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Rec plan irks business people



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Council meets: Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday in city council chambers, second floor of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road in Westland.

TUESDAY

Book week: Meet Madeline and Sister Claville at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland as part National Children's Book Week at the library. This storytime is designed for preschoolers. Call (734) 326-6123 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime: Starring Arthur is planned for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Call (734) 326-6123 for reservations.

Moms to meet: The MOMS club of Westland, a nonprofit, non-religious support group for stay-athome moms, will be holding its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Newburg United Methodist Church (east entrance), 36500 Ann Arbor Trail just east of Newburgh.

THURSDAY

LightFest: The annual Wayne County LightFest starts Thursday at 7 p.m. Motorists will be able to drive down 41/2 miles of Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland.

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A recreation center proposed for Westland faces opposition from private-sector business officials who fear that if the plan includes banquet facilities it could force them out of business.

STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net A multimillion dollar recreation cen-

BY DARRELL

ter proposed for Westland faces staunch opposition from private-sector business officials who fear that competition from the public facility could force them to shut down.

Business leaders say the city appears

to be forging ahead with a recreation center even though it could hurt private facilities that make money from banquets, weddings and other large events.

"It has the potential to put us out of business," Joy Manor president Scott Lopez said. "From my perspective, the city shouldn't use my tax dollars to construct competition for me."

But city leaders say the criticism

Brightens the winter night

born Heights.

may be groundless. Even as an outside firm gears up to survey community interest in a possible recreation center, city administration officials say they don't envision large banquet facilities that would compete with private businesses such as Joy Manor and the Hellenic Cultural Center.

"We don't want to hurt any local business." Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

Some city leaders have mentioned possible banquet facilities, and they indicated it would be shortsighted to consider building an upscale recreation complex that lacks some type of rental rooms.

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.

p.m. Motorists will be able to drive down 4% miles of

Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Dear-

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 Rein-

The LightFest will run nightly 7-10 p.m. through Jan.

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

"More than a quarter of a million people attended

LightFest last year, and thanks to their generous dona-

tions and our event sponsors, we've been able to make it

even bigger this year," said Edward McNamara, Wayne

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by

Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refresh-

canoe and Santa's Sleigh ascending into the sky.

Mayor Robert Thomas couldn't be reached for comment. He was out of town and not expected in his office until Monday. However, he has said Westland needs a new recreation center to compete with communities like Canton Township.

Scott Veldhuis, Westland economic development director, said a pending survey by an outside firm, St. Louisbased Sverdrup Facilities Inc., will help determine whether the community wants a new recreation center - and, if so, what services and amenities it should offer.

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New group to promote local trade

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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A burgeoning group of Westland small business owners is launching an aggressive effort to promote local trade.

Still in its infancy, the Westland Business Owners Association hopes to lure new customers to the local economy by pooling resources and embarking on major advertising and promottonal campaigns, organizers said.

"There's strength in numbers," Sam Corrado, who publishes a shopper, said. "The opportunities for independent merchants could be monumental.

WBOA organizers hope their efforts will raise awareness of local businesses and help them to compete against corporate giants aided by enormous advertising budgets.

About 40 business people attended the group's formative meeting in early November, although informal discussions about WBOA began three years

Some business people say the new group should complement Westland Chamber of Commerce programs, but some also concede that WBOA's appeal partly stems from frustration with the chamber.

"We have a chamber that is inadvertently involved politically, and I don't want to be caught up in politics." Kenneth Belanger of Belanger Tire & Auto Service said. "I want an association that is devoid of politics."

Even so, some WBOA organizers admit that the group will likely take stands on local issues, ordinances and future ballot proposals that affect small businesses. Some suggest taking a position on a proposed new Westland recreation center that, some fear, could compete with local banquet facilities.

"We probably should take a stand somewhere down the line," Kim Shunkwiler, a Westland chiropractor, said.

Dual memberships

Some business owners plan to have

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Wayne-Westland finance official to leave post

County executive.

1, but will be closed Dec. 25.

By DARRELL CLEM dclem@oe.homecomm.net

Patricia Brand is leaving her job as Wayne-Westland's top school finance official after helping to steer the district from budget deficits to a \$10.3

Wayne County residents soon can enjoy a holiday light

show featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million

Starting Thursday, Nov. 19, residents can drive

through the sixth annual Wayne County LightFest at 7.

million surplus. Brand - the third high-ranking administration official to leave in 13 months - will become Washtenaw Community College's vice president for administration and finance.

"I think she has done an excellent job under some very trying (financial) circumstances, and she's going to be hard to replace," Wayne-Westland school board trustee Mathew McCusker said.

"I really hate to see her go," he added. "She is leaving us in better shape than when she got here, and much of that is due to her diligence. Not only is she a good administrator and a good finance person, but she's a good person, period."

Westland's assistant superintendent of business at the end of November. Her new job will be on Washtenaw Community College's campus in Ann Arbor.

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She started her Wayne-Westland job in July 1994, after being chosen by then-Superintendent Larry Thomas. She previously was finance director for Birmingham Public Schools.

Brand served under Thomas, successor Duane Moore and current Superintendent Greg Baracy. She was in Brand will leave her job as Wayne- charge of a \$95 million budget.

Brand drew praise for her financial expertise, and her budgetary planning helped turn around a district that had been plagued by deficits.

"She has led us on a steady course to where we are today," McCusker said. "I'm very grateful for her strength in putting the budgets before us with great clarity and for making suggestions and recommendations to all three of the superintendents she served

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District looks at proposals to relieve overcrowding

By MARIE CHESTNEY

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If Livonia Public Schools knew for sure it had the \$1 million needed every year to run a fifth middle school, officials would likely reopen Lowell school to ease elementary overcrowding in the southwestern

portion of the school district. But Livonia doesn't have that financial guarantee. So it must consider all options to ease the overcrowding, Superintendent Ken Watson told Washington Elementary parents Wednesday during a meeting of

the Washington PTA. Washington parents had asked Watson to attend the PTA meeting to explain how their elementary fits into the district's plans to relieve the overcrowding.

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For two hours. Watson spelled out the dilemmas facing both the entire district and the southwest portion, and fielded questions from a large number of parents assembled in the media center.

In two months, a 12-member committee set up to study the enrollment bulge will present two or three

recommended solutions to Watson. So far, the committee headed by Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, has come up

with 11 options, Watson said.

3 plans outlined

He outlined three of them at Wednesday's meeting, including the possibility of moving Washington students and teachers to Lowell, a former district school building now leased to Plymouth-Canton schools. The lease expires in July 2000.

This option would create a new elementary school that could house up to 500 students, including a small number of students who would be transferred from Johnson and Garfield elementaries, both of which are now filled to capacity.

A bigger "Lowell-Washington Elementary" would house all the extra students expected to come into the district in the coming years because of new construction in the Warren-Hix corridor.

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Eagle project



Bridge builder: Scott Destrampe, 14, an eighth-grader at Adams Middle School in Westland, has completed his Eagle Scout project. He led a project to build a bridge and rake trails connecting the Nankin Trails and Tonquish Trails. A. member of Troop 1736 of Wayne, Scott spent a month planning his project. The wood and supplies for the bridge were donated by Builders Square in Canton.

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under."

'Brand's decision to leave follows the departure of two other administration officials - Jane Kuckel, former assistant superintendent of instruction, and Gary Quitiquit, executive director of special education.

When asked to cite her greatest achievement, Brand said, "My biggest accomplishment was working as part of the team that

enabled this district to move from a deficit district to a district with financial stability."

The district's better financial position allowed officials to move toward improving educational

programs, she said. Brand will soon officially turn in her letter of resignation. After that, said Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services, the finance job will be

"It might not be an easy position to fill. It's a unique job," Slee said. "It's not easy just getting the right fit."

District officials hope to fill Brand's job prior to the district's holiday break in December, he

Baracy was not in his office Friday and could not be reached for comment.

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dual chamber and WBOA memberships.

the chamber," Corrado said. Organizers said they view

"I don't intend to not be part of

WBOA as having a separate mission from a chamber board that draws some of its members from corporations based outside of Westland.

WBOA wants business owners - not corporate surrogates involved in meetings and activi-

"We want the decision-maker there," organizer Dennis LeMaitre of U.S. Print said.

"I see this as a good thing," Westland City Councilman Charles Pickering, a real estate business owner, said.

"The chamber is made up of not only Westland business owners, but also corporate owners and managers who don't necessarily live or own businesses in Westland," he said. "(WBOA) is intended to be made up of individuals who own businesses in Westland."

Said Corrado: "We want to have profitable businesses - ma and pa businesses."

Chamber Director Linda Shapona, chamber board President Bonnie Carre and Westland Economic Development Director Scott Veldhuis said it's too early to say how WBOA will affect the chamber and the city's business community.

"I would just hope to keep any relationship positive and good for the community," Shapona said. "I prefer to look forward and work for a brighter future for Westland, as does my board of directors."

Corrado said WBOA will focus on marketing efforts and avoid chamber functions such as providing businesses with group

II 'The people that really have the most in common are small business people. We know each other's problems, and perhaps someone has an answer to some of those problems. We will have mutual support.'

Kenneth Belanger -Belanger Tire & Auto Service

insurance discounts.

Some unhappiness

Still; frustration with the chamber loomed large last week among some WBOA supporters.

"It seems to me that the chamber is unfortunately not for all businesses." Steven Sliz, general manager of the Hellenic Cultural Center, said. (WBOA members) could enhance the business community because they will work with all businesses, unlike the chamber who works with a select few."

Scott Lopez, a chamber member and president of Joy Manor banquet and meeting hall, said some business people became "frustrated" with the chamber.

"They didn't feel that they were getting the representation they wanted through the chamber," he said. "There is some concern about fragmentation of effort, but I think (WBOA) can complement the chamber."

Shunkwiler and others said WBOA shouldn't be viewed as trying to hurt the chamber.

"We're not anti-chamber," Shunkwiler said. "We're not offering ourselves as an alternative to the chamber. We just want a separate identity. There's power in numbers."

But Shunkwiler conceded that a chamber controversy in April may have been "a catalyst" for finally launching WBOA. Chamber board members passed over then President-elect Shunkwiler to name Carre as leader.

Shunkwiler and his supporters saw the chamber move as auccumbing to strong-arm tactics of Mayor Robert Thomas. Due to

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political differences with Shunkwiler and then chamber-President John Toye, the mayor severed ties with the chamber until the board appointed new leadership.

"I think we all felt at that time that it was time to do something," Shunkwiler said.

Still, WBOA organizers and supporters said they don't want past divisions to cast shadows on their positive efforts.

'Mutual support'

"The people that really have the most in common are small business people," Belanger said. "We know each other's problems, and perhaps someone has an answer to some of those problems. We will have mutual support."

Pickering said having an organization separate from the chamber will enhance the business community.

"I think it will definitely strengthen it," he said. "I don't think it will divide it."

The goal, Corrado said, is simple: "We need to build a stronger base for these independent business owners. We're in the 10th largest city in the state, and we ought to be able to set up one hell of a marketing program."

WBOA will meet next at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, according to Shunkwiler. Until Jan. 1, lifetime memberships are available for \$150. Afterward, annual memberships will be available for \$50. The group has no office but has a phone number, (734) *480-4579.*

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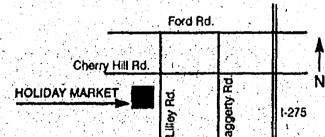
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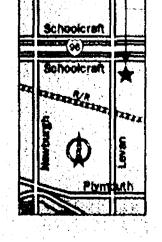
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Teacher of year: 'Advocate, friend, mother'

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAPP WRITER mchestney@oe.homecomm.net

Back in the 1970's, Susan Godfrey graduated from Redford Township's Thurston High and went off to Michigan State bent on one day being a lawyer. Law was a natural choice, since she had been heavily involved in the civil rights and anti-Vietnam War movements.

But it took only one year of trudging through tedious legal terminology to convince this people-loving woman that law wasn't the right career choice for her.

So back she came to Redford, pondering what to study next. Her mother, Phyllis Santo, offered one suggestion - stay home, go to Wayne State and study nursing.

Godfrey didn't like the idea of leaving Michigan State, so her mother came up with another Remembering her younger years and how much she loved baby-sitting and working with kids, she asked her daughter. Why not be a teacher?

Godfrey, who lives on Golfview in Livonia, went back to Michigan State and did just that. "It clicked," she said, and in 1976 she earned a master's degree in early childhood and special education from the university.

Godfrey was one of two teachers honored as "Teachers of the Year" by Livonia Public Schools.

Livonia's elementary "Teacher of the Year" is Sandra Attebury, an art teacher at both Buchanan and Webster elemen-

For Godfrey, the honor comes after 13 years of working with special education students in the district, and after launching a program she helped devise, a two-year program for special education students who need extra help in improving their social skills. The program began

dle School.

Nominations for the district's yearly honor came from fellow educators Janice Leach, Sally Stewart, Linda Hubert and Linda Nelson.

"Mrs. Godfrey functions as much more than a special education teacher," wrote Leach, acting assistant principal, Emerson Middle School. "She is an advocate, a friend, a mother, a counselor and, most of all, a caring adult that always puts the student's needs in the forefront."

Wrote Stewart, retired special education elementary program specialist from the district: "She brings superior knowledge, integrity, creativity and sensitivity to every classroom she's been assigned, setting high standards for her students as well as herself."

Godfrey is the head of Emerson's Transition Program. designed for incoming seventh grade special education students who need help in building better social skills.

Points to learning

The program gives points to students when they do well, and takes points away when they do poorly. Students accumulate points, and then turn them in for a special reward, such as a trip to the "goody" pantry or the use of a lap-top computer.

The goal of the program is to give students the social skills they need to one day join the general student population. The switchover can occur during the two years at Emerson, or when students move on to high school.

"They can earn their way into the general population through appropriate behavior and work their way out of the program," Godfrey said. "If they want to be in general education, they have to work very hard. When they move to a higher level in the classroom, they get more two years ago at Emerson Mid- responsibility, more privileges."



STAPP PROTO BY TON HAWLEY

The classroom is split into areas, traditional ones with desks and chairs, and non-traditional, "leisure" areas, complete with a couch, stove, sink, microwave and refrigerator.

These separate areas explain her teaching philosophy. She believes that to learn social skills, students need different areas in which to practice and use these skills.

"I believe in teaching the whole child, in addressing student needs in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive and social realms," Godfrey said. "I also believe that my classroom and students are to be a family, to interact and respect each other and to help each other to reach the potential that each is student in the class. capable of achieving."

Amid traditional classroom instruction in math, English and social studies, students get extra help in such social skills as following instructions, apologizing, giving a compliment and accepting criticism.

Visitors welcome

As part of a model program, the students in Godfrey's class are comfortable with classroom visitors from other school districts or special education professionals. They walk right up, look squarely at you, smile, and offer their hand for a handshake. It's all part of the process of learning how to be socially adept.

"Hi, I'm Jason," said a smiling

All the students say they love Nelson.

being in a smaller group of students. With only eight students under her wing all day long, Godfrey admits she has a plum teaching assignment when it comes to numbers.

Brandy takes on the task of telling a visitor some of the classroom do's and don'ts and how students earn points.

"I was in regular ed all my life, and piles of work stacked up," Brandy said. "Last year, I was still getting E's. Now I get questions answered faster and I'm getting A's and B's."

Dan, like Brandy, has seen his grades jump in the special education classroom. He proudly tells of the A's and B's he gets now, too, under the tutelage of Godfrey and paraprofessional Association.

Jeff said the special class has taught him how to turn in homework a lot better."

In the classroom, Jason likes the way the two teachers "do things that encourage you to do better."

"You know what you did wrong when you do it," Jason said. They correct you, and tell you when you do good behavior. We know when we make bad choices and good choices."

As a minister and leader at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Godfrey has taught classes there. She also is a cofounder of a grief support group at the church, and is a trained hospice volunteer with the Southeastern Michigan Hospice

BERNARD O'ROURKE

A memorial service and Mass for Bernard O'Rourke, 85, of Higgins Lake will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. O'Rourke died Oct. 11. He lived at Higgins Lake and formerly in Detroit. He was an autoworker and UAW member for 40 years at Chrysler's Lynch Road Assembly Plant. He enjoyed his family, hunting, boating, fishing and camping.

Surviving are: wife, Eleanor; son, Dan O'Rourke of Detroit; daughters, Sharon Henkel of Livonia, Kathleen Plummer of Rochester, Minn., and Ellen Valdez of Houghton Lake; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Several of the grandchildren live in Livonia, Westland and Redford.

CARL R. HIGGINSON

Funeral services for Carl Higginson, 24, of Inkster were Nov. 13 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mr. Higginson, who died Nov. 9 in Oakwood Hospital, was born in Livonia. He was a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and received his associate's degree in liberal arts at Henry Ford Community College. He was a mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a former resident of Romulus. He loved sports, including weightlifting, dancing, water skiing and motorcycles.

Surviving are: parents, Marti Higginson and Walter Lucas; stepsister, Rene Lucas Hall; grandmother, Kathryn McGeathy; and aunts and uncles, Linda (Frank) Radzikowski, Thomas and Richard Werry, Judy (Jim) Harcus and Donald (Mary) Lucas.

