A student of the late Ansel Adams, Nagler is currently a photography teacher and author of two books on the subject. Meadowbrook Village Mall. Walton/Adams. Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 23

#### Charity Shopping Day

Liz Claiborne and Elisabeth Shops nationwide will donate 10-percent of today's sales from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. to benefit local domestic violence agencies. In addition, through October, the stores have two items (a \$25 silver bracelet and a T-shirt, \$10) for sale with all proceeds going to programs that address domestic issues. This marks the 6th year this event has taken place. Somerset Collection South. Troy. Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi. (248) 649-4343.

#### Designer visits

Jewelry designer Lisa Jenks greets Tapper's shoppers during regular business hours. Orchard Mall, Maple/Orchard Lake. West Bloomfield. (248) 932-7700.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 24

#### Lily bulb sale

Michigan Regional Lily Society bulb sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Repeated Oct. 25 from 9-4:30 p.m. Congregational Church of Birmingham. Woodward at Cranbrook.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

(248) 626-2449.

#### Pumpkinfest

5th annual party with fun for the family through Oct. 26. Olde World Canterbury Village. 1-75 exit #83. Off Joslyn. Lake Orion. (248) 391-5700.

#### Annual Antiques Show

More than 30 dealers offer items through Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. Admission \$5. Gift boutique, bake sale. Franklin Community Church. Wellington. (248) 851-5438.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 25

#### Final week for Farmer's Market

Both downtown Plymouth and Farmington offer fresh produce, bakery goods, flowers and herbs, plus much more through today. Hot coffee in Plymouth's gathering across from Kellogg Park. Plymouth. Ann Arbor Trail/Main. (313) 453-1540. Farmington. Grand River/east of Farmington.

#### Gardens host fall sale

Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary presents its 25th annual fall sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with natural wreaths, potpourri, hand-painted ball ornaments, spring and forcing balls, boutique items, orchids, cacti, and exotic greenhouse plants. Gardening author Marty Hair will be on hand for book signing. Proceeds help maintain the surrounding 40 acres. 380 Lone Pine. Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3149.

#### Family Fun

Magic of Doug Scheer and his sidekick Gruzelda with lessons on studying hard and good habits. 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the mall's Fountain Court. Free.

part of October Saturday's Family FunCentral series. Series also includes morning breakfast and movie, tap dancing lessons through Oct. 25: 1 p.m. (5-8 year-olds) 2 p.m. (9-14 year-olds) 3 p.m. (all others) on mall's lower level near Hudson's; Arts & Scraps project on lower level near Lord & Taylor Court.

Fairlane Town Center. Michigan/Southfield Fwy. (313) 593-1370.

#### Kids Halloween project

Children invited to make a fun craft to take home 1-3 p.m. in H Court. Supplies courtesy of mall merchants.

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 476-1160.

#### Kids holiday fun

Jacobson's hosts costume parade at 1 p.m. with a magic show following at 2 p.m. in mall's Center Court. Children receive a pumpkin with each garment purchase.

Great Oaks Mall. Livernois/Walton. Rochester Hills. (248) 651-6000.

#### Men's designer visits

Meet Alan Flusser presenting his made-to-measure fall collection at Saks Fifth Avenue 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-9000.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 26

#### Spooktacular Band Performance

Farmington Community Band performs with Halloween hijinks at 3 p.m. Free concert. Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi. Novi. (248) 348-9438.

## Planner stores take on life issues

The new "Franklin Covey 7 Habits Store" chain (formerly known as Franklin Quest) is being refocused and expanded to provide a wide selection of products the company calls "tools for effective living."

Their "whole life" approach to merchandising includes inspirational and motivational books, tapes, posters and greeting cards that can help consumers improve all areas of their lives — not just in business or at the office.

Locally the 7 Habits Stores can be found at: Twelve Oaks, Novi; Briarwood, Ann Arbor; Lakeside, Sterling Heights; Somerset Collection North, Troy; Troy Corners, and Fairlane Meadows, Dearborn.

Rarely can a business organization claim their clients are "passionate" about their products, but Franklin Covey points to the results of a recent survey "America Speaks," which reveals that 92 percent of Americans long for a return to ethics and personal responsibility.

To further the cause, the 7 Habits Stores will carry, not only the combined product lines of the former Franklin Quest Co. and Covey Leadership Center organizations, but will also stock an additional 300 products from other sources.

Renowned authors such as Tom Peters (The Pursuit of WOW), Peter Senge (The Fifth Discipline), John Gray (Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus), and Dr. Laura Schlesinger (10 Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives) are among many others who will be featured in the new Franklin Covey 7 Habits Store.

"The important difference is that all our products will reflect the Franklin Covey belief in the power of principles to improve your life," explained Stephen Covey, CEO. "Our research shows that ethics and character are highly regarded. People want to keep their promises. They want to be more organized.

"They feel that parents need to spend more time with their children. They want to be better prepared for the roles they play in life. And they want to give back to their communities. At the same time, people — especially women — feel they don't have enough time."

Franklin Covey Company provides solutions to help individuals and organizations use proven principles to increase effectiveness, build trust, improve performance, and strengthen relationships. They develop and distribute intellectual property products, training and educational services, and train more than 750,000 people each year.

More than 15 million people use Franklin organizers, planners and training products printed in 28 languages throughout the world.

# Pair's gift baskets are filled with stylish goodies

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

You just closed on your dream home. You're broke, but jubilant. As you turn the key and walk into the hall, a beautiful gift basket full of cleaning products, plastic bags, paper towels and a colorful dish towel that reads "Home Sweet Home" greets you. What a wonderful surprise from your real estate agent.

And, what a fun way to make a living for the two clever women behind The Giving Spirit Ltd. a gift basket company located in Plymouth's Old Village.

Barb Levengood of Plymouth took a buyout from Sears eight years ago to start the company from her basement. She was joined a few years later by partner Cecilia Hinske of Canton. Together they grew the company into a successful business that not only creates custom gift baskets, but packages gift selections for Michigan manufacturers like Win Shulers, Sanders and Strohs.

"People just love to receive Open and Eat baskets full of treats," Hinske said. "They make the perfect gift after funerals, for office parties, when you bring the new baby home. We have gifts from \$4 (like mugs filled with sweets for teachers) on up

to infinity. We can accommodate all taste levels and we welcome challenges."

The pair estimate they sell between 3,000 and 4,000 gift baskets each year. The front room of their "shop" at 748 Starkweather serves as a showroom and the back room is an assembly area with coolers that keep perishables fresh until delivery.

Their professional customers include business folk, real estate agents, attorneys and builders who want gift baskets to thank clients. They can offer walk-in customers pre-packaged selections or create special baskets full of unique items from their shelves.

When a Mary Kay Cosmetics saleswoman needed product baskets for her clients, The Giving Spirit came to the rescue with packages so pretty in pink.

They recently opened a website in the Internet and were amazed to receive their first overseas order from a woman in Brussels, Belgium.

"Watch onlookers whenever a delivery man brings a gift basket to an office," advised Barb. "Everyone follows him to see who's getting the goodies. It's such a festive moment. You just can't beat a basket filled with

interesting items when you're in doubt about what to give someone."

The women attend gift basket conferences to stay current in the field, and have even won industry awards for their creations.

This year in Chicago they captured honors for the Polar Bear Express design created by Barb for the holidays. At \$250, the presentation makes a delightful gift for either grandma or grandson, with a big white stuffed Polar Bear sitting in a train-shaped basket filled with cookies, candies, drink mixes and a copy of the kid's classic "The Polar Express."

A great homecoming gift might be The Italian Dinner Basket. It's lined with red and white plaid towels holding breadsticks, a jar of Ragu sauce, Mueller's spaghetti and Wishbone salad dressing. Any college student would appreciate the laundry tub filled with popcorn, soft drinks and crackers.

