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**Let's eat:** Schoolcraft College offers a continuing education class on "Winter Soups and Stews" 6-10 p.m. at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

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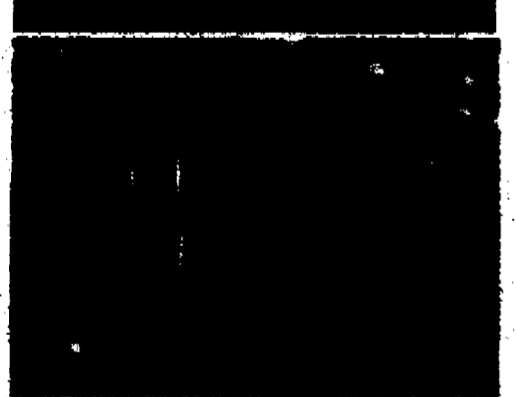
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**THURSDAY**

**Hey kids:** Children age newborn to age 6 and their mothers may attend a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh in Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional co-op, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

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## Clerk firing feud grows hotter

### Rally planned for clerk

Three city council members believe the other four city council members had an illegal meeting to orchestrate the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons for no good reason.

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Facing a possible investigation by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, members of a Westland City Council majority that fired Clerk Patricia Gibbons are denying any wrongdoing.

Targeted in a formal complaint sent Friday to the prosecutor's office are council President Charles "Trav" Griffin, President Pro Tem David Cox and members Sharon Scott and David James.

The two-page complaint, signed by

council members Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc, accuses the four-member majority of violating the state Open Meetings Act by meeting privately to discuss Gibbons' firing.

"It didn't happen," Scott said Friday. "Trav is smart enough politically not to have allowed that to happen."

Anderson and LeBlanc charge in their complaint that Griffin and Cox met with Gibbons on Jan. 13 and told her that she didn't have the four council votes she needed to keep her job.

That meeting occurred five days

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Angry over the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons, Westland residents, including a United Auto Workers local president, are organizing what they hope will be a large protest.

UAW Local 845 President Roger Caldwell of Ford Motor Co.'s plant in Plymouth Township is urging union members who live in Westland to join other protesters for a 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, demonstration at City Hall.

The protest will start one hour before a 7 p.m. Westland City Council business meeting — the first since a four-

member majority fired Gibbons during a raucous Jan. 18 session.

"As president of this local union but mainly as a Westland resident, I am encouraging all of the members of this local who live in Westland to come to this demonstration," Caldwell said.

His comments came last week as council President Charles "Trav" Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott continued to draw criticism for ousting Gibbons without citing specific reasons.

The council four voted against reappointing Gibbons on Jan. 18, but they

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Working together: Grant Elementary teacher Ann Jenkins presents American International School of Johannesburg Superintendent Leo Roberto with library books.

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Their postcard of South Africa is stamped with contradictions.

A couple months after the trip, a group of Livonia Public Schools teachers don't know what to make of the Nov. 18-30 visit, part of an ongoing Johannesburg Partnership project. Many images are irreconcilable, they said.

Last year, administrators from Franklin High, Emerson Middle and Grant Elementary schools took part in the exchange. This time five teachers went, three from Franklin and two from Grant school.

"It was beautiful but very upsetting," said Ann Jenkins, who teaches sixth grade at Grant Elementary. "They have many wonderful things going for them, but they have many problems."

Post-apartheid South Africa grapples with crime, AIDS and poverty. Contrasted with that is a breathtaking scenery and wealth of resources, teachers said.

**Poverty and privilege**

The Livonia contingent toured two government-run schools, which provid-

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# Johannesburg PROJECT



Sparse facilities: (Above) Comforts such as decent bathroom facilities are few and far between at Diepsloot School. Children attending this school lived in a nearby squatters' camp, which is seen in the background. (Top photo) Franklin High teacher Dan Cosgrove presents school supplies, T-shirts and volleyballs to the physical education teacher at Diepsloot School.

## Driver bypassed warning gates

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A 32-year-old Canton man was killed and his brother badly injured Thursday when a train smashed into their car on Warren Road.

Mazin Naim Khoury was pronounced dead on the scene at approximately 5:45 p.m. His brother, Ziad Naim Khoury, 35, also of Canton, is listed in fair condition at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

According to township police reports, the elder brother was driving at the time of the accident. Khoury, police said, went around warning gates just east of Lots Road and was struck broadside by a northbound train.

"It's clearly a situation where they made a fatal mistake by going around the gates," Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske said. "Because of the massive size of the train, it's hard to judge its speed."

A train was parked just north of the railroad crossing facing southbound, said Schemanske. A second train, which police estimate was traveling at 40 miles per hour, came through the crossing heading northbound.

"Witnesses said they kept looking left (or north)," Schemanske said, "and never looked right."

The car was struck on the passenger side door. Force of the impact knocked the brothers' vehicle into a nearby ravine just north of Warren Road.

Mazin Khoury was trapped inside the 1989 Mercury Marquis while his

■ 'Because of the massive size of the train, it's hard to judge its speed.'

Leonard Schemanske  
—Canton police



Fatal decision: The driver of this car bypassed the warning gates and tried to beat an oncoming train.

brother was ejected into the ravine. Neither was wearing a seatbelt, Schemanske said.

Canton Fire and Rescue workers were on the scene in less than four minutes, he added. Ziad Khoury was taken to Annapolis Hospital and later flown to U-M for treatment. He had multiple head and body injuries, Schemanske said.

Police said alcohol was not involved in the accident. It was the second fatal accident in Canton in as many days.

Charles Frederick, 63, Carlton was killed Wednesday after his car struck a tree near Ford Road. Police believe the Ypsilanti man may have had "medical problem just prior to the crash."

## Survivor's condition upgraded

A critically injured Canton Township man is improving following a Westland car crash that killed two people, a University of Michigan Hospital spokeswoman said.

Timothy Edwin Twardokus' condition has improved from critical to serious following a 91 mph, one-car accident that occurred at 3:07 a.m. Jan. 15 on westbound Cherry Hill near Carlison.

Twardokus, 20, suffered closed-head injuries in the accident that killed 18-year-old driver Brian O'Donnell of Westland and 20-year-old backseat passenger Scott Velasquez of Canton.

Two others in the car have been released from hospitals, including Twardokus' 27-year-old uncle, Timothy Andrew of Detroit, and 23-year-old Donald Raymond Woodruff of Westland.

O'Donnell lost control of a 1997 Ford Escort and slammed broadside into a tree in front of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church. The driver's side hit the tree.

Westland police said the young men had left a party. Police are awaiting autopsy results to determine whether alcohol or marijuana played a role in the crash.

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are accused by critics of violating the Open Meetings Act by deciding the issue prior to the meeting.

What's new?

New developments continued to unfold last week:

■ Chuck Papineau, a 60-year-old General Motors Corp. retiree, said he wants to help lead a recall campaign against Griffin, Cox, James and Scott - and that he is researching the process.

Griffin, Cox and James started new council terms Jan. 1 and, by law, cannot be recalled for six months.

■ Caldwell vowed to try to convince union members this year to oppose Scott's expected bid for the 18th District state House seat.

Councilman Glenn Anderson - one of three council members who supported Gibbons - is weighing a challenge against Scott for the Democratic nomination.

■ Council members Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc - who also supported Gibbons - have made written requests for a still-pending opinion from City Attorney Angelo Piakas on whether Griffin exceeded his authority as council president.

They are upset that Griffin went to Gibbons' office, placed her on administrative leave and took her keys - four days before she was officially fired.

Griffin, Cox, James and Scott

■ 'They did something that's against every principle we stand for as a union. We don't allow anybody in the union to be randomly fired.'

Roger Caldwell  
-UAW Local 845 president

have refused to publicly disclose specific reasons why they fired Gibbons, saying they want to protect her privacy. She has been replaced by former Clerk Diane Fritz until a successor is hired.

Gibbons has declined to discuss her firing, although she issued a statement through her son-in-law, Tad Smith, defending her job performance.

Seeking support

Meanwhile, Caldwell said he is trying to boost participation in the Feb. 7 protest against the council's action even though he has a prior commitment that will keep him away.

"They did something that's against every principle we stand for as a union," he said. "We don't allow anybody in the union to be randomly fired."

Gibbons, a nearly 23-year city employee, was a longtime union member until she was appointed city clerk in August of 1998. She then became an "at-will" employee of the council.

Cox dismissed Caldwell's remarks and said LeBlanc, who works at the same plant as Caldwell, orchestrated his involvement.

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before the council officially voted 4-3 to oust Gibbons and replace her on an interim basis with former Clerk Diane Fritz.

"We believe a serious breach of the public trust has taken place in the city of Westland," Anderson and LeBlanc charge in their complaint. "Councilmen Charles Griffin, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James had the duty and obligation by law to discuss

this matter at a public meeting in full view of the citizens of Westland with the full legislative body present."

A copy of the complaint was sent to Attorney General Jennifer Granholm's office. The four accused could face \$1,000 fines each if it's proven they broke the law.

Griffin and James couldn't be reached for comment, but Scott

■ The council majority hasn't cited specific reasons for firing Gibbons - only general job performance concerns.

and Cox on Friday denied any secret meetings. Scott conceded, however, that some council members discussed Gibbons' job.

"Everything was done mainly one on one, and I never heard anyone say exactly how they were going to vote," she said.

Scott said her discussion "was mainly with Trav. I don't recall talking to any of the other council members in-depth about it."

Cox dismissed the complaint as a political move to discredit Scott as she prepares to seek the 18th District state House seat this year.

Anderson's supporters are encouraging him to challenge Scott for the Democratic nomination, but he said he hasn't made a decision.

"I am anxious for the outcome (of the complaint)," Cox said. "I am anxious to move this issue along and establish what it is - which is a politically motivated attack designed to discredit Sharon Scott and Sharon Scott's supporters to make it easier for Glenn Anderson in the upcoming state representative's race."

Anderson has labeled such allegations an attempt to divert attention from real issues surrounding Gibbons' firing.

The council majority hasn't cited specific reasons for firing Gibbons - only general job performance concerns. LeBlanc, Anderson and colleague Sandra Cicirelli have lauded Gibbons.

In their complaint, Anderson and LeBlanc allege that Gibbons was privately offered a pension package on Jan. 13 and told to "go quietly," but she rejected the offer and was ousted five days later.

The offer was made without the knowledge of LeBlanc, Anderson and Cicirelli.

Anderson and LeBlanc also charge that Griffin obtained private support from a council

one.

An accusation

Cox accused LeBlanc and Anderson of orchestrating a misleading campaign to discredit the council majority that fired Gibbons.

Anderson called it the "ultimate hypocrisy" that Cox would make such allegations considering that Cox's actions in the affair have amounted to "a political sham."