HAZEL L. BENROWSKY

Funeral services for Hazel Benrowsky, 72, of Westland were Nov. 7 in Prince of Peace Lutheran

Mrs. Benrowsky, who died Nov. 2 at her residence, was born in Kentucky. She was a homemak-

Surviving are: husband, Edmund and brother, Robert Weatherford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

PATRICK D. RINGWELSKI

Funeral services for Patrick Ringwelski, 52, of Van Buren were Nov. 12 in St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church. Local arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Ringwelski, who died Nov. 9 in Ann Arbor, was born in Detroit. He was a roofer for commercial roofing.

Surviving are: wife, Kathy; sons, Patrick (Jennifer) and Kevin; mother, Julia Ringwelski; brother, Walter Ring of Westland; and sister, Betty Ring of Westland.

BETTY M. VICKERS

Funeral services for Betty Vickers, 50, of Wayne were Nov. 9 in Uht Funeral Home.

Miss Vickers, who died Nov. 7 in Wayne, was born in Detroit.

Surviving Miss Vickers is her brother, Earl Lamp of Westland.

PHILA M. QUST

Funeral services for Phila Gust, 86, of Westland were Nov. 13 in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. David Kipfmiller. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Miss Gust, who died Nov. 6 in Santa Barbara, Calif., was born in Canton. She was a press operator. She retired from the Burroughs Corp. in July 1976 after 30 years of service. She came to the Westland community 30 years ago from Canton. Miss Gust was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland, the Canton Historical Society, the Burroughs Girls Club and Zester's Senior Group. She loved to travel. She was a former volunteer at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Surviving are: niece, Margaret (James) Brown of Goleta, Calif.; and great-nephews, Richard and

Miss Gust was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Elizabeth Gust, formerly of Canton. Memorials may be made to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Martin Luther Home in South Lyon.



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"The efforts of our staff and the outstanding at Hines Drive and Merriman. leadership of Wayne County allowed us to make this the biggest heliday light show in the country," said Hurley Coleman, Wayne County parks director. "It makes us feel good to continue to be part of this family tradition of creating good memories during the holidays."

Wayne County LightFest has been made possithrough Thursdays.

ments, gift shopping and - after Nov. 25 - to ble through donations from festival visitors and Southeast Michigan, Detroit Edison, Friends of Wayne County Parks and WDIV.

> Although LightFest begins at 7 p.m. each night, Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. Traffic enters Wayne County LightFest

> For information on the Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus or limousine tours, call (734) 261-1990.

> The Detroit Zoo also will have holiday lights displayed Nov. 20-Jan. 3. Hours will be 5:30-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 5:30-8 p.m. Mondays

Blood drive



Donation: Ralph Cesnick has blood drawn by nurse Chris Harla at a blood drive held recently at the VFW Bova-Engineers in Westland.

Tinkham honor roll listed

The first marking period honor roll for the Tinkham Alternative High School includes: TONYA COX, ANTJUAN CRUMP, THEODORE GAUSHAS, JAY'E HAYWOOD,

ROBERT KELLY, CATHERINE MIJAL, JENNIFER NYKANEN, JEN-NIFER POTTER, DOUGLAS SMITH, MATTHEW VANOOYEN

Rec from page A1

Sverdrup's report is due by early February, Veldhuis said.

Bailey rooms

Kosowski said any banquet or meeting rooms "would be nothing more than what we already have" at the Bailey Recreation Center, built in the 1970s. He said Bailey rooms can accommodate 100 to 120 people.

Still, private business leaders aren't convinced, and they fear that their concerns won't be taken seriously.

"I don't think the city has thought this process through at all," Lopez said. "We already have a recreation center that is underused by the general pub-

Steven Sliz, general manager of the Hellenic Cultural Center. said he worries that city banquet facilities would cut sharply into the estimated 800 to 1,000 events that his center hosts each

"There's nothing we could do," he said. "I'm very disappointed about this. I don't see why the city should go into the banquet

The Hellenic center contains a 16,500-square-foot ballroom and can seat 1,200 to 1,300 people for dinner, Sliz said. He had never heard speculation about city-run banquet facilities until Lopez

approached him. "I had been left in the dark 100 percent," Sliz said.

Vince Jonna, manager of Vintage Market, said he, too, could suffer if the city takes business away from banquet facilities that are his customers:

"If it affects their business, it will affect my business," he said. "I just don't think it's right to take that business away from people who have been doing business for a long time in the

Veldhuis downplayed possible banquet facilities and meeting rooms in a new recreation center, saying they "are not as critical as other components of the project."

More attention is being focused on programs such as swimming and a possible new ice rink, he said. Sverdrup's survey

includes talks with local sports associations and the city's parks and recreation advisory board. he said.

Survey says ...

Veldhuls said city leaders also will look to Sverdrup for details about annual operating costs, what segments of the population would use a recreation center and how much they would be willing to pay.

"I think this type of facility is an appropriate amenity to offer residents - and an appropriate service, too," Veldhuis said.

City officials say the new center can be built without a tax increase. They would use Tax Increment Finance Authority revenues already being captured in a special taxing district north of Ford Road.

Some city leaders have said they hope to build a new recreation center near Westland's public library on Central City

Parkway. Westland City Councilman Charles Pickering has reserved judgment on how he will vote if a recreation center proposal comes before the council.

"It's my position that we certainly should not be in competition with any of our local businesses," Pickering said. "If it's going to compete against local businesses, I wouldn't support

But he said he remains "somewhat open-minded" to measures such as indoor soccer facilities and a new ice rink, if they prove cost-effective.

Meanwhile, city officials will discuss recreation center issues during a 6 p.m. Nov. 23 study session on the second floor of Westland City Hall, according to the city clerk's office.

Veldhuis said that, in part, council members will review potential survey questions that Sverdrup may use to gauge community support for recreation programs and a possible new facility.

Council members also are expected to discuss a possible new city administration building during the study session.

Crowding from page A1

While much of the area is in Westland, it is a part of Livonia Public Schools. If this option is adopted, Washington would be converted to another use, possibly a child care center, Watson

Before the 1999-2000 school budget is set, the school board will give two public airings of the committee's recommendations. Trustees will then pick one and include it in the new budget.

"It's not an easy thing for the board to do: no matter what they do, someone is not going to be pleased," Watson told the Washington parents. "But don't make

assumptions that Washington

whether it will be Washington." Projections are key

In giving its recommendations, the committee will use longrange enrollment projections compiled by committee member Terry Davidson, a district employee and expert in statistical analysis.

will be affected. It's iffy as to

If the decision was up to him, and he did not have financial factors to consider, Watson said he would convert Lowell to a middle school, and fill all five Livonia middle schools with students in grades 6-8.

This would bring extra classroom capacity to every elementary, giving the district the room to add teachers if money were in the budget to do so, he said.

This option would affect every elementary and middle school in the district. Elementaries would house grades K-5; the middle schools, grades 6-8.

Watson cited other advantages to switching to a grade 6-8 mid- southwest part of the district, dle school configuration. It student enrollment is leveling

would erase overcrowding in the elementaries when the sixthgraders move out; elementaries would have the room to expand child care programs run before and after school; and sixthgraders moved to middle school would be able to take such electives as instrumental music and technology classes one year ear-

lier. He also cited the main criticism to the switch voiced by par-

"There is the fear of social contamination between the big eighth-graders and the small sixth-graders," he said. "But sixth-graders are closer to eighth-graders that they are to first-graders."

But, Watson said, the big concern on the part of school administrators is having the \$1 million needed every year to run a fifth middle school.

Some numbers leveling

Fueling this concern, he said, is the fact that, except for the

Every student lost, he said, means a \$7,000 loss to the dis-

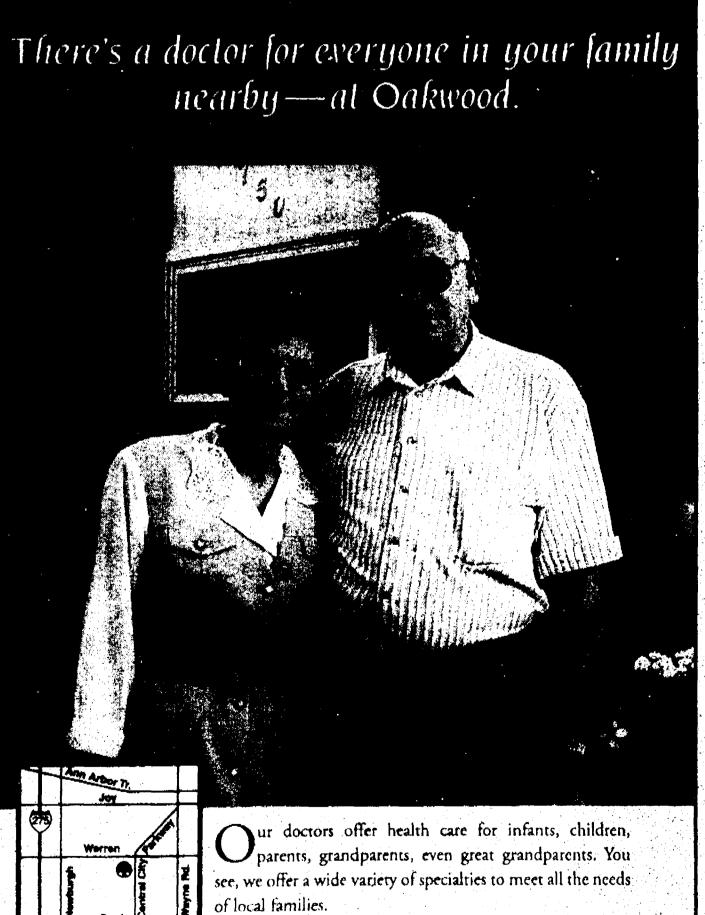
"One million dollars is a big deal," Watson said. "We must decide what's the best use of that \$1 million." Very little cost would be

incurred if the district reopened Lowell as an elementary, transferred Washington students and staff there, and reopened Washington as a child care center, he said.

"This is an attractive ... option for us, but it would be painful to you," he told the Washington parents. The third option under consid-

eration is the building of extra classrooms onto Johnson and Garfield elementaries. This would create the space for the extra students expected to come into the southwest area.

But, once again, insecurity about the financial future might make the school board leery of taking out a mortgage to build those rooms, Watson said.



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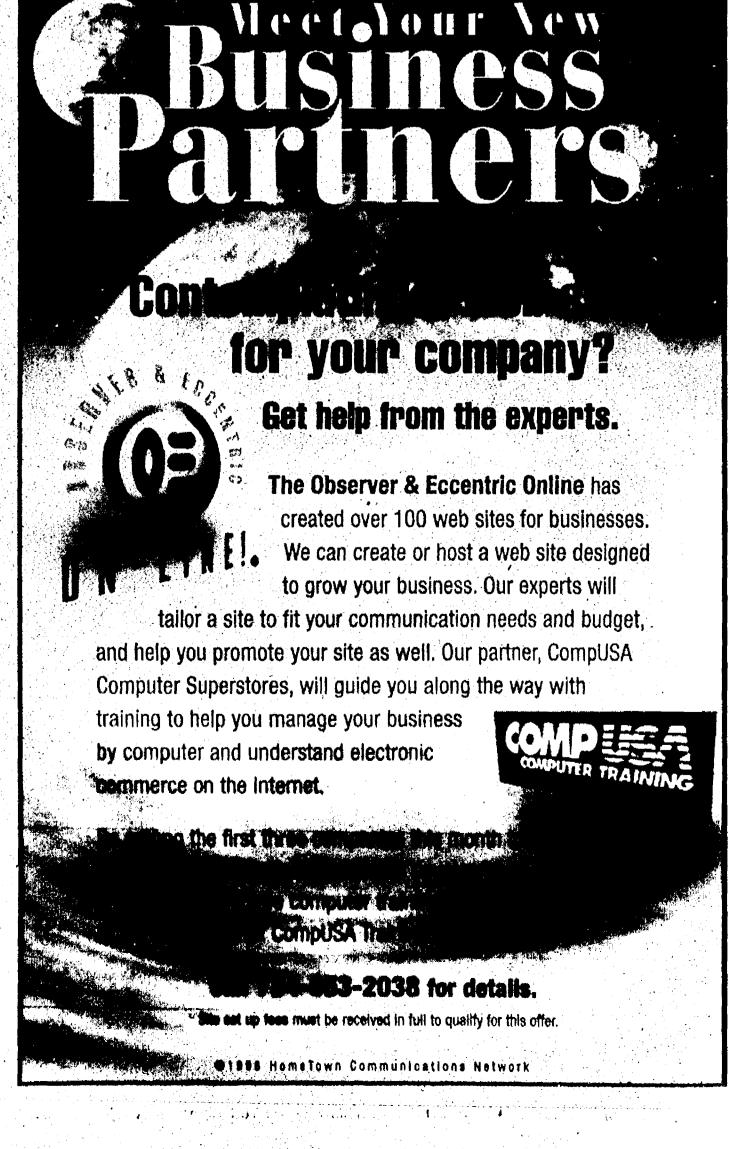
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are encouraged to leave early and check in by 6:30 p.m.

"This is an incredible opportuing at the second annual Wayne nity 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 Since the race ends 8 kilome- County LightFest commemora-

Runners can stay fit, make a ters from where it begins, shut- tive long-sleeve T-shirts and all registered runners will be entered in a raffle-prize giveaway, occurring right after the

> Registration for adults is \$14 and \$8 for kids high-school age and below on or before Nov. 7. After Nov. 8, registration is \$16 for adults and \$10 for youths high-school age and below.

> To obtain registration forms and additional information on the second annual Wayne County LightFest 8K Fun Run or Wayne County LightFest, call (734) 261-1990.

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

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

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

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Nov. 19, all 26 Art Van Michigan will be collecting nonperishable food The initiative will utilize the 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.

On Monday, Nov. 23, Palace Sports & Entertainment Inc. President Tom Wilson, Pistons head coach Alvin Gentry, WDIV-TV 4 reporter Dan Mountney,

and select media representatives will escort Pistons plane Roundball One to airlift an estimated seven and a half tons of supplies to the city of La Ceiba, located on the Atlantic Coast of Honduras. The items will provide relief to the more than 300,000 people living in the district of

The local Hispanic community, including the Latino Press. Detroit Central America Relief Fund and the Moravian Church in La Ceiba, have volunteered to distribute the supplies to those in need upon arrival.

Hurricane Mitch, the fourth most powerful Atlantic storm in recorded history, has caused more than 14,000 deaths to date. More than 3,600,000 people have been affected by the hurricane, which has destroyed thousands of homes, crops and road-

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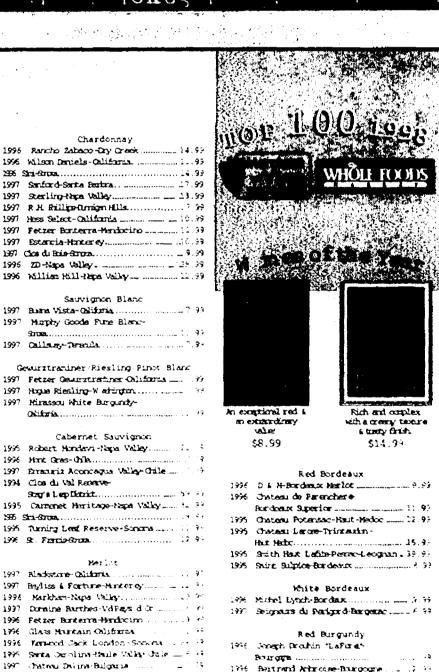
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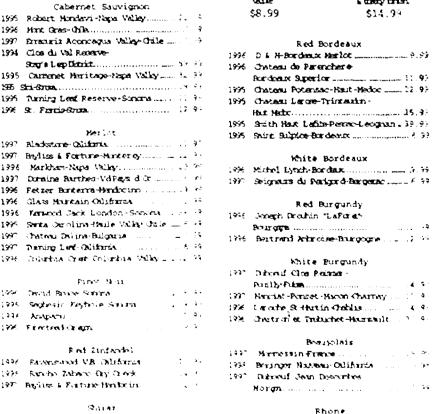
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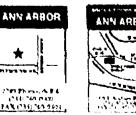
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Schools official retires to be with his family

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER

In his career as an educator, John Rennels got to work on both sides of the labor-management fence.

So when his colleagues from Livonia Public Schools gathered Oct. 28 to say "goodbye" to their friend on his early retirement as an administrator from the district, there were a few from "the

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other side" of the fence to wish him well in the years ahead, too.

"We'll miss him," said Ken Pfile, a top executive with the teachers' umbrella union, the Michigan Education Association. "His experience working with the (Livonia Education Association) has been a real asset for us. He knows our point of view, how our organization runs. He's made things easier for us. It's nice to have worked with some-

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one who knows a lot of my colleagues."

After 12 years with the district, Friday was Rennels' last day of work. Succeeding him as assistant superintendent for personnel is J. Stephen Smith, who moves over from his prior job as director of secondary education.

Present at the go-away party were the three main reasons for Rennels' early retirement at the age of 55: His mother, Dorothy Rennels, 82, who lives with him and his wife, Pamela Lemerand, in their Plymouth home; and two of the couple's four children who still live at home, Vanessa, a junior at Mercy High School, and Brandon, a student at Plymouth's East Middle School.

"I want to spend more time with my kids while they're still in school, and I want to spend more time with my mom," said Rennels, who lives in Plymouth. "I'll be volunteering in Plymouth schools, and I'll be riding longer distances on my bike."

