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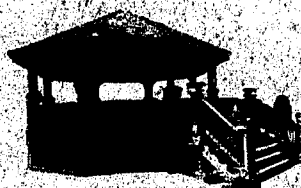
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As Black History Month ends and we finish our brief look at African American history, March, which is Women's History Month, begins. The Library of Congress has opened an "on-line" exhibit called War, Women and Opportunity in honor of Women's History Month, and over the next few weeks we will look at the lives of several women who served as journalists during World War II.

Because so many men went off to fight, World War II opened many doors for women in photography or journalism. Before the war ended, at least 127 talented and determined women had secured official military accreditation as war correspondents. Many were given front-line assignments, suffering and surviving the same hardships as the soldiers they wrote about. The War, Women and Opportunity exhibit features the stories of eight women who changed American society forever by securing a place for themselves in the workplace, in the newsroom, and on the battlefield.

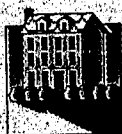
In our four-week series, we will examine the history of women in journalism, and look into the lives and careers of three women — Therese Bonney and Clare Boothe Luce, both of whom covered the war in Europe and the Pacific; and Dorothea Lange, who reported on the suffering of Japanese Americans placed in camps for the duration of war.

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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Downtown renewal: Who's to pay?



A committee will recommend April 15 which of two firms the city should hire for revitalizing its downtown. Meanwhile, city officials and business owners want financial commitments from each other for such a project.

Having a future vision of downtown Clarkston seems to be a common objective among those who live and work in the community, but city council members have a few concerns about how to achieve, implement — and pay for — such a vision.

"This is going to be a big responsibility," said council member Karen Sanderson, who favors transforming the downtown area into a more viable

shopping district but has concerns about the nuts and bolts of implementing a revitalization plan over the long term.

Currently, the council's downtown revitalization subcommittee is reviewing the services of two consulting firms that help communities refurbish their downtown districts.

Formed several months ago and charged with the task of studying

downtown development, the revitalization subcommittee plans to report its findings to the city council by April 15.

"It's fine to have experts come in," Sanderson said, "but who would follow through with the project?"

Like Sanderson, council member Walter Gamble is nervous about committing city money to hire professional services without a commitment from local business interests and community members.

"We do not have the full input of the community — both business and residential," Gamble said. "And we have no vision statement. You cannot throw out \$25,000 and do a study if we really

don't know what the people want."

Both Sanderson and Gamble also said they believe the lion's share of downtown revitalization services should be paid for by local business interests.

Funding, however, isn't at issue, according to council member David Savage, who is chairing the revitalization subcommittee.

"In fact, we've already had a number of business owners say that they're willing to fund the program," he said.

The subcommittee, which is reviewing the planning services of HyettPal-

Please see DOWNTOWN, A4



Making learning fun: Debbie Latozas (center), named Teacher of the Year by the Clarkston Foundation, uses a board game to teach multiplication to (left to right) Caitlin Bennett and Meghan Hausman at Bailey Lake Elementary School.

Teacher of the year

Math coordinator fits equation for district's best



Game's a winner: Meghan Parker lets the dice fly.

This Clarkston schools' educator touts such a full calendar of meetings with people who count, she almost makes U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright look like a well-dressed slacker.

(Well, okay. Albright does have a few things going on in the Mideast.)

Even so, Debbie Latozas, the district's math coordinator, is sum local contributor. And that's why the Clarkston Foundation — a nonprofit organization that supports the arts and sciences — honored Latozas as "Teacher of the Year" during its annual luncheon Friday.

Chris Turner, principal of Bailey Lake Elementary, Latozas' home base as a math instructor, described the 18-year teaching veteran as "a true hero. She's an exemplary teacher," Turner said. "Children who enter her (math support) room with trepidation in their eyes leave with a confidence they never had before. She also works with teachers and has the ability to understand their needs. And

she maintains tactful and effective communication with parents."

In an after-school interview Monday, Latozas — the single mother of three school-age sons — displayed her crammed March calendar and her beeper. She commented on her busy computerized schedule as the district's K-12 math coordinator, head of K-5 math instructional support and math instructional specialist for Bailey Lake. "It's crazy," the Lake Orion resident said with a chuckle. "All these things have sort of grown over the years. It's almost like, if anyone took them all on right now, they would go nuts."

Latozas said her work — and her meetings — multiplied because she was willing to figure out solutions to problems.

"Somebody would say, 'Can you do this?'" she recalled. "And I'd say to myself, 'Do I have 15 minutes to do that? Sure, I could do that next week Tuesday at such and such a time.'"

Please see TEACHER A6

Man arrested in indecent exposures; teens credited

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston is crediting two teenage victims, who kept their wits about them, with providing vital information that led to the arrest of a man suspected in multiple incidents of indecent exposure over the past several months.

The 29-year-old, married, Independence Township man was arraigned before Magistrate Kelly Kostin in 52/2 District Court on Tuesday on three counts of indecent exposure stemming from complaints in Independence and Brandon townships and the city of Clarkston. Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail.

He was released on a \$3,000 personal bond and a pre-trial examination was scheduled for him on April 3. The man stood mute at his arraignment and a

not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf. As a condition of his bond, the man was required to seek counseling, said a spokesperson for the court.

The man is not a suspect in an indecent exposure case that took place near the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road last week, in which a black car was involved, nor is he a suspect in an indecent exposure that happened several weeks ago at a plaza on Sashabaw and Waldon roads, according to Oakland County Sheriff Detective Tom Cavalier. In the latter incident, a man appeared near a restaurant, undressed from the waist down.

Police are still investigating those two occurrences.

The Clarkston incident happened on Feb. 25 when a man reportedly

Please see ARREST, A6

Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss



Kickoff celebration: Teacher Pat Andrus assists in a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss, which included a giant birthday cake, at Springfield Plains Elementary School Monday. The program kicked off activities for March Reading Month.

Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll for '97-'98 2nd Quarter

Clarkston Middle School Second Quarter 1997-98

Sixth grade
Margaret Adams
Katie Bailey
Scott Bigger
Heather Binasio
Jenna Clavette
Stephen Coryell
Kelly Dougherty
Elizabeth Dushaw
Jaime Fugitt
Eric Gauthier
Jenna Hart
Bradley Keusch
Kaitlin Kieras
Elizabeth Knappe
Kendra Linenger
Sarah Mahrie
Mallory Mast
Annie Mazzeo
Colleen Mead
Brendan Pawlik
Vincent Pierotti
Matthew Prunte
Angela Regiani
Christyn Reuter
Evan Schneider
Peter Schweitzer

Stephanie Secord
Aaron Verlinden
Shanna Williamson

Seventh grade
Emily Audette
Casey Bolten
Marissa Combs
Benjamin Cooper
Blake Harlow
Benjamin Kosbab
Teresa Kuhta
Sarah Mehaffey
Brenton Place
Elizabeth Randall
Lauren Trager
Marykate Varnau
Meghan Williams
Mary Wisniewski

Eighth grade
Caleb Borchers
Mark Catanese
Matthew Davenport
Sean Dougherty
Jane Ferguson
Stacie Goodman
Kendra Harlow
Cassandra Hart
Victoria Lauzun
Samuel Stapp

3.0 or better

Sixth grade
Brian Abate
Margaret Adams
Kathleen Amor
Kristina Amundson
Nicholas Andolora
Katie Bailey
Andrea Barget
Jacob Beno
Brian Bigger
Scott Bigger
Heather Binasio
Rheannon Blake
Kelly Boskee
Brett Cable
Aaron Catanese
Catherine Christopher
Emily Clark
Jenna Clavette
Heather Cole
Stephen Coryell
Andrew Crane
Griffin Cummings
Annemarie Curtis
Colleen Dempsey
Elisa Dickey
Ammon Dietz
Cynthia Dodich
Kelly Dougherty
Ashley Doyle
Elizabeth

Dushaw

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Maria Felt
Bess Ferguson
Jami Fitch
Jaime Fugitt
Nichole Gaucho
Eric Gauathier
Suzanne Giroux
Zachery Gray
Travis Hadden
Brandon Hampton
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Lyndsey Hart
Matthew Herron
Allison Hillman
Ashley Hudson
Mark Jackson
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Matthew Karnes
Jamie Keesling
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Kaitlin Kieras
Stephen Kiester
Jack Kinsey
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Emma Mizusawa
Jonathan Moelig
Lindsay Mozer
Mary Murphy
David Nagel
Sarah Napier
Brendon O'Rourke
Kate Opie
John Ostrand
Brendan Pawlik
Robert Perna
Vincent Pierotti
Sean Gardner
Kathleen Priebe
Matthew Prunte
Mallory Przybylski
Angela Regiani
Whitney Reppuhn
Christyn Reuter
Nicholas Riegel
Evan Schneider
Amanda Schultz
Amanda Schwarzbarg
Rudi Schwarze
Peter Schweitzer
Stephanie Secord
Kevin Sharkey
Steven Shiel
Courtne Sinclair
Alexandra Smith
Justin Smith
Matthew Smith
Anthony Sorise
Daniel Spencer
Katherine Stapp
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Kyle Sweeney
Aaron Verlinden
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Jillian Pistonetti
Brenton Place
Katherine Priebe
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Megan Renda
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Lauren Trager
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Kevin Way
Justin Whetstone
Lauren White
Meghan Williams
Mary Wisniewski
Katherine Woloson
Sara Zerba
Jeremy Zito

Megan Harris
Cassandra Hart
Lauren Hosner
Casey Hunt
Joseph Jackson
Haleigh Kalso
Jennifer Karstensen
Eric Kieras
Victoria Lauzun
Kelly Leonard
Olivia Lowrie
Kathryn Mack
Matthew Mahrie
Katherine Mazzeo
Megan McGeogh
Meghan McGinn
Maureen McIntyre
Steven Miller
Christopher Moore
Paul Mueller
Jared Ostrom
Lindsay Pawlik
Adam Postal
Kelly Propst
Amy Rathsburg
David Sahlin
Brian Samuel
Kathryn Schneider
Brian Secord
Christina Shaw
Diana Shkreli
Zachary Shook
Kaitlyn Sitar
Aaron Spencer
Samuel Stapp
Jeffrey Steele
Julie Swidwinski
Elizabeth Szurpiski
Ashleigh Tate
Sara Tilley
Stephanie Vaughn
Angela Vincent
Peter Weiss
Lauren Welbourn
Michael White
Michael Wood
Robert Woody

Bringing Up Grades List

Sixth grade
0.5 increase
Brady Gardner
John Ostrand
Krista Safran
Zachary Winston

Eighth grade
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Stephen Ashley
Evan Dashe
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Daniel Taylor
Michael White
Douglas Williamson
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Assessment hike anger hard to find this year

The annual opportunity for people to appeal the taxable values for property they own has arrived again.

Board of review dates have been established for Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston.

So far, at least in Independence Township, things have been a little quieter than in the past, said Assessor Dave Kramer. He attributed that quiet to the fact that people are being taxed according to the rate of inflation, and not based on the assessed values of their homes, as was done in Michigan prior to 1995.

"There's not much of an argument there," he said, explaining how tax rates are set.

"I think there are more people who are aware of assessed value and taxable value under Proposal A."

Prior to Proposal A, in 1994, taxes were based on the state equalized valuation of homes, or 50 percent of a home's value. In 1994 the assessed values and taxable values were the same, Kramer said. And in 1995, taxes based on taxable values kicked in, using an index based on the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less, he said.

Currently, the taxable rate of inflation is 2.7 percent.

In explaining the taxation and board of review process, Kramer cited an example of a typical Independence Township homestead, located in the Clarkston

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School District, with a market value of \$146,000 as determined by the assessor.

The assessed value of that home would be \$73,200. The taxable value of that home, with a millage rate of 29.515 mills, and based on the rate of inflation, would be \$58,300 — a difference of \$14,900.

The annual taxes for that homestead would be \$1,720, Kramer said. If that property was not a homestead but was a business or second home, the taxes would be \$2,770.

Kramer added that there is an exception to the rule, and that is that the taxable value of property could go up higher than the rate of inflation if the owner added something to the property in the form of construction, such as a garage or addition.

"The board of review is a citizen body that sits in review of assessors' values, classifications

of properties and need or lack-of-need for poverty exemption," Kramer said.

To appeal taxable rates, residents in the three communities need to make appointments.

In Springfield Township, the board of review process began March 3. But times will be available 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Monday, and 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The Springfield board of review meets at 650 Broadway, Davisburg. All appointments for Springfield should be made before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday by calling 625-4802 or 634-6873.

