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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hockey game: There will be a Red Wing alumni game 3:30-6 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena. Admission is \$5. Please bring one item of used/usable hockey equipment to contribute to the NHL/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force.

TUESDAY

Breakfast club: Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites you to visit its 7 a.m. breakfast at the Water Club Grill on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

WEDNESDAY

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

Author: Children's author Janie Panagopoulos will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 7-9 p.m. for a book signing.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club: Paul Hillemonds, president of the Detroit Renaissance, Plymouth Township resident and former lawmaker from Holland, Mich., will talk about "Reviving Detroit and Wayne County" at a luncheon at the Water Club Grill on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275.

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Is dispatch plan a first call for police merger?



Calling 911: At left, Garey Ware handles the dispatching duties for the City of Plymouth Police Department. At right, Barbara Scott works the dispatch board at the Charter Township of Plymouth.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN



The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are considering a central dispatch center, which would reduce costs, but eliminate a city police station after business hours.

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A consolidated central dispatch for Plymouth and Plymouth Township police could save each community \$80,000 a year in costs.

However, just as important as the money and whether to consolidate is where the dispatch center would be located.

The two police chiefs agree that consolidation makes sense, and much more than because it's a cost savings. However, agreeing as to where that centralization should take place could be the stumbling block for city commissioners and township trustees.

"From my perspective I'm very much in favor of the dispatch remaining in the city because we are cen-

trally located," said Robert Scoggins, Plymouth police chief. "The township appears to become the logical choice because of their recent renovations, but I don't know if I agree with that. If there are any combination of services in the future, this is the logical location."

"I don't have a problem with the dispatch being in Plymouth, but being practical we already have the lockups and the radio towers," said Larry Carey, Plymouth Township police chief. "Downtown, we'd have to install communications equipment and renovate. Our job isn't to spend taxpayer money if it's not necessary."

No city police station

The issue may come down to the perception there would be no police station in the city of Plymouth. If the

combined dispatch were to be at the township offices, City Hall would shut down at the end of the business day. Currently, residents can enter the building at all hours to talk with police personnel.

"It might not be correct, but the perception would be there," said Scoggins. "It's a level of service the city residents have become accustomed to over a long period of time. There's an assumption that when you see the police sign there's somebody behind the desk, and they expect to see a police officer or employee."

Discussion by the Plymouth Community Joint Services Committee has indicated a system could be set up whereby city residents who go to City Hall after hours looking for a police officer would be able to pick up a phone and be connected to dispatch, who would then send an officer.

Carey believes having a phone at City Hall linked to dispatch would be as good a service as city residents have now.

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Officials retreat to breaking state law

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Plymouth city commissioners are awaiting a decision by the city attorney concerning whether it will be legal for them to go away on a retreat to settle their differences.

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock said he should know Monday if it will be legal, according to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, for all seven to attend a private getaway to air their grievances.

Pending the decision, the group voted 7-0 to spend up to \$3,600 to pay a conflict resolution consultant to help them stop the bitter infighting on the council.

Two commissioners, Dennis Shrewsbury and Dave McDonald, said they would go on the retreat even if they were in violation of the act.

"I would like a professional legal opinion, but the bottom line is I don't care what they say. What are they going to do to us ... fire me?" said McDonald.

"So we have a retreat, and we don't tell them where we're going or when we're coming back, and they (the media) sue us," said Shrewsbury. "We say we give up, we agree, we violated the Open Meetings Act. Here's 50 bucks for your legal expenses, get out of here."

The other five commissioners were more agreeable in waiting to hear the legal opinion before deciding their next

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What are they going to do to us ... fire me?

Dave McDonald
—commissioner

Interest rates help reduce bond, tax

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

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

The net result will be that taxpayers could see a reduction in the school's debt retirement mil-

lage. However, that doesn't necessarily mean you will owe less money, because taxes depend on the value of your house and home values have been rising.

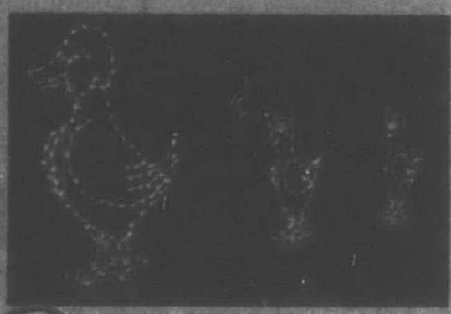
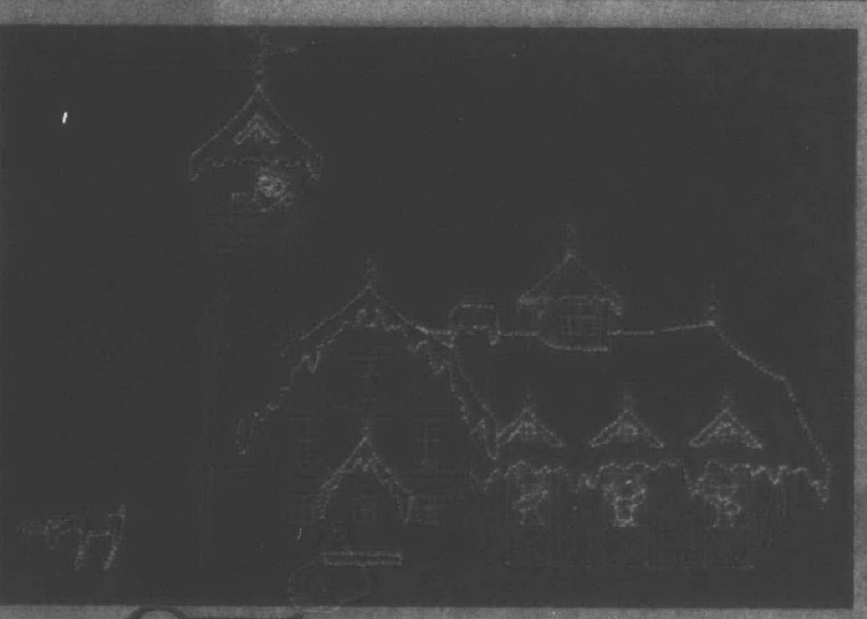
The school board Tuesday night directed the administration to refinance \$38.2 million of previously sold bonds at a lower rate.

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

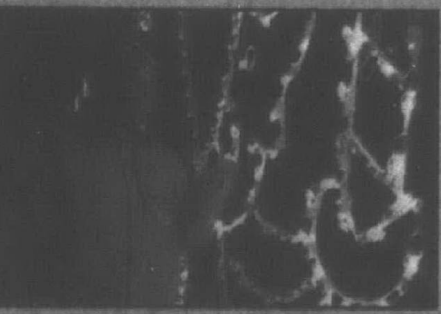
"The interest rate on the refunding bonds will be approximately 4.83 percent," said John Birchler, the school district's executive director of business and administration. Birchler is quick to point out that interest rates could change before the process is completed in about a month. "On a present value

Please see RATES, A4

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



Festival of Lights Brightens the winter night



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

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

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

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

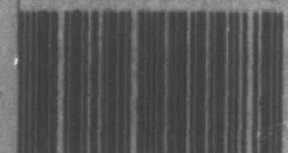
The LightFest will run nightly 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1, but will be closed Dec. 25.

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

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

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

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Rite Aid gets final go-ahead to replace Daly's

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Plymouth planning commissioners Wednesday night gave final site plan approval to build a Rite Aid drugstore on the northwest corner of Ann Arbor Road and Main, replacing Daly Drive-In.

"The final approval allows us to finally consummate the deal with the owners of Daly," said Leo Gonzalez of Simcom Co., a real estate developer. "We could possibly have a shovel in the ground within 60 days, however more realistically we'll probably start construction in March or April."

Daly Drive-In owner Rita Grace said the restaurant will be open "at least a couple more weeks."

Gonzalez said it's likely the restaurant will remain vacant for a period of time until it's finally torn down, just before construction.

"I suspect once we get going, it

will take us about six months to complete the project," he said. "That's mainly because of the wall, clock and other items we're putting in especially for this store."

The building will be red brick masonry, with limestone accent and oval-top windows. There will be a red-brick wall along both Ann Arbor Road and Main. The planning commission also negotiated a Welcome to Plymouth sign with a clock on top for the corner.

Construction is expected to cost nearly \$1 million. The store is not expected to be open 24 hours, but will have a drive-through pharmacy.

Grace has owned Daly for nearly 20 years, taking over from her father-in-law, Bud Grace, who owned the restaurant the previous 15 years.

Grace is selling memorabilia inside the restaurant for those who want a piece of Plymouth nostalgia.

Roll out from page A1

The Observer's general counsel, Wise and Marzac in Detroit, believes the city commission would be violating the Open Meetings Act by going away on a retreat.

"It appears to me they are going away to discuss how to better conduct city business," said Mark Butler, one of the firm's attorneys. "It wouldn't be appropriate to do that in a closed session."

The commissioners want to pay the consultant, Mary Ann Hastings, \$1,200 a day for up to three days, out of their education budget. That is her fee, and doesn't include any other expenses if the retreat were to be held out of town.

Some commissioners suggested they each should personally pay for the costs of a retreat, but then all voted in favor of spending the money out of their budget.

At the outset of Thursday's session, commissioners voted to pay Hastings her fee of

\$2,000 for the 10-15 minute session in which they discussed the effectiveness of the commission, the efficiency of their group, and rating themselves on how well they work together. And for the most part, commissioners spoke their piece and listened attentively, with the help of Hastings.

"The feedback I get from the public is that we're doing a good job," McDonald told his colleagues. "There are some people at this table I don't feel comfortable working with."

"We're lacking common goals, which makes us dysfunctional," added Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch.

"It's healthy to have different points of view, but we're not listening to each other," said Commissioner Stella Greene.

"There's a lack of trust," added Shrewsbury. "Everyone has their own personal agendas with a lack of regard for the city and its citizens."

"There are factions that staff," said Commissioner Robert Pobar, who set up the meeting for commissioners to air their views. "And the factions are violently opposed to each other."

"None of us trust each other," said Mayor Pro Tem DiMack.

"Once we get entrenched in an opinion or viewpoint, we don't ever change it," said Commissioner Ron Louella.

While Pobar and Greene wanted to attend a team-building retreat, the other five commissioners had their reservations. However, they all finally decided to take part.

The main stumbling block for most is having to hold the session in public, where they might not be able to speak as freely as in private.

"I don't want to air our problems in public," said Koch.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

KIDS HELPING KIDS



Students in Karen Habermas' fourth-grade class at Bentley Elementary School are helping the needy after learning about how UNICEF helps children in need by getting supplies, clothing, building homes and schools, and supplying food and clean water. Joining the "Kids Helping Kids" program, they made posters, wrote announcements for morning broadcasts, collected spare change in the cafeteria, counted money and collected in their neighborhoods while they went trick or treating. In all, the class collected a total of \$363.13 to donate to UNICEF.

AUTHOR TO VISIT ERIKSSON

Children's author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos will conduct two assemblies at Eriksson Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Her historical research work has allowed her to canoe over 2,700 miles on the Great Lakes and Canadian waterways. She studied and lived with traditional Native American Indians, followed the Erie Canal from Albany to Buffalo and researched lumber and mining camps throughout the Midwest. Panagopoulos lived the life of an explorer/researcher to learn more about the history of the Great Lakes and America. The assemblies will promote student interest in writing and allow the students to meet an author.

Sorority joins school to help needy

The spirit of giving had begun through a joint project between students at West Middle School and a local educational sorority.

Members of the Delta Kappa Gamma women's educational sorority, consisting of 60 members, together with 28 students

in the eighth-grade Skills for Living class at West are making small projects to donate to needy children. The students are making mittens and hats from colorful fleece donated by Delta Kappa Gamma.

