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## Police: pursuit still legitimate



**Area police chiefs say high-speed chases remain a necessary law enforcement tool, despite the deaths that sometimes result. Most police departments have policies designed to limit chase-related tragedies.**

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

"To pursue or not to pursue" is the question facing police departments today. No matter how compelling the reason to pursue, the public outcry remains the same after every police chase that ends in tragedy: "Was it necessary?"

"If I terminate a pursuit, I may never know why the person fled. We have to be able to balance community safety

and the ability to capture a criminal," said acting Plymouth Township Police Chief Robert Smith.

Smith said his department engages in at least two pursuits a month. "I think we had 11 last year."

High-speed police chases have been a hot topic in the news lately in light of two recent fatalities, one on July 19 involving Dearborn police and the other on Sept. 25 involving Highland Park Police. Both accidents involved

occupants of other vehicles.

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration figures for fatal police chases place Michigan sixth in the nation, with 110 deaths between 1990 and 1996. California had the highest number of police chase fatalities at 394. Nationally, NHTSA recorded at least 2,413 fatalities.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the public is aware only of the failures, not the number of successful pursuits. "It is a very small number that results in tragedy."

Public safety is the primary concern in developing a departmental policy for high-speed pursuits. "Long before an officer is involved, a department's phi-

losophy and application of its policies enters into the process," said Santomauro, former president of the Wayne County Police Chiefs Association and the Southeastern Michigan Police Chiefs Association.

Canton's general policy states that a pursuit is justified "only when the response or immediate pursuit outweighs the level of danger or potential danger to the public. It shall be recognized that discontinuance of an emergency response or a pursuit may represent the best course of action..."

In addition to known factors about the offense, the time, day of the week and local traffic conditions play major

Please see **POLICE CHASES**, A2

## Planners OK Heron Ridge sub

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

As expected, the final plan for the 214-home Heron Ridge subdivision near Ridge and Warren roads received unanimous approval Monday from the Canton planning commission.

A handful of residents from the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association were in attendance to object to the number of homes that will be built on the 218-acre parcel.

They were told they missed the June meeting in which that issue was discussed - and approved by the commission.

Please see **NEW SUBDIVISION**, A2

## Whyman seeks suicide motel ban

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, is taking on the issue of assisted suicide.

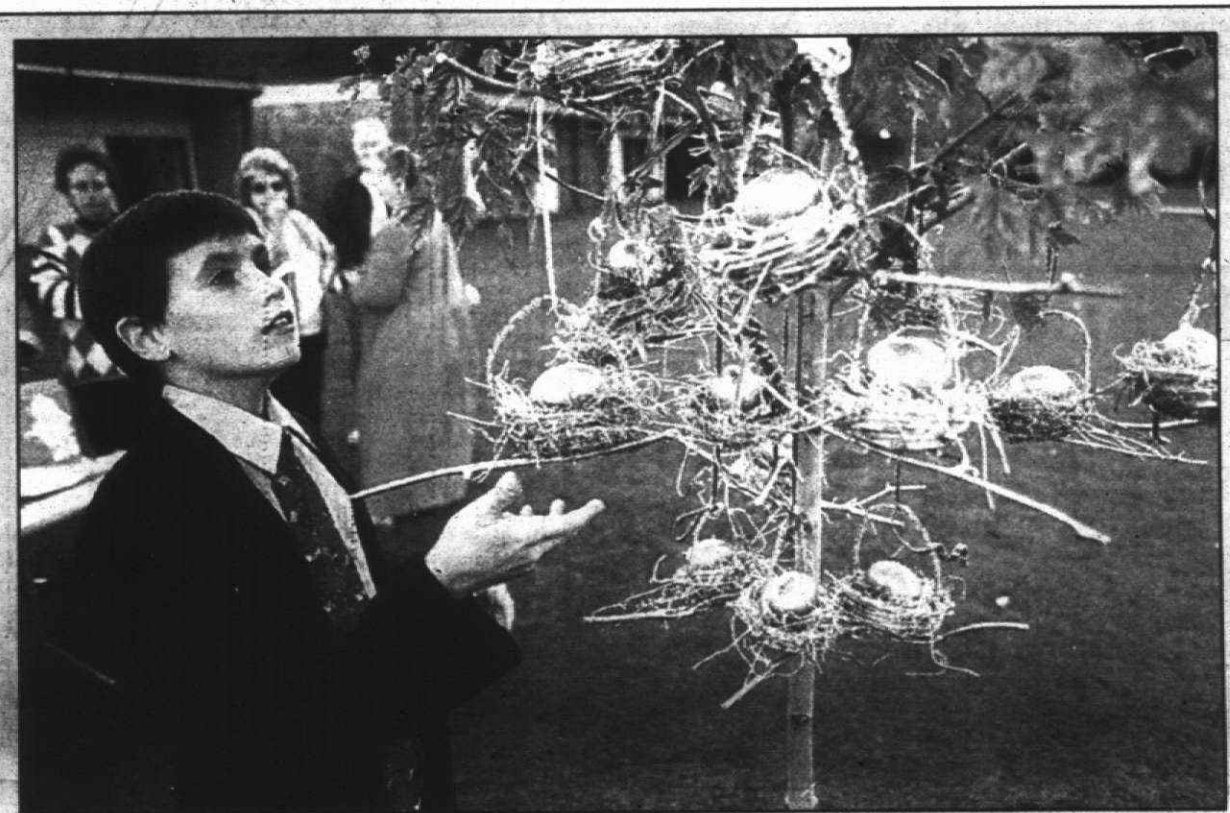
Whyman plans to introduce legislation aimed at stopping assisted suicide in Michigan hotels and motels and at other public accommodations.

"Metro Detroit has become a destination point for the suicidal seeking assistance," she said.

Jack Kevorkian has assisted in over 50 suicides. Of late, the suicides have taken place at motels where the body is left in a room with a note and phone number of Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger.

"I've heard about the emotional trauma inflicted upon housekeepers who

Please see **ASSISTED SUICIDE**, A2



Remembering: Former classmate Justin Pesant looks for the egg with his name decorating the Maple tree honoring Stevan Fisher. Below, books donated to the school library by the Gallimore PTO.



## For Stevan A living memorial

Students, teachers and parents gathered at Gallimore School in Canton Wednesday evening to say goodbye to one of their own - and to plant a living, breathing tribute to help them cope with their loss.

Stevan Fisher, who would have been a sixth-grader at the school this fall, died July 4 from a brain tumor.

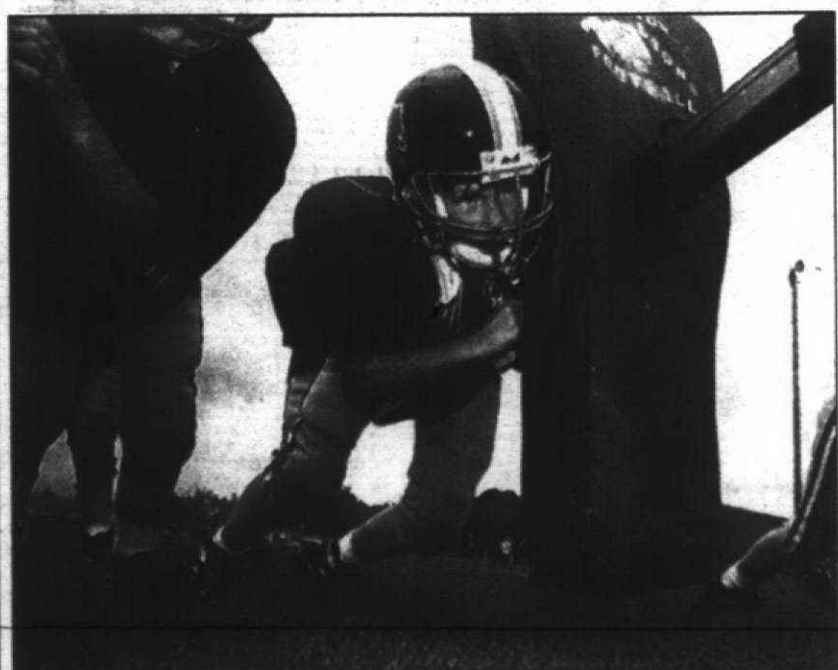
On Wednesday, the Gallimore community gathered for a memorial service and to plant a Maple tree on the school lawn. The tree will be part of a memorial garden on the lawn adjacent to the school parking lot.

The school has also begun a fund-raising drive to benefit Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Students have already raised \$130 through a popcorn sale and are asking for additional donations. The money will be used for cancer research.

Stevan's parents, Don and Verna Fisher of Plymouth, helped coordinate the service, along with teachers Carol Bachmann, Jane Hasse, Susan Westlake, Joanne Goodison and principal Valerie Williams.

Hasse and Westlake were Stevan's teachers the past two years.

## LIFE IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Summer travels:** David Coogan practices for junior football at Canton's Heritage Park. David's journal entries described his trip to Washington D.C. and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., as well as a summer standby - the beach.

## DEAR DIARY:

# Journals offer telling glimpse

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

What did you do on your summer vacation?

It's a cliché most people hear at one time or another, but for a group of pre-teens we introduced to Observer readers this spring, the answers give the question new meaning.

Our "roundtable" of 12 sixth-graders - they're seventh-graders now - gave us a special glimpse into their lives in stories published in early April. They were bright, energetic and imaginative, and our conversations covered everything from Beanie Babies to substance abuse to the complexity of family relationships.

As a way of following the panelists this summer, we gave each a personal-

**A note to our readers:** Last April, the Observer published a series of stories on crossing the boundary from childhood to adolescence. Our account was primarily based on a panel of sixth-graders - now in the seventh grade - who came to our Livonia offices to talk about their likes and dislikes, daily routines and toughest challenges. Today's article concludes the series. Working on this project were: staff writers Matt Jachman, C.J. Risak, Steve Kowalski and Christina Fuoco; photographers Tom Hawley, Jim Jagdeid, Bill Bresler and Bryan Mitchell; and graphic artist Tammie Graves. It was coordinated by Tedd Schneider, Canton community editor.

ized journal and asked them to record a week's worth of events and thoughts. In the eight journals returned, they displayed the same energy, the same openness and the same imagination. Their entries revealed the pleasures of

Please see **JOURNALS**, A3

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**On stage:** Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Plaza Suite," 6 p.m. today, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville. \$9, \$8 advance. (248) 349-7110.

### MONDAY

**Senior splikers:** The Salvation Army sponsors a Senior Volleyball program 10 a.m.-noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Annual fee is \$10. For information, call the Salvation Army at (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

### TUESDAY

**Local government:** The Canton board of trustees holds a special meeting to review the budget for fiscal 1998 at 7 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

### WEDNESDAY

**Newcomers hear Yack:** Canton Supervisor Tom Yack will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Canton Newcomers Club, 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center. Call 451-5426 for information.

### THURSDAY

**Just for kicks:** Wide World Sports Center in Ann Arbor is accepting registration for its indoor soccer season. The season begins Oct. 20 and runs through Dec. 15. Registration deadline for all leagues is Oct. 14. Call (313) 913-4625 for information.

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**Sponsoring:** "If you want to kill yourself, do it at home," says State Rep. Deborah Whyman. The Canton Republican (right) is sponsoring legislation that would discourage motels and other community facilities as assisted-suicide sites.



## Assisted suicide from A1

find the bodies. Inn keepers may spend up to \$1,000 in clean up costs after each suicide," said Whyman.

Her proposal would make an individual assisting in a suicide in a public place guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

It would also allow property owners to sue for damages against the individual who assisted in the suicide and the estate of the deceased. In addition, police agencies would be able to sue to recover costs of police overtime and other expenses.

"It is unfair to Michigan inn keepers that they must clean up

## Police chases from page A1

roles in the decision to pursue. "Three o'clock in the morning along Ford Road is a far different scenario for an officer to evaluate than 3 p.m. on a Friday afternoon," said Santomauro.

However, at best, the decision to pursue remains subjective. "Absent any legislative guidelines, law enforcement bases its policies on what we perceive to be the needs of our communities," said Santomauro.

Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins doesn't know if police pursuits could be legislated to a degree acceptable by the public. "If you eliminate them, it's the wrong decision."

Smith said his community wants him to capture drunk drivers. "Yes, they do. Unless you've been on the scene of a drunk driving accident and witnessed the carnage..."

Santomauro took issue with public sentiment against pursuits involving traffic violations. "If there is a group of people sensitive to traffic accidents, it's the police officers. We kill 50,000 people a year in motor vehicle accidents. Traffic violations are a serious problem in this country."

"In Canton in a bad year, we'll kill 13 people in a year in traffic accidents. If we had one homicide, the public would be out-



**Guidelines:** Canton Police officers follow a general policy but also have discretion on whether or not to pursue based on the type of offense, time of day, traffic conditions and other factors, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

his department did not have a "no pursuit" policy.

Santomauro said the public needs to be aware of the most important factor in high-speed chases: "It's not the police officer who is creating the scenario. That person who is fleeing and eluding is making a conscious

## New subdivision from page A1

On Monday, the planning commission approved the final plan for the Heron Ridge Planned Development District. In June, the commissioners approved the preliminary plan, which addressed the issue of density, street layout and design standards.

"If a homeowners association like ours can't figure this out, I

## The homeowners group has been active for the past six years monitoring various developments in the rural portions of Canton.

don't know how the average resident is supposed to," said NWSHA president Anna Marie Henrich.

The homeowners group has been active for the past six years monitoring various developments in the rural portions of Canton.

The discussion also focused on the merits of a PDD, which benefits the township and planners alike by allowing a mix of land uses (single family homes, apartments and condominiums) in exchange for flexibility in design standards and the preservation of natural amenities.

"My guess is a standard plat with wetlands couldn't fit 214 lots... to make so much difference with a PDD is so erratic. These one-acre sites are getting within 50 feet (of existing homes)," said Henrich.

For Heron Ridge developer Jeff Brown, setbacks will be reduced, mimicking cluster development design standards, since the 218 acres is heavily forested. Home sites in the Heron Ridge PDD will be 18,000



**Rope work:** Canton Police officer Steve Miller leans back to begin his descent from the eight-story apartment complex (above, right). At right, Miller is on his way down and (above) works the ropes while on the ground watching another officer complete the exercise.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

## Hitting the wall Officers scale new heights

Scaling tall buildings is part of the job description when you're on a police SWAT team. But where do you practice and refine those skills?

One of the few high-rise buildings in Canton is the Canton Place senior apartment complex. So that's where 30 officers from area departments found themselves Wednesday as part of Canton's SWAT training course.

The three-week program is part of a cooperative effort between the communities of Canton, Northville Township, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Van Buren Township and Dearborn. Each department

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## Volunteers can 'Make a Difference' on Oct. 25

For the past seven years, the last Saturday in October has been designated as "Make a Difference Day." This annual event encourages individuals, groups, and communities to plan activities that will "make a difference" for others.

On Oct. 25, 1997, the Canton community will celebrate Make a Difference Day with a "Community Outreach Fair," which will be held at the Summit on the Park community center. Nonprofit organizations, service clubs, and churches in the Plymouth-Canton area will be given an opportunity to have a booth where they can explain their activities and services offered to the community. The fair will provide a forum for community residents to visit one location and receive information about the many services and volunteer opportunities available in the community.

The event will run 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

In keeping with the goals of the President's Summit held in Philadelphia this past April, the Canton community is working on a local level to identify opportunities for young people to participate in community service activities. A special emphasis on youth volunteering will be a part of the Community Outreach Fair.

A fee of \$25 will be charged to each participating organization to cover shared expenses. The deadline for reserving a table is Sept. 25, 1997. Organizations wishing to participate may apply by contacting (313) 398-5000 or (313) 397-6450.

## Journals from page A1

being a school kid in the summer as well as, sometimes, weightier subjects.

Livonia twins Katherine and Marie Nizienski began their journals on the first day of soccer camp at Eastern Michigan University in July. The camp's highlight was a "World Cup" tournament, in which the twins faced off in the semifinals. Here's how Katie saw it:

"My team had to play Maries team. We won! I sort of feel sorry for her. But I'm happier for me." (Katie's team, "Ireland," lost in the finals.)

Marie, however, had the last laugh at camp. "We learned a lot of new drills, made a lot of new friends, and had fun. Katie got swimmers itch from the lake. Too bad for her!"

The twins had just dealt with the death of their great-grandfather, and returned from soccer camp to face news that an aunt was terminally ill. Katie contrasted the way the experiences touched her.

"When Great Grampa died on June 30th, at age 91, Mom said he died fast with no pain. Aunt Mae's dying is different and hard on everyone. ... I don't want to die this way."

Derek Larkin, also of Livonia, wrote of his week at a cottage up north, where he and a friend swam, walked trails and "had the biggest sand and seaweed war," followed by a feast of pizza, apple pie and s'mores.

"After we were all done eating we went tubing. Mr. Fawkes went tubing too, it was his first time," he wrote on July 29.

It was a fun week. Derek wrote, but homecoming was notable: "I was happy to be home, my dog was happy for me to be home ... he really missed me. My dad was really happy to see us too," he said.

Melissa Rubalcava of Redford Township took her journal to Los Angeles, where she and her sister visited their father and other relatives for nearly a month. "It was a sad goodbye to my mom and I cried a little," Melissa wrote of their departure.

Her first week in California, full of shopping, sightseeing and swimming, chased those blues away. "It is really wonderful to visit my family," she wrote on Aug. 1, two days after arriving.

"Today we all learned how to dive!" she continued on Aug. 3. "Believe it or not my sister who is 2 years younger than me learned how to dive an hour before me! My cousin and I learned at the same time."

Chris Husk of Redford described his days in an unspici-

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# Feline rescue: Cops pull cats from car

**COP CALLS**

Police rescued several cats from a 1987 Ford Thunderbird parked at Stonebrook Apartments on Thursday.

The cat had food and water inside and a litter box for its furry occupants, but was locked with all the windows rolled up.

An employee at the apartment complex told police he had received several complaints from tenants and first noticed the cats on Tuesday. By Thursday morning the car and the cats were still in the parking lot.

Police called Critter Control, a local animal control company, and decided to impound the vehicle and the cats. The cats are in custody of Critter Control.

It is believed the cats and the car belong to a tenant who recently moved out.

**Stolen cars**

A thief drove off in a double axle dump truck, stolen from the parking lot of a S & J Sealer Company, 39571 Michigan Avenue, sometime between 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday.

A black 1996 Jeep Cherokee station wagon was stolen sometime between 9:30-11:15 p.m. Wednesday. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of a home on the 39700 block of Coronation.

A 1991 Buick Lesabre was stolen from the Fellows Creek Apartments sometime between 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Monday.

A 1986 Buick Lesabre was stolen from the Fellows Creek Apartments sometime between 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Police found broken glass in the parking space where the car was parked.

# Vietnam memorial sponsors

James Stewart Brown of Canton recently became a founding sponsor of the Michigan Vietnam Monument.

Brown participated in the campaign to raise funds to build the monument in Lansing on the State Capitol grounds. The Vietnam Monument has a fund-raising goal of \$2.8 million.

The names of all founding sponsors will be listed in the Founding Sponsor Registry which will be maintained at the Michigan Department of Military Affairs in Lansing.

The project is a collaboration between the public and private sectors in honoring and celebrating the Michigan citizens who served in Vietnam.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part 1. The Zoning Ordinance, No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 92, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A parcel of land located in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, T1S, R8E, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan; Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, T1S, R8E, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, thence N00°05'20" E, 1613.19 feet along the east line of said Section 29, T1S, R8E, thence S87°14'25" E, 1096.71 feet along the centerline of North Territorial Road to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence S 0°14'22" E, 403.41 feet; thence S 86°46'20" W, 184.52 feet; thence N 0°21'15" E, 401.65 feet along the east line of St. Andrews Drive; thence N 89°14'25" E, 185.42 feet along the centerline of North Territorial Road to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 29, T1S, R8E, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, containing 1.707 acres of land more or less, being subject to the rights of the public over the northerly 33.00 feet thereof, as occupied by North Territorial Road. Also, being subject to other easements and restrictions of record, if any.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-85  
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 92  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on October 23, 1997.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 154 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949 at a meeting duly called and held on the 23rd day of September 1997, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 23, 1997  
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# St. Peter's celebrates 50th year

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

■ 'It seems this was where God wanted me. It's still very family-like in church and in school.'

Rebecca Lohrmann, — Teacher and Canton resident

After 50 years of being Plymouth's first parochial school, St. Peter's Lutheran Day School, located on Penman Avenue, is throwing a party on Sunday, Sept. 28.

The golden birthday celebration begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10:30 church service with dinner and a special program afterwards. The program includes showing a movie of the school's construction, which was completed in three stages, from 1947-1975.