All baskets are filled with American-made food products. Bottles of alcoholic beverages like wine or Bailey's Irish Cream must be furnished by the giver.

For delivery in time for the holidays, orders should be placed soon. Inquiries are welcome at (313) 459-4506.



PHOTOS BY LEZ CARRERA

All wrapped up: Barb Levengood (left) and Cecilia Hinske (right) design and sell gift baskets for all occasions at The Giving Spirit in Plymouth's Old Village.



Award winner: The Polar Bear Express basket, designed by Levengood, sells for \$250 in time for the holidays.

## Volunteers are needed for parade

The 15th annual Livonia Holiday Parade, co-sponsored by the Livonia Mall, needs floats, clowns, bands, inflatables and marching units for "Christmas Wishes" this year's theme, set for Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at Six Mile and Middlebelt. The parade will march down Middlebelt to Seven Mile. Corporations, businesses or groups with floats could win the float contest earning \$1,500 for first place; \$1,000 for second place; and \$500 for third place. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

## Where can I find?

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

### What we found:

- The old board game Park and Shop for Karen King of Livonia.
- Oversized mailboxes, can

be ordered from the catalog "Improvements" 1-800-642-2112.

- A reader said Spode items are sold on QVC 1-800-345-1515.

- Several readers offered old Password games for Mary of Plymouth.

- An antique dental cabinet for Loretta.

- Callers said Tackle with bleach is available at Hollywood Markets and Danny's Markets.

- A white, fabric Power Ranger costume with the gold mask is on sale at Payless Groceries on Middlebelt in Livonia.

### Still searching for:

- This oldie is back again! A laundry bag that attaches to the ceiling chute and has a zippered bottom to remove dirty clothes.

- A place that buys gently-used bridesmaid gowns for Nancy of Canton.

- A Lion King lithograph for Nancy Nettie.

- Angel Face powered foundation by Pond's in the blue container for Pat Russo, Canton.

- A toaster oven cover for Colleen Odom.

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Common types of intentional torts include assault (raising the fear of imminent attack) and battery (making physical contact in an offensive manner), as well as fraud, conversion (stealing another person's property), false imprisonment, libel, and slander. Another kind of intentional tort occurs when a person causes emotional stress in another through his or her outrageous conduct. This tort is known as intentional infliction of emotional distress and those who engage in it are liable for damages.

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### 54.99-79.99

**Men's selected casual shoes, walking shoes and boots** from Bass, Rockport and Timberland. Reg. 65.00-110.00. IN MEN'S SHOES D29, ALL STORES EXCEPT DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

### 36.99

**Boys' Polartec® jacket.** In sizes 4-20. Reg. 50.00. IN CHILDREN'S D67,68, ALL STORES EXCEPT DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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**Fall fleece sets and sweaters for infants, toddlers and girls.** From Babycrest and Radishes & Roses. Reg. 24.00-40.00, sale 18.00-30.00.

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promises to be extra special. Dozens of delicious entrees, desserts and salads may be enjoyed in a festive atmosphere. This program sells out every year. To order your tickets, call Sue Parce, (313) 495-0538. Adults, \$8; children (ages 2-12) \$3. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. at the Metropolitan Adventists School Gymnasium, 15585 Haggerty (north of Five Mile Road).

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

**TUE, NOV. 25**  
**PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS**  
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

**SAT, DEC. 2**  
**FREE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4-8 p.m. (Walk-in).

**THUR, DEC. 4**  
**PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS**  
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Romulus at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

**MON, DEC. 8**  
**PEDIATRIC BASIC LIFE**

**MON, DEC. 22**  
**PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS**  
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**JAN. 8, 12-16, 20, 1998**  
**BREATH-FREE STOP SMOKING**  
This seven day stop smoking program has helped more people in the Detroit metro area kick the cigarette smoking habit. Join the Livonia Breath-Free Stop Smoking Program (join the non-smoking majority) Jan. 8, 12-16 and 20th of 1998 at the Livonia City Hall Complex, Library Auditorium, 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. All classes start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call, (313) 466-2540.

**MONTHLY**  
**CELIAC SPRUE SUPPORT**  
Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support Group is a support group for persons who have been diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis, their families, spouses and friends. Monthly meetings include information on testing, ideas for children and information from professionals at the Southfield Presbyterian Church located at 21575 West 10 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For further information call M. Campbell (810) 477-5953 or E. Lobbstagi (313) 522-8522.

**MONDAYS**  
**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
Screenings are sponsored by St. Mary Hospital 1-3 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the main lobby off of Five Mile near Levan. There is no fee. The hospital also offers screenings noon to 2 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, near Sheldon Road and Main. Blood pressure screening is offered 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Target, on Haggerty south of Eight Mile in Livonia, and 8-10 a.m. the second Monday of the month at Wonderland Mall at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads. For information, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

**TUESDAYS**  
**CHOLESTEROL SCREENING**  
You can have your cholesterol tested the first Tuesday of every month at Garden City Hospital lobby between noon and 2 p.m.; \$5 fee.  
**SURVIVING CANCER**  
A program for young adults ages 20-40 facing cancer treatment and recovery will meet 6-7:30 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Lathrup Village office, 18831 W. 12 Mile,

west of Southfield Road. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For information, call (810) 294-4432 or Karen Ruwoldt, (810) 543-6330.

**BREASTFEEDING**  
Maternal Expressions of Livonia will hold classes for new and expectant mothers who are looking for help getting breastfeeding off to a good start. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at 9619 Newburgh, Livonia. Participants will also receive support to help keep up with breastfeeding and active lifestyles. For information, call (313) 462-4820.

**MODERATION MANAGEMENT**  
Moderation Management is a support group for people who want to reduce their drinking and make positive lifestyle changes. It is not intended for alcoholics. The group meets 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Marge Brown Room of the Universalist Church, 25301 Halsted, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. For information, call (313) 677-6007.

**BLOOD PRESSURE**  
Free blood pressure screenings are offered noon to 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, between Ford and Warren roads in Garden City. The hospital also offers blood pressure testing for seniors 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriam. The hospital offers an array of health-related programs.

**HEARING**  
Free hearing testing is offered noon to 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren roads.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**DIABETES SUPPORT**  
Garden City Hospital holds diabetes support meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussions.  
**FAMILY SUPPORT**

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a free Mental Health Family Support Group meeting from 2-3 p.m. on the fifth floor of the main hospital near the Five Mile entrance. The weekly meeting provides education and support services to friends and family members of those suffering from mental disorders. Call (313) 655-2944 or 1-800-494-0277 to register.

**DIABETES SUPPORT**  
Adult patients and family members can attend a support group 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Registration not required; no fee.

**CANCER SUPPORT**  
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## Project engineer

**Heather L. Shymanski, P.E.**, of Livonia joined Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM) as a project engineer for the Livonia firm.

The newest member of OHM's Hydrology/Hydraulics Group, Shymanski recently completed a flooding monitoring study for the city of Farmington Hills and is currently working on a flow monitoring study for Van Buren Township.

## Paton winners

**Matthew J. Krizan** of Westland recently scored high on the Uniform CPA Exam and was presented with the Paton Award for high achievement. He earned

the highest cumulative scores on all four sections of the May Uniform CPA Exam on his first sitting.

Krizan is a University of Michigan - Dearborn graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree who committed himself to high distinction as a student and while studying for the exam. He is presently a staff accountant at Edwards, Koshiw, Melton & Co., PC in Troy.

## Accounts manager

**Mike Heidebrink** of Redford has been named special accounts manager for Canton-based Rudolph/Libbe Inc. Michigan Operations. He will be responsible for industrial and commercial construction projects under \$1 million.