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BRIGID SCANLON

Brigid Scanlon, 12, of Plymouth is the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Carrier of the Year for the City of Plymouth. She was honored at an Awards Banquet given by the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers on Oct. 21 at Eastside Mario's in Southfield. She received a plaque and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond honoring her achievements. Criteria for becoming Carrier of the Year include: prompt delivery; prompt settlement of accounts; good customer service; and previously Carrier of the Month.

Brigid is a seventh-grader at West Middle School with a 3.4 grade point average. She has been an Observer carrier since August 1995. She enjoys soccer, basketball, Irish dancing, papers and softball. Her favorite subjects are social studies and math.

Customers, money and prizes are what Brigid enjoys most



Brigid Scanlon

about her route. Money skills, people skills, and addition and subtraction are some of the skills that Brigid has developed.

Brigid is the daughter of Mike and Patricia Scanlon of Plymouth. She has three brothers, John, 11, Joe, 9, and Bill, 7.

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by Josephine Finazza, D.M.D.
HIGH-TECH WIRE

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THE KNEE CAP AND ITS DISORDERS

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

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

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

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

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Hey, what's so old about a rotary telephone?



Old stuff: Above, Katie Dunigan, 13, of Plymouth and Brittany Charnock, 12, of Livonia check out an RCA Victor "Talking Machine" circa 1905 at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. Katie Rudolph, 11, of Romulus, looks on at left. Above right, Becky Burean, 10, of Plymouth, looks at some stereo photographers during a demonstration of older technology. At right, Barb Crum, a middle school teacher (from left), Ruth Hoeprich, the school secretary and Tom Berry, a grandparent from Plymouth talk about growing up without all of the modern electric conveniences. The event was the first of three on the horizon at New Morning School. In addition to Old Technology Day, the students will participate in Take Apart Day, and will culminate their activities with a visit to the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Three important events are on the horizon at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. Students participated in Old Technology Day, Take Apart Day, and will culminate their activities with a visit to the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Students at the school are exploring a year-long theme of communications and technology.

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

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

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

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

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



see how they work. Students will get to see hard drive and computer memory cards.

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

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

Gas leak causes student evacuation at West Middle

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

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

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

Fougner said students weren't in danger because the gas smell was noticed early.

"The students were evacuated, the gas shut off and the doors opened," said Fougner. "The fire department, police depart-

ment and Consumers Power showed up and the situation was handled smoothly."

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

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

Crash!

Police nab driver of July chase

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A former Plymouth man who has been wanted by Plymouth police since July will finally be charged with fleeing and eluding.

Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck said the 57-year-old man was stopped by an officer on Ann Arbor Trail July 2. When the officer

approached the car, the man sped off and eventually crashed his car before fleeing the scene.

Police identified the suspect from a wallet found in the car, but he managed to remain in hiding.

On Wednesday, the suspect reportedly was fleeing Monroe County sheriff's deputies in his car when he crashed and was captured.

Hundersmarck said besides Plymouth, the suspect was wanted on warrants in Walled Lake, Novi, Maryland and New Jersey.

"He admitted to being the person we were looking for," said Hundersmarck. "He told us he was drinking and had other arrest warrants, so he decided to flee from our officer."

Rep. Rivers seeks student page

Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers is looking to appoint a student from the Michigan 13th Congressional District, which includes Plymouth and Canton, 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, maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien.

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. A copy of the student's transcripts,

three letters of recommendation and a parental consent form must accompany each application. All qualified applicants will be placed into a pool from which the winner will be drawn.

The application and the materials should be mailed to: U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, 106 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. For applications or for more information, call the district office in Ann Arbor at (734) 741-4210 or in Wayne at (734) 722-1411.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

'Walk of Trees'

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is taking reservations for its annual Kellogg Park Christmas "Walk of Trees."

Cost is \$50 per tree, which includes 200 white lights and a sign with the sponsor's name. Families, companies, clubs and organizations can decorate the trees with their own theme.

Decorating days will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-6. The dedication of the "Walk of Trees" is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. There will be a candlelight sing-along and hot chocolate available. Call the chamber office at 453-1540 for more information.

United Way

The Plymouth Community United Way reports that giving is down this year for the annual fund-raising drive, although the need is not. The goal is to reach \$950,000. After two months of campaigning, the group has only attained only 20 percent of its goal.

Last year, the Plymouth Community United Way agencies provided 50,000 client service con-

tracts. To donate, call 453-6879 for more information.

Scholarship

The Career Development Scholarship is a financial award sponsored by the Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) to recognize and support women seeking education necessary to enter, return or advance in the work force.

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria: 1) Demonstrated financial need. Preference given to women who are supporter of household. 2) Residents with Plymouth address. 3) Formal acceptance into college or vocational/technical program (preferred). 4) Minimum GPA of 2.8.

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ments, gift shopping and — after Nov. 25 — to take a picture with Santa Claus. A \$6 minimum donation per car helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commercial vehicles and buses which are encouraged to pre-register. You can pick up Treatseats discount coupons for Wayne County LightFest at area Hudson's and Target Stores.

"The efforts of our staff and the outstanding leadership of Wayne County allowed us to make this the biggest holiday

light show in the country," said Hurlley 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 possible through donations from festival visitors and event sponsors including AAA Michigan, Ameritech, Arbor Drugs, Blue Care Network of 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 at Hines Drive and Merriam.

For information on the Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus or limousine tours, call (734) 281-1990.

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 thru Thursdays.

Dispatch from page A1

"How far away is 2 square miles? It doesn't make much difference," said Carey. "Right now if an officer isn't in the Plymouth police station when someone comes in at night, the dispatcher calls a car, which also takes a few minutes to arrive."

Service advantages

While the two police chiefs remain friendly on their differences, both are adamant about the service advantages and cost savings to residents and the communities.

"I believe that service will ultimately be improved with combining of the dispatch," said Scoggins. "We won't be using officers to relieve the dispatch desk, you're multiplying the number of dispatchers on duty, you have more people working together as a team. And we already have a community fire department, so it seems like a logical way to go."

"And, one phone call will get you to one location," added Scoggins. "We probably average nearly 40 calls a day in transferring errand calls to Plymouth Township."

"The city would save by being able to use our lockup and our booking information," said Carey. "We need more dispatchers, and combining departments would help fulfill that need, and

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put two dispatchers on duty 90 percent of the time. It's good for both departments at no increase in cost."

Scoggins said he's looking to move forward on the matter because a decision has to be made soon on what kind of new radio equipment the police department will purchase.

"There's almost been a paralysis of decision making," said Scoggins. "We either need to buy a new radio system and renovate our offices, or consolidate and move our dispatch. We've been talking about consolidation of services since I was appointed chief in 1991."

Cost reduction

If Plymouth buys its own radio system or uses the Michigan State Police radio system, current estimates show it will cost from \$201,000 to \$214,000. If the city shares Plymouth Township's radio system, the cost drops to \$146,200.

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"I would oppose putting together the two departments until the level of service were the same," said Scoggins. "Otherwise we will be reducing service in the city."

"Even though you might guarantee a number of officers in the city, it never turns out that way," added Scoggins. "They will be drawn out into the township to cover the lack of personnel they have."

"I think city residents are knowledgeable enough to know that a reduction in the level of service. Township taxpayers have already decided the issue by voting down a millage for more police officers."

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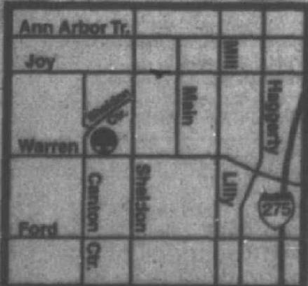
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DEBORAH RENEE WALKER

Services for Deborah Renee Walker, 35, of Sumpter were Nov. 14 at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. John Patton officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1963, in Detroit. She died on Nov. 10 in Sumpter Township. She was a secretary at Ford Motor Co.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Pamela Williams.

Survivors include her parents, Harry and Donna Williams of Canton; one son, Robert Walker of Gaylord; two brothers, Larry and John Williams; grandparent, Rhonda Pogue; and one sister, Lori Brushaber.

JOHN J. BRES

Services for John J. Bres, 88, of Detroit, formerly of Canton, were Oct. 29 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jude Averley officiating.

Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1909. He died on Oct. 25 at Oakwood Hospital. He worked in maintenance for the wheel drum industry.

Survivors include his two sons, John (Patricia) Bres, Ray (Judith) Bres; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Residents question county plan to cap sled hill

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

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 space heaters and two parking

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 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 Holiday 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 insoluble" — 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 had exposed 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 application.

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 guidance counselors.

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

Sen. Spencer Abraham will be the keynote speaker as leading experts on immigration discuss the challenges of the multinational work environment at Butzel Long's forum on "The Realities of a Global Work Force," Wednesday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Abraham will discuss business immigration issues and likely legislative developments regarding immigration. He chairs the Senate's Immigration Committee. He was elected to the Senate in 1994 and also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 1990.

The day-long forum will

address recent developments in Immigration Law and will also feature David Houston, Detroit Area Port Director, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"Recent events in the business world, most notably the merger between Chrysler and Daimler-Benz, underscore the global cross-fertilization driving international commerce," said James C. Bruno of Butzel Long's Immigration and Foreign Employment Practice. "This forum is designed to provide companies with practical information on complying with the laws and regulations surrounding the

employment of foreign nationals."

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 sued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peters moves up

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan Gardening School will host local open house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Craig asked.

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

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

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

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

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



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

potential gas, NTH officials said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TWIST ON TRADITION



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Thanksgiving can be an adventure

Even though I am a firm believer in tradition - Super Bowl Sunday, 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 button 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 onion, rough cut
- 1 stalk celery, rough cut
- 1 tablespoon of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 bay leaves
- 6 cracked black peppercorns
- Salt and pepper to taste

For stuffing:

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

For Turkey:

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Thanksgiving treasures



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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

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

For a year, Cholagh's West Bloomfield kitchen was like an experiment lab where she worked on recipes, 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 trying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Both cookbooks are available by calling (248) 975-8500. "Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook," is \$24.99 plus \$4.99 shipping and handling.

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

See recipes inside.

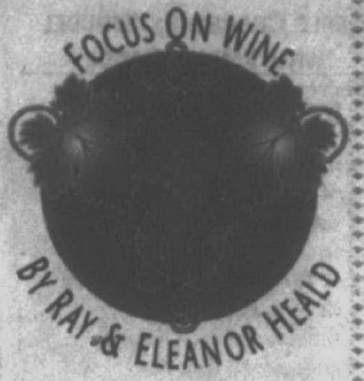
Cooking Hints

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

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

before baking.

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



Celebrate the 1998 harvest with Beaujolais

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

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

Beaujolais is not only the most southerly Burgundy wine region, it is "art de vivre" as the French would say.

Although made from only one grape variety, gamay, it is a wine of many faces. It is first bottled as the playful Beaujolais Nouveau, the new wine from the recent harvest. Then, the following March, it is released as Beaujolais-Villages or one of the 10 cru Beaujolais that has matured in vats or barrels.

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

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

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RAY HEALD

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.