"I was one year too old when school opened, but then my children went here. I have four grandchildren here," said church member Ron Wendland, who is on the birthday committee.

The school, which is supported by St. Peter Lutheran Church, started out with two classrooms from Kindergarten through sixth grade and a boiler room. Wendland said it took volunteers from the congregation two years to build these rooms.

The school presently has six classrooms and a large gym for

its 119 students. Enrollment is capped at 30 students per grade. "Our enrollment consists of members of the congregation and people searching for a church," said principal Jerry Meier.

Wendland said the original site for the school was near West Middle School. "People thought it was too far into the country for the kids to walk."

Although the family feeling of the school was founded upon hasn't changed, tuition, like in parochial schools everywhere, has. In 1950 tuition was free to church members, \$75 for Lutherans and \$100 for non-Lutherans.

The current tuition is \$2,200 for non-members, regardless of religious denomination. "The congregation is willing to support the school without a tuition for members. Other schools don't

survive because tuition is too high," said Wendland. The church has a membership of 800 people.

School secretary Sherry Benner of Canton is a St. Peter's alumna. She recalled the days before hot lunches and the new gym. "We did calisthenics in the parking lot, and we had hot dog day — hot dog, cupcake and white milk."

She also said throwing spitballs resulted in an automatic spanking. "They kind of took you out in the hall so everyone could hear you."

Rebecca Lohrmann, 12, Wendland's granddaughter, likes going to St. Peter's because "it's small and everyone knows everyone." However, she admits the school is strict — sort of. "You can't just walk out of a class or talk."

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has deep roots in Plymouth. It was founded in 1855 by a circuit minister on horseback. For many years it occupied the church building on Spring Street in Old Village that currently houses the Full Gospel Church of Plymouth.

# In teen pageant

**Competing:** Katie Clavier, the daughter of Jerry and Sandy Clavier of Canton, has been selected as an entrant in the 1997 Miss Michigan Teen All American Pageant at the Rocco Hotel in Romulus on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5.



# Target offers scholarships

The Canton Target store will help two area students go to college in the fall of 1998.

Applications are now available for Target's \$1.6 million All-Around Scholarship program, which will provide more than 1,500 high school students with money to help finance their post-secondary education. Now in its third year, the program will provide funding to students who demonstrate leadership and all-around citizenship in their community, family and school activities.

Two scholarships will be distributed per Target store, including the Ford Road store in Canton. The program will award some 1,500 scholarships of \$1,000 each and four \$10,000 grand scholarships.

The All-Around Scholarship program was created in response concerns about the importance of education, the rising costs of college tuition and the future strength of communities across the country.

High school seniors may pick up applications at their local Target store. Completed applications must be postmarked by Dec. 15, 1997. A panel of independent judges will review applications, and recipients will be notified on or about May 15, 1998. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners at store ceremonies in late spring of 1998.

Meanwhile, Whyman branded as "insincere" the statement of incoming U-M President Lee

# Wednesday fund-raiser to benefit Nankin Mills

From its history as a grist mill built in 1842, to its days as the early Ford machine shop where Thomas Edison built the first hydroelectric generator — Nankin Mills has undergone many changes throughout the years.

The reception will feature light refreshments and tours of the mill — including Edison's generator, enclosed in the same glass casing which Henry Ford placed it in more than 70 years ago.

There will also be brief presentations by County Parks Director Hurley Coleman, County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and parks naturalist Carol Clements.

Nankin Mills is located on the north side of Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Merriman Road in Westland. For information, call Wayne County parks at (313) 261-1990.

Tickets are \$20 each and all funds will go towards the purchase of interpretative displays.

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# STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

**Preference hearing**

Four Republican state representatives will take public comment Monday in their probe of preferential treatment of student applicants at the University of Michigan.

The hearing is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. in the Shelby Township Hall, 52700 Van Dyke, just south of 24 Mile Road in Macomb County.

Joining David Jaye, R-Macomb County, in planning a federal civil rights suit against U-M are Reps. Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, Deborah Whyman of Canton, and Michelle McManus of Leelanau.

In addition, Jaye is sponsoring a ballot proposal similar to California Proposition 209, which voters in 1996 approved to end affirmative action.

Meanwhile, Whyman branded as "insincere" the statement of incoming U-M President Lee Bollinger that he will end the practice of preferential admission status to minorities.

"Bollinger has indicated that he wishes to increase the admissions staff at U-M in order to give 'personal attention to each candidate rather than relying on formulas,' Bollinger is trying to keep minority references in place without leaving a paper trail. . . He wants to discriminate on a personal, one-to-one basis," said Whyman.

# Changes sought in high school tests

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

State lawmakers want educators to shorten the high school proficiency tests and offer them during the senior year.

They also want to substitute a system of four rankings — three passing and one failing.

The ratings would appear on a student's official transcript but not on the diploma, under a bill being drafted in a House Education subcommittee in Lansing.

"The High School Proficient Tests have had unintended consequences," said Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davidson. "We see children not taking foreign languages or the arts."

The reason, she said, is that giving the tests in 11th grade, as currently done, pushes school districts to offer test subjects such as government in 10th grade. "They'll have to have all this in the 10th grade," added Rep. Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson.

"We're forcing material back in the curriculum."

On a split 5-2 vote, the panel amended its draft bill to require the state Department of Education to administer the tests in the first semester of 12th grade. The tests then will determine what students have learned by the end of the 11th grade instead of the end of the 10th.

The subcommittee met Sept. 25 and is scheduled to meet

again at noon Oct. 1 on the fourth floor of the State Capitol in Lansing.

Paul Bielawski, supervisor of curriculum development for the Department of Education, said 11th grade was chosen for testing because 10th grade is "the last time we have all the kids together. The tests are focused on all kids," he told the panel.

"We don't have all kids taking chemistry, biology and physics. So we test for health science, not biology."

Other key points approved by the subcommittee:

- The department should use only Michigan educators for scoring "open-ended questions" and the writing component.
- The department should recommend a statewide comprehensive professional development plan for educators in understanding core academic content standards.
- Schools should give re-takes in the same academic year.
- The department should develop a correlation between the MEAP and the high school proficiency tests.
- Here is the department's description of what a "proficient" student should know about science by the end of 10th grade:
  - "A student who scores within the proficient range in science demonstrates the ability to construct and reflect on scientific knowledge. The student:
    - "Demonstrates knowledge of earth and space science, life science and physical science.
    - "Uses his or her knowledge to describe and explain real world objects, systems, or events; and to predict future events or observations.
    - "Develops solutions to problems by interpreting text, graphs, tables, pictures or other representations of scientific knowledge.
    - "Is able to 'step back' and analyze or reflect upon his/her own knowledge using either theoretical or empirically based arguments and describe the limitations of his/her own knowledge and scientific knowledge in general."

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<b>WATERFORD</b> Wednesday, October 15th 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Waterford Senior Center 6455 Harper	<b>PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE</b> Friday, October 17th 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Plymouth Cultural Center 325 Lumber Rd. (Between N. Terminal & 5 Mile Off Sheldon Rd.)	<b>WEST BLOOMFIELD</b> Monday, October 27th 7 p.m.-9 p.m. (evening) West Bloomfield Twp. Public Library 24600 Walnut Ln. Rd. (W of Orchard Ln.) *Reservations necessary - (248) 482-3129

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JACK F. FARROW, Secretary

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1175 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Monday, October 6th, 1997, at 3:30 p.m.

VEHICLES:  
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1985 Honda SW JHMAR6527C00610 97-8954

Inquires regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Ron Bianchi, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 453-8600.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, Clerk  
City Clerk

Published: September 28, 1997

**35th DISTRICT COURT NOTICE**

The 35th District Court is accepting sealed bid proposals for the cleaning contract for the interim courthouse, to be located at 41100 Plymouth Road. The contract will be awarded from November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1999. (Dates subject to change based on beginning date of interim facility occupancy and permanent courthouse construction completion) the building consists of approximately 16,800 square feet. The courthouse must be cleaned on a daily basis after business hours. The cost of all supplies, paper products, soaps, etc. must be included in the proposed price. Bidders must be fully insured and bonded. Proposals shall also provide at least three professional references.

Proposals must be received by 3:00 P.M., October 15, 1997 at which time said proposals will be opened. Interested parties are invited to contact Kerry Erdman, Court Administrator for further information at (313) 459-4575. The 35th District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Published: September 28 and 29, 1997

**ORDINANCE NO. 83-86 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 93 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on October 23, 1997.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 154 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949 at a meeting duly called and held on the 23rd day of September 1997, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 23, 1997  
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KEELY WYGONIK

## Chili cooks spill beans on ingredients

**M**ole powder, red chili powder, Mexican chili powder – this is the stuff award-winning chili is made of, but you probably won't find these ingredients at your neighborhood grocery store.

"I started with a chili powder blend; it was successful for me; that's all we knew, but over time we realized we couldn't control the amount of cumin, garlic, salt and pepper and other ingredients," explained Annette Horn, an award-winning chili cook who is organizing Plymouth's second annual Great Chili Cook-off on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Like other chili cooks, Annette and her husband, Ken, who placed second in 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off Championship in Milford, discovered pure ground chili peppers and other seasonings, which are available by mail order.

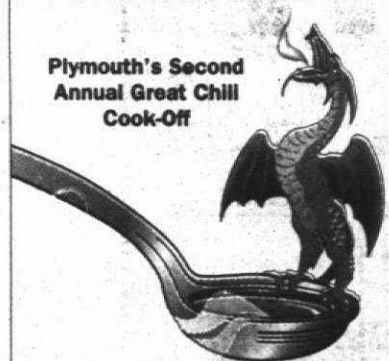
"There's a wide variety of chilies," said Horn. "It gives you more control over your chili. We've experimented to find a taste we like. If you like your chili, you should be happy. Only one person will win the cook-off."

**Competition**

Up to 40 cooks will be competing in

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**Plymouth's Second Annual Great Chili Cook-Off**



**When:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12  
**Where:** Kellogg Park and The Gathering, downtown Plymouth. Event proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

**Highlights:**

- One mile fun walk – 8:30 a.m.
- 10K run – 9 a.m.
- Michigan District chili cook-off competition 8-10 a.m. registration/booth set-up, light stoves at noon, cook chili noon to 3 p.m., chili tasting 3 p.m., awards presentation 5 p.m.
- Live country entertainment – noon to 6 p.m.
- Line dancing – throughout the day
- Harley Davidson bike and fashion show – throughout the day
- Beanie Baby Raffle – Tickets \$5 available at the event, or in advance beginning Oct. 1 from Native West, Christine's Hallmark, the Animation Station, Pled Piper, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Bed 'N Stead and Andy's Hallmark in downtown Plymouth.

**Cook-off information:**

- Entry free for fun walk and 10K run \$14 in advance, or \$17 day of the event. Includes long sleeve T-shirt, and contribution to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Call (313) 455-0510 for registration information.
- Entry fee for chili cook-off \$30 International Chili Societies members, \$60 non-members (includes ICS membership). Call Annette Horn (313) 455-8838 to participate in the event.
- General information: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce (313) 453-1540 or Plymouth Business Association (313) 453-1234, Ext. 254.

**Chili Cook Resources:**

- Pendery's – (800) 533-1870
- Jim Beatty – (805) 524-2078
- Joe Stewart Chili Company – (415) 571-8530
- Adamski's Original Sin Chili Starter available at Rafal Spice Company, 2521 Russell (in the Eastern Market area of Detroit), or by mail order: Send \$2.95 plus \$1.25 for shipping and handling to: Packaging Supply, P.O. Box 51068, Livonia, MI 48151

**LOOKING AHEAD**

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine column
- The vegetarian athlete



# Hop to it and make a homebrew

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

**H**omebrewing is one of America's fastest growing hobbies, and autumn's cooler temperatures make it a perfect time to homebrew. If you hop to it, you can have a specialty brew for the holidays.

Fermentation should take place at 68°F for ales and 57°F for lagers, temperatures easily attainable in autumn. Once a homebrewed batch is bottled, it should be kept at about 60°F and away from light for six weeks of aging.

Dean Jones, Brewmaster for Big Rock Chop and Brown House in Birmingham, offered his professional advice to get the most fun and best results from homebrewing.

"Purchasing a kit from a homebrewing supply store is a good way to learn and get started," he said. "Once you've home brewed and get experience, you're ready to move off kits." With David Letterman flare, Jones offered his top 10 list for success in homebrewing.

**Tips for success**

- 10 Consult a professional at a homebrew supply store. This person will happily direct you to greatness with your first brew.
- 9 Don't cheap out. Buy the right equipment the first time from a quality homebrew shop, not a beer machine from a department store.
- 8 Read, learn and ask questions of other homebrewers.
- 7 Use quality ingredients. What goes in is what comes out. Use only fresh or frozen hops and yeast that has been refrigerated. Toss the kit yeast away and purchase yeast from a homebrew store.
- 6 Don't use sugar. Most kits will tell you to. Make an all malt beer.
- 5 Don't use the kit directions. Toss them out and don't look back. Get brewing directions from a book or homebrew store.
- 4 Clean, clean, scrupulously clean your equipment.
- 3 Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize. Keep everything that comes in contact with your beer sterile.
- 2 Relax. Your beer will turn out fine.
- 1 Keep notes on everything you do so you can make that great batch again.

Wine Barrel Plus in Livonia is billed as "the largest independent retail home brew shop in the world" by owner Mark George. He also touts his long-into-the-evening hours. "Many people start their hobby after

6 p.m. and we cater to them staying open until 10 p.m. every day except Sunday," he said.

George suggests that there are various reasons why people choose to brew their own.

"There are no federal, state, county or city taxes on 200 gallons of homebrew in a two-person adult household. Homebrewers take pride in producing their own unique beers. Others enjoy duplicating commercially available beers from major national companies at a fraction of the cost. There are unlimited flavor and stylistic variations that can be produced. The foundation, however, is fun."

Wine Barrel Plus sells brewing equipment from Economy at \$40 to Elite at \$131. Depending on what you may already own, such as a 5-gallon carboy, you might be able to get away with an Economy equipment purchase. But each category is clearly spelled out on easy-to-read lists. Jones recommends that glass, not plastic, be used for fermentation.

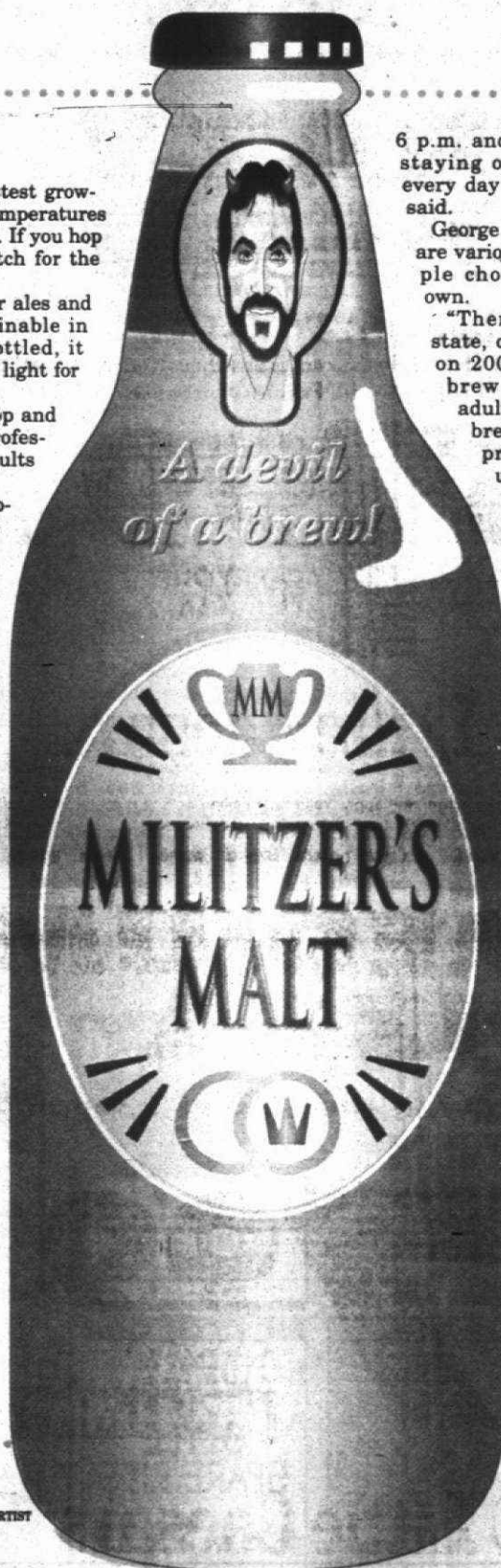
Brew and Grow of Michigan in Livonia capitalizes on two unique hobbies, homebrewing and indoor gardening. "Gardening is the largest hobby in the U.S.," owner Scott Day said. "But volume-wise for my shop, it's more beer supplies and equipment."

Judging from the Brew & Grow catalog, Day has everything you'd ever want to get started, and after you've become proficient. For beginners he has a sheet with 17 essential steps for brewing a 5-gallon batch. He gets you through the bottling process in 12 easy steps.

Dean Jones will work with Scott Day forming a positive relationship between brewery and homebrew store. Jones will supply sea-

**Homebrew resources:**

- Brew & Grow of Michigan, 33523 W. Eight Mile Road, Unit F-5, Livonia (800) 734-4195.
- Detroit Brew Factory, 18065 East 8 Mile Road, Eastpointe (810) 776-8848. Brew on premise.
- Red Wagon Wine Shoppe, 2940 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248) 852-9307.
- The Merchant's Warehouse, 126 N. Main Street, Royal Oak (248) 546-7770.
- Westside Brew Depot Beer and Wine Factory, 2055 Huron Church Road, Windsor, Ontario (519) 966-8734. Brew on premise.
- Wine Barrel Plus, 30303 Plymouth Road, Livonia (313) 522-9463.



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

## 'Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home' strays from tradition

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Work and holidays, the words are synonymous, but they don't have to be.

"We shouldn't be bound by traditions, try other things," suggests Ethel G. Hofman, author of the newly published "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home," (HarperCollins Publishers). "You don't have to make Tzimmes the way your grandmother did."

Tzimmes, which she describes as "a mishmash of sweet vegetables," is traditionally served at Jewish New Year dinners. Like many traditional holiday dishes, it's "laborious and time-consuming to make," said Hofman. "You have to peel and chop carrots, pit dates."

But Hofman's "Almost Instant Tzimmes" is easy. The ingredient list includes a package of pitted potatoes, can of vacuum-packed sweet potatoes, and frozen sliced carrots.

"There's really nothing to it, and the flavor still comes through," she said.

It's time to pull out cookbooks, and start thinking about Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year celebration, which begins this year at sundown on Wednesday, Oct. 1 and ends with Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown on

Friday, Oct. 10. Called the "High Holy Days," Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the most sacred holy days in Jewish faith.

Rosh Hashana means "head of the year" in Hebrew. It is a time of reflection. On the eve of Yom Kippur, (Day of Atonement) families gather for a holiday meal, which begins 24 hours of prayer and fasting.

"The focus is on hope, for a sweet, comfortable, fulfilling new year," said Hofman. At the Rosh Hashana meal, served before sundown of the evening beginning the holy day, it is customary to dip a piece of apple or bread into honey, symbolizing a wish for a "good, sweet year, full of happiness."

All of us seek out new recipes during the holidays, but Hofman challenges readers to change their way of thinking about food so every day can be a celebration.

"Flavors elevate a dish from ordinary to fantastic," she said. "These dishes can be made any time of year, as well as holidays. There's a misconception about gourmet being something you wouldn't make every day. All of my recipes are gourmet, they're fine, good-tasting dishes, and you can get the ingredients in any supermarket."

She learned how to cook from her mother while growing up in the Shetland Isles, north of Scotland. "It's a little square on the map. My mother's 89 and still makes chicken soup from scratch, forget about bouillon."

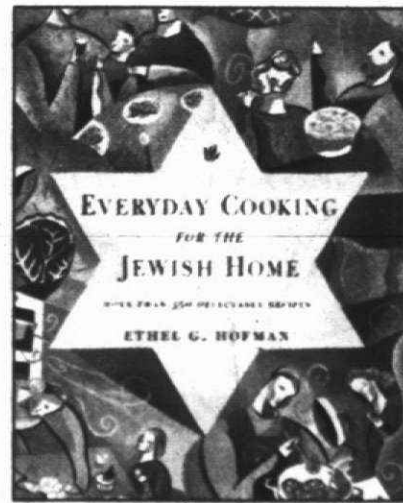
But Hofman, who loves homemade chicken soup like everyone else, challenges people to recognize the canned broth she uses in some of her recipes. She also uses prepared puff pastry and other convenience products. There are over 36,000 products that are certified kosher, which make life easier.