Getting started After graduating in 1966 from Wayne State University with a teaching degree, Rennels went to work as a high school teacher

for the Clawson School District. At Clawson, the fledgling teacher discovered he liked working with teachers' union issues as much as he liked teaching. To learn more about the ins and outs of bargaining contracts, he enrolled at WSU's school of law. In 1974, after six years of going to night school, he graduated with his juris doctor degree.

Rennels eventually went on to the LEA-MEA offices in Livonia to work as a full-time union executive.

It was here, in this role, that he met and worked with "one of the best managers I have ever met in my life," James Carli, who at the time was a Livonia schools' administrator.

When Carli became district superintendent 12 years ago, he asked Rennels to join the district's management team as assistant superintendent for personnel.

"It was a very difficult decision," Rennels said. "Carli wanted me for my people skills. I was pleased to have the chance to work with him."

Eighteen months later, elation over his new job turned to shock and sadness with Carli's sudden

"I'm glad I did what I did," said Rennels, reflecting on his switch to management. "I liked working with both sides. When I worked with the union, I gave it my all to represent individuals. When I worked with the district, I tried to do what's in the best interest of the district."

Working together A few months back, the couple began seriously talking about

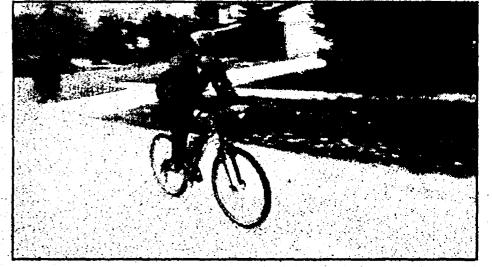
time pressures and hours spent on the road. In her job as director of special education for Grosse Pointe schools, Lemerand spends a lot of time away from home, commuting and working on the east side.

While close to Livonia schools (Rennels often biked or Rollerbladed to his office on Farmington Road), Rennels knew he couldn't always be home in late afternoon when his children came home from school.

He also wanted to spend more time with his mother.

"I had a time-consuming kind of job," Rennels said. "I want to do more stuff with the kids."

Rennels' job has been split between Smith and Randy



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Residents question county plan to cap sled hill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabrameryk@oe.homecomm.net

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.

Some western Wayne County residents believe more work and study is needed on Middlebelt Hill before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approves a plan to construct a 12-inch clay cap over the hill,

which contains contaminants. MDEQ officials held a public 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.

The project is expected to cost \$1 million and take six weeks. If approved, construction is expected to start in spring of 1999. The hill will house a warming shelter at the top of the hill with lots. Floodlights and fencing will be installed.

The cap will provide a physical barrier, and plans call for removing construction debris, repairing eroded areas and improving drainage and the north slope.

Wayne County wants to create a year-round recreation facility, and provide suitable slopes for sledding and tobogganing.

The hill will be recontoured by removing the fill and placing it on the steep, west slope, said Linda Burke, NTH project manager and design engineer.

Most of the hill — that is the eastern, western and southern slopes of the hill - will receive space heaters and two parking 12 inches of clay, 12 inches of fill

and 6 inches of topsoil. A drainage ditch will be constructed along Hines Drive and a retaining wall.

Residents: More tests

Bill Craig of Livonia, who is active in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland and serves on an advisory council on the Rouge River. asked how high of levels were; present on the hill.

Steve Kitler, the DEQ's project manager for the Middlebelt Hill proposal and member of the environmental response division, said the hill had one sample of lead as high as 4,000 parts per million, which is 10 times the

permissible level of the state's residential direct contact standard, or 400 parts per million.

Richard Burns, vice president of NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills, said lead is "relatively unsoluble" - meaning it probably would not become part of the leachate. Residents are concerned the contaminants may enter the groundwater.

Earlier NTH officials said leachate is a byproduct of rainwater and melting snow, which percolates with waste and should accumulate at the bottom of the landfill. There was never more than 1 inch had accumulated at the base of the 50-inch fill, they said.

But Craig disagreed with NTH consultant drawings that had indicated the trash was on the hill, stating that erosion hadexposed trash near the bike path. The trash has actually extended beyond the bike path; Craig said. Craig showed old aerial photos, showing the old landfills there, Craig told DEQ officials the hill and nearby Cooper School both contained similar refuse as they were created at the same time, in the early 1950s.

"That brings the question, why was Wayne County allowed to construct the bike path?"

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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. To be eligible, a student must

be a resident of the 13th Congressional District, a junior in high school, at least 16 years old and maintain a minimum of a

3.0 grade point average. The session begins Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999 and concludes Saturday, June 12, 1999. Each student must complete and return an enclosed application to the district office by Nov. 30, 1998. A copy of the student's transcript, three letters of recommendation and a parental consent form must accompany each applica-

The application and supplementary materials should be mailed to: U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, 106 E. Washington, Ann Arbor MI 48104. All qualified applicants will be placed into a pool from which the winner will be drawn.

For applications or more information, call the district office in Ann Arbor at (734) 741-4210 or in Wayne at (734) 722-1411. Applications may also be obtained from high school guid-

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.

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address recent developments in employment of foreign nation-

The forum will examine the effect of immigration laws on individual businesses, border entry issues, visa, compensation and tax planning, as well as the broader issue of how immigration issues impact mergers and acquisitions and changes in the

corporate structure. For more information on the forum, contact Sherry Beaupre at Butzel Long, (313) 983-7415. Information on Butzel Long's seminars is also available on the Internet at the firm's Web site (www.butzel.com).

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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

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

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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 chair. Peters, who won a second 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

four-year term on Nov. 3, succeeds Dianne Byrum of Ononda-

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, practi-

cal 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 for children under 12 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

includes admission to the Festival of Trees. which runs Nov.

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

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 Westland

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

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 vet." 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 to see (the trash) removed."

"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

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

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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TWIST ON TRADITION



CHEF RANDY EMERT

Thanksgiving can be an adventure

ven though I am a firm believer in tradition – Super Bowl Sun-day, Batman & Robin, Maiza day, Batman & Robin, Maize and Blue - I feel Thanksgiving sometimes needs a boost. Don't get me wrong, turkey, stuffing, corn, cranberries and mashed potatoes all are my favorites. But there's nothing wrong with adding a twist on tradition.

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?

SEARED TURKEY MEDALLIONS WITH MUSHROOM-PEAR STUFFING AND NATURAL SAUCE

SERVES 4

For Turkey:

1 (two pound) fresh turkey breast cut into 2 1/2 ounce medallions salt and pepper

Olive oil spray For Stuffing:

- 1 pound of mushrooms, julienne (a mix of shiitake, oyster and buttons are recommended)
- 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 onlon, rough cut
- 1 stalk celery, rough cut
- 1 tablespoon of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 bay leavos
- 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 nonstick 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.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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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

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WHITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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, remeasuring 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

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 Vin-

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

"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

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.

cinnamon and cardamom.

"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 I 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 flat. The color of the egg has no significance.
- Orange juice can be substituted for water in
- Milk gives a brown crust when used in dough. It makes a soft crust if brushed on the outside
- Preheat oven for at least 15 minutes before bak-
- 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
- yeast breads. Yeast works well with fruit sugar. 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.

zocco Meriot \$20; 1995

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Beaujolais is not only the most southerly Bur-Wine Picks for gundy wine region, it is Thanksgiving "art de vivre" ■ Beside Beaujolais. as the French here are some recent red wine releases that would say. complement turkey: Although 1996 Silverado Sanmade from giovese \$20; 1995 Maz-

only one grape variety, gamay, it is a wine of many faces. It is first bottled as the playful Beaujolais Nouveau, Chardonnay \$8; 1997 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 Beaujo-

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 Duboeuf'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.

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 tablespoon ground cinna-

/2 teaspoon ground nutmer 1/2 teaspoon salt

t tablespoon brown sugar 3 sheets of phyllo dough

Olive Oll 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 the olive oil then do this two more times. Cut the dough into four making cross sections. Divide the mixture into four equal parts and put in the center of each piece of Phyllo dough. Fold in the corners of the dough and place on an oiled pan with the seem down. Bake at

350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with or without sauce.

FOR VANILLA SAUCE

- 1 cup of skim milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 3 tablespoons granulated
- sugar 1 egg white

Place all ingredients into a double boiler and whip continuously 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 onlon, julienne 1 small bulb fennel, julienne 1 small parsnip, julienne 1 small carrot, julienne 1 leek, top removed, jullenne

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 gnocchi 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 table-... spoon of olive oil over medium high heat. Once the oil comes to a smoking point add the gnocchi, 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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Middle Eastern recipes are family treasures

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

SKEWED CHICKEN KABOB WITH

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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

1 large white onlon

2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves or 1 tablespoon

dried mint leaves Salad dressing

1/4 cup olive oil 1/4 cup lemon juice

2 tablespoons sumac Salt to taste Cut pita bread into small

squares using kitchen scissors or knife. Brush with olive oil and place on a baking sheet. Toast in 350°F oven until golden brown and crispy, about 5-10 minutes. Set aside.

Chop lettuce leaves. Peel cucumber and cut into large pieces. Chop parsley and cut tomatoes in small wedges. Chop green and red peupers 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 onlons
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil 4-5 cups hot water

Wash rice well and soak in cold

and fry until golden brown.

water for 15-20 minutes. Cut onion in half, peel, and slice. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan, add sliced onion

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.

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new wine.

Thanksgiving!

Fruity Beaujolais Nouveau is easy to drink and not meant to be taken too seriously. On this account, it has been "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 hardto-define magic of Beaujolais Nouveau are the perfect way to usher in the upcoming holiday

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

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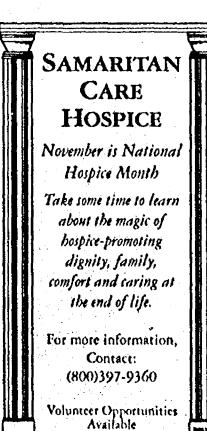
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Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, cost is \$35 per person. Taste this year's, crop of Beaujolais Nouveau along with fine wines for the upcoming holiday season accompanied by an assortment of foods. Call (313) 563-8700 to reserve.

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Crisps and crumbles make wholesome desserts

BY DANA JACOBI SPECIAL WRITER

I love dessert, but to keep my weight down and kitchen time to a minimum, I avoid it except when dining out. However, when the need for a comfort food is overwhelming, I will whip up a cozy crisp or cobbler at home.

You can throw one of these fruit-based desserts together as quickly as you can say "scrumptious." Topped with a glorious, grainy crust, they can also be made with a modest amount of fat, which is another great reason to try making one for your next treat.

For crisps, a deep baking dish filled with fruit is topped with a crunchy, brown topping that is a combination of oats, flour and brown sugar, combined with shortening. Crisps are more British than crumbles, whose crumb-like topping is made with flour, crushed cookies or even corn flakes and sugar, rubbed with shortening. Cobblers, the third and most American of this homey dessert triumvirate, have a light, biscuit-like crust.

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 quar-

2 Bartlett pears, peeled,

cored and quartered 1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1/4 cup golden raisins 1/3 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 cinna-

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

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.

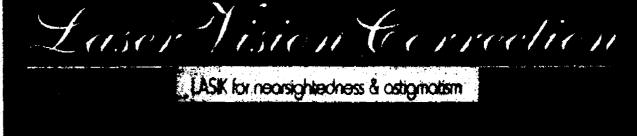
In another bowl, using a fork, combine the oats with the flour, sugar, cinnamon, ginger, and salt. Using your fingers or the fork,

work in the oil and butter. With the fork, mix in the egg white and corn syrup. Sprinkle the topping in an even layer over the fruit.

Bake the crisp until the topping is browned and the fruit is soft when pierced with the tip of a knife, 40-45 minutes. Let the crisp cool 20 minutes before serving.

This dessert is best served warm. Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 339 calories and 8 grams of fat.

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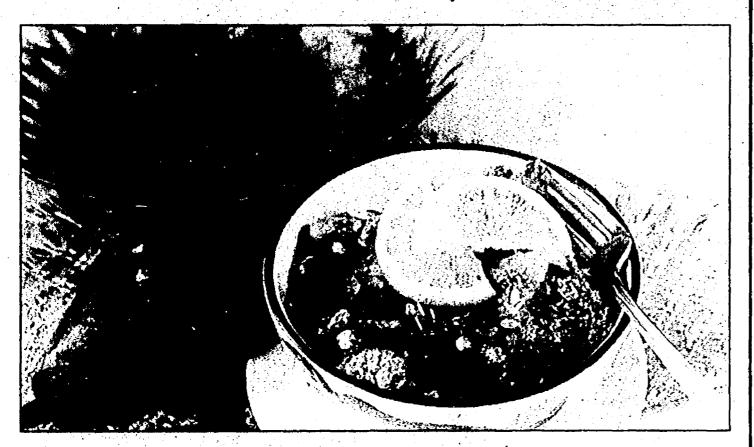
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Pish caught off the coasts of present-day Massachusetts and Cape Cod were crucial to the survival of the first colonists. editors at SeaFood Business Magazine say.

"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 ters are also available. 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-

LOBSTER AND PUMPKIN BISQUE

Lobster:

3 cups water

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3 teaspoons salt 1-pound live lobster

Bring water to boil in 4-quart stock pot: Add sait 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

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1 red bell pepper, roasted and cut into strips

1/2 cup hard cider

1 ounce goat cheese 8 sprigs chervil, fresh (or substitute fresh parsley)

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 without 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 cider. Garnish with crumbled goat cheese and chervil. Makes 4 serv-

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

onlons

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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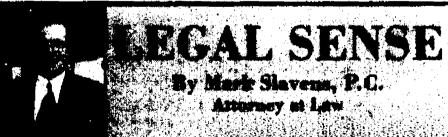
MOUTH GUARDS

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 they are a better investment than lower-cost models that a picture of youth mouth on a television screen.

Do your children play sports, and should they be wearing mouth guards? This column has been brought To you by LIVONRA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES. Good injury rate among athletes who wore mouth guards was experience with dentistry is based on making the right 2.8 per cent versus an oral-injury rate of 30.3 per cent choice in a family dentist and in taking steps to keep dental among athletes who went without mouth guards. Further costs at a minimum through self-care at home between study shows that young athletes are more apt to wear the visits. If you don't have a dentist at this time, we're currently most comfortable mouth quards longer and more often. To accepting new patients. Please call 478-2110 to schedule this end, dentists offer custom-made mouth guards that use an appointment. We're located at 19171 Meriman Road. impressions of the wearer's teeth for their design. Although Smales are our business. We use an intraoral video camera they may be more expensive than store-bought models, and a dental imaging system so that you can actually see a

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As a result, in this column we expect to

point out that the average person has more need of legal advice than he or she may initially suspect.

I welcome readers to my new weekly 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 vital for you to be an educated consumer. That means understanding some basic principles of law; your tights under the law, as well as some of the duties and obligations legally incumbent upon you and those with whom you deal. My faw practice is limited to personal injury cases. If you have been injured, call me at (734) 421-5210 for a free consultation.

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muscle endurance disease that causes wide-

spread pain throughout the fibrous tissues of

of William Beaumont Hospital says you have

every reason to be optimistic about your prog-

Tamler, along with many of his patients, is

"Tve encountered very few physicians out

there that take any significant interest in this

patient population - they're a very frustrated

would rather not spend the extra time these

patients require," said Tamler, 36, a leading

been on staff at Beaumont since 1988.

fibromyalgia specialist in the area. Tamler has

The syndrome and its symptoms are treat-

able and can be controlled by a well-informed

and assertive patient, but currently there is no

cause. Unfortunately, said Tamler, there is no

drome, but physicians can substantiate the

diagnosis by checking consistent tender point

ceptible to pain when pressure is applied than

would be experienced by a person without the

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,"

something was really wrong with me," said

teacher.

Ostalecki says.

Who's suffering

rheumatoid arthritis.

tracting."

Sharon Ostalecki a Livonia elementary school

bics, said that 15 years ago she began experi-

encing widespread pain that started to take

over her whole body. Initially she was told

she had too much estrogen and that she was

probably overextending herself during work-

As the months and years passed and the pain

"Your quality of life suffers because you can't

grew more intense, daily-living activities in her

personal and professional life began to suffer,

focus in on things because the pain is so dis-

It wasn't until she was treated by Tamler

any physical and emotional distance from the

that the Livonia educator said she began to feel

Although people of all ages and health histo-

ries have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia,

50 - eight times as many women suffer from

the condition largely afflicts women ages 25 to

the disease as men, says Tamler. Fibromyalgia

can be triggered by events such as pregnancy,

diagnosis of another disorder such as lupus or

"Some patients say they feel like they never

flu, infection, an automobile accident or the

"I knew in my heart I wasn't crazy and that

Ostalecki, a former runner who taught aero-

sites throughout the body that are more sus-

"Some doctors become frustrated by this and

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about the syndrome.

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.

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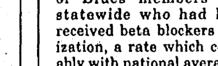
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The use of beta blockers following acute myocardial infarction is associated with a reduced risk of future cardiac events and sudden death. Their use is highly recommended by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. The drugs lower the heart's need for oxygen by decreas-

Blue Cross shared the results with hospitals and physician groups to help elevate the rate of beta blocker use and Michigan. The study is the first in population and to cover a broad geo-

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 the extent to which these drugs can improve health outcomes in certain

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 77 percent. In West Michigan, 64 percent of the patients received the drugs. The number was 66 percent in central and northeast Michigan. In the Upper Peninsula and in nine counties in southeast Michigan, the number of patients was higher, at 77 percent.