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For Sauces:
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 4-6
2 Granny Smith Apples peeled, diced and seeded
1 cup fresh cranberries
1/4 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon brown sugar
3 sheets of phyllo dough

Olive Oil spray
Cook apples with spices and half of the brown sugar, over low heat, just until tender, in a small covered sauce pan and set aside.
Cook the cranberries in a covered sauce pan with the orange juice and the other half of the brown sugar, over medium heat, until all the cranberries have split.
Let both apples and cranberries cool then mix together. Lay out one sheet of phyllo and spray with 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 seam 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 onion, julienne
1 small bulb fennel, julienne
1 small parsnip, julienne
1 small carrot, julienne
1 leek, top removed, julienne
1 teaspoon minced garlic

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix together sweet potato and Idaho potato in medium size bowl. Scrape bowl, then add egg whites, flour, spices and seasoning. Mix thoroughly, but careful not to over mix. The dough should not be sticky. Let the dough rest for 1 hour in the cooler. Bring to a boil about 1 quart of water with salt. Put some all purpose flour onto a flat surface for rolling the dough. Roll the dough into a thin long log shape, then cut the dough with a knife about every 3/4". Press the dumpling lightly with a fork. Put the 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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Crisp

BY DANA JACOBI SPECIAL WRITER
I love dessert, but weight down and keep a minimum, I avoid when dining out. For the need for a cozy crisp or cobble. You can throw fruit-based dessert quickly as you can tious." Topped with grainy crust, the made with a mod fat, which is another son to try making next treat.
For crisps, a dessert filled with fruit is crunchy, brown top combination of brown sugar, oil, shortening. Crisp British than crumb-like topping flour, crushed corn flakes and with shortening. third and most Ar homey dessert try a light, biscuit-like

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 YOGURT
Serves 4-6
3 chicken breasts (2-3

pounds)
1 cup yogurt
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt
Mix yogurt, lemon juice, curry powder, olive oil, and salt in a small bowl. Blend well.
Wash chicken breasts with cold

water and dry with kitchen towel. Cut into cubes and place in a large mixing bowl. Pour yogurt mixture over chicken and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 4-8 hours or overnight.
Prepare the grill.
Place chicken cubes on skewers and grill over hot coals for 15-20 minutes or until tender and golden. Use pita bread to remove the kabob from skewers.

1 large white onion
2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves or 1 tablespoon dried mint leaves
Saled 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 peppers into small pieces. Peel onions and slice. Chop fresh mint leaves. Place all vegetables in a large

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

RICE WITH LENTILS
Serves 4-6
2 cups long grain rice
1/2 cup brown lentils
2 large onions
1 teaspoon cumin
1/4 cup vegetable oil
4-5 cups hot water
Salt
Wash rice well and soak in cold water for 15-20 minutes.
Cut onion in half, peel, and slice. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan, add sliced onion and fry until golden brown.

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.

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

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new wine.
Fruity Beaujolais Nouveau is easy to drink and not meant to be taken too seriously. On this account, it 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

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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 quartered
- 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 cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- Pinch salt
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in small pieces
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lightly beaten egg white
- 1 1/2 teaspoons light corn syrup

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

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

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

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

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. *Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"*



Cozy crisp: Maple Apple and Pear Crisp is a delicious dessert best served warm.

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Don't forget fish for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner

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

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

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

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

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

ters are also available.

LOBSTER AND PUMPKIN BISQUE

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

Bring water to boil in 4-quart stock pot. Add salt and return to boil. Place whole live lobster in pot, cover and blanch for 3 minutes. Remove lobster from pot and plunge immediately into ice water

until cool enough to handle. Set aside stock pot with liquid. Pick lobster meat from shells. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

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

1 cup pumpkin, fresh, blanched, diced
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-

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

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

OYSTER CHOWDER

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

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

Nutritional facts per serving: 473 cal., 66.8 g pro., 76.7 g fat, 219.8 g carbo., 316 mg chol.
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LEGAL SENSE

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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 rights under the law, as well as some of the duties and obligations legally incumbent upon you and those with whom you deal. My law practice is limited to personal injury cases. If you have been injured, call me at (734) 421-5210 for a free consultation.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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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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There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Fibromyalgia

Control, not cure, is the key to coping now

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who's suffering

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

"Some patients say they feel like they never



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Knowledgeable patients

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

The three-session series empowers patients to take an active role in their treatment and in dealing with physicians who may not be that well versed in caring for fibromyalgia patients.

The first workshop provides attendees with an overview of fibromyalgia. The second deals with the role nutrition can play, and the last session offers alternative approaches to treatments.

The workshops have been well attended, and Tamler said he's eager to continue providing people with factual information rather than 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.

Beta blocker drugs reduce repeat heart attacks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The report also showed regional variations from 64 to 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

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

The study looked at non-HMO Blues members with prescription drug coverage who were discharged from Michigan hospitals with a 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' prescriptions.

In addition to research on acute

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

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

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan provides or administers health care benefits to 4.5 million members through a variety of products, including Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield, Community Blue PPO, Blue Preferred Plus PPO, Blue Choice Point of Service, Blue Care Network HMO and BlueMedSave Medical Savings Accounts.

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Nutritional facts per serving: 841 cal., 15 g pro., 70 g fat, 9 g carbo., 288 mg chol., 2,023 g sodium.

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

OYSTER CHOWDER

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4 tablespoons chopped onions
3 tablespoons butter
4 cups boiled cubed potatoes
4 cups scalded milk
1 cup corn
2 tablespoons flour
Salt and pepper to taste

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

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MON, NOV. 16

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

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

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

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

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

NOV. 16, 18, 23

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

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

TUE, NOV. 17

HEALTHY EATING
Presbyterian Village Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, will host a discussion on Healthy Holiday Eating at their monthly coffee hour 10-11 a.m. An expert will offer suggestions on enjoying traditional holiday dishes while watching calories, cholesterol and sodium. Call (734) 762-8888.

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

WED, NOV. 18

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

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

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

NOV. 21 & 24

CHILD BIRTH REFRESHER
A two-session class for couples who have already had a birth experience. The course provides a review of the stages of birth process along with exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330 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.

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

MON, NOV. 23

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

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TUES, NOV. 24

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

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

FRI, NOV. 27

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

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

MON, NOV. 30

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WED, DEC. 2

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DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. December's activity will be taste sampling of holiday recipes and you must RSVP, (734) 458-4330. Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road,

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

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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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CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Call (734) 655-1100.

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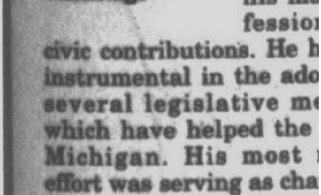
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Police using Internet to nab pedophiles



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

Here's the latest:

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

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

online.

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

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

Other interesting stats: 50 percent of the population between 18-34 (or 40 million) are Internet users; 17 percent of those over 50 (13 million); and 43 percent of the net users are women (34 million).

■ Net stocks to surge over holiday excitement? - I'm no investment expert or 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, or online shopping.

The latest study comes from Dell Computer (which, by the way, sells \$6 million a day on its Web site). Dell had a study 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, "this is a statement of fact about the preparation industry."

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

net.

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

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

That's it for this week.

Have you checked my Web site lately? I've added Monday-Friday reports in Real Audio.

See you next week.

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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: hmortson@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 trust.

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.

WED, NOV. 25
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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: hmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

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

New business
New to the area, Omnipoint

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

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

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Professionals 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: hmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

of the legislature drafting committee that wrote the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act. Cambridge specializes in the areas of business, finance and real estate. He lives in Livonia with his wife Mary and their three children.

CPCU designation
Deborah A. 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 liability claims. She recently attended the ceremony in California.

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

Cambridge recognized
James Cambridge, a member of the Detroit law firm of Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC was recognized at the recent annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan for his many professional and civic contributions. He has been instrumental in the adoption of several legislative measures which have helped the state of Michigan. His most notable effort was serving as chairperson



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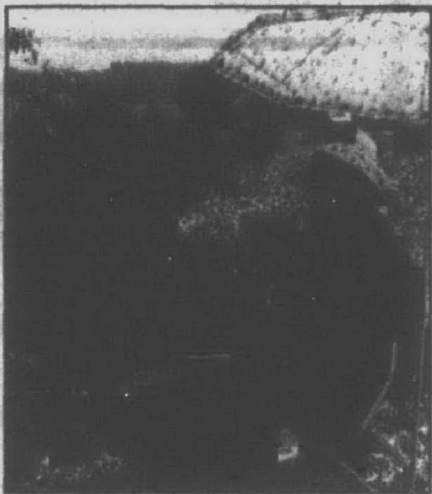
LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Camp is a painter's getaway

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

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

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



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

Passion for painting

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Artescape"

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

All American: Russell Reed leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"All American" Concert

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

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

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

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

DANCE



WSU dancers lure children to art

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Reporter pens mystery

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

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

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

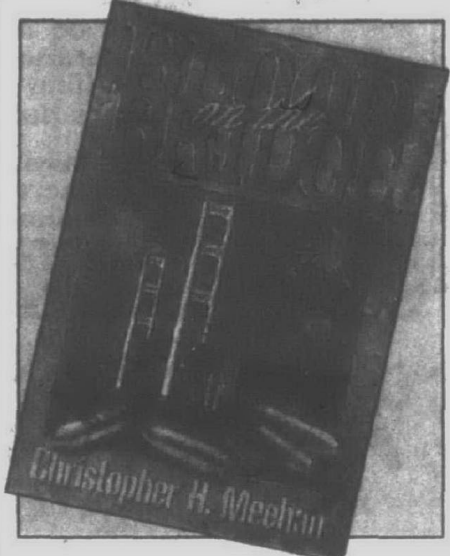
Meehan is a Redford native and a 1967 graduate of Redford Union High School. He began his newspaper work as a stringer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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

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

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

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



Rapids publisher. "Blood on the Bridge" is a multi-character mystery with a dramatic climax on the Mackinac Bridge. Arly Fleck, a former postal worker and ex-con with Tourette's Syndrome, has a plan to blow up the bridge to spoil a ceremony planned by Gov. Frank 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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On Stage! Dance Performances for Children

What: The 45th annual program performed by the Wayne State University Dance Company. When: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Where: Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State campus, Detroit. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$4 children/students/seniors, and available by calling (313) 577-4273.

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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).

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

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

ON A HIGH NOTE

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

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

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

FREE CONCERT

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

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

REDFORD SYMPHONY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

"CELEBRATION OF MUSIC"

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

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

CALL FOR ART

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

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

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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.

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

A graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills where she sang with the 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'ts 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 Stage! for more than two decades, guides children through the program, introduces dances, and engages the audience in creating movement.

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

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.

ART GIFTS FOR HOLIDAYS

DETROIT ARTIST MARKET
Holiday Sale, featuring work of 170 artists. Through Dec. 23. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

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

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

CRAFTERS WANTED
"Seasonal Sensations," the annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School. Juried show Dec. 5, 1998. Call (248) 375-0693. Crafters wanted for year-round show starting Dec. 12, call (313) 897-2463.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE
Auditions for modern and jazz dancers, 18 years old and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit; (313) 862-0966.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Seeks entries for national juried all-media exhibit, Jan. 22. Deadline: Friday, Nov. 20. For information, (248) 651-4110.

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ROCHESTER COMMUNITY HOUSE
An evening of music and gourmet dining 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow Avenue, Rochester. Proceeds to the Rochester Community House. Tickets: \$40/person; (248) 651-0622.

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Benefit Concert by "Measure of Measure," an 80-voice community chorus to support the organ restoration in Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. EMU campus, Ypsilanti; (734) 487-0482.

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Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and coloring pottery. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursa all skill and age levels; by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 16.

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 pursuit.

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

Meehan tells the story through the eyes of several characters, none actually taking center 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 character."

Meehan gives a vivid portrait of the Michigan militia movement including a visit to a church dedicated to militia ideals.

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

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 said.

The characters in "Blood on the Bridge" fit that definition. They argue among themselves and turn on each other. Meehan said he believes some militia members make valid criticisms. He said the most evil character in the book is probably the liberal governor rather than the militia types or the mentally disturbed Arly.

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. He is currently at work on another book about the minister-detective of his first two books. This story will be primarily set in Detroit's Mexican Village.