"Look wonderful, taste fabulous, but not take a lot of time to make," is how Hofman views cooking.

"This is right on target for the way we're cooking and living," she said. A nutritionist by profession, Hofman is past president of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, a nationally syndicated Jewish food columnist, and regular contributor to *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and other publications.

"Wherever Jews find themselves they adapt the flavors of that region to keep within the laws of kashruth," said Hofman. "This has led to a unique blending of distinctive ingredients by the

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JACKET ILLUSTRATION BY HEIDI YOUNGER  
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**New cookbook: "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home," by Ethel G. Hofman (HarperCollins Publishers) offers 350 recipes that are uncomplicated in preparation but complex in flavor.**

# Homebrew from page B1

sonal recipes emulating Big Rock brews. He'll promote interest and offer quality assistance to increase homebrewers' skills and host homebrew club meetings at Big Rock. You can get more information about this by contacting Brew & Grow of Michigan.

**GETTING STARTED**  
A basic homebrew kit at Merchant's Warehouse in Royal Oak is \$80. Tony Randazzo or Frank Retell offer assistance. With the kit, you also get a copy of *The New Complete Joy of Homebrewing* by Charlie Papazian, (Avon Books, 1991). Papazian is President of the Association of Brewers. Both Jones and Retell believe it is the essential guide. Here you can also pick up a free

A state-of-the-art bottle sanitizer and a counter pressure bottling system are available.  
Across the Detroit River in Canada at the Westside Brew Depot in Windsor, Ontario you can brew six cases of 340ml (12-ounce) bottles for \$65 U.S. Your bottled batch can legally cross the border duty free as a "homebrew." If you're cost analyzing, don't forget to add the \$2 each way bridge or tunnel toll and you'll have to make this trip twice.  
"We have more than 100 recipes from light to dark beers," owner Tim Langlois explained. "If a person has not brewed before, but can tell us what type of beer they like best, we can suggest a recipe imitating most U.S., Canadian or European brews. Czech Pilsner is the current favorite and it compares well to Labatt's Blue. Staff offers tech support to first-timers."

If you don't have your own bottles, Langlois sells a case of 500ml bottles for \$7.56 U.S., in which case you'd make a total of four cases.  
It takes about an hour and a half to brew and another hour to bottle. Your batch remains at an on-premise brew facility for two weeks undergoing a seven to nine-day fermentation and five to seven days of clarification and stabilization monitored by staff. Then, it's ready to bottle. At Westside Brew Depot, it's BYO if you want a keg and the brew will be filtered and carbonated in your keg.

**SURF THE INTERNET**  
Cyberbrewers can find a wealth of information on the Internet. The American Homebrewers Association site at <http://beertown.org> has a homebrewers shop, recipes and an invaluable dictionary of equipment and brewmaking terms. At <http://www.bvo.com>, you're at the home of "Brew Your Own" magazine. Subscribing on line at \$29.95 for 12 issues is possible or you can call (800) 900-7594. The on-line table of contents lists current features in the magazine. Viewing back articles from aeration to yeast is possible. There's a recipe exchange and Mr. Wizard acting as a kind of beer doctor.

# Brewmasters share recipes Specialty Foods from page B1

See related story on Taste front.

The following are ingredients with some parameters. You can obtain directions for brewing at a homebrew supply store or in a homebrew book. Simply take the recipes to the store and get what you need.

This striking red beer served at Birmingham's Big Rock Chop & Brew House gets its color and flavor from caramel malt. Sweet maltiness dominates slightly over a clean hop bitterness in an extremely smooth, medium-bodied ale with the following parameters: 1.035 original gravity, 1.010 finished gravity, 5 percent alcohol by volume, 13.5 International Bitterness Units and 40 SRM (color).

## Jewish from page B1

"In *Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home*, Hofman introduces Ashkenazic (the old Hebrew word for Germany) and Sephardic (Hebrew for "Spain") culinary traditions.

"The chopped liver, blintzes, and brisquets typical of Ashke-

**BIG ROCK'S RAYMONDO EL ROJA'S RED ALE**  
1 packet Wyeast #1056  
7 pounds Amber Malt Extract  
3/4 pound Caramel 80 (Briess Malt) steeped  
2 ounces Cascade 5.0 Alpha Acid for a 60-minute boil.  
Add 1/2 ounce at the beginning. In last 10 minutes add 1/2 ounce more. At the end of 60 minutes, add the last 1 ounce.

**COURTESY OF BREWMATER DEAN JONES, BIG ROCK CHOP AND BREW HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM.**  
In the tradition of a true pilsner, a strong aroma hop combined with an aromatic finishing hop gives this 4.5 percent alcohol beer a well-balanced fla-

vor similar to Labatt's Blue.  
**CZECH PILSNER**  
3.8L lager extract  
2.5L glucose (sugar)  
46 grams northern brewer hops  
16 grams Hallertauer hops  
16 grams lager yeast  
Courtesy of Westside Brew Depot, Windsor, Ontario.

**BUST A NUT BROWN ALE**  
4 pounds Munton & Fison nut brown ale kit  
3 pounds light spray dried malt extract  
1/2 pound Belgian "Special B" crystal malt  
1-1/2 ounce Willamette or

Cascade hops (for boil)  
1/2 ounce Willamette hops (for aroma)  
1 teaspoon Gypsum (water hardener, add to boil)  
1 packet Wyeast (liquid) #1098 British  
Put Belgian crystal malt in a muslin bag. Tie off and add to 1-1/2 gallons of cold water. Bring to a boil; remove muslin bag.  
Add can of Munton & Fison dry malt extract and 1-1/2 ounces hops.

Boil and stir for 45 minutes. Add 1/2 ounce finishing hops for last 1-2 minutes of boil. Strain into clean fermenter.  
Courtesy of Brew & Grow of Michigan, Livonia.

the Plymouth chili cook-off. The winner will advance to the 1998 Michigan State Cook-Off at Five Lakes Grill in 1998. The winner of that cook-off represents Michigan in the World Championship Cook-Off in Reno, Nev., which is Oct. 3 this year. The Horns have competed in the World Championship Cook-Off four times.

"The whole goal is to make a great pot of chili," said Annette. "If you're happy with your chili, that's all that matters."  
Cook-offs are also about having fun and helping a good cause. Plymouth's cook-off will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.  
"It's fun to mingle with the other chili cooks," said Annette. Last year's cook-off was a huge success. "We were a little unprepared for all the people," she said. "We ran out of chili quickly last year and had a lot of disappointed people."

This year, they're prepared. Three local restaurants - Vassel's, Harvest Moon, Chili's of Novi and Busch's Marketplace, are donating gallons of chili. It will be sold for \$2 a bowl. Samples of chili prepared by cooks participating in the event will be sold for 50 cents a sample. Food vendors will be selling a variety of sandwiches and snacks.

Event highlights include a one-mile fun walk and 10K run. An entire collection - 82 Beanie Babies - will be raffled.

"He went to a spice company and gave them his formula," said Diane. "Then he could tell people who asked for his recipe to make it themselves. One jar (about 5-1/2 ounces) is enough for six pounds of meat. There's a simple chili recipe on the jar. A lot of people put it on scrambled eggs, tacos and steaks."  
Diane said Adamski's Original Sin Chili Starter is not making her a rich woman, but she enjoys carrying on the tradition.  
"I have two helpers who do all the work at the chili cook-offs," she said. "It's a lot of fun. I do it in honor of my husband. If I didn't, my daughter would be the greatest guy in the world."

Georgia and Jim Weller of Bloomfield Hills have also made the rounds at chili cook-offs. Georgia won the World Cook-Off last year and will be judging this year. She and her husband, Jim, also judged the Michigan State Chili Cook-Off at Five Lakes Grill.

When I asked Jim what his favorite source of chili seasonings were he told me - Pendergry's, Jim Beatty, and Joe Stewart. He even had the phone numbers memorized.  
"I pass these on to whoever asks," he said. "That's how chili cooks are; they're generous people. Beatty, who won the 1986 World Cook-Off, gets most of his customers through word-of-mouth. He offers a variety of spices for chili: pure ground chili peppers, and a spice blend for chili."

When I called Beatty in California to see if it would be all right to share his number with readers, and mentioned I got it from the Wellers, the answer was sure. Good chili is something you share.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste section for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Look for her Specialty Foods column on the fourth Sunday of the month in Taste. Send information about products for consideration in this column to Wygonik at the Observer Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (313) 691-7279.

# Chili: new tastes for an old tradition

It seems like chili cook-offs have become a national pastime, featuring countless distinctive recipes for one of our country's most popular dishes. For a health-conscious cook, chili offers the opportunity to make a meal using a bounty of wholesome ingredients so well seasoned that there's no need for the traditional high-fat components.

You can whip up a quick turkey chili by sauteing chopped onion, diced green pepper and lean ground turkey breast. Season with cumin, chili powder, salt and minced garlic. Add chopped, canned tomatoes with their juice, dried basil and oregano and cooked red kidney beans. If you prefer your chili with chunks of meat, brown pieces of lean turkey tenderloin in a bit of olive oil before adding to the rest of the recipe.

Chili doesn't have to include meat in order to be a delicious, nourishing meal. Chick-pea chili uses lots of protein-rich dried beans to satisfy even the heartiest of appetites. Sauté minced garlic and onion in olive oil. Then, stir in cooked chick-peas, diced green peppers and tomato sauce, and season with chili powder, cumin, oregano and red pepper. Simmer for 30 minutes and serve over steamed brown rice and topped with shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese.

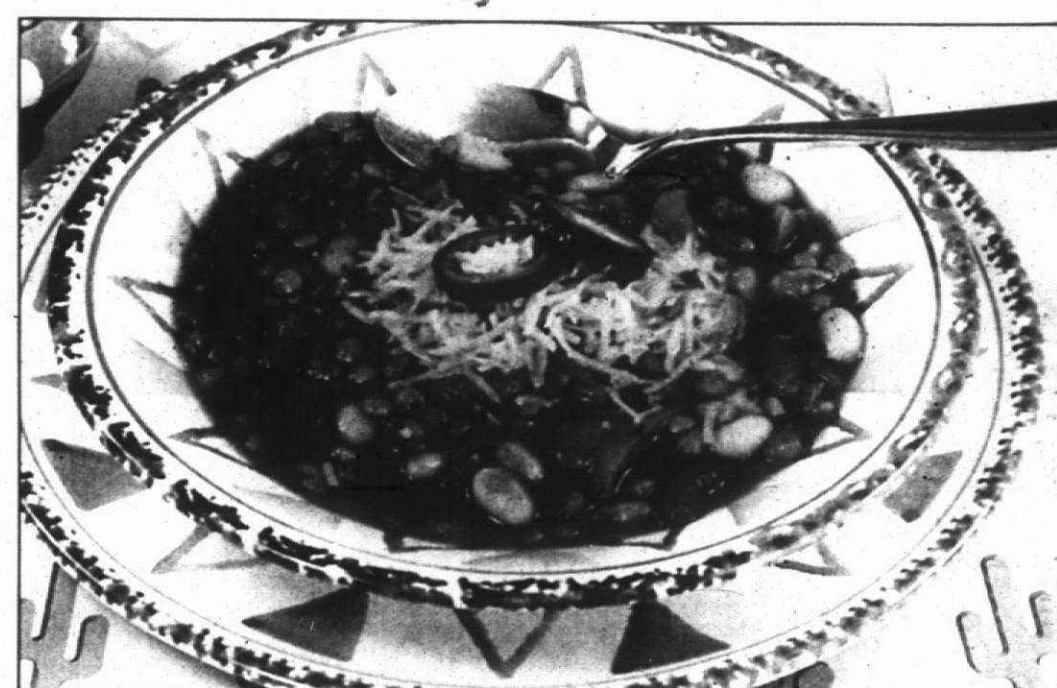
If you're looking for a way to add more whole grains to your diet, make a "chili con kasha" with fiber-rich buckwheat groats (also known as kasha). Brown extra-lean ground beef in a non-stick frying pan. Drain the fat from the pan and pat the meat with a paper towel to remove any excess grease. Add minced onion, minced garlic and diced green peppers, and sauté until the onions are soft. Stir in the kasha, canned stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce and chili powder. Cook for 20 minutes or until the kasha is tender. Serve the chili topped with chopped scallions.

Whether you are serving a football tailgate picnic or warming up after a crisp walk in the falling leaves, a steaming bowl of vegetarian three-bean chili is just the dish for your autumn menus.

**VEGETARIAN 3-BEAN CHILI**  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh garlic
- 1 cup dried lentils
- 3 cups water
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (15-1/2-ounce) can great northern beans, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- reduced-fat cheddar cheese (optional)
- jalapeno slices (optional)

In a 4-quart sautépan, heat the oil. Add the onion, green pepper and garlic, and cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender. Stir in the lentils and water, and continue cooking until the mixture comes to a full boil. Reduce the heat to low and cook until the lentils are tender (25-30 minutes). Stir in the remaining ingredients, except the beans, cheese and jalapeno slices, if using. Continue cooking until the chili is slightly thickened and the flavors are blended (15-20 minutes). Stir in the beans and continue cooking until it is evenly heated. Serve, if desired, with shredded cheese and jalapenos.



Fall warm-up: For a football tailgate picnic, or warming up after a crisp walk in the falling leaves, a steaming bowl of Vegetarian Three Bean Chili is just the dish for your autumn menus.

Each of the 8 servings contains 248 calories and 3 grams of fat. For a free brochure with the facts on fiber, send a self-addressed, stamped business-

sized envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. FI, P.O. Box 7167, Washington, DC 20090-7167.

The material in "Good Food! Good Health" is reviewed by Melanie Polk, M.M.Sc., R.D., F.A.D.A., director of nutrition education, American Institute for Cancer Research.

# Pacific Rim Chicken 'slow cooker'

AP - Use a slow cooker for the following recipe for Pacific Rim Chicken. The combination of sauce ingredients gives this chicken dish a wonderful flavor. Be sure to use large chicken breast halves, as small ones will cook too quickly. Each serving has 421 calories and 4.9 grams of fat.

The recipe is from "Skinny One-Pot Meals" by Ruth Glick (Surrey Books, \$12.95).

- PACIFIC RIM CHICKEN**
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
  - 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
  - 4 to 5 large bone-in chicken breast halves, skin and fat removed (about 3 1/2 pounds)
  - 8-ounce can crushed pineapple, including juice
  - 3/4 cup defatted reduced-sodium chicken broth
  - 1/4 cup dry sherry
  - 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
  - 2 teaspoons rice vinegar
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
  - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 1/3 cups uncooked long-grain white rice, cooked according to package directions

pineapple and juice, broth, sherry, soy sauce, brown sugar, vinegar, ginger, salt if desired and black pepper. Stir to mix. Four over chicken. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour. Reduce heat to low, stir chicken into sauce and cook an additional 5 to 6 hours or until chicken is done.  
Remove and reserve chicken in medium bowl. Transfer liquid and vegetables to sautépan. Quickly boil down sauce, stirring frequently, to thicken slightly. Meanwhile, slice chicken meat. Arrange rice on serving platter. Arrange chicken slices over rice. Pour sauce over all. Makes 6 servings.

*Nutrition facts per serving: 421 cal., 4.9 grams fat, 1.4 grams saturated fat, 107 mg cholesterol, 277 mg sodium, 43 grams protein, 45 grams carbohydrates. Percentage of calories from fat: 11.*

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Ahh! Relax the Back in Birmingham sells chairs that offer all the support you need to get the job done. This Therapod Basic is \$450-\$575.

## Back relief is all in the chair

Eight out of 10 adults will develop a lower back problem at some point in their life. Sitting with poor posture, or for long periods of time, is often the contributing factor, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

"A lot of people tend to slouch when they're sitting, because it feels comfortable. But it also leads to back pain, so in the long run, it's really more comfortable to have good posture," said Laurie Freeman, manager of Relax the Back, Birmingham.

The store, part of a retail chain, sells office chairs, recliners, beds and other products that are designed to prevent and relieve back pain. The folks at Relax the Back teach their clients how to sit properly: feet firmly on the floor, back straight.

But to sit comfortably and correctly for any length of time—especially at work—you need the right kind of chair.

"We ask our customers a lot of questions, to help them find the chair that's right for them," Freeman said. "We ask them what kind of work they do and what sort of repetitive motions they make when doing their job."

People who do a lot of phone work, for example, should have a seat that will rock back and forth with them as they stretch to pick up the receiver and dial, she said. Individuals who do a lot of desk or computer work should have a chair back that leans forward when they do, to give them good lumbar support, she added.

Remember the "kneeling," back-less office chairs that were supposed to be ergonomically great for the spine? Instead of sitting, you kneeled into them? Freeman said they came out in the 1970s, and they're still around.

"But what we've found," she said, "is that you really do need a back and arms on a chair. If you're going to be sitting for long periods of time, you need total support, from your legs to your neck."

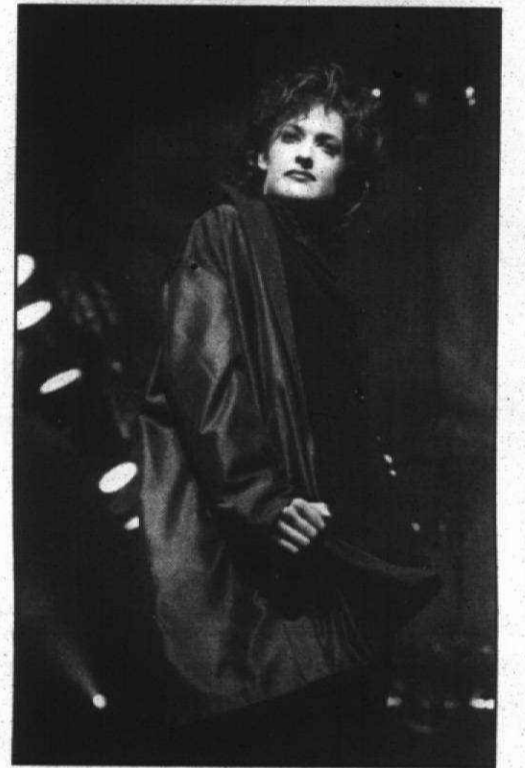
The most important features to have in an office chair, are seat height adjustment, a chair back that tilts forward when you do, and height-adjustable arm rests. Other good features include a seat bottom that can tilt forward with you, arm rests that can be swung outward to give you more room to reach for things, and arm rests that can extended to support your forearm when you're using a computer mouse.

Seat depth is also important. The front edge of the seat should come close to your knees, to properly support your legs and thighs. Finding such a chair can sometimes be a problem for people with long legs, but not at Relax the Back, which carries a wide assortment of office chair sizes and styles.

"Many of the chairs we sell are custom-made for the client," Freeman said. Office chairs go for \$299 to \$2,600, but it's possible for some custom-made chairs to cost even more. The store also sells "Zero Gravity" recliners, which put a person in a position where his legs are at a 90-degree angle to his torso and above the heart.

If you're looking for portable lumbar support cushions, neck rolls and other things to make your chairs more ergonomically correct, then you might want to check out MedMax, which has stores in Westland, Farmington Hills, Rochester and Troy. It has those items and more in its Healthy Back Department.

For fun, or if you're in the market for a luxury chair, visit The Shaper Image and Brookstone in the Somerset Collection South, Troy, and try out their high-tech massage chairs, which cost about \$2,000 to \$3,000. You won't want to leave.



PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

## Birmingham style shines at fall benefit



BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO EDITOR

At its annual Fall Spectacular Wednesday night, Birmingham proved that it's still the place to go for food, fashion and services that are a cut above, and way out in front, of what mainstream shops and salons have to offer.

Look sharp! Feel good! From the CEO suits that opened the show to the fancy lingerie at the finale, Birmingham's 30-some fashion retailers presented their finest merchandise at the 8th annual Fall Spectacular Wednesday night.

The clothes were hip, sophisticated and fun, prompting one show-goer to comment, "This town is the closest thing to New York in the Midwest."

Running well past an hour, the fashion show's exuberant tone and luxurious clothing, furs and hairstyles, was a manifesto to anyone who doubted the town's independent merchants could survive the opening of the swanky Somerset Collection North mall, just three miles away.

"Birmingham is choices," said Jayme Leib, owner of Imelda's Closet, a shoe and accessories shop in town. "Our products are fresh and new."

The evening, which included a taste of the town, live and silent auction of unique merchandise/service packages.

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

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Remodeling Show

Running from 6-8 p.m. at the H-Court area of the mall. Event tickets are \$4 and available at Pih, Hit and Run Next week, place picker Jason Hanson will be available to fans.

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plus a galleries exhibit, raised more than \$200,000 for The Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund of William Beaumont Hospital.