"Rudolph/Libbe is one of only a few major construction firms that self perform on smaller projects," said Heidebrink. "For our customers that means every job

we do, no matter how small, is backed by the resources and expertise of a large company."

Heidebrink has managed projects for BASF, Detroit Edison, Domino's Farms, Parke-Davis, IMPC and Ford Motor Company.

## President named

**Doug Watson, PE**, president of Wade-Trim of Plymouth, was named president of the American Consulting Engineers Council of Michigan. As president, Watson will manage the council and preside over meetings for the council, board of directors, and the executive committee. He will also assign administrative responsibility for committees to board members and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

Watson has been actively involved in the ACEC for 11 years and has served in many capacities.

## Senior accountant

**Christine Hoppe** of Livonia has been promoted to the position of senior staff accountant at the Southfield location of the certified public accounting firm of Follmer, Rudzewicz & Company,

P.C. Her previous position was staff accountant.

Hoppe joined the firm in January of 1996 as a junior accountant with one prior internship as well as bookkeeping experience. She specializes in taxation.

Hoppe currently resides in Livonia with her husband Jeffrey and daughter Alicia.

## Alumni appointment

**Dana C. Morris** of Westland has been elected to the board of directors of the 22,000 member Alumni Association of Lawrence Technological University. The directors are responsible for guiding the association's variety of social, cultural and educational programs.

Morris is a senior data network engineer at Blue Cross & Blue Shield. He is involved yearly with the Accounting Aid Society in preparing taxes for low income people, through the federal program of Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

## New leadership

**Frank A. Ray** of Livonia, AIA, president/CEO of Nordstrom Samson Associates (NSA) has been given the additional

responsibilities of chairman. When co-founder and former chairman Richard Nordstrom retired from the board in August 1997, Ray, now the majority shareholder, was given the additional responsibilities of chairman.

Ray, who has been president since August 1996, became president/CEO in April 1997 and joined NSA in 1983 and became a partner in 1992. Prior to being elected president, he served as vice president and director of architecture and project management.

Frank, his wife Mary Lou, and three sons, Scott Frank Jr. and Patrick reside in Livonia. He has been responsible for successfully managing a large number of architectural projects in the automotive, education and utility sectors.

Following his appointment, Ray announced that the senior team of shareholders which will

assist him in managing and guiding NSA includes **Michael Serdiuk** of Plymouth, vice president Technology Systems; and **Peter J. Albertson**, vice president Quality Systems, Northville.

Serdiuk, a native of Detroit, resides locally with his wife Alexandra and their daughter Natalie.

Albertson and his wife Mary, reside in Northville. Their grown children, Eric and Laurie are both living away from home attending Michigan universities.



Ray



Serdiuk



Albertson

## MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

## New office

**Ed Blazo**, agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, is opening a new office in Westland effective Nov. 3.

The new office, located at 810 North Wayne in Westland is just minutes from expressways and will have a drop box for payments. Blazo will be joined in his new office by agent Mark Patterson and together they will be providing insurance service for auto, home, life, health, business, annuities and related insurance needs. They may be reached at (313) 641-4000.



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## OCT. 20-23

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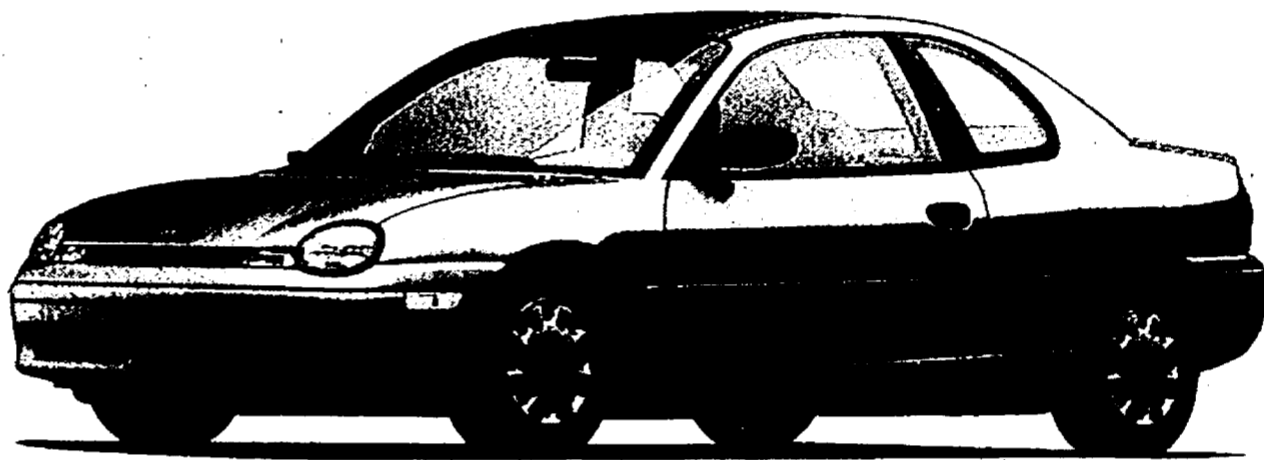
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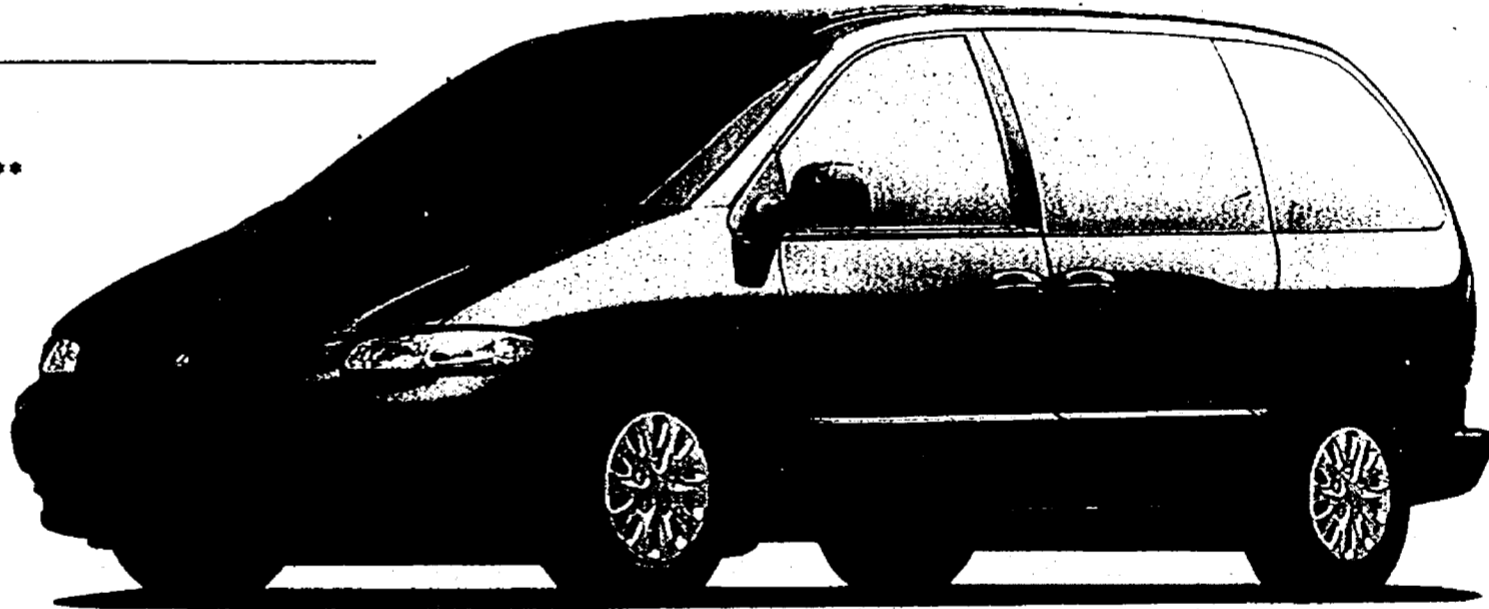
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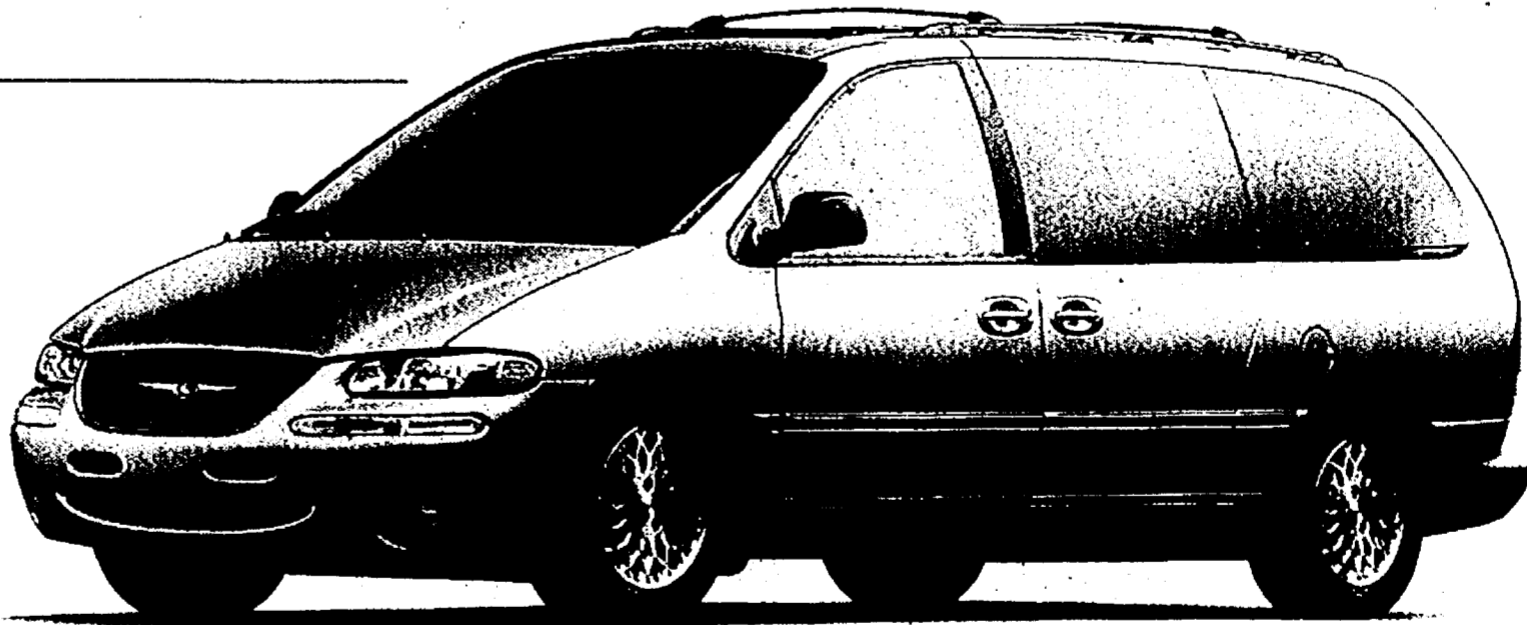
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Franciscans celebrate creativity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For a millennium, the subject matter of all art was religious. Not until the late 16th century did artists such as Caravaggio begin to conceive images of humans as focal points. Out of favor for the last few centuries, religious art is making a resurgence.