There were no significant differences

percent of the cases.

The study looked at non-HMO Blues members with prescription drug coverage who were discharged from Michigan hospitals with a principal 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 30 days prior to the hospital admission date or seven days following hospital discharge. The study reflects both physician practice patterns and patient compliance with physicians' prescrip-

In addition to research on acute

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 weaken 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. While I have been a districted and

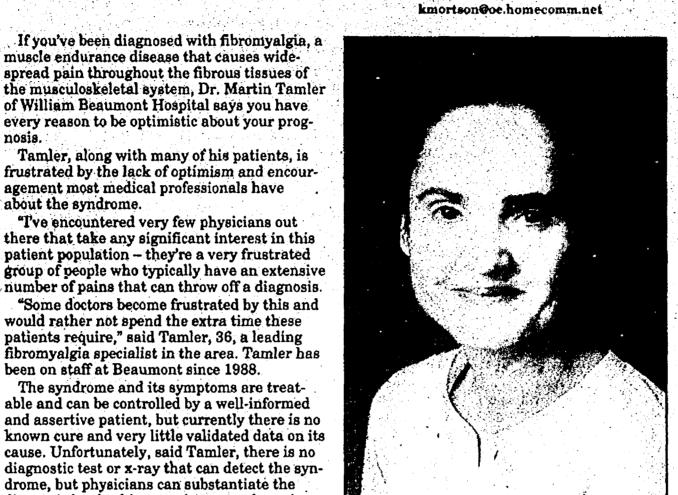
The workshops have been well attended, and Tamler said he's eager to continue providing people with factual information rather than have them fear there is no hope for them to ever lead a pain free life.

"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 7-9 p.m. in the Senior Health Building on the hospital campus. For more information, call (734) 572-3224.



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

KIMBERLY A. MORTSON . STAFF WRITER

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL 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.

■ 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.

actually recover from the triggering incident and thus the onset of the syndrome," said Tam-

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

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 one to sit in a chair and cry and say 'woe is me.'

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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.

ing its workload. They also act to reduce the incidence of fatal dysrhythmias (abnormal heart beat).

the overall quality of health care in Michigan to cover a very large patient graphical area in the state.

"Our approach is collaborative and aims to deliver practical statistics that

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

myocardial infarction patients, the company is studying the use of glycosylated hemoglobin testing among diabetics. The measurement of HbAlc, or glycosylated hemoglobin, is an essential adjunct to daily glucose self-testing and evaluating serum glucose levels. The American Diabetes Association recoinmends that HbAlc 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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 Wednes-day, 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

CHILDSHITH 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) 458-4330 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, 29901 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, Call (248) 851-5100.

CHILDBIRTH 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. Preregistration 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

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

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MON, NOV. 30

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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) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road,

Garden City.

OSTROPOROSIS 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 SITTER

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.

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Police using Internet to nab pedophiles



WENDLAND

nstead of a single 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 Michi-

gan. Oakland County officials nabbed a 34year-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

topic this week, it's In both cases, the suspects were solic-time to catch up on iting 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 mil-

■ Net stocks to surge over holiday excitement? - I'm no investment expert or shill 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, er 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 commissioned 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 supplied 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. 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-

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 over voyeurs who paid a \$19.95 monthly feet of "this is a statement of fact about the to have access to XPics library of porno 184 graphic pictures and videos.

That's it for this week. Have you checked my Web site lately? I've added Monday-Friday reports in its Real Audio.

See you next week.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet fonct NBC-TV Newschannel stations across 14 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, in at http://www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items for the Business Calendar are welcome from the Observer-area to announce upcoming events, seminars and programs of a business nature. Items should be sent to: Business Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

TUE, NOV. 17

CAREER WOMEN The guest speaker at the November National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter, will be Joseph L. Malgeri, MSM, author, lecturer and consultant for The San Group of Troy. He will demonstrate how our own behaviors affect how we perceive and behave towards others and how minor changes in ourselves can shatter barriers. enhance cooperation and build respect that leads to mutual

WED, NOV. 18

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.

FRI, NOV. 20

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L BNI, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Rd. near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Business Marketplace items are welcome regarding mergers, changes, initiatives or announcements from companies in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Marketplace, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734)

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 pertagn sonal communications services for mobile phones, and e-mail and Web browsing. Formal grand-opening ceremonies were Oct. 22 at the new store on Merriman in Livonia.

Prestigious recognition

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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 outstand [14] ing work environments that benefit the organization tion, its employees and community. Lonell Rice; [1] chair of WEC's awards committee said Valassis employees were "given the tools they need to succeed and are empowered to do their jobs."

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Profession. of the legislature drafting comals are welcome from area corporations, companies and firms whose employees are active residents in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Professionals, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail:

kmortson@oe.homecomm.net. fax (734) 591-7279.

Cambridge recognized



Cambridge

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 pro-

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fessional 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

mittee 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. Hoenscheid, 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 adjust responsible for the handling of injury liabili-ty 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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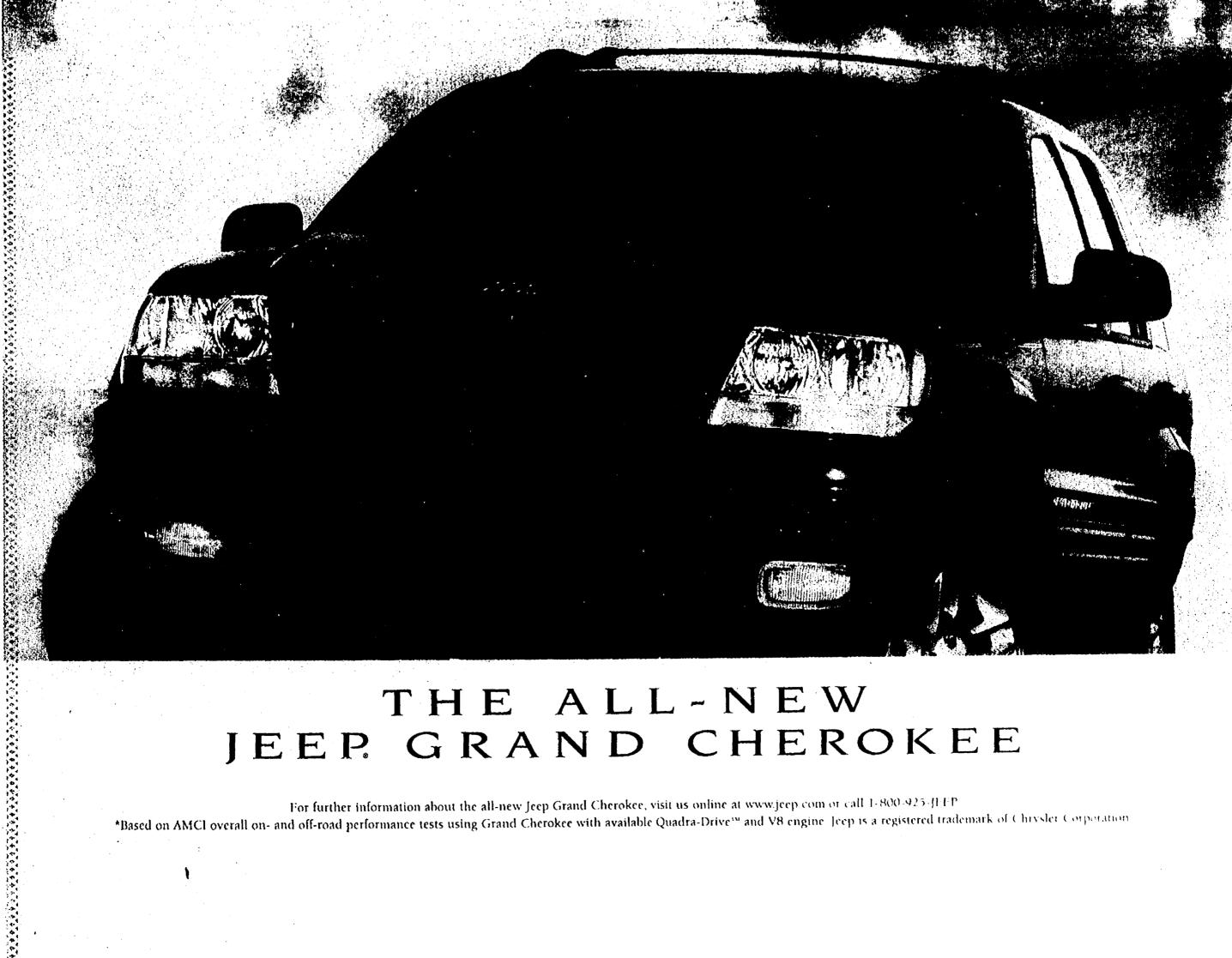
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"Recollections" was commissioned by the

Prague Philharmonic and premieres next

year in the Czech Republic. Written last

spring, "Waiting for Sunrise on the Sound"

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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Camp is a painter's getaway

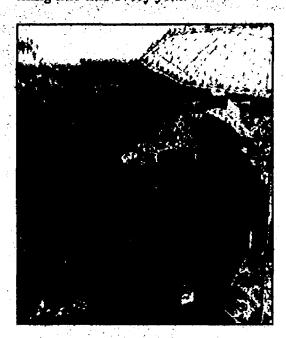
ary Merz's trip to Campedee on Lake Leelanau in September was a dream come true no cooking, no cleaning, and the opportunity to paint to her heart's content.

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-thecentury. 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

"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."

four sessions offered in June and Sep-

tember, don't seem to mind.



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 Livo-

"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.'

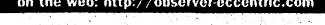
Mary Ann Adams of Plymouth began studying with Joppich nearly 10 years ago. Because she's enjoyed the last six years at Campedee so much, she signed up for a 10 day trip to Italy with Joppich in April.

"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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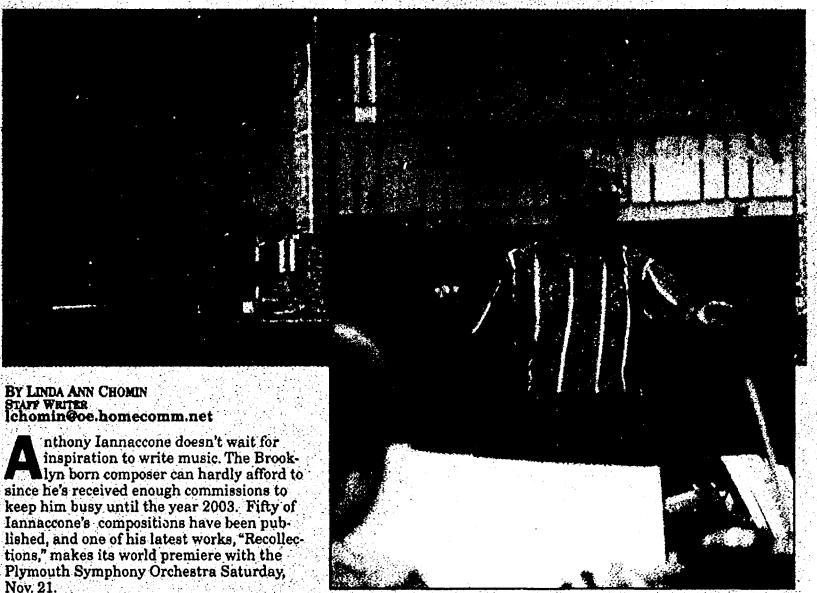


PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN All American: Russell Reed leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Eastman School. He studied contemporary and traditionrecalls Iannaccone's boyhood growing up in New York al composition with Aaron Copland and Vittorio Giannini. City, "Recollections" number two, "West End Express," is A professor at Eastern Michigan University for the last named after a train that traveled across the East River to 27 years, where he also conducts the Collegium Musicum chamber orchestra and chamber choir, Iannaccone teaches Early years: at the Bavarian Musical Academy and conducts the Anthony Bavarian Festival Orchestra, 50 miles outside of Munich, during the summer. Iannaccone "There's nothing I love more than writing music drew on

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

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

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."

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 Con-

cert 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 mystery

BY HUGH GALLAGHER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

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

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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



Rapids publisher.

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

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second of three parts, which when completed, will comprise Iannacone's Symphony No. 4. Plymouth Symphony conductor Russell Reed and Iannaccone will discuss the 'Ali American" Concert

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Brooklyn where it became a surface line and then an ele-

vated line (the "El") before arriving at Coney Island. Com-

missioned by the Kalamazoo Symphony, the work is the

"They're pieces that draw on childhood memories, a

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 com-

Innaccone will guest conduct "Recollections." In fact,

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It is a very difficult work

Iannaccone began studying violin, piano and music the-

and not one you normally hear by a a community orches-

tra. It's very challenging. I enjoy working with the Ply-

ory at age five with a cousin who was a violinist in the

New York Philharmonic. His goal toward a career in com-

posing took a slight detour when his parents insisted he

composition lured him back. Iannaccone earned his mas-

ter's degree from the Manhattan School of Music where

he taught in the late 1960s, and a doctorate from the

study physics at Fordham University. After two years,

mouth Symphony. They're a very fine orchestra."

the only time the Ypsilanti resident guest conducts is

when the piece is written by him.

recurring nightmare" said Iannaccone who composed his

write

experiences to

"Recollections,"

orchestral works

the Plymouth

Orchestra will

orchestral works in a pre-concert program at Pease Audi-What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the world premiere of Anthony lannaccone's "Recollections." Guest artists include soprano Glenda Kirkland and baritone Conwell Carrington, and the choirs from the Plymouth municate musical values and be able to work as organized Centennial Educational Park

and Northville High School. When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, "On Stage," a pre-concert discussion with lannaccone

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

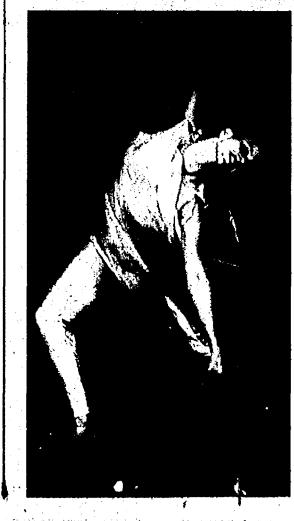
begins at 7 p.m.

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.

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torium in Ypsilanti.

sound."



WSU dancers lure children to art Journey:

dancer Mary Gormley performs in the 45th annual program, On Stage! Dance

Livonia

Performances for Children, at Wayne State Universi-

ty.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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 Com-

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

"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/se niors, and available by calling (313) 577-4273.

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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).

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

Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 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 cosponsored 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 Kraniak, Melissa Radiwon, and Anthony Richendollar, and alumni Karla Fisher and Larry

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 twoand three-dimensional art works, has been exhibited in galleries, art centers, universities, festivals, and conferences in

Escanaba, Mount Pleasant, Kalamazoo, Macomb, 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

the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., VSA provides programs in creative writing, dance. drama, music, and visual arts in 15.000 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia. and more than 85 countries.

Founded in 1978, Very Special Arts Michigan provides a variety of arts programs in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and arts and community centers throughout the state.

Dance from page C1

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

A graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills where she sang with the Mercyaires, 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" by the Monte Carlo Ballet to "Evita," the young dancer learns the dos and don't and what it takes to be a well-rounded performer.

Assistant artistic director Diana Mileski hopes parents and teachers will take advantage of the opportunity to nurture an appreciation for dance in children by attending "On Stage! Dance Performance for Children." This year's theme, Journey, takes kids traveling over land, sea and air to Toyland and a lion hunt, amongst other places. The styles range from tap to pointe, modern and jazz.

Freda Frump (Portia Fields Anderson), the lively host of On Stagel 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."

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.

Mystery from page C1

Fleck kidnaps a Macomb Daily reporter, Cully Gannon, and takes her with him as he travels across state seeking help from Michigan Militia members. Meanwhile, Cully's father and agents from two different law enforcement groups are in pur-

"It started as a kind of funny country-western mystery, and then I don't know how it changed, but I think if was the Arly character sort of came out

of the murk," Meehan said. stage. It's an unusual approach, but unlike many mystery writers who concentrate on the plot,

Meehan gives detailed life histories and interesting quirks to all of his characters.

"One critic said I couldn't seem to get rid of my characters, I love them too much," Meehan said. "The first two novels were in the first person about a detective minister. But I was reading Larry McMurtry's 'Moving On' and I liked the way he wove together this wonderful cast of characters. In this book, I guess, the bridge is the main charac-

Mechan tells the story through of the Michigan militia move- members make valid criticisms. He is currently at work on the eyes of several characters, ment including a visit to a He said the most evil character another book about the ministernone actually taking center church dedicated to militia in the book is probably the liber-

"I liked the idea of climbing into the heads of each character

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and giving each one his own language and feel," Meehan said.

Meehan said he doesn't have a thorough background on the militia movement other than through conversations with a policeman.

"He viewed them as bumbling, more wind than fire," Meehan

The characters in "Blood on the Bridge" fit that definition. They argue among themselves and turn on each other. Meehan Meehan gives a vivid portrait said he believes some militia al governor rather than the militia types or the mentally disturbed Arly.

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In the book the governor has been elected after defeating John Engler. This situation allows Meehan to take some digs at Engler's conservative policies and at the liberal alternative.

