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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### ONGOING

**Art on display:** The work of two Salem High School art teachers will be featured at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through Nov. 30. Something Natural debuted at the council's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For viewing information, call the council at (734) 416-4278.

### MONDAY

**Business:** The City Planning Commission will gather at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall in the first floor meeting room; Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue.

### TUESDAY

**Meeting:** The Canton Board of Trustees will hold a regular study session at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

**Discussion:** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold an informational meeting for residents living in the Hanford and Canton Center Road area to discuss the new middle school. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at Tonda Elementary School library, 46501 Warren Road.

**Benefit:** Skatin Station II will sponsor a "Thanksgiving Food Drive" from 6:30-9 p.m. at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. Bring a can of food and receive \$1 off admission per person.

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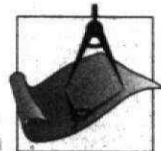
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## Sports park faces possible delay



**Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is trying to remain hopeful that a proposed sports park comes to fruition despite sluggish progress due to the acquisition of land by Southfield-based Griffin Properties.**

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Land acquisition for a multi-screen movie house may be holding up plans for a sports park in southeast Canton.

According to Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Southfield-based Griffin Properties is having difficulty purchasing 15-20 acres on Haggerty Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue

for the theater.

"That has slowed everything down," he said. "It has been the biggest barrier that I can see."

Representatives from Griffin Properties were unavailable for comment by press time Friday.

Plans for the sportsplex were first unveiled last spring. A two-sheet ice arena, a seven-court basketball facility, an indoor soccer building, a golf driving

range, an indoor/outdoor recreational facility and restaurant - possibly ESPN Cafe - were included in those plans.

The \$20 to \$25 million development would cover some 40 acres. Nationally-known HOK Sports Facilities Group of Kansas City, which has designed such ballparks as Jacob's Field in Cleveland and Camden Yards in Baltimore, were hired by Griffin to be the project architect.

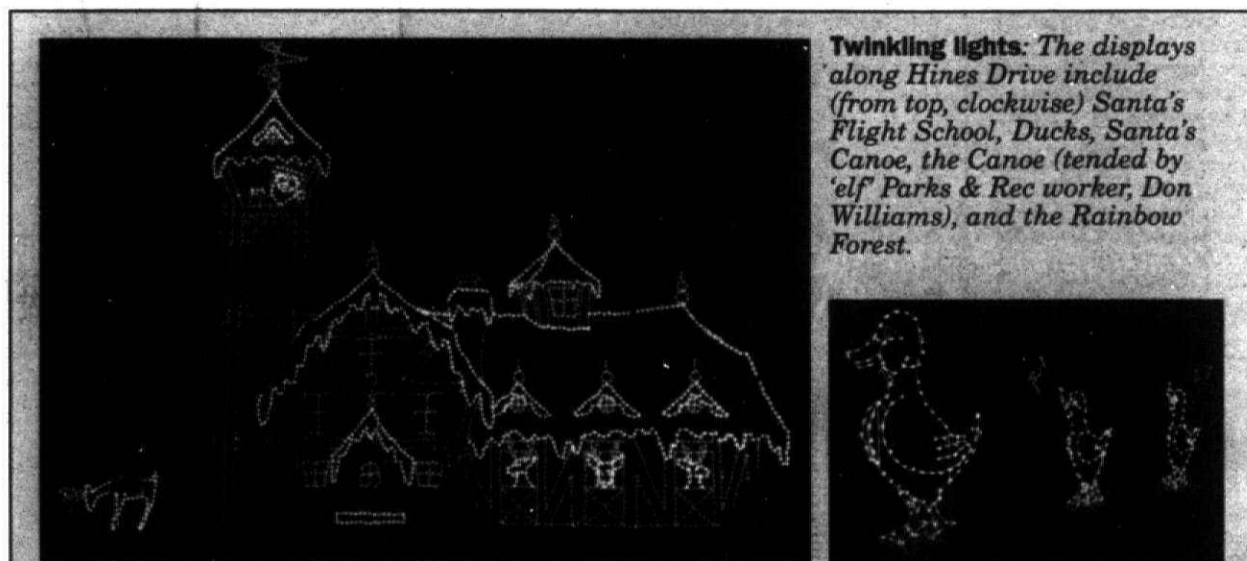
To facilitate the deal, the township sold Griffin 20 acres for \$2.1 million with the understanding that the ice arena would be located on five of the acres.

"Ice has to be part of the project," Yack said.

In August, Canton's Board of Trustees made changes to its agreement with Griffin to allow for the movie theater. Yack said the company is currently in negotiations with "five or six" owners to acquire the property for the theater.

Under terms of the agreement, Griffin is required to present concrete plans for the project to the township by Jan. 31. Otherwise, Yack said, the deal to sell Griffin 20 acres of township land becomes "null and void."

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**Twinkling lights:** The displays along Hines Drive include (from top, clockwise) Santa's Flight School, Ducks, Santa's Canoe, the Canoe (tended by 'elf' Parks & Rec worker, Don Williams), and the Rainbow Forest.

## Festival of Lights Brightens the winter night



Wayne County residents soon can enjoy a holiday light show featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights.

Starting Thursday, Nov. 19, residents can drive through the sixth annual Wayne County LightFest at 7

p.m. Motorists will be able to drive down 4½ miles of Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Dearborn Heights.

Four new displays have been added including Santa's Canoe, Santa's Colossal Sleigh, a toy soldier shooting a cannon and Santa's Flight School with Parachuting Reindeer.

The LightFest will run nightly 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, but will be closed Dec. 25.

Each display features animation. This year children can expect to see parachuting reindeer, a ball being shot across Inkster Bridge, Santa and his elves in a Christmas canoe and Santa's Sleigh ascending into the sky.

"More than a quarter of a million people attended LightFest last year, and thanks to their generous donations and our event sponsors, we've been able to make it even bigger this year," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refresh-

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## Robber eludes police

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

A man in his early 20s stole an unspecified amount of money from a Ford Road bank Thursday afternoon.

First Federal Bank, which sits near Haggerty Road, was the target of the robbery. A weapon wasn't seen during the incident, but the man did imply that he had a gun, police reports indicated.

No one was injured in the robbery. The suspect, who was described as having a thin build and wearing a

**■ Canton police searched the area using a K-9 dog but were unable to locate the man. Officer Leonard Schemanske said there are no leads on the suspect.**

white hooded sweatshirt, white ball cap and jeans, entered the bank at about 1:20 p.m. He handed a teller a note asking for money.

The teller complied. The man then fled on foot towards the Red Oak Restaurant on Haggerty Road.

It's unknown whether the man used a car in escaping.

Canton police searched the area using a K-9 dog but were unable to locate the man. Officer Leonard Schemanske said there are no leads on the suspect.

The case was turned over to the FBI. Schemanske said the agency has a solid video tape of the incident, but the suspect remains at large.

Bank robberies in Canton are rare, he added.

"We've had three or four incidents in the 20 years I've been on the force," Schemanske said.

## Eagle Scout project prompts cemetery cleanup

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Steven Panoff may only be in eighth grade, but that doesn't mean he isn't wise to the ways of the world.

The Lowell Middle School student and Canton resident is already thinking about a career in electrical engineering. To that end, Panoff is working toward attaining Eagle Scout status with the Boy Scouts of America.

"It will look good on a resume," he said, adding that that's far from the only reason he participates with the group. "There's a lot of pride that goes with it."

As part of his requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, Panoff must complete 100 hours of community service. To meet that goal, he joined efforts with the Plymouth-Canton Civitans and a local Cub Scouts pack to help clean up and restore historic Downer and Kinyon cemeteries in the township.

"Most of the graves are from the mid-1800s," Panoff said of Kinyon. "There's one as recent as 1997. Some of (the headstones) you can barely read."

Downer and Kinyon cemeteries were recently adopted by the Civitans. Working on the historic cemeteries is a bit of a change for the group who generally work with children and senior citizens in the community, said Eugene



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSHMANN

**Determined.** Eighth-grade Canton Boy Scout Steven Panoff stands amongst dozens of bags of leaves he and the Civitans raked from the grounds of Kinyon cemetery. Panoff is cleaning up the cemetery as he pursues the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kafila, Civitan president. They've also provided service dogs for the disabled in the past.

"We were looking for something new to do," said Kafila. "This is an ideal

project for us."

The group worked at the Downer Cemetery, located at I-275 and Haggerty, in mid-October. About 50 people raked leaves and cleared overgrown

shrubbery around grave sites. Downer dates back to the early 1800s. It's a small cemetery, Kafila said, with a few hundred graves.

Kafila said some graves are missing headstones. The group is now researching who's buried where in the cemetery.

Over the years, Downer may have had several small sections taken for road projects. Kafila said he's researching the cemetery's original boundaries.

At Kinyon, about 35 Cub Scouts helped in cleanup work on Oct. 24. The cemetery, which is located at Gyde and Ridge, dates back to Civil War days, Kafila said.

"We felt this was something the boys could do," said Maria Eldridge of the Cub Scouts.

Scouts range in age from 6 to 10. About 25 boys raked and bagged leaves.

"The boys did a good job," Eldridge said.

The Civitans plan on working at the cemeteries on a regular basis, perhaps three or four times per year.

"We hope that'll be enough to make a reasonable difference," said Kafila. "There's no reason they can't be brightened up."

The group is hoping for volunteers to help in the work.

Please see CEMETERY, A4

# Canton officers receive promotions

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Two of Canton's finest are moving on up. Eddie Tanner was promoted to patrol lieutenant while Todd Mutchler was moved to patrol sergeant. Both police officers were presented with their new badges at Tuesday's board of trustees meeting.

"When we have individuals advance," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said, "we feel it's important to recognize them at the board's meeting."

Both Tanner and Mutchler went through an extensive interviewing and testing process before earning the promotions, according to Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"If you're able to develop talent from within the organization," he said, "it builds a stronger organization."

Tanner joined Canton's Police Department 20 years ago. The 47-year-old began as a patrol officer then moved up to sergeant. He had worked in that capacity for the past 12 years.

In his time on the force, Tanner has been recognized by the department several times. He has received the Unit Award four times, a certificate of merit and safe driving award for being accident free for 10 years.



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# Outdated 20th century tools considered antiques

Students at New Morning School in Plymouth Township are exploring a year-long theme of communication and technology. Recently students participated in Old Technology Day, Take Apart Day, and finally will culminate their activities with a visit to the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

AT&T is a major corporate sponsor, with assistance from Detroit Edison. The school was awarded an AT&T People First Gold Star award. Detroit Edison provided a grant for a portion of an integrated science and technology project.

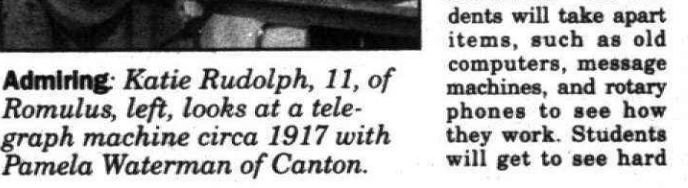
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Old Technology Day provided students with an opportunity to view communication devices of the last century. From tube phonographs to the first video cameras, students talked with presenters who shared means of communication from the past.

Dan LeBlond, president of the Plymouth Historical Society, presented some items. LeBlond is a former New Morning parent.

A follow-up to Old Technology Day will be Take Apart Day, which will be in December. The students will take apart items, such as old computers, message machines, and rotary phones to see how they work. Students will get to see hand



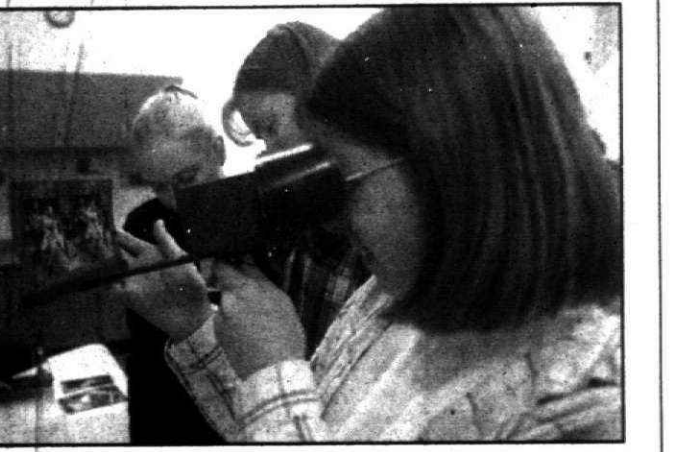
Admiring: Katie Rudolph, 11, of Romulus, left, looks at a telegraph machine circa 1917 with Pamela Waterman of Canton.

Old technology is not very old by adult standards. Last week students received a history lesson to learn about record players, rotary phones, and electric typewriters.

Culminating these activities, the students will visit the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road to learn how communication is done today. They will also be shown the inside of a repair truck.

New Morning School is on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft. A school for preschool through grade eight, it emphasizes individualized instruction, student goal-setting, and activity-oriented learning.

Back in time: Katie Dunigan, 13, of Plymouth and Brittany Charnock, 12, of Livonia check out an RCA Victor "Talking Machine" circa 1905. (Below right) Becky Burean, 10, of Plymouth, looks at some stereo photographers during the demonstration.



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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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The knee cap, called the patella in anatomy, acts to give leverage to the quadriceps muscle of the front of the leg. The knee cap is missing the common tendon of the quadriceps, provides added force to the muscle contraction in leg extension.

The back of the knee cap consists of a cartilage that slides over similar cartilage at the lower part of the femur. However, injury to the knee cap at its cartilage surface results in pain to the knee, a condition called patello-femoral arthritis.

If you have this type of arthritis you may note a buzz or electric feeling come from the joint, a vibration that occurs when you bend the knee or push down on the knee cap. It occurs because the knee cap is no longer sliding over the cartilage of the femur, instead, the bony under side of the knee cap is rubbing against the anterior bony surface of the femur. The result is friction called chondritis.

Treatment for patello-femoral arthritis starts like that for other arthritis of the knee. Your doctor will likely begin with a non-steroidal drug, and possibly inject the knee to relieve acute pain. He may send you to physical therapy to evaluate how the knee cap tracks up and down on the femur, adding the therapist to undertake key exercises if malalignment exists. If these measures fail, then arthroscopy to smooth the back of the knee and knee cap is in order, as this procedure has a high rate of success.

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# Savings from low interest rates may be passed on to taxpayers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton school district may see a decrease in school taxes, even after approving a tax increase for a new middle school to be constructed in Canton.

The same favorable low interest rates that have allowed homeowners to buy or refinance homes at substantial savings have done the same thing for taxpayers who have approved bonds for district projects.

The net result will be that taxpayers could see a reduction in the school's debt retirement millage. However, that doesn't necessarily mean you will owe less money, because taxes depend on the value of your house and home values have been rising.

The school board Tuesday night directed the administration to refinance \$38.2 million of previously sold bonds at a lower rate.

The bonds were sold in 1991 and 1992 at an average rate of 6.5 percent.

"The interest rate on the refunding bonds will be approximately 4.83 percent," said John Birchler, the school district's executive director of business and administration. Birchler is quick to point out that interest rates could change before the process is completed in about a month. "On a present value basis, that will save taxpayers about \$2.8 million."

The \$18.8 million in bonds overwhelmingly approved by voters in a special election Oct. 3 for a new middle school, buses and technology will also be sold at a lower than expected interest rate. While administration officials had predicted selling the bonds at 6 percent, Birchler says the figure is expected to be 4.96 percent.

Voters were told the middle school would cost the owner of a home worth \$200,000 at that

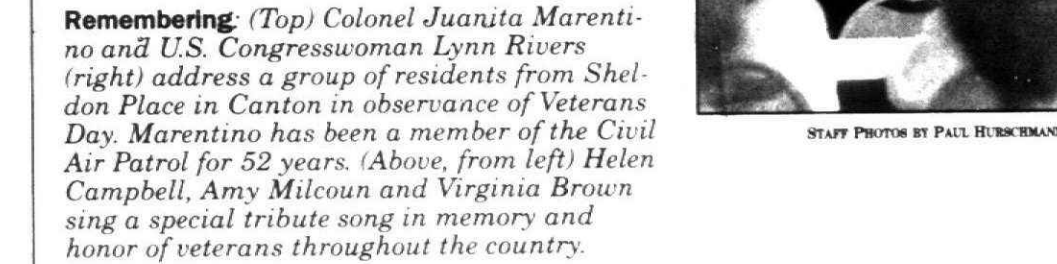
time, with a \$100,000 assessed value, \$20 a year.

However, now the middle school bonds will also be sold at a lower interest rate than originally projected, meaning the new school will cost the district less than expected.

Taxpayers should see a lower tax levy if interest rates remain low through the process, according to Birchler.

The district's debt retirement levy of 2.18 mills is expected to be reduced to 2.13 mills, even with the new middle school bond. That equates to a tax savings of approximately \$5 for that same taxpayer with the \$200,000 house.

"The lower interest rates, coupled with the chance to refinance older bonds, along with a tax base that is growing higher than projected, is allowing us to lower the debt millage," added Birchler. "We're refinancing everything we legally can to benefit the taxpayer."



Remembering: (Top) Colonel Juanita Marentino and U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (right) address a group of residents from Sheldon Place in Canton in observance of Veterans Day. Marentino has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for 52 years. (Above, from left) Helen Campbell, Amy Milcoun and Virginia Brown sing a special tribute song in memory and honor of veterans throughout the country.

# Gas leak causes student evacuation

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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West Middle School students were evacuated from their building for about a half hour Thursday morning, the result of a gas leak from a water heater connection.

Principal Raymond Fougner said a fairly new hot water heater malfunctioned, causing the problem.

"The natural gas was being vented outside, however the gas vapors were being pulled back into the building by the ventilation system," said Fougner. "It was detected by a maintenance person before it became a big problem."

Fougner said students weren't in danger because the gas smell was noticed early. "The students were evacuated, the gas shut off and the doors opened," said Fougner. "The fire department, police department and Consumers Power showed up and the situation was handled smoothly."

Fougner said the incident happened about 11 a.m. and students were back in class at 11:25 a.m.

Fougner notes there are two water heaters in the building, and the school will be able to provide heat with one water heater until the other is repaired.

# Abandoned home faces demolition by township

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

It's not often the township demolishes a home. But it appears Canton officials will be forced to use the wrecking ball on an abandoned home on Glen Arbor. According to township records, the house has sat vacant for seven years and has become a threat to the community.

"It has become a real deterrent to the rest of the neighborhood," said Building Official John Weyer. "Demolition is in the best interest of the township."