This year, 22 area teens who beat childhood cancers will receive four-year college scholarships of \$1,000 each year, due to the efforts of Birmingham merchants spearheaded by the hero and chief of Beaumont's Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Dr. Charles

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**RETAIL DETAILS**

**Relax the Back** features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

**Fairlane salutes families**  
Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn becomes Fall Family FunCentral. In addition to a line-up of unique entertainment acts, the shopping center will host Tap Dancing Clinics, Breakfast and a Movie, plus a craft program Arts & Scraps - events free to shoppers.

**Tap Dancing Clinics:** Instructors from the Center for Creative Studies School of Music and Dance offer 30-minute lessons (first come, first served) Saturdays, Oct. 4-25. Kids ages 5-8, dance at 1 p.m. Kids 9-14, dance at 2 p.m. Kids of all ages, dance at 3 p.m. in the Hudson's Court, Lower Level. Every week a dancer from each class will be selected in a drawing to win a Family Fun Pack of four tickets to see "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk" at the Fisher Theater.

**Breakfast and a Movie:** Bring the kids to breakfast at the mall's McDonald's at 8:45 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. and a family feature will follow at 11 a.m. at the Movies At Fairlane, movie tickets \$3 per person. Oct. 4 *The Addams Family*; Oct. 11 *Adams Family Values*; Oct. 18 *Casper*; Oct. 25 *Jumanji*. Reservations are required, available at the main information desk, Center Court.

**Arts & Scraps:** Using recycled materials each week, kids make a craft project to take home. Lower level, Lord & Taylor Court.

**Special presentations:** On Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. from the Fisher Theatre, cast members perform rhythms and dances from the Tony-Award hit *Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk* at the Fountain Court Stage. Also performing, *The Ishangi Family Dancers* at 6:30 p.m. with African rhythm and stories.

**Neiman Marcus Christmas Book tempts with luxury gifts**  
The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book for 1997 has been mailed to charge customers, featuring "worldly treasures and splendid surprises." Some of the top items include:  
• **The annual His and Her gift,** a \$32,600 Windjet which combines the speed, cruising and carrying capacity of a boat with the thrill of two personal detachable 1998 Sea-Doo SPX watercrafts.  
• **A "Sony Limited Edition" GMC Suburban,** \$72,975, outfitted with a deluxe sound system, a 9-inch TV with VCR, four seat back video monitors, four station game console, portable cell phone and CDs, games and movies.  
• **90 Years of American First Editions,** \$185,000: 70 books by the finest authors have been collected, signed by literary giants F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Margaret Mitchell, J. D. Salinger.  
• **An X-Files Pinball Machine,** \$6,500. This arcade game has hidden passages, digital sound, multi-ball play, ramp shots and "paranormal surpris-

Lucky gal: Chris LaRock congratulates Sarah Landers on becoming the new Ms. J at Jacobson's.

**Jacobson's picks its Ms J**  
Sarah Landers of Columbus, Ohio was chosen from 13 finalists to represent Jacobson stores as they take off on a new direction with promotions and merchandise appealing to younger shoppers with lower price points.

Hundreds of young women answered the Jackson-based specialty retailer's open call Sept. 13 for fresh faces to launch the Ms J department. The 13 women selected, will be used in local promotions and in store events throughout the state. Each woman got a \$250 merchandise certificate. The winner gets a \$500 wardrobe from Jacobson's, a buying trip with staff to New York City, and professional modeling assignments.

Susie Williams will be featured at the Rochester store, Norma Love at the Birmingham store, and Tina Vestute at the Livonia Store. The winner was announced Sept. 24 at a benefit for the Karmanos Breast Cancer Research Institute at the Laurel Park Place store, Livonia.

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To register, make a contribution, or get more information about the event, the hotline is 1-800-231-4222.

**September coat drive**  
Tapper's Jewelry store in the Orchard Mall, Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield is collecting coats for The Pontiac Lighthouse and the Orphans Children's Services. Bring in a gently-used men's, woman's or child's coat, and receive a \$10 gift certificate. Especially needed are children's coats in sizes 7-10. For more information call the store at (248) 932-7700.

**Haircut winners named**  
Steven DeWitt, 3, of Redford won a year of free haircuts during the grand opening of Beyond The Cutting Edge in Redford. Other winners include Jeff Sillanpaa, Ken Qashat, Brandon Morris and Lindsay Comstock.

For more information call the owner, Roseanne Promo at (313) 532-5325.

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This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

**What we found:**

- **Phil from Classic Hardware** on Seven Mile in Livonia said the shop can order the bowl and pitcher lamp shade for the searcher. Reach him at 542-9940.
- Suzanne and Jackie from **MB Jewelers** in Southfield said they would be happy to special order the sterling silver toothpaste tube key for the searcher. Call the store at (248) 356-7007. It's under \$40.
- A reader suggested another good source for out-of-print books, the **John King Book Shop**, 901 W. Lafayette in Detroit. Suze at the Farmington bookstore **Murder, Mystery and Mayhem**, suggested using the internet at bkfinder@aol.com. She said she would be glad to use the internet on behalf of those without access. Reach her at (248) 471-7210.
- Readers reported buying metal or wooden clothesline setups from these stores: **Target** (in Farmington) **True Value**

**Hardware** in Livonia. Several others offered their old clotheslines.

- Several readers had the **Pit game** to sell, another said she remembers seeing it at **Toys 'R Us**.
- Replacement lids for **Corningware** dishes were spotted at several **Corningware stores** at area outlet malls.
- A caller had **shaving brushes** and cups for the searcher in **Rochester**.

**Still searching for:**

- The book "Listened To Your Instincts" recommended on the **Oprah Winfrey show** for Joyce of Redford.
- Last call for the **men's white cotton socks with black legs and white feet** for Nancy.
- A shop that will put a **chandelier together** for Gertrude Kelly of Farmington.
- An old **Bob Newhart recording**, "The purchase of Manhattan Island," for Bev Feiker.
- A 10 1/2-inch **reel-to-reel** to replace this treasured item that was stolen from Maudine.
- The dry granule rug cleaner **Glamourine** for Bernice Hudak of Livonia.
- The bracelet with the initials **WWJD** (What Would Jesus Do) for Jean of Rochester.
- Any old or new plates with the **JC Penney holiday pattern** "Cranberry Hill" for LuAnn of Canton.

**Where can I find?**

- **Old Spice soap-on-a-rope** for Jill of Birmingham. "I want to buy some for my dad for Christmas," she explained. "And I can't find a store that sells it."
- A place to buy a 42-inch tall **Madonna and Child** statue for Deloris Scherlinger that is repeatedly stolen from her yard.
- The birth of another grandchild, has sent Sandra Goodman in search of a **little bear made of dough**, to attach to a row of dough bears with the names of all her other grandchildren. It's from a craft fair, was a gift, and she's in need of suggestions.
- 1/4-inch thick **Styrofoam**, 2 feet or more by 1 foot for Ed Moross.
- Who still sells the fragrance **Spectacular** by **Joan Collins** for Brenda:
- **Men's short sleeve sweat-shirts** for Sharon of Livonia.
- The perfume **Royal Secrets** by Germaine Monteil of Paris.
- **Maybelline cake mascara**. Help! Plus, we need a source for the **Maybelline Expert Eyes eyeliner pencil**.
- The very old board game **Park and Shop**, for Karen King of Livonia.
- **Decals or stickers** that are reproductions of old ship and train lines from **The Golden Age of Travel** for Betsy.
- A **Rock 'Em Sock 'Em robot** for Cheryl Kulikowski of Westland.
- A **Winter is Beautiful Barbie Doll** for Norma. It's part of the autumn, spring, summer collection which she already has.

- A **postcard printer** for a Senior Citizen's Group said Bob Ryan.
- An **electric hair brush** for Helen Kazanowski of Westland.
- **Thelma Osmund is desperate** for the **Noah's Ark soft sculpture patterns**, and so are several other readers who called to say they'd like them too, to make holiday gifts and crib mobiles. Does anyone have these to share?
- An **old tinker tape machine**.
- A 9-inch color television in a black shell for under-the-counter mounting for David of Plymouth.
- A toddler-size **Big Jake dump truck** by Power Wheels for Barbara.
- **Fitted, slip covers** for a couch seat like the ones Sears used to sell.
- **Bob-Lo memorabilia** for Karen of Royal Oak.
- Where to buy **Mennen shave talc**, plus a store that sells **mirror tiles** about 12" x12" both for one reader.

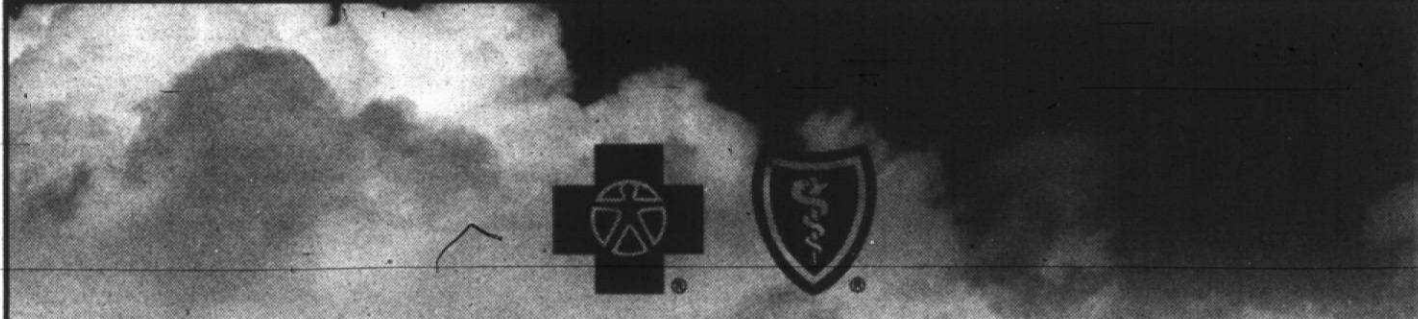
- A retailer who sells **Coty Vitamin A & D night cream** and **Coty Vitamin Moisture Balancer** for Shelley of Plymouth.
- A grocer or market in the Birmingham-area that sells **canned goods without sodium** for Sarah Zusman.
- **Little glass chimes**, very inexpensive, in geometric shapes, with a small little tinkle sound, for Toni of Livonia.
- **Napkin rings** with a Christmas Tree by **Spode** for Lori Rose of Canton.
- A store that sells **Pirelli rubber gloves** for Dean.
- A shop that sells **folding high chairs**.
- A **recording** of "Someone who believes in you" from the soundtrack **Date With An Angel** for Cindy of Canton.
- A **lounging gown** made from a flat, twin sheet for Malinda of Redford.
- **Burlington sheer legacy pantyhose** for Judy of Westland.

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Flu shots

The Visiting Nurses Association will be administering flu shots at the Farmer Jack Pharmacy, 37685 Five Mile and Newburgh roads, from 5-9 p.m., Oct. 3; 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 4; 2-5 p.m., Oct. 25; and 2-5 p.m., Oct. 26. For more information call (313) 464-7688.

### Support for moms

In October, Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network inaugurates a free, monthly support group, Pathways to Parenting, that will give moms an opportunity to network, share concerns and obtain information. Topics will include: newborn behavior, getting back your pre-pregnancy shape, and a variety of professional speakers (medicine, psychology, nutrition).

Pathways will be held on Wednesdays, Oct. 1 from 12:30-2 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church (46200 Ten Mile Road, just west of Taft). For more information call, (248) 477-6100.

### Migraine support

The Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor on Monday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. David Biondi, a board certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression, and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For location information call, (248) 486-1764 (Nancy) or (313) 662-4278 (Bonnie).

### Blood pressure

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part class on "The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure" beginning at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the first floor classroom, near the Five Mile Road entrance. A \$10 class fee covers course materials. Registration is required by calling, (313) 655-2922.

### Immunization clinic

Providence Medical Center Mission Health Livonia Center is sponsoring a series of community immunizations clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 years and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28 on a walk-in basis. The center is located at 37595 Seven Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia. For more information call, 462-2300.

### PT board abolished

Governor John Engler signed Executive Order No. 1997-13 on Friday, Aug. 15, 1997 to abolish the authorities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy. The board was comprised of 9 voting members (5 physical therapists and 4 public members) to specify requirements for licenses, registrations, renewals, examinations, and required passing scores. The board is also responsible for imposing sanctions on physical therapists who have been found to be in violation of the statutory requirements of their licenses.

The Michigan Physical Therapy Association was informed following the abolishment and was not given the opportunity for comment or input on the impact the decision will have on the "health, safety and welfare of the citizen of Michigan who receive physical therapy services and will be negatively affected by the elimination of the Board of Physical Therapy," stated MPTA President Janet Downey.

The powers that board held have now been transferred to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Due to overwhelming opposition from physical therapists across the state of Michigan, Legislators from both the House and Senate will engage in a hearing on the matter, Tuesday, Sept. 30 in Lansing. Physical therapists are hoping the Executive Order is reversed. They are requesting the public and health care providers throughout the state, write or telephone the governor's office and ask to speak to a legislative aid to express their support of the nine member board (Governor John Engler, State Capitol Building, Lansing, MI 48909).

# DON'T PLAY THE 'PICK-A-DOCTOR' GAME

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Gone are the days when the family doctor was chosen, because his office was within walking distance. Chances were that he delivered all the kids in the family and stayed your family doctor, at least, until you moved out of the house. Today, customers are shopping for doctors and want to know a lot more about who the people behind the white coats are and what they have to offer.

In comes doctor referral lines to answer their endless questions.

"People are becoming more informed and they're willing to change doctors more than they did in the past," according to Michael Mikulski, St. Mary Hospital director of physician services.

A flood of information has given customers the knowledge to question and expect more from their physicians. Gender is often an issue, especially among women looking for obstetricians and gynecologists, he added. Some customers prefer older doctors, because they think they're getting someone with more experience. Others want young doctors with the idea that they'll be up to date on recent developments having just learned about it in school, Mikulski said.

### Patient prompting

The influx of calls and questions nudged management at Garden City Hospital to set-up a doctor referral line about four years ago to ensure customers wouldn't be lost in a quagmire of transferred lines and hold buttons.

"The whole thing got started, because we were getting a lot of calls and they were going to random places," according to Dr. Calvin Kay, Garden City Hospital chief medical officer. Referral lines involve an elaborate computer system that matches the customers' needs to the doctors who fit the criteria. If more than one doctor matches a particular request, the computer randomly rotates the names eliminating the chance of an operator playing favorites for personal reasons or accidentally choosing one doctor over another.

Inquiries to physician referral lines vary from the doctors' hobbies to their speciality, Kay said adding that 80 percent of the 280 some doctors on staff with Garden City Hospital grew-up in the area.

"They understand their (patients') problems," Kay said. "We want to match people with doctors who they are comfortable with, being a community hospital. It's important for us that they build camaraderie with their physicians."

### What's best for you

The referral line can be a great resource for callers who are confused by handbooks listing the physicians who accept their insurance coverage. Maybe they need a definition of what the specialties involve, Kay added.

"They usually don't know what kind of doctor they should be going to," explained Suzanne DiPalma, Garden City Hospital physician liaison. It's often recommended that they start with a family practice doctor who, if need be, refers patients to specialists.

A caller may want to have access to someone who can sign language, DiPalma added. Other people are looking for doctors who can speak a specific language, according to Cheryl Peterson, supervisor of Oakwood Health Line. Some want to know where the doctors went to school, what medical societies they are involved in and where they did their residency. But, the most commonly asked questions concern the difference between internists and those who have family practices, she said.

"An adult with specific problems, with their heart or diabetes for instance, may want to lean toward internal medicine, but it's totally up to them," Peterson said. "When a person calls we take specific information from them including name, address, phone number and type of insurance. The most important thing is that they know and understand their insurance."

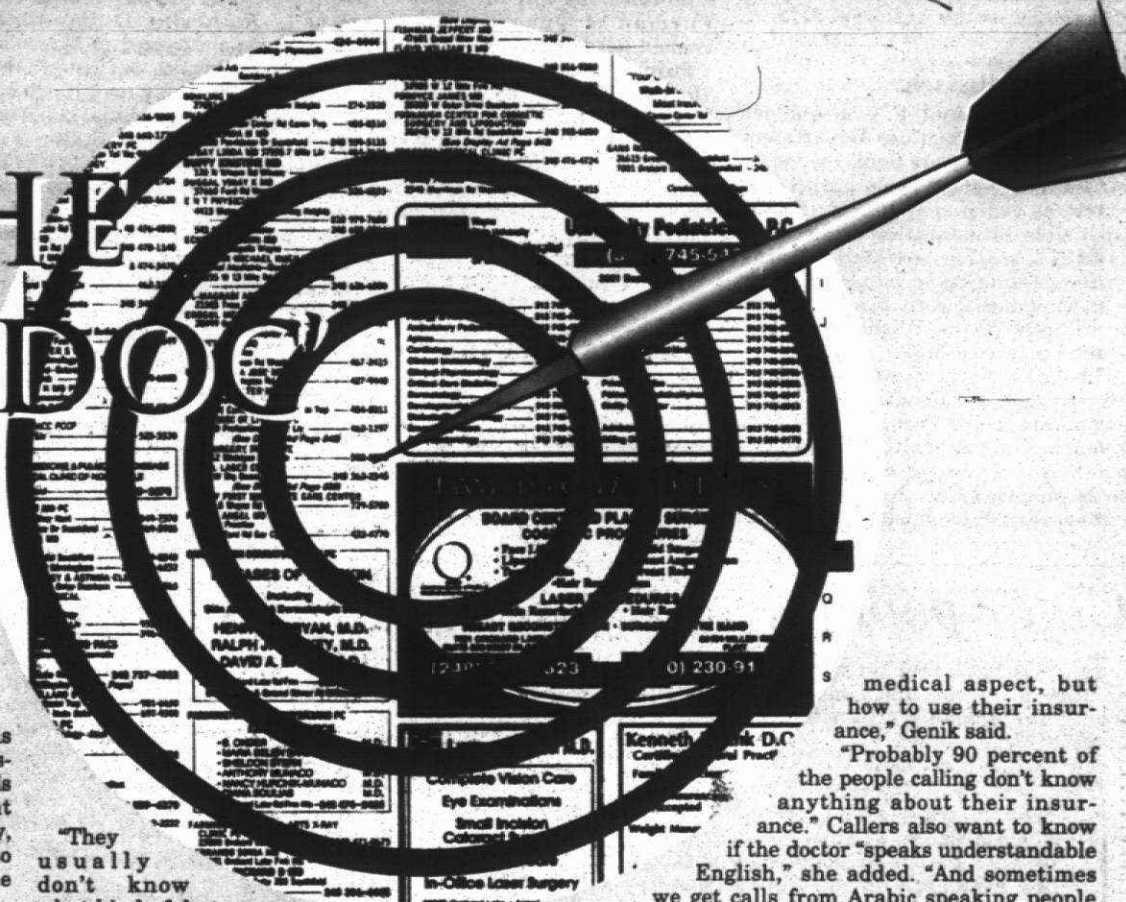
### Just down the street

And like the past, sometimes the main concern is as simple as logistics. "A lot of people new to the area or new to an insurance plan will call and say they're looking for a primary care physician close to their homes, which physicians accept my insurance plan?" explained Margo Burrage, media relations manager for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a member of Mercy Health Services, with facilities in Livonia, Canton and Plymouth. Oftentimes, the referral lines, at area hospitals, will make appointments with the doctors and provide health information.

"People find it very useful to have a place to call to get information not only on physicians, for both primary care and specialty care, but also basic health information where a nurse can help them feel comfortable about the topic," Burrage said.

### Customer convenience

One goal of people working at the Detroit Medical Center physician referral line is to avoid having the caller unnecessarily see a series of specialists, according to Linda Doyle Genik, clinical referral service representative. "We do a lot of patient education over the phone, not only as far as the



medical aspect, but how to use their insurance," Genik said. "Probably 90 percent of the people calling don't know anything about their insurance." Callers also want to know if the doctor "speaks understandable English," she added. "And sometimes we get calls from Arabic speaking people looking for an Arabic speaking doctor."

The physician referral line provided by Henry Ford Hospital gives customers a chance to talk to someone about specific concerns that they wouldn't get from the Yellow Pages or an insurance directory.

### Know the facts

"We are dealing with a far more knowledgeable customer now than we have ever in the past, because of the general focus on health care," according to Ardis Gregory, Henry Ford Health System physician selection service manager. People want to know detailed information like, how many lawsuits a doctor has had filed against them; how many procedures they've performed and which hospitals they have admitting privileges, Gregory added.

"We maintain an objective discussion when we talk to people," Gregory said. "Someone might say, I want to lose weight, so I don't want to go to a doctor who will blow-off my weight problem." Or, the caller might want a doctor who takes a holistic approach, Gregory added. She stressed that a key component of making the service work is for the people answering the referral line to have a detailed understanding of third party payers.