Sister Mary Frances Lewandowski probably will never create art without a religious theme. She is one of a dozen Franciscan Brothers, Sisters and priests exhibiting art works in "The Creative Spirit of St. Francis" continuing through Friday, Oct. 31 in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library wing at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia. The university scheduled the exhibit in October because Oct. 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, known not only for his love of animals, but also for his



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Friend of the animals:** Sister Mary Frances Lewandowski is one of the Franciscans exhibiting in "The Creative Spirit of St. Francis." In the background, is a silver monstrance by Sister Mary Alphonsa Van Overberghe.

creative talent, especially writing. Contemporary crucifixes crafted from wood, a terra cotta sculpture of St. Francis with a bird and a wood crucifix with an image so stirring it sends a shiver up your spine - these are a few of the paintings, sculptures, prints and mixed media exhibited in the show.

### Rich tradition

"The exhibit is simple and modest yet shows the rich tradition of religious artists," said Sister Lewandowski. "All of these things are happening and the world doesn't know about it. This is work people would not normally see. These artists don't work to show."

Lewandowski, who is researching religious women artists to complete studies at Wayne State University for a master's degree in art, was amazed to find nuns not only creating art but taking credit for it.

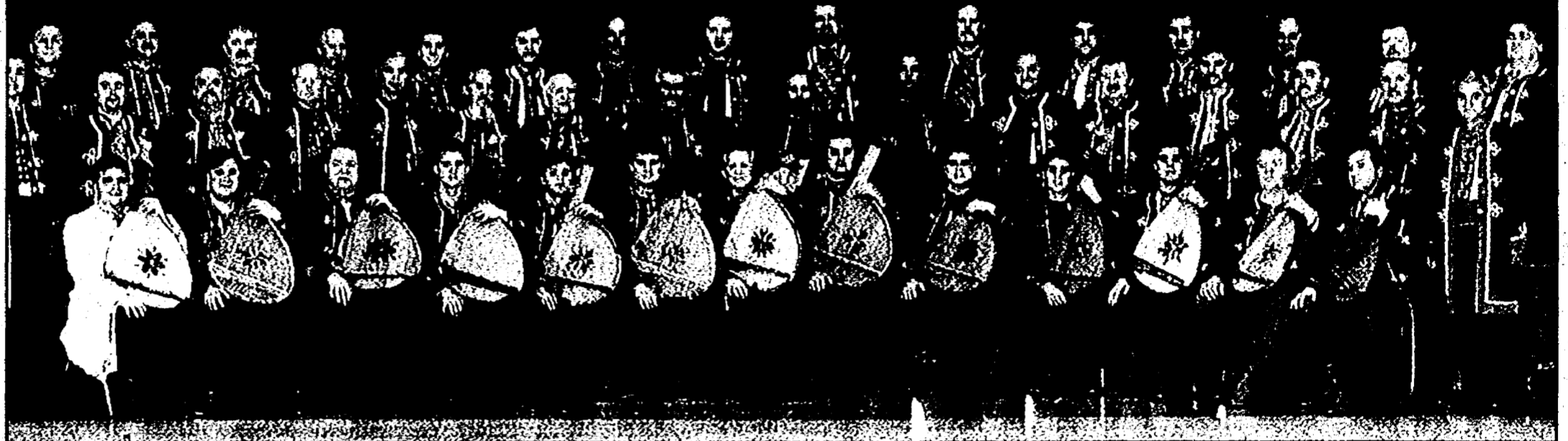
"When I began I thought of the art as something not upheld," said Sister Lewandowski. "In the 13th and 14th century women were doing illuminated manuscripts so it was common to see their work, but they weren't associating their names to it. But I discovered, now they do. I found sisters painting and creating sculpture, and signing their names."

Lewandowski signs CSSF after her name. She is adamant about acknowledging the fact she is of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice.

"I sign my work not that I'm identified but it's a form of expressing what I stand for," said Sister Lewandowski.

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# LOVE OF SONG, COUNTRY BRINGS BANDURISTS TOGETHER



**Bandura Chorus:** On the final stop of their 1997 tour, the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America, brings the centuries-old tradition of the bandurists to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

**S**talin nearly exterminated Ukrainian bandurists in the early 1930s, but as it has since the 12th century, the spirit of the people's music lives on.