The board of trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to tear the three-bedroom brick ranch down. Property owner Betty Lamb has 60 days to make needed repairs, do corrective maintenance to the exterior and pay back bills to stop the action.

"A lot of people are asking us about this property," Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said, adding that residents wanted the township to sell the home. "We can't sell it."

Kirchgatter isn't the only one being asked about the property. William Loughran, who lives adjacent to the home, said real estate brokers and numerous passers-by have continually knocked on his door trying to get information about Lamb. Others in the neighborhood have stopped answering their doors, he added.

But nobody knows where Lamb is, Loughran said. He has mixed feelings about the 30-year old home being demolished. "It's a shame," Loughran commented. "It really is. The house could be fixed up."

He said Lamb, who he described as a woman in her 60s, hasn't lived in the home for nearly three years. Before that, Loughran said, she "barely" kept the home up.

The Canton resident said he and other neighbors offered to help the woman with mowing the lawn and doing other maintenance. She accepted help just once, however.

"We offered to take care of the shrubs," Loughran added. "But she just walked away from (the home)."



Empty: Currently, weeds and tall grass mar the facade of the property of the abandoned home.

Over the past few years, the township took care of grass and weeds at the residence. Bills for that work haven't been paid by Lamb and were added to Canton's tax rolls as a lien.

While it appears to be structurally sound, the home is in violation of the township's dangerous building ordinance. The primary concern comes from children or others entering it and conducting illegal activities.

Someone recently broke into the home, according to township documents. Deputy Building Official Mark Lewis said demolition is the last rest for the township. Most cases are resolved long before it reaches that stage, he said.

But Lewis said the township has simply been unable to contact anyone in Lamb's family despite repeated mailings.

"This is a very unique situation," commented Lewis, who added that the number of demolitions vary from year to year. "I've seen years with none and I've seen years with three or four."

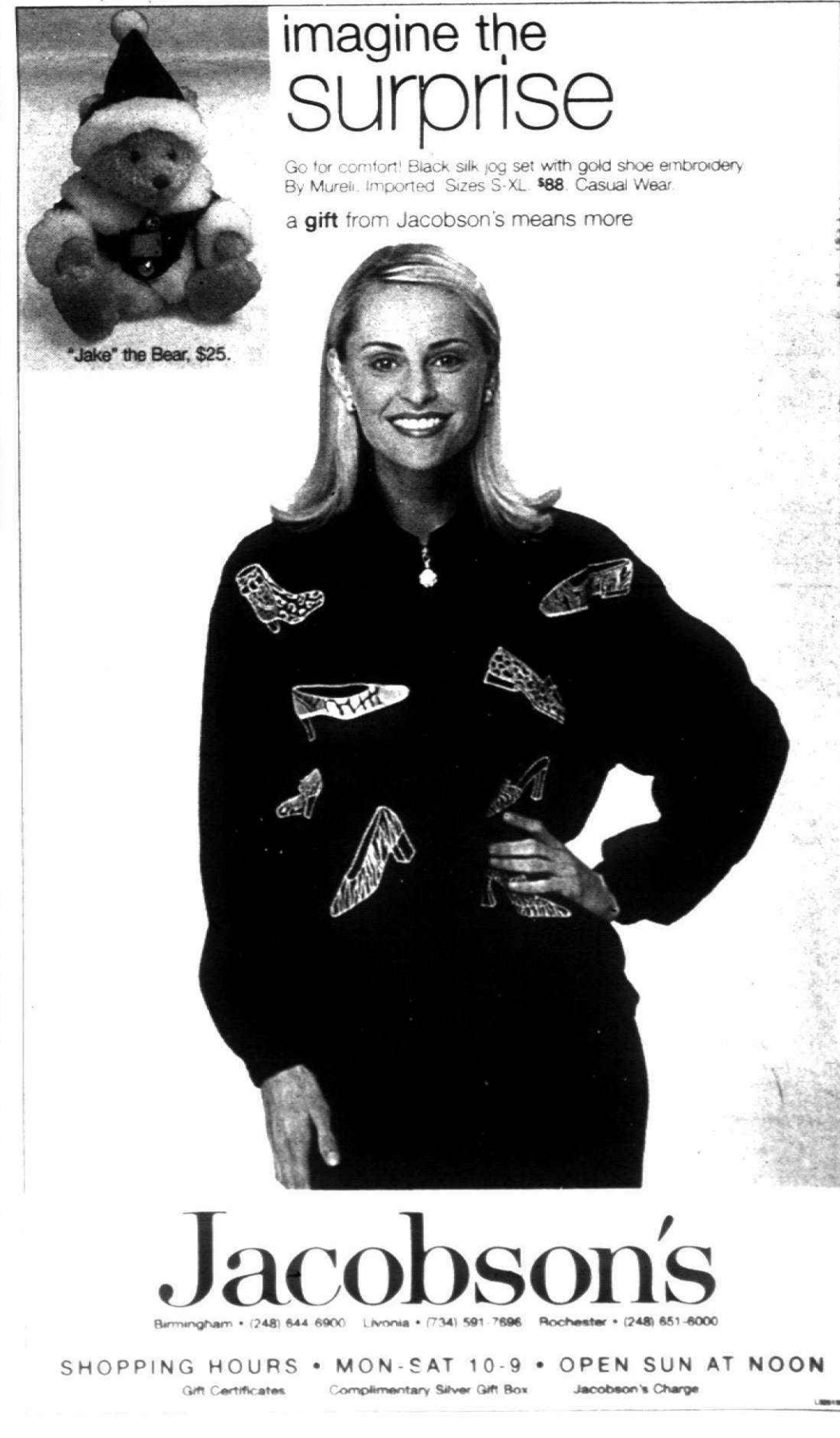
A dangerous buildings hearing was held by the township in early August. Six buildings or homes could've been recommended for demolition at the hearing.

But agreements were made with all owners, except Lamb, to make improvements or carry out demolition themselves. As it stands, the township will have to pay to knock the house down.

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# Festival from page A1

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There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses which are encouraged to pre-register. You can pick up treatseats discount coupons for Wayne County LightFest at area Hudson's and Target Stores.

The efforts of our staff and the outstanding leadership of Wayne County allowed us to make this the biggest holiday light show in the country," said Hurley Coleman, Wayne County parks director.

"It makes us feel good to con-

tinue to be part of this family tradition of creating good memories during the holidays."

Wayne County LightFest has been made possible through donations from festival visitors and event sponsors including

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"It's something that needs to be done," Kafil said. "We'd like to organize this for spring and establish a regular maintenance schedule."

**Extra effort**  
Mapping of the two cemeteries will also be done. Panoff has tackled that task at Kinyon.

He's already made notes on about half of the cemetery's 500 graves. He records names, dates and the condition of the headstones.

"I did 250 in about four hours," Panoff said.

Eventually, he plans to put all the information on a spread sheet. A computer-generated drawing of Kenyon may be done from the data he's collected.

Despite all of the work Panoff, the Cub Scouts and Civitans have done, there's more to do.



Boy Scout: Canton middle school student Steven Panoff.

Those interested in working with the Civitans at the cemeteries should contact Kafil at (734) 455-9720.

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# LightFest 8K

## Fun run winds through Hines

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The run is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, along Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. The Wayne County LightFest displays will be lit to help guide runners through the 8K course, with all proceeds from the run going to benefit the American Heart Association and the Friends of Wayne County Parks.

Since the race ends 8 kilometers from where it begins, shuttles will be provided. Runners are encouraged to leave early and check in by 6:30 p.m.

"This is an incredible opportunity to help out a worthy cause and focus on your health," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "LightFest is one of Wayne County's most popular events and this run allows us to take advantage of that popularity in helping two of southeastern Michigan's outstanding charity organizations."

Winners in various categories will receive a \$100 cash prize. The first 800 runners get Wayne County LightFest commemora-

# Art Van stores are drop-off sites for local hurricane relief effort

The Detroit Pistons, Art Van Furniture and WDIV-TV 4 have joined forces for their "Flight Of Champions - Hurricane Relief," to aid survivors and relief crew workers of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

The initiative will utilize the Detroit Pistons plane, Roundball One, to deliver approximately 15,000 pounds of food and baby supplies to more than 300,000 survivors on Monday, Nov. 23. To date, only one plane filled with supplies has reached La Ceiba, the drop-off destination.

Through Thursday, Nov. 19, all 26 Art Van Furniture locations in Michigan will be collecting nonperishable food items and baby supplies (diapers, baby food and pre-mixed formulas) from the public during store hours.

Those wishing to donate food items are asked to donate only canned goods and items which do not require water for preparation due to the extreme fresh water shortage in Central America.

Through Thursday, Nov. 19, all 26 Art Van Furniture locations in Michigan will be collecting nonperishable food items and baby supplies (diapers, baby food and pre-mixed formulas) from the public during store hours.

Art Van stores in Warren, Taylor, Waterford, Sterling Heights, Grand Rapids, Flint and Lansing will have special drop-off sites outside their buildings, and all other locations, including Westland and Livonia, will accept in-store donations.

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MILITARY NEWS

BASIC TRAINING
Marine Pfc. Tuan A. Vogle, son of Paul D. and Kim T. Vogle of Plymouth, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank. Vogle successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Plans from page A1

'We're not seeing any progress,' Yack said of the project. 'We thought we'd see site plans by now. It's making us nervous.'
If plans aren't submitted soon, the supervisor thinks Griffin may not be able to get the ice arena up for next fall when youth and amateur hockey seasons begin.

The \$20 to \$25 million development would cover some 40 acres. Nationally-known HOK Sports Facilities Group of Kansas City ... was hired by Griffin to be the project architect.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

KIDS HELPING KIDS
Students in Karen Habermas' fourth-grade class at Bentley Elementary School are helping the needy after learning about how UNICEF helps children in need by getting supplies and clothing, building homes and schools, and supplying food and clean water.

Residents question county plan to cap sled hill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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At least one western Wayne County resident believes trash on Middlebelt Hill extends beyond a nearby bike path. Another wants Wayne County to remove the trash permanently from the hill. Others want more detailed tests.

hearing in Westland Thursday before deciding whether to approve or suggest revisions in the proposal. Ten area residents attended the two-hour hearing.
Capping the hill
Wayne County wants to cap the hill to 'protect health and environment,' according to the plan presented to residents by NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills.

Rivers to appoint congressional page

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, is looking to appoint a student from the Michigan 13th Congressional District as a page to the U.S. House of Representatives for the spring term.
The House of Representatives has had a page program for more than 200 years. Pages go to Washington D.C. and live in the House Page Residence Hall, study at the House Page School and work as support staff for the U.S. House of Representatives for a semester.

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Sen. Abraham to discuss immigration issues at area forum on global work force

Sen. Spencer Abraham will be the keynote speaker as leading experts on immigration discuss the challenges of the multinational work environment at Butzel Long's forum on 'The Realities of a Global Work Force,' Wednesday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.
Abraham will discuss business immigration issues and likely legislative developments regarding immigration. He chairs the Senate's Immigration Committee. He was elected to the Senate in 1994 and also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 1990.
The day-long forum will address recent developments in Immigration Law and will also feature David Houston, Detroit Area Port Director, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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**STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES**

A circuit judge can't tell the Michigan High School Athletic Association how to run a wrestling meet, a unanimous state Supreme Court has ruled.

The high court overturned decisions by the Court of Appeals and Genesee Circuit Judge Geoffrey Neithercut holding MHSAA Executive Director John Roberts in contempt of court. The high court also overturned Neithercut's fining NHSAA \$250 and charging it attorney costs for the father of a Lake Fenton High wrestler who sued.

Reason: When high schools join MHSAA, it amounts to the board of education's agreeing in advance "to be bound by any ruling that is within the scope of

the arbitrator's authority." One can't sue after he has agreed to arbitration.

It added: "The MHSAA is an association that includes nearly every public and private high school in Michigan." The court cited its own 1991 decision against Cardinal Mooney High in Detroit and the Court of Appeals' 1985 decision against North Farmington High. Both upheld MHSAA's rule against participation by 19-year-olds.

The Lake Fenton case started Feb. 15, 1995, when it lost a match by one point to New Lothrop. On the bus trip home, the Lake Fenton coach discovered New Lothrop had violated a rule by using a wrestler in the wrong weight class. James

Kirby, father of a Lake Fenton wrestler, and the school sued MHSAA for a spot in the regional finals.

MHSAA ruled that a defeated team can't advance, even if the apparent winner (New Lothrop) forfeits. Kirby also won a court order that Lake Fenton be permitted to compete in the regionals - two minutes too late. MHSAA's Roberts refused to stop the scheduled match, and Lake Fenton didn't compete.

**Peters moves up**

Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township moved up in the Democratic hierarchy last week when he was elected caucus

chair. Peters, who won a second four-year term on Nov. 3, succeeds Dianne Byrum of Onondaga.

Senate Democrats, their numbers shrunk from the current 16 to 15 as of Jan. 1, re-elected John Cherry of Clio as minority leader and Virgil Smith of Detroit as minority floor leader.

Sen. George Z. Hart of Dearborn retains his post as assistant caucus chair.

The public won't see Peters at work. The Open Meetings Act allows legislative party caucuses to be closed. Peters will preside when Democrats thresh out the positions and proposed amendments on controversial bills.

**Michigan Gardening School will host local open house**

All gardening enthusiasts are invited to attend an open house for The Michigan School of Gardening 7-9 p.m. Monday, in the school's classroom at McFarland Florist's Garden Shop, 28915 Grand River (four blocks east of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

The school, which will hold classes January through June, provides comprehensive, practical training for professional gardeners and serious amateurs.

Call (248) 442-7336 for more information on the open house or curriculum. The Michigan School of Gardening was founded in 1996 by Mary Lore, president of McFarland Florist, and Janet Macunovich, a gardening columnist, radio talk show host and author.

**Festival of Trees, Bear Brunch to benefit Children's Hospital**

The Festival of Trees and Teddy Bear Brunch, fund-raiser for Children's Hospital are planned for Nov. 22-29.

The Teddy Bear Brunch will serve up food and entertainment at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The brunch features Santa, clowns, magicians and a ventriloquist.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8

for children under 12 and includes admission to the Festival of Trees, which runs Nov. 22-29.

For reservations, send a check to Festival of Trees, c/o Teddy Bear Brunch, 1334 Shenandoah, Rochester Hills, Michigan, 48306. For information, call the Teddy Bear Hotline at (248) 650-8733

**Hill** from page A7

Craig asked. State officials did not answer Craig's question, but Dan Schultz, DEQ field operations supervisor, asked for copies of Craig's photos.

Kathie Pare, a Westland resident, said she and her husband, Charles, walked the site before the bike path was installed and noticed a crevice had opened up and grown. "If you're going to deal with the hill, let's deal with the whole problem," Pare said. She reminded the DEQ that even with a cap, the problems will still be there and people will be allowed on the hill.

Ralph Williams of Livonia said the DEQ should consider what happened at a Warrendale site with a plan on another landfill site "that wasn't followed." Clay was mixed with refuse and not installed in a layer as it should have been, Williams said, but nothing was done to correct it.

Charles Pare said science is "relatively new" on landfill gas such as methane, which can still be produced 40 or 50 years later. "This site is just not that old yet," Pare said.

NTH's Burns replied the peak time for generating landfill gas is generally 20 years, then that possibility declines. Wells are screened at the site to capture



**Middlebelt Hill**  
Wayne County officials want to construct a 12-inch thick clay cap on Middlebelt Hill, which is a site that formerly housed a landfill and is located adjacent to Hines Drive east of Middlebelt. The cap will cover contaminants evident at the site.

potential gas, NTH officials said.

Schultz said he expected the DEQ to discuss with the consultants and Wayne County any potential methane or gases at a later date. "I don't think we're in a position to make decisions yet," Schultz said.

Craig asked why the work was being done now and not six years ago. "I guess we're not doing all this because there's nothing wrong there. They found

the waste contains heavy metals." Specifically, lead and arsenic, he added.

A county official said the first conclusion was to fence the hill, but the slope was too steep. Sledding was being discouraged, no trespassing signs were posted, and the snow was acting as a cover, so the county "didn't push" for site security.

Craig said when Wayne County went through the south side of the site, it cut through the waste to install the bike path. "Apparently no one sees this or questions this. There seems to be a certain amount of hypocrisy and it seems the plan is inadequate," Craig said.

Craig said NTH's information was very valuable, but he believed the investigation of the site was incomplete and that more tests were needed. He was concerned about potential groundwater contamination between Cooper School and the hill.

"If we're going to make a multi-million dollar investment in the Rouge, I don't think we should put a Band-Aid on it, even though it might be the best Band-Aid," Craig said, in reference to the millions of federal money and local tax dollars spent on local sewer and

drainage improvements to clean up the Rouge River. In 10 or 20 years, there could be something else coming out of the site, Craig said.

Residents also wondered how the DEQ would deal with woodchucks that dig burrows into the hill and how that would be prevented in the future.

Ruth Dale of Westland said she knew of two children who had walked to the top of the hill during a walk and wondered if that had exposed them to dangerous substances. Kitler said that should not have caused a problem. Dale said the bike path should not have been constructed there.

Charles Pare said the testers came out when there tended not to be any precipitation. "It would be better to do it on a periodic basis, rather than a dry basis."

Dale said: "I think Westland should be given the same consideration as Livonia. I would like to see (the trash) removed."

Jack Smiley of Westland believed opening the hill again also would increase potential liability to Wayne County. Schultz told him the DEQ was dealing with a plan submitted to them under state law.

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This Thanksgiving, it's my turn to cook dinner. For years my family has taken turns cooking the 15 pound turkey and the vat of stuffing, but this year I am going to try it differently. Starting with the family favorites and transforming them into something unique is quite the challenge. My family shouldn't be too concerned, as I'll still cook a small turkey for those non-adventurous types!

You may ask yourselves, why the change? Well, why not? Cooking is my passion, but creating is my love. This Thanksgiving, I'm trying something new and hope you enjoy adding these dishes to your Thanksgiving menu. Hey if the Pilgrims hadn't, where would we be now?