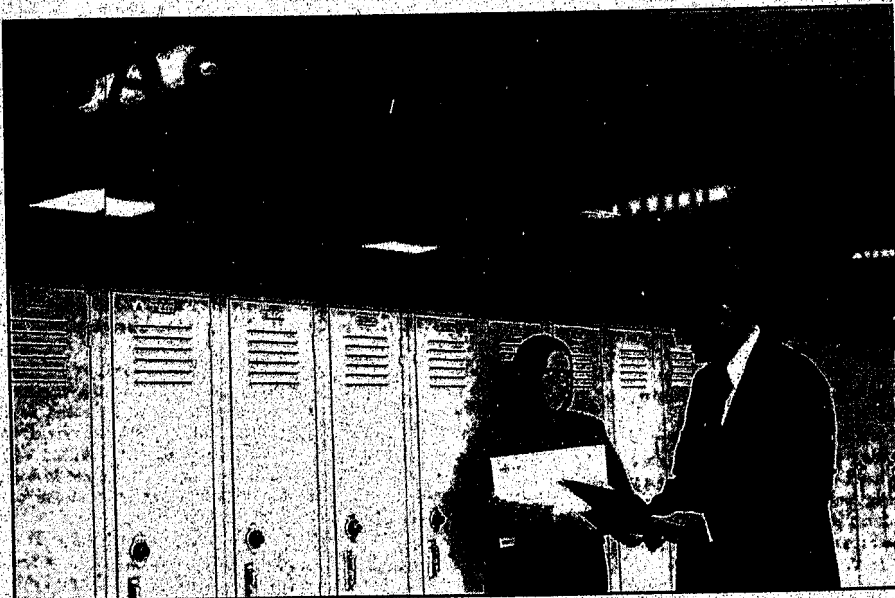
In Independence Township the board of review will meet 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and 1-9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. To make an appointment, call 625-8114.

The Independence board of review will meet in the annex building behind township hall at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston.

The city of Clarkston board of review is scheduled to meet 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday and March 16. Appointments should be scheduled through the Oakland County Equalization Division, (800) 350-0900, ext. 81861.

The Clarkston board of review will meet at city hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston.

Kildee pays a visit



HI Dale: Sashabaw Middle School student Kate Kelley meets with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee Monday following his receipt of a letter she wrote expressing environmental concerns regarding her school.

Student's letter to congressman sparks visit to middle school

Eighth-grader Kate Kelley says she likes "just about anything that doesn't have to do with sports."

Someday, that anything might just be politics, or lobbying or creating laws.

Kelley had a personal meeting with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Flint) Monday when the congressman came to Sashabaw Middle School in response to a letter the 13-year-old wrote him last year.

"I just wanted a more environmentally and chemically clean school," she said during a telephone interview on Tuesday. Kelley said she did not suggest to Kildee how that task could be accomplished when writing him during seventh grade.

Kildee's office called her immediately after she wrote the letter, she said, but it took until now for the school to coordinate a visit. She said she decided to write a letter on her own and

■ 'I just wanted a more environmentally and chemically clean school.'

*Kate Kelley
—Sashabaw Middle School student*

selected him as the recipient after her mother suggested his name.

Speaking of her meeting with the congressman, she said, "He said that he was really happy that I wrote him and he wants other kids my age and younger to write him letters."

She expects a story about their meeting to be published in the school's newspaper, With Sugar On Top.

In addition to her interest in the environment, Kelley enjoys computers, art and cooking.

2 Clarkston teen orators to compete in regional event

If they were nervous, it sure didn't show.

Sixteen Clarkston and Sashabaw middle school students, ages 11-14, took deep breaths and impressed the adults around them with four- to five-minute speeches before three male and three female winners were selected by a panel of judges in the 12th annual Clarkston Optimist Club Oratorical Contest.

The contest was held at Clarkston High School Feb. 25.

The students spoke on the topic of "My Commitment To The Future." The top boy and girl winners will have their names engraved on a traveling plaque and will move on to a regional competition to be held in Lake Orion in early April.

This year's first-place winners both came from Sashabaw Middle School. They are Maggie Ness, 14, for the girls and Jeffrey Driscoll, 13, for the boys.

Second-place winners are Stacey Mercado, 13, from Sashabaw Middle School and Matthew Prunte, 11, from Clarkston Middle School. The third-place winners are Jade Jackson, 14, from Sashabaw Middle School and Michael Prunte, 14, from Clarkston Middle School.

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The students were required to speak on the commitment topic and were judged on a variety of aspects including presentation, poise, appearance and logic.

Winners of the Lake Orion contest will move to the district competition, where the top boy and girl winners will receive \$1,500 scholarships.

All contestants received a certificate of participation and the top three boys and top three girls were awarded medallions.

Also participating in the contest were: Marissa Combs, Lauren Trager and Angie Regiani from Clarkston Middle School; and Megan Garrett, Lauren Hunt, Caitlin McLean, Taryn Emerick, Kirsten Partyka, Lyndsay Wylie and Christine Witkowski from Sashabaw Middle School.

POLICE NEWS

Thefts

On Feb. 28, a compact disc changer was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Parview.

On Feb. 28, lottery tickets were reported stolen from a business on Ortonville Road.

Possession of Substances

On Feb. 27, an 18-year-old Holly man was found to be in possession of what was believed to be marijuana while at a site off Sashabaw Road.

On Feb. 27, persons on South Marshbank were found to be in possession of possible marijuana. They were cited with appearance tickets and released.

On Feb. 28, a 30-year-old man was found to be in possession of what was believed to be cocaine during a traffic stop on Maybee Road.

Felonious Assault

On Feb. 27, a 9-year-old Waterford Township girl reported that she was verbally harassed by three teenagers driving past her while she was walking a dog along Meyers Road. She reported to police that they swerved near her with their vehicle, forcing her to flee into a ditch. The incident has been turned over to the detective bureau for investigation.

Indecent Exposure

On Feb. 26, a woman reported that a man who was naked exposed himself to her at a plaza on Dixie Highway.

Clarkston Police

On Feb. 27, officers responded to a residence on Surrey Lane twice after complaints of disturbing the peace were called in. There were no citations.

On Feb. 28, officers responded along with the Independence Township Fire Department to a chimney fire at a residence on North Main Street. There were no injuries.

Independence Fire

Between Feb. 26-March 2, firefighters responded to 13 incidents. Among them were eight medical runs and one building fire. The incidents included:

On Feb. 27, firefighters attended a patient having cardiac arrest at a residence on Cecelia Ann.

On March 1, firefighters assisted an 83-year-old woman who was having a possible stroke at a residence on Andersonville Road. She was transported by ambulance to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Feb. 26-March 2.

Springfield Police

Home Invasion

On Feb. 24, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on King Road.

On Feb. 26, a computer, camcorder and printer were reported stolen from a residence on Big Lake Road.

Unexpected Death

On March 1, officers responded to a Gibbs Road home, where an 80-year-old man was found dead at the bottom of a staircase by family members. On Monday, a spokesperson for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office said the medical examiner had ruled the death accidental.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On Feb. 28, landscape lights were reported damaged at a residence on Little Walters Court.

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Additional senior housing sought Downtown from page A1

A short supply of local senior housing coupled with expectations that demand for the specialized facilities will swell has prompted Independence Township trustees to prepare for their future development.