LeBlanc said one of his main goals is to determine whether the council majority violated the Open Meetings Act.

Meanwhile, resident Marian Greenfield said she has heard many people say they are ready to help any recall effort.

"The people I'm talking to are really ready to go out and get (petition) signatures," she said.

Recall organizers would have to collect more than 5,000 signatures of registered Westland voters to petition the Wayne County Elections Commission for a special recall election.

To be precise, under state law they would need signatures amounting to 25 percent of Westland ballots cast in the last gubernatorial election. According to the city clerk's office, 22,310 ballots were cast.

Griffin and others have said they will not let intimidation or threats keep them from making decisions that they believe are best for the city.

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# Library's 'After School Special' a hit with kids

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Matthew Horne, 5, speaks right up when the question's what he likes about the After School Special.

"And I like baseball and football," he said. "I like playing games."

Indoor games exist in abundant supply at the After School Special, held 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday at the Westland library. Matthew came this past Wednesday with his grandmother, Genevieve Gehringer of Westland. At a nearby table, his older sister and her friend played a game.

"I think it's really interesting for the children to be here, especially in the wintertime," said Gehringer, who saw an item in the newspaper about the program. Her grandson likes reading.

Matthew, whose mom was out delivering library books to seniors, and his grandmother had some company.

"I just found out about this," said Jessica Childress of Inkster, playing with son Michael, 2. Feeling cooped up in the house in the winter makes the After School Special attractive.

"He pretends to read," Childress said. "Now he really likes coloring." For both women, this was their first time at the program although they'd previously visited the library.

The program began in September

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*Genevieve Gehringer  
—Westland*

1999, said Julie Chwalik, supervisor for the Youth Services Department. "They can do games, they can do crafts," she said. "It's set up for families and kids."

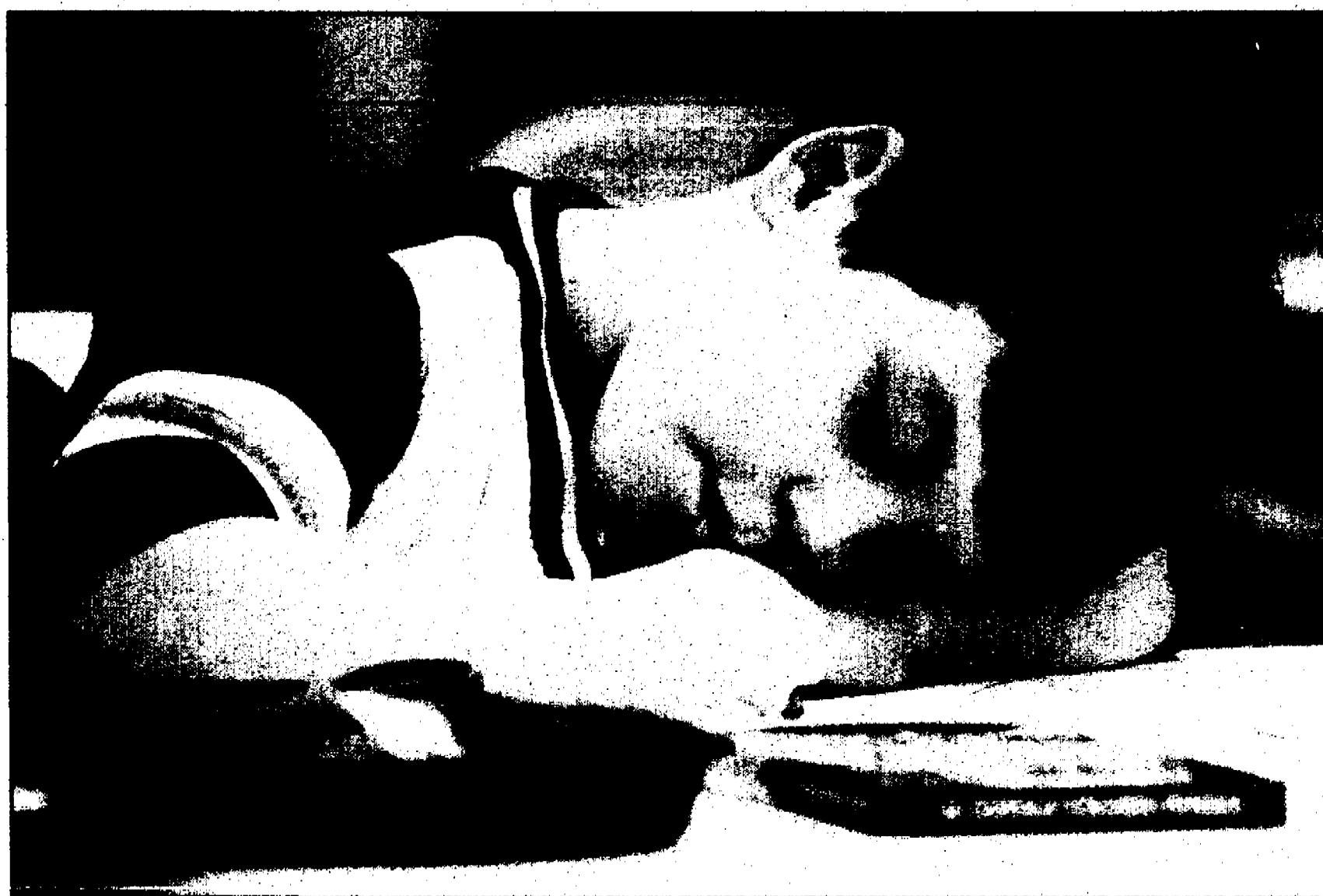
At Wednesday's session, the sun streamed in through the window, lighting up the tables set up with games and crafts. A selection of books focused on bunnies, the theme of the week.

"We find older children who come in and want to do the arts project," said Chwalik. Younger children are usually accompanied by a parent or grandparent, which the library encourages.

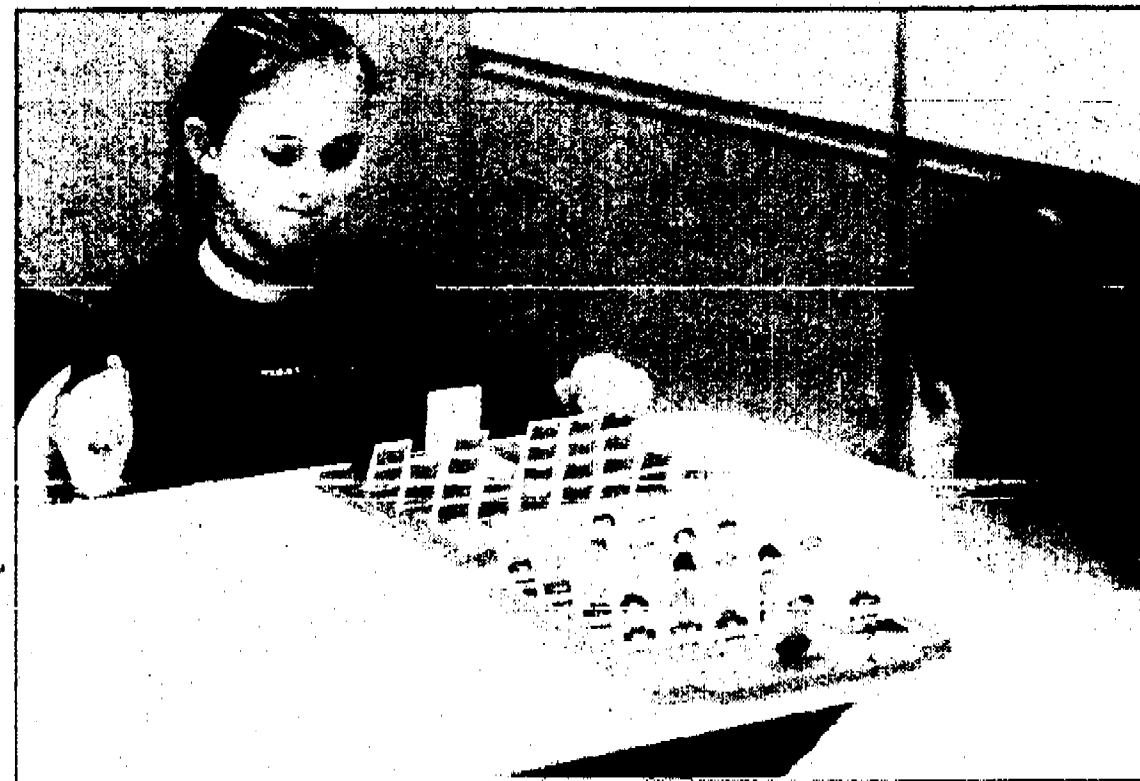
"It's actually been quite a success for us," Chwalik said of the program. She and five children's associates take turns running the show each week.

Children's programming is popular at the library, she said, adding that the March-May calendar of kids' activities — evening, daytime and weekend — should be available in late February.

For information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HARLEY



Your move: Danielle Brobst, 11 (left) and Ashley Horne, 11 play a game at the public library of Westland after school activities.



Hey, he likes it: Above, Matthew Horne, 5 of Westland colors a bunny rabbit at the William P. Faust Public Library as part of the after school hours of activities. At left, Michael Childress, 2 of Inkster enjoys the crayons and scissors at the after school hours activities.

## Birds to visit Westland library

You might say this program is for the birds, but that's not a negative.

Exotic birds will visit the Westland library 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, during Sleepytime Storytime, said Martha Rogers, library associate.

The program is for those of all ages, including teens and adults

interested in owning a bird.

Library patron Mary Weiske, who belongs to an exotic bird club, is the force behind the program.

"We will do stories about birds," Rogers said.

The program will include a group activity and information on the care/keeping of exotic

birds. A handout that evening will cover making a bird house from materials around the house. Reservations aren't required.

For information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

The library is on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

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ed the most unforgettable vignettes.

Class sizes ranged from 40-90 kids, many of whom are from squatter villages where people live in 12-by-12 foot corrugated metal shacks with no electricity.

Few kids had pencils, instead sharing 2-inch lead stubs with no erasers. Jenkins happened to have an eraser in her purse, which she gave to the children.

"They were so careful in their assignments," said Julie Hamrick, who teaches math at Franklin High. "They were so eager to learn and you could tell they wanted to be there."

The long narrow classroom had no electricity. Teachers opened a few windows to provide light.

At another public school in Diepsloot, resources were similarly sparse. Children received breakfast and lunch, which consisted of a piece of bread with jam.

"I got the impression for some of these kids, it's the only two meals they get," Jenkins said.

Grant Elementary raised money prior to the trip for paper and supplies. Livonia schools also donated soccer and volleyballs and clothing.