When someone calls the HealthMatch, Botsford General Hospital physician referral line, the representative asks a number of questions to better target who the caller would be best suited in seeing. After the basic criteria are met, she said, the most important matches are made according to their ideas and philosophies toward medicine, according to Susan Perry-Nolte, Botsford manager of marketing and sales.

"Not only do we have an extensive staff of primary care physicians we also have a number of specialties and full-service programs offered through the hospital and if they're interested about a program we can refer them," Perry-Nolte said.

Physician referral lines are as follows: Garden City Hospital, (313) 458-4444; St. Mary Hospital, (888)464-9355; Botsford General Hospital, HealthMatch, (248) 442-7900; Henry Ford Hospital, (800) 653-6568; Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a member of Mercy Health Services, (313)712-5400 or (800)231-2211; Detroit Medical Center, (800)666-3466 and Oakwood Hospital, (800)543-

## Sleeping on back reduces SIDS deaths by 30%

Ever year in the United States nearly 6,000 babies die a sudden, unexplainable death. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is quick, unpredictable and, in most cases, happens to healthy babies from one month to one year old. It is the leading cause of death in Michigan and as of right now there is no cure.

The good news? Since the announcement and implementation of the American Academy of Pediatrics "Back to Sleep" campaign, there has been a 30 percent reduction in SIDS cases across the United States. "One of the most important things parents can do to

help reduce the risk of SIDS is to put babies on their backs or sides to sleep," says Dr. Sophie Womack, neonatologist at The Detroit Medical Center and board member of the Michigan SIDS Alliance.

The Academy's recommendation came after a number of studies showed that babies who slept in the prone position, on their stomachs, were at a significantly higher risk for SIDS. Michigan infants have benefited greatly from this recommendation. "We've seen a drastic reduction in the number of SIDS deaths in the last few years," says Womack. "But we still have work to do, parents to teach."

The Michigan SIDA Alliance is making sure parents know the facts about SIDS. Unfortunately, because SIDS is an unexplainable disease, the myths about it are very prevalent and hard to dispel. "We see many parents who believe SIDS is caused by the infant's crib," says Womack. "Even though SIDS is sometimes referred to as 'crib death,' the crib is not responsible for SIDS death."

"The hardest part," says Womack, "is trying to convince parents they are not to blame, that SIDS is no one's fault."

### SIDS prevention

After 30 years of research, scientists still don't know the complete answer to

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— Dr. Sophie Womack

preventing SIDS. But there are many ways to reduce your child's risk. "The very best defense against SIDS is awareness," says Womack. "Parents need to know what they can do to protect their babies." Although nothing is 100 percent effective, the following are tips for parents to help keep their babies safe:

- bedding**
  - Your baby should sleep on a firm mattress or other firm surface.
  - Don't use fluffy blankets or comforters under the baby.
  - Don't let the baby sleep on a waterbed, sheepskin, pillows or other soft materials.
- environment**
  - Babies should be kept warm - but not too warm. Keep the baby's room at a temperature that feels comfortable to you.
  - Create a smoke-free zone around

your baby. Babies exposed to smoke have an increased risk of SIDS and other diseases.

- bed sharing**
  - Infants need their own sleeping area. Adult mattresses, bedding and blankets are too soft for babies.
  - When babies share the bed with other family members they are at a greater risk for SIDS.

- prenatal care**
  - Getting proper prenatal care is one of the best ways to prevent SIDS and give your baby a healthy start on life.

- Don't smoke during your pregnancy. Studies show the risk of SIDS is higher for babies whose mothers smoked during pregnancy.

- Don't use alcohol or drugs while you are pregnant. Always ask your doctor before taking any medication.

The city of Detroit and Wayne County current account for 35-40 percent of Michigan SIDS cases annually. However, Michigan has experienced a dramatic drop in SIDS rates. In 1990, the number of Michigan SIDS deaths was 257. In 1995, the number was 148.

Other SIDS facts:  
SIDS is not caused by baby shots, spitting up or choking, "crib death", child abuse is not contagious, can't be passed from one baby to another and is no one's fault when a baby dies of SIDS.

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New VP

Oakwood Healthcare Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of **John Furman** to senior vice president of Human Resources. Furman will join Oakwood with over 15 years of experience in health care human resources. He will be responsible for all aspects of human resources leadership including further integrating compensation and benefits programs, building a common Oakwood culture, enhancing support programs and other resources initiatives.

New staffers

**Laurie Behling** has been named director of Volunteer Services, Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (Westland/Plymouth). Behling's prior experience includes being a Foster Care Child and Family Worker (case manager) at Orchard's Children's Ser-

vice in Southfield and a child care worker at St. Vincent and Sara Fisher Center in Lansing. She holds a B.A. in psychology from Michigan State University and resides in Royal Oak. **Katherine D. Randinitis** has been named director of Marketing, Community Hospice & Home Care Service Inc. (Westland/Plymouth). Randinitis' prior experience includes being an office manager at Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford Township. She has also been a communications/community relations specialist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Macomb. She is a resident of Dearborn. Community Hospice & Home Care Service Inc. has offices in Westland (Warren Road) and Plymouth (S. Main Street).

Group addressed

The work of **Barbara Petroff, M.S., B.S.**, was featured recently at Home Care '97, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists annual

home care meeting and exhibits. Petroff, a resident of Livonia, is regional director of Pharmacy for Apria Healthcare in Ann Arbor. The presentations were entitled "Nutritional Assessment" and "Managing Infusion Branch with the Computer."

Home Care '97 is a multi-disciplinary meeting whose attendees include pharmacists, nurses, case managers and administrators. The meeting provides a valuable networking and educational exchange on the unique care considerations for patients receiving treatment in the home.

National president

**William A. Conway, Jr. M.D.**, vice chair of the Henry Ford Medical Group (HFMG) has been elected president-elect of the American Medical Group Association. The association shapes the health care environment by advancing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, physician directed health care.

The association members are physician-led groups dedicated to the delivery and continuous improvement of comprehensive health care.

Conway is the chief medical officer for Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) - Detroit Region; vice president of the Professional Staff Services and member of the HFHS Office of the President. His duties for the Medical Group, a 1,000-member group practice that staffs Henry Ford Hospital and Medical Centers, include being chairman of committees on Clinical Effectiveness and Quality Management and Compensation. He maintains an active clinical practice in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital.



William A. Conway

Cigar popularity, just a puff of smoke

You may have seen them dangling from the mouths of the rich and famous, or protruding from your neighbor's clenched jaw. For the moment, cigars are chic. **Yes, are they also deadly?** "Yes," says **Henry Bryan, DDS**, a dentist and oral surgeon at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms. "Dentists and oral surgeons are often the first to notice signs of cancer of the lips, mouth and throat - cancers that frequently are the direct result of cigar smoking."

Providence sponsors oral cancer study

Providence Hospital will shed some light on an experimental treatment for oral cancer which could save patients from undergoing potentially disfiguring surgery or radiation. The study, **Forscan-mediated Photodynamic Therapy (PDT)** uses an inert drug to "high-light" tumor cells, making them more sensitive to light. A specially-tuned laser is then focused on the lesion initiating a chemical change which

destroys the tumor. "Traditional treatment for oral cancer consists of surgery, chemotherapy and/or radiation," explains **Jeffrey Weingarten, MD**, an otolaryngologist at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers and one of the principal investigators for the study. Eligibility requirements dictate that participants must have recurrent squamous cell cancer of the mouth at a site previously treated. They must also be free of metastases and spread within the lymphatic system. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is one of two hospitals in southeast Michigan taking part in this study. For more information about study participation call, 1-248-569-5985.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: **Medical Datebook**, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, SEPT. 29

**MIGRAINE SUPPORT GROUP**  
This month, the Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor on Monday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. David Biondi, a board certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression, and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For more information call, (248) 486-1764 (Nancy) or (313) 662-4278 (Bonnie).

OCTOBER

**TEEN WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM**  
Weight Watchers is joining the battle against adolescent obesity through a unique program designed solely to help teens establish lifelong healthy eating habits. Anyone 10-18 years of age can join Weight Watchers for FREE with a paying adult throughout the month of October. These teens can continue to attend for free as long as the

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adult attends paid consecutive meetings. A one-time fee of \$10 will be charged to cover costs of printed materials. For more information call, (800) 651-6000.

OCT. 1-NOV. 26

**FLU VACCINE**  
Get your flu vaccine before the influenza season starts. Oakwood is offering the vaccine for only \$5. Immunizations will be given at various physician offices throughout the community from Oct. 1-Nov. 26. To find the physician's office near you, call 1-800-543-WELL.

OCT. 1-NOV. 5

**CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION**  
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday from Oct. 1-Nov. 5 in the Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Registration is required by calling (313) 655-1100.

OCTOBER

**RED OCTOBER RUN**  
Join the Oakwood Healthcare System for the Red October Run at the Oakwood Hospital

SAT, OCT. 4

**PREMARRIAGE STD/HIV CLASS**  
State law requires individuals to receive counseling regarding STDs and HIV infections prior to applying for a marriage license. Pre-registration is required. The event begins at 10 a.m. in Room 14 at a cost of \$25 per couple. Call Health Matters, (313) 513-6393, for more information.

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**AROMATHERAPY CLASS**  
Aromatherapy as an alternative or supplement to conventional medicine is receiving more and more attention. A two-week

adult attends paid consecutive meetings. A one-time fee of \$10 will be charged to cover costs of printed materials. For more information call, (800) 651-6000.

**ANNAPOLIS CENTER IN WAYNE**  
(33155 Annapolis Ave., Wayne). There will be a one-mile junior walk beginning at 9 a.m., and an 8K Run/2 Mile walk beginning at 10 a.m. All kids under 12 who finish the walk will receive a prize at the finish line. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first three male and female 8K runners. Awards will also be given for the top three male and female runners of each age group and to the first 10 walkers. For those working up an appetite, an "Octoberfeast" will be provided free of charge for all who participated. All funds raised will be donated to the cancer resource center within the Oakwood Healthcare System Cancer Center of Excellence. For more information call, (313) 791-1234.

THUR, OCT. 9

**HFCF NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**  
"The Pleasure Prescription: To Love, To Work, To Play - Life in the Balance," a lecture/concert benefit for nursing scholarships at Henry Ford Community College, featuring renowned psychologist Dr. Paul Pearsall, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus. Pearsall explains that contentment, wellness and long life can be found by devoting time to family, helping oth-

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course at Schoolcraft College. It Makes Scents: An Introduction to Aromatherapy, gives an overview of using oils medicinally and cosmetically to deal with the stresses and strains of everyday life. Participants will learn to identify the 10 most effective essential oils, which oils to avoid, and techniques for blending and applying oils to receive maximum benefit. They will assemble their own aroma kit and learn to treat basic needs. The class begins Oct. 4 and is repeated Nov. 11. The fee is \$44. For information call (313) 462-4448.

TUE, OCT. 7

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLASS**  
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part class on "The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure" beginning at 7-9 p.m. in the first floor classroom, near the Five Mile Road entrance. A \$10 class fee covers course materials. Registration is required by calling, (313) 655-2922.

OCT. 6, 20

**MIRACLE OF LIFE TOURS**  
St. Mary Hospital Livonia is offering tours of the new "Miracle of Life" Maternity Center: Monday Oct. 6 and 20 at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 14, and 28 at 6 p.m. The tour will start in the Pavilion Lobby near the South Entrance off Levan Road. Please, no children under the age 10. The tour is free but registration is required. For more information call, (313) 655-1100.

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MON, OCT. 13

**COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINIC**  
The flu or influenza (fever, chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, upset stomach, etc.) can lead to serious illness such as pneumonia. To help prevent against this virus St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community on Monday, Oct. 13, from 3-5 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room A, near the south entrance. The flu shot is given once a year and it can help prevent you from getting the flu from someone else and will help your body build protection from certain types of flu virus. There will be an \$8 fee and registration is requested. If you bring proof that you have Medicare B, the shot is free. For more information or to register, call Community Outreach at (313) 655-2922.

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ers and slowing down to savor life's pleasures. Tickets for the benefit are \$25 and can be purchased calling (313) 845-9635 or 845-6305.

BLOOD DRIVE

Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit at its Garden City Center on Thursday, Oct. 9 from 3-9 p.m. in the community room. To schedule an appointment, call (313) 462-4400 ext. 4770 or 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Schoolcraft College's Garden City Center is located at 1751 Radcliff, just south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman roads.

CANCER SURVIVOR FEATURED

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's annual "Breast Health Expo: An Evening of Hope, Laughter and Positive Thinking" will be held from 5-8 p.m. in the hospital's Education Center on the East Huron River Drive campus. The free event features interactive exhibits; information about breast cancer research, treatment options, nutrition and women's health; and special guest speaker and breast cancer survivor Christine Clifford. The Breast Health Expo is sponsored by McAuley Breast Care, McAuley Cancer Care Center, Women's Health Services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Zenea. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please call, (313) 712-5400 or 800-231-2211.

NEW, EXPECTANT FATHERS

St. Mary Hospital will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond," from 7-9 p.m. on Thur., Oct. 9. The class will meet in the west addition of Conference Room A. This two-hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth, and the new role of fatherhood. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required by calling (313) 655-1100.

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ings on Thursday, Oct. 9, in an effort to broaden public awareness of mental illness. The depression screenings at Oakwood will include a psychiatrist led depression education session, completion of a depression checklist, a review of the completed checklist with a mental health professional. The screenings are not a substitute for a complete exam. The screenings are held at Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center, 10000 Telegraph Road, in Taylor, will be held at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call (313) 295-5237. Screenings will also be held from 5-8 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Medical Center, Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Call, 593-7607 to register.

TUE, OCT. 14

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**  
Joseph Weiss, M.D., rheumatologist, will be the guest speaker at the Marian Women's Center Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Dr. Weiss will be discussing "Cancer and Arthritis." The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's Center at 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

MOTHER-BABY SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11 a.m. The groups meet in the West Addition Conference Room A near the south entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. For more information call (313) 655-1100.

HEARTSAVER CPR CLASS

American Heart Association course. Adult CPR and Heimlich maneuver on victims age 8 and older. Call the Livonia Public Schools for more information at (313) 523-9277. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. Livonia residents fee is \$23, others \$26.

WED, OCT. 15

**BREAST HEALTH CLINIC**  
In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 15 in the Marian Women's Center. If indicated, a mammogram will be done for additional fee. This cost may be covered by insurance. Registration is required. For more information or to register please call (313) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

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ST. MARY HOSPITAL BENEFIT

The music of the 50s will return to Livonia this fall as St. Mary Hospital brings back the group, The Diamonds, as well as Johnny Trudell and his band, for its annual benefit, Hollywood Nights V, Oct. 16, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center. The black-tie optional event, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the St. Mary Hospital Hollywood Nights Hotline, (313) 655-2907.

FRI, OCT. 17

**MANAGED CARE MOSAIC SEMINAR**  
Michigan Society of Gerontology, Madonna University and Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology present... The 41st Annual Conference "A Managed Care Mosaic" - Federal Trends in Medicare and Medicaid from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Madonna University in Livonia. Workshops by regional experts on topics such as: Behavioral Sciences and Home Health Care, Advocacy for Older Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Ethics in a Managed Care System for Older Persons and more. National Director of Medicare and Medicaid, Bruce Vladeck will be featured. For more information call, (616) 857-2920. Members, \$60; Non-members, \$70; and students, \$25.

TUE, OCT. 28

**FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under), and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 4-8 p.m. (Walk-in).

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HEALTH CARE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Basic Life Support for the healthcare provider will be from 6-10 p.m. through the Livonia Public Schools. The program is \$35 for Livonia residents, \$38 for others and offers one and two rescuer CPR and management of foreign body obstruction. Adult, child and infant CPR Target audience are those that require certification for employment or licensing. Call, 523-9277.

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Hollywood Nights V  
Thursday, October 16  
Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, Livonia

You can also participate by becoming a sponsor. In addition, a **BIG!** Raffle will be held at the event featuring cars, trips and savings bonds! Individuals, businesses and organizations interested in becoming a partner in the health of our community can call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation Hollywood Nights Hotline, 1-800-655-2907.



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# Teacher honored for creating Kids for CATCH

I believe that children are our future...  
- "The Greatest Love of All"

**BY RICHARD PEARL**  
STAFF WRITER

Whitney Houston had it wrong, says Dave Edwards. Children truly are the future, but the greatest love of all is not the one that's "happening inside of me," as the superstar sang in her mega-hit.

No, says the popular fifth-grade teacher at Canton's Bentley Elementary School, the greatest love is the one parents and teachers take the time to give to children.

"Children are our daily blessing," says Edwards, quoting one of his favorite people, the late Rev. William T. Cunningham, founder of Project HOPE.

"We should love them and hold them every day," the inspirational Catholic priest said. "Let's not ignore them while we have them."

And Edwards, remembering a former student who recently died at age 15 in a traffic accident, also quotes Ralph Waldo Emerson: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

With such philosophies, Edwards, too, has become an inspiration - to hundreds of present and former students and their parents and also to a Detroit fundraising organization for children which, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, will induct him into its Hall of Fame.

**CATCH - Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals** - which raises money to improve the quality of life for sick, injured and needy hospitalized youngsters, will induct Edwards during its "CATCH Night of Champions VIII." He will be honored for creating Kids for CATCH.

Since its inception in 1988, a year after former Detroit Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson founded CATCH, Kids for CATCH has raised increasingly larger donations, including this year's record-setting \$11,000.

Although the bulk of that money came from adults, parent-teachers organization and corporations, "that's an incredibly large amount for children to be raising," said Jim Hughes, CATCH's director since 1991.

The kids personally collected over 30,000 pennies and donated pop bottle refunds, loose change and sometimes their allowances. Even parents of former students contributed.

Kids for CATCH is a tribute to the warmth and effectiveness of the 18-year veteran teacher, who will be the relative "unknown" among the big names also being inducted during the 6 p.m. dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn: All-Pro wide receiver Herman Moore of the Detroit Lions; Peter Karmanos Jr., of software giant Compuware, who also owns the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes; and Lester Weiss, M.D., chairman of medical genetics at Henry Ford.

"I used to say if I ever had children, I would want him to be their teacher," Hughes said of Edwards. "Now I can say that I have a teacher like this man."

"He has a unique way of combining" daily teaching duties "with a commitment to community and a love for children," Hughes said.

Inspired by Anderson - "he's like a special grandfather of all children and is always there for them," said Edwards - the teacher launched CATCH for Kids by persuading that first class to donate \$1,300 raised for a trip to Toronto.

He wanted to heighten their sensitivity to others, he says, to "open their eyes that not all children come from nice homes and have nice clothes" like they had. And he wanted them to realize Sparky's message: if you can get along with people, you will go very far in life.

"His classes were so different" from any other, recalls Allison Morency, whose 1992 fifth-grade class raised over \$3,000.

"We learned a lot of things you don't realize you are learning, lessons that we will always use," she said - like being part of a team and not staring or laughing at those with handicaps.

So impressed were Morency and her family with Edwards that, when he moved from Field Elementary to the new Bentley, the Morency family moved, too, so that younger brother Jeffrey could be in Edwards' class this year.

Edwards remembers Allison

Morency as a gifted leader and speaker, which is why he asked the Plymouth-Canton High School junior to be one of the dinner's presenters.

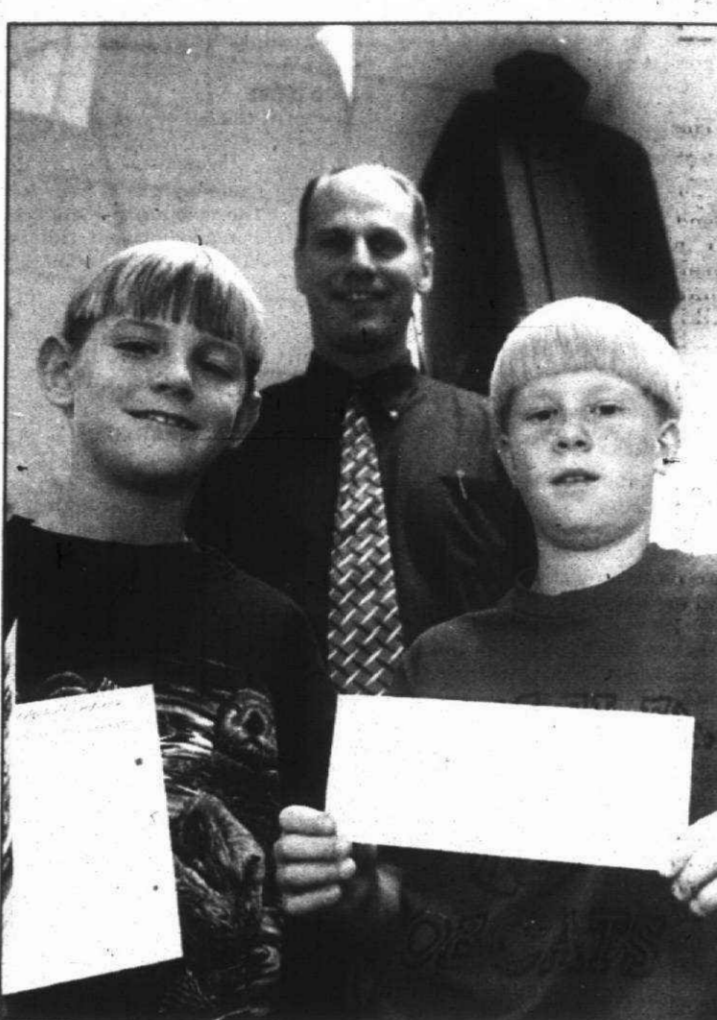
In fact, for the second straight year, CATCH asked Edwards to bring students as greeters and presenters. Among the 12 he picked besides Morency are third-grader Collin Howder, at 9 the youngest; Howder's fourth-grade neighbor Jon Sorenson; and Peggy Gross, a Coast Guard Academy student who's flying in to be the "Night of Champions" mistress of ceremonies.