"The idea is that it is important that we have zoning regulations that properly reflect the conditions occurring in our world. One of those conditions is that people are aging," said township planner Richard Carlisle, who will help trustees address senior housing projects through the township's zoning requirements.

Township trustees were slated Tuesday night to read through a proposed amendment to existing zoning laws. However, the first reading of the text was postponed until April 7, as requested by Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, who could not attend Tuesday night's meeting.

"Many statistics indicate that over one-third of the population will be over 65 (in the near future), and there has been a lot of concern both on the part of the township and the nation that the need for elderly housing is not being met," Carlisle said.

Independence Township Senior Center coordinator Lan-

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

nette Amon couldn't agree more with that concern.

"There is a great need for senior housing," she said. "We need all we can get because there's nothing in existence and we're playing catch up in terms of other communities."

Currently, there are several adult foster care facilities in Clarkston. Plans to build an 20-bed assisted living facility at Parview Drive near Dixie Highway in Independence Township are under way with a ground breaking expected in April.

Amon not only has had to refer local seniors to facilities that are 10 or more miles away from the community, but also worries some local seniors will have nowhere to go.

In fact, one of Amon's recent clients came close to homelessness, she said.

The local senior didn't have the option of living with relatives and, because of income, could not afford to enter an elderly facility.

Although subsidized housing is available to low-income seniors, the wait for most applicants is a year or longer, Amon said.

"This senior had nowhere to go," she said, recalling the heart-

breaking situation. "But, we were finally able — by an act of God — to get this lady into a federally subsidized program in Rochester Hills."

The senior, however, was a longtime resident of the area and the move cost her proximity to friends, not to mention familiarity with her surroundings, she said.

"She was very happy to find a place to go. ...I know that she had concerns, but this was really a situation of basic survival. It's really kind of sad," Amon said. "I'm sure that when she left and we lost contact that those concerns set in."

Although Independence Township has not received "any hard-and-fast proposals" for senior housing developments, Carlisle said, amending the local ordinance will appropriately prepare the community for when developers do approach.

It's also a response to community members' needs, he said. "We have a lot of young families moving in and one of the things that we've heard from these people is that they would like to have places for their elderly relatives to live that are close to

them."

Similarly, Amon said she receives at least 10 phone calls each week from local residents seeking information about senior facilities in the area.

Another benefit of addressing elderly housing through zoning is that developers may consider the area for the use and be more attracted to the community, said Tina Abbate Marzolf, community/transportation planner at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Southfield.

Northern Oakland County, like other rural areas in the country, has not experienced the explosion in senior housing projects that urbanized areas have. Therefore, the number and selection of facilities for older adults is limited, she said.

"You don't see as much variety in the different types of facilities for seniors in rural areas," she said. "But I've talked to a few developers who are looking into (northern Oakland County)."

While developers had sought to build senior housing in communities with large populations and high traffic volume, competition has become so fierce that they are now targeting new markets.

And amending local zoning laws before a possible burst of development proposals hit the community also affords officials a measure of control, Marzolf said.

ma Inc. and National Trust for Historic Preservation, will most likely recommend that the city of Clarkston contribute no more than \$5,000 for the project, he added.

The rest would have to be paid for by business owners and other private entities, he said.

Both firms, according to Savage, would provide comprehensive planning services, which include both the creation of an action plan and help in developing a community vision statement.

Buck Kopietz, owner of Terra's Fine Jewelers in downtown Clarkston, said he also believes business interests should pick up most of the tab for the project. However, his own support is contingent on local government involvement, he said.

"As a business person, I wouldn't want to participate if (local) government wasn't going to participate. And for that reason, I would want to see them participating in the financial aspect," Kopietz said.

"It's going to have to be an effort by business owners, landlords, the citizens and the government," he said. "Each has a critical role to play."

HyettPalma's services have been estimated to cost about \$25,000. The cost of hiring National Trust for Historic Preservation has not yet been determined, but will be reported along with the subcommittee's recommendation on which firm to contract, Savage said.

Currently, the subcommittee is

also looking into the option of forming a downtown development authority in Clarkston and will report its findings on or before April 15, along with their recommendations for revitalization.

"Since city council members have some trepidation about entering into a long-term project without a commitment from business owners, the issue on both sides seems to be one of insuring that all parties are duly invested."

"We can offer a unique shopping experience," Savage said of revitalizing the downtown area. "But the city council must take an active role and have a stake in the process for it to be successful."

"It's not just enough to preserve our historic architecture. We need to preserve a way of life and a way of doing business," Savage said.

"I don't mind spending the \$5,000," Gamble added. "But I also feel that you have to have some qualifications."

Public support, he said, is as necessary as a commitment from local business owners.

"Some people say it's good. Some people say it's bad," he said. "There has to be some vehicle — whether it's a public meeting or survey — to determine how the community members feel."

But obtaining feedback from the community is integral to conducting a downtown study, according to Savage. "No one gets excluded," he said. "In reality, this is part of the vision process starting up."

Clarkston boys say they were attacked

Four 17- and 18-year-old boys from Clarkston told Troy police they were "jumped" as they walked out of the basketball game Friday night in Troy after the Clarkston High Wolves defeated the Troy High Colts for the second time this season.

Police said the Clarkston youths came into the police station the next day to report the incident. They told police they were attacked by three persons they believe are Troy High students as they made their way to their cars parked in the school lot. The Clarkston youths said they did not provoke the attack and had to defend themselves.

Police are investigating the incident.

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Hi guys: Gov. John Engler (at left) has a friendly greeting for Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Gorcyca (center) and Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham at last week's gathering of Republicans in Troy. The outing provides candidates with a chance to thank supporters while lining up volunteers for the November election. Around 650 people attended.

Engler parties with party faithful, lines up support

John Engler and L. Brooks Patterson, Spencer Abraham and Candice Miller.

A Who's-Who of state Republican leaders wine, dine and waxed political during Friday's Lincoln Dinner at Troy's San Marino Club.

The outing provides candidates with a chance to thank supporters while lining up volunteers for the November election. Around 650 people attended.

Troy resident Dave Lambert said he's eager to back Engler for a third term as governor.

"I think he's doing a great job," Lambert said. "I think he's provided a lot of leadership and put the state on stable footing. I'm more concerned about what's going on nationally and internationally."

Rochester Hills resident Rochelle Heyniger, a candidate for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees, also touted the governor.

"I have the utmost respect for John Engler," she said. "I don't



"I think he needs to tell how much he's accomplished during his reign of governor. I'm absolutely thrilled to be part of these changes."

Penny Crissman
—state representative

think there's anyone in the state who can handle the state as well as he can."

Gena Helmstetter has already signed up as an Engler volunteer. The Rochester Hills resident will serve as Oakland County Co-Chair for the governor's 1998 campaign.