Today, the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America preserves and perpetuates the tradition and culture of the country known as the breadbasket of the world. The bandurists, who brought their music to America in 1949, have performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. They now have five cassettes and three CDs, one of the latest releases was recorded in 1991 in Kiev during a three week tour of northern and central Ukraine. The following year, the chorus received Ukraine's highest cultural award, the Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian State Award for musical achievement. The chorus returned to southern Ukraine for a two week tour in 1994.

"It was an eye opener," said Wladimir Murha, a Livonia bandurist, who became involved with the music in the 1980s. "Some are still stagnating in the Soviet system, while others smelled the taste of freedom." "The first tour we couldn't sing the national anthem but we ended each concert with it anyway," added chorus president Arnold Birko of Livonia. "We also sang religious hymns."

In early October, 45 chorus members from Livonia, Plymouth, Troy, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Rochester Hills, Toronto, Chicago, New York and Ohio traveled to the East Coast and Canada for a concert tour. On Saturday, Nov. 1 the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America performs religious, traditional minstrel and folk songs, Ukrainian contemporary songs, and American songs at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

"We're trying to maintain the tradition of playing bandura, because of communism it's been lost there," said Marko Farion, a Troy dentist and chorus member for more than 20 years. "A lot of people in the area are of Ukrainian heritage and still like to hear this," said Farion.

The multi-stringed bandura, a cross between a harp and lute, is the national musical instrument of Ukraine. Murha began taking lessons at age 12 at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Detroit where he eventually joined a youth ensemble. He

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Conductor Oleh Mahlay

joined the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America in 1966.

"Ukrainian parents usually say, take something cultural like Ukrainian dance," said Murha, whose 19-year old son Anatoli is a member of the chorus. "It's a way of continuing the culture."

Conductor Oleh Mahlay traveled from Cleveland to lead the chorus in their final rehearsal before the Nov. 1 concert.

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Under Stalin, artists and intellectuals were arrested, exiled or executed to eradicate Ukrainian culture. The bandurists' ideals of God, truth, freedom, and human dignity were seen as a threat to the newly-formed Soviet Union.

"On the pretext of attending a convention, Stalin in 1933-34 herded hundreds of bandurists into a

field and shot them," said Mahlay.

In 1935, the remaining members were forced to reorganize as the Soviet State Bandurist Chorus. Three years later, Hnat Khotevich was executed in Kharkiv and his compositions were banned in the Soviet Union. Khotevich presented the concept of forming a professional orchestra of bandurists. The first, founded in Kiev during a brief period of independence in 1918, was under the direction of Vasyl Yemetz and had 15 members. The roots of the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America can be traced back to this group.

"They were playing in spite of the fact they weren't supposed to be singing nationalistic songs," said Mahlay. "Throughout the centuries, bandurists have always been persecuted by somebody."

Through the assistance of the Allied Forces in 1949, many of the chorus members immigrated from refugee camps to the United States. The majority chose Detroit as home because of the prevalence of jobs in the auto industry.

"During the Nazi retreat from the Soviet Union, the bandurists retreated with them into Germany, the war ended and we immigrated to the U.S. in 1949," said Mahlay. "The westward trek was by horseback and freight car. All the bandurists could count on through it all was each other."

Two of the original members remain active with the chorus - 86 year old Peter Honcharenko of Clinton Township and Peter Kytasty, a 69 year old Livonia resident. Today, the chorus, with members ranging in age from 17 to 87, thrives but at one time membership dwindled. Arnold Birko joined the chorus in 1964. They rehearse 15 to 20 times a year in Detroit as a group. In between Mahlay travels to Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and the East Coast to work with members in smaller groups.

"You always need to replenish the ranks," said Birko. "Twenty years ago membership declined because members were aging. Today, many of the members are in their late 20s. If you know how to play you're welcome. It's a brotherhood. We call each other half-brother."

Added Murha, "we've had three generations of a family in the chorus all at the same time."

Son Andriy Birko, formerly of Livonia now living in Warren, joined the chorus 11 years ago. He attended summer camps sponsored by various youth organizations in London, Ontario.

"That's where a lot of us go our start playing,"

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## ART EXHIBITION



**Photography of France:** Kelly and Frank Nachtman capture the history of one of the greatest art centers of the world. Kelly spent over two years researching the route that tracks the lives of van Gogh, Rodin and Monet.

## Photographers trace artists' footsteps

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Frank and Kelly Nachtman of West Bloomfield track the footsteps of artists van Gogh, Daubigny, Monet, and Rodin in an exhibition of photographs continuing through Friday, Oct. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery.

The husband and wife team traveled to France twice to capture one of the consequential centers in the world of art history. Daubigny's studio, van Gogh's grave, Monet's gardens in Giverny, and the Louvre put one in the mood to hop a plane as the Nachtmans follow the route of the masters.

"Everyone can associate with Paris and France; it's a very romantic place," said Kelly Nachtman. "And most people know of artists like Matisse, and van Gogh, so nearly everyone can appreciate these photos."

Nachtman and her husband Frank have a passion for art, sculpture and architecture. She studied photography and fine art at Wayne State University and manages The Print Gallery in Southfield. Frank has no formal photography training and works as a chemical engineer. The color and black and white photographs were taken on trips to France in May of 1996 and September of this year.

"I spent a long time reading hoping to see where the artists worked and lived," said Nachtman, who like Frank graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia. "There were no tour groups so we had a wonderful view of places like the wheat field in

Auvers-sur-Oise where van Gogh painted his last painting 100 years ago. This last time we went to Southern France and Arles where van Gogh spent about three years. The house he lived in was destroyed in the war but just walking the streets and seeing what he saw gave you an idea of the environment in which he created the work."

The Nachtmans visited Monet's Garden in Giverny in May of 1996 when it was so cold Kelly purchased gloves to warm her hands enough so she could work. The Japanese garden and bridge reveal the beauty that inspired Monet's waterlily paintings. Monet's house is one of Nachtman's personal favorites because it's "just as colorful inside as out."

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### Photography of France

**What:** The Livonia Arts Commission presents Kelly and Frank Nachtman's color and black and white photographs, which focus on one of the great art centers of the world. Ten percent of the sales go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in memory of loved ones who died from cancer.

**When:** Through Friday, Oct. 31. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road (east of Farmington Road).

# Art Exhibition from page D1

and reminds her of "his paintings of pink, green and yellow." Today, the house remains the same as when Monet lived there, pink with turquoise shutters and a green staircase.

"You can see how important color was to him; he was surrounded by it," said Nachtman. "The gardens he created, all of his belongings are still there, his palettes and easel."

Located 15 miles outside of Nice, the Colombe d'Or (Golden Dove Hotel and Restaurant) in Saint-Paul-de-Vence was the backdrop for many discussions between the masters.

"Artists like Matisse and Picasso had lunch there," said Nachtman. "The owners allowed the artists to pay for their meals with their paintings. Now, you go inside and it's like a little museum and you can have dinner under a Matisse."