Despite their bleak surroundings, Grant Elementary teacher Denise Berg fondly remembers children welcoming their group in song.

"They come to school and they all have smiles," Berg said. "You can see their spirit."

Teachers in the government-run schools also have a rough go. To get to school, many use public transportation that entails 20 people being put inside a minivan.

### Meager means

Livonia teachers took trips through a squatter's camp in Soweto where 7,000 people share 10 bath rooms with five faucets of running water.

The visitors could compare those bleak images to more opulent surroundings when they visited American International School board members' homes.

Teachers, who paid \$1,300 for their own air fare, stayed at the American International School boarding house.

The group also visited classes at the private school, which caters to children of corporate executives and where class sizes are limited to 15 students.

"People were either well off or not well off at all," Hamrick said. "There didn't seem to be much of a

**'People were either well off or not well off at all. There didn't seem to be much of a middle class.'**

*Julie Hamrick  
—Franklin High School math teacher*

middle class."

Signs of apartheid still exist, some said. Hamrick noticed whites held most of the executive positions while blacks appeared sequestered in service jobs.

"I think it's going to take them the same amount of time our country took," Jenkins said.

### Optimistic future

Another teacher believes the country's diversity is its ultimate saving grace. South Africa has 11 official languages.

For Berg, a Grant Elementary physical education teacher, the trip gave an up-close view of a country she's followed from a distance.

Berg maintained a keen interest in South African affairs since she was a student at Inkster Cherry Hill High during the early 1980s. The South African journey was her first, "but hopefully not my last."

She found touring Robben Island in Cape Town particularly riveting. The area is where South African President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

Ironically, former political prisoners and guards alike now serve as tour guides of the museum.

Teachers couldn't wait to get back to share their experience with students.

Hamrick, suffering from jet lag, rushed into Franklin at 5 a.m. the next day to put together a Power Point presentation for her class. Kids reacted with shock and awe when seeing photos, she said.

Hamrick shared the same reaction as her students. After seeing such poverty, the teacher immediately e-mailed her parents to thank them for all the comforts they provided.

"It was a great opportunity for professional growth," said Hamrick, who met with and learned from other educators there.

"There was also a change for personal growth being able to experience something most people don't."



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# Teacher gets national certification

Rosalyn Pollard loves a challenge. As a sixth-grade teacher consultant in the Communications Arts Department at Stevenson Middle School, she is challenged daily. But she decided to pursue something new.

When she decided to go for her national board certification, it was more difficult than just submitting her name for consideration.

"The certification process was like an assessment," she said. There were 10 components, including submitting a portfolio, going to an assessment center for four exercises and submitting a videotape of a class discussion.

There were 2,965 teachers who achieved this accolade during the 1998-99 school year. There were seven teachers in the state of Michigan awarded their national certification this year. Pollard is the only one in the Wayne-Westland district.

"It sounded challenging and interesting," she said. "I had heard about the certification several years ago and decided I wanted to try."

She has been teaching since 1977, and this is her fifth year at Stevenson Middle School.

"I consider myself very fortunate," Pollard said. "I really work with wonderful people."

When not teaching, Pollard likes to spend time with her family. Her husband and two sons, ages 8 and 11, keep her busy. In her free time, she enjoys reading and is involved with the Greyhound Rescue.

Her family has rescued and adopted two greyhounds.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was founded in 1987. It is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.

Pollard will be recognized 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

# American Legion post donates flagstuffs

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Instead of landing, these eagles have flown. A Livonia high school ROTC team's success is banking on their winged exodus.

American Legion Beal Post No. 32 helped take a load off the Churchill High Junior Air Force ROTC Color Guard by donating two flagstuffs. The staffs are minus the traditional eagle figure on top. They bear a conical spear instead.

"When you have the eagle, you always have to worry about the eagle facing the front," said Major Joseph Girolamo, a drill consultant and Livonia resident. "Even the military units have gotten rid of the eagle."

New flagstuffs, which run \$200 apiece, are also adjustable to take in account the various heights of drill team members.

Shafts are made of aluminum, which is lighter "and easier on the arms," Girolamo said. Old ones were made of heavy wood and weighed 10 to 15 pounds. By comparison, new ones are five pounds.

One cadet notices the difference. "It is easier to carry them down the hall and no one has dropped any flags. That's happened before," said Cadet Airman Joe Holod, who is a freshman.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Churchill ROTC members' own limbs will be in perpetual motion.

Pageantry and precision are the order of the day as the school on Newburgh and Joy roads hosts its fourth Annual Invitational Junior ROTC Competition. At times, up to 200 drill team members will perform on the gym floor.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Some 350 cadets from the Midwest take part. Along with Churchill, Franklin High's Navy and Lutheran High Westland's Army ROTC teams will be represented.

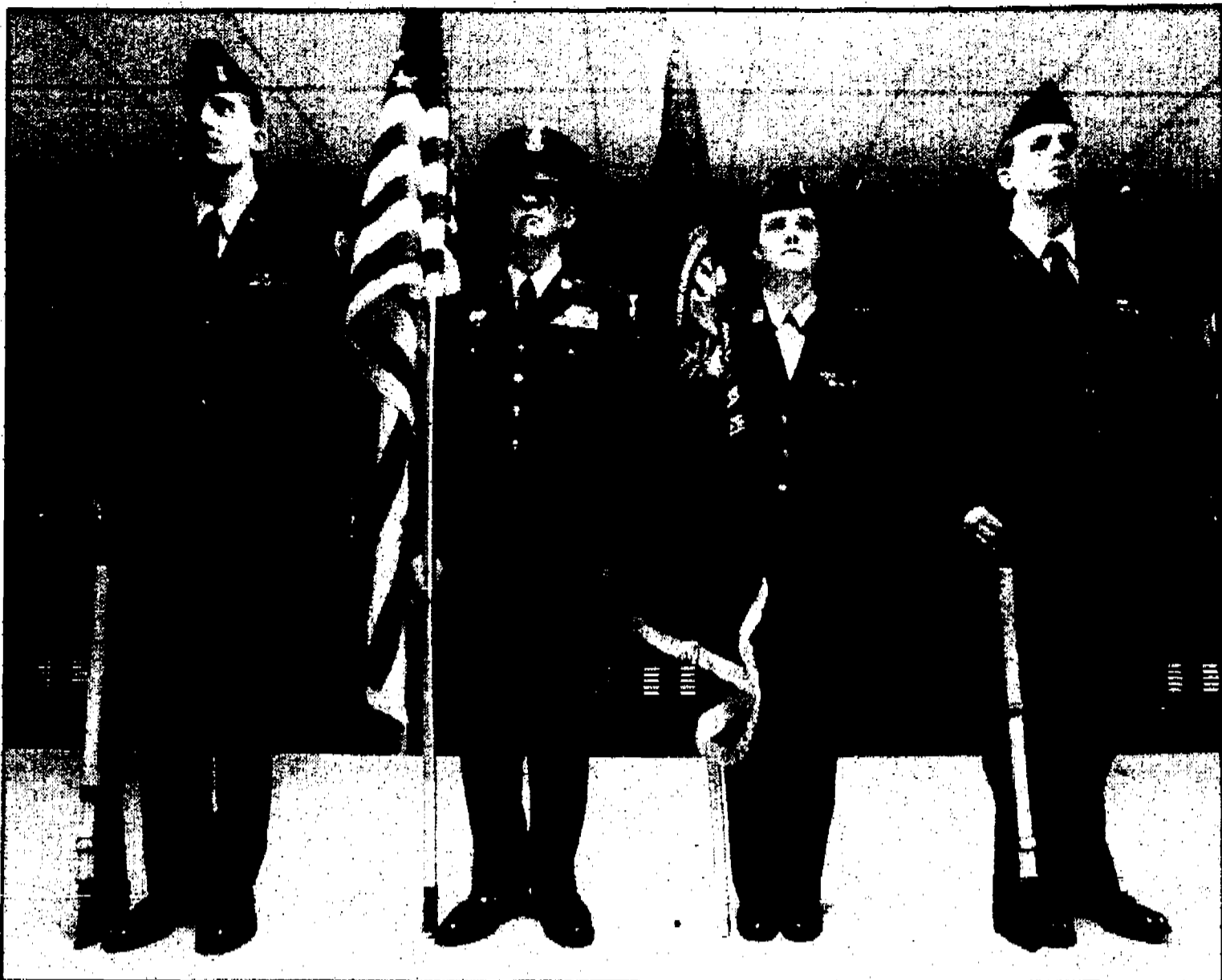
High school students compete in color guard, armed and unarmed standard drill team, armed and unarmed exhibition drill and "knock out drill and inspection" categories.

"Knock out drill and inspection" is particularly rigorous.

"If they do a hand salute improperly, they're out," said Girolamo, a World War II veteran and an All-

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Joe Holod  
—cadet airman



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**DONNA VIRGINIA POWERS**

Services for Donna Virginia Powers, 76, of Ann Arbor were Jan. 28 in the Verheulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating.

Mrs. Powers was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Dearborn and died Jan. 26 in Ann Arbor. She was a saving consultant.

Mrs. Powers is survived by two daughters, Douna (Joseph) Brazeau of Ypsilanti, Penni L. Paul of Ypsilanti; one step-son, Franklin (Janet) Powers of Highland Ranch, Colo.; two brothers, George Coombe of Westland, Donald Coombe of Westland; four sisters, Dearah Gingrich of Dearborn, June Koenig of Dearborn, Jeanette Tremblay of Ariz., Peal Low of Traverse City; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Lloyd and Irene Lorraine Coombe.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 18170 Templar Circle, Southfield, MI 48075 or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

Mrs. Pukrop was born Dec. 8, 1911, in Detroit and died Jan. 26 at the Heartland Nursing Home of Livonia.

She was a sewing machine operator. Mrs. Pukrop is survived by three children, Thomas, Susan (Ed), Northam; one sister, Catherine Coil; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Harry; and son Jerome.

**LOLA A. CYRUL**

Services for Lola A. Cyrul, 92, of Westland, were Saturday, Jan. 29, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jay Cubbinson officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Cyrul was born Oct. 23, 1907, in Toledo, Ill. and died Jan. 27 at St. Mary Hospital.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. is survived by two sons, George (Patricia), Ronald; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Milton.

**DANIEL THOMAS KLECHA**

Services for Daniel Thomas Klecha, 47, of Westland were Saturday, Jan. 29, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Father Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mr. Klecha was born Feb. 6, 1952, in Detroit and died Jan. 25 in Hamburg Township, Mich.

He was a supervisor for an automotive company. Mr. Klecha is survived by a son, Eric; brother, Ralph; and two sisters, Cathy Linn and Joann Gackiewicz.