"He did a great job with our taxes and he's doing a better job with the roads, considering what he inherited," said Helmstetter. "In my opinion, he's improving them little by little."

Secretary of State Candice Miller introduced Engler as "America's Greatest Governor," praising him for cutting taxes 24 times while reforming the state's welfare system.

"So while others were afraid, all of us, everyone in this room, has stood by our governor," said Miller.

Engler himself praised Oakland County and its thriving

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Foster parents sought

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, in Farmington Hills, is looking for dedicated foster and adoptive parents in Oakland County to provide safe and loving homes for infants, children, adolescents and teens who have severe emotional problems, have been victims of abuse and have other special needs.

Orientations will be held twice daily at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, and Thursday, May 14, at the center's Foster Care and Adoption Building, 29475 Inkster Road (between 12

Mile and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills).

The sessions last two hours. Information regarding qualifications and training will be provided.

It is not a lifetime commitment, but it is a commitment that can change a child's life.

Please call the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Foster Care and Adoption Department at (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3305 today to find out how you can help.

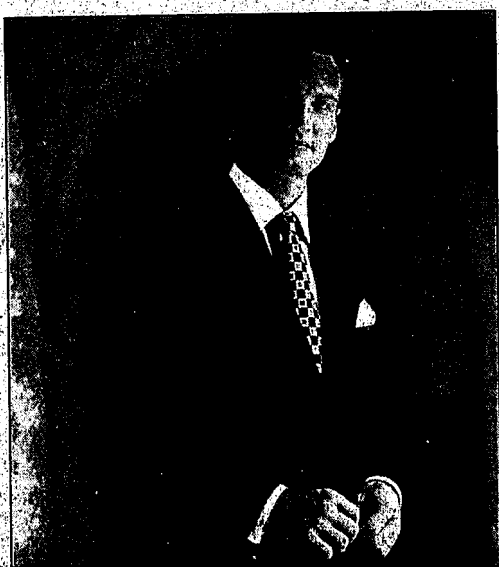
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Teacher from page A1

You have to be extremely organized."

With an eye for detail and a desire for challenge, Latozas said she applied for and obtained the K-12 math coordinator position in 1987. The next year, she pioneered the district's math support program with Clarkston elementary colleague Debbie Shotwell. As a result, the two elementary classroom teachers became roving math specialists who divided their instructional time among the district's then five elementary buildings. A math major during her undergraduate years at Michigan State University, Latozas said she was excited about the opportunity of specializing in math.

She liked the idea of reaching more students and helping general classroom educators discover more effective ways of teaching the subject.

"At that time, we had reading support at all the buildings, but we had no math (support)," Latozas said. "Our scores weren't that great on the MEAP test and things were sort of rough at the middle schools. We thought, 'Well, if we boost up the elementary kids, that'll help out at the secondary level.'"

The program blossomed over the years. Today, each elementary building houses a math support specialist as well as a math assistant who goes into classrooms to work with students, the

math coordinator said. And for the first time this year, Bailey Lake and Clarkston elementary offer math study rooms — similar to those at Clarkston High School. However, unlike the CHS study rooms, where students choose to go to be tutored, elementary math study rooms are teacher-directed. "Kids can come down at the end of the day for any help that the classroom teacher decides they need," Latozas said. That additional instruction period lasts about 45 minutes.

Whether the elementary support plan is to reteach a math concept to small groups of students or to enrich those who are tearing through their times tables, Latozas oversees it. She also teaches math demonstration classes throughout the district to help students and teachers tackle math concepts with different methods. "It's staff development on the spot," she said. It's a great program — and it's working.

What did she consider to be

her biggest current challenge?

Ironically, Latozas said, "Student numbers." We have kids who don't quite fit into special education, but who need extra help. Trying to reach all those kids can sometimes feel overwhelming.

However, the K-12 math coordinator said she felt Clarkston schools were moving in the right direction. "The math program in Clarkston is so much stronger than it's been in the past," Latozas said. "More kids are staying in math longer (at the high school) and more kids are taking higher-level classes. And if someone comes up with an (instructional) idea, it's encouraged."

She also said she has experienced the ultimate thrill of her profession many times over the years. "It's so gratifying when that light bulb goes on in a child's head and he or she gets it," she said. "The Teacher of the Year award was a great pat on the back, but that's truly the ultimate pat on the back."

Arrest from page A1

exposed himself to the girls in the parking lot of Clarkston Middle School off Church Street and then circled the block and repeated the act on Church Street near Buffalo Street.

"They had a couple of younger kids with them. They kind of shielded them and got a complete and accurate description of the vehicle and (license) plate," Ormiston said. Ormiston said the man was driving a red 1995 Pontiac Grand Am.

Ormiston released the names of the girls, 15-year-old Lindsay Russell and 14-year-old Leslie Bailey, and said they deserved "credit where credit is due" for protecting the younger children, whom they were baby-sitting, and getting a description of the suspect's car.

He said he hoped future young victims of similar incidents would use the girls as role models and behave in a similar fashion, maintaining their composure and coming forth with information.

He also said, since the police are investigating the possibility of other unreported offenses, he urges area parents to talk with

■ "They had a couple of younger kids with them. They kind of shielded them and got a complete and accurate description of the vehicle and (license) plate."

Paul Ormiston
Clarkston Police Chief

their children and come forward if they have information.

"Look for signs," he said. "Ask your children if they've been subjected to this. There are other incidents."

In Independence Township, Oakland County Sheriff's Department Detective Tom Cavalier said police are investigating the possible involvement of the Independence man in other incidents, in which two sisters were flashed on two different dates.

On Feb. 10, a 16-year-old reported that a man exposed himself to her on Seneca Drive. Her sister reported being flashed on Feb. 23 at the intersection of Sashabaw and Maybee roads.