"If there's anyone who could round up the kids, have them coached and ready," it's Edwards, said Hughes. Last year's students "were a credit to Dave Edwards as a teacher who prepares kids."

Edwards, a two-sport athlete in Plymouth-Canton High School's first graduating class, has degrees from both Central and Eastern Michigan Universities and was the district's 1992 Extra Miller Award winner.

Since its founding, CATCH has issued grants of more than \$1 million to the two hospitals and has built an endowment of approximately \$2.5 million.

For information regarding reservations for the CATCH "Night of Champions VIII," call (313) 876-9399.



Greeters: Students Collin Howder and Jon Sorenson will be greeters at the dinner.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENSER

## Health screenings offered for seniors

Local senior citizens can receive life-saving health screenings at the Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day in Livonia at Burton Manor on Oct. 17.

State Reps. Gerald Law and Lyn Bankes, the event co-sponsors, said breast cancer screenings are offered by Karmanos Cancer Institute's mobile unit in Burton Manor's parking lot.

Karmanos accepts most insurances. There is a sliding fee scale for the uninsured.

Women over 50 should receive annual clinical breast exams and screening mammograms every year, according to the institute.

Free diabetes screenings also are offered by Lifescan, a Johnson & Johnson company. Cromwell Family Chiropractic gives free checkups for spinal problems.

Burton Manor is at 27277 Schoolcraft Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. event features consumer and health fairs, entertainment, and raffles geared toward senior citizens. It also includes food, gifts and informal discussion with several local officials.

The Livonia Community Foundation is co-sponsoring the celebration day. Former Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett, president of the foundation, said he is pleased to be part of the event.

Tickets are available only by pre-registering and limited to the first 1,000 sold. Only 200 tickets currently remain. No tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is \$1. Registration deadline is Oct. 3. For more information on the celebration day and tickets, please call Dorothy Tinley at (248) 349-0358. For details on sponsoring and booths, call Sandy Nash in Bankes' office at (517) 373-3998.

## WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

# Evaluating the real from the fake on the Internet

The woman on the other end of my telephone was livid. "What kind of a pervert are you, anyway?" she screamed at me. "Sending us to a porn page!"

I had absolutely no idea what she was talking about. She kept yelling anyway.

"My 10-year-old daughter went to that site. You ought to be ashamed!"

It took some doing but finally, I persuaded her to back up and explain herself.

It seems she had heard me give out the address of a Web site on my radio show and had gone to the computer with her daughter to check it out.

The net address I gave out was for the White House, www.whitehouse.gov, the official Internet home for information about the executive branch and the Clinton administration.

"You can even download RealAudio files of 'Socks,' the nation's First Cat, meowing," I told my radio listeners.

So the woman and her daughter headed to the site. But they typed in the wrong address. I'm not going to give you the exact URL (the Universal Resource Location, or Internet address) my angry caller entered because I don't want to send more traffic to the site. Suffice it to say that the address was very close to the correct one.

But what she and her daughter found when their screen filled with the images from the bogus White House site was a page filled with pornography.

**Bogus sites**  
It's not the only such knock-off. The porn pushers have done the same thing with a site run

by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The real site, www.nasa.gov, is a treasure-trove of fascinating information and images about space exploration and a favorite of millions of Net surfers. Kids use it to research school projects, space buffs follow the details of the latest shuttle flight, astronomers download photos from Mars and the curious find plenty to ponder in the cosmos.

Precisely because the site gets so much traffic, some pervert registered a slightly different URL and posted a porn site. Such opportunism may be deplorable but it is understandable. Hits, on the Web, translate into money and unscrupulous electronic wheeler-dealers will take advantage of the system whenever they can. Indeed, in the case of adult sites and porn pages, there is a proposal that would require all of them to end with domain names of ".xxx" so no one, like my radio listener, will mistakenly end up with offensive material I simply mistyping a URL.

**Is it really real?**  
But the problem of the knock-off sites illustrates a much more important problem plaguing the Internet these days. Namely, just because it's online doesn't mean it's necessarily so.

There is a lot of fake material on the net masquerading as genuine. There's a lot of bogus, biased and bad information posing as fact.

Last week, a self-described "anti-censorship" site called "Rotten Dot Com" (www.rotten.com) published a photo purporting to show Princess Diana as she lay dying in the back of a smashed Mercedes. The image was a fake and Rotten Dot Com later admitted that it knew it was a bogus picture before putting it online. But at least one newspaper, France-Soir, did publish the doctored

photo and across the Net, people debated it as if it were real.

A few months ago, the text of a college commencement address falsely attributed to novelist Kurt Vonnegut circulated on the Internet. A couple of weeks went by before the real author came forward.

And last month, a self-styled "online columnist" named Matt Drudge was sued for libel by a high-ranking government official because Drudge... who proudly boasts that he has no journalism training and no editor... wrote a gossipy online item in an AOL

story that the official had been accused of spousal abuse. It was completely untrue and Drudge later admitted he was snookered by political rivals of the official. But there it was on the Net, in Drudge's column anyway.

**Be weary**  
If professional journalists and online "lunners" can so easily be tricked, how does the average Net surfer recognize the real?

The problem is that on the Internet, many of the traditional "gatekeepers" are gone. On the Internet, anyone with a mod-

icum of computer skills can be a publisher. Some of the slickest mass media I've seen are run by scamsters. I interviewed a convicted conman a few months back who told me that the Web has become favorite hunting ground for rip-off artists.

Hate groups, cults, and extremist organizations have designed very impressive and compelling pages to lure surfers to listen to spels that are cleverly camouflaged as educational information. And plain old everyday "wackos" have flooded the Net with Web sites offering

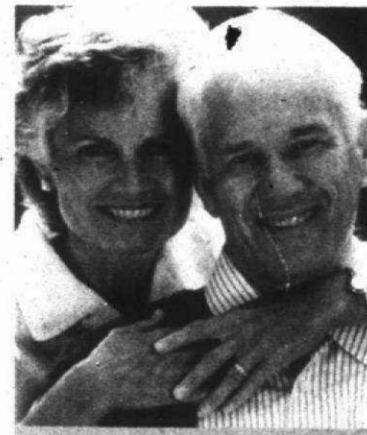
purported "facts" on everything from UFO abductions to the latest conspiracy theories.

### Necessary standards

In the online world, there are few standards for integrity. That will hopefully change as the new media continues to evolve into mass media. But until that happens let me suggest the following five guidelines for evaluating the reliability of online information.

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tion behind the site provide a real address (not a post office box) and telephone number to contact a real person for more information. An e-mail address is not enough.

2. Beware of putting too much value in the content of any site.
3. Don't just accept the facts you find on a Web site at face value. Make sure they are attributed, that the sources for data are clearly identified.
4. Treat pages with obvious mistakes with skepticism. Not that professionals don't mess up, but poor grammar and words that are misspelled indicate a general sloppiness.
5. Recognize the difference

between opinion and fact in newsgroups. There are 25,000 newsgroups on the Internet and they are a lot of fun to read and handy for exchanging information, tips and suggestions. But the advice and information is no more reliable than what you'd get on a street corner with the average man on the street.

There are, of course, many reliable sites from reliable news and information organizations. Web sites run by newspapers, TV stations and networks, online news sites like MSN (www.msnbc.com) and CNN (www.cnn.com) are as reliable as their parent organizations. So are many commercial and gov-

ernmental sites.

But as a general rule, if you aren't absolutely sure who is telling you something online and how they got the information... check it out.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270 and he is the author of a series of Internet books (call 888-222-1866). You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.

**BUSINESS PEOPLE**

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings in the suburban business community. Send information and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

**New engineers**

**Robert D. Rayl** and **Stephen C. Chizek** of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc. (OHM); the Livonia-based consulting engineering firm, have received their professional engineering licenses from the state of Michigan.

A project engineer in OHM's Projection Group, Rayl is responsible for the preparation of designs for city, county and state road construction projects.

Chizek, serves as a project engineer representing the firm's municipal clients and previously worked as a project engineer for the city of Ann Arbor.

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**Business acquisition**

Carl Fontana, president, and Elaine Fontana, CEO, of Michigan Box Company, Incorporated (MBC), Detroit have announced the purchase of **Hess Packaging** of Westland.

Michigan Box, approaching its 50th year in business, has a solid reputation as an integrated manufacturer and distributor of a wide variety of corrugated boxes and specialty packaging items. Hess Packaging is a long-time distributor of similar products.

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All wrapped up: Carl Fontana and Elaine Fontana seal the deal with a handshake, between Hess packaging of Westland and Michigan Box of Detroit.

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In closing, DO NOT advocate flush out the radiator yourself. Proper equipment and knowledge is necessary to avoid damage to your automobile. Draining old antifreeze down city sewer systems can result in hefty fines; coolant is considered hazardous waste and must be properly disposed of by licensed contractors.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Gala benefits orchestra

The ninth annual "Sunday, Songs & Symphony" Sunday, Oct. 5, promises to be as much as fun as last year's when more than 900 people attended the event, raising nearly \$25,000 for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Sponsored by Northwest Airlines, Livonia Marriott, Schostak Brothers/Laurel Park Place, Time Warner Cable and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the gala evening will include a performance by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, a Suburban Tastefest featuring more than 20 area restaurants, bakeries and markets, a silent auction, and walk-through fashion show.

"What more can you ask for \$25," said Edie Goodsell, benefit co-chair. "I think it's important to thank everyone, our major sponsors and businesses who've contributed, because we couldn't do it without them. It's still open to restaurants and bakeries who'd like to participate. We're looking for more restaurants for the Tastefest and objects for the silent auction."

This year, a program of light music from Joplin's "The Entertainer" to selections from "Fiddler on the Roof" will entertain as artist David Eley creates portraits of guests.

Bob Bennett, president of the Livonia Symphony Society, hopes people will attend to help defer the orchestra's annual operating budget.

"In a given concert, we'll put 75 musicians on stage," said Bennett. "Some are volunteer. Others receive a nominal fee, some full union wages. But everybody's a volunteer for 'Sunday, Songs & Symphony' including the orchestra. Costs are kept at an absolute minimum. It's one of our most successful fund-raisers along with our annual golf outing in June."

Bennett began serving on the board 20 years ago when it was known as the Oakway Symphony with members living in Birmingham, Farmington and Livonia. While he is grateful to the Livonia Arts Commission for a \$2,000 grant, the Livonia Public

schools for discounting auditorium rental fees, Ford Motor Co. Parts Distribution for sponsoring at least one concert, and Target stores, to name a few sponsors, Bennett knows first hand the cost of operating an orchestra.

"The orchestra is celebrating its 25th anniversary," said Bennett. "It's a dramatic change from its very beginnings to now and the quality music

they're putting out and the caliber of sound — first under Francesco DiBlasi and for the last three years under Volodymyr Schemiuk. But today direct costs add up fast."

#### New season

The 1997-98 season includes five concerts along with three special events. Payment for orchestra members (performances and rehearsals) and conductor, a nominal facility fee, a stage manager to control lighting and sound, instrument rental including concert grants for guest pianists, music rental (\$300-\$400 per concert) or purchases, and the cost of producing brochures and programs will total \$130,000 this year. The orchestra also plans to advertise on classical radio station WQRS for the first time in order to reach a larger audience.

"There are some really exciting programs this year including the final concert emphasizing Ukrainian composers," said Bennett. "The library mini-series was canceled because we had only fair attendance but we hope to reinstate these concerts later."

As the Livonia Symphony Orchestra begins the new season, conductor

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## SEPPHORIS: Model for peaceful coexistence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

There are valuable lessons to learn from an exhibition of more than 135 objects excavated from the archaeological site of Sepphoris and the surrounding area of Galilee.

Organized by the North Carolina Museum of Art, in consultation with

#### Sepphoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents of Culture

What: An exhibition of more than 135 artifacts from the archaeological site of Sepphoris and the surrounding region of Galilee that reflect the multicultural aspect of this important city. Admission is free.

Where: Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, 434 South State (313) 763-9304, and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State, (313) 764-0395, Ann Arbor.

When: Through Sunday, Dec. 14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

#### Related activities:

Family Day, 1-3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 26. Both museums host an afternoon of art activities and culture of ancient Galilee for children and parents.

Mold a clay oil lamp, make a mosaic, help spin wool for weaving, and meet a soldier from the imperial Roman army. Free. For more information, call the Kelsey Museum office of Educational Outreach at (313) 647-4167.

"Zippori Live-A Living History Experience." Family Day is the first of six performances (2-5 p.m. Sundays Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Dec. 7) by trained actors in period costume performing living history skits that bring the exhibition to life. Return to third century Sepphoris and meet a Roman couple, a peddler, and Jewish scholars at "Zippori Live," conceived, written and directed by Joyce Klein.

site archaeologists and the Israel Antiquities Authority, "Sepphoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents of Culture" reveals a region where Jews, pagans, and later, Christians lived together in harmony.

Displayed in the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, the pottery, glass vessels, mosaics, jewelry, architectural remnants, sarcophagus, and coins tell a story of daily life in this once important city in Roman Palestine, one especially relevant to the explosive Middle East. In Roman and Byzantine periods (100-400 A.D.), Sepphoris (Zippori in Hebrew) thrived as a leading center of Jewish Scholarship and culture. Located four miles from Nazareth, Sepphoris offers insight into the multicultural traditions existing in the area where Jesus lived and Christianity eventually took root.

"Sepphoris was a big market town where merchants would bring their wares," said Becky Loomis, Kelsey Museum education officer and coordinator of K-12 public education programs and docent training. "To determine function you look at the form, but with most of these one cannot tell whether they were used by Jews, pagans or Christians. If you see a cross on the bottom of the dish then you know, or a Menorah on a shard from an oil lamp."

An entire corridor of the exhibit at the Kelsey Museum is devoted to objects and archival photographs from

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Antiquities: Part of a larger hunting scene, this "Hunter Mosaic" is one of more than 135 artifacts on display in "Sepphoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents in Culture."

## ART FAIR

### Craftsmen return to Old Village

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Old Village Craft Fair is back for a second year. Designed as an old-fashioned village marketplace, the fair offers a selection of handmade basketry, jewelry, tiles, Victorian dressing screens and stained glass, primitive wood reproductions, children's furniture, and ceramics by more than 40 Michigan craftsmen.

Dianne Quinn started the fair last year in the area centered around Starkweather and Liberty, where in the 1800s village shops housed a collection of groceries, dry goods and general merchandise.

"The layout and size of the show will stay small because it's in a historical area there's only so much space to expand, but that's what gives it the atmosphere," said Quinn, founder of the highly-successful Art in the Park, held every July in Plymouth.

Visitors walking through the cobblestone streets decorated with corn stalks, pumpkins and chrysanthemums, will find artists demonstrating and live entertainment by Sax Appeal, Charlene Berry (hammered dulcimer) and the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan dressed in Renaissance costumes.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BASKIN

At Work: Kathy Sandberg throws a bowl in the studio area of the Village Potters Guild.

Many Old Village merchants are participating in the event. Piccadilly's will host a garden sale. At Petticoats, watch Katherine Wickersham hand paint clothing. The Lower Town Grill Libations Tent will offer hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in a Libations Tent. Outdoor dining will be available at the Grill and Plymouth Fish and Chips. There will be a popcorn booth from Bill's Market and an outdoor stand on Spring Street by Harvey's Deli.

"We're getting more food so that all of the retail people can be involved with the event," said Quinn. "Everyone was very excited about the potential last year and the artists did well. In fact, a lot of the artists are coming back."

Paul Kowalczyk of Canton returns with his decorative wood objects and Peggy Bonbrisco with her Santas, antique quilts, and angels.

Dennis Gerathy's antique reproduction signs are new this year. Gerathy scours the streets for old plywood, pine, storm doors, and windows to craft the vintage-looking works in his Colonial Sign Shop in Redford. He sells the signs at 11 Craft Shows a year and at the Cowboy Trader Gallery in Birmingham.

Members of the Village Potters Guild

#### Old Village Craft Fair

What: A free show featuring more than 35 artists and craftsmen, live entertainment, food available on-site from area restaurants, delis. For information, call (313) 454-1314.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5.

Where: North of Main Street on Liberty, Starkweather and Spring in Plymouth's Old Village.

won't have far to carry the bowls, vases, tiles, and all sorts of functional and decorative work they will bring to the fair. The Guild studio and gallery occupies an unpretentious industrial space on the edge of Plymouth's historic Old Village.

Founded in May 1995, the Village Potters Guild is self-supporting. The 25 members must earn points by completing various tasks such as cleaning before firing their pots. On most days, Ruth Price arrives at 5 a.m. when it's nice and quiet to load the kiln.

"We'll have a large variety of glazes and raku, and styles," said Price. "Because the Guild has a lot of different potters, we have lots of creative ideas."

Price took her first pottery class at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The Plymouth resident will sell large decorative coffee table platters.

"This is my fifth year making pottery

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a collection donated to the University of Michigan by Leroy Waterman, a biblical scholar and professor of Semitics from 1915 to 1945 at the university. Waterman began excavations at Sepphoris in 1931. A panoramic photograph, taken in that year, shows the Arab village of Saffuriyah, Sepphoris, and the principal University of Michigan excavation site of a Roman theater and Christian basilica, lie buried underneath. Abandoned in 1945 during the Israeli War of Independence, the village was later razed.

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and I'm hooked," said Price. "Because of the Guild, I've learned a lot: how to make glazes and use chemicals. I had previously used all commercial glazes. I've also learned cool-and-tile-making."

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They could have but not adhered to the restrictions or non-Jews could also have lived in the area. A limestone Ossuary (bone box) and a lead sarcophagus of a Christian baby illustrates the different methods of burial. The Ossuary was used in the Jewish practice of burying the body twice. Initially, the body was placed in a tomb or burial cave until the flesh decayed. The excavation and second burial was done for the sake of the family so they would know their deceased relative was at rest.

Arbor potters because of the waiting list at the Ann Arbor Potters Guild," said Price. Debbie Liberman drives from Southfield several times a week to work at the Guild. She is one of the original members. "It's a place where I can go and work anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week if I want," said Liberman, newly elected Guild president. "We benefit the community as well by offering

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Volodymyr Schesiuik is proud of the fact its members recently played Orchestra Hall. While Schesiuik says the concert is an accomplishment for the orchestra, he is concerned about its financial future.

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The Museum of Art on the Sephoris exhibit." Since the early 1970s, United Nations laws state that objects must be left in country of origin. The Kelsey Museum is fortunate because most of its collections were acquired before the law went into effect. "Today Sepphoris is actually a national (park) site," said Loomis. "It's very unusual for the Israeli government to loan things out. We went through one year of coordinating the exhibit. The museum was chosen to host Sepphoris because the organizers knew the University of Michigan was the home of Leroy Waterman. It's truly been a collaborative effort all the way around and even though the Kelsey Museum and Museum of Art are two different institutions we worked together coordinating the exhibit. The collaboration is

Rosenthal was one of the authors of "A Child's Walk through Sepphoris," available for 50 cents from either museum.

classes in Fall Winter and Spring. We also give a scholarship to a high school student from the Plymouth community who's interested in learning about clay." Nancy Guido began working with clay in the 1980s. She earned a bachelor's of fine arts degree in ceramics from Eastern Michigan University. Her latest project is creating tiles for a 12-foot backdrop for the kitchen of a Northville home. Her tiles are on display at the Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville. She will offer a variety of tiles at the fair.

for the Lower Town Grille. Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (313) 963-2145.