**WILLIAM WESLEY**

Visitation for William Wesley, 73, of Westland was Friday, Jan. 28, at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home of Garden City followed by a private cremation service.

Mr. Wesley was born Jan. 20, 1926, in Detroit and died Jan. 26 in Westland.

He was a traffic compiler. Mr. Wesley is survived by three sons, William J. Wesley, Jeffrey K. Wesley, Mark Wesley; two sisters, Mary Worosz and Stella Marcynski.

LeRoy A. Conklin Services for LeRoy A. Conklin, 79, of Wayne were Friday, Jan. 28, at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

Mr. Conklin was born Jan. 15, 1921, and died Jan. 22 at the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He was a foreman. Mr. Conklin is survived by a wife, Stella; a son, Duane of Westland, two sisters, Violet Lumetta, Betty (Bud) Horste; three brothers, Francis Conklin, Russell (Connie) Conklin, Bill (Eunice) Conklin; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, LeRoy Michael.

**ED MORRIS**

Services for Ed Morris, 74, of Westland were Jan. 22 at Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

Mr. Morris was born Jan. 6, 1926, in Venosta, Canada and died Jan. 19, in Royal Oak.

He was a railroad conductor. Mr. Morris is survived by his wife, Marilyn J. Morris of Westland; two daughters, Linda (Floyd) Luther of Berkley, Mich., Donna (Ralph) Piotrowski of Westland; a son, Eddie (Beth) Morris of Novi; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**ROBERT A. BAER**

Services for Rev. Robert A. Baer, 70, of Westland were Saturday, Jan. 29, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Kipfmiller and the Rev. David Furno officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park of Livonia.

Rev. Baer was born June 20, 1929, and died Jan. 25 at home.

Before retirement, he was pastor of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church for 26 years.

Rev. Baer is survived by a wife, Sondra; three daughters, Heidi (Ron) Zartman, Lisa (Mike) Dest, Katie (Steven) Boggia; a stepmother, Alice Baer; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Seig.

Memorials may be made to St. John Church, Martin Luther Memorial Homes or Michigan Hospice.

Arrangements were handled by Uht Funeral Home.

**MARY J. PUKROP**

Services for Mary J. Pukrop, 88, of Westland were Saturday, Jan. 29, at the L.A. Turowski and Son Funeral Home of Livonia with Father Lawrence Zurawski presiding. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

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# Commissioners say transportation, budget key issues

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Transportation and budget issues are key concerns this year for western Wayne County's four commissioners.

In response to an Observer inquiry, first-term county board members John J. Sullivan and Lyn Bankes and veteran board member and Commission Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard all pointed to the county's transportation situation.

But Bankes, Beard and fellow commissioner Kathleen Husk also expressed concern about budgetary issues.

Sullivan, a Democrat whose district includes part of the City of Wayne and all of Canton Township, was upbeat on transportation, saying he expects the county to continue its heavy spending for major road



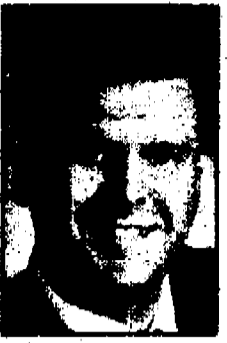
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improvements, particularly in Canton. Last year, approximately \$21 million of the \$63-million county road budget went to his district.

"The county realized the biggest need is in western Wayne because that's where we have the growth," Sullivan said. "The county is working hard to alleviate the (traffic) congestion."

Sullivan, who also represents Romulus, Belleville and the

townships of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, is equally excited about the \$2-billion expansion at Metro Airport.

"It will turn Metro from one of the worst airports to one of the better" in terms of passenger convenience and service, he said, citing the new Northwest Airlines midfield terminal, the renovation of some concourses "to eliminate some of those mile-long walks" and the addition of

airline gates.

Metro's expansion will mean "more jobs and businesses for residents" in and around the airport, he said.

### 25,000 jobs

"We're hoping to create another 25,000 jobs" during the next 15-20 years, he said.

Commissioner Bankes, a former veteran state legislator now on the county's ways and means committee, said there is a need for improved mass transit.

Bankes, one of only two Republicans on the county board - the other is Husk - was appointed in 1999 by Board Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, to chair a special task force on transportation.

He asked her "to see if I could help come up with a plan" to improve public transportation for Wayne County residents, Bankes said.

So far, she has learned, among other things, that recovering over half the cost of operating any form of transportation is necessary and also that, as the population ages, it will need more transportation support services.

Bankes who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the two Northvilles and Livonia up to Middlebelt Road, also wants to reorganize "the budget structure."

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She said that, while her own ways and means committee needs to focus "on getting the job done," the key is County Executive Ed McNamara's "making the budget presentation on time."

"If he presents it on June 3 this year" as specified by the county charter, "we can move ahead," she said.

For Kay Beard, it's the auto companies' historic opposition to mass transit that has created the current state of affairs.

Ironically, though, she said, now that "it's too expensive to have underground (rail) transportation," the automakers want better public transportation. General Motors, for example, is creating its own bus system to get employees to the downtown Renaissance Center, she said.

Beard, a Democrat representing Westland, Garden City and Inkster, believes railroads don't want increased passenger service because "they do such good business with freight."

### Business need

As for bus service, Beard said the only way communities that opted out of SMART - the Southeast Michigan Area Regional Transit bus system - will get

back in is if business leaders get residents to understand they can't get workers without it.

Beard also expressed concern about mental health care.

"It's just a shame that (Gov. John) Engler closed all those (mental) hospitals because now our jails are *de facto* mental hospitals," she said.

Beard, who is co-chair of the Tri-County Summit, said the group has "put a lot of pressure on the state legislature" to stop it from reducing mental health funding.

Husk, who represents Redford Township and eastern Livonia, praised the ongoing audit of Wayne County by county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

"We're uncovering some problem areas" such as Metro's parking issue, she said.

Other trouble spots she wants probed are the Friend of the Court system, which she said has problems getting payments to the right places, and the county's Register of Deeds office, which she said "takes a long time to get paperwork out."

"We want to make sure the county is providing good services to the people and also not wasting taxpayers' dollars," Husk said.

She said commissioners also are asking county department heads to find cost-cutting areas.

## County board creates system to 'get better handle' on budget

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Wayne County's Board of Commissioners, trying to get "a better handle" on spending by administrative departments and agencies, Thursday created a periodic budget allocation system for the current fiscal year.

"We need to have a better handle" on expenditures, said Commission Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, in discussing the amendment to the 1999-2000 budget by fellow board member George Cushingberry Jr., D-Detroit.

A key part of the amendment states this year's final quarterly report is to be used by the commission's ways and means committee to begin "earlier deliberations" on the budget for 2000-2001.

The fiscal year runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

The amendment requires County Executive Edward

McNamara to create, on or before the fiscal year begins, a periodic allotment schedule which is binding on all agencies and which "shall not be exceeded."

However, the new ordinance does say the county executive "may revise the allotments from time to time."

The new ordinance also charges Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton with "strictly" enforcing the mandate: transferring any unexpended funds to the "unfunded, unallocated contingency budget" within 21 days after the period ends and also informing commissioners no more than seven days after that.

The county is \$10 million over budget this fiscal year.

"This has been a long time coming," said Beard of the new allocation process.

She said the amendment is aimed at curbing the executive branch's practice of allowing "certain departments to go over

their budgets" and adjusting the budgets, but not informing commissioners until year's end. The board's only choice then is to grant approval, she noted.

"That takes away from us the responsibility" for making budget amendments and other changes - which she said the commission does "at almost every meeting."

"We need to know during the course of the year if departments have surpluses or if they have gone over budget," she told fellow commissioners.

Going over budget "should not be allowed without our knowledge and approval," she said.

The veteran lawmaker noted that, at times, "We may not agree that more money needs to be spent." For example, she said, it's possible "Something may need to be corrected" within a department's administration.

She said she hopes McNamara won't veto the amendment. "This is good government."

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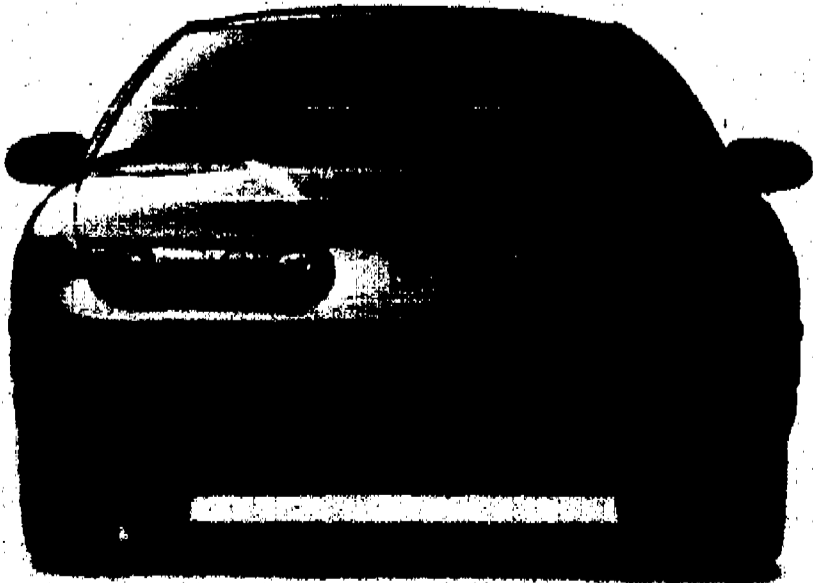
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# Franklin girls win again, stop division foe Chargers

The Livonia Franklin girls volleyball team is on a roll. The Patriots, who have not lost since Jan. 8, improved their overall record to 21-4-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 15-5, 17-15 triumph Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

Franklin rallied to win the second game after trailing 14-7. "It was an exciting match, very emotional," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Our players did a great job of fighting back. Churchill came out and served very well to start the second game."