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- 4 slices stale and dried, large diced, fat-free bread
- 2 pears, cored and diced
- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 cups chicken broth, fat free
- 1 large onion, small diced
- 2 stalks celery, small diced
- 3 large shallots, minced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons of fresh sage, chopped fine
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup toasted walnuts optional

#### For Natural Sauce:

- 1 pound Turkey bones
- 1 quart chicken broth, fat free
- 1 onion, rough cut
- 1 stalk celery, rough cut
- 1 tablespoon of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 bay leaves
- 6 cracked black peppercorns
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### For stuffing:

In a large sauté pan add onions, celery and mushrooms and cook over low heat, covered for about 6-8 minutes. Add the shallots, garlic and sage and cook another 6-8 minutes until everything is cooked. Add the pears and walnuts and remove from heat. Let cool. In a bowl mix in the egg whites, bread, vegetable mixture, chicken stock and salt and pepper. Put mixture in an oven safe pan and bake at 350 degrees F. for 30-35 minutes.

#### For Turkey:

When the stuffing has only about 20 minutes left you can start on the Turkey medallions. In a hot large non-stick pan, sprayed with olive oil, place the seasoned medallions and cook over medium high heat about 4-5 minutes on each side. Cook until an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. or until white all the way through

Please see TWIST, B2

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Thanksgiving treasures



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGUWEL

Family favorites: Samira Yako Cholagh presents some of her favorite Middle Eastern Dishes, Fried Syrian Kibbie (front to back), Saffron Rice, Chick Pea Dip, Stuffed Dates, Pita Bread Crisps, and Toasted Bread Salad.

# MOM SHARES MIDDLE EASTERN TREASURED DISHES

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Growing up in Baghdad, Iraq, Samira Yako Cholagh, like her mother and grandmother, never measured ingredients when she cooked. But when she decided to compile some of her favorite recipes for a cookbook, she had to.

For a year, Cholagh's West Bloomfield kitchen was like an experiment lab where she worked on recipes, re-measuring ingredients and writing down the steps, to create her "Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook."

"I always liked to cook and collect recipes from here and there," said Cholagh explaining why she wanted to write a cookbook. "These are recipes passed from generation to generation. I want to keep these traditions."

Her 14-year-old daughter, Valerie, was another reason she wanted to write her treasured recipes down. "I have so many recipes, and I always think about my daughter," she said. "I wanted these recipes for her to keep. She always offers to cook, now she's very happy. 'That's it, mom,' she said. 'I don't have to ask for your recipes anymore.' She's very proud of the cookbook."

As a young girl, Cholagh said she used to sneak into the kitchen to try some recipes on her own. "In every house you would see the moms cooking in the kitchen making three meals a day. If I went to my aunt's house, it was the same. Cooking was something you must do. Every woman made homemade

meals, bread and yogurt too."

The oldest of seven children, Cholagh enjoyed experimenting in the kitchen, even then, trying to cook the dishes her mother made. Sometimes they turned out, but sometimes they didn't. She kept trying.

In college she earned an engineering degree, and moved to the United States 18 years ago with her husband Nabil. Married 20 years, they have three children, Valerie, Lars, 18, a student at Wayne State University, and Vincent 8.

The cookbook was their project too. Valerie helped with typesetting, Lars helped design the text, and edit. Vincent and Nabil were supportive too. In the book, printed this August, Cholagh thanks them all for "their help with shopping, cleaning and tasting, and also for their patience and cooperation."

The book, she says, is "your invitation to experience a taste of the Middle East."

She made the 400 recipes, divided into 10 chapters, easy enough for beginners to follow, and carefully wrote down all the measurements. There are also pictures so she can see what the dishes look like. The cookbook is like a menu in a Middle Eastern restaurant. You'll find recipes for all of your favorite dishes including hummus, turnip pickles, stuffed grape leaves, tabbouleh, fattoush, chicken kabobs, spinach pie, and baked kibbie.

Cholagh recommends mixing your own spice blends, and shares her recipes for spice mixes to

enhance the flavor of Middle Eastern dishes. There are also helpful definitions, which explain what each spice is, and the flavor they impart.

"Baking is my favorite thing to do," she said. "If I'm bored I'll get out some flour and make bread. I make all kinds of bread, and every kind of dessert." The cookbook includes Cholagh's recipes for pita and flat bread. There's also a chapter on desserts and drinks to accompany them such as rich Turkish coffee and tea spiced with cinnamon and cardamom.

After a day at work as a substitute teacher in Farmington Hills, Cholagh was busy making dinner for her family – lentil soup, chicken breast, salad and pita bread. She enjoys making all kinds of dishes.

"Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook," is the second cookbook she wrote. The first is an Arabic language cookbook, exactly the opposite of this one, of international recipes for people who want to learn how to cook many of the dishes that are popular in the United States.

Both cookbooks are available by calling (248) 975-6500. "Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook," is \$24.99 plus \$4.99 shipping and handling.

Look for it at Borders in Farmington, and downtown Birmingham, Jacobson's, Kitchen Glamor stores, Merchant of Vino/Whole Foods Market stores, and Middle Eastern markets.

See recipes inside.

## Cooking Hints

Here are some tips from Samira Yako Cholagh's kitchen to yours.

- When using raisins and nuts with batter, coat them well with flour. This will prevent them from sticking to the bottom.
- To figure out whether baking powder is still active, place 1 teaspoon in 1/2 cup cold water. If the water bubbles or foams immediately, the baking powder is still good.
- To be sure eggs are fresh, place them in a bowl of cool water. If they are fresh, they will sink. If they are medium-fresh, one end will be sticking up. If they are bad, they will float. The color of the egg has no significance.
- Orange juice can be substituted for water in yeast breads. Yeast works well with fruit sugar
- Milk gives a brown crust when used in dough. It makes a soft crust if brushed on the outside

- before baking
- Preheat oven for at least 15 minutes before baking.
- Plastic wrap is ideal of the first rising of yeast bread. It keeps the moisture in.
- To prevent eggplant from absorbing any oil while frying, salt sliced eggplants and leave for 1-2 hours. Then dry each slice with a paper towel. Another option is to soak the slices in salted water and let stand for 1-2 hours, then dry.
- To prevent cauliflower florets from discoloring, add salt after cooking. For a milder flavor, cook cauliflower in an equal amount of milk and water
- To prevent yogurt from separating when cooking, stir on low heat with a wooden spoon in only one direction.



## Celebrate the 1998 harvest with Beaujolais

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

The third Thursday of November (the 19th this year) is cause for Bacchanalian harvest rites around the world. At the stroke of midnight, Beaujolais Nouveau is introduced in France and then flown all over the world to be enjoyed.

Beaujolais is not only the most southerly Burgundy wine

region, it is "art de vivre" as the French would say. Although made from only one grape variety, gamay, it is a wine of many faces.

It is first bottled as the playful Beaujolais Nouveau, the new wine from the recent harvest. Then, the following March, it is released as Beaujolais-Villages or one of the 10 cru Beaujolais that has matured in vats or barrels.

Whatever its various permutations, the fresh, fruity flavors are enjoyable. Especially so at the American Thanksgiving dinner table! No wine complements the wide range of tastes from turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce to sweet potatoes like Beaujolais.

In Paris restaurants and bistros, Beaujolais Nouveau is welcomed like a film star. With one exception. It makes its appearance in all of them at the same moment. There is a wild, celebratory atmosphere as people vie to be the first to drink the

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Wine museum: Georges Dubouef's "Le Hammeau du Vin" (The Hamlet of Wine), an extraordinary wine museum in Romaneche-Thorins, France in the heart of Beaujolais is open to visitors year round.

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**For Sauce:**  
Place all ingredients except salt into a 1 gallon stock pot and simmer uncovered until liquid has a good turkey flavor. Strain and season with salt.

**APPLE CRANBERRY STRUDEL WITH VANILLA SAUCE**  
Serves 4  
2 Granny Smith Apples  
peeled, diced and seeded  
1 cup fresh cranberries  
1/4 cup orange juice  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
3 sheets of phyllo dough

**Oil: Olive oil spray**  
Cook apples with spices and half of the brown sugar, over low heat, just until tender, in a small covered sauce pan and set aside. Cook the cranberries in a covered sauce pan with the orange juice and the other half of the brown sugar, over medium heat, until all the cranberries have split.

Let both apples and cranberries cool then mix together. Lay out one sheet of phyllo and spray with wire whisk until mixture begins to thicken. Let cool before serving.

**SWEET POTATO GNOCCHI WITH FALL VEGETABLES**  
Serves 4

1 small sweet potato, roasted, peeled and mashed (must be same size as Idaho potato)  
1 small Idaho potato, roasted, peeled and mashed (must be same size as sweet potato)  
1 1/2 cup all purpose flour  
1 egg white  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
salt and pepper to taste  
extra all purpose flour for rolling dumplings  
1 large onion, julienne  
1 small bulb fennel, julienne  
1 small parsnip, julienne  
1 small carrot, julienne  
1 leek, top removed, julienne  
1 teaspoon minced garlic

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix together sweet potato and Idaho potato in medium size bowl. Scrape bowl, then add egg whites, flour, spices and seasoning. Mix thoroughly, but careful not to over mix. The dough should not be sticky. Let the dough rest for 1 hour in the cooler. Bring to a boil about 1 quart of water with salt. Put some all purpose flour onto a flat surface for rolling the dough. Roll the dough into a thin long log shape, then cut the dough with a knife about every 3/4". Press the dumpling lightly with a fork. Put the gnochi into the water and boil for about 5-6 minutes or until the center is not doughy. Strain and

cool immediately, then coat with oil spray to keep from sticking and set aside.

In a large sauté skillet add all of the vegetables, cover and cook over low heat until slightly tender. In another large skillet put the tablespoon of olive oil over medium high heat. Once the oil comes to a smoking point add the gnochi, sauté until golden on both sides, add the cooked vegetables, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook an additional 2-3 minutes and serve.

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2 tablespoons freshly grated nutmeg  
1/4 cup golden raisins  
1/2 cup maple syrup  
1 1/2 cups rolled oats, not instant or quick-cooking  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup light brown sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
Pinch salt  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in small pieces  
1 1/2 teaspoons lightly beaten egg white  
1 1/2 teaspoons light corn syrup

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and set aside.

Cut the chunks of apple and pears crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Put the fruit in a large bowl. Add the nutmeg, raisins, and maple syrup. With a fork

or your hands, combine until the fruit is coated with the syrup. Arrange the fruit mixture in an even layer in the prepared baking dish. Set aside.

In another bowl, using a fork, combine the oats with the flour, sugar, cinnamon, ginger, and salt. Using your fingers or the fork,

This dessert is best served warm. Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 339 calories and 8 grams of fat. Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

Crisps and crumbles are particularly resilient. Once they are baked, you can easily cover one up, in its baking dish, and carry it off to a pot-luck or family gathering. It will be good served at room temperature, but better if reheated and served topped with small scoops of ice cream.

I favor crisps because their granola-like topping contrasts nicely the succulent fruit base while it also provides fiber and other good nutrients. This one can be made with nearly any kind of fruit, from juicy, tree-ripe summer peaches and plump blueberries, to the apples that sustain us through the tail end of winter and early spring. Here, I have combined fall fruits - apples and pears - which are now at their peak. But I find this dessert comes out delicious no matter what is at hand.

**MAPLE APPLE AND PEAR CRISP**  
3 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and quartered  
2 Bartlett pears, peeled,

Remove from pan and set aside. Wash lentils well with cold water and place in saucepan. Add 2 cups water and bring to boil. Cook lentils until half cooked and drain into colander.

Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan. Drain rice, add to saucepan, and stir. Add hot water. Ensure that at least 1 inch of hot water is above rice. Add salt and cumin. Bring to boil and cook for 2-3 minutes.

Reduce heat, cover pan, and cook for 10 minutes. Add cooked lentils and stir gently. Cover and cook on low heat for 10-15 minutes. Turn off heat and leave for 10 minutes.

Heat remaining vegetable oil until hot. Pour over rice and lentil mixture. Add fried onion, mix gently, and serve.

# Middle Eastern recipes are family treasures

**See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Samira Yako Chohag, author of "Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook."**

**SHWEED CHICKEN KABOB WITH YOGURT**  
Serves 4-6  
3 chicken breasts (2-3 pounds)  
1 cup yogurt  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon curry powder  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Salt

Mix yogurt, lemon juice, curry powder, olive oil, and salt in a small bowl. Blend well. Wash chicken breasts with cold

water and dry with kitchen towel. Cut into cubes and place in a large mixing bowl. Pour yogurt mixture over chicken and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 4-8 hours or overnight.

Prepare the grill. Place chicken cubes on skewers and grill over hot coals for 15-20 minutes or until tender and golden. Use pita bread to remove the kabob from skewers.

**FATTOUSH**  
Serves 4-6  
2 pita breads  
1 head romaine lettuce  
1 large cucumber  
1 small bunch parsley  
2 large tomatoes  
1/2 green bell pepper  
1/2 red bell pepper


Chop lettuce leaves. Peel cucumber and cut into large pieces. Chop parsley and cut tomatoes in small wedges. Chop green and red peppers into small pieces. Peel onions and slice. Chop fresh mint leaves. Place all vegetables in a large

salad bowl and mix well. Mix salad dressing ingredients and pour over vegetables. Add toasted bread and toss well. Serve immediately before bread gets lumpy.

**RICE WITH LENTILS**  
Serves 4-6  
2 cups long grain rice  
1/2 cup brown lentils  
2 large onions  
1 teaspoon cumin  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
4-5 cups hot water  
Salt

Wash rice well and soak in cold water for 15-20 minutes. Cut onion in half, peel, and slice. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan, add sliced onion and fry until golden brown.

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new wine. Fruity Beaujolais Nouveau is easy to drink and not meant to be taken too seriously. On this account, it is often "put down" and denigrated by wine snobs in the U.S. We've even heard about wine shops that won't carry Beaujolais Nouveau.

Don't pay attention to these people. Put some fun back into your wine drinking - drink some Beaujolais Nouveau with friends and family as early as you can this year. Pretend you're in a

Paris bistro and laugh together a lot! Conviviality and the hard-to-define magic of Beaujolais Nouveau are the perfect way to usher in the upcoming holiday season.

The fruity aromas and taste of Beaujolais stem not only from the gamay grape but from the way Beaujolais is made. The method is called carbonic maceration which preserves fruit qualities and maximizes color extraction, while minimizing tannins from grape skins that can cause

bitterness. Grapes are fermented whole, quickly and at relatively warm temperature. Most in the fermentation tank is rarely pumped over the cap. Contact between skin and juice is two to three weeks at most under a blanket of carbon dioxide gas.

Beaujolais Nouveau production modifies this regimen slightly. No carbon dioxide is used and the skin to juice contact time is only three to eight days at most.

The recognized king of Beaujolais is Georges Dubouef. In our opinion, Dubouef Beaujolais is consistently and reliably good. Expect to pay around \$9 for Dubouef Beaujolais Nouveau this year.

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Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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## Don't forget fish for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner

AP - Cooks who include fish in their Thanksgiving dinner menus are keeping faith with a long tradition.

Fish caught off the coasts of present-day Massachusetts and Cape Cod were crucial to the survival of the first colonists, editors at *SeaFood Business Magazine* say.

"In fact, the earliest American settlers relied on the seas for a significant portion of their food supply," John Fiorillo, the magazine's editor in chief, says.

By the early 1600s, especially in New England, seafood such as lobster, cod, sea bass, sturgeon and oysters were staples of meals. They were often ingredients in soups as well as main dishes.

The magazine's editors suggest the following festive recipes, Lobster and Pumpkin Bisque and Oyster Chowder, for holiday menus. Fiorillo says consumers should have no trouble finding fresh lobsters; they are sold around the country all year. Oys-

ters are also available.

**LOBSTER AND PUMPKIN BISQUE**

**Lobster:**  
3 cups water  
3 teaspoons salt  
1-pound live lobster

Bring water to boil in 4-quart stock pot. Add salt and return to boil. Place whole live lobster in pot, cover and blanch for 3 minutes. Remove lobster from pot and plunge immediately into ice water until cool enough to handle. Set aside stock pot with liquid. Pick lobster meat from shells. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

**Bisque:**  
1/2 cup pumpkin puree, canned  
1/4 cup port wine  
1/4 cup bourbon  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon maple syrup  
1 pint whipping cream  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Place the stock pot over medium heat and to the blanching liquid add pumpkin puree, port wine, bourbon, vanilla extract and maple syrup. Stir ingredients until well blended and simmer gently for 5 minutes. Stir in cream and simmer for an additional 5 minutes.

In small pan over medium heat, carefully melt butter. Just as the foam subsides, stir in flour to make a roux. Cook the roux with out letting it brown, about 5 minutes. Stir roux into stock with a whisk, and continue gently simmering the soup for an additional 20 minutes.

Cut lobster meat into bite-sized pieces. Stir meat, diced pumpkin and roasted pepper into the soup until well blended.

Lobster pieces will finish cooking in the hot soup. Keep warm, and just before serving stir in hard cheese. Garnish with crumbled goat cheese and chervil. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional facts per serving:** 841 cal., 15 g pro., 70 g fat, 29 g carbo., 268 mg chol., 2,023 mg sodium.

(Recipe from: Gregory Willoughby, The Olde House, Raymond, Maine, and the Maine Lobster Promotional Council.)

**OYSTER CHOWDER**

12-ounce can oysters or 12 fresh oysters  
4 tablespoons chopped onions  
3 tablespoons butter  
4 cups boiled cubed potatoes  
4 cups scalded milk  
1 cup corn  
2 tablespoons flour  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a heavy saucepan, melt butter and saute onions until delicate brown. Add oysters and their liquid, potatoes, milk, corn, salt and pepper, and bring to a boil. Mix flour with enough water to make a smooth paste and add to the chowder. Stir gently until soup thickens. Makes 4 servings.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

**MOUTH GUARDS**

Parents are urged to enlist the expertise of dentists in their efforts to protect the teeth of children who play contact sports. According to one recent study, the oral injury rate among athletes who wore mouth guards was 2.8 per cent versus an oral-injury rate of 30.3 per cent among athletes who went without mouth guards. Further study shows that young athletes are more apt to wear the most comfortable mouth guards longer and more often. To the end, dentists offer custom-made mouth guards that use impressions of the wearer's teeth for their design. Although they are a better investment than store-bought models, they are a better investment than store-bought models that are never worn.

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**LEGAL SENSE**  
By Mark Slavens, P.C.  
Attorney at Law

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If you're sole impression of the law and lawyers were to come from the media and popular culture, or would consist of nothing but high courtroom drama and criminal behavior. While most people feel themselves to be far removed from these aspects of the law, there are a number of other issues which may concern them. Lawyers play a role in facilitating real estate transactions. They are experts in drawing up and reviewing contracts as well as setting up corporations and other business entities. Lawyers are called upon to initiate or defend civil suits concerning a range of wrongdoings, including personal injury. The law also plays a role in matters of death, wills, and taxes. As a result, in this column we expect to

I welcome readers to my new work column on the law. I hope to use this space to bring you some interesting and useful information. I believe that in law, as in many other fields, it is not how you do it, but who you do it with. This means understanding some basic principles of law, your rights under the law, as well as some of the duties and obligations legally incumbent upon you and those with whom you deal. My law practice is primarily personal injury cases. If you have been injured, call me at (734) 421-5210 for a free consultation.