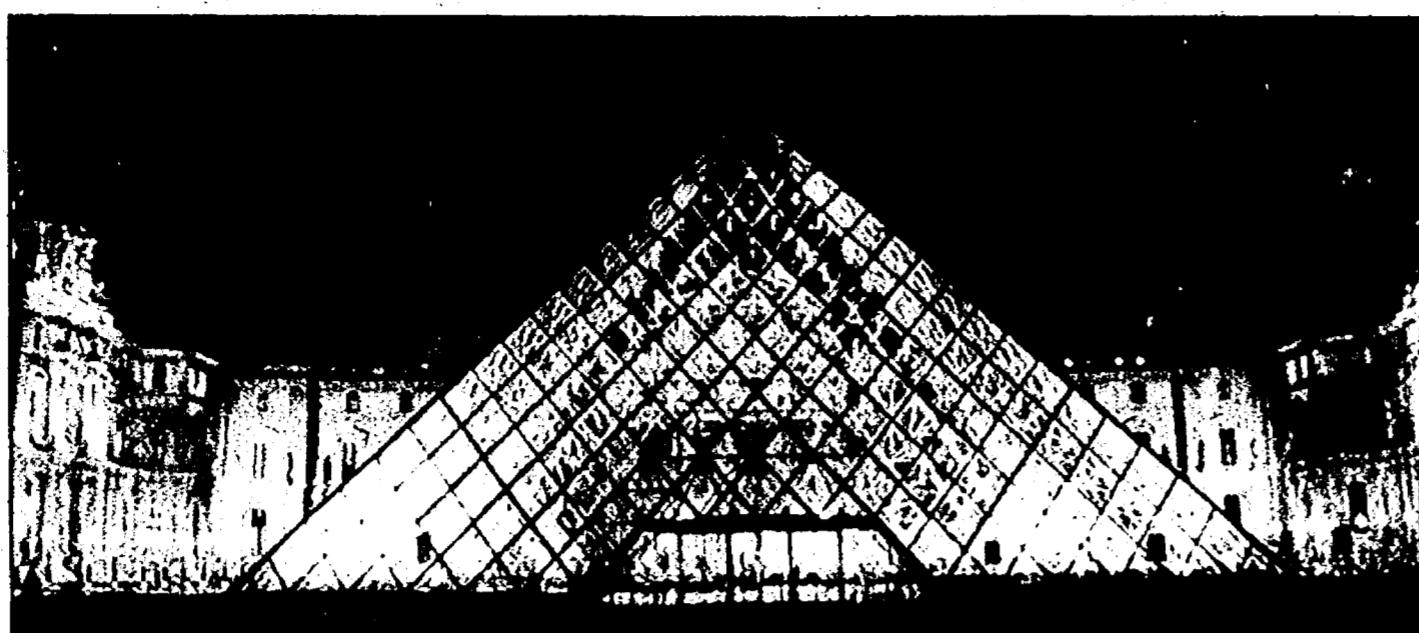
"Cafes were popular places for artists to congregate and discuss their work. Although few exist today, the Poulbot in Montmartre, a favorite of Picasso and van Gogh, remains.

"We tried to capture what you see on the streets, the shuttered windows and flower boxes," said Nachtman. "Cafe scenes are a big part of Paris. The seats are with their backs, to the restaurants so you can watch the world go by."

Few of the images, including the cafes, contain people; no easy trick in Paris.

"We got up many mornings at 5 a.m. because it's a very busy city," she said.

Project obstacles



**The Pyramid:** The recent entrance addition to the Musee du Louvre by American architect I.M. Pei is a controversial one.

Capturing scenes sans people and enduring the bitter cold weren't the only problems confronting the Nachtmans during that first trip. Gray days played havoc with the light. The second time around the Nachtmans were prepared to take the more than 1,000 photographs. They are still sorting through the images deciding which to exhibit in the future.

"Typically in Europe you get a lot of overcast days so we bought filters and polarizers and ended up not having to use it because the weather was beautiful."

At the Musee du Louvre, first constructed as a fortress in 1190, the two encountered yet another obstacle to their project. Unlike

museums in the states, they were able to photograph without permission but for a few exceptions.

"You are able to take photographs but no flash and no tripods," said Nachtman. "Not even on the exterior of the Louvre can you use a tripod. A guard was kind enough to remind us but not confiscate the film while we were shooting the exterior at night."

The architecture of the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral were among Frank's favorite. A dramatic photograph of the Eiffel Tower, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889, was taken at street level looking up. The Eiffel Tower appears in several of

the Nachtmans' photographs as it is one of the largest structures in Paris and an internationally-known symbol for the City of Light. In a daytime photograph, the Louvre Museum in Paris looks incongruous with its contemporary Pyramid entrance. Bathed in the gold light at night, it's majestic.

"It's easy to navigate around Paris because you can always see the Eiffel Tower, one of two of the largest landmarks," said Nachtman. "Paris is absolutely gorgeous at night. All of the monuments are lit up. Standing

at the base of the Eiffel Tower looking up it's absolutely massive. And the Louvre, there's still a lot of controversy surrounding the Pyramid. Some people love it; some people hate it."

"From a historical aspect, the Eiffel Tower is really an engineering feat for being constructed at the turn of the 20th century," said Frank Nachtman. "All of Paris is stimulating for the engineering mind."

On the couples first trip in 1996, Notre Dame's famous towers were covered with scaffolding. When they returned in September the gargoyles were sitting high atop the shiny clean facade. They climbed 387 spiraling steps to spotlight the view of the legendary gargoyles.

The only double exposed photograph features the Eiffel Tower and the makeshift tribute to Princess Diana outside the Pont de L'Alma tunnel where she was killed in a car accident.

"It was a few weeks after the accident and people had left notes," said Nachtman. "It's kind of breathtaking reading all those notes in different languages."

The Nachtmans nearly missed taking that first trip when Frank's father Tom, who was suffering from lung cancer, took a turn for the worst. The Nachtmans will donate 10 percent of their sales to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in memory of Frank's father, Kelly's grand-

mother, and friends who died from cancer. Frank chose the Institute because for six years he worked as a research assistant in the neurological department at Wayne State University School of Medicine. It was here Frank honed his photographic skills by generating photographs of cell cultures and tissue slides.

"We chose the Karmanos Cancer Institute because they're highly involved in research," said Frank. "That's where I wanted the money to go to, not administrative detail."

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, one of the nation's leading cancer research, treatment, education and outreach centers, originally united the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Meyer L. Prentiss Comprehensive Cancer Center, Wayne State University, and the Detroit Medical Center in 1994. One year later, Peter Karmanos, Jr., founder of Compuware, donated \$15 million in memory of his wife Barbara Ann who died from breast cancer at age 46. Today, the organization named in her honor, sees 6,000 patients each year.

"In Michigan this year, 50,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer; 20,000 will die," said Karmanos spokesperson Pat Lucier. "Nationally, they expect 1.35 million people to be diagnosed and 550,000 deaths. Those are staggering facts."

# Bandurists from page D1

said Andrij Birko. "The camps are the primary means of perpetuating the bandura.

The 1991 concert tour differed from the 1994 because the chorus returned to a free Ukraine. Instead of playing the major markets like Kiev, the chorus performed in the ports on the Black Sea. It was a time of uncertainty and unrest.

"They were heavily Russified areas," said Marko Farion who began playing bandura more than 20 years ago. "During the communist days not a lot of Ukrainian was taught in schools. Some of them had never heard the songs before. We brought the old Ukrainian songs because it was banned by the Soviet

regime. We brought it back as kind of a gift to the Ukrainian people."

## Deep commitment

The chorus feels an obligation to continue what bandura players have continued over the centuries. But as with other nonprofits, that can be difficult.

"The costs are very high but what drives us is the love for the group and the Ukrainian culture," said Murha. "We keep the music alive; we perpetuate our culture. What we've done is go to the community for help. We also raise funds through concerts and Christmas caroling."

Last year, the Chrysler Fund

gave \$20,000 so the chorus could record a CD and computerize records. The Friends of Ukrainian Bandurists also help raise funds.

Today, the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus of North America, which is comprised of attorneys, doctors, engineers, architects, and entrepreneurs, have revived the bandurists spirit and love of song. George Jurkiw and Jarema Cisaruk say it's the love of song that will carry them through the eight hours of the final rehearsal.

"Nobody gets paid money," said Cisaruk of Warren. "We take from vacation time all for the love of song."