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

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

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

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

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Holiday Sale, featuring work of 170 artists. Through Dec. 23. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

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

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

CRAFTERS WANTED
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Auditions for modern and jazz dancers, 16 years old and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit; (313) 862-0966.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Seeks entries for national juried all-media exhibit, Jan. 22. Deadline: Friday, Nov. 20. For information, (248) 651-4110.

BENEFITS

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY HOUSE
An evening of music and gourmet dining 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow Avenue, Rochester. Proceeds to the Rochester Community House. Tickets: \$40/person; (248) 651-0622.

FOR EMU PEASE AUDITORIUM
Benefit Concert by "Measure for Measure," an 80-voice community chorus to support the organ restoration in Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, EMU campus, Ypsilanti; (734) 487-0482.

CHOIR

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
Season-opening concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; (313) 822-3456.

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

CLASSICAL, POP & JAZZ

ROCHESTER SYMPHONY

"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.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY

"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, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-2276.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

"Vespers in the Taizé Tradition," 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210, ext. 39.

JAZZ VESPERS

Keller-Kocher Quartet, 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, First Baptist Church, corner of Willits and Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

SEPHARDIC SONG

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Music students present "First Annual Celebration of Music," 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Kresge Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia; (734) 432-5737.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

"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.

DANCE

WSU DANCE CO.

"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.

HOLIDAY EXHIBITS

PEWABIC POTTERY

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

LECTURES

BROWN BAG SERIES

"The Third Dimension: Conservation of Sculpture and Decorative Arts" by conservationist Marianne Weldon, noon Thursday, Nov. 19, Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

BBAC

Robert Wilbert, professor emeritus at Wayne State, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road; (248) 644-0866.

VOLUNTEERS

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

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Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile at Newburg Roads, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mccb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from

September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

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 soldier 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.

BARCLAY GALLERY

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 Micro-Landscapes. Through Dec. 23, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL

Through Nov. 15 - The paintings of Howard Weingarden, 31555 Eleven Mile Road; Farmington Hills; (248) 473-9583.

MEADOW BROOK HALL COLLECTION

Through Nov. 15 - Tiffany

Essence of Light," Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; (248) 370-3140.

C.R.A.I.G. GALLERY

Through Nov. 16 - "The Extension of Reality," an exhibit of contemporary realisms, featuring Laura Anderson, Stephen Coyle, Christopher Melikian, Burke Paterson, Michael Zigmond, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

Through Nov. 17 - Farmington Artists Club Fall Exhibit and Sale, Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road; (248) 646-3707.

POSNER GALLERY

Through Nov. 17 - "Recent Forms," work of Ricki Berlin and Barbara Coburn, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

PALETTE & BRUSH CLUB

Through Nov. 19 - Juried exhibit by members of Palette & Brush Club, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9022.

BERKOWITZ GALLERY/U-M

DEARBORN

Through Nov. 20 - Works of Ford Motor Company Artists. Reception 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, U-M Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

BIDDLE GALLERY

Through Nov. 21 - Paintings by Chun Hui Pak, Beatrice McSorley DeJong, and sculptures by Joyce Gottleib, 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 from the 1930s & 40s of Norman MacLeish, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

JOHANSON CHARLES GALLERY

Through Nov. 28 - "Exposed," exhibit of sculpture, collages and jewelry by Sharon Bida, 1345 Division St., Eastern Market, Detroit; (313) 567-8638.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Nov. 28 - "Portraits: A unique blend of music, art and poetry by Blue Heron Consortium," 6 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY

Through Nov. 28 - Mixed-media paintings and sculptures by CRASH, a.k.a. John Matos. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 594-9470.

NETWORK

Through Nov. 28 - "Futureculture," an exhibit of 3D design, furnishings and video, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SCARAB CLUB

Through Nov. 28 - 29th annual Michigan Photography Exhibit, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

BOOK BEAT

Through Nov. 30 - "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed" by

Sandy Schreir, 28010 Greenfield Road, Southfield; (248) 968-1190.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Nov. 30 - Santa Claus figurines from the collection of Gloria Hull of Plymouth; mixed-media exhibit by local arts teachers. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road; (734) 466-2490.

PLYMOUTH ARTS COUNCIL

Through Nov. 30 - "Something Natural," multi-media works of Judith Braun and R. Graham, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

GALLERIA

Through Dec. 2 - "The Ink Sings! The Brush Dances!" an exhibit of Chinese Brush Painting, Oakland County Galleria, second floor, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

GALERIE BLU

Through Dec. 5 - The surrealist oil paintings and bronze sculptures of Lui Liu, 568 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Dec. 5 - Glass sculptures by Laurel Fyfe, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through Dec. 5 - "The Elements of Pigment," works by Suzanne Caporael, 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Dec. 5 - Ceramics of Philip Cornelius, metals of Myra Mirmitsch Gray, and jewelry of Susan Kingsley, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

DAY OF THE DEAD EXHIBIT

Through Dec. 18 - Casa de Unidad Cultural Arts and Meida Center presents, "Remembering Detroit," by Alma Rosa Villalobos, 1920 Scotten, Detroit; (313) 843-9598.

BBAC

Through Dec. 23 - Wall drawing by Sol LeWitt, "Bands of Lines," Robinson Gallery, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY

Through Dec. 31 - "Friends of Jacques Show," an exhibit and performance, 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-9192.

REVOLUTION

Through Dec. 31 - "Recovering Lost Fictions: Caravaggio's Musicians," a project by Kathleen Gilje and Joseph Grigely; and, "Text (Rhopography Series)" by Tony Hepburn, 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 9 - Painting, sculpture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

Glazed-Eyed: "Oh, You Beautiful Doll!" the mannequin photographs of Elaine Redmond are on exhibit Thursday at Reiko M., 734 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (248) 543-5433.



GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Kathe Koja's offbeat stories display knock-out imagination

Extremities By Kathe Koja (Four Walls Eight Windows, \$20)



VICTORIA DIAZ

On these pages you can meet a lonely woman smitten with an angel...

Michigan writer Kathe Koja is back, spinning 16 tales of fantasy and terror in this new collection...

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

Alienation may be the operative word in Koja's fictional milieu: Some metaphorical anesthesia seems to have been unleashed on her dark landscapes...

Begin with "The Neglected Garden," in which the writer introduces us to a contemporary couple on the verge of a separation...

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

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...

Perhaps the most unsettling story in "Extremities" is a little tale called "Teratism."

With a subtle wand, Koja punctuates some of the collection with her own brand of dry-as-dust humor, which provides delightful comic relief when it comes.

Though Koja's settings are almost always contemporary, at least one story here takes place partially in the distant past.

"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.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

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.

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 years. He finished an earlier novel but didn't pursue having it published.

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.

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...

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

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.

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.

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.

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 Pocket" 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 piano 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

BOOK LECTURE Mystery writer William Kienzle 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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Museum soldiers on with portrayal of military men

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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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 Cooper-type 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 was not 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 Soldiers.

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. Cavalry 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-



FROM THE COLLECTION OF ANTHONY L. POWELL

Soldier: Regimental Commissary Sergeant Buck, 25th Infantry, Fort Lawton, Washington, 1909, is one of the photos on display at the Museum of African American History.

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 simple question: "What was it like to be a black man in the

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 history?'"

The good, bad and indifferent.

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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 Ebery 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, Ebery 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 Ebery, who earned a master of arts degree from the Manhattan School of Music. Ebery 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 Uruguayan descent, has sung in operas around the world with leading roles in "Las Aleandras" 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 Ebery Ensemble performs the music of the Sephardim in Latin, Hebrew, English, Arabic, Greek, French and Italian.

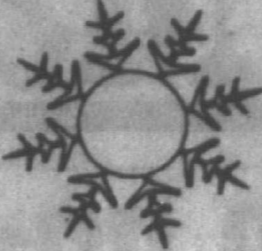
sionist Rex Benincasa lived and performed in New York City for 20 years before joining the Ensemble in 1995. He has worked with a variety of orchestras and groups, such as the Pittsburgh Symphony. The Merce Cunningham Dance Company and the new wave flamenco group, Amanecer.

In 1992 when the world Jewish community commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Expulsion of the Jews from


Spain and Portugal, Ebery 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 Ebery. "It helps them reaffirm their Jewish identity."

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



It's a Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade



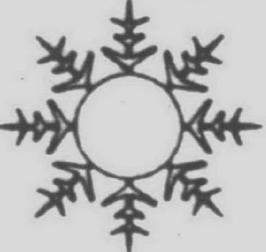
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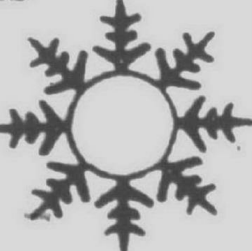
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True confessions: Hairdressers dish the dirt

Have 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



JEFFREY 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 says.

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.

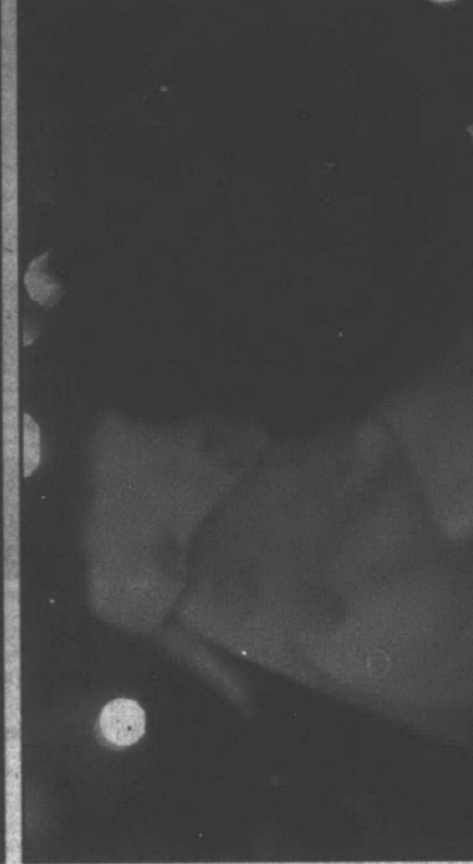
After nine years in Birmingham, I will be changing my base of operations for your personal makeovers. The beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall will be our new home. This luxurious new surrounding offers me a superb Presidential Suite from which to work, and is there nothing jollier than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

Next month: Winter skin care. And I 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

By 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 favorites:

- 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 double-action 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 uni-

forms 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 in a storm.

- 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 course, you sacrifice licking the bowl). The Candleman offers hand-poured, hand-sculpted and appropriately scented candles that will make your mouth water. Find pies, hot chocolate, even blueberry waffles (\$7.50-\$32).
- From Crate & Barrel, a glass

caviar server (\$24.95) and mother-of-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 than words penned in scented French inks from Savoir Faire at Crane & Co. Choose from French perfume fragrances (\$36) or men's colognes (\$34).

- 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 at Burberry's (\$210-\$240).

- Perhaps the ideal pen pal is the mini-massage pen (\$25) from Chiasso. It writes as effectively as it relieves head and neck pain. A perfect stocking stuffer for the stressed-out college student. Also from Chiasso, a thermoplastic vase that bends and

shapes to hold daisies as well as long-stemmed roses (\$28).

- Pack the ultimate picnic in a woven basket with leather fittings and all of the necessities for a special-occasion 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 Gurka (\$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 90-minute 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 poech" 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.



Big Al: Alfred at your service, \$8,000, Sharper Image.

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 Somerset North.

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.

NATIVE TALENT

Buffalo Spirit Native Dance Theatre, Canada's premier Native dance troupe, entertains festival-goers 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-Marie 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.

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 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SANTA SIGHTINGS

Santa arrives by horse and carriage outside

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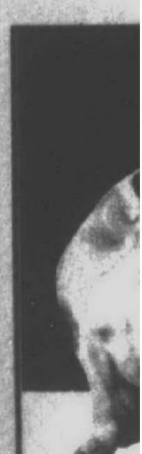
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Where can I find?