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### MEDICAL BRIEFS

#### Menopause support

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. Guest speaker, Ann Bradley, M.S.W., C.S.W., St. Mary Hospital, Center for Counseling Services, will be discussing, "Celebrating the Important Gifts Women Give to their Families and the World." We will discuss why women are the first to get ready for the holidays and the last to enjoy them. Ann will offer tips on how not to let the details of the holiday preparations interfere with the spirit of the season. For more information, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at (800) 494-1615.

#### Arthritis problems

Learn more about treatment options, pain management, current arthritis medications, physical therapy programs and more. Presented by Michael B. Haynes, M.D. from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Providence Medical Center, Novi Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. No charge. Call (877) 345-5500.

#### Healthy eating

Presbyterian Village Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, will host a discussion on Healthy Holiday Eating at their monthly coffee hour 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. An expert will offer suggestions on enjoying traditional holiday dishes while watching calories, cholesterol and sodium. Call (734) 762-8883.

#### Women's forum

The Ann Arbor Arthritis Foundation will host a forum on "Understanding Women's Mid Life Issues & Changes," a half-day public forum presented as part of the 1998 Health & Education series. Conference will be held 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Education Building Auditorium. Cost is \$20. Call to register, (734) 572-3224.

#### Osteoporosis expo

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Women's Health Services is presenting an Osteoporosis Expo: "Health Choice for Healthy Bones." Nov. 17 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the SJMH Education Center. Attendees will learn to identify and evaluate their risk factors and hear about the latest in osteoporosis diagnosis and treatment methods. There will be a variety of exhibits with valuable information on calcium-rich food, options for bone density measurement and hormone replacement therapy. Call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

#### Fibromyalgia talk

Dr. Martin Tamler of William Beaumont Hospital will host a seminar on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia. The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. at the Beaumont Auditorium in the south end of the Royal Oak hospital. For more information, call Sharon Ostalecki of Livonia at (248) 344-4063.

#### LEGAL SENSE

**We want your health news**

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (topping calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/news in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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# Fibromyalgia

## Control, not cure, is the key to coping now

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER  
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If you've been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a muscle endurance disease that causes widespread pain throughout the fibrous tissues of the musculoskeletal system, Dr. Martin Tamler of William Beaumont Hospital says you have every reason to be optimistic about your prognosis.

Tamler, along with many of his patients, is frustrated by the lack of optimism and encouragement most medical professionals have about the syndrome.

"I've encountered very few physicians out there that take any significant interest in this patient population - they're a very frustrated group of people who typically have an extensive number of pains that can throw off a diagnosis. Some doctors become frustrated by this and would rather not spend the extra time these patients require," said Tamler, 36, a leading fibromyalgia specialist in the area. Tamler has been on staff at Beaumont since 1988.

The syndrome and its symptoms are treatable and can be controlled by a well-informed and assertive patient, but currently there is no known cure and very little validated data on its cause. Unfortunately, said Tamler, there is no diagnostic test or x-ray that can detect the syndrome, but physicians can substantiate the diagnosis by checking consistent tender point sites throughout the body that are more susceptible to pain when pressure is applied than would be experienced by a person without the disease.

One of Tamler's patients, who went seven years without a diagnosis and to nearly 20 physicians before she was properly treated, knows the frustration and anxiety a patient can feel when she's told "it's all in your head," or "you're crazy."

"I knew in my heart I wasn't crazy and that something was really wrong with me," said Sharon Ostalecki, a Livonia elementary school teacher.

Ostalecki, a former runner who taught aerobics, said that 15 years ago she began experiencing widespread pain that started to take over her whole body. Initially she was told she had too much estrogen and that she was probably overexerting herself during workouts.

As the months and years passed and the pain grew more intense, daily living activities in her personal and professional life began to suffer, Ostalecki says.

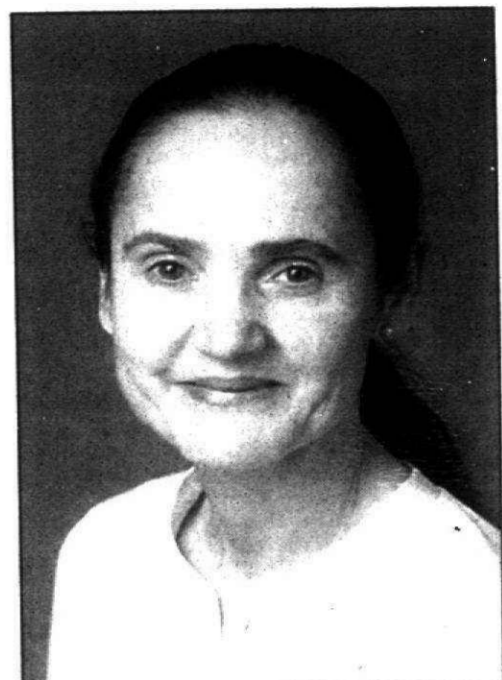
"Your quality of life suffers because you can't focus in on things because the pain is so distracting."

It wasn't until she was treated by Tamler that the Livonia educator said she began to feel any physical and emotional distance from the pain.

**Who's suffering**

Although people of all ages and health histories have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, the condition largely afflicts women ages 25 to 50 - eight times as many women suffer from the disease as men, says Tamler. Fibromyalgia can be triggered by events such as pregnancy, flu, infection, an automobile accident or the diagnosis of another disorder such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis.

"Some patients say they feel like they never



**Moving beyond:** Sharon Ostalecki of Livonia first began suffering from the symptoms of fibromyalgia in 1983. In the last eight years, she's worked hard to be pain-free through a special diet, exercise and a well-balanced sleeping regimen.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

The Livonia mother of three says she masters the pain through a diet Tamler encourages called the 40-30-30 diet, regular aerobic exercise, and alternative therapies such as reflexology, meditation and biofeedback.

Tamler's 40-30-30 diet includes consuming a diet of 40 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat. Foods low in gluten's and a diet that minimizes the intake of caffeine and white sugars is best, says Ostalecki.

While there are medications that can ease the pain, they actually just work to dull your senses and do nothing to repair your muscles like a good nutritional plan, exercise and sleep can, Ostalecki says.

"You end up walking around like a zombie from the anti-depressants. Medication may be necessary to establish regular sleeping patterns, but it can't do anything to build endurance in the muscles that are weakened by the disease."

#### Knowledgeable patients

In the past year, Tamler and Ostalecki have worked together to offer seminars to educate people about fibromyalgia. "So much negativity surrounds fibromyalgia in the media and what's been written about it," said Ostalecki. "I wanted to be able to reach out to people who weren't properly educated about their problem and share with them what I've learned from Dr. Tamler."

The three-session series empowers patients to take an active role in their treatment and in dealing with physicians who may not be that well versed in caring for fibromyalgia patients. The first workshop provides attendees with an overview of fibromyalgia. The second deals with the role nutrition can play, and the last session offers alternative approaches to treatments.

The workshops have been well attended, and Tamler said he's eager to continue providing people with factual information rather than what he fears there is no hope for them to ever lead a pain free life.

"The discussions allow me to give people a good solid foundation of information about fibromyalgia, how they can approach their physician who may be reluctant to treat the problem and what some of the key treatment strategies are," Tamler said.

Many of Tamler's patients aren't diagnosed in the early stages of the disease and have spent years suffering unnecessarily, he said. "This is a tough disease but with the proper diet, regular exercise and an adequate amount of sleep each night many of the symptoms can be controlled."

If you would like more information about fibromyalgia, are interested in attending an upcoming discussion series or would like a resource newsletter compiled by Ostalecki and Tamler, call Sharon Ostalecki at (248) 344-4063 or Dr. M. Tamler's office, (248) 288-2210.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital offers two fibromyalgia support groups. They meet the second Monday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. in the Senior Health Building on the hospital campus. For more information, call (734) 572-3224.

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actually recover from the triggering incident and thus the onset of the syndrome," said Tamler.

The most prevalent symptom of fibromyalgia is pain that can range from a constant ache to burning, throbbing and an overall stiffness in the muscles, especially those used repetitively. Nodules develop deep within the muscles. These nodules can, if untreated, cause debilitating pain.

Flare ups can be triggered by fatigue, lack of energy, loss of regular sleeping patterns, irritable bowel syndrome (constipation, nausea, abdominal pain), chemical sensitivity (odor, noise, food), and sensitivity to environmental factors such as weather and stress. Ostalecki says.

Ostalecki has managed to get her pain under control through diet, sleep and exercise. Stress can provoke an episode in her that may last a couple of days or several weeks.

"I've really worked hard to be pain free," said Ostalecki. "I'm not used to sit in a chair and cry and say 'woe is me'."

## Beta blocker drugs reduce repeat heart attacks

A Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan study shows an average 73 percent of Blues members over age 35 statewide who had heart attacks received beta blockers after hospitalization, a rate which compares favorably with national averages.

The use of beta blockers following acute myocardial infarction is associated with a reduced risk of future cardiac events and sudden death. Their use is highly recommended by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. The drugs lower the heart's need for oxygen by decreasing its workload. They also act to reduce the incidence of fatal dysrhythmias (abnormal heart beat).

Blue Cross shared the results with hospitals and physician groups to help elevate the rate of beta blocker use and the overall quality of health care in Michigan. The study is the first in Michigan to cover a very large patient population and to cover a broad geographical area in the state.

"Our approach is collaborative and aims to deliver practical statistics that medical professionals can employ

toward practicing the best kind of medicine," said Marianne Udow, Blues' senior vice president of health care products and provider services. "Some physicians and patients are unaware of the extent to which these drugs can improve health outcomes in certain cases."

Dr. David Share, M.D., clinical director of the Blues' Center for Health Care Quality, which conducted the study, said although the data were favorable, there was still room for improvement.

"In an ideal situation, we'd like to see the number of patients receiving the drugs closer to 90 percent," Share said. "Our hope is this type of information can alert physicians and change practice patterns."

The report also showed regional variations from 64 to 75 percent. In West Michigan, 64 percent of the patients received the drugs. In the northeast, 75 percent in central and northeast Michigan. In the Upper Peninsula and in some counties in southeast Michigan, the number of patients was higher - 77 percent.

There were no significant differences

found for patient age or sex. Female patients received the drugs in 75 percent of the cases, compared to 72 percent of male patients. Patients under age 50, and those over age 59, received them in 71 percent of the cases, while those ages 50 to 59 received them in 74 percent of the cases.

The study looked at non-HMO Blues members with prescription drug coverage who were discharged from Michigan hospitals with a primary diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction. A total of 1,400 acute myocardial infarction cases were studied. There are some patients who should not take the drugs because of contraindications, medical conditions.

A patient was considered to have received a prescription for a beta blocker if Blues' pharmacy claims data showed a prescription was filled within 45 days post to the hospital admission date in seven days following hospital discharge. The study reflects both physician practice patterns and patient compliance with physician prescribing.

In addition to research and quality myocardial infarction patients, the company is studying the use of glycoylated hemoglobin testing among diabetics. The measurement of HbA1c or glycoylated hemoglobin, is an essential adjunct to daily glucose self-testing and evaluating serum glucose levels. The American Diabetes Association recommends that HbA1c be determined at initial evaluation and at least one to two times per year thereafter.

The Blues created the Center for Health Care Quality to study processes of care known to be causally linked with good patient health outcomes. These are areas where there is consensus on what is best practice and where there may be substantial variation in practice patterns.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan provides or administers health care benefits to 4.5 million members through a variety of products, including Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield, community Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue-PO Blue Choice Point of Service, Blue Care Network HMO and Blue-MedSave Medical Savings Accounts.



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**MON, NOV. 16**

**ARTHRITIS PROBLEMS**  
Learn more about treatment options, pain management, current arthritis medications, physical therapy programs and more. Presented by Michael B. Haynes, M.D. from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, Novi Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. No charge. Call (877) 345-5500.

**LUPUS DISCUSSION**  
"How is my heart affected when I have lupus. Am I at risk for heart disease?" will be the topics at the Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Library, Judy Hutton, R.N. is the guest speaker. For more information call Andrea Gray at (734) 261-6714. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

**DIABETES EDUCATION**  
A certified Diabetes Educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

**CEREBRAL PALSY SUPPORT**  
This is a federal and state funded program that serves families who have children with any disabilities. Services and workshops are free. Families will be reimbursed for transportation and childcare. Nov. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland.

**DIABETICS HANDLE HOLIDAYS**  
Adults with insulin dependent diabetes learn to "handle holiday stress." Free. Botsford's Health Development (HDN), 39750 Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

**NOV. 16, 18, 23**

**COMMUNITY FIRST AID**  
American Red Cross Standard First Aid and Adult and Infant/Child CPR. Ten-hour course. The fee is \$46, which includes materials. Certificates issued for successful completion.

Classes held at the Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

**TUE, NOV. 17**

**HEALTHY EATING**  
Presbyterian Village Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, will host a discussion on Healthy Holiday Eating at their monthly coffee hour 10-11 a.m. An expert will offer suggestions on enjoying traditional holiday dishes while watching calories, cholesterol and sodium. Call (734) 762-8883.

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**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**  
For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call (734) 458-4396.

**WED, NOV. 18**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURSE**  
Madonna University in Livonia will offer two substance abuse courses this fall Nov. 18-Dec. 16 from 7-10 p.m. on Wednesdays: Chemical Dependency: General Information. Nov. 6 and 7. Substance Abuse and AIDS from 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

**WHO WILL DECIDE?**  
Bill Scheuber, Botsford General Hospital's professional and support services administrator, discusses "Who will decide when I can't?" and how to use the durable power of attorney for health care. Free from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Main Street in Northville. Call (248) 349-0911.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 2-3:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting, call (734) 655-8940.

**NOV. 21 & 24**

**CHILD BIRTH REFRESHER**  
A two-session class for couples who have already had a birth experience. The course provides a review of the stages of birth process along with exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4390 to register.

**SAT, NOV. 21**

**MID-LIFE ISSUES**  
Understanding Women's Mid Life Issues & Changes will be the topic of a presentation from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Education Building Auditorium. Cost for the forum is \$20 which includes continental breakfast. Call (734) 572-3224 to register. Limited space.

**FREE OSTEOARTHRITIS TALK**  
Botsford General Hospital rheumatologist Paul Wenig, D.O., discusses the diagnosis and treatment of osteoarthritis and medical treatment options, as well as what role exercise and lifestyle may play in pain reduction. Free 10-11:30 a.m. Adat Shalom Synagogue, 2901 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 851-5100.

**CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION**

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method. A 1-day session will be held from 9-4:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$75. Pre-registration is required for this class. Call (734) 655-1100.

**MON, NOV. 23**

**SMOKE-FREE, YOUR CHOICE**  
A series of four classes to help you stop smoking begins at 1 p.m. and again on Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. Sessions include: strategies to stay smoke-free; stress management techniques; healthy eating and physical activity choices. Registration required, call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-3338 to register.

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**TUES, NOV. 24**

**CPR REVIEW**  
American Red Cross recertification in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Certification and text required to take this review course. Class time is 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$22.

**SENIOR STRATEGIES**  
Information to support you as you age related to attitude exercise. Help increase flexibility, vitality and dignity. Meets from 10-11 a.m. Call (734) 458-7100. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland.

**FRI, NOV. 27**

**CPR REVIEW**  
American Red Cross recertification in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Certification and text required to take this review course. Class time is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$22.

**ADAPT**  
Monthly meeting for those who are or would like to become active in advocating the rights of people with disabilities. Meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland.

**MON, NOV. 30**

**DIABETES EDUCATION**  
A certified Diabetes Educator will schedule an appointment for individual assessment which will determine the individual's needs and insurance. Meets from 1-4 p.m. Westland MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 458-7100.

**WED, DEC. 2**

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**DIABETES SUPPORT**

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP. (734) 458-4390. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road.

**OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING**  
Oakwood Healthcare Center in Livonia will host a bone density screening from 1-5 p.m. at 37650 Professional Center Dr. To register call 800-543-WELL.

**DEC. 2, 9, 16**

**CERTIFIED SITTING**  
A program for individuals age 11-15 to develop skills and knowledge to be safe babysitters. Cost \$30. From 5:30-9 p.m. (2, 9) and 5:30-9:30 p.m. on the 16th. Plymouth/Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 416-2937 to register.

**DEC. 2 THRU JAN. 19**

**CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION**  
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**Police using Internet to nab pedophiles**



MIKE WENDLAND

Instead of a single topic this week, it's time to catch up on the latest trends and happenings involving the Internet and computer world. I've found that so much happens these days in technology that the only way to keep current is to devote a column from time to time to "tech tidbits."

Here's the latest:

■ The hottest beat in cyberspace - Police agencies across the country are forming elite, undercover units charged with surfing cyberspace to identify and nab sexual predators. The latest arrests came over the past week here in Michigan.

■ Oakland County officials nabbed a 34-year-old married man who showed up at a motel thinking he was going to meet an under-aged girl for sex. Wayne County deputies busted a 32 year old man who thought he would be having sex with a 14 year old girl he met online.

In both cases, the suspects were soliciting and arranging meetings with undercover cops, who were in online chat rooms posing as young girls. Police units are in operation in Florida, Virginia, California, Connecticut and several other states.

■ Net growth continues - The Internet is growing at a rate of 36 percent a year and shows no signs of slowing down, according to the latest study by Nielsen media research, the same company that measures TV viewing. Nielsen estimates that 79 million people over the age of 16 are on the Internet in the U.S. and Canada.

Other interesting stats: 50 percent of the population between 16-34 (or 40 million) are Internet users; 17 percent of those over 50 (13 million); and 43 percent of the net users are women (34 million).

■ Net stocks to surge over holiday excitement? - I'm no investment expert or skill for stock picks but I'm betting we're going to see some soaring prices for the big Internet stocks. The reason is a spate of glowing new surveys pre-

dicting huge increases in E-Commerce, or online shopping.

The latest study comes from Dell Computer (which, by the way, sells \$6 million a day on its Web site). Dell had a study of all those online that indicates 43 percent of all those online (now estimated at 72 million in the U.S.), plan to shop online for holiday gifts this year. That's a whopping 330 percent increase over the 1997 holiday season when only 10 percent bought from Internet sites.

