


OBITUARY

ROBERT G. LYNCH
Robert G. Lynch, 72, of Plymouth died April 3 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Mr. Lynch was a maintenance supervisor for Ford Motor Company and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a student of the Midwest Radio Control Society. He enjoyed building and flying model airplanes and was an avid race car fan and pit stop mechanic.
He is survived by daughters, Linda (Ron) Sherry of

Ballwin, Mo., Judy (Jim) Bernard of Livonia and Susan Lynch of Lisle, Ill.; brother-in-law Wayne Nowels of Farmington Hills; and five grandchildren.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 6, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.
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Worlds collide during weeklong East fest

It started with a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and ended with a cultural smorgasbord of food, fun and fellowship. The variety of activities March 23-27 at East Middle School gave students from all backgrounds a chance to learn more about each other - and perhaps help the Farmington district school attain coveted North Central Accreditation status.
Among the highlights were: "Dances Around the World," presented by students in the school's Multi-Cultural Awareness Committee, and "Explore the World without Leaving the School Grounds," presented by the students and by East's NCA committee.
"Dances Around the World" was an assembly where students performed dances from Ireland, Russia, Iraq, Albania, Japan, and belly dancing from the Middle East. More than 800 people, including many parents, attended.
During "Explore the World ..." students sat in classrooms and



Japanese quartet: Kimono-wearing East Middle School students (from left) Asami Kuraoka, Azumi Ikeda, Nako Nashimo and Nao Hattori participated in a Japanese dance during the recent "Dances Around the World" presentation. All of the students in the picture are holding hats made by their mothers.

watched schoolmates - some dressed in cultural garb - provide insight into the customs and traditions of countries where they have their roots.
And then they sampled various cuisines, donated by staff, parents, students and restaurants, said East speech pathologist Patricia Mobley.
"Our program allowed students to gain information about various cultures, get a background in information about customs and traditions and even get some very personal information about what it was like for students to come to this country," Mobley said.
Cultures and countries represented were Chaldean, Albania, Japan, Ukraine, Latvia, Brazil, the Philippines, Israel and Iran.
East Bilingual teacher Sue Dankha stressed that the week-long festival was a way for "these kids to really know and have information (about) where people came from and that they are not different than anybody else. They are all students at East Middle School."

Dankha and Mobley, along with East Bilingual teacher Luke Juncos, organized the activities.

Besides helping students build insight and understanding of each other, the teachers said the activities could bring another long-range positive benefit for the middle school: North Central Accreditation.


Mobley, who is on the NCA committee, said the school has already applied for that ranking. "Multicultural awareness and respect is one of our identified goals that we'd like to improve over a five-year period," Mobley said.


Class act: East eighth-graders (from left) Patrick Battah, Allan Ausi and Justin Roumayah show off Chaldean and Arabic costumes during "Explore the World Without Leaving the School Grounds."



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