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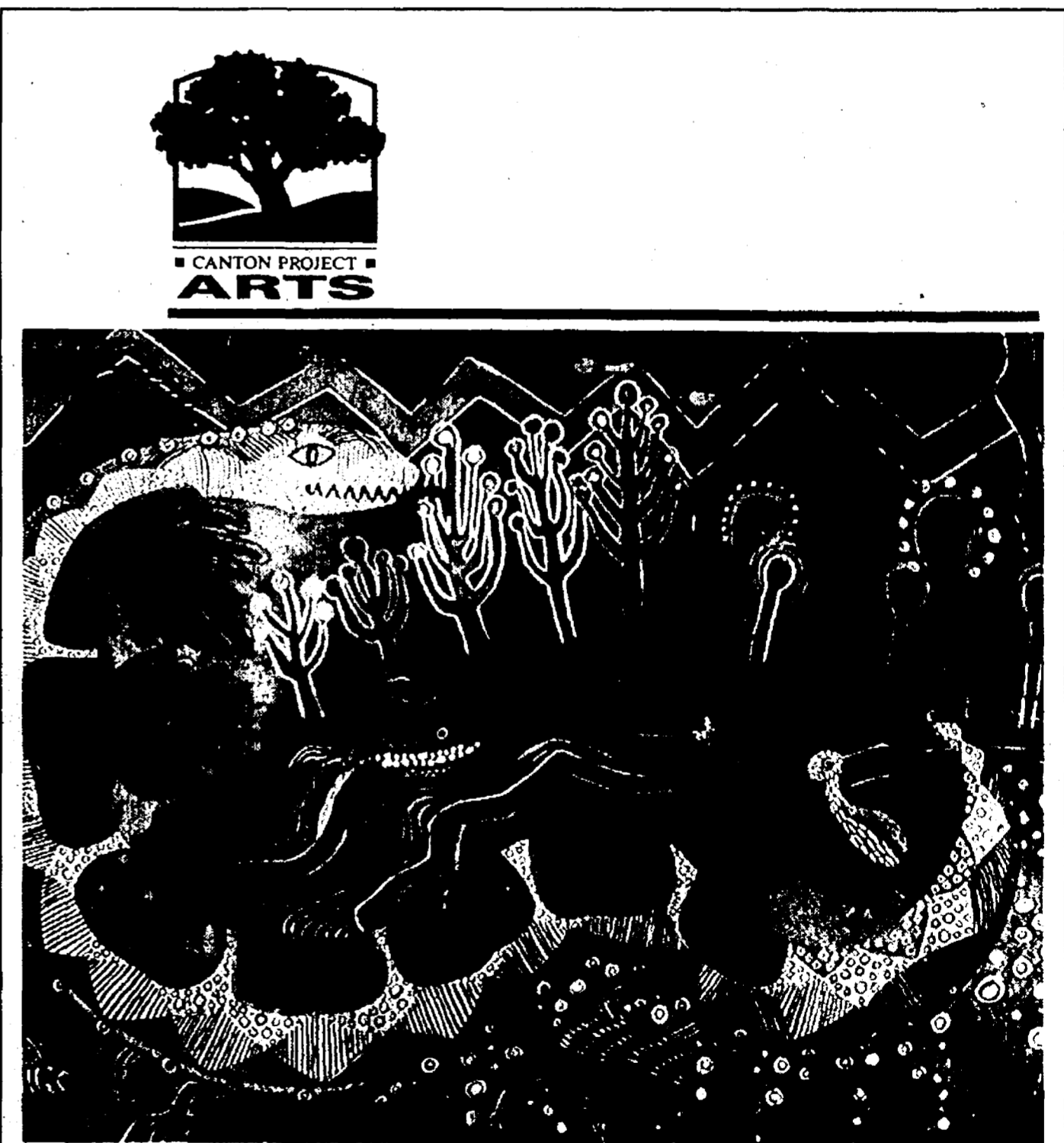
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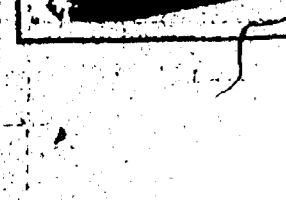
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Gaynor shares her story

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit area will always be memorable for the "Queen of Disco" Gloria Gaynor.

Gaynor will return to the area Monday, Oct. 20, and Tuesday, Oct. 21, to sign copies of her autobiography "I Will Survive"

Writing the book, Gaynor said, was "therapeutic. It enabled me to assess my life and maturity and my progress. It was good, a very good experience."

Abandoned by her father before she was born, Gaynor grew up in Newark, N.J., under the influence of her mother and

her various boyfriends. Gaynor, born Gloria Fowles, always knew that she wanted to be a singer and her dream came true when the manager of the Cadillac Club in Newark discovered her singing in her apartment.

The more successful she became, the deeper she went into drugs. "I was raised a very moralistically. When I began to do things against the morals just to be with the 'in' crowd - not to enjoy those things - there became a conflict," Gaynor said.

"I searched out for what I found was the plain and simple truth. Having found that truth in Christ, I have the strength to be who I really am. Therefore not allow anyone else to tell me the destiny."

"I Will Survive," named after her 1970s hit of the same name, is based on a film script she wrote about her life in 1982.

"It wasn't until 1994 that Harper Collins from England asked me to do the book. I still have it (the script). I haven't really submitted it to anyone. If the book does well, and there's

interest, then the script will be viable," said Gaynor whose other hits included "Never Can Say Goodbye."

So who would Gaynor like to play herself? "Somebody very young and very gorgeous."

Gaynor is currently finishing a new album and is in negotiations with several record companies to release it.

Throughout "I Will Survive" Gaynor talks about her love of God and encourages others to seek salvation. After all, that's what saved her marriage.

"It's a matter of emotional and spiritual maturity that helps you to ride the wave. There's gonna be waves in every relationship. If you take total responsibility for your part in it, then you are a forgiving person. He's had to forgive me a lot and I've had to forgive him a lot. Now we have a strong and wonderful marriage."

Gloria Gaynor will sign copies of her book "I Will Survive" (St. Martin's Press), at three area bookstores - 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at Waldenbooks in the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

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# Expressions from page D1

"I can't separate my art from my religious life. While I was researching materials about other artists, I was learning about my own work and myself. My art is an opportunity to express who I am or expressing my religious life. It's about my mission as a sister."

Lewandowski never studied art until she came to the convent of Franciscan Felician Sisters at Madonna University after graduating from Lima Central High School in Ohio in 1984. After spending one year as a postulant and two years as a novice, Lewandowski began studying art at Madonna University where she proceeded to earn a bachelor of arts degree. She then took temporary vows (six years) and her Perpetual (permanent) Vows in 1992. Sister Lewandowski taught art at Ladywood High School for six years and one year of religion at St. Florian School in Hamtramck before coming to Madonna University in August.

"It's important for me to say I've had the support of my community in studying art," said Sister Lewandowski.

"If God gave you that talent, you're obligated to use it," said Sister Lewandowski. "I hope to bring the peace and happiness of Christ into the world with my art."

Lewandowski, who teaches calligraphy and lays out ads for the university's public relations department, spends hours praying and researching before beginning a print. One of her latest works "Open Presence" was completed last spring as part of

a series. Lewandowski began the series one year ago with a print of a cincture. The abstract work, dominated by blue and gray captured within black lines, ties in her love of nature and God. All of Lewandowski's prints, whether intaglio etchings or lithographs, are limited to editions of five.

"It started out as a focus on the Franciscan Friars," said Sister Lewandowski, who's studying for a master of arts degree in printmaking at Wayne State University. "The cincture or rope has three knots in it that stand for the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience."

Realism dominates this exhibit. In addition to St. Francis, St. Felix of Cantalice, a Franciscan in the 1500s, is a popular subject for artists. St. Felix is the patron saint of the Felician Sisters, founded in 1899 in Poland. The Felicians follow St. Francis' rule.

