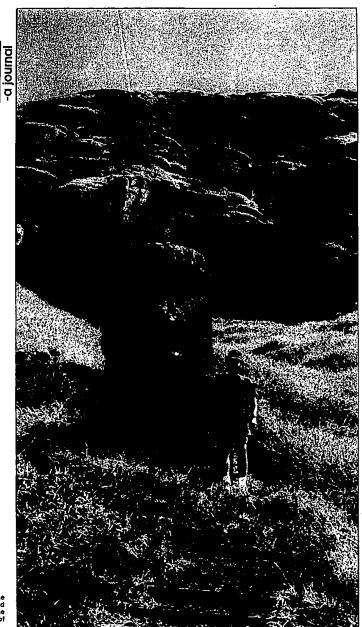
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## CIRCUMNAVIGATION

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## Island is rest stop on lonely adventure

Last year Paul Marti set off on the trip of a lifetime. Marti, who teaches history and geography at Rochester High School, is sailing around the world. From time to time on his epic journet, he is pausing to pass on his experiences to Street Scene readers.

It was with great anticipation that set out for our transit of the Panan-

I set out for our transit of the Panan-ma Canal on the morning of Jan. 19.
Although the average ship takes about nine hours to negotiate the 50 miles of the canal, our passage would span two days. Pleasure craft are low priority since you pay by the ton, and you are only allowed to start transits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Pleasure craft also must anchor on Gatun Lake overnight. There were three yachts — a French yacht and one American boat from Maine. We were the smallest. Our fee for the transit was \$105.

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OUR COMPANION yacht was the "Marie Gallonte" from Marsellle, with solo sailor Claude Benhamou. The canal passage was quite sim-plet Three sets of locks raise you 85 then return you to sea level. During our 31 bours on the canal, a steady flow of ablys couloused in both directions. After several delays, we completed our passage during the afternoon of the 20th. A 15:41 (3:41 p.m.), the gates of the Miraflores Lock swung open and Keema motored into the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

AT THE Balboa Yacht Club, we took on fuel and water and sald goodbye to Roberto, our advisor, and our volunteer crew. Betsy and I anchored a few miles south of the yacht club, with a view of Panama



Whates and dolphins were among the marine life Paul Marti was introduced to dur-ing his solo journey from the Panama Canal to Easter Is-land.

most difficult of the trip. We were up at 5:30 a.m. and made our way to Panama's new international airport. As Betsy's plane banked and headed north, I wawed goodbys from the observation deck until the 747 was lost in the clouds. We were in supparable for the last sweet was the supparable for the last sweet with stops in the Galapagos, Easter last and and was planning a more discussed with stops in the Galapagos, Easter last shad and was planning a more discussed was planning and consulting "Ocean Passages for the World," he decided to try my route.

Although we would not sail together, I was pleased. The thought of seeing a friendly face along the way was a bonus.

We both reluctantly decided to the Caudarda officials were limiting yachts to 72-hour stays. Beatless the time constraint, they were charging a \$30 entry fee plus \$40 a day for a local guide.

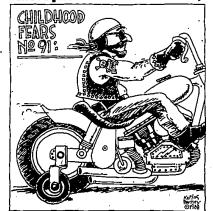
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MY FIRST solo passage would be direct to Isle de Pascua (Easter Island), 2,976 nautical miles to the southwest. I was excited and a bit apprehensive.

Claude departed the evening of

R.U. Syrius

Karlos Barney



Never being able to outgrow training wheels.

## It's cherry good time in Traverse

By tris Sanderson Jones contributing travel editor

(TRAVERSE CITY) — The cherry stain on my favorite shirt is mixed with chocolact. The juice splashed all over my Reebots is straight cherry, no additives. I've got stems in my pockets, pits in my pocketbook and air of cherry mustard rolling around in the trunk of my car. It's a good thing that the National Cherry Festival is over for another year.

Cherry Festival is over 100 year.
When you go to Traverse City, the Cherry Capital of the World, you espect to eat a little fruit, but this in diduction. Fresh cherries from a plastic cup, OK. Cherry ple. A little cherry mouse from a creative chef. But they are really getting carried away up here — cherry pizza sauce, cherry hot pepper reliab, cherry bratwursi.



Oceana County's cherry queen was among the participe the National Cherry Festival parade in Traverse City July

rants serve 200 pounds of cherries a them dried to stuff pork, in n week at this time of year. They use for breakfast, in sauce on the

duckling.
After trout, stuffed with corn bread and shrimp, and doing my patriotic share over dessert for the Michigan cherry industry, it went-to bed to rest up for the parade. Not just any parade, folks, but the National Cherry Festival Parades, highlight of the 10-day festivities around Grand Traverse Bay.
The parade doesn't officially start until 11 am. the last Saturday of the festival, but people start putting their folding chairs out on the edge of the sidewilk along Frost, Union and 13th streets the day before Since this is northern Michigan, pobody steals them and everybody honors the space.

lown. Vendors walk up and down the