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CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT Shawassee Arts Center is seeking artists for 9th annual "Christmas at the Center," November 8-December 30. Entry deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 209 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. Or call (517) 723-8354, 1:50 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. CREATIVE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE Invitation to local artists to participate in annual gift shop. All media accepted. Submit entry with a description of work. Entry fee: \$15. Marketplace opens on Nov. 8. Proceeds benefit the arts center. (248) 333-7849.

MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS COALITION 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, special performance of "Fassettos." Reserved tickets: \$35. 6600 W. Maple Road, Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield; (248) 594-6522. HARVEST BALL III Silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing to the music of Steve King and Dillies at the Ritzy Carlton Hotel, Dearborn. Proceeds go to Riverside Osteopathic Hospital. Tickets: \$125 per person; (248) 746-4354.

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DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4 "In Consort." Wayne State University, Old Main Bldg., corner of Cass and Warren. Student; Tickets: \$10, general; \$5, students. (313) 965-3544. LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, "Gershwin Goes to Gai Paris," featuring performance by founder/artistic director Florida Horowitz. Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue at Lone Pine; (248) 357-1111.

MICHIGAN FRIENDS OF PHOTOGRAPHY 15th anniversary members exhibit 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Marygrove College Art Gallery, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit; (313) 862-8000. WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS "Watercolor Pleasures," Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; (313) 965-7575.

INDIAN DANCE CELEBRATION 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. "Bharat," in commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of India's independence, choreographed by Chaula Tackler, Wayne State. Community Arts Auditorium, 450 W. Kirby, Detroit; (248) 642-6663.



Up-and-coming: The Arianna String Quartet opens the Cranbrook Music Guild's season 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (Free parking, Shuttle bus service from Christ Church Cranbrook. Three years ago, the quartet won first prize in three of the top competitions in the U.S., call (810) 751-2435 for ticket information.

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MARYLINDA DEREWENSKUS and Barbara Freedman, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656. WAYNE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS Through Oct. 4 - "The Artists Among Us," a joined exhibit of original paintings and sculpture by Wayne county artists. Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Ste. 360, Detroit; (313) 224-0810.

of Karen Izenberg, and photographs of James Sandall. 417 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-0291. DONNA JACOBS GALLERY OF ANCIENT ART Through Nov. 1 - "A Sojourn in Egypt," 574 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 540-1600. LEMBERG GALLERY Through Nov. 1 - Wendy MacGraw: New Work, 538 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-4005. FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, featuring guest speaker Scott Hartley. Admission free. Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile Road; (248) 478-9243.

OPERA IN THE AFTERNOON 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. A lecture on Mozart's "The Magic Flute," by Dr. Wallace Peace, in conjunction with the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of the classic. Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0460. U OF M MUSEUM OF ART Through Sept. 28 - "Through the Looking Glass: Sculpture by Fred Sandback;" Through Oct. 12 - "Powers that Be. Powers That Seem: African Art from the Curtis Collection;" Through Oct. 12 - "Sephhoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents of Culture, The Body (in) Veiled: Boundaries of the Figure in Early Modern Europe; 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM "The Feminine Touch: Women in Ceramics," a collection of more than 100 pieces of ceramic pottery from 18th-20th centuries. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Admission: \$3, adults; \$1.50, seniors; free, children under 12. 5401 Woodward (at Kirby), Detroit; (313) 640-1962. DAI'S FABULOUS MONSTERS Through Nov. 2 - "Fabulous Monsters: Fantasy Marionettes from the Paul Marinier Collection, an exhibit of marionettes and rod puppets. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., weekends.

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WORLD MUSIC AFRO-PERUVIAN VOCALIST 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 Susana Baca accompanied by guitar, bass and Afro-Peruvian percussion. Her songs combine Latin, Caribbean, Andean, Indian and African traditions. Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$18, general; \$15, members; \$10, students; 13; (313) 2323. Presented by Musica Viva and the DIA.

LECTURES & MEETING MANUSCRIPT DEADLINE Oct. 1 deadline for manuscripts and poetry for critique at Detroit Women Writers for the 36th Annual Writers Conference. Oct. 17 at Oakland University. Fee: \$48 for individual critique; \$38 for workshop critique. Both critiques conducted Friday, October 18. Submission guidelines, (248) 370-3125. MICH POTTERS ASSOCIATION 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 confer



## TRAVEL

## Couple discovers the best of Spain, France, Morocco

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Carl Argiroff popped a videotape into the player.

Guitars rang and voices sang Spanish folk songs as a crowd of happy people danced in a town square, the night lit by modern lighting but surrounded by ancient red clay buildings, in the shadow of a Roman aqueduct.

The scene is Segovia, Spain. Carl and Susan Argiroff of Livonia and their traveling companions had arrived just in time to savor Spain at its festive best. Carl said the singing, dancing and merry-making "set the tour off" on just the right note.

In April, the Argiroffs joined some relatives for a European tour that included the Netherlands, Spain, Morocco and France.

"We flew on five different airplanes, took two trains and rented two cars," said Susan.

The trip included a little bit of everything - visits to European relatives, superb meals, a sampling of the arts and a chance to compare Europe's infrastructure with America's. This worked out well for Susan, an artist, and Carl, retired after 33 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Argiroffs are seasoned travelers, having been to Turkey, Greece, Scotland, England, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Bulgaria and China. In 1988 Carl and his daughter took a trip in China down the Burma Road, almost to Tibet.

On this trip, the Argiroffs began by flying into Amsterdam, where they stayed a couple days, exploring the city's unique architecture and visiting the museum. Then the real trip began with a flight to Spain.

"In Spain, an American could move in tomorrow, it was so clean and neat," Susan said.

The Argiroffs were especially impressed by how warm and friendly the people were.



Artist's view: Susan Argiroff's artist's eye focused in on these picturesque Spanish windows.

Carl tells a story on himself.

"I went through a parking lot gate and I thought it was going to stay up. I was supposed to press a button and I didn't know it so the gate came down on the windshield and I was trapped," he said. "But instead of being upset, everyone in line came out to help me. Even the attendant was apologizing and said it was probably the equipment, but it was really my fault."

The Argiroffs said this helpful, understanding reception was repeated everywhere they went in Spain and France. Carl said the French reputation for being "cold" wasn't deserved based on their experience.

The Argiroffs visited Madrid, Toledo and Segovia. They stayed in "paradors," historic Spanish buildings that have been restored and revitalized as restaurants and hotels.

They rented a car and made their way through the countryside.

"We didn't realize there were so many hills in Spain. It was very hard to drive," Susan said. "We were going up hill and someone shouted 'good luck,' when we got to the top we realized why."

In Madrid the Argiroffs took in the Prado museum, noted for its collections of works by Goya, El Greco and Velazquez. In Toledo they viewed more works by El Greco.

From Spain they took a side trip to Morocco.

"The belly dancer was the greatest," Carl said.

"The belly dancer attacked Carl," Susan said with a laugh. "He has that on video, too. We were entertained in a tent with a Persian carpet. Men stood at the front with sabres."

Carl bought a richly decorated Moroccan sabre as a souvenir.

The Argiroff group took a train from Spain to the south of France, where Carl has relatives in Sommers.

"In France I found I had a cousin who lived only two kilometers from where we were staying," Argiroff said.

The Argiroffs enjoyed visiting relatives in the red tile roofed, picturesque town.

The colorful outdoor markets provided Susan inspiration for a series of note cards capturing the lush colors of fresh vegetables and colorful market displays. Susan is active with several local arts groups including Michigan Surface Design and Women of Artistry. She has exhibited in group shows and individually, most recently in a Michigan Surface Design show at the Livonia Library.

"I'm busy with watercolors, marbling and arranging pictures I took. The flowers in Spain and France are wonderful," she said.

For Carl, the trip was another chance to observe the infrastruc-



Mediterranean views: A hillside setting gives this French village a stunning view of the sea.

ture of two European countries. He was also able to examine the ancient workmanship of the Roman aqueducts.

"The highway system is much superior to Michigan's. In Spain and France, you don't have the decay we have here in the U.S. But the water system is very inferior. I don't understand why they don't do something about it," Carl said.

He said that in some places bottled water was more expensive than wine.

The Argiroffs were especially impressed by the bullet train they took from Nice to Paris. The 600 mile trip took 6 1/2 hours and "was as smooth as flying."

"I loved Paris," said Susan. "You'd think after standing on the Great Wall of China nothing could match it, but coming up the Champs Elysee was very

impressive."

In Paris, they visited the Louvre and stayed in a house once owned by Napoleon III's doctor.

Despite an enjoyable, activities

full vacation, the Argiroffs were ready for home after nearly a month away.

"You miss the conveniences of the states," Susan said simply.



Moroccan tent: Carl and Susan Argiroff were entertained by belly dancers at a feast in a Moroccan tent.

## GREAT ESCAPES

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## GRAND RAPIDS EXHIBIT

The Grand Rapids Art Museum will hold the first exhibition ever in the United States and first international exhibit in more than 50 years of the work of Italian Renaissance master painter Pietro Perugino, opening Nov. 16. Perugino (c.1450-1523) is considered one of the most distinguished painters of the Italian Renaissance and his art provided the foundation for the aesthetic development of the High Renaissance, especially the work of Raphael.

Highlighting the exhibition, "Perugino: Master of the Italian Renaissance," is the unprecedented loan of nine works by Perugino from the Galleria Nazionale dell' Umbria in Perugia, Italy, the largest repository of works by Perugino in the world. The exhibit includes more than 30 works in all. The exhibit runs through Feb. 1, 1998.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum is at Pearl Street and Division Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids.

## THE L.A. SCENE

Richard H. Axson, professor of art history at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is conducting a tour of the contemporary art scene in Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 7-11. The trip includes round trip air fare from Detroit, four nights accommodations at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, full buffet breakfast each morning and tours of Arata Isozaki's Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and several L.A. galleries. Cost is \$929 double occupancy, \$879 triple and \$1,149 single. For more information, call

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**Soccer standouts**

• Thus far this season, Eastern Michigan University's men's soccer team has struggled a bit, with a 1-2-3 record through six matches. But most of the offense the Eagles have produced has come from Schoolcraft College graduate Mo Hijazi.

In EMU's first win of the season, a 4-1 triumph over Northeastern Illinois, Hijazi scored three goals. Hijazi has been shutout in just one game this season, and has totaled eight goals (of the 11 scored by EMU) and one assist this season.

Other Eagles with local backgrounds who have posted points are Graham Wilk (Plymouth Canton) with two assists; Drew Drummond (Plymouth Salem) with two assists; and keeper George Tomasso (Plymouth Canton) who has one assist to go with his 35 saves, a 2.16 goals-against average and one shutout.

• The EMU women's soccer team has enjoyed more success than its male counterparts, posting four wins in its first six matches.

A couple of the Eagle freshmen have been instrumental in their 4-2 start, including Jodi Coyle (Plymouth Salem), a midfielder who has started all six games and has a goal and three assists for five points, which ties her for second on the team in scoring; and Jenny Parviainen (Plymouth Canton), whose first collegiate goal was the game-winner in EMU's 2-1 victory over University of Detroit Mercy Sept. 16.

• One goal is all that separates University of Michigan's women's soccer team and an unbeaten season.

Through their first eight games, the Wolverines had seven victories. Their only loss: 2-1 to Massachusetts Sept. 5. Since then, they had five-straight wins going into last weekend.

Mari Hoff, a sophomore midfielder from Plymouth Salem, has contributed a goal and two assists to that start — which includes a 2-0 mark in the Big Ten.

U-M was ranked 17th in the last NCAA national poll.

• Michigan State's men's soccer team will be attempting to break a four-game losing streak when it plays at Indiana at 2 p.m. today.

The Spartans started the season well enough, going 2-0-2 in their first four games — including a 1-0 overtime win at Northwestern that gives them a 1-0 record in the Big Ten.

Jeff Fliss, a junior from Plymouth Canton who has started all eight games for MSU, is tied for third on the team in scoring with five points. Fliss has two goals and an assist, with one of his goals the game-winner in a 6-2 victory over Canisius Aug. 31.

**PCJBL softball tryouts**

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will have tryouts for its three girls fast-pitch softball teams that are now forming for next summer.

All tryouts will be Oct. 11 (Oct. 12 in case of rain) behind Plymouth Canton HS. The 12-and-under team tryouts will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; the 14-and-under tryouts are 12:30-2 p.m.; and the 16-and-under tryouts are 2-3 p.m.

The PCJBL is hoping to form two teams at each age level. Girls should bring their gloves and softball bats to the tryouts.

For more information regarding the above listed tryouts, call Fran Jurcak at (313) 454-7351 or Buck Horn at (313) 397-3888.

Any girls interested in playing for the PCJBL's 18-and-under fast-pitch softball team should call Ray Barnes at (313) 981-7281.

**WSU cage clinic**

Wayne State University men's basketball will host its fourth annual coaches clinic on Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Matthei Building.

The clinic features Detroit Pistons assistant Brian James, along with NCAA Division I college head coaches Tom Izzo (Michigan State), Kevin O'Neill (Marquette) and Dan Dakich (Bowling Green).

Pre-registration (through Oct. 9) is \$50. Registration is \$60 per person at the door.

For more information, call the WSU men's basketball office at (313) 577-7515.

## Unbeaten no more

### Quick-striking Rocks hand North its 1st defeat

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Eric Peterson scored on a 1-yard plunge seconds into the fourth quarter to lift Plymouth Salem to a 21-14 Homecoming victory over North Farmington Friday night.

The Rocks scored twice in the first four minutes of the contest then scrambled to fight off a bold North Farmington comeback.

"We got some breaks early and capitalized on two of them but not the third," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "I give North Farmington a lot of credit. They had tremendous heart and fought back."

The Rocks, now 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, showed heart of their own early Friday.

Salem took the opening kickoff and began on its own 27-yard line. North Farmington stuffed a Rocks' run on first down and put the home team in a second-down-and-12 situation.

Quarterback Tony Bernhardt let fly a bomb on second down. Running back Jason Lukasik out-duelled a North Farmington defender for the ball and streaked into the end zone for a 75-yard touchdown at 11:07.

The Raiders (3-1, 1-1) began their first drive at their own 20-yard line. After picking up a first down, North Farmington was forced to punt.

A low, skidding snap to the punter gave Salem's Anwar Crutchfield and Brett Burleson enough time to tackle the kicker back at North Farmington's 20-yard line.

A 10-yard pass from Bernhardt to Andy Kocoloski and a 9-yard run by Peterson moved the ball to the Raiders' two. Peterson punched in his first touchdown on the next play and Salem went up 14-0 at 8:35 of the quarter.

North Farmington appeared to be coming apart at that point. The Raiders fumbled the ball back to Salem on the second play from scrimmage after taking the kickoff.

Kocoloski fell on the ball at the Raiders' 17-yard line. North Farmington's defense stiffened, however.

Salem ran twice and moved the ball to the visitors' nine-yard line. North Farmington then stopped the Rocks for no gain on third down and Bernhardt missed on a fourth down pass into the end zone.

Moshimer said a touchdown would've made it awfully hard for North Farmington to mount a comeback.

"It sure would've made it a lot easier on us," he added.

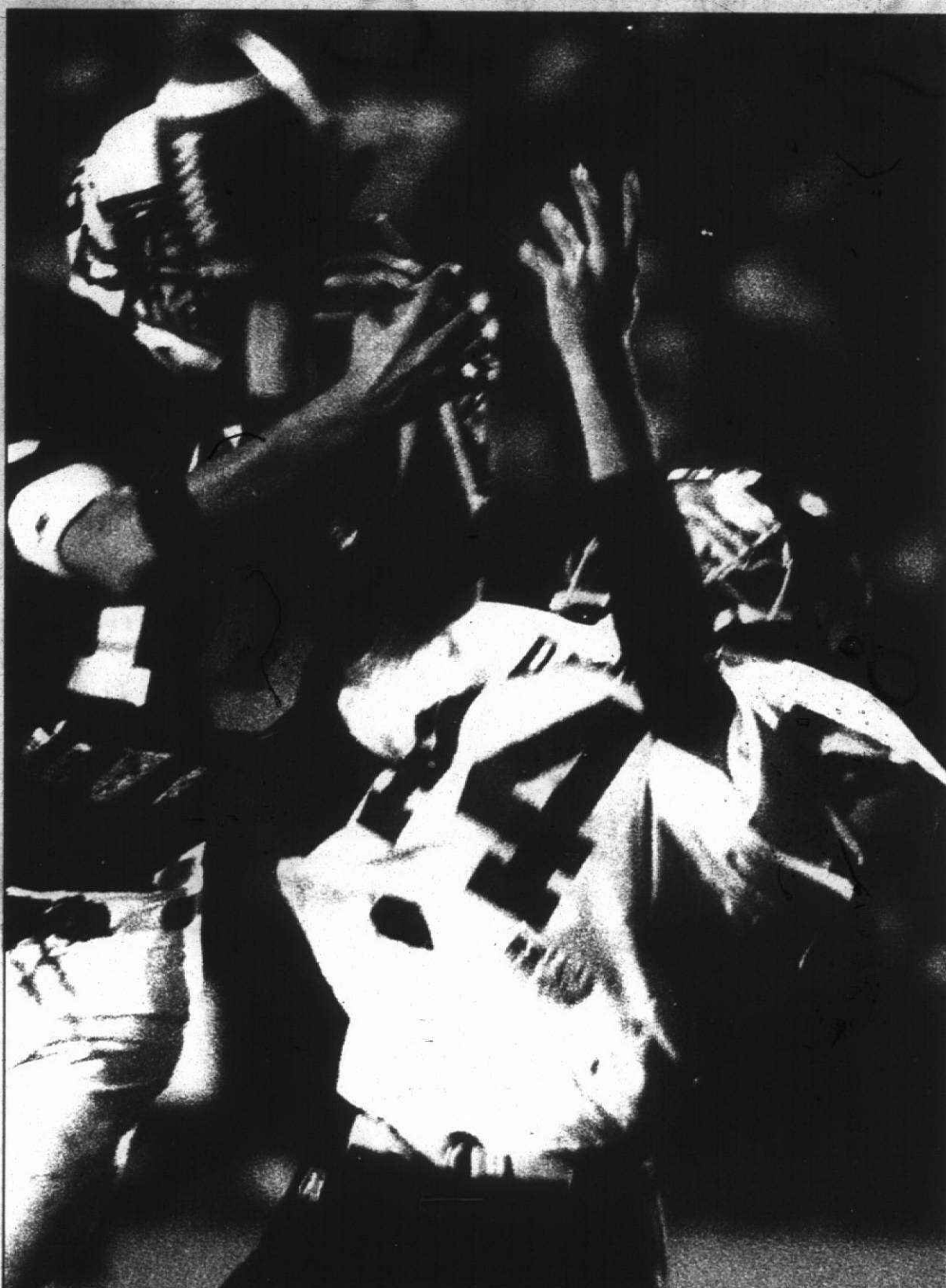
The Raiders weren't intent on making it easy for Salem, though.

Neither team scored the remainder of the first half. But North Farmington came out flying in the third quarter.

Kirk Moundros took the opening kick and returned it 40 yards to the Raiders' own 46-yard line. North Farmington then pounded the ball down Salem's throat with Moundros and Colin Parks-Fried.

After four straight runs with the duo, quarterback Brant Reilly connected with Tim Muir for a 22-yard pass to the Rocks' 17-yard line.

Moundros then followed his blockers and sprinted to the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown. Salem held a 14-7 advantage at the 6:42 mark of the quarter.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

**Break up:** Salem's Jeff McKian (left) and North's Tom Moran both got a piece of this pass, but neither could come up with the reception. However, the Rocks did strike with a 75-yard TD toss in the opening quarter, giving Salem the early lead.

The Raiders' defense kept the surge going by forcing Salem to punt after three plays following the kickoff.

North Farmington got the ball back at the Rocks' 48-yard line. Moundros, who rushed for 129 yards on 28 carries, capped a nine-play drive with a four-yard run to tie the game at 1:41 of the third quarter.

It didn't stay tied for long. Charlie Schmidt came within an arm tackle of returning North Farmington's kickoff for a touchdown. As it was, the Rocks started what turned

out to be the game-winning drive at their own 44-yard line.

On first down, Burleson found a hole and ran 44 yards down to North Farmington's 12-yard line. Six plays later, Peterson ran it in and put Salem on top for good at 11:22 of the fourth quarter.

North Farmington got two more chances to tie the game again, but failed. The Raiders' deepest penetration was to Salem's 33-yard line.

Facing fourth down and 12 with 3:04 remaining, Reilly was tackled for

a loss by Salem's Teono Wilson. The Rocks then ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

It wasn't the prettiest of victories for Salem. But Moshimer will take it just the same.

"We're not a bad football team," he commented. "I think we're going to get better as we go."