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 cat-chism, 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 in.
 - Louise wants Revlon's

- 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 children.
- Betty wants to sell her old bowling and golfing trophies.
- Peggy wants soft sole Minnetonka 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 Gretsky

- ornament.
- Judy is looking for Lilly white flour and corn meal, other than the one sold at Danny's.
- Walt is looking for a 1960 Big Beaver High school yearbook.
- Linda is looking for Hyde white shoe polish.
- Linda is looking for a 1997 Stevenson High (Livonia) yearbook.
- Joanne has Precious Moments figurines and musical 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 Shisido 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.

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Correction Notice

In our November 15th ad, we featured the following *Master* games for Sony PlayStation: *Wheel of Fortune*, *Jeopardy!* and *Game of Life*.

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 caused.

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In beautiful South Africa you're always a winner

BY ERIC ROTHFEDER
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

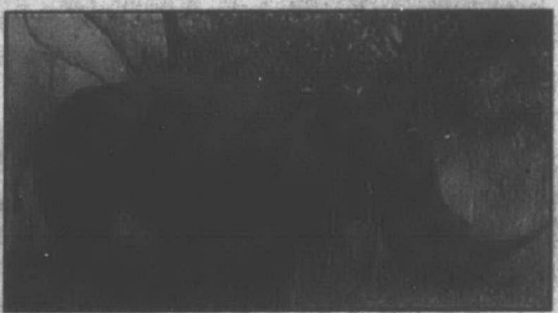


King at rest: A young male lion waits for confrontation with the male dominant lion of the pride.



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

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



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

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

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

Eric Rothfeder of Bloomfield

GREAT ESCAPES

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

SKIING, SNOWMOBILE MAP

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

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

TRAVEL PROGRAM

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

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

BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP

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

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

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

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For more information, call (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.

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

more information, call any AAA Travel office.

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

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

BUSCH CHRISTMAS

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

College standouts

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

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

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

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

Soccer champs

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

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

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

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

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

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

Linebackers Club

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

The next meeting won't be held until January.

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

Out of gas

Central catches Salem with 4th-quarter rally

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

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

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

Salem led 33-28 after a three-pointer by Katie Kelly with 8:29 left in the final quarter. But the Vikings countered with a three-point play by Leah Douglas with 5:44 to go and a basket by Rebecca Saldana that knotted it at 33-all with 2:57 to go.

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

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

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

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

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

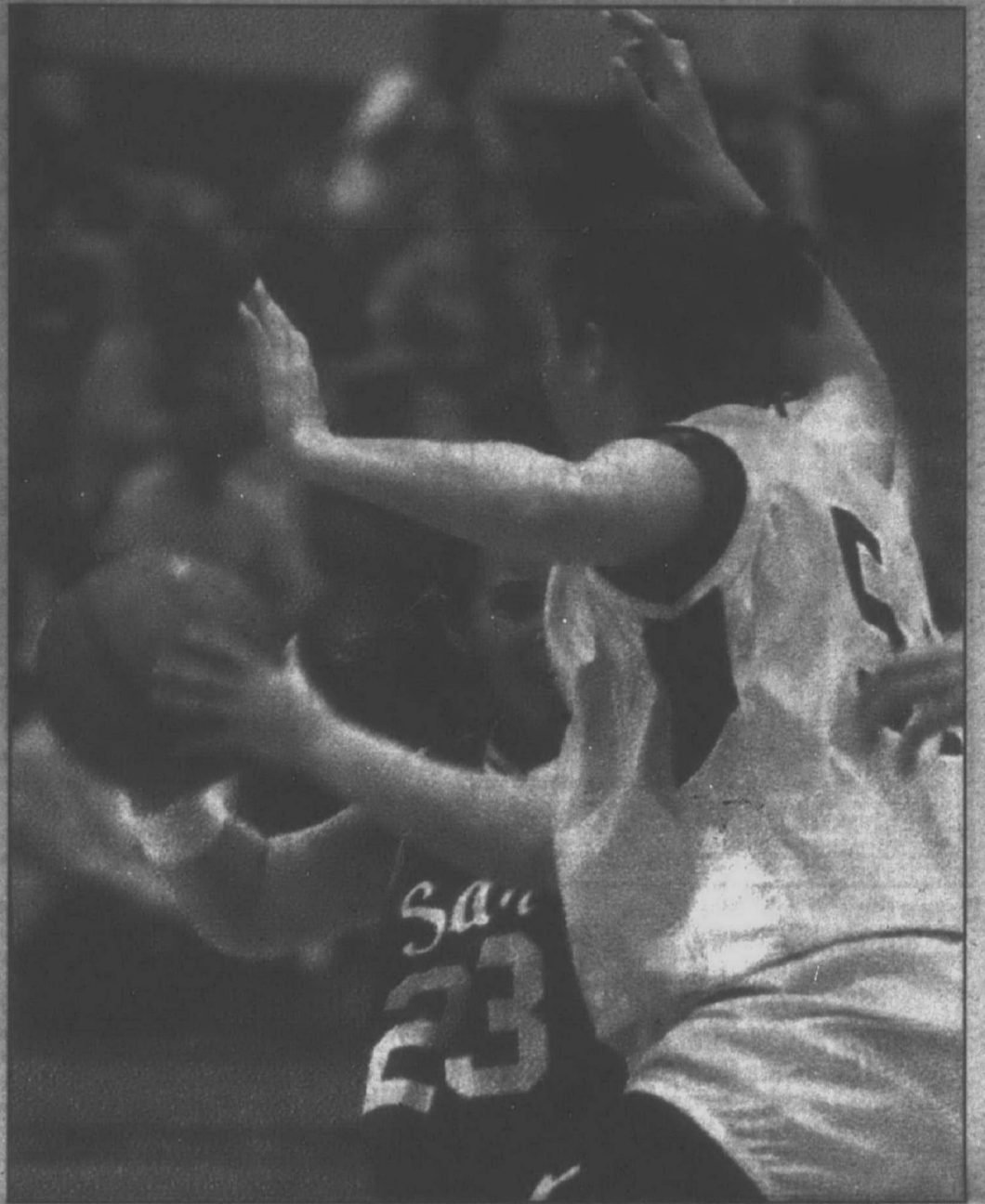
"Wherever Grubaugh was, we wanted to trap her," explained Emert. "And we wanted to guard the high post. We didn't want them to score from there, but more important we didn't want them to make an entry pass from there."

The high-post area should have been patrolled by Salem's Andrea 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 broke

Please see WLA FINAL, D4



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

Canton clubs Stevenson

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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 Lakes Activities Association consolation game and repulsed two Livonia Stevenson challenges to earn a 53-41 victory.

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

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

"We had a couple of runs," Coach

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

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

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

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

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

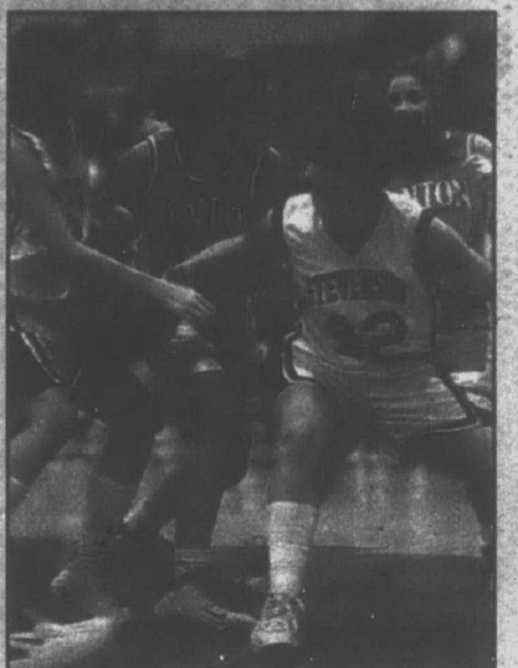
"I thought in the second half we were pretty solid defensively. This has been a great group of kids to work with. They really work hard."

Canton denied Stevenson inside entry and shut down the perimeter passing game to leave the Spartans struggling for shots in the first half. In the second half, Henry spread his forwards out wide and let Lindsay 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 baskets," Henry said, "but then we made three turnovers. We got a couple of stops on defense but then we'd let someone cut through the paint for an easy basket."

Please see CANTON HOOP, D4



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

Salem star chooses WMU

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

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

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

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

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

RECRUITING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see SILLMON, D4



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREMER
Big hit: Salem's Angie Sillmon has the ability to make an impact quickly for the Broncos.

Red Wing benefit

The Detroit Red Wing Alumni team will go up against Nick's Dream Team in a benefit hockey game on Sunday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 per person.

The game will benefit the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Konstantinov/Mnatsakanov Fund. Those attending are also asked to bring one item of used/usable hockey equipment for the NHL/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force.

Pre-game festivities begin at 3:30 p.m., with the game from 4-

6 p.m.

Rec offerings

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

The public is invited to both sell and buy. Those wishing to sell may drop off their items between 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Pleasant Run clubhouse. Sellers set their own prices; volunteers will handle all sales, with those

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

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

The city of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department will host both men's and women's basketball leagues this winter. Cost is \$525 per team, plus \$20 per non-city of Plymouth resident. Each league plays a 12-game schedule, with men playing Wednesday or Thursday nights and women playing Monday nights; each play one night a week.

The men's league consists of 12 teams and the women's

league has six teams. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30.

All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Soccer ref training

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

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check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland Dr., Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited. For more information, call (734) 454-7335.

Michigan Memories

Former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler will be at the Barnes & Noble book store in West Bloomfield, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday to sign copies of his recently released book, Michigan Memories: Inside Bo Schembechler's Football Scrapbook. Schembechler will also be at the M-Den at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 7-9 p.m. Monday to sign copies of the book. A portion of the sale of each

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

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This may have been a successful season for boys' golf teams here statewide.

Five schools did well in Division I regional to qualify for the Plymouth Salem, Platon, Livonia Steveland John Glenn Catholic Central.

And two Observer teams survived the round at the state to play the second Stevenson showdown, who ended up a medalist.

Polanski, who has Texas Christian University certainly the star player. But the rest of the Observer team was nine players on first includes a third team. In short, the coming awfully good in Observer boys' golf year accolades go to Wilson, who guided the Western Lakes Association Tournament on Hudson second-place overall WLAA, and a Division I Tournament champion.

So here is the Observer golf team: Steve Polanski, Sr., son: The senior, headmaster University on a Ber scholarship, is the lead Michigan's Mr. Golf of Division I individual 71/145 total at the Course (The Emerald) beating the field by four.

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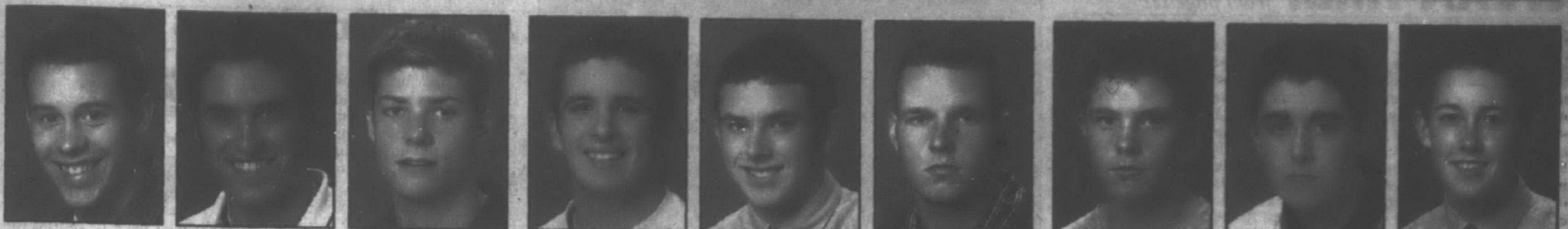
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Salem, Canton golfers lead way

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

So here is the WLA all-Observer golf team:

Steve Polanski, Sr., Livonia Stevenson: The senior, headed to Texas 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) at 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 at 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.