### Local participants

Among the other Livonia artists in the show are Sister Mary David Kulma who painted an oil of St. Felix of Cantalice and Sister Mary Joanne Zakrzewski who incorporated text into an oil painting of Jesus. Sister Mary Gerald Budnik carved the two wood sculpture crucifixes including the one with Christ's head hung and arm at his side as if surrendering his human form to a greater awakening. Sister Budnik, who also created the Stations of the Cross in the Madonna University Chapel, also carved the semi-abstract free form sculpture "St. Felix of Cantalice." Sister Mary

Angeline Filipiak, chair of the university's art department for 40 years, painted the oil on canvas of St. Francis as he is traditionally seen - a friend of the animals. St. Francis is shown holding two white birds, one in each hand. Brother Michael Gaffney of St. Bonaventure in Detroit beautifully rendered a pastel of Father Solanus Casey, Capuchin, also "Joy of St. Francis," a plaster of Paris sculpture instills movement, as if St. Francis were putting heart and soul into following Christ.

Sister Mary Alfonsa Van Overberghe created a silver monstrance used to hold the host during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

"I really enjoyed the show," said Sister Van Overberghe, who graduated with a master of fine arts degree in silversmithing from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. "I think the artists reflected a real Franciscan spirit. St. Francis was a poor fellow who loved nature and the environment."

A flock of bird surrounds St. Francis in probably the last oil painting to be created by Sister Helen Chmura, OSF of Sylvania, Ohio. Sister Chmura is now in her 80s and no longer intends to paint.

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



Pianist Teresa Dybvig

## Madonna University to feature pianist at recital

Madonna University will feature pianist Teresa Dybvig in a solo performance 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 in Kresge Hall.

The recital spotlights works by Claude Debussy, Frederic Chopin, Ludwig van Beethoven, Louise Talma, and Marianna von Auenbrugg.

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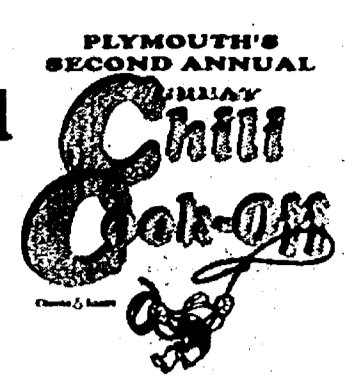
Dybvig performs as a soloist and chamber musician through-

out the United States, in Europe, and the Middle East.

She has degrees in piano performance from Indiana University and Yale School of Music, and has received numerous prizes and scholarships. Presently, Dybvig maintains private teaching studios in Long Island, New York and La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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## TRAVEL

# Friendly Russians adjust to Western ways

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Arnold Krieger was 12 when his family left Budapest, Hungary, to emigrate to Canada. The year was 1955, one year before a Hungarian revolution was crushed by Soviet tanks.

This year Krieger, a seasoned world traveler, visited Russia for the first time and was able to see the effects of Russia's own internal revolution away from communism.

"It was an exciting trip," Krieger said. "I've always been intrigued by Russia, drawn because of the culture, history and its impact on the world."

Krieger, managing director of Parker, Wittus and Co. accountants in Southfield and a Birmingham resident, has traveled extensively throughout Europe, including several trips back to his native Budapest, but he had never had an opportunity to visit Russia until an auction at the Variety Club. He was actually outbid, but the winning bidder wanted a trip to Paris instead, so Krieger was called to buy the Russian trip.

"Hungary's more central Europe culturally, it has allied itself with Austria rather than with the East," Krieger said. "I found Russian culture totally different with its orthodox influence. And, I've always loved their music, Tchaikovsky."

Krieger and his traveling companion arrived in Moscow on July 4.

"Many people commented on the fact that it was a national holiday and congratulated us on July Fourth. They were very aware of the fact. They know more about the U.S. than we know about them," Krieger said.

The trip featured three days in Moscow, an overnight train trip and three nights in St. Petersburg. The day would usually feature a bus tour or museum tour in the morning and then free afternoons and evenings.

**'We never felt threatened. We went to a nightlife section and walked until well past midnight.'**

"We never felt threatened," Krieger said. "We went to the arbat, which is a nightlife section, and walked until well past midnight and still felt safe."

Krieger said they made contact with the average Russian people when riding on the metro system (and trying to decipher Cyrillic alphabet) or exploring the flea markets on a Saturday afternoon. He said the Russians are just beginning to understand how to live in a market economy.

"Russians have always been highly educated," he said. "They've achieved a tremendous success in the science and the arts. It will be a bumpy road, but they have a bright future."

He said it was especially upsetting to see the older people who are having the hardest time adjusting. He said they've lost their safety net provided by a state economy and aren't happy about it. For the young, he said, the changes are a challenge that they seem to welcome.

"I was surprised by the American influence. The American dollar was widely traded. A lot of baseball caps and blue jeans are evident," he said.

The highlight of Moscow was the Kremlin. Krieger said the government buildings and GUM, the giant department store, are here in the famous "fortress" which encircles Red Square.

The more westernized St. Petersburg was a contrast for Krieger.

"Moscow is very big and disconnected," he said. "St. Petersburg is smaller, a beautiful city, called the Venice of the north because of its canals. The architecture is harmonious and the government is spending lots of



Ornate shopping: Arnold Krieger stands before the elaborately decorated GUM department store in Moscow.

money to rebuild."

Krieger said he was surprised to find he was in the land of the midnight sun. During the period he was there, St. Petersburg was dark for only three hours a day.

The high point in St. Petersburg was the Hermitage, the famous museum in the former Winter Palace. Krieger said they spent a day at the Hermitage but could have easily spent a week.

"But we didn't want to spend

all three days doing one thing," he said. "We took a boat on the canals. We did a lot of walking and spent time at the cafes, drank vodka and ate caviar."

Krieger and his companion took in the usual cultural activities. In Moscow they attended the Moscow Circus and in Saint Petersburg they saw a Kirov Ballet production of "Swan Lake."

Not everything about Russia met with Krieger's approval. He said the food was not up to the standards of other European countries. And many people in

Russia are poor by any standards.

"There was a huge apartment complex, built along the shore of the North Sea during the Stalinist era, that seemed to go for miles and they were all boarded in. The balconies have been boarded to create extra rooms because housing space is so limited," Krieger said.

Krieger's next trip, scheduled for late August, was to be a bicycle trip through Provence, similar to a trip he took to Tuscany a couple years ago.

Though Russia is far from the

sunny ambiance of those two places, Krieger said he enjoyed the trip very much and found the Russian people very friendly.

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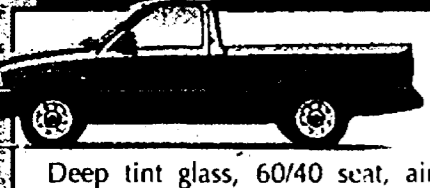
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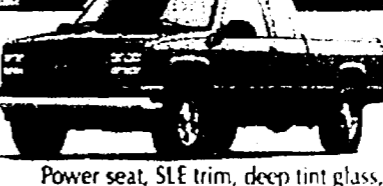
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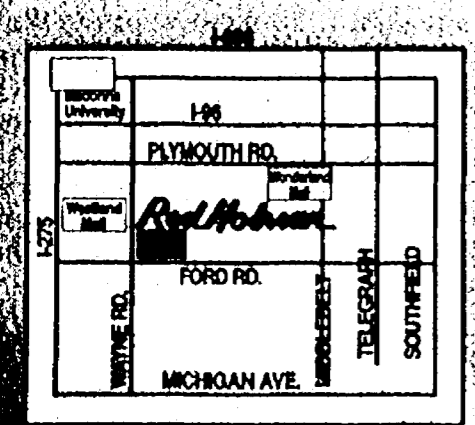
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