### VOLLEYBALL

who was out with a sprained ankle. Senior Tera Morrill was Franklin's top attacker with 15 kills. She made good on 27 of 28 attacks. Setter Lyndsay Sopko added nine assists, while Rachel Bramlett was nine-for-nine serving with four aces. Kerstin Marshall and Alexis Bowman each added two aces. Defensively, Monica Little, Kara Wisniewski and Morrill were eight-of-nine each on digs. The loss dropped Churchill to 16-4-2 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes. On Monday, Franklin disposed of visiting Farmington in a WLAA match, 15-5, 15-12, as

Alexis Bowman served six aces. Churchill also won its WLAA match Monday at Farmington Hills Harrison, 15-8, 15-9, as Sarah Phillips and Katie Happ each had five kills. Beth Bushey and Corey Mack added four kills apiece, while Shannon Munn served seven points. Spartans topple North On Wednesday, junior setter Kelley Hutchins had 16 assist-to-kills and Kate LeBlanc was the top attacker with 10 kills as Livonia Stevenson turned back North Farmington, 15-11, 15-9. Katie Stevenson is 21-5-2 overall and 3-1 in the WLAA. Katie Drews added four kills, while Cassie Ehlerdt, Carly Wadsworth and Abby Schrader collected three each. Abbey Larson also contributed

three solo blocks, while Julie Pfeifer had eight digs. Patriots 1st in tourney Tera Morrill's 47 kills sparked Livonia Franklin to its second tournament title in as many weekends Jan. 22 at Saginaw Valley State. Franklin defeated Class B ranked Frankenmuth in the finals, 15-9, 15-9. The Patriots, 5-0 on the day, also defeated Essexville-Garber (15-2, 15-2), Chesaning (15-3, 15-3), Bay City Western (15-10, 15-6) and Freeland (15-8, 15-9). Andrea Kmet added 25 kills in 52 attacks, while Alexis Bowman contributed 11 kills. Setter Lyndsay Sopko had 76 assist-to-kills on the day. Lady Warriors prevail Amanda Sales and Anna Rolf

served 12 and 11 points, respectively, leading Lutheran High Westland to a 5-15, 15-8, 15-10 non-league triumph Tuesday over visiting Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day. Sarah Marody and Rolf were the Lady Warriors' top hitter, while Marody was the team's top blocker and leader on defense. Huron Valley falls On Thursday, host Taylor Baptist Park improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 15-10, 15-1 win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. "We had a lack of rhythm, lack of communication and made fundamental mistakes," said Huron Valley coach Kris Springstroh, whose team is 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC.



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# Statham goal gives Pats tie with Milford

Paul Statham scored in the final 45 seconds Friday night to give host Livonia Franklin a 2-2 non-league prep hockey draw with highly regarded Milford in a game played at Edgar Arena. Coach Terry Jobbitt pulled goalie Rob Williams at the 14:23 mark of the third period and shortly thereafter Paul Statham, assisted by Brandon McCullough and Jesse Wright, scored the tying goal. The deadlock left Livonia Franklin with a 6-6-3 overall record, while No. 8-ranked Milford is 12-1-4. "We played three solid periods," said Jobbitt, whose team was outshot 31-23. "It was probably the best game we've played all year. We did make some mistakes. And Milford is a very, very good hockey team. They controlled us in our end at times. It was almost like a victory, we felt." Franklin also controlled play at times and the shots on goal reflected that. Milford had 21 shots at Williams while Franklin put 20 shots at Brian Cervin. The Redskins took a 1-0 lead at 11:02 of the first period, Kelly Cotter scoring from

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Darrel Kalis and Paul Schiebold and that's the way it stayed until the third period was 29 seconds old. At that point, the Patriots got a goal from Gordie Statham, assisted by Josh Garbutt, to tie the score. Milford took a 2-1 lead at the five-minute mark when Matt Kramer converted a feed from Joe Brown. "The top lines for each team traded goals," Jobbitt said. "And it was a clean, hard-hitting game. There were only four penalties called." **FRANKLIN 5, SALEM 2:** Livonia Franklin (6-6-2, 55-2) broke open a close game with a pair of third period goals Wednesday to beat Plymouth Salem (1-14, 1-10) in a WLAA encounter at Edgar Arena. "Salem is much improved and well coached team. Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "They are a good team and they are much better than their record indicates." Despite being two men short, Sam Dismuke scored unassisted at 5:03 of the third to give the Patriots a two goal cushion. Brandon McCullough followed with Franklin's final goal at 13:05 from Chad Van Hulle and Frank Geluso.

After a scoreless first period, Salem scored twice — Mark Nagel at 3:54 from Mike Thackberry and Joe Connolly, and Andy Peters (from James Pawlica (at 4:52). Franklin answered in the same period with a pair of power-play goals — Paul Statham from Andy Garbutt and Dismuke at 8:49; Josh Garbutt from Andy Garbutt and Statham at 12:26. John Nichol put the Patriots ahead for good with a goal at 14:28 of the second from VanHulle and Andy Garbutt. "We played very good hockey for the last 1 1/2 periods," Jobbitt said. "We finally got our power-play on track after going 0-for-2. "We played very good systems and came together as a team. Our third goal by Dismuke with two men short was a great effort caused by hard work." **NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 1:** In a WLAA game played Wednesday at the Novi Ice Arena, the Mustangs (8-6-1, 6-4) pulled the upset against Livonia Stevenson (10-5-1, 8-2-1). Northville tallied a goal in each period — Brandon Sztankowski from Bretty Cheaney and Mike Stewart (7:40 of the first); Jason Engelard (unassisted breakaway at 3:14 of the second); and Rob Ryan (empty netter) with three seconds left in the third. Bryan Dery cut the deficit to 2-1 on assists from Mike Peranio and Dave Bonello with 10:21 to go in the third period. "I could tell we were ready or focused prior to the game," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We came out flat and remained flat the rest of the game. "But give credit where credit is due. Northville out skated and out-hustled us. They deserved to win."

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Clarenceville, Warriors win to set up Metro showdown

The stage is set. First place in the Metro Conference boys basketball race and Observerland bragging rights are at stake this Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville (8-4, 4-0) travels to Lutheran High Westland (7-3, 3-0). Game time is 7 p.m.

On Friday, Clarenceville won its seventh in a row behind the late-game heroics of Rick Burack in a 53-52 win at Harper Woods.

Lutheran Westland, behind Charlie Hoeft's 25 points, also kept pace with a 57-48 triumph at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Burack, the 6-foot-4 senior forward, finished with 21 points and five assists. He also had the game-winning shot with nine seconds left and came up with a key block.

Clarenceville was down 52-47 with 1:19 to go, but cut it to two on a layup by Scott Wion (15 points and five rebounds) and a free throw by Burack.

Sophomore forward Corey Moore led Harper Woods with a game-high 24 points.

In Lutheran Westland's win, sophomore forward Brent Habitz contributed 11 points, including a couple of key baskets during the final quarter to spark a 21-12 run. Junior forward Nate Meekes added eight points and 11 rebounds.

Senior guard Vince Fulton had 18 points for Cranbrook. Senior guard Tony Sharpe added 14. Cranbrook led 30-21 at halftime.

"In the second half we turned our defense up and it made a difference," Warriors coach Dan Ramthun said. "And in the fourth quarter we also made some shots."

FRANKLIN 62, NORTHVILLE 59: Junior forward Joe Ruggiero continued his hot shooting Friday as host Livonia Franklin (4-7, 2-3) held off the Mustangs (5-5, 2-3) in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

Ruggiero scored 18 of his game-high 26 points in the opening half as Franklin led 35-29. He finished with five 3-pointers. Senior Derek Schema added 16 points, including 11 in the second half. He also had 12 rebounds. Junior Tim Bore contributed nine points.

"He let the game come to him," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "And Derek came up strong in the second half." Junior Aaron Redden and sophomore Tim Ferris scored 17 and 11, respectively, for Northville.

W.L. WESTERN 76, CHURCHILL 71: On Friday, Jeneva Dawood and Chris Howder combined for 18 of Walled Lake Western's 24 fourth-quarter points in a WLAA victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Dawood finished with 26 points, while Brandon Routhier and Howder contributed 18 and 16, respectively, for the Warriors (8-3, 4-1).

Senior forward John Bennett scored 29 for the Chargers (6-5, 3-2), including 19 in the second half. He connected on six triples.

Randall Boboige and Brad Bescoe added 11 and nine, respectively, for Churchill, which trailed 47-33 midway through the final quarter before making a 19-5 run to tie it at 52 all after three periods.

Western was 15 of 23 from the free throw line, while Churchill was 15 of 25.

W.L. CENTRAL 44, JOHN GLENN 42: Ryan Rabish tripped in a missed shot at the buzzer Friday night to give the visiting Vikings their victory and keep the Rockets winless in January.

Westland John Glenn sophomore forward Will Massey scored four of his six points in the fourth, including a big layup that gave the Rockets a 42-40 lead with 2:47 to play.

Massey pulled down a defensive rebound and John Glenn called timeout after getting the ball down court. The Rockets got the ball inside to Massey, who went up and made his tie-breaking shot.

Junior Steve Horn, who led Walled Lake Central with 23 points, responded with a game-tying hoop for the Vikings.

Horn was the only Walled Lake (3-7, 3-2) player to reach double figures. The next highest Viking scorer had six points.

Senior guard Eric Jones led Westland (2-8, 0-5) with 12 points while Brent Bogle, Michael Franks and Yaku Moton scored eight apiece. The Rockets are now winless in five league games.

ROMULUS 66, WAYNE 44: Two upsets in a row was not to be Friday as state-ranked Romulus (10-1, 6-1) rolled to the Mega Conference Red Division win over host Wayne Memorial (4-7, 2-5). (Wayne upset Belleville on Tuesday in overtime.)

Wayne trailed 33-22 at intermission and pulled within seven in the third quarter, but could not get any closer.

Chris Garwood, a 6-foot-9 senior center, led Romulus with 15 points, nine coming in the opening quarter as the Eagles jumped out to a 21-5 advantage. Senior forwards Bryon Cole and Kevin Thomas added 13 and 10, respectively.

Shane Nowak, a senior point-guard, led Wayne with 14 points, while Gary Johnson added seven.

REDFORD CC 69, U-D JESUIT 59: On Friday, junior guard Ryan Ceteskey scored 26 points to lead Redford Catholic Central (7-5, 5-1) past University of Detroit Jesuit (9-4, 3-3) in a Catholic League Central Division encounter.

Senior guard Rob Sparks scored 17 and junior guard Anthony Coratti contributed 15 for CC.

The Shamrocks got three straight trips from Coratti bridging the third and fourth quarters to keep the Cubs at bay.

Javon Caldwell Gross led UD Jesuit, which trailed 28-22 at halftime, with 16 points.

BETHESDA 54, HURON VALLEY 43: Nick Laska scored 11 points and Dennis Smith added 10 Friday night to help the visiting Eagles spoil the Hawks' homecoming.

Alan Kleinke led all scorers with 17 points for Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and Rene Arral added 14.

Sterling Heights Bethesda, 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, jumped out to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter and increased it to 28-13 at the half.

Huron Valley (2-8) got the lead down to less than 10 points in the second half but was unable to challenge for the lead. The Hawks are now 1-3 in league play.

"We worked hard, didn't quit," coach Tod Bartholomew said, "but we got in too deep of a hole again."