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

Early this season at East Lansing's Forest Akers, he broke the Salem tournament 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 WLA 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.

Erik Krueger, Sr., Plymouth Salem: Krueger, who shared the Salem team 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 the all-state team.

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 WLA 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 tournaments. He, too, will likely play collegiate golf, although where is uncertain.

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

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

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

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

He also shot a 76 at the Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake.

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

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

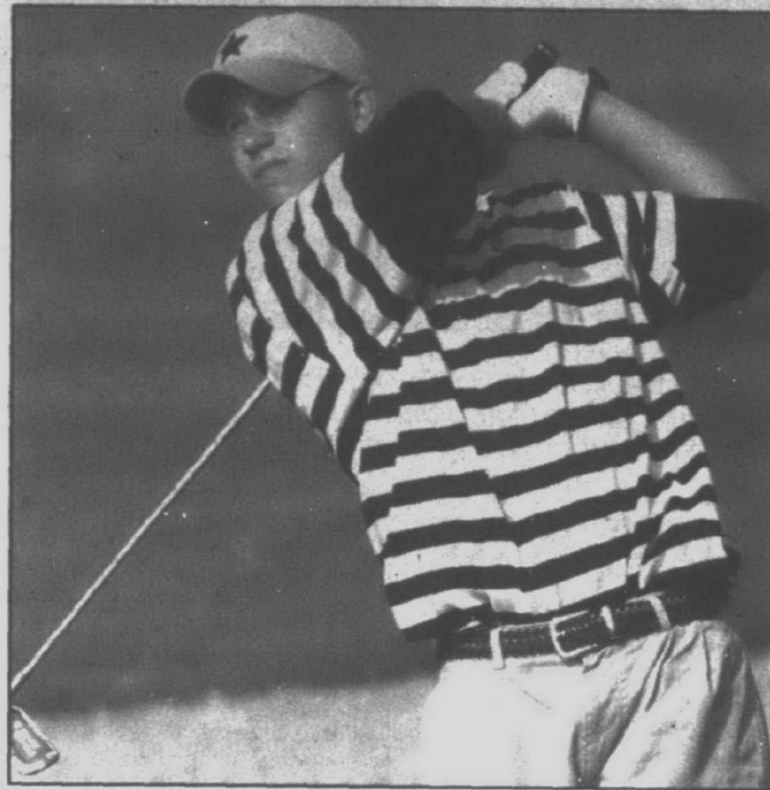
In the Plymouth Best Ball Tournament, Fendelet combined with Tompkins for a 70.

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

Derek Spicer, Jr., North Farmington: Spicer was voted the most valuable player on the North team for the second year in a row 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 Tournament.

"Some can talk it but can't walk it,"



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

North coach Daryl Case said. "Derek says few words but certainly can walk it."

"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."

Ben Tucker, Sr., Plymouth Canton: A year ago, Canton came out of virtually nowhere to capture the WLA title. The Chiefs surprised no one this season, but they still finished third in the WLA Tournament and 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 WLA 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 round.

"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 season."

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-WLA honors by firing a 76 at the conference tourna-

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was CC's medalist in six matches or tournaments.

Currie's youthful appearance is deceiving, according to coach Bill Hayes, who counts his competitiveness as one of his strengths.

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

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SECOND TEAM

Allen Schwaninger, senior, Redford CC
Jon Lutz, sophomore, Catholic Central
Brian Reed, senior, Westland John Glenn
Matt Lee, freshman, Farmington
Niklas Markens, junior, Redford Catholic
Evan Ghaff, sophomore, Liv. Churchhill

THIRD TEAM

Brian Groeman, junior, Farmington
Tony Fotis, senior, Livonia Stevenson
Brian Harris, junior, Garden City
Randal Sobuge, junior, Liv. Churchhill
Roy Rabe, senior, Livonia Stevenson
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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 game."

Currie has a 4.055 grade point average.

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their game down." Salem also didn't play with the necessary intensity, something most teams are expected to have with the state tournament approaching. "We'd already accomplished a league championship," said Thomann. "They hadn't accomplished anything."

But in the final analysis, the difference was Viking defense, which drove Salem to the perimeter. Grubaugh couldn't do it alone. After Pruet'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 Sal-

dana added nine and Michelle Bortz netted six. By comparison, Salem got a total of seven points from its two inside threats, Pruet 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 12-of-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.

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"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 Kiessel really helped us move the ball around," Blohm said, "especially in the second half. Both are developing into real solid point guards."

The next tests come in the districts.



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

Bigby leads SC to opening win

Newcomer Lamar Bigby made quite a splash Friday in his debut for the Schoolcraft Community College men's basketball team.

The Detroit Northern product scored a game-high 29 points, including five 3-pointers, as the Coelots 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.

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

Crusaders roll

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Scott Emert scored the game-winning goal, and Sam Piraine netted the other two that propelled Madonna University's men's soccer team into the NIAA's Great Lakes Regional Final with a 3-1 triumph over Rio Grande University Friday in Springfield, Ill.

The Fighting Crusaders, who improved to 20-2, were to play Illinois-Springfield for the regional championship, and the right to advance to the NIAA Tournament, Saturday night (details will be in Thursday's Observer).

After a scoreless first half, Piraine, a freshman midfielder from Dearborn Crestwood, put Madonna on the board six min-

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

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

The win allowed the Eagles to post a 15-5 regular-season mark, a school record for wins in a season. They open state tournament play at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Redford St. Agatha in the Detroit Urban Lutheran district.

BASKETBALL

Agape 40, Greater Life 20: Canton Agape Christian rolled to a 19-7 lead by halftime and never looked back in rolling to its 17th win in 18 games this season Tuesday at Pontiac Greater Life.

The win clinched the Metro Christian Conference title for Agape with a 10-0 mark. Greater Life finished 8-2 in the conference, 10-3 overall.

Kim Ther totaled 12 points, seven rebounds and four steals for the Wolverines. Sara Chrenko added 11 points, seven boards and four steals.

Greater Life got 12 points from Stephanie Mitchell.

Agape also won the Association of Christian Schools International Division I Basketball Tournament, beating Macomb Christian 37-23 in the final Saturday (Nov. 7) in Portage.

Ther and Allie Major each scored 10 points to lead the Wolverines.

In the semifinal Friday (Nov. 6), Agape defeated First Assembly of Portage 37-31, thanks to Charla Sexton's 11 points and Amy Henry's 10.

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BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

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.

- 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY** (state cut: 1:56.78)
 - Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.48
 - Livonia Stevenson 1:53.59
 - North Farmington 1:54.95
 - Plymouth Canton 1:55.99
 - Plymouth Salem 1:56.97
- 200-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 2:01.09)
 - Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:52.59
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:57.45
 - Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:57.69
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:58.47
 - Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:58.87
 - Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 1:59.32
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:59.75
 - Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:00.26
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:00.29
 - Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 2:00.47
- 200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY** (state cutoff: 2:17.68)
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:08.78
 - Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 2:12.43
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:13.77
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:13.89
 - Vinyl McCullough (Mercy) 2:14.14
 - Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 2:16.45
 - Lindie McErian (N. Farm.) 2:17.58
 - Nevra Alver (N. Farmington) 2:18.22
 - Britt Downs (Mercy) 2:19.00
 - Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 2:19.56
- 50-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 25.89)
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 24.47
 - Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.18
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.51
 - Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 25.85
 - Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 25.85
 - Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 25.70
- 100-YARD BUTTERFLY** (state cut: 1:02.29)
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 59.36
 - Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.48
 - Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:01.10
 - Teri Hanson (Canton) 1:01.26
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.45
 - Lorissa McKay (Salem) 1:01.77
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:02.06
 - Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.65
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.20
 - Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 1:03.30
- 100-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 55.89)
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.41
 - Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 54.85
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 55.13
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 55.19
 - Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 55.72
 - Martha Obringer (Mercy) 55.86
 - Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 56.09
 - Julie Kluka (Harrison) 56.17
 - Julie Kern (Stevenson) 56.39
- 300-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 5:25.98)
 - Amy McCullough (Mercy) 4:57.60
 - Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:06.10
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 5:13.02
 - Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:14.08
- 100-YARD BACKSTROKE** (state cut: 1:03.19)
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.60
 - Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:00.66
 - Lindie McErian (N. Farmington) 1:01.55
 - Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.30
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:02.52
 - Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:02.59
 - Kari Foust (Salem) 1:02.97
 - Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 1:03.10
 - Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:03.74
 - Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:04.77
- 100-YARD BREASTSTROKE** (state cut: 1:11.49)
 - Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 1:07.88
 - Nevra Alver (N. Farmington) 1:09.73
 - Lindie McErian (N. Farmington) 1:10.69
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:11.08
 - Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:11.10
 - Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 1:12.79
 - Jennifer Bendick (N. Farmington) 1:13.22
 - Annabelle Alberts (Mercy) 1:13.48
 - Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 1:14.65
 - Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:14.80
- 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY** (state cut: 3:50.89)
 - Farmington Hills Mercy 3:37.17
 - Livonia Stevenson 3:42.27
 - North Farmington 3:46.86
 - Plymouth Canton 3:48.96
 - Plymouth Salem 3:49.16

- Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.24
- Teri Hanson (Canton) 5:16.86
- Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:18.04
- Lauren Yagijeta (Mercy) 5:18.18
- Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 5:19.95
- Lindsay Feters (Harrison) 5:20.23
- 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY** (state cut: 1:43.99)
 - Farmington Hills Mercy 1:41.44
 - Livonia Stevenson 1:41.64
 - Plymouth Salem 1:44.24
 - Plymouth Canton 1:45.42
 - North Farmington 1:47.17
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as far as her passing was concerned.

"She can play middle (hitter) or can go outside. She can do both, there's no question about that."

will get to prove herself next fall as a freshman is difficult to say, particularly since her senior year of high school volleyball hasn't even started yet.

"I believe my game can excel there," Sillmon said. "I can't

really say if I'm going to be a starter or anything. My first year I really just want to work hard and do my best to try and contribute."

With her potential, Sillmon could make an immediate impact as a Bronco.

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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.

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Speedy flying squirrels enjoy nocturnal scene

Backyard habitats often result in the best kind of entertainment.

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

People in more rural areas enjoy white-tailed deer coming to browse in their yards. These and other animals provide the wildlife watcher with hours of entertainment.

Wildlife watchers can add to their backyard enjoyment by observing at night. Many animals are nocturnal and don't typically frequent feeders during the day.

One of the most nocturnal of backyard animals is the flying squirrel.

Unlike the fox, gray and red squirrels that frequent your feeders during the day, flying squirrels only feed at night.

My family and I were invited by Rich Smith and his friend Kathy to watch flying squirrels that frequent their feeders.

Rich started off with just a couple flying squirrels coming to his feeders, but now there are six or seven individuals enjoying the free nuts he provides.

It's difficult to count the number of squirrels precisely because it's dark and they are incredibly fast. If you thought red squirrels were fast, you would be truly impressed by the speed at which flying squirrels can ascend a tree. This capability makes it very difficult for a predator to focus on one for capture.

Rich was kind enough to wait for our arrival before he put food

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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 costs 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 to watch.

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.