■ Telecommunications satellites launched - Five new satellites are in orbit this week as part of a \$5 billion telecommunications system called Iridium. Backed largely by Motorola Inc., the project will eventually consist of a fleet of about 70 satellites, each 13 feet long and weighing about 1,500 pounds. When the network is fully operational, it will allow subscribers to receive wireless digital telephone service virtually anywhere on the planet. The system will eventually allow paging, data and fax services, too.

■ Preparation shortages - So many people are stocking up on generators, emergency food supplies, water storage tanks and survivalist gear because of fears over the looming Y2K crisis that businesses that traditionally sell such items are reporting six month backlogs.

Walton Feed, a bulk food company that usually supplies only Mormons, reports a six month backlog in orders. China Diesel Imports, a company that sells heavy duty 8,000-watt generators, says it's also running six months behind because of Y2K. "This isn't fear-mongering," says the Internet's Y2K Newswire, "this is a statement of fact about the preparation industry."

■ Internet adultery - Call it a cyber affair. Marriage counselors and private investigators say a growing number of marriages are breaking up because bored husbands or wives are moving from a virtual relationship to a physical one. "It's middle-age crazy," says South Carolina private eye Dan Garrett. "They get bored and complacent. They get a computer. They start playing solitaire and then go to chat rooms. The next thing you know they're meeting someone at the Red Roof Inn." Garrett says 15 percent of his cases involve extramarital affairs that began on the Inter-

net.

■ Sex does HUGE Internet business - Speaking of sex and the Net, the porn site operator XPIcs Publishing that was a couple of weeks ago because of a dispute involving the way it processed credit card accounts was taking in an estimated \$5 to \$8 million each week, according to one of the leading online credit card processing companies.

The money came from cyberspace voyeurs who paid a \$19.95 monthly fee to have access to XPIcs library of pornographic pictures and videos.

That's it for this week.

I've added my Web site lately? See you next week.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site, at <http://www.pcmike.com>

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**WED, NOV. 25**  
**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
BNI, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

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**Cambridge recognized**  
James Cambridge, a member of the Detroit law firm of Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC was recognized at the recent annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan for his many professional and civic contributions. He has been instrumental in the adoption of several legislative measures which have helped the state of Michigan. His most notable effort was serving as chairperson of the legislature drafting committee that wrote the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act. Cambridge specializes in the areas of business, finance and real estate. He lives in Livonia with his wife Mary and their three children.

**CPCU designation**  
Deborah A. Hoensch, CPCU, of Livonia has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter by the American Institute for CPCU. She is employed by AAA of Michigan in Livonia as a senior claims adjuster responsible for the handling of injury liability claims. She recently attended the ceremony in California.

**Service administrator**  
Tricia Wilson has been appointed as a client service administrator at J.R. Thompson Company. In her new position she will be working on the Chrysler Corporation Mopar Parts Division's service team. Prior to joining the staff, Wilson was a bookkeeper at the Quality Inn in Plymouth. She resides in Redford with her husband Dan.

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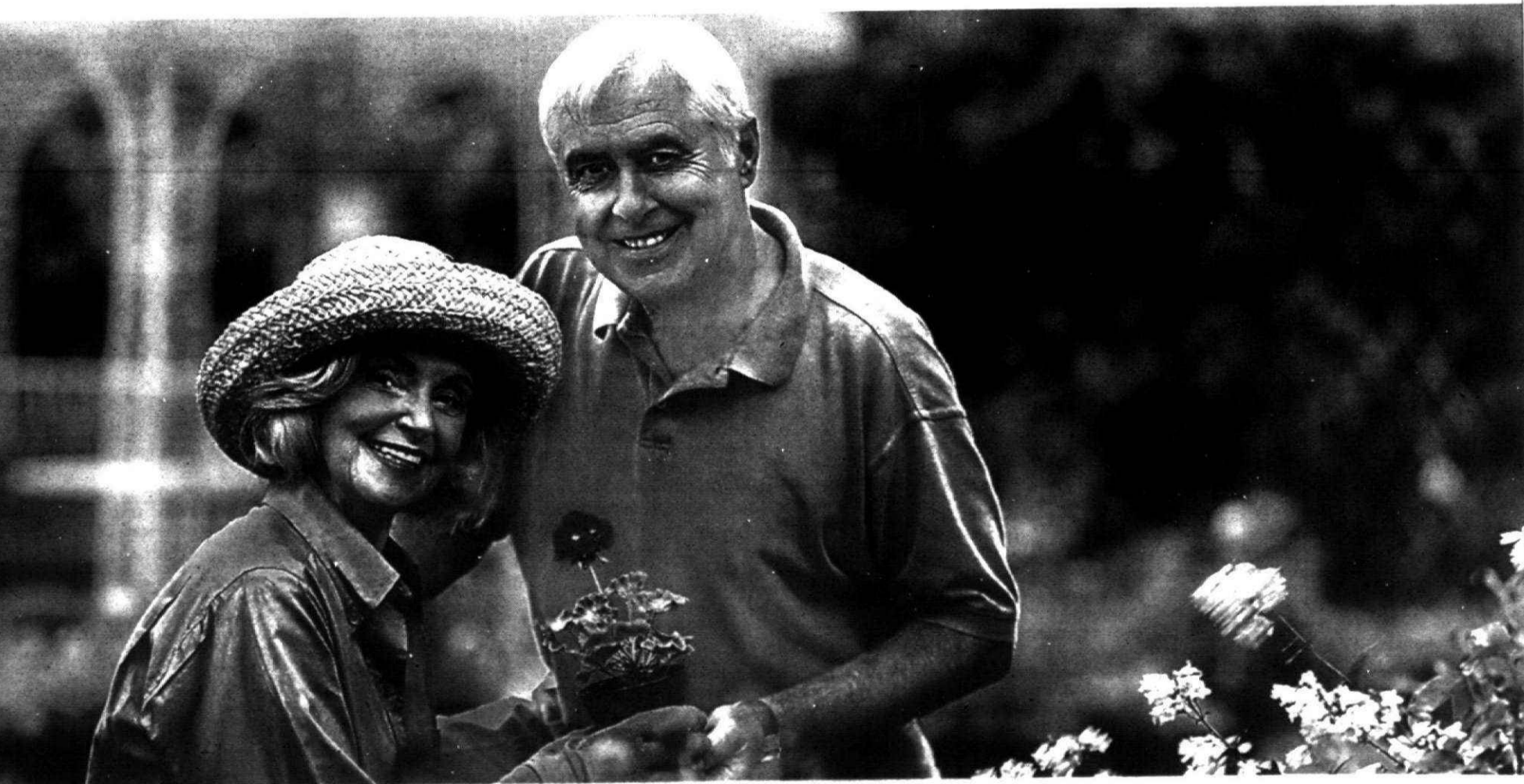
**Company spirit**  
In the spirit of lending a helping hand, The KPM Group (office in Livonia) recently sponsored a clothing drive for "My Sisters Closet," which is directed by the Detroit Urban League and offers free professional clothing to women. The group collected over 600 clothing items for women, who qualify for free clothing, to wear interviewing and on the job, by their involvement with "Work First."

**New business**  
New to the area, Omnipoint

Communications provides digital wireless personal communications services for mobile phones, e-mail and Web browsing. Formal grand-opening ceremonies were Oct. 22 at the new store on Meridian in Livonia.

**Prestigious recognition**  
The Women's Economic Club awarded Valassis Communications the 1998 Today's Workplace of Tomorrow award. It recognizes a company that initiates leading edge programs and creates outstanding work environments that benefit the organization, its employees and community. Lonell Rice, chair of WEC's awards committee said Valassis employees were "given the tools they need to succeed and are empowered to do their jobs."

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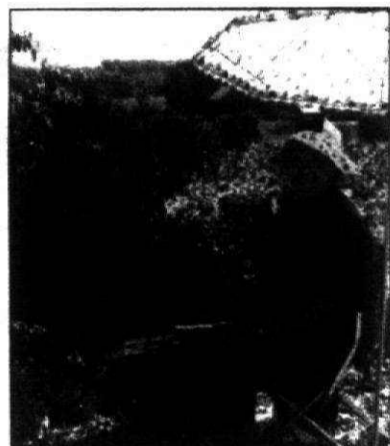
LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Camp is a painter's getaway

Mary Merz's trip to Campedee on Lake Leelanau in September was a dream come true — no cooking, no cleaning, and the opportunity to paint to her heart's content.

Merz of Redford, joined 13 other women for a weeklong paint-a-thon to replenish the creative spirit. Run by Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich, the camp stresses plein air painting, the outdoor method preferred by the French Impressionists. Artists stay in Birchcroft, a 10-bedroom house, originally a hunting lodge designed by a German architect at the turn-of-the-century. Guests are served gourmet meals that are cooked by a chef. There's only one drawback — only two and a half baths. But the women, who for 15 years have returned for one of four sessions offered in June and September, don't seem to mind.

"Being with a bunch of women with similar minds, we just all meshed," said Merz, who for the first time last year attended the Northern Michigan Art Workshops, sponsored by Northwest Michigan Artists and Craftsmen in Traverse City. "It was a real retreat, a quiet regrouping of your energies. Everybody ought to do something like this every year."



At work: Mary Merz paints on location around Lake Leelanau at a camp for creative minds.

### Passion for painting

Gwen Tomkow, a Farmington Hills watercolorist, has attended the camp for 12 years to take advantage of the area she refers to as "great reference material." Joppich was Tomkow's first watercolor teacher 20 years ago. Now, Tomkow teaches painting workshops at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

"It's wonderful to get that artistic energy that you can only get when you paint plein air," said Tomkow. "I sometimes go twice a year. When you go away you're thinking art all day."

Tomkow began painting in oil 30 years ago. She recently returned from receiving an award in the National Watercolor Society exhibition in California and is now a signature member of the Society.

"Everything is shared," said Tomkow. "It's a total bonding. You'll find most artists are very giving and share their ideas and experience."

Mary Ann Adams of Plymouth began studying with Joppich nearly 10 years ago. Because she's enjoyed the last six years at Campedee so much, she signed up for a 10 day trip to Italy with Joppich in April.

"It was a birthday gift that I now give myself every year," said Adams. "It's the teacher, the people that she draws. You get locations you would never get to paint otherwise."

### "Artescape"

In addition to the four weeks at Campedee, Joppich began offering the opportunity to paint in exotic locations such as an island in the Dutch West Indies and in Florence, Italy. In between teaching six days a week at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia

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# RECOLLECTIONS

## Composer draws on New York

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Anthony Iannaccone doesn't wait for inspiration to write music. The Brooklyn born composer can hardly afford to since he's received enough commissions to keep him busy until the year 2003. Fifty of Iannaccone's compositions have been published, and one of his latest works, "Recollections," makes its world premiere with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Nov. 21.

A series of orchestral works, part one of "Recollections" was commissioned by the Prague Philharmonic and premieres next year in the Czech Republic. Written last spring, "Waiting for Sunrise on the Sound" recalls Iannaccone's boyhood growing up in New York City. "Recollections" number two, "West End Express," is named after a train that traveled across the East River to



Early years: Anthony Iannaccone drew on childhood experiences to write "Recollections," a series of orchestral works the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will premiere.

Brooklyn where it became a surface line and then an elevated line (the "El") before arriving at Coney Island. Commissioned by the Kalamazoo Symphony, the work is the second of three parts, which when completed, will comprise Iannaccone's Symphony No. 4. Plymouth Symphony conductor Russell Reed and Iannaccone will discuss the orchestral works in a pre-concert program at Pease Auditorium in Ypsilanti.

"They're pieces that draw on childhood memories, a recurring nightmare" said Iannaccone who composed his first orchestral piece at age 12. "But even if you don't know anything about the background, you can listen to these just as music, which is what you should be able to do with every piece of music. A composition should communicate musical values and be able to work as organized sound."

Iannaccone will guest conduct "Recollections." In fact, the only time the Ypsilanti resident guest conducts is when the piece is written by him.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It is a very difficult work and not one you normally hear by a community orchestra. It's very challenging. I enjoy working with the Plymouth Symphony. They're a very fine orchestra."

Iannaccone began studying violin, piano and music theory at age five with a cousin who was a violinist in the New York Philharmonic. His goal toward a career in composing took a slight detour when his parents insisted he study physics at Fordham University. After two years, composition lured him back. Iannaccone earned his master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music where he taught in the late 1960s, and a doctorate from the



PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

All American: Russell Reed leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Eastman School. He studied contemporary and traditional composition with Aaron Copland and Vittorio Giannini. A professor at Eastern Michigan University for the last 27 years, where he also conducts the Collegium Musicum chamber orchestra and chamber choir, Iannaccone teaches at the Bavarian Musical Academy and conducts the Bavarian Festival Orchestra, 50 miles outside of Munich, during the summer.

"There's nothing I love more than writing music because it's a way of relating to people, but it's a two edge sword," said Iannaccone. "It's not easy to maintain your sanity as a composer and a conductor," said Iannaccone. "That's why I do one or the other. I can't concentrate on the music I'm conducting and composing at the same time."

Reed is looking forward to premiering "Recollections." The Plymouth Symphony performed Iannaccone's Clarinet Concertino a few years ago, and his third symphony, "Night Rivers," appears on the orchestra's "Sound Waves" CD.

"It's a very exciting piece," said Reed. "The West End Express is kind of perpetual motion. It has tremendous energy. Eventually the train comes to an end and the music stops but you can imagine the click-clack of the train."

In addition to premiering Iannaccone's "Recollections," the Plymouth Symphony offers an eclectic program of "All American" selections including James Lentini's "Sinfonia di Festa," commissioned by the orchestra to commemorate its 50th anniversary in 1995-96. Guest soloists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Carrington, together with the choirs of Plymouth Centennial Educational Park and Northville High School, sing songs from "Porgy and Bess."

### "All American" Concert

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the world premiere of Anthony Iannaccone's "Recollections." Guest artists include soprano Glenda Kirkland and baritone Conwell Carrington, and the choirs from the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park and Northville High School.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. "On Stage," a pre-concert discussion with Iannaccone begins at 7 p.m.

Where: Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Tickets: \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, and available by calling (734) 451-2112. In conjunction with the orchestra's educational program, students through grade 12 are free.

Kirkland, professor of voice at Eastern Michigan University, trained at the Juilliard School of Music. Carrington, a University of Michigan graduate, is the bass section leader with the Detroit Concert Choir.

"It's going to be a very interesting, all encompassing program for the audience, all 20th century," said Reed. "It's a thrill to do Porgy and Bess again. It's one of the great original American operas and tells the story of the plight of the African American. It mixes pop, spiritual and jazz and is truly great American music."

# Reporter pens mystery

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Christopher Meehan wouldn't mind giving up his day job to write novels full time. But being a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press has been a great source for ideas.

"Journalism tends to fuel what I do and gives me the opportunity to talk to cops, militia members, doctors and lawyers, a lot more than if I was sitting at home just writing my books," he said.

Meehan's third mystery novel, "Blood on the Bridge" (Thunder Bay Press, \$14.95) was partially inspired by a story he was working on as a medical reporter for the Press and partially by the Oklahoma City bombing.

Meehan is a Redford native and a 1967 graduate of Redford Union High School. He began his newspaper work as a stringer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"I always wrote novels or tried to," he said. "It was an English professor at the University of Detroit who said to get into journalism to make some money. So I got into journalism to make money but also to learn the tricks of writing."

But the novel writing was put on the backburner until Meehan received a journalism fellowship at the University of Michigan where he studied creative writing.

He published his first book, "Deadly Waters" in 1995 with a local Grand

What: Chris Meehan will sign his new mystery "Blood on the Bridge." Where and When: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Walden's at Twelve Oaks, Novi; noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Waldenbooks & More, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia.



Rapids publisher.

"Blood on the Bridge" is a multi-character mystery with a dramatic climax on the Mackinac Bridge. Arly Fleck, a former postal worker and ex-con with Tourette's Syndrome, has a plan to blow up the bridge to spoil a ceremony planned by Gov. Frank B. Bone. Bone has arranged to honor his father, a bridge worker whose body is embedded in one of the bridge pil-

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## DANCE



# WSU dancers lure children to art

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Journey: Livonia dancer Mary Gormley performs in the 45th annual program, On Stage! Dance Performances for Children, at Wayne State University.

In fourth grade Mary Gormley told her parents that if they let her take dance lessons, she'd be sure to stay out of trouble. Now, at age 24, the Livonia dancer is passing her love for the art onto future generations as a member of the Wayne State University Dance Company.

Gormley, along with the rest of the company, performs its 45th annual Dance Concert for Young Folks on Saturday, Nov. 21. A senior, Gormley joined the troupe as a freshman. In her early years she studied at Sheryl's School of Dance, formerly in Livonia now in Novi, and performed with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

"The program gets kids involved and makes them aware of dance," said Gormley at the end of a 12 hour day that included classes and rehearsal of the piece she choreographed for the show

"Dance is a way of expressing yourself with your body the way you always express yourself with your voice. We use lots of facial expressions. We really try to animate and bring the children into it."

"Crossed Wires" is Gormley's comedic dance about three sisters, ages elementary to high school, trying to use the same phone line. As the youngest of five siblings, the piece rings true to life but is very different from ones she choreographed before spending a year in the senior study abroad program. At the London Contemporary School of Dance, Gormley learned to look inward to produce movement. She treasures the time spent studying with dancers from Spain, Sweden, France, and Spain for its "culturally expanding" experiences.

"They teach it from an inward expression to movement out," said Gormley, who is also studying theater. "On a whole, dance is moving toward centering

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### On Stage! Dance

Performances for Children

What: The 45th annual program performed by the Wayne State University Dance Company.

When: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

Where: Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State campus, Detroit.

Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$4 children/students/seniors, and available by calling (313) 577-4273.

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Steve Wray, County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts exhibits in the Livonia Civic Center Library for the month of November.

The Livonia Public Schools art teachers take over the Fine Arts Gallery in the library with a display of mixed media through Nov. 30.

Next door in the exhibition cases, Plymouth resident Gloria Hull gets viewers in the Holiday spirit with her personal collection of Santas.

The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS SHOW The Farmington Artists Club continues its fall exhibit and sale through Tuesday, Nov. 12-17, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Roads).

Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday. For information, call (248) 646-3707.

The exhibition consists of three sections: a juried show, an open display of framed work, and a large selection of unframed art. Alan Cary, owner of the Cary Gallery in Rochester, served as juror for the show. Farmington Artists Club members are from throughout the metropolitan area. They work in a wide variety of media including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, mixed media, and collage. Their painting styles range from photo-realism to purely abstract.