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 19, 1998, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Hynes, 13650 Neal Road, Davisburg, to permit the construction of an attached garage which would bring total accessory structure floor area on site to 10,022 s.f. rather than the maximum permitted of 5,000 s.f. Currently, 8,289 s.f. of accessory floor-area exists on site. P.I. #07-31-100-008

2. Dennis McClure, 3295 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, to permit the construction of a deck with a front yard setback of 42 feet rather than the required 50 feet. A new home has been constructed on the subject lot at 9201 Davisburg Road. P.I. #07-14-226-027

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brian Cox, 6384 Lahring, Linden, Michigan to permit the construction of a home with the following variances: 1) Install a septic system 50 feet from the ordinary high water mark of an adjacent pond rather than the required 100 foot minimum setback. 2) Construct a house 45 feet from water rather than the required 50 feet. Subject parcel is vacant lots 37 and 38 of Weine's Subdivision. P.I. #07-28-353-014

2. Harding Leasing, Robert Harding, Jr. 4546 Clawson Tank Drive, Clarkston, Michigan, to allow the construction of an industrial building with a height of 36 feet rather than the maximum permitted height of 25 feet within a light industrial district. P.I. #07-36-401-002

3. Bruce Hurren, 7360 Ormond Road, Davisburg, Michigan to allow variance from Sec. 16.01(3) b to allow demolition and reconstruction of more than 50% of the house at 206 Broadway. P.I. #07-17-202-005

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: March 6, 1998



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NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following:

Request from Saturn North Properties, L.L.C., 3118 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439 to amend the approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) and automobile dealership site plan for the following described property:

13.82 acres located north of Dixie Highway and east of Laron, near the northbound I-75 exit to Dixie Highway. P.I. #07-24-202-012

The purpose of the requested amendment is to install a six foot high, black PVC coated chain link fence across the northern parking lot and along the northern boundary lines of its property.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the application for the Planned Unit Development amendment and other information which has been submitted may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a public hearing to receive comment on and discuss a proposed grant application through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreation Bond Grant for acquisition of land adjacent to the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Park.

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

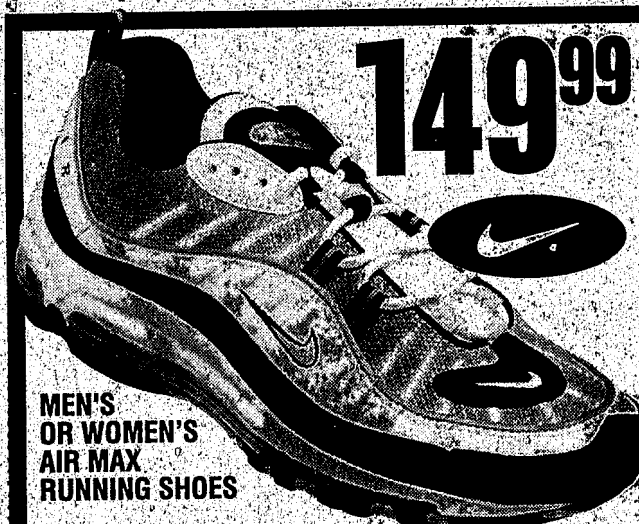
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Information on the proposed acquisition and grant request is available for review at the Park Office. The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes comments from the public. Anyone unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to: Springfield Township Park & Recreation, 495 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350.

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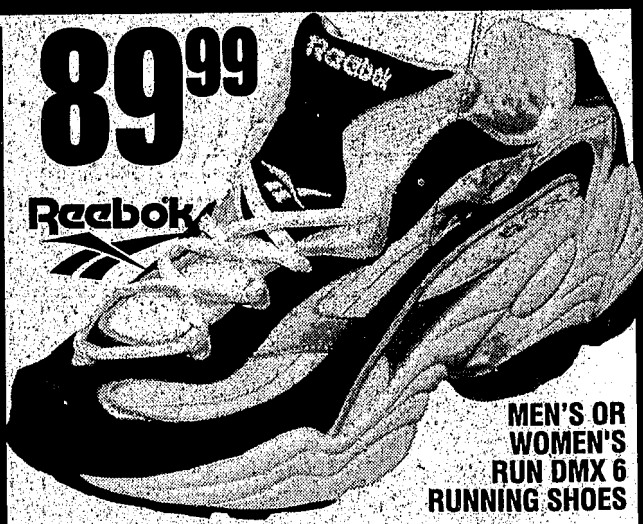
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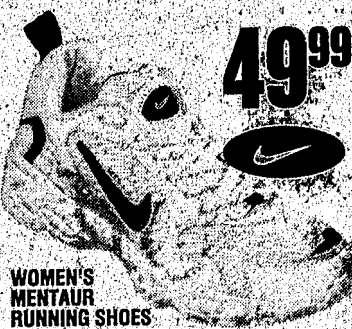


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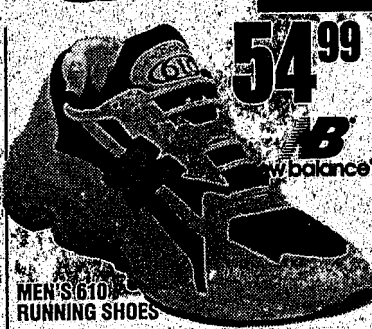
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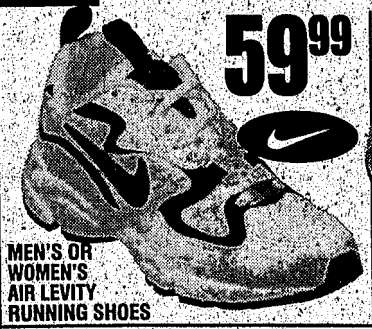
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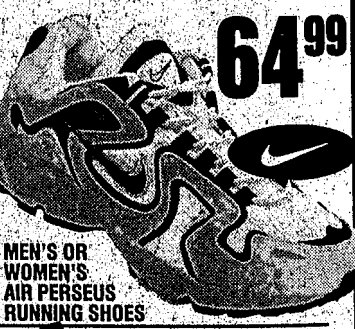
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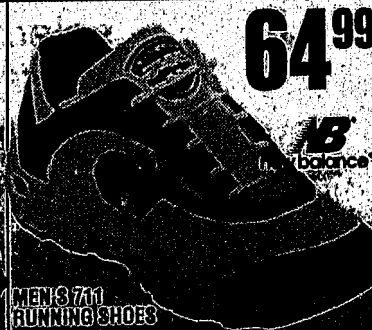
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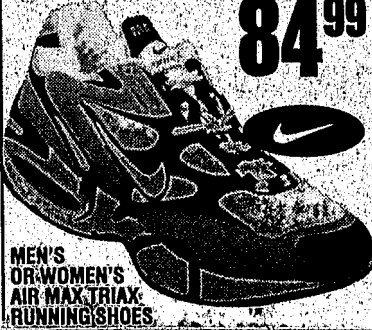
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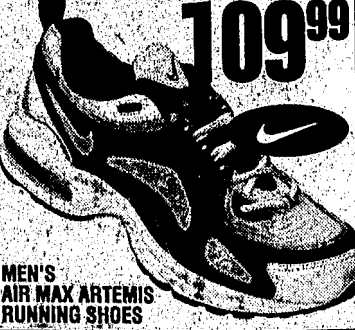
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Building bird houses: Karen Blake of the nature center at Indian Springs Metro Park in Springfield Township instructs participants in how to build a bluebird box during a program Feb. 21.



Bird's eye view: Emeb Pulomski, 9, and her best friend, Chris Karalash, examine stuffed sparrows up close.

OBITUARIES

Richard A. Schulz

Richard A. Schulz of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, died March 3, 1998, at age 53.