Table of basketball game schedules for various schools including Harrison, Franklin, John Glenn, Salem, N. Farm, Wayne, Garden City, Trenton, Woodhaven, Clarenceville, S. Field, St. Alphonsus, U-D Jesuit, Brother Rice, Huron Valley, W. Highland, and others.

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# The play's the thing in nearby London, Ontario

BY MARY AUGUSTA RODGERS  
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One door closes, another opens. The stages are dark now at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford and the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, but London, Ontario, and its Grand Theatre, are ready and waiting. For a get-away winter weekend built around a play, London deserves more attention than it gets.

"We went the first time ten years ago, out of curiosity," said Julie Candler of Bloomfield Hills. "And we've gone back every year since then. It's fun and the plays are always excellent. Steve Martin's 'Picasso at the Lapin Agile' was one of the best productions I've ever seen anywhere."  
London isn't Toronto, but that's part of its charm. It's an easy drive - two hours from the Canadian border - less expen-

sive and easier to cope with. If you stay at a downtown hotel, you can walk almost everywhere. There are good restaurants, shops and places to stay, all with a subtle but distinct Canadian flavor. The restored Grand is an elegant old theatre, built in the early 1900s, with murals, chandeliers, even (it's said) a resident ghost. Plays range from classic favorites to new works by Canadian playwrights.

This season's schedule includes "Patience," a contemporary play Feb. 18 to March 4; "Communicating Doors," a comedy, March 17 to April 1. And a bonus performance, "Mom's The Word," May 9-27.

Special deals for each production: actors will discuss the play, and theater in general, in a question-and-answer format after the third Saturday matinee. And, one hour before the first Saturday matinee, the box office will sell all remaining tickets at \$5 each.

London is a business and medical center as well as a university town, with the University of Western Ontario. The London Regional Art & Historical Museum, a striking building all glass and steel tubing, with an aluminum rhinoceros guarding the grounds, has interesting exhibits. An Imax Theatre is at 900 King St.

Also open to winter visitors: the 1834 Eldon House, at 481 Ridout Street North, and the London Museum of Archeology at 1600 Attawandaron Road, off Wonderland Road, south of Highway 22.

Downtown Victoria Park, once the drill ground for a British garrison during the Revolutionary



WILLIAM SCHON

**Imposing:** This metal rhino sculpture sits in front of the London Regional Art & Historical Museum, London, Ontario, Canada



**This season:** Here's the program cover for the current theater season at the Grand Theatre.

War, has a public ice-skating rink.

London's downtown is a mix of Victorian brick buildings and sleek glass towers.

The Delta London Armouries Hotel combines both styles: a

contemporary building with a steep glass roof, tucked inside the shell of an 1890 brick military armory.

You see a similar mix of people: for instance, a Queen Elizabeth lookalike in a tweed suit, having tea and a cozy chat with a purple-haired teenager wearing a nose ring.

Last year, the waiter at a favorite restaurant remembered us. "Welcome back," he said. Then he disappeared and returned with something wrapped in tissue paper. It was small, limp, worn. "Madam," he said. "Your glove. Left here last year."

Can you imagine that happening in an American restaurant? I can't.

Here's our schedule for a London theatre weekend. We leave Birmingham (five couples, three cars) about 8:30 on a Saturday morning, arriving in London in time to check in at our hotel and have lunch at the Gallery Cafe in the London Regional Art & Historical Museum. The cafe has

a good lunch menu (carrot-ginger soup, guiche, almond chicken salad) and the best view in town - you look out at the snowy woods of Harris Park, the Thames river, and a castle that is, in reality the Middlesex County building.

After lunch, we walk to the Grand Theatre on Richmond street, in time for a 2 p.m. play. Afterwards, we explore the shops along Richmond Row, checking out antiques, books, fancy chocolates, sweaters, tweed caps, vintage dresses.

Then we walk back, often through a soft, scenic snowfall, to our hotel to rest up before going out for dinner.

The next morning begins with a brisk walk along the Thames River. Then we treat ourselves to a lavish brunch at the Delta Armouries Hotel, Canada's is another country, after all.

Mary Augusta Rodgers is a Birmingham resident who has written for Family Circle, Woman's Day and Smithsonian magazines.

## Travel details for London, Ontario

**Ticket information:** the Grand Theatre box office: 519/672-8800.

**Restaurants:** The Blue Ginger at 644 Richmond St., has food with an Asian accent; 434-5777.

Bon Appetit, across from the Grand Theatre at 476 Richmond St., is a French-Italian bistro; 439-2560.

The Gallery Cafe is at 421 Ridout St.; 672-4580; Garlic's at 481 Richmond St. has many good, garlic-flavored dishes; 432-4092.

The Marienbad restaurant, with Czech and Hungarian specialties, is at 122 Carling St.; 679-9940.

The Village Cafe, at 715 Richmond St., features continental cuisine; 432-2191.

**Where to Stay:** both the Delta London Armouries Hotel, 325 Dundas St. (800 668-9999) and the Westin at 300 King St (519 439-1661) have indoor pools and fitness centers. The Idlewild Inn, a handsome Victorian house at 36 Grand Ave. (800 267-0525) has charming rooms, suites with fireplaces, and a free breakfast. **Good budget choices:** Quality Hotel by Journey's End, 374 Dundas St.; (800 228-5151). London Executive Suites, 362 Dundas St.; (800 265-5955).

**Sweets:** Hamstead's Tea Room serves tea, scones and desserts at Richmond St. North in Alva (just outside London); 660-8424.

**Lively bars:** Joe Cool's Sports Bar at 595 Richmond St. and Jim Bob Ray's at 585 Richmond St.; both have pool tables.

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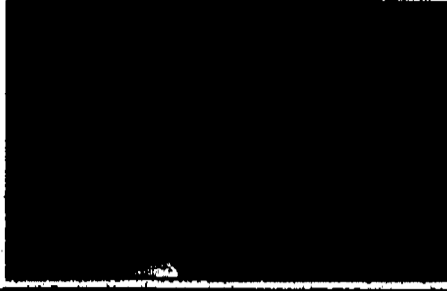
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### Resolve to entertain more this year

Now that New Year's has come and gone, how many resolutions have already been broken? Are you remaining steadfast in your commitment to diet, exercise and spend less money? While I cannot offer much advice in those areas, I can provide guidance for those of you who resolved to do more entertaining during the coming year.

#### Matching food and wine

Instead of buying wine at the grocery store, visit a wine merchant or local sommelier who can provide recommendations to accompany the meal. With these insights, you might even discover a new interest in a particular wine grape or region.

In good weather, take a trip to Detroit's Eastern Market and choose from the best produce available. Also, gourmet food shops are plentiful across metro Detroit, and helpful merchants are available to explain the finer points of their products to you.

#### Setting

Rather than an elaborately set dining table, a buffet dinner can be just as extraordinary. You will spend less time in the kitchen (plating each entrée), and guests are more likely to mingle if they do not eat their entire meal from the same seat. This way, guests can talk to everyone at the party and not just the people seated nearby.

For those of you who prefer a traditional seated meal, there are easy ways of garnishing each plate of food. Make certain your dinner plate is colorful. Mixed greens add variety and color to a salad. Place a sprig of your favorite herb on the plate. Drizzle the sauce and offer extra in a gravy boat. Food always looks more stunning on a large plate.

The sample entrée selections below were planned for buffet service, but can easily be adapted to a plated dinner; simply portion your salmon at 5-6 oz. each and reduce the cooking time, as smaller portions cook more quickly. Salmon can be served straight from the oven or at room temperature.

Two or three slices of tenderloin, if you start slicing from the small end, is an appropriate serving. Overlap the meat slightly when placing on the plate. You can serve your favorite sauce, but do not completely cover the meat; you can pass additional sauce if necessary.

There you have it: a few guidelines to help you prepare a delicious and wonderful meal, graciously served! Time for dessert, coffee, and mingling with your guests.

#### OVEN POACHED FILET OF SALMON

- 2 to 2-1/2 pounds skinless salmon filets (boned with belly fat removed)
- 1 cup vinaigrette (store bought)
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt and fresh ground medium black pepper
- 2 thinly sliced lemons
- yogurt-dill sauce (your favorite recipe)
- Lime or lemon wedges to garnish
- 1 bunch fresh dill

Place salmon (skin side down) in a flat oiled pan with sides 1-inch or so high. Whisk the marinade and pour evenly over the fish. Lightly season with salt and pepper.

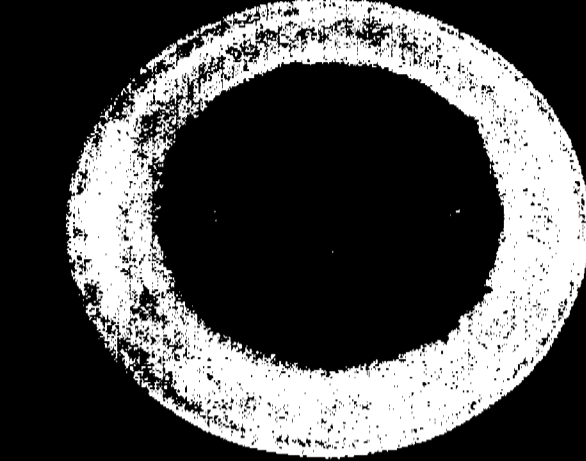
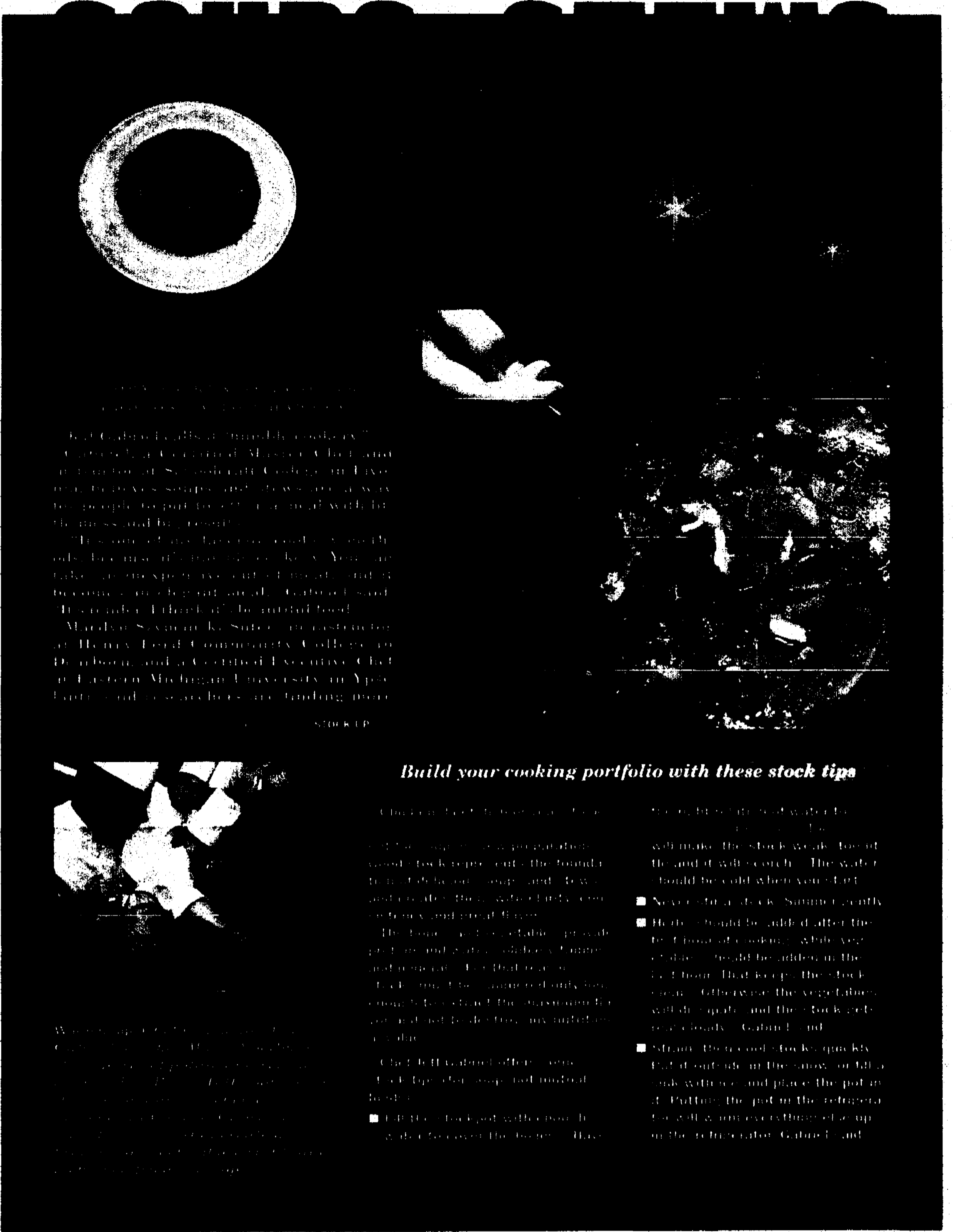
Cover the fish with lemon slices and sprigs of fresh dill. Take a second sheet pan, the same size as the first and invert it over the fish pan. Line it up