ON A HIGH NOTE Canton Project Arts kicked off its sixth annual fine arts exhibition Oct. 30 with a full house. The opening reception and awards ceremony boasted more than 125 people. The show closed Nov. 6.

Best of Show (Antoinette Stevens, Plymouth) and second place (Leslie Masters, Ypsilanti) winners spoke about their works after receiving checks. Third place went to Jim Nawara, and Merit Awards to Olga Pawlowski, Beth Steinkellner, Marsha

Weigand, and Connie Lucas, Tom Terry and Nancy Janosi received Honorable Mentions.

FREE CONCERT The Noontime Concert series welcomes mezzo-soprano Barbara Alexander 12-15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Hear the songs of the hit musical "Ragtime" at this concert sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information, call (734) 466-2197.

REDFORD SYMPHONY SCHEDULE John Gajec, music director/conductor of the Redford Civic Symphony, recently announced the orchestra's 1998-99 season.

All concerts take place at 3 p.m., Sunday in the Thurston High School Cafeteria unless otherwise noted. Admission is free. For more information, call Gajec at (313) 538-1652.

Dec. 6 - Christmas concert  
Feb. 7  
March 21 - Cabaret  
May 16 - Spring concert  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29 in Capitol Park, Redford

"CELEBRATION OF MUSIC"

Madonna University presents a recital, the First Annual Celebration of Music 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The performance falls on the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the music scholarship fund. Students who will sing and play flute, guitar and piano are Anne Alati, Sharon Hoyer, Elizabeth Kranik, Melissa Radwin, and Anthony Richendollar, and alumni Karla Fisher and Larry Banas.

For information about the recital, call Linette Popoff-Parks at (734) 432-5709.

CALL FOR ART Very Special Arts Michigan is looking for original art works by people with disabilities to exhibit in its 1999 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibition. Deadline for entry is Jan. 8. For details, call (248) 423-1080.

The 1998 Touring Art Exhibition, which showcases 43 two- and three-dimensional art works, has been exhibited in galleries, art centers, universities, festivals, and conferences in

Escanaba, Mount Pleasant, Kalamazoo, Momb, Grand Rapids, Novi, Hamtramck, White Cloud, Lansing, Livonia, Birmingham, Pontiac, and Franklin.

Very Special Arts Michigan is a state affiliate of Very Special Arts, an international organization that provides learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of

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yourself, the torso region, and the limbs are an extension."

A graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills where she sang with the Mercurys, Gormley hopes one day to perform professionally in musical theater. In the meantime, she takes in as many shows in the area as possible. From "Romeo and Juliet" to the Monte Carlo Ballet to "Evita," the young dancer learns the dos and don'ts and what it takes to be a well-rounded performer.

Recommended for children ages three and up, the program will be performed for school children 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Nov. 17-20 (Friday's program is signed). Seats are still available and a bargain at \$2 each. After the public performance Nov. 21, the company will take the program on tour to area schools. For more information or to schedule a performance, call Mileski at (313) 577-4273.

Freda Frump (Portia Fields Anderson), the lively host of On Stage! for more than two decades, guides children through the program, introduces dances, and engages the audience in creating movement.

"We try to get the children to use their imagination," said Mileski. "It's designed especially in a theatrical setting. The intent is to educate children, to teach them what dance is—the elements of space, time and energy."

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and running her gallery (Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport) in the summer. Joppich scopes out new locations by visiting the year before to ensure painters encounter no problems during their Artescape. From April 14-23, travelers will stay in a hotel which sits above the town of Bellagio, Italy on Lake Como.

Formed by an ancient glacier, the lake begins 25 miles north of Milan.

"It's going to be fun spending time with artists, old friends and new," said Joppich. "It's hard work but we laugh a lot and it will be beautiful looking across the lake to the Swiss Alps."

Joppich will lead an Artescape to Spain in November, 1999. She researches the trip by traveling to the land of senoritas in January. For more information about Artescape or Campede, call Joppich, (248) 476-1528.

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin. (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.hometown.com

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ART GIFTS FOR HOLIDAYS

DETROIT ARTIST MARKET Holiday Sale, featuring work of 120 artists. Through Dec. 23, 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

HOLIDAY GIFTS AT PAINT CREEK Holiday Gift Gallery, Nov. 23-Dec. 23, Main Gallery, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

DUNHAM-RAY VFW Dunham-Ray VFW Ladies Auxiliary Annual Arts & Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, 24222 W. 9 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 357-0138.

N. FTON BAND & BOOSTERS 8th annual winter arts & crafts show sponsored by the North Farmington High School Band & Orchestra, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 553-6699.

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Rural escape: Watercolors from the 1930s & '40s of Norman MacLeish on exhibit through Nov. 28 at the David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

fee: \$210, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and others. Includes showtimes and ticket prices for various titles.

BOOKS

Kathe Kojas offbeat stories display knock-out imagination

Extremities By Kathe Kojas (Four Walls Eight Windows, \$20)
On these pages you can meet a lonely woman smitten with an angel, a young man who listens to the songs of the dead, a ghost who collects bugs in a jar and many others whose behavior might strike us as, shall we say, offbeat.

Livingston County judge realizes novel writing dream

By JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown@oe.homecomm.net
The writing bug hit Stan Latreille hard. "I've always wanted to write," said Latreille, a judge of the Livingston County Circuit Court.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

- Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to: Haggerty, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Museum soldiers on with portrayal of military men

By FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net
In Anthony Powell's lectures about how the West was settled, there's no John Wayne hulking around the horizon with a cocksure machismo.

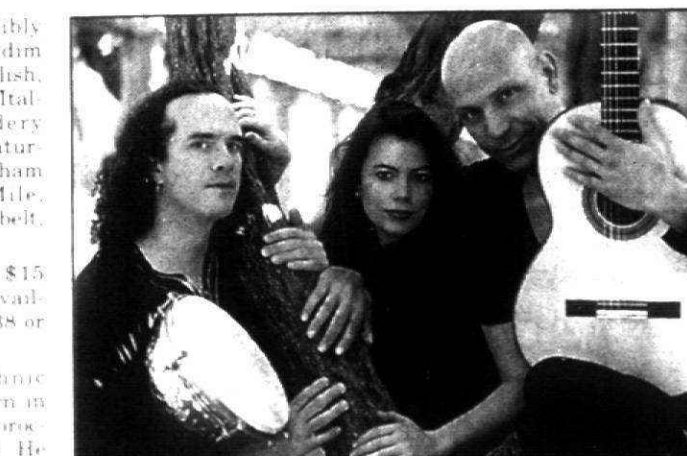


FROM THE COLLECTION OF ANTHONY L. POWELL

MUSIC

Concert offers a mosaic of Sephardic song

The rich and incredibly varied music of the Sephardim sung in Hebrew, Latino, English, Arabic, Greek, French and Italian when the Gerard Edery Ensemble performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile.



Featured performers: The New York based Gerard Edery Ensemble performs the music of the Sephardim in Latin, Hebrew, English, Arabic, Greek, French and Italian.

It's a Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade. Sponsored by: Schostak Brothers & Co., Plymouth Road Development Authority and The Observer Newspapers.

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The Parade route is Plymouth Road between Merriman and Middlebelt, ending at Wonderland Mall!

After the parade, join us at the Wonderland Mall food court area for hot chocolate and cookies.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 10:30 a.m.

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TRAVEL

In beautiful South Africa you're always a winner

BY ERIC ROTHFEDER  
SPECIAL WRITER

In one respect and in no other, Africa is like Las Vegas. Some days you win, you hit the jackpot, and some days you don't.

One day you may stumble upon a rhinoceros and her baby or a pair of mating leopards, or you may spend one awfully cold African night chasing a lion's roar without seeing so much as an impala. Fortunately in Africa, as opposed to Vegas, you always win some of the time, and your losses don't affect your retirement funds.

This element of luck and chance makes it rather difficult to compare one safari trip to another. However, if you would like to put the odds in your favor, try the Nkombe Ranger Experience at Sabi Sabi in South Africa. One word of warning—this is not the Hyatt or the Ritz.

There is no electricity or running water at Nkombe Camp. The accommodations would best be described as luxurious canvas tents, and the bathroom consists of a latrine and two reed showers.

Nkombe camp is not your traditional safari lodge. It is, in fact, the training camp for Sabi Sabi's game rangers. However, in exchange for living like a ranger for a week, you get to see the bush as few tourists ever do.

Since Sabi Sabi is a private game reserve, you need not abide by all the restrictions at

the Krueger National Park (bordering Sabi Sabi) or other public reserves in such countries as Kenya.

At Sabi Sabi the vehicles can have open tops so there is no barrier between you and the animals.

You can walk through the bush (as long as you're with the ranger and his trusty elephant rifle), drive off road to follow the "big five" (elephants, lions, rhino, cape buffalo and leopard) or go on night drives, the best way to see lions and leopards in action. While you may be confined to Sabi Sabi's property, the animals are not, so you will see the same game as the visitors at Krueger or the ritzy Mala Mala reserve.

However, what separates Nkombe camp from Sabi Sabi's traditional lodges is flexibility, which, in the bush, means everything. You have your own ranger, tracker and cook. While everyone else must return to the lodge to have dinner, you can stay as long as you wish, enjoying the company of animals without the crowd of four or five other Land Rovers. A fantastic dinner will be awaiting you at the camp when you return, whether it be at 8 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Staying at Nkombe camp is like having a private tour without the hefty price.

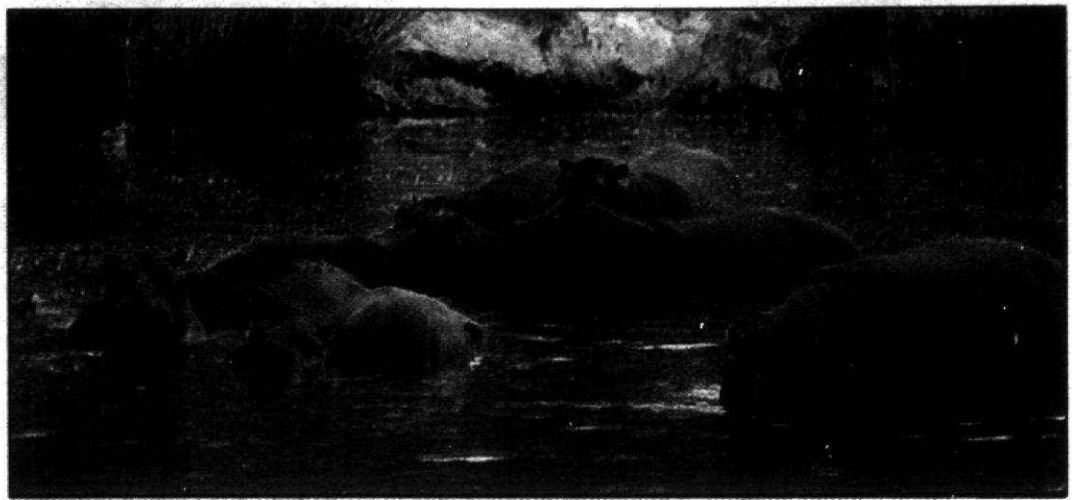
Nkombe Camp runs from approximately April to October depending on the weather, mak-

ing it the perfect opportunity for a family summer vacation. In fact our summer, (which is Africa's winter) is the best time to visit Africa. While the landscape may not be as lush and beautiful as it is in their spring, this time offers the best weather and viewing of animals due to the bare vegetation. Children (and adults) will love sitting in the tracker seat on the hood of the Land Rover, shooting at targets with the elephant rifle and learning to track animals by their footprints.

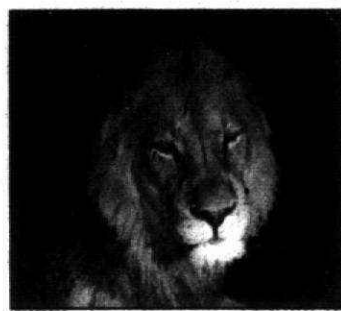
The Nkombe Ranger Camp is only five days, so you'll probably want to extend your trip for a few more days. Try Victoria Falls, Cape Town or a totally different safari experience in Botswana. Additionally, I highly recommend you book your trip through Christine Tyson at the Africa Desk (1-800-284-8796 or Cafrica@africadesk.com). Luckily, she joined us at the Nkombe Camp and was almost like a second ranger. She probably spends more time in Africa than in America and is an expert on hotels, restaurants and good South African wine. Either she or her son-in-law Tristan will tailor your trip and make it the best possible experience.

Of course, you can't go wrong in Africa. You will see something spectacular, something that you won't forget (and if you do, you always have home videos). While most Americans go to Kenya, there is no reason not to go to South Africa. Everyone is very friendly, the land is beautiful and unspoiled and I've felt safer there than in many European countries. If I can't convince you, talk to Christine. She will.

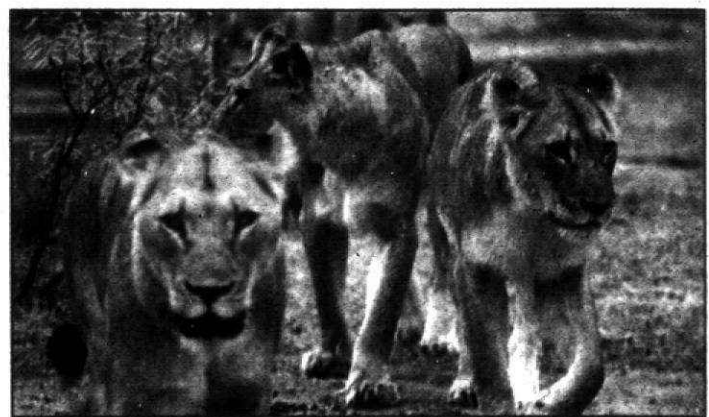
Perhaps, I was wrong about the odd similarity between Vegas and Africa. Perhaps you never lose in Africa. Christine used to say "just another beauti-



Nasty bunch: Hippopotamus, considered the most dangerous African animals, sunbathes in the Sabi River. Photos by Eric's brother David Rothfeder, a sophomore at Groves High School.



King at rest: A young male lion waits for confrontation with the male dominant lion of the pride.



Stalkers: A pride of lions and their cubs search for food.

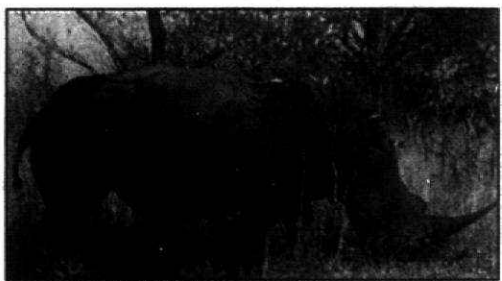
ful day in Africa" whenever we saw something spectacular. Even when our ranger woke us at four in the morning because he heard the roar of a lion, and we braved the cold African night without seeing a single animal, the stars were beautiful. They shined brighter than all the elec-

tric light bulbs of Las Vegas. Just another beautiful day in Africa.

Eric Rothfeder of Bloomfield

Hills is a freshman at Yale University. He traveled to South Africa and Zimbabwe with his family this summer. (Thanks Mom and Dad!)

Hot horn: The white rhinoceros was once an endangered species because of poaching for its horn.



GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279 or e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

SKIING, SNOWMOBILE MAP

Travel Michigan has two new publications for winter sports enthusiasts. "The 1998-99 Michigan Great Lakes Great Skiing" brochure is 15 pages of information listing 42 downhill ski areas and 173 cross-country ski facilities. The brochure also contains a 2 for 1 discount coupon at participating ski areas. The free brochure is available by calling (888)78-GREAT (784-7328). Each listing offers information about the facility which includes the number of and length of longest runs and/or trails, availability of rental equipment, instruction and lodging and dining information.

"The Michigan Snowmobile Trail Map" is also available free

by calling (888)78-GREAT. Michigan's 5,800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are featured on the free map, as are snowmobiling safety tips and a listing of additional sources for local, more detailed snowmobile trail maps.

Travelers may also call toll-free (888)78-GREAT to speak with travel counselors about planning a winter vacation and to request a free copy of the "Michigan Fall/Winter Calendar of Events & Travel Guide," 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Marie Woo and Gloria Frank of the Michigan Oriental Art Society will give a talk on "Journey to the West in China" about their two month trip in western China this past spring surveying "the decline of craft ceramics produced in traditional villages." The program of the Michigan Oriental Art Society is 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Troy Public Library, Big Beaver at I-

75. The meeting is open to the public without charge.

BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP

Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a trip Ski Blue Mountain, Ontario, Feb. 5-7, 1999. The trip includes two-night condo accommodations, two day/night lift passes, two breakfasts, one dinner, hot tubs, saunas and more. The club offers this trip at a special price of only \$159 to its members and \$189 for non-members. You must be 18 to participate. For more information, call (734)462-4422.

GRAND TRAVERSE PACKAGES

Grand Traverse Resort has designed three new packages and redesigned two perennial favorites for the winter season.

Just For Family is priced at \$349 per room and includes two nights accommodations; a breakfast basket each day; rental of

bicycles, in-line skates, cross-country skis or skates; one free in-room movie; video game tokens and a snowman accessory kit.

Golden Days priced at \$129 per person (double occupancy) includes two-nights accommodations, free casino shuttle, two casino discount books, breakfast each day and shopping discounts.

Let It Snow is priced at \$189 per person (double occupancy) and includes two-nights accommodations, ski lift ticket discount for your choice of Traverse City region ski area, two welcome cocktails, breakfast each day, two logo fanny-packs, rental of cross-country skis or snowshoes for use on Grand Traverse Resort Trails.

The continuing packages are the Just the Two of Us getaway priced at \$359 per room which includes dinner at the Trillium

Restaurant and Carefree Getaway priced at \$139 per person. For more information, call (800)748-0303.

CRIM CRUISE

Former Metro Detroit TV news anchor Mort Crim will host AAA Travel's Mort Crim Celebrity Cruise on the Grand Princess, April 25 to May 2.

The seven-day cruise will visit ports of call in St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Princess Cays.

In addition to a welcome reception, where guests can mingle with Mort, there will be a book signing even, a presentation "How to Watch TV and Still Be Happy" and a Bon Voyage gift - Crim's new book, "Second Thoughts."

Rates for cruise begin at \$1,079 and include airfare. For more information on the Grand Princess, visit the ship's web site at www.grandprincess.com. For

more information, call any AAA Travel office.

HOTEL HONORED

The Days Inn & Suites of Traverse City was named 1998 Hotel of the Year by Days Inn of America.