The Rocks didn't have a big game statistically.

Burleson led the team in rushing

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## Salem stalls Harrison

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

As early season games go, Thursday's showdown featuring Plymouth Salem and Farmington Hills Harrison had post-season excitement.

The two teams, who are among the favorites to win the Western Lakes Activities Association, fought to the end before the visiting Rocks escaped with a 43-38 victory.

Junior center Christine Philips scored eight of Salem's final 10 points to help hold off the Hawks. "This is a very good Harrison team and beating them puts us a leg up on the rest of the league," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We still have our hands full with teams like Canton, Northville and Walled Lake Central."

Salem improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA, while Harrison slipped to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the league. After winning their first four games, the Hawks have dropped three of their last five contests.

The game featured Harrison's speed and pressure defense against Salem's superior height. The Rocks proved why basketball is a tall person's game.

Salem dominated the boards, holding a 37-13 rebounding advantage (9-2 on the offensive boards). The Rocks held the Harrison barrage of three-pointers to only one per possession.

Philips led all scorers with 16 points (12 in the second half) and 11 rebounds. Junior forward Andrea Pruett added 12 points and 13 rebounds, while senior guard Amanda Abraham chipped in with seven points, five assists and 11 boards.

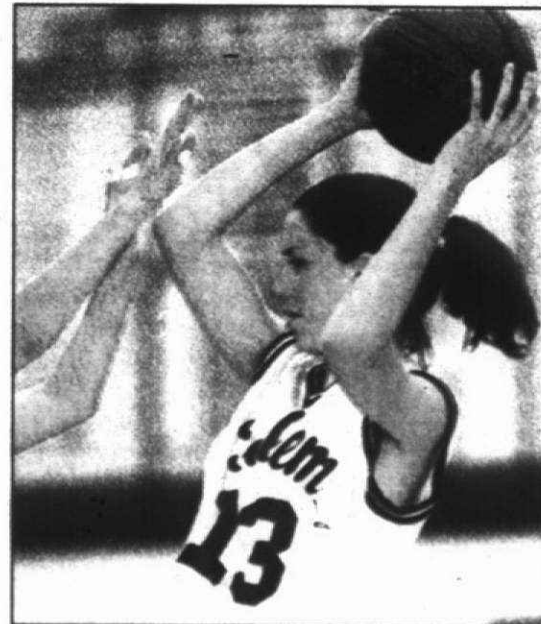
Amy Roble paced Harrison with 10 points. Senior guard Kristine Knutson added nine points and junior guard Ari Ault recorded eight points.

A Philips putback gave Salem a 35-31 lead with 5:30 remaining, but Ault countered with a three-pointer. Philips extended the lead to three with a banker with three minutes remaining. After a Roble lay-up made it a one-point game, Philips hit another lay-up.

The Hawks closed the margin to 39-38 when Mohogany Fletcher stole a pass and converted a layup with 1:09 left. A short jumper by Pruett increased the lead back to three with 38 seconds remaining.

The Hawks missed two chances to tie the game on desperation triples. Philips closed the scoring with a

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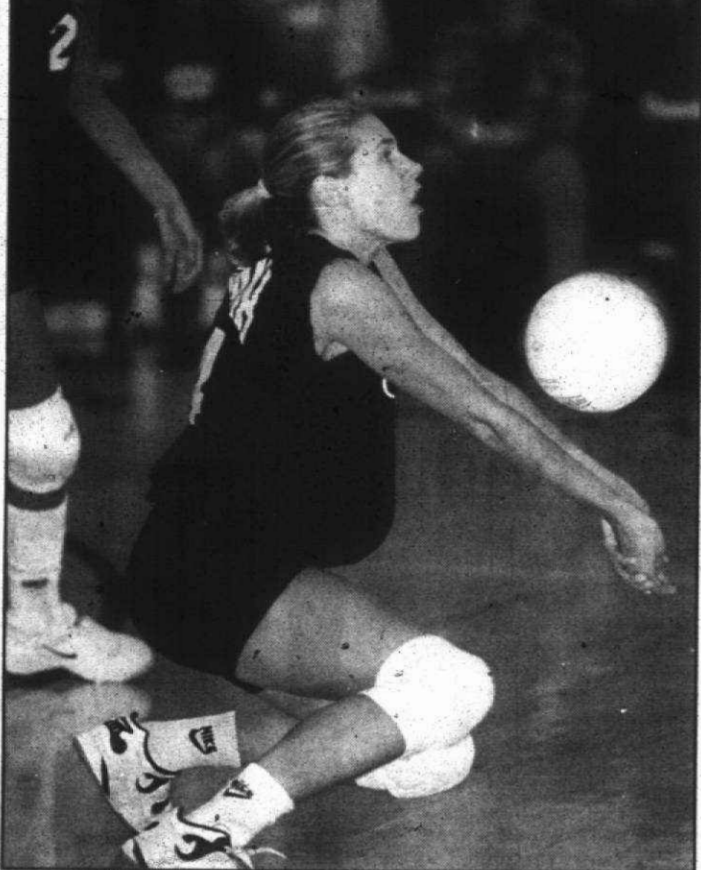
**Finding a way:** Salem's Amanda Abraham can beat a team many ways. She had five assists and 11 rebounds vs. Harrison.



TENNIS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 7
LYONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 24 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Cherie Berner (LF) def. Liz Elmer, 6-1, 7-5; No. 2: Patty Snook (PC) def. Karen Kolesko, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Jen Leonard (PC) def. Amy Widrosy, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Lizzie Brown (PC) def. Laura Conrad, 7-5, 6-4.

Tartars sweep past Madonna



Bumped up: Madonna's Karin Sisung tries digging one up against Wayne State. Sisung's 12 kills led the Crusaders.

Tartars sweep past Madonna

Perhaps what Madonna University's volleyball team should do is avoid opponents from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Lady Crusaders had lost just once between home-court matches against GLIAC opponents, and that was in a tournament in Florida. But those two GLIAC matches — well, both ended in defeat.

Macomb sticks SC with shutout

More of the same? That seems the best way to describe it, according to Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Van Dimitriou. His Ocelots did everything right in Wednesday's match against Macomb CC, except.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Table listing sports events for the week ahead, including Prep Football, Girls Basketball, and various soccer games.

ArtFair advertisement for Sugarloaf Mountain Works, Inc. featuring 300 artisans, fall-themed items, and event details for Oct. 24-26, 1997.

North hands Salem swimmers a dual-meet defeat

North Farmington whipped host Plymouth Salem, 103-83, and ran its girls swim record to 4-0 in dual meets Thursday.

CLASSES

HUNTER SAFETY The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club in Romulus will offer three two-day Michigan DNR Hunter Education Classes.

TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the 1997 season on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake.

SEASONS/DATES

BEAR The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26. DEER An experimental antlerless-only deer season runs through Sept.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, 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.

FISHING CLUBS

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.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ORTONVILLE RECREATION Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays.

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. The Wayne County Commission's Committee of the Whole will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance changing the Fiscal Year to October 1 through September 30.

## RECREATION

## TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

ABC stands for American Bowling Congress and that stands for bowling under sanctioned league conditions.

But many leagues officials believe that by penny pinching on ABC fees, that they are better off. The benefits, however, far outweigh the nominal costs.

Another benefit arrived in my mailbox today in the form of the Strike Ten Platinum Mastercard. I suspect that this offer went

out to the ABC membership at large, over 3 million bowlers nationwide.

This card offers a 5.9 percent fixed introductory APR for six months (15.9 percent afterward), a credit line up to \$100,000, dedicated card member service, portfolio of valuable platinum services, balance transfer savings option and a free windbreaker jacket.

The offer is through the mutual efforts of Strike Ten Entertainment, Inc. and ABC.

The plan also helps support TEAM USA.

The first time you use the card to make a purchase or transfer a balance, you will receive a windbreaker embroidered with the Strike Ten and ABC logos (retail value \$55).

Other benefits include year-end summary of charges, auto rental collision coverage. It also give you up to \$1 million travel accident insurance, emergency airline ticket replacement, \$3,000 lost luggage replacement and MasterPurchase Purchase Assurance.

Some bowlers think that sanctioning with the ABC and local associations are not necessary. This is being shortsighted and it short-changes the league bowlers in the long run.

The money saved on the Strike Ten Card will pay for my sanctioning fee many times over. For information call toll free at 1-800-355-2234.

•And now with all this money you are saving, how about spending it all for new bowling equipment? How about a couple of new balls, shoes and carrying bags?

Better yet, use some of it to fine-tune your game with lessons from a professional coach.

There are many fine ones right here in our own backyard, and if you want to raise your scoring to the next level, a good coach will usually do more for you than just going out to get the hottest new ball-of-the-month.

Some bowlers think they are in a "comfort zone" just where they are, but do they realize that they can learn enough about this simple, but complex game from a well qualified coach or instructor to raise that comfort zone even higher and at far less than the cost of a new ball.

To find a good coach, call any pro shop or bowling center, they will be happy to advise and assist you.

■ Had any good scores lately?

If you have rolled some exceptionally good games, let the counter person know, see that they write it down and submit it to Ten Pin Alley.

You can phone scores in directly to this column at (313) 422-1609, leave it on the recorder along with your phone number so we can verify the scores and the spelling.

■ How about if every police department had someone like Officer Ginger from last week's lead story?

Instead of just celebrating a birthday party at Woodland Lanes in Livonia, she could help bust criminals. There would be no more car chases as every felon would do a quick U-turn and surrender willingly without resistance.

## BOWLING HONOR ROLL

## Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Good Neighbors — Pat Hapiuk, 215.

## Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic — Tony Humphrey, 212-268-246/726; Mike Tomiak, 213-256-232/701; Doug Ellison, 266-257/690; Frank Noto, 236-224-228/688; Brian Jonca, 256-258/680.

## Westland Bowl (Westland)

St. Mel Men's (9/11) — Tom Summers, 279/677; Jim Dugan, 236/676; Ken Kinsler, 246/607.

St. Mel Men's (9/18) — Rob McAllister, 289/742; Steve Mazur, 278/654; Mark Brooks, 248/680; Earl Auty, 265/654; Mark Auty, 245/675.

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)  
Michigan Truck Men — Mel Long, 264/686; Gary Morton, 257/684.

Saturday Nite Mixed — Dan Ciaris, 265/697; Jack McGrail, 676; Tiffany Harvey, 246/703.

Friday Nite Mixed — Jan Michael, 223; Laura Dettloff, 591; Jay Pettit, 279/704.

Good Sports Mixed — Charlene Kea, 676.

Our Gang Mixed — Sue O'Haire, 242/599; Scott Taylor, 645.

Airlines Men's — Steve Baran, 299; Steve Pencola, 753; Jerry Struppa, 749; Doug Sharp, 742.

Men's Friday Nite Invitational — Joe Parks, 279/762; Mark Konopatzki, 279/755; George Fineran, 270; Jason Johnson, 719.

Thursday Gals — Cindy Burnie 237/646; Denise Grow, 225/584; Deb Brudna, 224; Arlene Holladay, 603.

## Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Motor City Eagles — Mike Gephart, 280/779 (215 Pins o/a); Ron Lezotte, 277-279/730; Ron Plyumb, 270; Jon Curtis, 276; Jim Molnar, 678.

Wed. Nite Owls — Gary Cornelius, 248/700; Mike Piontek, 648; Ken Hawk, 248/645; Al Lopez, 630.

Nite Owls — Mark Linsner, 651; Dennis Madden, 257/707.

Wonderland Classic — Pencola, 300; Ed Dudek, 279/702; Jim Timmerman, 268/718; Chuck Ruel, 678; Mark Payne, 677; Don Parks, 257/699.

## Cloverlanes (Livonia)

All-Star Bowlerettes — Tamika Glenn, 248-242-249/739; Kathie Maser, 256-206-245/707; Sandy Zurecki, 225-225-245/695; Lisa McCarty, 196-227-249/672; Movella White, 246-252/656; Cheryl Stipcak, 235-225/653; Julie Wright, 248/648.

Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic — Steve Bates, 209-233-245/687; Patrick Barter, 222-224/610; John Paronish, 216-215/606; Jim Wilson, 213-213/624.

## Novi Bowl (Novi)

Westside Lutheran — Kevin Chambers, 256/671; Tim Warner, 667; Al Hunt, 660; Bill Mueller, 643; Lynn Lewis, 629.

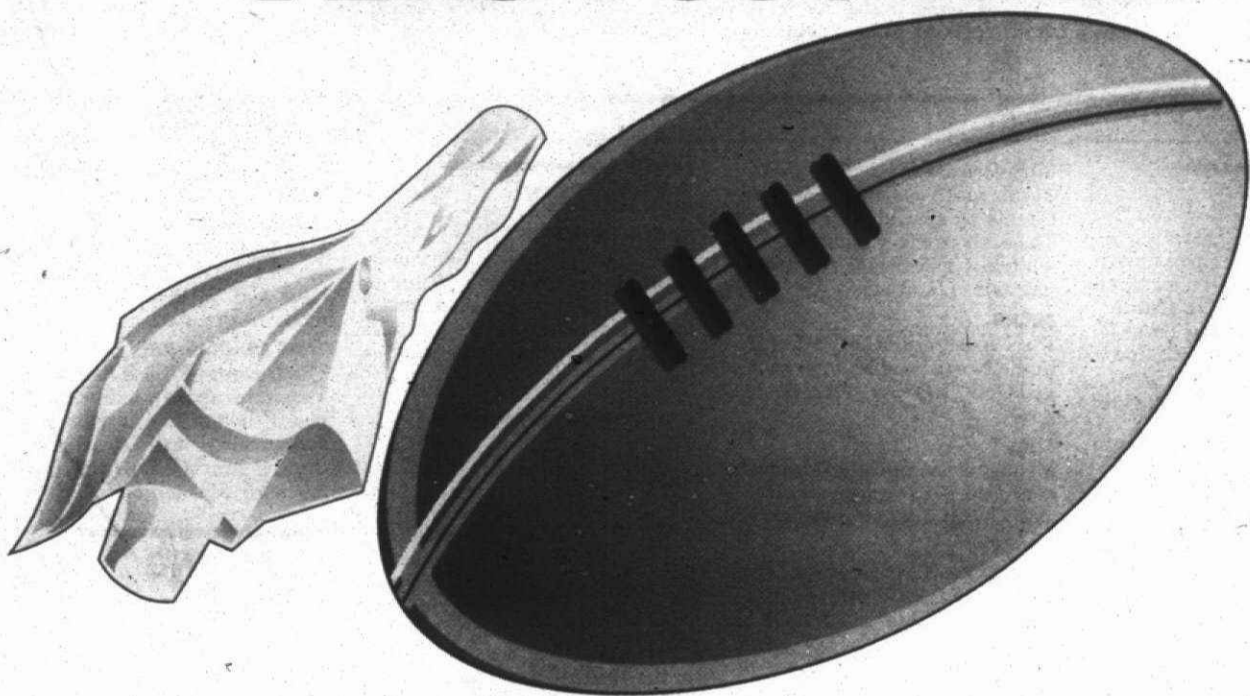
## Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

Sunday Holy Rollers — Bob Wisowatt, 269-300-242/831; Debra Bellan, 225-168-286/679.

**Bowling note:** Nick Russell, a 15-year-old ninth grader at Plymouth Salem High averaged 171 last season, but started out this year on a team with his 300 game in W.W.Y.T.C. competition at Romulus Recreation.

He ended the second game with three strikes then went the full 12 in Game No. 3 for 15 in a row. Nick is the son of Jim and Shannon Russell, residents of Canton. The score was nearly equalled by Kim Trumbull, who settled for a 279 game, only one pin shy of a perfect game as well.

## FLAG FOOTBALL



## The game never gets old

BY TONY BRUSCATO • STAFF WRITER

Where do football players go when their high school, college or pro careers are over?

You just might find them extending their playing days by participating in the next best thing . . . flag football.

"This is not a softball league where you might find guys who are a bit overweight, or playing just for fun," said Pete Comilla, who heads up the nine-team Birmingham Flag Football League, and is also a referee. "I tell the new players before the season starts this is a tough league, these guys are out to win."

In fact, Comilla says the Birmingham league is the best flag football organization of the nearly ten in the state.

**■ On offense, you probably will see an alignment similar to the old run and shoot of the Detroit Lions. There is a center, flanked by linemen on each side. And, a blocking back to give time for the quarterback to find any of his three wide-outs.**

"Our teams have won the state championship the last four years," notes Comilla. "Nearly 50 percent of our players are former college and high school athletes, those who have played football on an organized level. Some have even seen some pro-level action on taxi squads of NFL teams and in the Canadian Football League."

Former Michigan wideouts Gilvanni Johnson and John Kolesar are two examples.

Many of these guys are just having fun at what they like to do.

"I love it," said Keith Castrodale of Northville, who sponsors a team through his business, Action Floor of Plymouth.

The Livonia Franklin High product continues to display his wares on his team's defensive line.

"You get bumped pretty good on a Saturday afternoon," he said. "I'm 43, so I hope I can play another couple of years."

If you know basic football rules, you know basic flag football . . . with some modifications.

The field is still 100 yards long. However, to get a first down teams have to go 20 yards, instead of the traditional 10.

There are four, 12-minute quarters. And, the clock doesn't stop until the two-minute warning before the half, and the two minutes before the end of the game.

The teams have a 22-man roster, with eight allowed on the field.

Castrodale says the offense consists mostly of passing.

"It's pretty hard to run in this league," notes Castrodale. "Most of the time if you want to get anywhere with the ball you're going to have to throw it. The defenses are just too quick to be able to run."

On offense, you probably will see an alignment similar to the old run and shoot of the Detroit Lions. There is a center, flanked by linemen on each side. And, a blocking back to give time for the quarterback to find any of his three wide-outs.

"These teams practice plays, and it's very evident," said Comilla. "Many of them practice several times a week in preparation for the games."

On defense, a likely configuration will find a couple of rushing linemen, to keep the quarterback and running game in check. The rest of the defensive squad consists of three linebackers, two cornerbacks and a free safety.

"The guys in the trenches play pretty tough" noted Comilla. "You can tell

they've played the game before."

"Because the majority of plays are passing, you'll see a lot of blitzing," says Castrodale.

And, just like the pros, the guy with the ball is a marked man.

"Each player has two flags to grab for, but that can be difficult because of the moves some of the players have," said Castrodale. "If you can't get a flag, you can push a player out of bounds, but you can't tackle. The game still gets fairly rough because these guys are in good shape."

That is reiterated by Comilla.

"These guys are well-built athletes who continue to work out," comments Comilla. "Often times they block like they're playing tackle. However,

most realize that they and the others go back to work on Monday, and they stay away from the cheap shots."

Comilla says players come from all over the metro area to play in the league. The season consists of ten games, and the best teams compete in the state tournament. The winner gets a chance to vie for the Super Bowl of flag football, usually held in Ohio or Virginia.

Area games are generally played on Saturday's at Derby Junior High in Birmingham. Game times are 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

For the next couple of weeks games will be played on Sunday's because of conflicts in field scheduling.

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## NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Though we are often more aware of the bigger things in nature, like bears, hawks and whales, small animals can be just as interesting.

Often the smaller animals are more common if you take time to look for them.

Just the other day I spotted a group of caterpillars known as the orange-striped oak worm moth. They live in groups because their eggs are laid in

large clusters.

While investigating the branches of the oak tree they were feeding on, I noticed the three-quarter inch long shed skins left behind from their earlier growth.

On a couple branches there were some young caterpillars that were very orange with a few black spots. They had not molted their skin enough times to acquire the typical black with

orange stripes.

While continuing to examine the tree, I noticed one leaf that was partially eaten.

It seemed curious that they did not finish the entire leaf. Upon closer examination I realized the uneaten portion was where their eggs had been laid.

A section of leaf about two inches by three-quarters of an inch was coated with a single layer of clear little balls. Each clear capsule housed a minute caterpillar for a few days before it hatched.

Below the oak tree was a grasshopper with a cluster of eggs she was laying. These eggs will remain underground all winter and hatch out in spring. The adult female laying the eggs will die before winter.

On the same day in the garden on some dill were larvae of lady-bird beetles transforming to adult beetles.

This was the first time I had ever seen this remarkable transition.

Under a magnifying lens I could see the outer covering of the larva peeling off and exposing the infantile shape of the adult beetle.

Both the larval skin and the emerging adult were black and orange, so it was difficult to tell where one started and the other ended. But I could see the rudimentary eyes and legs of the adults as the skin peeled away. After the adult dried and hardened its skin it would find a place to spend the winter.

All these little creatures were preparing for the next season and insuring that there would be a next generation, even though it was late in the season for many animals to be raising young.

Within a small area I saw several small creatures showing me how they live part of their life. All I had to do was look carefully.

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