"If I had written the book later, I might have made him more like (Geoffrey) Fieger. He's someone pushing his own agenda," Meehan said.

Meehan is interested in doing another book featuring the reporter Cully and a Native American ranger, Softshoe, who figures prominently in the story. detective of his first two books. This story will be primarily set in Detroit's Mexican Village.

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Expressions from page C1

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and running her gallery (Jop- Formed by an ancient glacier, pich's Bay Street Gallery in the lake begins 25 miles north of

> "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.'

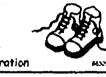
> Joppich will lead an Artescape to Spain in November, 1999. She researches the trip by traveling to the land of senoritas in January. For more information about Artescape or Campedee, call Joppich, (248) 476-1528.

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.homecomm.net

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ARTS & CRAFTS

DUNHAM-RAY VFW

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Life model drawing class, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Nov. 17, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

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"An Opera Martini," featuring guest artist Manfred Dreilich in a program of Verdi, Rossini, Puccini and Mozart 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. Varner Hall, Recital Hall, Oakland University, Tickets \$15, call (248) 651-4181 for ticket information, up to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Friday's concert is nearly sold-out, tickets still available for the Sunday concert.

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"Great Music from the Silver Screen & TV," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. Conducted by Charles Greenwell. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph roads,

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The Gerard Edery Ensemble 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road; (248) 788-9338.

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"Alhambra," the internationally acclaimed music ensemble, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Sponsored by the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. For information, (248) 661-5700.

ZAMIR CHORALE

Annual fall concert, featuring songs concerning the relationship between parent and child. 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 788-0017.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Aretha Franklin makes her first appearance with the DSO, 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

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"Journey," 45th annual dance concert for young folks, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University campus, Detroit: (313) 577-4273.

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Annual Holiday Invitational Show, "Earthy Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Opens Nov. 21 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land,* runs through Jan. 31, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900. MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan. 3 - *The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary of the African-American solider into the U.S. Army during 1866-1912. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

PARK WEST GALLERY

Nov. 15 - Peter Max and Sugar Ray Leonard will be on hand 1-3 p.m. for the opening of Max's newest series featuring the legendary boxer. A portion of the sales benefits the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Through Nov. 27. 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

HALSTED GALLERY

Nov. 17 - Photographs of Michael Kenna and Camille Solyagua. Through Dec. 31, 560 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. REIKO M.

Nov. 19 - "Oh, You Beautiful Doll!" mannequin photographs of Elaine Redmond, 734 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (248) 543-5433.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Nov. 20 - "Private Nature." watercolors and pencil drawings by Karen Anne Klein. Through Dec. 27, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus. Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

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Nov. 21 - "In the Shadow of Mount Fuji," a collection of Japanese prints, 580 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-5430. PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE

ARTS Nov. 23 - Jack Keeve: Pedestrian

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Through Nov. 21 - Paintings by Chun Hui Pak, Beatrice McSorley Delong, and sculptures by Joyce Gottlieb. 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte; (734) 281-4779.

THE ANDERSON GALLERY

Through Nov. 28 - New works by Sonya Clark, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 335-4611. DAVID KLEIN GALLERY Through Nov. 28 - Watercolors

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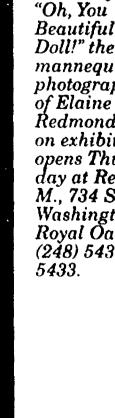
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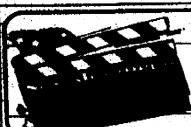
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behavior might strike us as, shall we say, offbeat. Michigan writer Kathe Koja is back, spinning 16 tales of fantasy and terror in this new collection, each of them marked by her knock-out imagination, her unique perceptions and prose that sometimes qualifies as a

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remarkable, chilling poetry. As usual, her territory is a kind of twilight world, inhabited at its shadowy edges by individuals who have become something like unsettling shadows them-

selves. Alienation may be the operative word in Koja's fictional milieu. Some metaphorical anesthesia seems to have been unleashed on her dark landscapes, numbing not so much the bodies but the souls of her char-

acters. Begin with "The Neglected Garden," in which the writer introduces us to a contemporary couple on the verge of a separation. Apparently, the breakup is mostly the young man's idea. Anne, the woman he hopes to banish from his life, is not going for it, and she is not going for it in a really big way. Even after he has packed for her, labeled all her cardboard boxes, hung up partially in the distant pas. 953-2045, then press 1854.

her clothes, carried everything including "her big Klee print" to the car and stacked it "neatly," her essential response is "I'm not going."

She means it, too. Out at the edge of the backyard, on a rusty, tumbledown fence, she crucifies herself. He will find her there, at death's door, but not really dead. Slowly, as he watches - fascinated and repulsed - she becomes a part of the fence and "lush with growth," the neglected garden around her. And he, who believed that something as wild and messy as human emotion could be packed up in a few cardboard boxes and sent on its way, is about to discover that it isn't nice at all to try and fool around with Mother Nature.

Perhaps the most unsettling story in "Extremities" is a little tale called "Teratisms." To say that this dark story centers on the monstrous is putting it mildly, I suppose. It is one of the most powerful horror stories I have read in years, mainly because what is monstrous here is so chillingly plausible and so sad at once. In it, two brothers and a sister - and one of the brothers with very odd appetites, indeed - share family secrets that they desperately try to hide in "an endless pavane danced through ... Louisiana." Even the names of the towns in the mossy parishes seem an essential part of the horrific song, spoken as they are by the "hungry" brother, Alex: "Delcambre. Thibodaux ... Abbeville ... Baton Rouge! ... DeQuincy. Longville ... Bewelcome ... Florian, Samtown, Echo, Lecomte ..."

Though Koja's settings are almost always contemporary, at least one story here takes place

"Waking the Prince" may ultimately be a little enigmatic, but it's a pleasure to read, anyway, mainly due to Koja's densely textured literary palette and eye for select detail. Also, passages in this story especially illustrate her poetic gifts, and her knowledge of how word sounds and rhythms can evoke scenes, emotions, even differing time periods. In the story, a sleeping beauty of a prince, his "body ... decomposed to candied light," mysteriously foreshadows a 20th Century ghostly double of himself, a young actor who seems as unreachable, locked away and inarticulate as the entombed prince. The author stitches together here a sumptuous, highly sensual literary quilt of everything from "gilt and royal purple, flags and tassels and shiny bunting" to ice cream, TV, telephones and tote bags, to dusty castle floors, and the "empty nestle of owls, stray leaves and feathers, the detritus of solitude and light.".

With a subtle wand, Koja punctuates some of the collection with her own brand of dry-asdust humor, which provides delightful comic relief when it comes. "Bird Superior" is a kind cartoonish nightmare story in which a Detroiter who may or may not have survived a plane crash discovers that he can actually fly. Though he seems literally to be metamorphosing into a birdbrain ("the simplest problems taking longer ... to ... comprehend, much less solve") he is, nevertheless, "definitely moving

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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. His family had ties to the newspaper business, and Latreille worked for 10 years at the newspaper trade, both for the Detroit

Free Press and Detroit News. Through law school and the birth of five children with wife Barb, he continued to think of writing a book, "Perjury," published by Crown, is the result of his efforts.

"I've always wanted to write. and I wanted to write a novel. I wrote sporadically over the vears."

He finished an earlier novel but didn't pursue having it published. Five or six years ago, he decided to write another book and see it into print. "I finally decided now or never."

The book is loosely based on the case of a public defender in Chicago whose personal life is in a shambles. He comes to a small town resembling Howell to practice law.

Jack, the lawyer, becomes involved in the case of a woman who accused her husband of molesting their child. "He comes to believe, however, her story.

It's every lawyer's nightmare Latreille said, speaking at a Nov. 7 Michigan Press Women meeting at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing.

The woman admits to perjury on the witness stand. "There are twists and turns in the novel. There's a surprise ending," the author said.

Latreille benefited from the computer during his writing. "I got my first computer. That was an important part for me." He generally wrote from 7 to

10 p.m. after finishing his day at the court. He went to the bookstore to find a book on seeking out an agent. He wrote a one-page summary

of his book when seeking to have

it published. "I might send along a four-page synopsis." He found an agent, based in New York, quickly. The offer came in from Crown, followed by a lot of rewriting and editing. Latreille had written the book along the lines of a legal

procedure; he discovered it needed to speed up in parts. It took 15 months to get the book to publication, he said,

adding that 18 months to two years is typical. Latreille was bothered by changes in grammar and punctuation during the editing pro-

cess but learned to live with it.

"Believe it or not, the day came it was on the bookshelves.' That was in late June and a thrill for Latreille and his fami-

The book wasn't a best seller but got good reviews in newspapers, including those in metro Detroit, including the Observer & Eccentric, and the Chicago Tribune. He didn't press his contacts at the Detroit papers to get favorable publicity.

Latreille described himself as a mid-list author. "They have asked me for another novel."

The original title of "Perjury" is "no relation to the current events that are troubling our nation," he said. The book will be out in paperback next year. Latreille said the book has been well-received in the legal com-

munity in which he moves. His earlier book focused on the 1960s, and he has no plans to pull it out and try to publish it. Latreille has an idea for a new book based on a bad experience he had during his second year as a judge. It involved a murder-

suicide. "If I had my druthers, I would rather write about something other than the law." He'd like to do a book on Central America. which he has visited. Latreille believes that region of the world is too often overlooked in the United States.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe. homecomm. net

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Sonnets & Other Selections from Shakespeare featuring actors from Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15; Michael Whitty discusses enspiriting your workplace, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16; Rabbi Irwin Katsof discusses "Powerful Prayers," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17; Gus Mollasis discusses "On a Wing & a Prayer," his book about the Red

Wings, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18; Leonard Weber discusses "Genetic Privacy," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; Pam Opperer of Prudential discusses myths and secrets of money, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the store 34300 Woodward, (248)203-0005.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

Detroit Women Writers Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17: Richard Paul Evans signs his books "The Locket" and "The Christmas Candle,* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; Eric Bookworm presents *Science Discovery's Tropical Rainforest," noon Saturday, Nov. 21 at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM Mystery group discusses Jerilyn Farmer's "Sympathy for the

Devil.* 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the store 35167 Grand River. Farmington, (248)471-7210. BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)

Fiction book club discusses Kaye Gibbons *Charms of the Easy Life," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 18; Gus Mollasis signs his book "On A Wing & A Prayer," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; Jeffrey Michael performs on plano 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty.

Northville. **BOOK LECTURE**

> Mystery writer William Klenzle will speak 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livonia Libraries and is free to members: Yearly memberships cost \$5 and are available at the door.

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mental Com-

Sergeant Buck,

25th Infantry,

Fort Lawton,

Washington,

1909, is one of

the photos on

display at the

African Ameri-

Museum of

can History.

missary

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.

Nor is there a Gary Coopertype staring down tumble weeds, and defiantly spitting tobacco in the eye of anyone with a twitch of opposition.

Powell's view of American history isn't the typical sanitized Hollywood version of the old West, but a rendition from the eyes of his grandfather, a black soldier who served for more than 40 years in the U.S. Army, including a charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War.

No, that's not a reference to a grudgingly played World Cup Soccer match between Spain and the U.S. But to the 1898 battle made famous by Teddy Roosevelt.

The only historical inaccuracy, however, is that it wasn't Sir Teddy who first claimed the strategic Spaniard post, but a group of black soldiers.

History is never quite reducible to a Hollywood poster.

The dream & nightmare

In an exhibit that opened Saturday, the Museum of African American History presents an intimate portrayal of the life and times of black military men, popularly known as Buffalo Sol-

The name, by the way, was given to the soldiers by Native Americans. A respectful reference, said Powell, to the Native American's most sacred prey.

About one in five soldiers in the U.S. Calvary were black, and nearly 85 percent of the soldiers in the battles with Native Americans were also black.

"Buffalo Soldiers were part of an American policy of genocide (targeted at Native Americans), there's no denying that," said Powell. But he quickly points out that there isn't one account where Buffalo Soldiers were part

of a massacre of an Indian tribe. Amid the nightmare of genocide, Powell contends that the Buffalo Soldiers carried themselves with pride, honor, and even earned the respect of their "enemies."

Learning about the history of the black soldiers who fought in the Native American Indian Wars after the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection and overseas during World War I isn't just a walk through Ameri-



PROM THE COLLECTION OF ANTHONY L. POWELL

What: "The Buffalo Soldier," an historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army, 1866-1912 When: Through Sunday, Jan. 3

Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, (313) 494-5800

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday Admission: \$5, adults; \$3, children

can military history.

It's a first-hand look at the American Dream - good, bad and indifferent.

History seldom reads like seamless script.

Shared culture

For starters, enlisting in the Army was an educational opportunity for many black soldiers. Powell's grandfather, for instance, learned to read and write while traveling from outpost to outpost.

And according to Powell, the army didn't mirror the segregated American society. That is, not until the troops were segregated during World War II.

To their credit, the Museum of African American History doesn't rely on historical revisionism. Rather it draws on a documented account of Buffalo Soldiers from Powell's grandfather's perspective, including hundreds of rare photos.

Powell, who teaches history at San Jose State University, is curator of the largest privately held collection of artifacts from African American soldiers.

He began to assemble the elements of the exhibit by asking a like to be a black man in the Birmingham, 48009.

Army?"

He asked his grandfather, and his grandfather's friends. He heard stories of racism and prejudice. But he also was told indelible tales about a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood.

In many ways, the story of America runs through Powell's ancestry. His grandfather, who lived to be 105, was the orphan son of slaves. And Powell's Jewish grandmother was an immigrant from Germany.

"America is unique because we 'all came from someplace else," said Powell, on hand at the museum to give tours to local high school students. Except, perhaps, those Native American Indians who, from 1865-1886, went from roaming the untamed West, to living on reservations.

"What I try to get across is that this is our shared culture. When people see the exhibit, I want them to say, 'Why wasn't I taught that about American his-

tory?" The good, bad and indifferent.

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Or write to: The Eccentric simple question: "What was it Newspapers, 805 E. Maple,

MUSIC

Concert offers a mosaic of Sephardic song

Hear 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, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, and available by calling (248) 788-9338 or (248) 288-3953.

A product of many ethnic backgrounds, Edery was born in Casablanca of Sephardic Moroccan and Argentine parents. He grew up in Paris and New York City. His grandfather, for example, "spoke only Arabic and Hebrew to me," said Edery, who earned a master of arts degree from the Manhattan School of Music. Edery has performed as an opera singer, classical guitarist and actor. He began playing the guitar at age nine and has developed a unique style. drawing on classical, flamenco. jazz and folk traditions.

Nell Snaidas, a soprano of Urugunyan descent, has sung in operas around the world with leading roles in "Las Alcandras" and "Phantom of the Opera." Of all this beautiful music, the Sephardic tradition is the closest to her heart.

World drummer and percus-



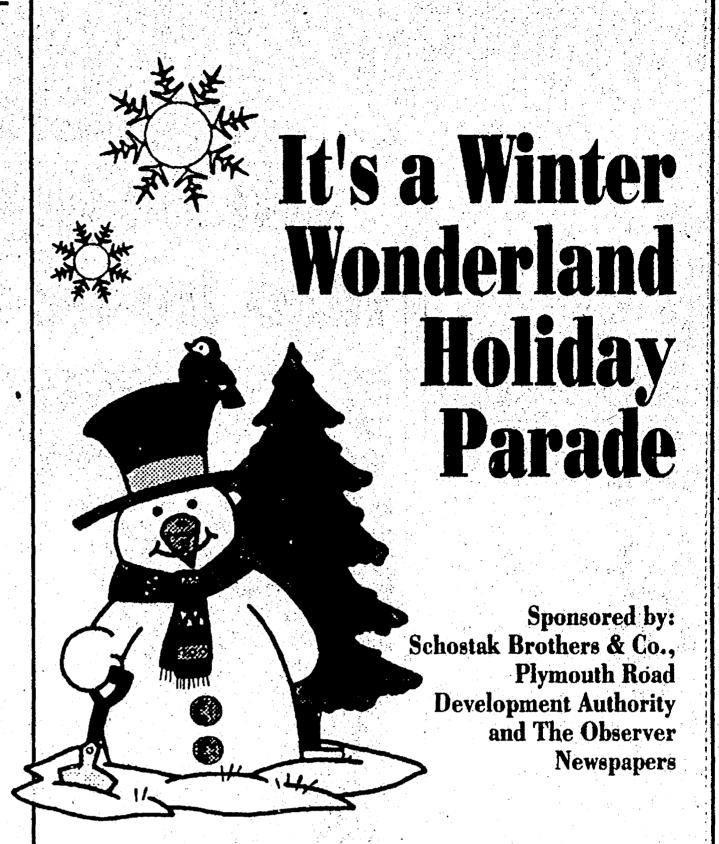
Featured performers: The New York based Gerard Edery Ensemble performs the music of the Sephardim in Latin, Hebrew, English, Arabic, Greek, French and Italian.

sionist Rex Benincasa lived and performed in New York City for 20 years before joining the Ensemble in 1995. He has worked with a variety of orchestras and groups, such as the Pittsburgh Symphony. The Merce Cunningham Dance Company and the new wave flamenco group, Amanecer.

In 1992 when the world Jewish community commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain and Portugal, Edery decided to go back to his roots. Since then he has dedicated his life to the study, singing and recording of Judeo-Sephardic songs.