Mr. Schulz is survived by his wife, Sandy; daughters, Nichole (Keith) Richmond of Pigeon and Nanette of Clarkston; and son, Richard, also of Clarkston. He is also survived by his father, Reinhold Schulz of New Baltimore; mother- and father-in-law, Leona and Carl Breuhan of Clinton Township; two grandchildren and a sister, Carol (Richard) Mead of Caseville.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main, Clarkston. Visitation will be 5 - 9 p.m. Thursday, 3-5 and

7-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until the time of service Saturday. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5005 McCandlish, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

Memorials may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor MI 48104.

Edwin C. Barnhart

Edwin C. Barnhart of Clarkston died March 2, 1998, at age 89.

Mr. Barnhart retired from Pontiac Motors. He also served as Sunday school superintendent and lay minister at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston.

He is survived by a daughter, Jeanne; sons, Marv (Carol) and Dave (Gayle), all of Clarkston; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw, Clarkston, with the Rev. Michael Klafelm officiating. Interment will be held at White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Association for Retarded Citizens, 1641 W. Big Beaver, Troy MI 48064.

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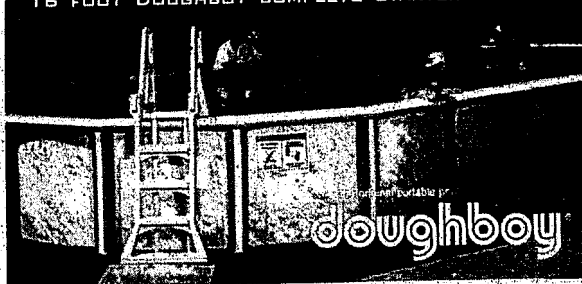
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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 5.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Institute additions nearing completion: A host of new exhibits will be featured at the newly expanded Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, including Tides of Ice exhibit and Water Gallery, the Science Garden enclosing a natural amphitheater and hands-on activities. Two openings are scheduled: June 13-14 to debut the new wing and traveling exhibit, Robot Zoo and Oct. 10-11 to premier the new permanent exhibits. The entire project, including renovation of the old wing and exhibits, is expected to be completed by January 2000.

CLARKSTON
Clarkston eyes child care facilities: With the need for day care in the Clarkston area rising, child care operators are responding. Little People is currently being constructed on Cita-

tion Drive off M-15 across from the new fire station and should be opened by the end of April. Pee Wee Patch, which would be located on M-15 between Oakhill and Hadley, has conceptual approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission. Plans for the third facility, Rainbow Rascals, to be located in the new medical building at Dixie Highway and M-15, haven't received approval from the commission as of yet.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
Theater complex to open: The new United Artists 14-screen movie theater, featuring stadium-style seating and digital sound, is planned to open later this month. Located on the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty, the theater will open the evening of March 26 with a \$1 per movie, \$1 per concession fund raiser for Big Brother and Big Sisters of Metro Detroit. With a capacity of 2,367, seating will vary from 106 per unit to 416. Call (248) 960-5801 for show times and information.

LAKE ORION
Students win award: Orion Oaks Elementary fifth grader's from Nick Colwell's class earned the school's top prize in the second annual Yahoo!igans Head Bone Derby scavenger hunt on the Internet. Students spent about two hours a week scouring the Internet in search of answers to questions about the U.S. Constitution. For their efforts, the school will receive an eight-title CD ROM library.

OXFORD TOWNSHIP
New park plans surface: Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission is planning to ask the Michigan Land Trust Fund for a grant that will enable them to purchase roughly 300 acres of land north of Oakwood on Metamora Road to be set aside for a passive use, mostly as undeveloped park land. The earliest the township would approve the grant application would be July. Under the requirements of the grant process, the community would have to supply almost half of the

\$1.539 million total price for the land.

ROCHESTER
State funds walkway extension: The Michigan Department of Transportation awarded Rochester \$152,500 in a matching grant to extend the Paint Creek Walkway from University to Second Street. Construction is expected to begin in 1999.

SOUTHFIELD
Resident chooses assisted suicide: Roosevelt Bartran-Andrew Dawson died Feb. 26 after being injected with a poi-

sonous substance. Dawson, an Embassy Towers resident and quadriplegic, was the second Southfield resident to seek Jack Kevoorkian's help with assisted suicide.

TROY
Jumpers raise money: Students at Hamilton Elementary in Troy spent a day jumping rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. The students participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart marathon, which promotes fitness and good nutrition, raised more than

\$12,000. A "Princess Di" Beanie Baby raffle also helped raised funds for the nonprofit group.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Schools charge for drivers ed: It will cost students \$100 to take driver education in West Bloomfield, under the pilot program adopted by the school board. The fee includes \$75 for 32 hours of instruction in June and July. A second segment of six hours of instruction will be offered at various times from November to March at a cost of \$25.

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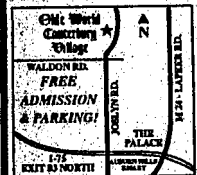
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- Third Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Lakes Café

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- First Place—Oxford Eccentric, Closed Doors
- Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Lake Orion Editorial

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- First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Carolyn Walker
- Second Place—Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman
- Third Place—Birmingham Bloomfield Eccentric, Judith Doner Berne

Best Editorial Page

- First Place—Southfield Eccentric
- Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

Best Sports Photo Journalism

- First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric,
Not Quite Spring Training
- Second Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Riding the Wave

Best Sports Section

- Second Place—Livonia, Westland Observer

Best News Photo

- First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Watching
- Second Place—Garden City Observer, Clinton Rally
- Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Ride Me Down Easy

Best Feature Photo Story or Series

- First Place—Livonia Observer, Derek's Day
- Third Place—Westland Observer, Festival
- Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Handful of Hope

Best Breaking News Story

- First Place—Plymouth Observer, Fire Destroys Courthouse
- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric, Bungled Robbery

Best Local Election Coverage

- Third Place—Farmington Observer

Best Young People's Coverage

- First Place—Plymouth and Livonia Observer, Life in the 6th Grade

Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

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School site selection Process was perfect — until the end

The Clarkston School Board, in selecting a site for its new elementary school, did a good job of keeping community leaders informed and involved during its decision-making process.

For example, the school board invited the Independence Township Board of Trustees to a meeting Feb. 23 at which it discussed its top two choices for a school site — M-15 between I-75 and Rattles Lake Road, the site ultimately chosen, and the school district administration building on Clarkston Road near where the new high school is being built.

Since both of the sites are in Independence Township, the school board wanted input from the Independence Township Board. In the past, some members of that board have accused the school board of not communicating effectively with them about their construction plans, particularly with the new high school.

Unfortunately, the school board appears to have not made the same conscious effort to involve the public in its site-selection process.