- Harsens Island Wildlife Area:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week. Call (810) 748-9504.
- Holly Recreation Area:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday; 8-8:30 a.m. and 4-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (248) 634-0240.
- Maybury State Park:** 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Call (248) 349-8390.
- Mt. Clemens Field Office:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (810) 465-4771.
- Pte. Mouillee State Game Area:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Call (734) 379-9692.
- Port Huron State Game Area:** By appointment only through Oct. 31. Nov. 1-Dec 31 - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday; 8-8:30 a.m. and 4-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (810) 987-5398.
- Southeast Michigan DNR District Office, Livonia:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (734) 953-0241.
- Lapeer State Game Area:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday; 8-8:30 a.m. and 4-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (810) 664-2837.
- The Waterford Field Office:** is closed this year for renovations. 693-6767.
- 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 I-75, 2.5 miles north of Birch Run.
- Algonac State Park:** 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call (810) 765-5605.
- Bald Mountain Recreation Area:** 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call (248)

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 Kreuter Offers advice

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 stops.

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.

At 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 that's down. Start at the bottom and work your way up as you improve.

At: 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 game fully.

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

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ALMOST AN ANGEL
Widowed female, 56, 6'6", blonde/blue, full-figured, seeks a SM, 45-50, tall, hairy body, a blue who likes C&W and Harley's. Must be down-to-earth. #29690

GEMINI - ROCHESTER AREA
I'm a DWF, 51, blonde/blue, who desires a romantic, humorous, affectionate, confident, camper, animal lover. #29693

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED
By very pretty, full-figured, blonde/blue, 48, 5'7", energetic, lives in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man, for friendship. #1472

FRIENDS FIRST
DWF, 31, red/green, size 8, enjoys some sports of lacrosse, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking S/DWM, 28-38, HW proportionate, with same interests, for friends first, possible LTR. #1473

ALARM FINE
Calling all blue-eyed, 30-43, to help me: beautiful, blonde/blue, in putting out my fire. #1166

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Educated, successful, honest SWPF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SPM, preferably a graduate/medical student. #1351

LOOKING FOR LOVE
DW mother of three, 57, HW proportionate, brown/blue, enjoys hockey, dining out, music, dancing, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable S/DWM, 34-45, 5'8", HW proportionate. Must love kids. #1282

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters and 9. Seeking clean, SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. #1252

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE
Attractive, intelligent SWPF, 30, 5'7", no dependents, rarely drinks, NW, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 29-30, for LTR. #1055

CARAMEL COMPLETED
College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no children, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SM, 29-37, 6'4", for LTR. #1055

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lbs, brown/brown, seeks a nice, sweet, personable male, who likes sports, reading and music. #1161

PRETTY, FIT, AND HONEST
Humorous, romantic lady, 44, 5'4", 125lbs, brunette/blue, with a big heart, but not jealous or controlling. Seeking a very handsome, fit, and honest gentleman. #1116

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES
SWF, 28, seeks mature, responsible SWM, 28-35, for LTR only, must enjoy music, reading, and movies. Serious replies please. #1017

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Pettie SWF, 29, 5', 130lbs, short brown/brown, enjoys dancing, drinking, movies, theater, concerts, outdoor activities. Seeking SWM, 25-35, with no games, for friendship, relationship, possible marriage. Let's talk. #1007

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, bowling. Seeking professional male, 25-30, if you're out there, give me a call. #9915

YOU-ME-US
SWF, 35, 5'2", 225lbs, enjoys bowling, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 35-39, for friendship first. #9640

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR
SWF, 36, never married, worked hard, seeks a mature, successful, honest, and secure WM, 35-42. #9638

FUN & FLIRTY
SWF, 26, 5'8", who likes outdoor sports, 4-wheeling, fast cars, snowmobiling, seeks SWM, 25-30, who likes quiet evenings and fun times. Give me a call. #9559

GOOD COMPANIONSHIP
Pretty, young lady, financially secure, young single, professional, physically fit, healthy, enjoys nature, ping pong, tennis, and good music. Seeking energetic, successful gentleman, for friendship first, possible relationship. #9545

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HEALTHY RELATIONS
Classy, young lady, financially secure, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional, homeowner, no dependents, NW, social drinker, seeks educated FM, 45+, emotionally stable, who has a great sense of humor and a great sense of humor. #1468

LOOKING FOR THAT GENTLEMAN
DWF, 57, full-figured, reddish-brown hair, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies/theater, quiet dinners. Seeking tall, financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady. Westland area. #1441

SEEKING GOOD MAN
DBF, 35, enjoys being herself, watching movies, dining, shopping, cooking. Seeking a mature SWM. #9778

I WOULDN'T...
ask anyone do anything that I couldn't do. Imaginative, educated S/P, mid-50s, 5'6", blonde/green, slim, must be successful, well-respected. Bakes good Tooty Fruity cookies. Dutch Treat. Real and fun conversation. Commitment if right. #9373

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, NW, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 58-65, good sense of humor. #9373

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Widowed WF, 60+, blonde/blue, NW, likes movies, dancing, dining out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 60+, NW, for possible LTR. #9112

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, easy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #9000

ARE YOU READY TO GOAR...
on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God call let's fly together. Seeking SBCM, 40-48. #21099

LADY IN WAITING
Good-looking 48, DBCF, 5'5", 140lbs, NW, enjoys traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SPM, NW, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #21099

COFFEE, TEA, AND ME
SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, NW, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented S/DWM, 38-54, 5'7", NW. All calls will be answered. #21098

INTRIGUING, IMPETUOUS
WF, 50, 5'8", NW, NW, 55+, impulsive, creative, kind-hearted, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yanni. #21084

BEAUTIFUL
Big and beautiful D/F, 49, NW, exudes class and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #21016

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH
Attractive, full-figured DBF, 45, 5'11", enjoys traveling, and new adventures. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, intelligent, fun loving, open minded, SM, 47-59, NW, open free, for possible LTR. #21011

WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM
Laid-back, caring SWF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, walking, dining out. Seeking uniformed S/DWM, 22-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Kids ok. #21008

LOVELY IN LIVONIA
Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth D/WPF, 38, 5', brunette, NW, one son, homemaker type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented LTR. #21009

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER
...wanted. Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, single-never married, I'm youthful, 5'8", MBA graduate, natural beauty, classy yet down-to-earth. Enjoy tennis, walking, movies, theater, cultural events. #21004

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
D/WF, 43, medium build, NW, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, NW, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #21000

INTERESTING GENTLEMAN
SWPF, 62a, NW, NW, no dependents, sense of humor, spiritual, spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, portland, gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. #20971

FEMININE EUROPEAN-BOHN
Prettie, 54 years young lady loves life, travels, oceans, earth, good people. Still believes in kindness. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman for sharing the wonders of life. #20923

TWILIGHT
Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs, NW, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 48-55, HW proportionate, NW, a must, for monogamous relationship. Place open, must live alone. No hang-ups or baggage. #20978

A TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER
Complex preference, not novelty, D/WF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, who likes black gentlemen, late 30s+, financially/emotionally secure, for monogamous physical and spiritual happiness. #20960

SHORT AND SWEET
Classy D/WF, brown/brown, NW, social drinker, loves country music, bowling, boating, gambling, traveling, cooking for someone special. If you are humorous, thoughtful and romantic, 55-60, under 6', I'm for you. #20922

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIER
SBF, 47, attractive, likes, jazz, traveling, classic cars, dining. Seeking SM, sense of humor, financially secure, honest, rare unicorn/part. #20920

TRUE FRIENDSHIP
WF, 18, seeks a SM, 18-25, for friendship and conversation. Give me a call. #20978

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL, PH.D.
Cultured, mean apple pie, Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater aficionado, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #9728

FUN-LOVING
Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, videos, dancing and more. Seeking a S/DWM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #9501

GARDEN CITY WOMAN
DWF, 47, 5'8", blonde/blue, NW, enjoys dancing, movies/heater, music, laughter. Seeking slender, honest SWF, 38-50, emotionally ready for a LTR. #9724

LIGHTHOUSE LOVER
Very independent SF, young, 48, likes sightseeing, lightshows, great lakes, car racing, fishing, and walking. Seeking friend, 45-50 to share weekends doing above. N/Drugs, no games, honesty is #1. #9632

PRETTY, SMART, SEXY
Honest, sincere, financially secure DBF, 39, 5'8", 145lbs, great legs, one child, enjoys sports, music, movies and romance. Seeking caring sincers, physically fit S/DWM, 38-48, NW, social drinker. #9633

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Pretty, educated, active, artistic female, mid-50s, seeks a male, similar attributes, for a monogamous, caring relationship. #9595

WOMAN WITH BAGGAGE
(2 kids and a neurotic dog). Seeking a SM, to wine, dine, entertain and make me laugh. SF, 57, 8', slim, go-go-go, sexy, dark-hair/green, partially deaf, sense of humor. #9599

LOOK NO MORE
DWF, 44, good sense of humor, seeks S/DW, 40-52, who enjoys music, movies, football, eating out and who can enjoy life with. #9582

ADVENTUROUS
Intelligent, passionate, sensual, thoughtful, funny, good-looking, tall, well-built SWM, mid-30s, looking for sweet, easygoing, decent looking, sensual, passionate SF, for best friendship. #9481

GET INTO THE PICTURE!
Artistic, creative, photography/lyrically focused SWM, 40, charming, wit, style, seeks free-spirited lady, interested in creative arts, photography, video, etc. #1467

AVAILABLE
A-1 BUSINESSMAN
SWM, 44, loves doing business, who seeks attractive, warm, SWF for business functions, friendship, and long-term partner possibilities. #1468

A KEEPER
Kind, caring, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, NW, social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling; seeks female, 18-35. Kids ok. #21015

AVID SPORTS FAN
Athletic, outgoing SWM, 35, likes all sports and the outdoors. Seeking SWF, 25-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #21348

I AM WHAT I AM
DWM, 50, 5', 210lbs, blue-collar, enjoys the movies, summer things, football. Seeking a faithful S/DW, 35-52, that I can talk to, make happy, maybe more. #9506

TIME FOR A CHANGE
SWPF, 42, 5'8", Communicative, curious, humorous, fit, flexible, perceptive, no dependents, eclectic taste, movies, music, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWF to share healthy, happy relationship. #9459

ADVENTURE MEMORIES
Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6', 170lbs, NW, college graduate, foster parent, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, culture, humor, and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, LTR, to share life, adventures. #21014

INDEPENDENT
SWM, 34, 5'3", seeks an independent, artistic, emotionally/physically fit SWF, 25-35. Nice hair a plus. #1295

ANN ARBOR AREA & BEYOND
Friendly, philosophical SWPM, 33, attractive international relations Ph.D., athletic and physically fit, likes tennis, painting, art, music. Seeking strong-minded, kind, degreed, attractive SWF, with similar interests. #1293

USED GUY CONNECTION
This fresh handsome travels in an incredible bargain, loaded with options, ready for delivery. Discover? Had credit? No problem-quick approval! #1287

PAST YOUR PRIME?
You're too fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 45, tired of Prime Donnas, seeks settled, sociable, sincere lady, age open. #1288

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
Honest, hardworking, outgoing, easygoing SWM, 52, likes to have fun, for friendship, possible relationship. Let me play an integral and caring role in your life. #1200

ALL AROUND GUY
Sincere, sharp, intelligent SWM, with resourcefulness and fit-if-able, seeks female companion who can play an integral and caring role in your life. #1200

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun, attractive, intelligent, romantic, caring DWM, 58, with great smile, interests vary from concerts to craft shows, long drives, etc. If you are honest, romantic, looking for commitment/love. Please call. #9544

A QUALITY GUY
Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, fall concerts, dancing, plays, weekend get-aways, traveling. Seeking special friend to share quality times with. #9819

TAKE A CHANCE
Caring, kind-hearted SWM, 35, 6', seeking SWF, 20-40, for friendship, possible LTR. Kids ok. #1195