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### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
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### Build your cooking portfolio with these stock tips



When you're in a hurry, a good stock can make a big difference in the quality of your cooking. Here are some tips to help you make the most of your stock.

1. Use a good quality stock. A good stock is the foundation of many soups, stews, and sauces. It adds flavor and depth to your dishes.

2. Make your own stock. It's easy to make and you can control the quality of the ingredients. Use fresh vegetables, herbs, and bones to make a rich, flavorful stock.

3. Store your stock properly. Freeze it in small portions so you can use it as needed. It will keep for several months in the freezer.

4. Use stock in a variety of ways. It can be used in soups, stews, sauces, and dressings. It's a versatile ingredient that can enhance any dish.

5. Don't throw away your vegetable scraps. Save them up and use them to make a vegetable stock. It's a great way to reduce waste and add flavor to your cooking.

## Girl Scout cookies aren't just for snacking anymore

By KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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You've seen them stacked up on tables outside of supermarkets. Boxes and boxes of cookies. The green boxes of mint cookies, the orange-red boxes of peanut butter patties, the shortbread and the caramel delights. You continue to walk away, but you know you can't. You look away, but it's no use.

The world's greatest salespersons suddenly clinch another deal, asking shyly and quietly:

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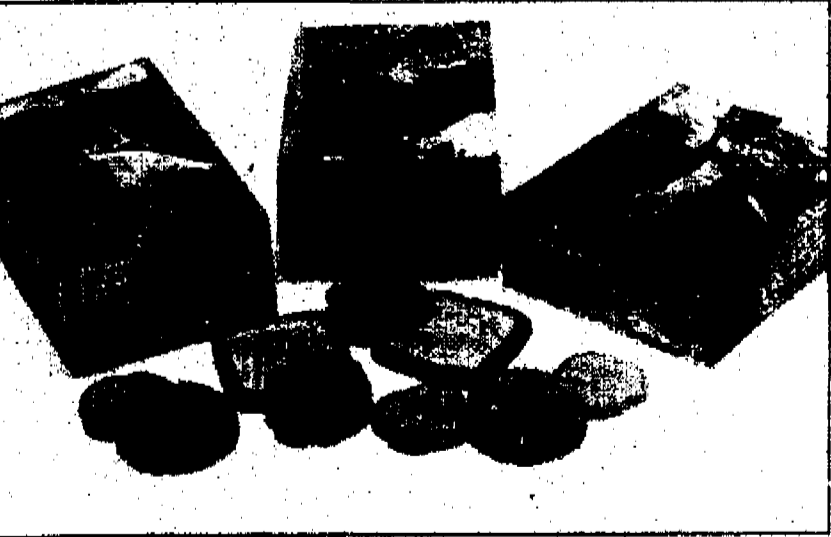
"Why, yes, I'll take 600 boxes, please."

While millions enjoy the cookies right out of the box each year with a glass of milk or a cup of coffee, they aren't just for eating solo anymore.

Girl Scout councils are also conducting baking contests to raise funds for the Girl Scouts, according to Susan Tamme, product sales and special events manager for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Contestants must use Girl Scout cookies as an ingredient.

"Some councils will get chefs to cook with them, making a dessert using the cookies," Tamme said. "That's fairly new. Most people just eat the cookies

- by themselves."
- Here is a sample of recipes, courtesy of the Girl Scouts.
- PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM PIE**
- 10 Girl Scout Peanut Butter Patties
  - 1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
  - 1 cup non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
  - 1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
  - Prepared chocolate pie crust
- Place cookies in a small, self-sealing plastic bag. With a rolling pin, crumble cookies into small pieces, set aside. Combine ice cream, whipped topping and peanut butter. Spoon half of ice cream mixture into pie crust. Sprinkle half of crushed cookies over ice cream. Top with remaining ice cream; smooth top of pie into an even layer. Top with remaining crushed cookies. Freeze until firm. Cut into 8 wedges.
- CHOCOLATE COCONUT CARAMEL DESSERT**
- 1 box Girl Scout Caramel delights
  - 3 tablespoons margarine, melted
  - 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 2 tablespoons milk



Bake away: Girl Scout Cookies taste delicious all by themselves, but you can bake them into desserts.

- 1/4 cup toasted coconut
  - 1 1/4 cups cold milk
  - 1 1/4 cups non dairy whipped topping, thawed
  - 1 package (4 servings) instant coconut cream pie filling
  - 3 tablespoons semisweet chocolate mini morsels
  - Nonstick cooking spray
- Place cookies in a food processor or blender, process until fine crumbs. Spray the bottom of a nine-inch square pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine cookie crumbs and margarine; press evenly in the bottom of pan. Using an

electric mixer, beat cream cheese, with sugar and two tablespoons milk until smooth. Blend 3/4 cup whipped topping. Spread evenly over cookie layer. Pour 1 1/4 cups milk into a bowl. Add pudding mix and beat 1-2 minutes or until smooth. Pour over cream cheese layer.

Chill several hours or overnight. Spread a thin layer of coconut on a baking sheet and bake in 325°F oven for 6-8 minutes, stirring frequently, cool. Just before serving, spread remaining 3/4 cup whipped topping evenly over top of dessert, sprinkle toasted coconut and mini morsels on top of dessert. Cut into 12 portions.

# For starters, here's some stock recipes

**Stock up** from page D1

See related story and photo on Taste front.

## BROWN STOCK

- 8 pounds of beef or veal bones, or beef shank
- Oil (as needed)
- 6 to 8 quarts of cold water
- 1 pound mirepoix (4 cups onions, 2 cups carrots and 2 cups celery)
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup tomato puree or paste
- 1 sachet d'epices (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, a few peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Brown the bones in a 400°F oven. Combine the bones with the water and bring slowly to a simmer.

Brown the mirepoix and tomato puree. Reserve.

Simmer the bones for 6 to 8 hours. Add the sachet and mirepoix and simmer an additional one to 2 hours. Strain, cool and store properly.

*Recipes courtesy of Jeff Gabriel, certified executive chef at Schoolcraft College.*



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## CHICKEN STOCK

- 8 pounds chicken pieces (legs, thighs, backs and necks)
- 6 quarts cold water
- 1 pound mirepoix (4 cups onions, 2 cups carrots and 2 cups celery)
- 1 sachet d'epices (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon of dried thyme, 2 bay leaves, a few peppercorns and 2 tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Combine the bones with the water.

Bring them slowly to a boil, then simmer. Skim the surface as necessary. Simmer the stock for 5 hours. Add mirepoix and sachet d'epices and simmer for an additional 1 to 2 hours. Strain, cool and store properly.

## VEGETABLE STOCK

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup onions
- 1 cup leeks, green and white parts, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup cabbage, chopped
- 1/2 cup carrots, chopped
- 1/2 cup turnip, chopped
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 quarts cold water

Standard sachet d'epices (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, a few peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 4 whole cloves

Heat the oil. Add the vegetables and sweat them for 3 to 5 minutes. Add water, sachet and herbs and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Strain. If desired, fresh or dried chilies may be added.

and more evidence that proves the age-old story — eating home-made soups and stews, particularly homemade chicken soup — is good for you.

**'Cheap, inexpensive meats make the best stew.'**

*Jeff Gabriel*  
—chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College

"Researchers believe there are some antibodies in the fat of chicken," Suter said.

Gabriel also likes soups and stews for the convenience of having a one-pot meal without preparing separate vegetables in separate pans.

"It's not sautéing or frying. It's a very healthy way to prepare protein. It's cold and they want a nice warm stew that satisfies them," he said.

Homemade soups and stews have lower sodium levels than canned, and the vegetables and meats are fresher.

"One of the most important things about soups and stews is, it's easy to do it when you have a good stock," Gabriel said.

## Simmering shanks

You can create a good stock by placing bones, beef or ham shank in cold water.

"You should never stir a stock because you want the clarity. You simmer it gently," Gabriel said. "The water should be cold when you start." For a chicken stock, the chicken pieces should be brought to a boil, then simmered and the surface skimmed of the foam.

Stocks must be simmered long enough to extract the maximum flavor and not boiled to destroy any nutritional value. "Stock times all vary, depending on the size and the thickness of the bones," Gabriel said. Fish stocks take about 45 minutes to one hour to prepare because fish

bones are narrow.