"I enjoy giving people a feeling of where they came from through music," said Edery. "It helps them reassirm their Jewish identity."

The Ensemble has two CD's, "Linda Amiga" and "Chansons d'Amour," which will be on sale during intermission.

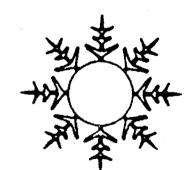


Saturday, November 21st 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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.

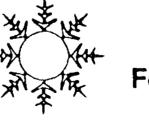
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Malls & Mainstreets

True confessions: Hairdressers dish the dirt

Tave you ever looked at yourself when you go to your salon to have your hair done? It is not a pretty picture!

Doesn't it stand to reason that on the day of your appointment you do your hair and makeup to the best of your ability? Let us see your handiwork so we can tell you where you are going wrong or what you're doing right.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



BRUCE

This leads me to today's topic. I asked several of my favorite stylists just what gripes they have about their customers. I also asked for suggestions to help the client. Some responses may surprise you. Many, I'm afraid, will not.

Elaine Sovinsky, owner of Mafalda's Salon in Livonia

(734-476-1383), advises you to check on the licensing of the stylists. Many salons utilize unlicensed personnel. Also, make sure that the staff is up on the latest techniques. There are hundreds of hair shows each year. Are they pursuing their education or are they back in the "Dark Ages?"

As for color, Elaine says if you have done your own color, be prepared to spend the time and the money to have it repaired.

Michelle Hrischuk, owner of Salon 140 in Rochester (248-656-4990). wants you to be realistic in your expectations. Do not bring in a photo of Cindy Crawford and expect your artist to duplicate the look. Discuss the feasible possibilities; price, maintenance and frequency of visits.

Mary Alice Sawyer, owner of Tantalus Salon in Livonia (734-421-0078), stresses that to maintain the look your hairdresser has accomplished, you must have the proper tools. "We are not trying to take your money," says Sawyer, "but by using the correct brush, styling gels, etc., you will get closer to what we have done in the salon.

"You are our best advertisement for the next four to six weeks, and we want you to keep the look as long and as beautifully as you can."

She also has a thing about Rapunzels who want to keep their long thin hair. It's not flattering and definitely detracts from your natural beauty.

Donna Wallace, owner of Charles & Company in Canton (734-981-5811), considers over-bleached blondes a major issue. "When a woman comes in and wants corrective color and will not do foiling (highlights), the hair will have no depth and will look too flat," she

Wallace also says her staff has to train dictatorial clients who feel that they know more than the hairdressers. "We," she stresses, "are the professionals."

And now it's my turn. When you come to see a makeup artist, come with an open mind. The reason why I ask you to come in with no makeup on is that I do not want any preconceived notions about how you think you should look. I want to be objective about your subjective situation. And remember, you are not a season. You are a human being. Do not fall victim to color fads or people who advocate them. Go to a professional for a makeover. Which leads me to a most important announcement.

After nine years in Birmingham, I will be changing my base of operations for your personal makeovers. The beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall will be our new home. This luxurious new surrounding offers me a superb Presidential Suite from which to work, and is there nothing jollier than Santa Jeffrey wielding his magic in

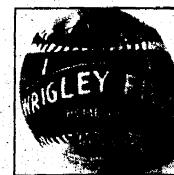
an opulent space? I have added a week in January when I will be doing your makeovers, personally. Groups of four will be with me for 2 1/2 hours and the session will include makeup application, a makeup lesson, a complete skin care lesson and lots of advice on your hair. The minimum purchase of \$125 is applied to any Jeffrey Bruce aloebased products you would like.

I look forward to meeting you, the women of the "other side of town." Please call 1-800-944-6588 and I will get right back to you. Or e-mail me at jwbb@worldnet@att.net, or take a glance at my new Web site; jeffreybrucecouneties.com.

Next month: Winter skin care, And promise it won't be boring.

Turn ho-hum into ho-ho-ho















Present perfect: (clockwise from top left) Pillow pals, The Unforgettaball, "Pearls pour la pet" from Jacobson's, Burberry doggie trench coat, diminutive cell phone from Let's Talk Cellular and the paper suit from Hugo Boss. Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer.

By LINDA BACHRACK STAFF WRITER

y now you've been inundated with catalogs tempting you with all manner of gift ideas, from fruit baskets and feathered bras to talking Santas and sushi plates. How do you wade through the myriad gewgaws and gadgets to find the most distinctive gifts for giving this holiday season?

Says Linda McIntosh, marketing director at the Somerset Collection, "Our array of shops offer something unique for everyone, priced from \$10 to \$10,000." To illustrate, the stores at Somerset chose a few of their most distinctive gifts for a pre-holiday presentation. We share some of our

• Back when bars were built into the paneled wall of the basement Rumpus Room, shelves were lined with high-precision bar ware, like perfectly calibrated jiggers and doubleaction stirrers. You likely would have found a nickel-plated cocktail shaker in the shape of a penguin, with a screw-cap at the tip of the beak. Originally produced in 1936 by the Napier Company of Meridian, Conn., the penguin shaker is again available for pouring drinks to the beat of Louis Prima, at Restoration Hardware

(\$48). • Pop Art comes in all guises, including paper suits. Hugo Boss recreates the legendary DuPont Tyvek suit made famous by artist James Rosenquist in the 1960s. One of the suits is on permanent display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. For information on purchasing one of the remaining 24 shabby-chic ensembles, contact Hugo

Boss (248-816-6091). Remember the classic "I Love Lucy" moment when Lucy and Ethel had meltdowns in the chocolate factory? Madame Alexander dolls capture the memory. Dressed in factory uniforms and carrying chocolate pieces, the miniature likenesses of the hilarious duo, are available at FAO Schwarz (\$175).

• You'll never lose your way in the woods with the Magellan GPS ColorTRAK from Eastern Mountain Sports (\$279). The navigational tool, using the

Global Positioning System developed by the U.S. military, is accurate to within three feet and is ideal for saving favorite fishing holes or finding your location

• Nothing heralds the season like the scent of a freshly baked apple pie cooling on the kitchen counter. But who has time to bake every day? Now you can have the aroma without the muss and fuss (of

sacrifice lick- Sharper Image. bowl). The Candleman offers handately scented candles that will chocolate, even blueberry waffles

• From Crate & Barrel, a glass thermoplastic vase that bends and

caviar server (\$24.95) and motherof-pearl serving spoon (\$12.95). After all, the food of the gods deserves only the best resting place.

 For those thoughtful correspondents who forgo e-mail and continue to express themselves on paper, nothing communicates your love more

> penned in scented French inks from Savoir Faire at Crane & Co. Choose from French perfume fragrances (\$36) or · men's colognes (\$34).

than words

 Burberry's classic trench coat, the universal standard in rainwear, is now available in five sizes for Fido. Yes, your best friend can hit the neighborhood sidewalks in style. How's that for pampered pedigrees? Exclusively Burberry's

(\$210-\$240). • Perhaps the ideal pen pal is the poured, hand-sculpted and appropri- mini-massage pen (\$25) from Chiasso. It writes as effectively as it make your mouth water. Find pies, hot relieves head and neck pain. A perfect stocking stuffer for the stressed-out college student. Also from Chiasso, a

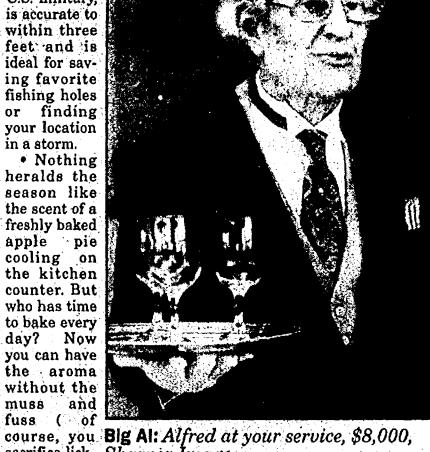
shapes to hold daisies as well as longstemmed roses (\$28).

• Pack the ultimate picnic in a woven basket with leather fittings and all of the necessities for a specialoccasion alfresco feast. This basket contains cutlery with staghorn handles, hand-painted dishes and glasses, food containers and a leather condiment caddy. An Austrian linen cloth completes the gourmet basket from Ghurka (\$2,900).

• No more wedging the cell phone into an over-stuffed purse. There's always room for a pack of gum, and at 2.7 ounces, that's the size of Motorola's new phone with a built-in answering machine, voice recorder and 90minute talk time. The smallest phone available, Motorola B3620 can be found at Let's Talk Cellular (\$900 with activation).

 Avid sports fans can keep their favorite team mascots with them through the holidays. Just place these Santa dolls next to the remote control - they stand over two feet tall and wear Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions and U-M uniforms. Handcrafted by Mary Beth Designs, the Santa dolls can be found exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue (\$250-\$290).

• The buyers at Jacobson's also have come up with some incredibly distinctive gift ideas. Consider an Unforgettaball, a limited-edition hand-designed baseball depicting such venerable stadiums as Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium (\$24). Need a little jewelry to go with Fido's Burberry coat? "Pearls pour le pooch" is a stretch pearl necklace with a bone charm (\$15). Also available with bone charms for kitties. Your child can snuggle up with his own plush Pillow Pal and watch all of the holiday TV specials. Available in Santa, snowman or reindeer, \$25.



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ALL ABOARD

Richard Scarry's Busytown Express visits Livonia's Wonderland Mall today only. Kids can help build the world's largest wooden train.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WELCOME MR. CLAUS

A horse-drawn sleigh flies Santa to Oakland Mall where he'll lead a parade to his Department 56

fantasy snow castle at Center Court, 7 p.m. Santa arrives at "Santa's Winter Village" in MeadowBrook Village mall. A horse-drawn carriage delivers him to his own winter wonderland. 7.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SANTA SIGHTINGS

Santa arrives by horse and carriage outside

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Entrance 6 at Westland Mall. The Mopo Bears and Westley Holiday Bear join Santa for a holiday performance, 11 a.m.

Fairlane Town Center welcomes Santa and his masquerade costumed elves. Santa will rock to Opryland Productions' "Ring Them Bells." 1 p.m.

At 8 a.m., the Somerset Collection welcomes Santa and The Royal Court for breakfast in the Peacock Café. Breakfasts every Saturday through Dec. 24. \$5. Reservations taken next to Santa's Castle in

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose join Santa at Tel-Twelve Mall to help celebrate the mall's 30th

anniversary. 1 p.m. Center Court. Kick off the holiday season with a special appearance by Santa and several Radio City Christmas Spectacular Rockettes at Twelve Oaks. Noon in Center Court.

FOLK ART

Internationally known folk artist Barbara Bourgeau-Richards will be signing her work at her

Birmingham gallery, B. Bourgeau-Richards, 12-4 p.m. She will premiere four new prints and her 1998 Holiday print. 154 West Maple, Birmingham.

Buffalo Spirit Native Dance Theatre, Canada's premier Native dance troupe, entertains festivalgoers at the Sixth annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, today and Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. \$6 ages 3 and up.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

The San Francisco Music Box & Gift Company in Twelve Oaks mall introduces a line of collectible musicals inspired by Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Each Dickens piece purchased will be signed by Jeanne-Mario Dickens, great-great granddaughter of the author. 1-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

BEAR BASH

The 1998 Festival of Trees presents The Teddy Bear Brunch, a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan. 11 a.m. Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center, \$10, \$8 children under 12. (248) 650-8733.

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This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from me, I was unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

• I found Sun-Ripened Raspberry Special Edition (Chamomile and Sweet Almond Oil) products at Bath & Body Works at Somerset Collection in

Troy. • The book 365 Bedtime Stories can be found through the Signals (PBS) catalog for \$20. Item #63860, (800) 669-9696. Barnes and Noble also carries it.

• The Wooden Barn set can

be found through Terry's Village, (800) 200-4400, for \$69.95.

• Found Hallmark nostalgic houses for Tracy.

· Schrader dress can be found at Reruns Consignment Boutique, 33666 Five Mile, three blocks west of Farmington in Livonia. (734) 522-2868. Call for availability.

• Men's white sweat sock with no elastic top can be found through the Vermont Country Store catalog, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, VT. 05255, (802) 362-8440, item #15045, 2@ \$8.90 and 6 @ \$24.

• A reader called to suggest awning companies, boat repair companies and tent repairers for lawn mower bag zipper repair.

• The game Mille Bourne can be found at any Noodle Kidoodle. There is one in Rochester and Farmington Hills.

• Levin Beauty Supply carries Anne Klein II and Uninhibited colognes. They are located on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield and Coolidge at 10 Mile in Oak Park.

. Uninhibited is carried in the Beauty Boutique catalog (440) 826-3008. They are located in Cleveland, Ohio.

• Found old fur coats/hats for Donna, a Baltimore catechism, the game of Encore and Avon's Rich moisture cream, Santa Bears and someone to purchase the Kirby vacuum. For Emily: Donna makes bears from old fur coats,

• For Emmett and Noreen, Henderson glass will make replacement glass for just about anything.

 Lois might try the Singer Sewing Company in Tenn., (800) 877-7391, for the operating manual. They have records and history on all the old machines.

• For Joan: To get a hockey pattern for an afghan you must try the NHL. It is all licensed material.

•A reader called to say she was at Lowell Junior High in

1972 and they did not publish a yearbook that year.

• Michelle might try Rence Camera Service and General Repair on Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, (810) 772-8344, for the Sawyer slide projector carousel.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

• Irene wants to sell her collection of Emmett Kelly dolls. · Nancy of Troy is looking for all the back issues of the

"Martha Stewart Wedding" magazines. · Paulette wants a store that

sells Canadian 1960s children's CDs by Sharon Louis & Bram.

 Shirley is looking for an early-style two-piece black bathing suit size 14.

• Patty from Redford Twp. is looking for the Harley Barbie doll (it was out a few years ago).

 Margaret is looking for an adult set Paint by Numbers and a Chatty Cathy doll (a replica).

• Carol wants a clear plastic or glass locket to put a rosebud

Louise wants Revion's

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Orchard Beach lipstick.

 Carol needs the instructions for the Milton Bradley game Super Rascals.

· Carol wants light coral bathroom carpeting.

• Kathy is looking for the game Stock Market by Western Publishing from 1968.

· Celeste is looking for Howard Johnson shrimp croquettes (frozen),

• Corina needs a bulletin board with magnets for chil-

 Betty wants to sell her old bowling and golfing trophies. · Peggy wants soft sole Min-

netonka moccasins at discount prices. • Christina is looking for the

plastic transmission bearing #24591-5 for her Oster Kitchen Center, service #97208H. The part is obsolete.

• Steven has old 78 rpm records to sell. Joyce and Richard have 45s and 78s to sell.

• Adriane is looking for the Hallmark Wayne Gretzky ornament.

· Judy is looking for Lilly, white flour and corn meal, other, then the one sold at Danny's.

 Walt is looking for a 1950 Big Beaver High school yearbook.

· Linda is looking for Hyde white shoe polish.

• Linda is looking for a 1997 Stevenson High (Livonia) year-

Joanne has Precious. Moments figurines and music cal dolls to sell.

· Florence is looking for Arpege Bath Powder.

• Laurie is looking for a place in southwestern Michigan that makes weathervanes.

• Someone is looking for Zen Shiseido perfume,

• Brian is looking for plastic Lego train tracks.

· Cheryl is looking for a game called WaHoo from the '60s (similar to Trouble). It was made in Gainesville, Texas.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

in our November 15th ad, we feetured the following Bushre games for Sony PlayStation: Whool of Fortune, Jeopardyl and Came of Life.

Correction Notice

Due to delays in manufacturing, these titles are not yet available. We are offering rainchecks for these titles.

> We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have coused.



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BY ERIC ROTHFEDER

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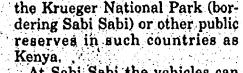
This element of luck and chance makes it rather difficult to compare one safari trip to another. However, if you would like to put the odds in your favor, try the Nkombe Ranger Experience at Sabi Sabi in South Africa. One word of warningthis is not the Hyatt or the Ritz.

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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

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

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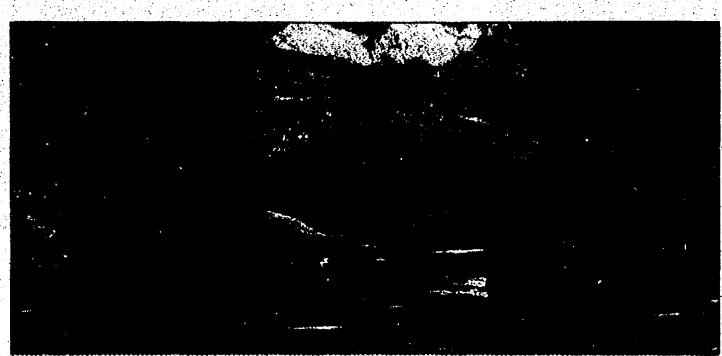
ing it the perfect opportunity for a family summer vacation. In fact our summer, (which is Africa's winter) is the best time to visit Africa. While the landscape may not be as lush and beautiful as it is in their spring, this time offers the best weather and viewing of animals due to the bare vegetation. 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 used to say "just another beauti-

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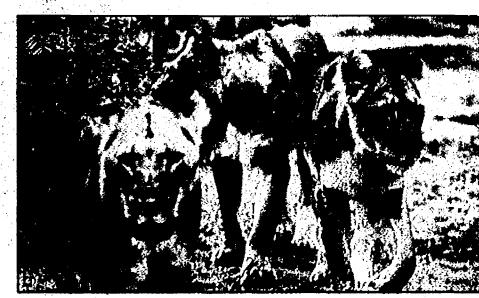


Nasty bunch: Hippopotamus, considered the most dangerous African animals, sunbathe in the Sabi River. Photos by Eric's brother David Rothfeder, a sophomore at Groves High School.