The criteria for this award is based on guest satisfaction, condition of the hotel, quality assurance scores, occupancy, revenue and public relations.

BUSCH CHRISTMAS

Busch Gardens of Tampa Bay is offering a "Christmas Celebration," Nov. 21 through Jan. 4 at the African-themed family adventure park.

More than a dozen singers and dancers combined with a winter wonderland set will be featured.

CRUISEONE advertisement with details for Carnival, Norwegian, and Crystal cruises.

READ SPORTS advertisement featuring a photo of a man and text about learning from books.

CRUISE SAVINGS advertisement with a photo of a cruise ship and details on off-brochure rates.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular advertisement with a photo of the Radio City Rockettes and show details.

ESSEX INN advertisement featuring a photo of a couple and details about holiday shopping specials.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### College standouts

In the final week of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference soccer season, another Madonna University athlete was honored as player of the week — deservedly so.

Junior goalkeeper Dave Hart, from Novi, allowed just a single goal in the Fighting Crusaders' run to the WHAC title. Madonna blanked Cornerstone College 1-0 in the semifinals, with Hart making a key save late in the match to preserve the victory, and then topped Tri-State University 2-1 in the WHAC championship match, with Hart making eight saves. His efforts helped the Crusaders (19-2 overall) post a perfect record against their WHAC rivals.

In WHAC volleyball action, Madonna again earned the top seed in Saturday's tournament by posting a perfect 12-0 match record (38-6 overall). Nicole Burns, a junior middle hitter from Fort Wayne, Ind., was named WHAC volleyball player of the week for her efforts in the Lady Crusaders' 3-0 week; she averaged 2.1 kills and 4.1 blocks per game in the three victories.

For the fourth-consecutive year, Dan Kogut — a senior from Canton (Redford Catholic Central) — has been named to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's soccer team. Kogut, a midfielder for Albion College, was selected to the all-MIAA first team for the second-straight time. He led the Britons in scoring with 10 goals and three assists, and he ranked fifth in the MIAA in goals scored with eight (in league play). Kogut is a dean's list student majoring in economics and finance.

### Soccer champs

The '84 Michigan Hawks won the under-15 A Division at the prestigious Washington-Area Girls Soccer (WAGS) Fall Soccer Classic Championships Oct. 10-12 in Washington, D.C., posting a 5-0-1 record. By winning the A Division, the Hawks qualified to compete in the under-16 WAGS Cup Division next year.

More than 600 teams apply to play at the WAGS championships annually, and only 400 are accepted. The Cup Division is the top level of play, followed by the A Division and the B Division.

The Hawks had trouble in their first match of the tournament, but battled back from a two-goal deficit to earn a 2-2 draw with the Charlotte Ladies Blue from Charlotte, N.C. The two teams tied at 2-0-1 in the division and the Ladies Blue earned the top seed for the next round on a 4-3 shootout win over the Hawks. That meant the Hawks had to play the unbeaten Nether Providence Nightmares from East Philadelphia, but the Hawks prevailed in overtime, 3-2, to advance to the semifinals to meet the NSA Rebels from Naperville, Ill.

That game went to the Hawks by a 3-1 margin, putting them in the finals opposite the Council Rock FC Destroyers from East Philadelphia. Again, the Hawks came up as winners by a 4-2 margin. Among the team members are Julie Goettlicher from Farmington and Stefani Szczechowski from Plymouth. The team is coached by Plymouth Salem girls soccer coach Doug Landefeld.

The Canton Cougars, an under-12 girls select soccer team, finished first in the Great Lakes Soccer League Open A Division with a 10-0 record, outscoring their opponents 47-6.

Team members are Amanda Carlisi, Brittany Cervi, Jessica Curran, Erin Dreps, Cindy Edwards, Erin Freeman, Lauren Justak, Lauren Kane, Jennifer Kadish, Amy Lajoie, Elizabeth Nafziger, Erika Perkovich, Emily Pfaff, Kelly Rizzo, Aleah Ryder, Samantha Ryder, Christine Wheatley and Kathryn Wheatley. The team is coached by Dave Wheatley, Mark Ryder and Rich Carlisi.

### Linebackers Club

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Club will have its final meeting of this year at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Salem HS cafeteria. Election of officers will be conducted at this meet.

The next meeting won't be held until January.

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

## Out of gas

### Central catches Salem with 4th-quarter rally

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Momentum for the state tournament is something all coaches desire. On Friday night in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship, Walled Lake Central gained it and Plymouth Salem lost it.

Trailing by five early in the third quarter, the Vikings scored the final eight points of the game and blanketed Salem on offense to pull off a 36-33 girls basketball upset win at Livonia Churchill.

The win sends Central into the state district tournament with a 12-8 record. The Rocks finish their regular-season campaign with a 16-4 mark.

Salem led 33-28 after a three-pointer by Katie Kelly with 6:29 left in the final quarter. But the Vikings countered with a three-point play by Leah Douglas with 5:44 to go and a basket by Rebecca Saldana that knotted it at 33-all with 2:57 to go.

It remained that way until, with 1:31 remaining, Douglas was fouled by Christine Phillips (her fifth) on a putback attempt. Douglas converted both free throws, giving Central its first lead since early in the second half.

The Rocks still had chances, but a turnover and two missed jumpers by Tiffany Grubaugh, the last a desperation three-pointer from 25 feet at the buzzer, left them three points shy.

"We executed better than we have offensively," said Viking coach Steve Emert. "We had a bit of a letdown in the second quarter because they slowed it down and then so did we. But

in that little spurt we had in the third quarter, we started moving our feet again."

The Central "spurt" was enough to keep it close when Salem's Grubaugh started bombing, and hitting, from three-point land. Indeed, as far as offense was concerned, Grubaugh was it for the Rocks; she finished with a game-high 14 points, including four threes. Three of those triples came on three consecutive shots in the third quarter.

"Wherever Grubaugh was, we wanted to trap her," explained Emert. "And we wanted to guard the high post. We didn't want them to score from there, but more important we didn't want them to make an entry pass from there."

The high-post area should have been patrolled by Salem's Andrea Pruet, but except for the burst in the third quarter — the Rocks doubled their first-half point production of 15 points in the third period alone — she had no impact. Pruet, a senior co-captain, was limited to seven points, six coming in the third.

One reason she had problems finding scoring room was the foul trouble experienced by teammate Christine Phillips, who had two personals in the game's first three minutes and fouled out after limited playing time without scoring a point. Phillips, another team co-captain, is Salem's low-post option; without her, the Vikings could concentrate on Pruet, which they did superbly.

"That took some of our game away from us," said Rocks' coach Fred Thomann of losing Phillips. "But I thought we played too fast. We never broke

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

No where to roam: Central was determined to keep Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh (with ball) from getting open shots, as Leah Douglas did above. Still, Grubaugh managed to score a game-high 14 points.

## Canton clubs Stevenson

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
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The players on Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team must have done well on their semester exams because Friday night they sure had all the answers.

The Chiefs scored the first 11 points of the Western Lake Activities Association consolation game and repulsed two Livonia Stevenson challenges to earn a 53-41 victory.

Canton concluded the regular season with a 15-5 record and will host Livonia Churchill on Monday night in the opener of the district phase of the high school basketball tournament.

Stevenson ended 11-9 and plays Wednesday at Livonia Ladywood against Detroit Redford.

"We had a couple of runs," Coach

Wayne Henry of Stevenson said, "but not enough consistency. Especially with the way we started, we got ourselves into a big hole."

It was 11-zip when Stephanie Dulz scored the Spartans' first points off an in-bounds pass with 3:57 left in the first quarter.

Still, Stevenson clawed its way back to 16-11 when the period ended and to 16-13 when Katie King sank a rebound with 23 seconds into the second quarter.

But Canton responded with a 10-0 run before Stevenson closed the final 1:22 of the half with a 5-2 spurt to make it 28-18 at intermission.

"We were pretty solid defensively," Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm said. "We played well together. We got off to a good start and they played well in the second quarter."

"I thought in the second half we were pretty solid defensively. This has been a great group of kids to work with. They really work hard."

Canton denied Stevenson inside entry and shut down the perimeter passing game to leave the Spartans struggling for shots in the first half. In the second half, Henry spread his forwards out wide and let Lindsay Guskick break things down.

The Spartans cut the margin to 28-22 before Janell Tweitmeyer hit a three off an in-bounds pass. The Chiefs maintained that margin.

"We got a couple of easy baskets," Henry said, "but then we made three turnovers. We got a couple of stops on defense but then we'd let someone cut through the paint for an easy basket."

Please see CANTON HOOP, D4



Engulfed: Canton's Janine Guastella is surrounded by Spartans.

## Salem star chooses WMU

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Angie Sillmon knew what she wanted. The coaching staff at Western Michigan University knew what they wanted, too.

Which made this decision an easy one. Well, sort of.

Sillmon, a senior at Plymouth Salem, has verbally committed to attend WMU and play volleyball. Since her sophomore year Sillmon's dream was to play volleyball. She knew this was the sport she wanted to pursue. But with her talent, choosing a school to realize her dream was difficult.

Sillmon was also recruited by Penn State, Michigan State, Auburn University, Oklahoma, University of Missouri-Columbia and Loyola University. She narrowed her choices down to Western and Auburn by last June, then chose WMU during the summer.

"I visited the school two, three times and really liked it," the 5-foot-10 senior said. "I liked the atmosphere and it has the major I want to pursue, interior design."

### RECRUITING

Then there was the Broncos' coach, Kathy George. "I really liked the coach and the players," said Sillmon. "I went to a camp that coach George had and she really helped me work on my game. She's really the one who convinced me."

"I know she admired my intensity. She's a lot like me — she's an intense coach. She wants to win and she knows how to win."

No WMU staff member can comment on Sillmon's commitment until it becomes official in February, but her former coach at Salem, Brian Gilles, knows how badly the Broncos wanted her. "They've been watching her for a couple of years," Gilles, who gave up his coaching duties at Salem after last season, said. "I know (Sillmon) went up there on an unofficial visit last February, which means they could talk to her, and they were ready to make her an offer then. They said she was their No. 1 recruit."

"I think she can be very, very good."

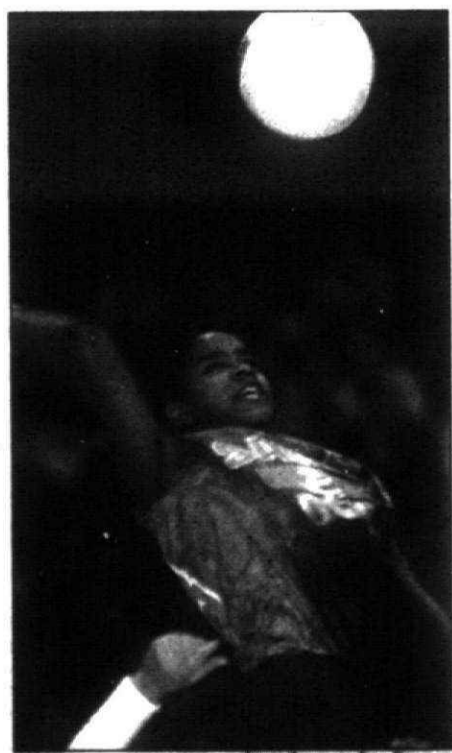
She never played until she was a freshman, but you could see she had great athletic ability. Her potential is unlimited. Angie can pound the ball, she's a great leaper and she's so quick."

Sillmon is the third Rock volleyball player in four years to sign with an NCAA Division I school, joining Jenny Trott (now a freshman at Central Michigan) and Shellie Sills (a junior starter at Ohio State).

Sillmon was an all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection for the Rocks, who won the league title last season, and was an all-Observer first team pick. She was third on a team loaded with skilled players in kills with 205 and was second in blocks with 52 solos and 52 block assists. She also ranked third in digs with 152.

"I don't know what their plans are for Angie," said Gilles. "She may have to work on her serve receive a bit. She's not a bad passer, but that's a part of her game she'll need to develop more. She improved a lot last year."

Please see SILLMON, D4



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Big hit: Salem's Angie Sillmon has the ability to make an impact quickly for the Broncos.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Red Wing benefit
The Detroit Red Wing Alumni team will go up against Nick's Dream Team in a benefit hockey game on Sunday at CompuServe Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Rec offerings

The annual used sports equipment sale, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at Pleasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The public is invited to both sell and buy. Those wishing to sell may drop off their items between 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Pleasant Run clubhouse.

dropping off items to be sold collecting the profits (minus 15 percent for the Parks and Rec department).

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (734) 397-5110.

The city of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department will host both men's and women's basketball leagues this winter.

league has six teams. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30. All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office.

Soccer ref training

Now soccer referee training will be conducted in the AutoNation USA community room, located at 39600 Ford in Canton, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays from Jan. 30 through Feb. 20, 1999.

check for \$45 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Murland Dr., Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited.

Michigan Memories

Former University of Michigan football coach Bob Schembechler will be at the Barnes & Noble book store in West Bloomfield, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday to sign copies of his recently released book, Michigan Memories: Inside Bob Schembechler's Football Scrapbook.

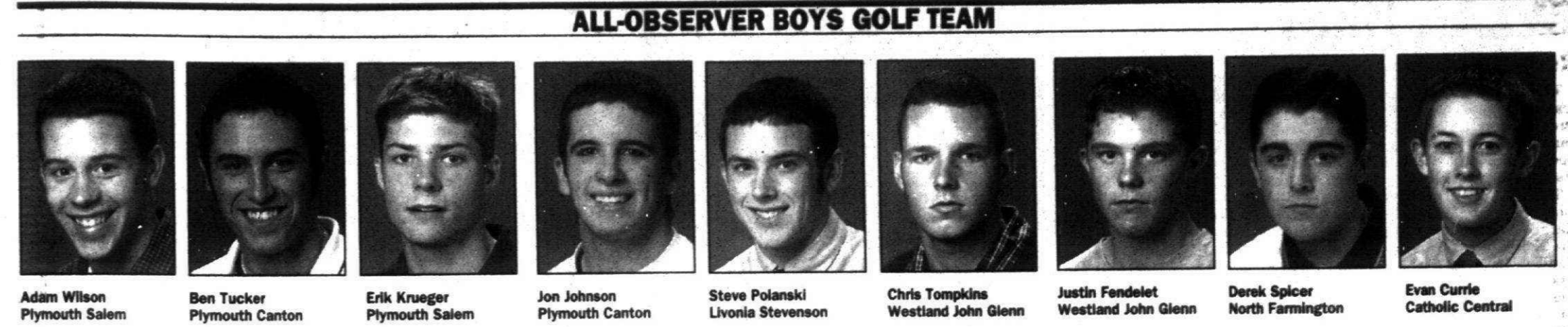
book, which retail for \$45, is designated to the Millie Schembechler Adrenal Cancer Research Fund.

In addition, for every call for Michigan Memories the Sleeping Bear Press receives on Thursday and Friday, \$20 will be donated to the Millie Schembechler Adrenal Cancer Research Fund.

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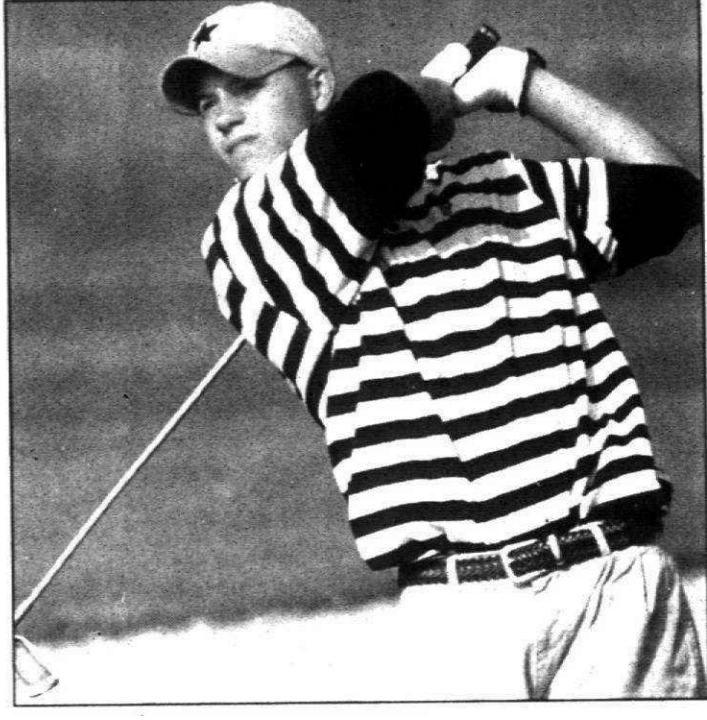
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Salem, Canton golfers lead way

BY C.J. RISAK
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This may have been the most successful season Observerland boys golf teams have enjoyed statewide.



Low scorer: For the season, Adam Wilson's 38.2 nine-hole stroke average led Plymouth Salem.

Five schools did well enough at Division I regional competition to qualify for the state finals: Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Redford Catholic Central.

Polanski, who has signed with Texas Christian University, is certainly the state's premier player. But the rest of Observerland boasted other elite-level players, which is why this season's all-Observer team was expanded to nine players on first team, and includes a third team.

Observer boys golf coach of the year accolades go to Salem's Rick Wilson, who guided the Rocks to the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship at Hudson Mills and a second-place overall finish in the WLA, and a Division I Regional Tournament championship at the Giant Oak.

Polanski was also regional medalist at Pontiac Country Club with a 4-under 68. He also made All-Western Lakes Conference and was Livonia Public Schools champion.

Wilson's claim to fame, however, was finishing runner up this summer in the Michigan Amateur, the second youngest competitor ever to reach the match play final as a 17-year-old. He has also competed in the U.S. Junior Amateur and ranks among the top junior golfers in the country.

Adam Wilson, Sr., Plymouth Salem: It was a memorable finish to a fine four-year letterwinning career for Wilson. A team captain the past two seasons, Wilson was steady throughout this year, leading the Rocks with a 38.2 nine-hole average and a 77.0 tournament average.

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Three times Krueger was medalist during the dual-meet season, and four times he had top-10 finishes in tournaments. He, too, will likely play collegiate golf, although where is uncertain.

Chris Tompkins, Sr., Westland John Glenn: Making his second straight appearance on the All-Observer team, the left-hander is headed for Eastern Michigan University.

The team captain and four-year letter winner led Glenn with a dual-meet average of 37.6 where he was medalist nine times. He averaged 77.3 for 18 holes.

Tompkins tied the school record with a 34 against Farmington and set a school record for 18 holes by taking medalist honors in the Western Wayne Invitational with a 71 at Huron Meadows.