A VERY SPECIAL GUY
34, 5'8", 230lbs, of muscle, handsome, affectionate, good listener, caring, very athletic and outgoing, loves life, travel. Seeking SF for possible relationship. Rare unicorn! #1198

SEEKING FRIEND/LOVER
DWCW, 37, 6'2", 220lbs, brown/green, dislikes politicians, enjoys blues, fast cars, rock-n-roll. Seeking easygoing, passionate SF, 27-40, slim/medium build, honest, independent, stable, who loves sunsets, beaches. Likes kids, but doesn't want anymore. #1251

ONE OF A KIND WOMAN
Sincere, outgoing, nice, pleasant DWM, 40, NW, NW, enjoys bike riding, rollerblading, movies, relaxing, nice sunsets. Seeking full-figured S/DWF, 35+, for friendship and relationship. Plymouth area. #9551

PLEASE CALL MY DAD:
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth D/WPM, 38, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, sensual relationship. West Bloomfield. #9539

PICK A WINNER
Problem solving SWM, 46, handsome, successful, enjoys being helpful. Seeks friendly, flirtatious, fun romance, companionship, and mysterious encounters. #21002

R U "PLUM CRAZY"
Beside meeting this way, our friends wouldn't believe us anyway. SWPM, 38, 6'1", 180lbs. Seeking slim, romantic, attractive blonde. #1198

JUST FOR YOU, DEAR
Compassionate SWM, 45, varied interests, ready to be enjoyed by feminine SWF. Will show dance and sing to your ear. #1192

LET'S SHARE 1999-
Financially stable, handsome, fit WPM, 54, seeks very attractive, thin, educated lady, 25-42, for movie, travel, theater, art fairs, and more. #1191

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of gorgeous little girl, by Nov, seeks 30ish, warm-hearted female, to fill our days. Lates, travel, snowmobiling, and work-out. #1190

ARE YOU INTO DEPTH
Artistic, spiritual, somewhat metaphysical SWM, 38, enjoys Borders, classical, jazz, beaches and art fairs. Seeking lifetime SF soulmate, 31-45. #1187

ADVENTUROUS
SWPM, 23, 5'10", 155lbs, considered good-looking, with dark hair and eyes, enjoys sporting events, traveling, conversation, working out, rollerblading, humor, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and fun woman. #9564

SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS
Caring, attentive, friendly SWPM, dark blonde/green/blue hair, tall, fit, and handsome, NW, seeks elegant, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donnas, please. #9536

YOU SEEK AN...
Attractive, professional SWM, 39, 6', 165lbs, who listens to your dreams and helps make them a reality, who knows who he is, and loves who you are. #1191

WORTH THE CALL
Humorous, yet intellectual, outgoing, active SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking NW, friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 26-45, petite, medium build, for possible relationship. #9538

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive, outgoing, very caring, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. #9533

USE ME
Fun to play with, you might become attached to me (love), affectionate, DWM, 47, 5'11", you can take me for a walk, or show off to your friends, college degree, and papers available upon request. #1107

CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT!
WM, 51, secure, honest, 6', gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest female, 38-50, for a LTR. #1193

A KEEPER
DWM, 46, 5'9", 142lbs, NW, brown/green, fit, easygoing, likes movies, seeking a MF, 35-45, NW, slim/medium, for LTR. Clarkston area. #1110

LIKE THE OUTDOORS?
DWM, 40, seeks a slender S/DWF, 25-43, for friendship and dating. Must enjoy the outdoors, weekends up north, and snowmobiles. #1111

POSITIVE, HANDSOME
SWM, 34, 6'1", 210lbs, funny, sporty, intelligent, romantic, NW, financially secure, homeowner, no dependents, seeks a cute woman, 27-35, for a LTR. #1113

FILL WAIT FOR YOUR CALL
DWM, 46, seeks honest, ambitious, fun, energetic woman, 20-30, who loves to travel, take long walks, sports, dancing, movies. #1115

FRESH ON THE SCENE
Handsome, spiritual, humorous, athletic, loving, gentle SWM, 36, 6', 185lbs, never married, seeks attractive woman with good values, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Please call. #1110

BUILT, BRIGHT, SENSITIVE
Athletic/outdoors type SWPM, 37, 5'10", dark/blue, enjoys dancing, cuddling, weekend getaways. Seeking fit SWF, 30-42, NW. For LTR. #1104

LIFE'S TOO SHORT
SWM, 33, 5'9", 160lbs, brown/brown, seeks a female, 25-32, to date and for possible LTR. #1105

KIND...
sincere SWM, 37, enjoys music, movies, laughter, and spectator sports. Seeking SWF, 27-38, for friendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straightforwardness, are important. #1108

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, upbeat SWM, 52, 5'9", brown/brown, still believes in love, music and more, dining out, quiet evenings. Seeking romantic, faithful SWF, to share life's pleasures. #9281

MR. MOM
No fancy lines, just an honest, sincere SWM, 37, nice-looking, 143, working, family-oriented father of two kids. Seeking a SWF, 25-45, who's fit and ready for a LTR. All calls answered. #9630

CALIFORNIA MAN
Fun-loving, outgoing SWM, 33, 6'5", fit 235lbs, enjoys motorcycles, music, dancing. Seeking sweet, honest, attractive S/W/F, 26-32, for possible LTR. #1102

LOVES POP-TARTS
Handsome, athletic, emotionally secure D/WPM, 46, 5'10", great sense of humor, seeks sincerely attractive female, 35-48, for LTR. Free for dinner Friday night! #1100

INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS
Tall, intelligent, witty, warm D/WPM, 39, dark brown/green, seeks S/DWF female, 30-40, for movies, music, books, stimulating conversation. #9281

SERIOUS MIND
Educated professional, fit SWM, 44, NW, social drinker, enjoys music, dancing, movies, working out. Seeking single, attractive female, 30-40, for friendship and possible LTR. #1018

OLD-FASHIONED
Down-to-earth and sincere WCBM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs, lover of wine, like movies, cooking, martial arts and walking. Seeking an attractive SBF, 36-48, for possible LTR. Must have God first. #1097

ATHLETIC
Easygoing SWPM, 28, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks mature SWPF, 24-32, who enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, sporting events, and is not afraid of commitment. #9975

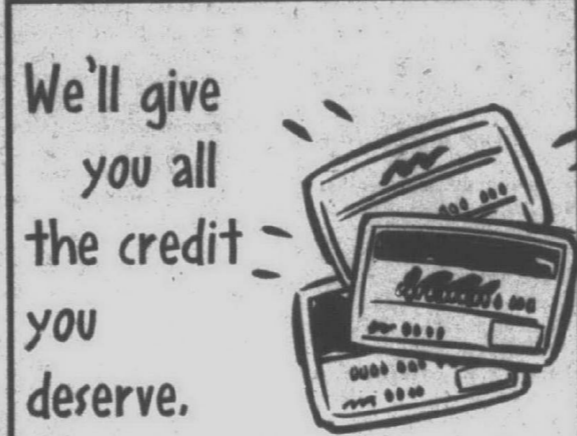
HEALTHY, SINCERE, WIDOWED WM
cuddly bear, NW, NW, seeks dependable, trustworthy, affectionate dream woman, for LTR. Lake Orion area. #1437

FIRST TIME AD
Pretty, outgoing DWF, 58, 5', no dependents, enjoys reading, dining out and house remodeling. Seeking kind, compassionate, home loving, financially secure S/DW, for companionship. #1201

ALMOST 82
SWF, 61, 5'8", 142lbs, average looks, great personality, high moral values, enjoys travel, movies, long walks, cooking, dining out. Would like to meet romantic SWM, who's single and affectionate, possible LTR. #9912

ROUND TWO
SWF, 57, widow, friends say attractive, blonde/blue, enjoys everything, seeks WM, 58+, NW, who has a good sense of humor, long drive, nature, RV travel. #9877

WIDOWER
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BOWHUNTER 89
Detroit Archers - bowhunter 3D at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21-22, on its range in Westland. (248) 661-9610 (10n)

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Western Wood Conservation Association hold a 30-hour Saturday, Dec. 6, through course to benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (813) 960-9600 for more information.

ANNON OLYMPIA
The Oakland County Club in Clarkston Olympic Archer Program begins Sundays. Call (313) 960-9600 for more information.

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FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outdoors Rochester offering classes for advanced tyers. 0440 for more information. make a reservation upcoming class.

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ARCHERY

BOWHUNTER 3D
Detroit Archers will hold a bowhunter 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6656 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0566 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 876-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10 at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER
The first half of the archery deer season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season opens statewide runs Nov. 15-30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK
The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING

RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Nov. 14 are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays; noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; On Saturday and Sunday the rifle and pistol range is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first, and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Through Nov. 15 the range is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Beginning Nov. 16 the range will be open 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching per-

mits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits

are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on December 17, 1998 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (734) 981-0300.

- #4030 Barnett - Stereo, dresser, chair, desk, heater
- #9053 Allen - 4 Helium tanks

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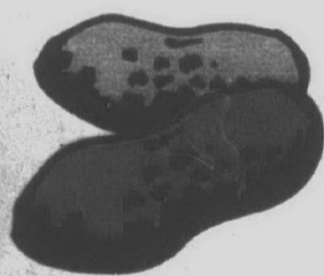
STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on December 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each unit. Cash Only:

- Unit #560-ROBERT DEYAK OF 272 W. LIBERTY ST. #202, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
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- Unit #320-MELVIN MORRISON OF 29870 MATTHEW DR., WESTLAND, MI 48186
gas grill, craftsmen tool chest w/tools, exercise equip., clothes, vacuum, bike, desk, files, approx. 100 bags/boxes, stereo, enter. center, dollie, iron, lamp, other misc.
- Unit #226-RICHARD ZARKOWSKI OF 11160 SW 154 PL., MIAMI, FL 33196
shop vac, weedwacker, tool box, dresser, tv, ladder, night stand, folding chairs, table, misc. boxes, other misc.
- Unit #566-MARK TURCHAN OF 14134 CAVELL, LIVONIA, MI 48154
micro wave, stereo, bed, end tables, couch, recliners, folding chairs, lamp, tv, luggage, car jack, other misc.
- Unit #727-KELLY KISABETH OF 945 SUTHERLAND, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
albums, fishing poles, kitchen chairs, side chair, bed, other misc.
- Unit #709-DON BROWN G/O 910 EAST 40TH B-201, AUSTIN, TX 78751
approx. 20 boxes, table chairs, typewriter, end table, tool box, cart, other misc.
- Unit #519-VINCENT TOLA OF 35410 MINTON, LIVONIA, MI 48150
restaurant equipment, tires, other misc.
- Unit #457-ROBERT COOMBS OF 3648 BUCKINGHAM, BERKLEY, MI 48072
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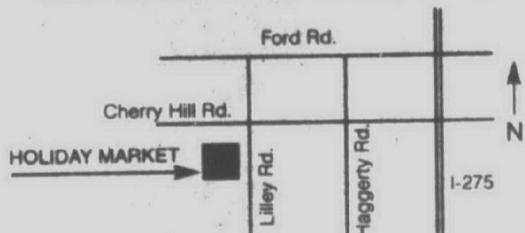


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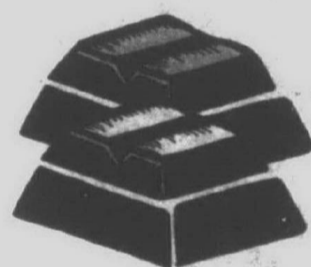
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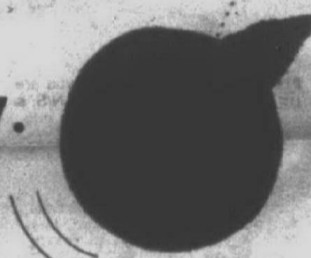
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