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

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, never lose in Africa. Christine the stars were beautiful. They shined brighter than all the elec-



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

tric light bulbs of Las Vegas. Hills is a freshman at Yale Uni-Africa.

Eric Rothfeder of Bloomfield Mom and Dad!)

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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." Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Troy

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

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(800)748-0303.**CRIM CRUISE**

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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."

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OBSERVER

Lady Crusaders roll

The Madonna University women's basketball team successfully opened the 1998-99 season Wednesday with an 80-41 victory over host University of Michigan Dearborn.

Nine different Lady Crusaders scored led by Lori Enfield's 14 points.

Kathy Panganis and Chris Dietrich chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively. Katie Cushman, Jennifer Jacek and Michelle Miela each added nine.

Cushman also dished out seven assists, while Enfield and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) each grabbed eight rebounds.

Nikki Conyers had a game-high 15 points for UM-Dearborn.

Madonna led 42-16 at halftime.

Collegiate hoop note

Wayne State University will open its men's basketball season Monday at Concordia College with senior forward-guard Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) leading the way.

Goins averaged a team-high 19.1 points per game as the Tartars finished 13-13 overall and 7-10 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Goines needs only 316 points to become Wayne State's all-time leading scorer. WSU's home opener will be Wednesday, Nov. 25 against Wayne (Neb.).

Youth soccer champions

•The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-17 girls soccer team, recently captured first place in the Little Caesars Premier League (fall season) by allowing just six goals in 10 games.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Bob Westfall, include Alexis Bowman, Sarah Corless, Allison Curd. Alison Edwards, Kristen Katcherian, Beth Kolacki, Laura Kozub, Laura Leffingwell, Kristin Pimlott, Danielle Portelli, Beth Poulos, Anna Schovers, Patti Sullivan, Colleen Thompson, Kara Tweady, Kelly Upton and Dana Wantin.

The team manager is Randy Upton.

•Posting a record of 8-1-1 while outscoring their opponents 48-9, the Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockets, an under-15 boys team, recently captured the Great Lakes League under-16 championship.

The Rockets won their final six games, allowing just two goals to finish one point ahead of the Canton Blazers.

Members of the Rockets include: Mikel Facchini, Michael Forbes, Parvez Hussain, Kevin King, Jr., Chad Lapasinskas, Gregory Lappetito, Eric Long, Ethan Lube, Christopher Mazzara, Derek Mireles, Kevin Mireles, Matt Nelson, Austin Pernia, John Petrosky, Andrew Thompson, Brian Zeni and goalkeeper Erik Mail-

The Rockets are coached by Kevin Maillard, Michael Mireles and John Lappetito.

Swim coach wanted

South Lyon High School is seeking a varsity boys swimming coach.

Those interested should contact athletic director Curt Ellis at (248) 437-6409 or send a letter of interest and resume to: 1000 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, Mi. 48178.

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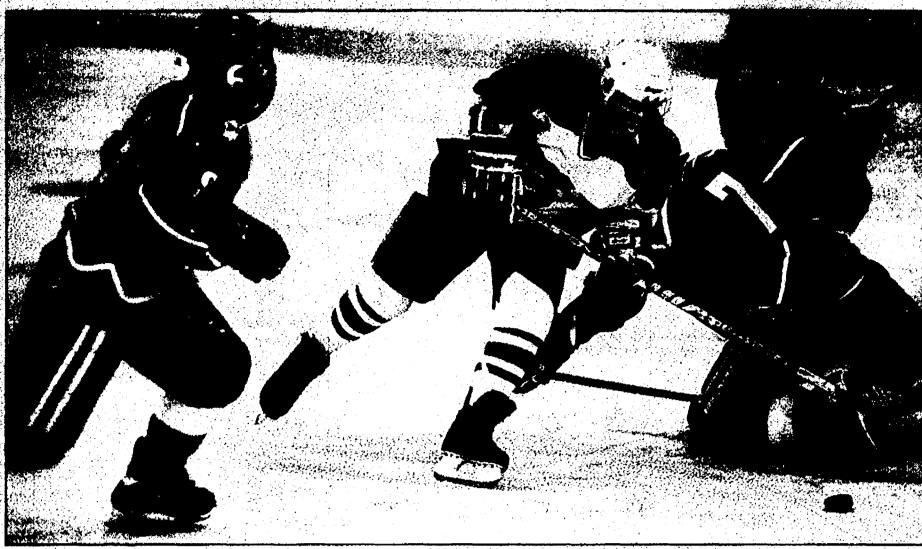
Former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler will sign copies of the book Michigan Memories from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16 at the M-Den at Laurel Park Place in Livo-

A portion of the sale of each 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 Nov. 19-20, \$20 will be donated to the Millie Schembechler Adrenal Cancer Research Funda

To obtain a copy of the book contact Sleeping Bear Press at (800) 487-2323 or stop by the Sleeping Bear Press at www.sleepingbearpress.com on the

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CC, Stevenson area teams to beat

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson have hockey teams everyone else is shooting at this sea-

Which, as the cliche goes, sure

beats the heck out of the alternative. The Shamrocks, despite the loss of 11 seniors, were put atop the preseason prep hockey poll while the Spar-Academic All-State selection, were rated sixth.

Coach Gordie St. John of Catholic Central finds it a shade shy of ludicrous his young and untested Shamrocks are rated No. 1 but is adopting a "bring it on" acceptance of the chal-

Coach Mike Harris has more seniors on his hockey team than some Class D schools have in their whole

"From everything I've seen," said Jeff Hatley of rival Livonia Churchill, "this could be the best Stevenson team of all time."

HOCKEY PREVIEW

"If I were a betting man," said another rival, Coach Terry Jobbitt of Livonia Franklin, "I'd bet on Stevenson - but I wouldn't bet much."

Sandbagging and coach-talk aside, it's clear Stevenson has a pretty good base from which to defend its Suburban High School Hockey League title. tans, who lost an All-Stater and an - "We have a very exciting outlook here," Harris said. "We have a good

> mix of players. "We have a few guys that can score. A few guys that can grind. The players that we've added have really added some speed to our team. I think we have real good chemistry on and

off the ice." Hatley earned All-Area Coach of the Year honor last season for guiding

Churchill to the district title and his second regional final loss to Trenton in three years.

The Chargers, 19-5-3 a year ago, should be strong despite the loss of Dream Team pick Brandon Martoia Wysocki, Matt Grant and Frank Furdero.

for the loss of two-time All-State pick Greg Job and Dave Tyler, which he'll attempt to do with a more experienced Adam Sexton on defense and right wing Tony Saia, a fourth-year varsity player. His team was 12-10-2 last season.

All-Stater Rick Marnon is gone from Catholic Central along with second team All-Area picks Tony Keshishian on defense plus forwards Greg Berger and Jason Tardif. Also graduated are forwards Ian Devlin and Joe Beaudoin.

St. John, whose team last season was 18-4-3, is looking for senior leadership from defenseman Matt Van. Heest plus forwards Pat O'Dea, Eric Hawkins and Keith Rowe.

The CC coach feels Trenton will be its usual strong self, Stevenson will be very good and Grosse Pointe South will be tough.

"There are several teams," Steven-

and current Motor City Chiefs Matt son's Harris said, "including ours, that have a chance to win our league.

"We're extremely excited because Franklin's Jobbitt must compensate we'd like to defend our title. But we know . . . it should be pretty interesting."

> The Spartans must replace All-State honoree Darin Fawkes and Academic All-State pick Jeff Lang, who guided the team to a SHSHL title with a 17-7-2 overall record.

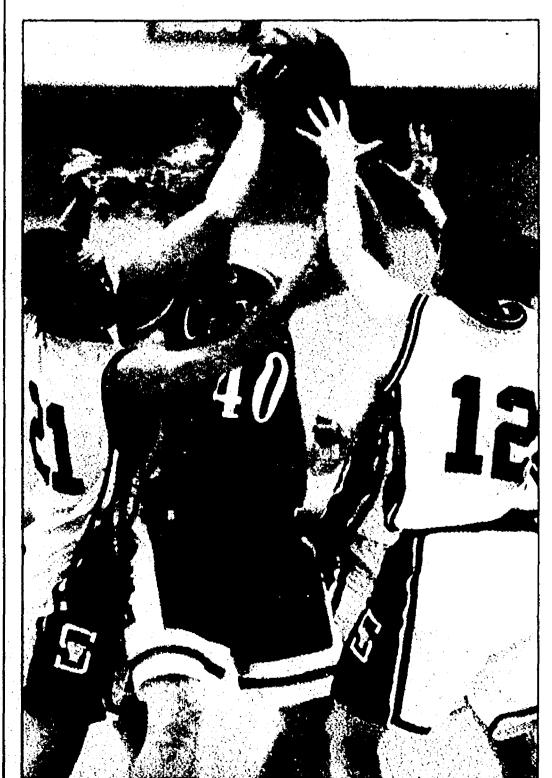
> The Spartans have eight key seniors returning plus three others expected to play leadership roles.

Among the returnees are second team All-Area pick forward Ryan Sinks, the team's leading goal-scorer, along with forwards John May, Willie Wilson, Dan Cieslak, Tim Allen and Mike Zientarski. Defenseman Joe. Suchara, a third team All-Area selection, also returns,

Hatley's Churchill team will be built around four-year starter Ed Rossetto, Dan Cook and Chuck Light. He should have solid goaltending from senior Dwaine Jones and newcomer

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November Madness to start



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Tight squeeze: Plymouth Canton's Janell Tweitmeyer (middle) is double teamed by Livonia Stevenson's Cheryl Fox (left) and Lindsay Gusick during Friday's WLAA consolation game. See cage roundup and district draws on page D3.

5th-seeded Vikings stun Rocks for title

Walled Lake Central WLAA champ

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

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 "spirt" was onough to

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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 guarter.

"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 Pruett, 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. Pruett, 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 Pruett, 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

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Ryan McBroom, a star with the Compuware Midget Major team.

Hatley is welcoming junior center Justin Charnock off the Michigan Nationals Midget Major team along with a talented trio of Jakubowskis - freshmen Aaron, a forward, and Adam, a defenseman, and sophomore Nathan — off the Belle Tire Triple A and Plymouth Midget Double A teams.

"Since our loss in the regional final to Trenton," Hatley said, "our kids played in a spring league together, a summer league, a fall league and we've

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the end of June.

"We've really picked up our offseason conditioning. We needed to because we're definitely in the rebuilding stage."

Hatley is aiming to get the mix ready by the end of the season.

"We really don't worry too much about the league," he said. "Our focus right now is on player development. We put our eggs in a different basket.

Franklin might be thin but it has two key seniors returning in Sexton and Saia, Juniors will be the key to Jobbitt's chances.

Goalie Rob Williams is a been in the weight room since junior, along with center Bran-

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don McCullough and left wing Trevor Skocen. Defensemen Nick Tilt and Chad Van Hulle are also iuniors.

"McCullough stepped foward big time last year," Jobbitt said, "and Skocen's really got wheels." He's our fastest player."

The Garbutt family will provide three new Patriots. Brothers Josh, a sophomore, and Andy, a freshman, are centers while cousin Chris is a sophomore goalie.

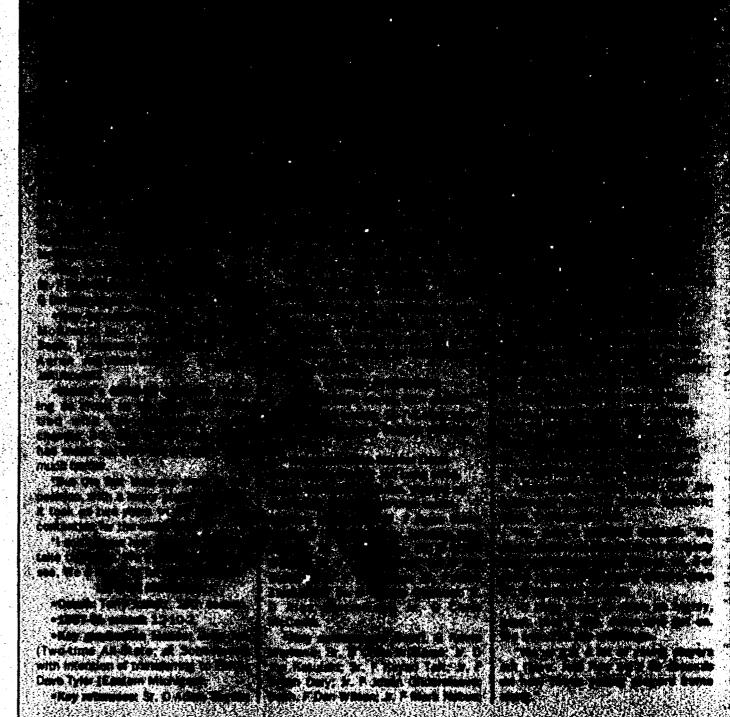
Sophomore John Grebinski is a promising transfer from Okla-

"This is a year I'm real excited about," Jobbitt said. "We don't expect a lot from them, but everything's going to be an accomplishment for us."

The SHSHL should be even stronger this season as the united teams gain experience. The presence of the unified teams gripes Jobbitt.

"Our league is going to be tough this year," he said. "Especially all these unified teams, which I'm totally against. Redford, Dearborn and Farmington — it's totally unfair.

"Stevenson, Northville and Churchill will be strong and Northville's even better than last year. Unfortunately, I'm in the league."



Bigby's 29 lifts Ocelots to 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 Franklin product 6-foot-8 transfer from the University of Detroit Mercy, added 23 points and four assists.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Second-year guard Derek McKelvey (Adrian) contributed 20 points, including four triples. DeShawn Williams had eight points and six rebounds.

Schoolcraft hit 10 of 19 triples and was a blistering 48 of 87 from the floor (55.1 per

"We played unselfishly — 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 Roberson's 22 points, shot 42

percent (31 of 73). Schoolcraft is coming off a 24-7 season from a year ago.

The Ocelots played Saturday against Lake Michigan in the second day of the Tip-Off Clas-

Results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer.

SPORTS SHORT

WAYNE COUNTY LIGHFEST SK RUN

The second annual Wayne County Light Fest 8-kilometer run/walk, sponsored by Total Runner, will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the entrance to Edward Hines Park at Merriman Road.

Procees will benefit Friends of Wayne County Parks and The American Heart Association.

Entry fees are \$16 (adults) and

Included in the cost is a longsleeved T-shirt (to the first 800), raffle, cash prizes and post-race

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Glenn gets to .500 by beating Western

Like its namesake, the Westland John Glenn girls basketball program has reached some new heights.

The Rockets got to double digits in victories Thursday night for the first time in several seasons, the last two of which have seen steady improvement under Coach Joel Lloyd. John Glenn dispatched visiting Walled

Lake Western, 55-42, to square its record at 10-10 entering the state high school basketball tournament.

John Glenn is in the Belleville district and

will play Wednesday night against the

Komulus-Belleville Monday night winner. Walled Lake Western scorched John Glenn for a 22-11 first period but the Rockets made some defensive adjustments and "got some

better shots than we were taking in the first quarter," Lloyd said. A 13-3 second period cut the gap to a single point at halftime and the Rockets pulled

away to the victory with a 22-11 final period. Walled Lake Western was led by forward Kim Schriever, who scored 14 points. The Warriors enter tournament play 5-15.

"A .500 season was one of our goals once we knew we weren't going to make the top eight (Western Lakes Activities Association tournament entrants)." Lloyd said. "It's been a while since this program's had double digit victories. The girls played real hard."

Freshman guard Stephanie Crews scored 14 points, added seven rebounds and four assists while her junior forward sister Samantha scored 10 points and had seven GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lacey Catarino, Rolla Amad and Sarah Pack each scored seven points for John

*LADYWOOD 49, DePORRES 27: Solid rebounding and a strong finish in each half Thursday night carried host Ladywood to the victory in the Detroit Catholic League crossover game.

The Blazers hauled down 40 rebounds in the game, 14 on the offensive end, to overtake a 16-13 start by visiting Detroit St. Martin de Porres.

Ladywood compiled a 13-6 margin in the second quarter to take the lead and put the game away with a strong 17-9 fourth period.

The Blazers had three players at 10 points each: sophomore guard Melissa Harakas, who also had 10 rebounds; sophomore forward Michelle Harakas, who had nine rebounds; and freshman center Liz Obrecht, who took down eight rebounds.

De Porres was led by Leslie Ford at 12 points and Denise Caldwell at 10.

Ladywood, 10-10, hosts a Monday night district tournament game against Redford Union. De Porces enters tournament play at 12-7.

*FRANKLIN 46, FARMINGTON 33: A 15-5 second quarter carried the Patriots to their third victory of the

The strong second quarter enabled Livonia Franklin, 3-15. to take a 21-11 lead into the second half. The visiting Patriots stretched the margin to 34-19 after

Tera Morrill scored 26 points for Franklin to lead all scorers. Kirstin Marshall added six.