Tompkins, who helped lead Glenn to its first ever state meet appearance, shot 77 in the finals, missing the second day cut by one shot.

Justin Fendeliet, Sr., Westland John Glenn: The senior was Division I regional champ at Giant Oaks by firing a 77, the first player in Glenn history to earn medalist honors.

The three-year varsity performer averaged 40.6 per nine and 80.2 per 18 holes this season. During his last eight matches, Fendeliet came on strong, averaging 39.5.

In the Plymouth Best Ball Tournament, Fendeliet combined with Tompkins for a 70.

At the state meet, Fendeliet shot a respectable 79, just three shots off the cut.

Derek Spicer, Jr., North Farmington: Spicer was voted the most valuable player on the North team for the second year in a row leading the Raiders with an average of 39.7 strokes per round for a 70.

Spicer also averaged 78 in tournaments, made the all-conference team for the second time and was the medalist in the Oakland County Division II tournament.

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ment, tying him for second with Salem's Wilson. Three times he was Canton's dual-meet medalist: he had a 40.4 nine-hole average. His 18-hole tournament average was 80.0, which included rounds of 80 at the state regional and 82 at the state final.

He made vast improvement from his sophomore to junior years, the greatest amount of anyone on our team," said Canton's Alles. "I told him I expect him to be one of the premier players in the league next season."

Evan Currie, Jr., Catholic Central: Currie averaged 40.4 per nine holes with a season-best 34 against U-D Jesuit at the Country Club of Detroit.

Three times he recorded 37s in dual meets and his best score in a tournament came when he shot 77 for 18 holes at the Brighton Tournament, earning a top 10 finish.

Currie placed fifth in the Catholic League Meet with a round of 81 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth. He duplicated that score at the Class A regional at the Pontiac Country Club, helping the Shamrocks place second and earn a state meet berth.

Paired with eventual champion Steve Polanski of Livonia Stevenson, Currie finished with a round of 82 at the state meet, missing the cut for the second day of play.

He was CC's medalist in six matches or tournaments. Currie's youthful appearance is deceiving, according to coach Bill Hayes, who counts his competitiveness as one of his strengths.

"He plays in the band, still has a paper route, looks like he's 12, and opponents think they can beat him, but after three or four holes in they're impressed with him because he's always there," Hayes said.

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their game down." Salem also didn't play with the necessary intensity, something most teams are expected to have with the state tournament approaching. "We'd already accomplished a league championship," said Thomann. "They hadn't accomplished anything." But in the final analysis, the difference was Viking defense, which drove Salem to the perimeter. Grubrecht couldn't do it alone. After Pruett's basket with 1:42 left in the third quarter, the Rocks got two more field goals — both of them three — the rest of the game as Central outscored them 14-6. The Vikings three inside players accounted for 28 of their 36 points, with Leah Douglas leading them with 13. Rebecca Sal-



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Tough inside: It was a battle on the boards, as Salem's Christine Phillips (right) and Central's Rebecca Saldana found out in Friday's final.

# Canton hoop from page D1

"It wasn't any person or any one thing. It was something different every time." Stevenson shaved the margin to 39-32 by 6:59 to play but Canton ran out to a 51-34 lead with 4:02 left. Dulz and sophomore Gusk each scored 11 points to lead Stevenson while Canton put three players in double figures and had sophomore Janine Gaustella at eight points, nine

rebounds and seven assists. Twestmeyer led the way with 18 points, Elise Thornell scored 11 and sophomore Christina Kiessel 10. "(Sophomore Amanda) Lentz and Kiessel really helped us move the ball around," Blohm said, especially in the second half. Both are developing into real solid point guards. The next texts come in the districts.

# Bigby leads SC to opening win

Newcomer Lamar Bigby made quite a splash Friday in his debut for the Schoolcraft Community College men's basketball team. The Detroit Northern product scored a game-high 29 points, including five 3-pointers, as the Ocelots opened the 1998-99 season with a 110-79 victory over Muskegon CC in the Macomb Tip-Off Classic. Matt Bauman, a Livonia

and was a blistering 48 of 87 from the floor (55.1 percent). "We played unusually — 24 team assists," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose team led 48-36 at halftime. "We were patient in our offense and took what the defense gave us. "But we have to remember this is just one game." Muskegon, led by Darence Robertson's 22 points, shot 42 percent (31 of 73).

# 2nd-half surge lifts PCA; Agape finishes at 17-1

Plymouth Christian Academy used a strong second half Friday night to trump up for this week's Class D girls basketball state tournament, outscoring Allen Park Cabrini 29-16 en route to a 52-37 triumph at PCA.

The win allowed the Eagles to post a 15-5 regular-season mark, a school record for wins in a season. They open state tournament play at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Redford St. Agatha in the Detroit Urban Lutheran district. Cabrini finishes 4-16. Again, senior center Jeny Sutherland provided the difference for PCA. Sutherland poured in 16 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, and she hit 6-of-7 free throws. Sophomore guard Laura Clark added 12 points and nine assists, and junior forward Taryn Moran scored nine points. Cabrini, which made just 7-of-19 free throws (compared to 16-of-29 for PCA), got 14 points from Sarah Demmer and 10 from Renee Brennan. The Eagles were clinging to a 23-21 lead at the half. They expanded it to 35-28 after three quarters, but both Sutherland and Clark had four fouls. However, they managed to stay in the game and combined to score 10

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fourth-quarter points.

**Agape 40, Greater Life 20:** Canton Agape Christian rolled to a 19-7 lead by halftime and never looked back in rolling to its 17th win in 18 games this season Tuesday at Pontiac Greater Life. The win clinched the Metro Christian Conference title for Agape with a 10-0 mark. Greater Life finished 8-2 in the conference, 10-3 overall. Kim Ther totaled 12 points, seven rebounds and four steals for the Wolverines. Sara Chrenko added 11 points, seven boards and four steals. Greater Life got 12 points from Stephanie Mitchell. Agape also won the Association of Christian Schools International Division I Basketball Tournament, beating Macomb Christian 37-23 in the final Saturday (Nov. 7) in Portage. Ther and Allie Major each scored 10 points to lead the Wolverines. In the semifinal Friday (Nov. 6), Agape defeated First Assembly of Portage 37-31, thanks to Charla Sexton's 11 points and Amy Henry's 10.

## Cruchon event worthy

It is a fitting memorial to have this event take place annually in his honor. No need to remind you that colder weather is on its way. This is a red warning flag waving at you to not leave your equipment in the trunk of the car overnight. Extreme temperatures can play havoc with the polymers that are used to make a bowling ball. I have actually seen a bowling ball break in half after being in a cold car all night and using it right away in the morning. There is also a possibility of damage to the core, which cannot be seen, but will reduce the effectiveness of a ball. Considering what some of these balls cost now, let's take good care of them, bring them inside overnight. The official national final figures are in for the 1997-98 season scoring leaders, and one of our local teams, Colour Power Grips No. 1 of West Bloomfield took the top spot in Women's International Bowling Congress five-player game on March 14 with 1,328 pins and also series with 3,552. Luxury Lounge of Ferndale had the best four-player game on Dec. 15, 1997 with a 966 game. In American Bowling Congress men's competition, Floyd Johnson of Big Rapids shot a three-game series of 886 on Oct. 3, 1997. Best scores from YABA youth bowlers were 867 by Eric McDonald of Burnt Hills, N.Y. and 827 from Amy Dillon of Miami, Fla. Colour Power Grips No. 2 of Detroit had the second highest five-player game at 1,251. As for membership in leagues, the grand total in ABC, WIBC and YABA totaled 4,155,939 last season with (you guessed right) Michigan leading all other states with 183,034 (ABC), 159,212 (WIBC) and 32,100 (YABA). Michigan trails New York (466), Pennsylvania (465) and Ohio (429) with 411 centers. California has the most leagues with 15,908 combined, while we have 12,314 leagues, but far more bowlers than California (248,703) while we add up to 374,355 men, women and youth league sanctioned bowlers, and once again able to boast "Bowling Capitol of the World."

## BOWLING & RECREATION

### BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- GARDEN LANES (Berkley City):** St. Louis Heavyweights: Ben Paul, 287; 225/894; Matt Dallas, 203-236; 285/894; Dennis Rocheleau, 265-287/888; Dave Clark, 274-254/886; John Hansen, 257-243/878.
- MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford):** Good Bowling: Alicia Wolf, 205; Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Bob Shewood, 258-247/691; Lee Onkska, 225-212-244/881; Gene Finken, 245-224/846; Matt Schroeder, 258; Mel Albrite, 222-249/670; Walt Arsenault, 206-244/835; Joe Kissel, 257; Chico Chiovisky, 245.
- WEEKLY BOWLERS:** Mike Kyry, 159-300; 185/634; Gary Zaleski, 237-208/700; Howard Davis, 247-247/688; Andy Parrat, 257/688; Jerry Woshko, 235/660; Duane Nurns, 243-267/701.
- Friday Bowlers:** George Karpovitch, 247/673; Oute Hovassan, 267/667; Cal Simmons, 235/642; Tom Sanford, 236/641; Bill Morris, 275/636.
- PLAZA LANES (Plymouth):** Weekend Bowler: Ray Hain, 246-239-222/706.
- Barrege Men:** John Unifont, 224-279-223/726; Dave Schwartz, 278-172-278/726; Ray Kozinski, 268-194-294/767.
- Money Makers:** John Thorsen, 223-254-250/707.
- Guys & Dolls:** Dan Popyo, 242-267/695; Gary Lerman, 229/627.
- Knights:** Bob Bry, 235-227-246/712; John Turvel, 236-236-236 Tripletop 708; Mark Beasley, 225-278/689.
- TOWN 'N' COUNTRY (Westland):** Tuesday Junior House: Matt Winterski, 300.
- Thursday Morning Men:** Vince Proctor, 300.
- Friday Invitational:** Dave Krivitz, 300/857; Doug Casas, 300/821; Mitch Johnson, 298-223/623; David Grey, 213-225/620; Tony Vran, 204-223/617; Darren Kosicki, 201-199-215/615.
- WESTLAND MEN:** Monday Morning Men: Ralph Lopez, 278/723.
- Week Warriors:** Chris Kircizinski, 299/727; Joe Manors, 300/737; Hector Ortega, 267; Joe Helm, 266.
- Wednesday Ladies Classic:** Kim Ewen, 266; Karen Brown, 246; Sarah Duff, 245; Mary McInnes, 258-245/666; Patty Prenting, 235/654; Jeanni Goormastic, 244.
- MERRI BOWL (Livonia):** St. John's: Steve Sokalski, 248-232-260/748; Steve Dawson, 222-241-213/676; Rich Gattson, 211-219-223/653; James Kissel, 226-245/642; Jeff Pano, 204-200-237/641.
- Senior House/Premier Bowling Pools:** Peter Zenger, 268/732; Craig Johnson, 269/723; Philip Caldwell, 278/772; Tom Madwick, 268/714; Mark Jarosko: 245-239/721; Mark Korporek, 260/728; Gerald Brown, 279/723.
- G & A Auto:** Billy Dorell, 665; Rick Jones, 692; Mike Rankin, 718/760; Heath Henaty, 277; Mary Gatto, 255.
- Outback:** Jay Lombard, 289.
- Fast Pats:** Marc Mattus, 709; Larry Cooper, 279/708; Jimmy Cooper, 278/746; Ron Hanson, 726; T. Eleven Tom, 1,212/1,423 actual.
- WOODLAND LANES (Livonia):** Woodland Classic: Ron LeChevalier, 268/750; Doug Spicer, 267/734; Mark Payne, 278/723; John Kohler, 743; Phil Horowitz, 712.
- Big Oaks:** Tim Seeg, 288 (108 over average)/734 (194 o/a); Dennis Madden, 245/695; Gary Stannman, 654; Ken Corbett, 257/642; Mike Piontek, 641.
- COUNTRY LANES (Farmington):** Country Regulars: Tom Gow, 245-223-239/705; Vern Gooding, 236-211/801; Bill Weed, 244/607; Ron Turner, 234-242-204/680; Ryan Wilson, 236-236/629; Lynne Wagner, 225-222/620; Kay Smith, 213-223-248/674.
- Wednesday Knights:** Rich Grossman, 279/783; Rod Friedman, 269; Eric Wright, 268; Randy Lombard, 279.
- Advanced Youth:** Jack Harrison, 200/574; Gordon Ogdocko, 197.
- Spares & Stripes:** Joanne Kaminski, 229/569; Steve McMahon, 216/588; Estelle Drabovick, 204; Gabe Schutzy, 204.
- LD Danovicki, 214.**
- Country Regulars:** Dave Kaliszewski, 236/675; Joe Mainardi, 248; Harold Crane, 248; Dean Johnson, 245; George Van, 269/658; Bob Shimo, 269/668.
- Ever 7:** Matt McKenzie, 269/682; Greg Cooper, 245; Tom Masti, 268/656; Gus Gasparov, 237; Scott Moore, 234.
- Saturday Odd Couples:** Judy Nutter, 284/629; Wayne Kiestar, 220.
- Country Couples:** Tim Maloney, 248; Dan Small, 238/613; Janice Kudrycki, 205/527.
- Monday Nite Men:** Andy Ponke, 279; Michael Miller, 277/725; Ray Striztel, 277; Jeff Hanson, 794; Jeff Morton, 300.
- Senior House:** Mike Krasinski, 269/682.
- Monday Mingle:** Mike Kassa, 257; Sassem Jaboti, 255/697; Kevin Kirms, 673.
- Sports Oak:** Sam Kay, 262/622; Steve Haynes, 243; Ann Neilman, 202; Rita Dierood, 221.
- Sunday Goodtimes:** Wayne Larnum, 248/592; Tony Aalto, 215; Joe Roenik, 202-225/621; Todd Wortinger, 233-244/670; Lou Konopko, 235; Ralph Davis, 234-222/632.
- Sunday Comics:** Bob Altrich, 221; Mick Mulligan, 215.
- Farmington School:** Carl Berman, 224/583; Mark Isler, 200.
- Loon Lake:** Mark Earles, 244/704; Scott Turan, 234.
- BEL-AIRE LANES (Farmington):** JWI Gallies/Centennial: Andie Fontaine, 209/529; Marsha Margolis, 215; Marianne Pesick, 240/573; Cheryl Felkman, 253; Diane Schlotter, 522.
- Our Lady of Sorrows:** Mike Eoff, 229-223/626; Larry Pitera, 223-299/720.
- Midway Regulars:** Todd Andrews, 215-213-223/651; G. Kelley, 245-202/641; Alan Benjamin, 215-247/633; Dave Riger, 268/625; Darrel Krause, 243/637.
- Temple Israel:** Ronald Kinnel, 280; Dan Abramson, 201-223-224/648.
- NOVI BOWL:** Westside Lutheran: Jim Molnar, 256/680; Mike Faith, 632; Tim Warner, 630; John Koepke, 630; Ron Williams, 624.
- CHERRY HILL LANES (Dtn. Hts.):** Suburban Prop. Travel (men): Kevin Franks, 278/656; John Hurley, 257/706; Billy Gerace, 256/715; Bob Chuba, 247/605; Tom Magyar, 247/714; Paul Butler, 232.
- Suburban Prop. Travel (ladies):** Kathy Butler, 210/579; Jennifer Cribbs, 204/542; Gloria Mertz, 201/545.

# Speedy flying squirrels enjoy nocturnal scene

Backyard habitats often result in the best kind of entertainment. Birds like the blue jay, cardinal and goldfinch provide bright colors, as well as, lots of action. People in more rural areas enjoy white-tailed deer coming to browse in their yards. These and other animals provide the wildlife watcher with hours of entertainment. Wildlife watchers can add to their backyard enjoyment by observing at night. Many animals are nocturnal and don't typically frequent feeders during the day. One of the most nocturnal of backyard animals is the flying squirrel. Unlike the fox, gray and red squirrels that frequent your feeders during the day, flying squirrels only feed at night. My family and I were invited by Rich Smith and his friend Kathy to watch flying squirrels that frequent their feeders. Rich started off with just a couple flying squirrels coming to his feeders, but now there are six or seven individuals enjoying the free nuts he provides. It's difficult to count the number of squirrels precisely because it's dark and they are incredibly fast. If you thought red squirrels were fast, you would be truly impressed by the speed at which flying squirrels can ascend a tree. This capability makes it very difficult for a predator to focus on one for capture. Rich was kind enough to wait for our arrival before he put food

into the feeder they frequent. But even as we arrived, a little before 7 p.m., some squirrels were anxiously awaiting. As soon as the nuts were in place, they began racing down and up the tree. They took one nut and then shot up into the darkness, presumably to eat the nut, or maybe to store the nut for future enjoyment. As the evening progressed, we saw new squirrels glide in from the surrounding branches. They always start from high up, then just before they reach the tree, they swoop upward and land with feet outstretched. Focusing on their approach was difficult because of their speed while gliding. We were all very pleased to have been able to see this before 7 p.m., some squirrels were anxiously awaiting. As soon as the nuts were in place, they began racing down and up the tree. They took one nut and then shot up into the darkness, presumably to eat the nut, or maybe to store the nut for future enjoyment. 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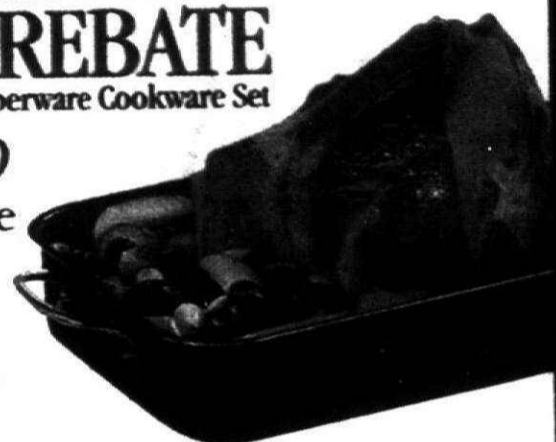
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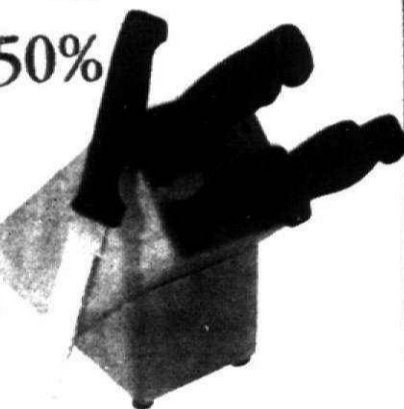
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