Chicken stocks take about five to six hours, while veal and beef stocks take 12 to 24 hours, again depending on the size and thickness of the bones, Gabriel said.

Mirepoix (onions, celery and carrots) should be added after the bones and water simmer.

"If you are making brown stock, you should brown the bones and put them in the oven." The vegetables also should be browned until you get caramelization, Gabriel said.

Brown stock is used for brown stews, while veloute, a white sauce made from chicken, veal or fish stock, should be used for white stews, such as chicken stew or chicken pot pie. Veloute is made from white stock and blonde roux, a thickened mixture of butter and flour.

The stock should be strained, then cooled quickly by placing the pot in a sink full of ice water, or outside in the snow. Once cooled, the stock can be frozen in a freezer bag or container for up to six months.

## It's in the stew

Creating a soup or stew can be easy if people prepare ahead of time. "One of the secrets of cooking and the way professionals do it, is 'mis en place' which means 'everything in place before you cook,'" Gabriel said.

Vegetables can be cut up the night before the meal. Parents can incorporate their children to assist with meals by cutting up vegetables. "Teach your kids 'mis en place.' That's a very important element of cooking is being ready ahead of time before you start preparing soup," Gabriel said.

Once your stock is finished, choices of soups or stews are endless. A good chicken stock will make an excellent cream of broccoli soup. Home chefs can use basic herbs and spices for various soups depending on individual tastes. Thyme, parsley, rosemary or peppercorns are popular choices to flavor soups.

"For a mussel soup, you will use different spices, such as dill and saffron, to enhance the soup," Gabriel said. "For a red lentil soup with smoked ham hock, you can use caraway seed to give it that German flavor."

Like stock, the soup should not be boiled but simmered.

For stews, Gabriel recommends using inexpensive meats, such as turkey thigh meats, smoked garlic sausage, beef or lamb shank meat or beef brisket.

"Cheap, inexpensive meats make the best stew," Gabriel said. Turkey thighs are better than turkey breasts, because the breasts are dry, Gabriel said.

Stews should be cooked at a "very low, gentle" simmer, Gabriel said. "There should be a light breaking of the surface, but never boiled. That's why Crock-Pots are nice."

Eric Ersher, co-owner of Zoup!, a restaurant on Northwestern Highway in Southfield that specializes in soups, believes what tastes good is personal preference. "So we're open to everyone's opinion," he said.

Weeks before the restaurant opened, a chef made 12 to 15 different soups each weekend for a sample group of eight to 12 people. That's how the restaurant developed a repertoire of 200 soups.

"What's good for you may be too hot for me, but it may be good for another person," Ersher said.

Ersher said the key to good soups is fresh ingredients, good stocks, and consistency from batch to batch. "We like to have a layer of flavors," Ersher said. "As you eat a mouthful, the flavors change and are multi-dimensional."

## Simmered to the bone

Suter likes to use a good Amish or kosher chicken for her homemade chicken soup. Suter places it in a pot of water and brings it to a boil to remove impurities, then removes the chicken pieces and places them in new water.

The foam from the chicken can contain impurities such as blood, Suter said.

"You have to start with a good chicken, so you don't have to add broth or bouillon," Suter said. "Bones are what makes a good stock," Suter said.

Suter uses carrots, celery, parsley and garlic in her chicken stock. For those on low-sodium diets, they should just add more fresh herbs, Suter said.

"I don't think there is anything better that you can eat than soup," Suter said.

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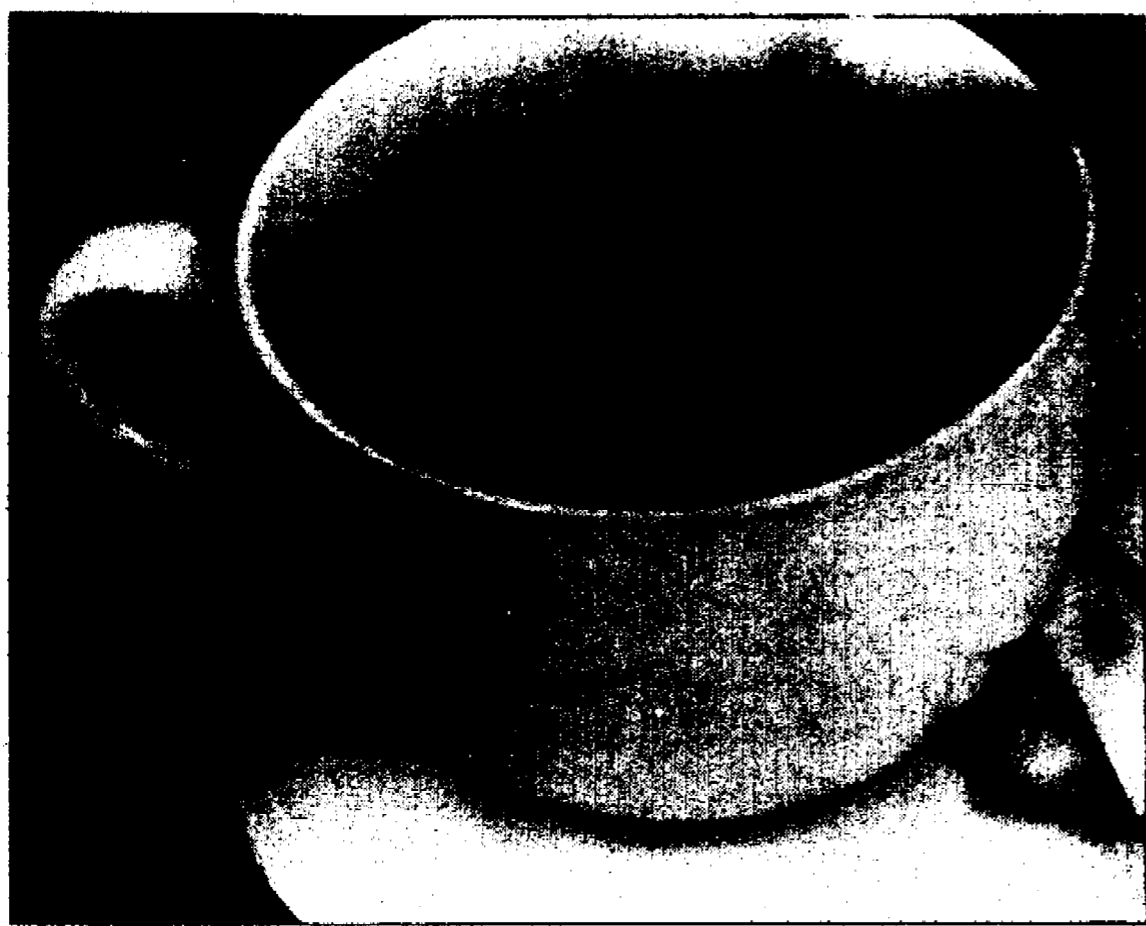
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**Quick soup:**  
Use canned tomatoes with onions, cilantro and basil for this speedy tomato soup.



## Spice up tomatoes for quick soup

Using canned tomatoes, in the depths of winter, you can make the best tomato soup, bursting with ripe tomato flavor. In fact, most of the year, using canned tomatoes for soup and sauces is often smarter, as well as less expensive and more convenient, than cooking with fresh tomatoes.

This may surprise you, given the emphasis today on fresh produce. Tomatoes, it seems, are decidedly exceptions to the fresh-is-best rule. Except when you can get locally grown, just-picked, vine-ripened fruit, a good brand of canned tomatoes is the preferable choice.

If you are still skeptical, think of the great Italian cooks, all of whom regularly use canned

tomatoes and bottled tomato sauce - which they have not put up themselves. The aroma, taste and color of their sugos, ragus and filletto di pomodoro suffer not a bit when they use good quality canned tomatoes.

In a small Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until it is translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes, with their liquid, the cilantro, basil, and sugar. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover, and cook 20 minutes.

In a blender or food processor, puree the soup. Blend in the tomato juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reheat, and serve, with the croutons, if using. Each of the six servings contains 64 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Information compliments of the American Institute for Cancer Research. Visit them online at <http://www.aicr.org>

### SPEEDY TOMATO SOUP

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup tomato juice
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Garlic croutons, if desired, for garnish

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evenly so no steam escapes.

Place in a 350°F to 375°F preheated oven for about 15 minutes or until the fish flakes easily. Do not overcook. Remove from the oven, take off lemon slices and dill. Allow to cool a little, and remove to a serving platter carefully using two wide spatulas end to end. Refrigerate until serving time. Garnish with citrus wedges and dill. Serve sauce separately. Serves 12

### ROAST BEEF TENDERLOIN AU POIVRE

#### Marinade ingredients:

- Combine 1/2 cup saffron or olive oil
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup coarse freshly cracked peppercorns
- 3 cloves minced garlic (more if you love garlic)
- 1/4 cup brandy

- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- Few sprigs of rosemary and thyme

Whisk up the marinade and rub it on the filet. Marinate, covered and refrigerated, from a few hours to overnight.

#### The Meat:

Purchase a large beef tenderloin at least 6 to 8 pounds before trimming. Have the butcher remove all of the silver sinew, the chain and the heavy pieces of fat (do not remove all of the fat, it helps to baste the meat during roasting). Tie the heavy, large end a few times with twine and either cut off the narrow end or split it half way from the bottom and bring it back over the meat and tie it in place.

#### To Roast:

Preheat the oven to 500°F

Place room temperature meat on oiled sheet pan.

Season lightly with kosher salt. Place in the center of the oven. Lower temperature to 350°F. Cook meat to 120°F for rare. Meat will continue to cook when removed from the oven. Start checking the temperature with an instant read thermometer after 20 minutes. Let the meat rest 10 minutes before slicing. You may accompany your filet with your favorite sauce of a ragout of mushrooms.

*Chef Carol Haskins is the pastry and consulting chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham. Chef Carol holds the distinction of being the first certified female executive chef in the State of Michigan.*

## COOKING CLASS CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net).

and Chef Brian Polcyn. Five Lakes Grill of Milford, 12:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 20. Kitchen Glamor also conducts sessions with cooking instructors at the Novi and Redford stores.

This week, Linda Kay Drysdale will teach Southern Favorites at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River, between Beech Daly and Inkster.

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### TUE, MARCH 7

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"A Heart-to-Heart Conversation

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### MON, FEB. 14

#### YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT

The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

### TUE, FEB. 15

#### MESSAGE II (THERAPEUTIC)

Beyond relaxation, learn specific methods of affecting the body. Techniques include reflexology, accupressure/shiatsu massage, and neuromuscular techniques. Class runs Tuesday, Feb. 15-March 7, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

### WED, FEB. 16

#### BREATHERS' CLUB

A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3481 to register.

#### DEPRESSION OR BLUES?

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