Beth Jaeger paced Farmington, 1-19, with 10 point Clarenceville, 2-18 entering the state tournament.

*LUTHERN WESTLAND 53, DH ANNAPOLIS 33: Every Lady Warrior but one scored as visiting Lutheran High School Westland finished its regular season 17-3. The Warriors rolled out to a lead that was up to 36-

11 by early in third period before the Dearborn Heights Annapolis substitutes cut the margin to 11. Anna Schwecke led Lutheran Westland with 11.5 points, Bekah Höffmeler hit nine, Cris Hilden scored

eight and Anna Rolf contributed seven. Annapolis, which finished 5-15, got 11 points from

Jennifer Hanna Lutheran Westland opens district tournament play at

Whitmore Lake on Tuesday night against Ann Arbor On Tuesday, Lutheran Westland Journeyed to

Macomb Lutheran North and lost, 38-32 - its only defeat of the Metro Conference season. A third-quarter sag cost the Warriors the only loss in ??

16 Metro Conference games, Lutheran North finished 10-6 in the conference. Schwecke led Lutheran Northwest with 16 points. while Lutheran North had Chrissy Dryer with 13 and

Heldi Reband at 11. • NORTHVILLE 38, CHURCHILL 32: Sophomore point guard Emily Carbott scored 13 points and made four

steals to lead the host Mustangs to the win. Stacey Supanich scored 13 points for the Chargers, who take a 10-10 record into tournament action. Northville ended 13-7.

. KINGSWOOD 51, CLARENCEVILLE 29: The Trojans ended their Metro Conference season with a 1-15.

Guard Loren Roumell scored 15 points to help: Bloomfield Hills Kingswood finish 11-9 overall and 10-6

In the Metro Conference. Jessica Kennedy hit 12 points for Livonia

Plymouth Canton gets Western Lakes consolation victory against Spartans

By RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

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 Red-

"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.

TRA - time to be announced.

Still, Stevenson clawed its way kets," Henry said, "but then we_

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 Gusick 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 bas-

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.

"It wasn't any person or any one thing. It was something different every time."

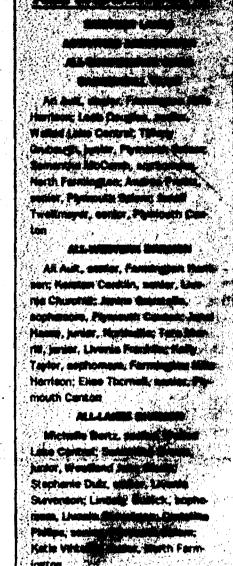
Stevenson shaved the margin to 39-32 with 6:59 to play but Canton ran out to a 51-34 lead with 4:02 left.

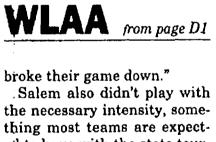
Dulz and sophomore Gusick each scored 11 points to lead Stevenson while Canton put three players in double figures and had sophomore Janine Gaustella at eight points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Tweitmeyer led the way with 18 points, Elise Thornell scored 11 and sophomore Christina Kiessel 10.

"(Sophomore Amanda) Lentz and Kiessell really helped us move the ball around," Blohm said, "especially in the second half. Both are developing into real solid point guards.'

The next tests come in the dis-





Pyther. Nov. 20: Championship final, 7

ed to have with the state tournament approaching. "We'd already accomplished a league championship," Thomann. "They hadn't accomplished anything."

But in the final analysis, the difference was Viking defense, which drove Salem to the perimeter. Grubaugh 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 threes - 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 Saldana added nine and Michelle Bortz netted six. By comparison, Salem got a total of seven points from its two inside threats, Pruett and Phillips.

Another major factor: Central converted 13-of-18 from the line (72.2 percent) to Salem's 3-of-4 (75 percent). So even though the Rocks had more baskets (they made 12of-33 from the field, 36 percent) and six triples to Central's one, it wasn't enough; the Vikings made 11-of-24

from the floor (45.8 percent). What had been the difference throughout the season for Salem — an attack featuring two legitimate inside scoring threats and a sharpshooter from the perimeter - was its demise in this game.









Steve Polanski Livonia Stevenson



Erik Krueger Plymouth Salem



Adam Wilson Plymouth Salem



Chris Tompkins **Westland John Glenn**



Justin Fendelet Westland John Glenn



Ben Tucker **Plymouth Canton**



Jon Johnson **Plymouth Canton**



Evan Currie **Redford CC**



Derek Spicer North Farmington

Polanski sets area standard

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This may have been the most successful season Observerland boys golf teams have enjoyed statewide.

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.

And two Observerland individjuals survived the rigorous first round at the state tournament to play the second day, including Stevenson standout Steve Polanski, who ended up as the tournament medalist.

Polanski, who has signed with Texas Christian University, is ... certainly the state's premier player.

But the rest of Observerland . the all-state team. 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.

In short, the competition's getting awfully good in this area.

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 WLAA, and a Division I Regional Tournament championship at Giant Oak.

So here is the WLAA all-Observer golf team:

Steve Polanski, Sr., Livonia Stevenson: The senior, headed to Texes Christian University on a Ben Hogan Endowed Scholarship, is the leading candidate for Michigan's Mr. Golf after capturing the Division I individual title with a 74-71/145 total at the Maple Creek Course (The Emerald) in St. John's, beating the field by four strokes.

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

in a dual-meet this fall a Glen Oaks, he shot a 2-under 33.

His 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.

Erlk Krueger, Sr., Plymouth Salem: captaincy with Wilson, started the season strongly, went through a slight slump, then ended with a flourish that helped Salem to its best-ever team finish — one that landed him a berth on

Krueger averaged 40.0 strokes for nine hole matches, but his 18-hole tournament average was a sparkling 77.2. What's even more impressive was Krueger's timing: He was medalist at: the WLAA Tournament with a 75, tied for medalist honors (with John Glenn's Justin Fendelet) at the state regional with a 77, and got a chance to play as an individual the second day of the state tournament with an opening round of 76. His second-day score matched his first, placing him fifth overall."

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

Adam Wilson, Sr., Plymouth Salem: It was a memorable finish to a fine fouryear letter-winning career for Wilson. A team captain the past two seasons, Wilison was steady throughout this year, leading the Rocks with a 38.2 nine-hold average and a 77.0 tournament average. His all-around play earned him allstate honorable mention honors.

Early this season at East Lansing's Forest Akers, he broke the Salem tour- cut. nament school record - formerly held by current Michigan PGA player of the year Jeff Roth, the pro at Flint Golf Club

- by shooting a 70. Wilson was runner-up at the WLAA Tournament, firing a 76, and he had a 79 at the state regional and an 80 at the state final. He was medalist in four conference dual meets and totaled five top-10 finishes in tournaments. Among the colleges that have expressed an Interest in Wilson, an MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award nominee and son of Salem coach Rick Wilson, is the University of Michigan.

Chris Tompkins, Sr., Westland John Krueger, who shared the Salem team. 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 Fermington and set a school record for 18 holes by taking medalist honors in the Western Wayne Invitational with a 71 at Huron Mead-

Its first-ever state meet appearance. shot 77 in the finals, missing the second-day cut by one shot.

Tompkins, who helped lead Glenn to

He also shot a 76 at the Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake. Justin Fendelet, Sr., Westland John

Gienn: The senior was Division I regional champ at Glant 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, Fendelet came on strong, averaging 39.5.

In the Plymouth Best Ball Tournament, Fendelet combined with Tompkins

At the state meet, Fendelet shot a respectable 79, just three shots off the

Ben Tucker, Sr., Plymouth Canton: A year ago, Canton came out of virtually nowhere to capture the WLAA title. The Chiefs surprised no one this season, but they still finished third in the WLAA Tournamentand made their first-ever trip to the state tournament - and Tucker was a major reason why.

A steady performer throughout his senior season, Tucker averaged 39.2 strokes in nine-hole matches and 77.3 for 18-hole tournaments. An all-conference selection, he shot a 77 to tie for fourth at the WLAA Tournament and was fourth at the state regional with a 78: His 77 on opening day of the state tournament left him one stroke shy of qualifying as an individual to play the second

"He's the best tournament golfer I've ever coached in my five years," said Canton coach Tom Alles, noting Tuckers seven sub-80 rounds. "He shined brightly in tournaments. He had a great sea-

Jon Johnson, Jr., Plymouth Canton: While Tucker was the Chiefs' leader this season, Johnson — who made great strides, according to his coach - will be their man of the future.

Johnson earned all-WLAA honors by firing a 76 at the conference tournament, tying him for second with Salem's Wilson. Three times he was Canton's dual-meet medalist; he had a 40.4 ninehole average. His 18-hole tournament average was 80.0, which included rounds of 80 at the state regional and

"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 Brian Harnos, junior, Garden City

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.

Tony Polity, pening, Ligarda Presidio

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 Pontlac 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 appearanc 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. "He's a

great kid, a fierce competitor. He hits it straight down the middle and his short game is probably the best part of his

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Currie has a 4.055 grade point aver-

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

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 tourna-

"Some can talk it but can't walk it," North coach Daryl Case said. Derek says few words but certainly can walk

*Everybody on the team looks to him for leadership. He sets a very good example for our new players and even our established players.

*I think Derek has that burning desire to compete and improve that all good players have to have. He works hard during the season and the off season to improve his skills."

BEST GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING PERFORMANCES

Following is a list of Observerland girls best swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates by calling Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 or faxing information to (734) 591-7279.

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(state cut: 1:43.99)

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BOWLING & RECREATION

Cruchon event worthy

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Some of the Detroit area's bowlers recently participated in the ninth annual Steve Cruchon Memorial Tourat Shorecrest Lanes.

The event featured great doubles competition,

a nice banquet and fund-raising for two worthy causes, the Cancer Foundation and the National Bowling Hall of

From 1990 through 1997 this event has raised a total of \$113,000 which has been split 50-50 between the two recipients.

I had the good fortune of being paired with Kevin Trumbull and Kevin Trumbull had the bad luck of being paired with me (we finished 27th).

The top qualifiers were Dave Bernhardt (713) and Michael Barr (715) total pins with plus-24 handicap (1,452).

Bernhardt is the manufacturer of Turbo 2-n-1 Grips which are so popular in the pro shops.

Barr is the same guy that many of us listen to when we dial in WJR-AM 760, he is the newscaster during the afternoon and evening hours. He has a fine bowling arm to go along with his golden voice.

In the semifinals it was Bernhardt-Barr team versus Terry Tesarz of Livonia and Frank Pietras of Westland.

In a well played match it was Tesarz-Pietras winning. That pit-. ted them against against Mike Lucente and Larry McKay, whom defeated Tom Yeip and Myron Wedyke in the other semifinal.

The finals proved to be a high scoring match with Tesarz and Pietras winning by 61 pins led by Tesarz's 268 game, 481-420.

Others from the O&E coverage rea included Larry McKay (Clarkston), third; Mike Callaway (Troy) and Ken Lauterback (Lake Orion), fifth; Ed Malinowski (Livonia), sixth; Lew Ansara (Farmington), seventh; and Doug Swords (Oxford), 13th.

The late Steve Cruchon was the creator and publisher of the Bowler's Digest.

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 it's 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, Contour 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. 31, 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.

Contour 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 32,109 (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 TIP OF THE WEEK

Ray Kreuter is the owner of Ray's Bowling Pro Shop at Westland Bowl, 5490 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Ray bowls in several local leagues including the All-Stars at Thunderbowl.

He has won several city and state titles, is a PBA member and has competed on the pro tour mostly regionally, but has made some of the national tour

Ray Kreuter

Offers advice

He has bowled two 300s, one 299 and a 298 in his career.

We discussed the many new bowlers coming into the game from the adult segment, having not bowled much in their youth.

I asked Ray what advice he would give a new adult bowler.

Ray: The best thing to start with is definitely to get your own bowling ball and shoes. You don't have to spend a lot of money for them, just go to a reputable pro shop. If you go to the sporting goods stores, anybody that is working that department that day is going to fit you. They usually do not have the experience to set you up with the proper equipment and be able to drill the ball according to your ability level. If you don't get a proper fit, you are not likely to do very well.

Al: Bowling looks easier than it actually is. Do you have any suggestions as to how to target, should they use the lane markers?

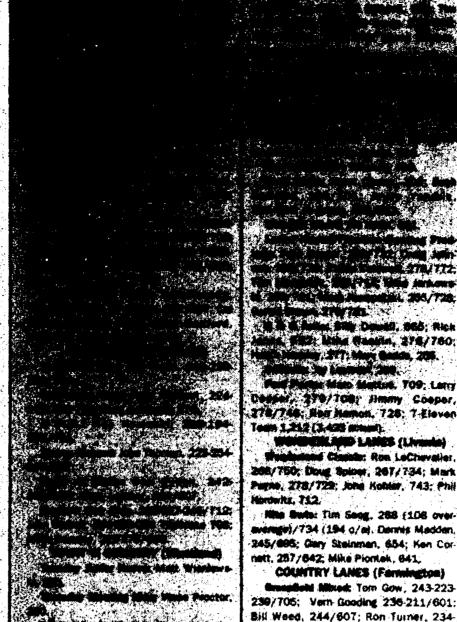
Ray: When starting out, they should just aim at the pins. Just get the fundamentals down and just try to be smooth and reach for the pins. Try to develop a straight arm swing. Get the feel of it, later on they can always change and learn the arrows. It's like any other sport, if you want to start at the top of the ladder, you have only one way to go, and thatis down. Start at the bottom and work your way up as you improve.

Al: Should a new bowler take some lessons from a competent professional?

Ray: It would pay to get one lesson just to get started on the right foot, to get the fundamentals down good. A good pro shop will give the best advice on that and what equipment to buy. As confidence builds and the scores start getting better, the new bowler should look around for a league that offers competition at his or her level.

The idea is to have fun bowling, and this is the way to start and enjoy the

For any questions you may have, call Ray Kreuter at (734) 595-7550.



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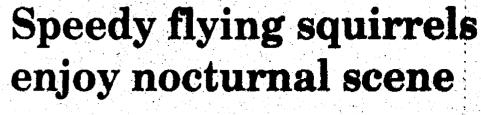
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Backyard habitats often result in the best kind of entertainment.

Birds like the blue jay, cardinal and goldfinch provide bright colors, as well as, lots of action. People in

more rural areas enjoy whitetailed deer coming to browse in

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Advanced Youth: Jack Harrison.

Spáras & Strikes: Jeanle Kaminski,

229/569; Sherry McMahan, 216/586;

Estelle Drubicki, 204; Gale Schultz, 204.

Country Regiers: Dave Kaliszawski.

256/675; Joe Mainardi, 248; Harold

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Greg Cooper, 243; Tony Mauti, 238/635;

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Michael Miller, 277/725; Ray Strietzel,

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248/592; Tony Aluto, 215; Joe Roerink,

202-225/621: Todd Wortinger, 233-

244/870; Lou Konopko, 235; Ralph

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515: Marianne Pesick, 240/573; Cheryl

Our Lady of Sorrows: Mike Edoff, 229-

Michigan Bell Men's: Todd Andrews,

215-213-223/651; G. Kelley, 245-

202/641; Alen Benjamin, 215-247/633;

Dave Riger, 268/625; Darnel Krause.

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Westside Lutheran: Jim Molnar,

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Billy Gerace, 256/715; Bob Chuba,

247/605; 11m Magyar, 247/714; Paul

Butler, 210/579; Jennifer Cribbs,

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256/680; Mike Faith, 632; Tim Warner,

630; John Koepke, 630; Ron Williams,

Feldman, 523; Dianne Schnieder, 522.

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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 to watch.

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 invited to see this show of nature, but I was also very pleased that my children were intrigued by the show.

They weren't watching a special effects blockbuster that took millions of dollars to produce, or a video game that was loud and flashy, they were watching a natural event that few people have ever seen.

I watched as they tried to take pictures of these mouse-eyed squirrels that moved out of view by the time the shutter was tripped.

Though frustrating at times, they had patience to wait for another opportunity. My son even came home and drew some pictures of his recent experience.

Thanks to Rich and Kathy, we had a wonderful experience watching flying squirrels in the backyard of a devoted wildlife watcher. This kind of entertainment is equally as good as a live concert. Put out some peanuts, walnuts, or almonds at night and see if you have any wildlife

Deer check stations abound in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has several deer check stations set up in southeastern Michigan to help biologists evaluate the state's deer herd.

Hunters are asked to bring in the head of deer they harvest so the DNR can obtain valuable information. In turn, hunters will receive a 1998 Deer Management Cooperator patch.

Deer check stations are set up at the following locations.

Before traveling to a specific field office it is advised to call ahead to confirm the location and hours of operation.

•Big Rapids: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 16-18, at the rest area on US-131 south of Big Rapids.

•Alma: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 16-18, at the rest area on US-27 between Alma and Shepherd.

•Birch Run: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 16-18 and Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22, at the weigh station on 1-75, 2.5 miles north of Birch Run.

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•Mt Clemens Field Office: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (810) 465-4771.

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LOOKING FOR YOU? SWM, 26, that consider myself spontaneous and fun to be with. I enjoy outdoor activities and all sports. If you like humor, then I don't think I lack in that area. 171192 SWPM, 38, adventurous, attractive, sincere, warm, seeks a slim, articulate, romantic, playful, affectionate female, for a LTR. 21157

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