The joint meeting at which the two school sites were discussed was closed to the public and the press. The neighbors living across from the new school site did not know of the school board's intentions until a reporter seeking their reaction contacted them after the decision had already been made.

We recognize that the school board was under no legal obligation to open the meeting with Independence Township officials to the public. The school board acted within the law

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when it considered the purchase of real estate in a closed meeting. If the school board had advertised which property it was considering, another bidder could have bid up the price.

We also realize that the school board involved the public early on in the decision process when it held hearings to establish criteria for selecting a school site. That was commendable — and the right thing to do.

And, we realize that the school board needed to whittle down the number of sites to a manageable few before involving the public again. Certainly, it would have been a monstrous task — and a waste of everyone's time — to publicly discuss every potential site, no matter how realistic.

However, when the school board narrowed its choices to two, it could have discussed the general locations of those sites — without specifying exactly which sites — in a public meeting, where residents could have had input and warning. The school board, of course, wasn't required by law to discuss its final choices in a public meeting, but it would have been a first step toward building a trusting relationship with its new neighbors.

LETTERS

Optimists give thanks

The Clarkston Optimist Club wishes to thank this year's judges for the 12th annual Oratorical Contest that was held at Clarkston High School on Feb. 25. The judges include Leah Harroun (Oxford Bank), Eileen McCarville (Clarkston News), Clair Needham (CHS English teacher), Greg Seaman (CHS staff and forensics coach), Dan Travis (Independence Township trustee), and Carolyn Walker (Eccentric Newspaper). Their job was difficult considering the talented speakers who took part. Without quality volunteer judges, the contest could never achieve success for the program.

For all of my fellow Optimist members who gave of their time and talents for this year's contest, my sincere thanks.

To Maggie Ness and Jeffrey Driscoll, the Optimist Club congratulates you on your winning the contest and wishes you well in the next level of competition.

On behalf of the Optimist Club
Jim Wenger
Oratorical contest chairman

Middleton thanks task force

The first community meeting I was involved in regarding needed changes on M-15 was held at Brandon High School on Sept. 19, 1994. That meeting attracted hundreds of concerned residents and business owners in the Ortonville/Clarkston area and resulted in the forming of the M-15 Corridor Improvement Task Force. The task force has met regularly since that time, and continues to do so, hammering out solutions to our growing traffic problems on M-15. Recently, there

has been notable citizen involvement in the meetings, giving community residents the opportunity to voice their specific concerns and provide valuable input to the process.

I want to personally thank the members of the task force for their time and expertise in heading up this very challenging project. Although it seems like a long time since that initial meeting, there has been progress, and many significant improvements have been made to M-15. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, there are several important projects planned for this summer:

■ A new traffic signal will be installed at Glass Road and M-15 by the end of summer (before school starts).

■ At M-15 and Deer Ridge, a center lane for left turns will be added in 1998.

■ At M-15 and Oakhill, a center lane for left turns will also be added.

■ Intersection improvements will be made at M-15 and Seymour Lake Road.

■ Relocation of the intersection at M-15 and Allen Road is scheduled, creating a right turn lane and passing lane.

Again, on behalf of the community, I want to thank the members of the task force and MDOT for their diligence as we continue to work together to create traffic solutions for this rapidly growing area.

Tom Middleton
State Representative

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Julie Meredith
Independence youth librarian

Governor cuts taxes, but increases fees



TIM RICHARD

In an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against incumbent Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflections:

■ Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

■ Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals of Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until 2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter A.

Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees — eliminate sunset. Court fee fund... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY 98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental revenue.

■ Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2 percent to \$1.45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking 'em up and throwing away the key: "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989 we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being commit-

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ted for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically non-existent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

■ State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5 percent for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasters see 2.3 percent inflation.

The judicial budget is particularly interesting. There are few line items. Engler is giving the judiciary a lump sum and letting the judges divvy it up. He's confident that the new local trial court system will result in efficiencies. The "user-friendly" system of creating a family division of circuit court, to replace the boundary-laden system of circuit and probate courts, is expected to save us money.

■ Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$8.77 billion.

■ Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our increased 6 percent sales tax.

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

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POINTS OF VIEW

I can't wait to start wearing summer clothes

March came in as a lamb, but will it go out like a lion? I don't mean to be a pessimist, but we always have a big blast of weather around St. Patty's Day.

This has been a very mild winter and in another week or so, spring will officially be here. But it really has been here for the last two or three weeks.

I can't wait to start wearing summer clothes.

February set a record for the least amount of snow since they started recording such statistics.

We've even seen the sun, which improves everyone's attitude. We can hear the birds singing when we get up in the morning.

The real estate industry is going

bonkers because people think it is spring. This is probably true for the used car industry. When the sun comes out, people buy.

Plants and buds on trees are poking their little heads out of the ground. Let's hope they know more about the weather than we do so they don't get frost bitten.

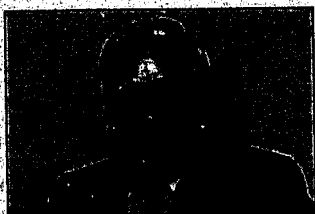
People are rollerblading instead of cross-country skiing. They are walking coatless downtown.

Salads and lighter fare are replacing heavy dinners and things like chili.

The Dairy Queen on Dixie is open. This doesn't usually happen this early.

Schools should get out early this year because they haven't had the usual closings due to the weather.

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

The other side of the coin is that ski resort operators down here must be moaning. People who sell snow blowers can't be too happy.

What about the people who plow driveways? The average number of times our subdivision usually gets plowed in winter in the past has been

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10. We've only had ours plowed twice this year. Will the plowers who charge for the season give a refund?

You still see piles of logs outside of people's houses, which would normally be used up by now. Winter coats and boots rest in the closet.

At this time of year we usually see little fishing shanties out on Deer Lake, but last Saturday we saw fishermen in boats, not fishing through the ice. The people who normally go to Florida to find the sun in the winter

didn't have to. Those who went didn't find the weather all that great this year.

Travel agents tell me that they are busy with summer travel plans earlier than usual.

The retail clothing industry will have to get rid of a lot of winter clothes. Their ads are now stressing spring and summer apparel.

Winter is almost over. Spring is a glorious time. When I was a kid I looked forward to snow and sledding and all the wonderful things you do in winter, but this has sure been a wonderful winter for adults.

Hank Hogan, former publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, lives in Independence Township. He works as a Realtor on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Society overemphasizes the appearance of women

They are on television, in the movies and on the cover of magazines. Beautiful women dominate today's media, but they do more than turn heads. They set the standard of what women should look like. The women we see are tall, very thin, with silky hair and perfect skin. We don't see the average looking make-up artist who works magic behind the scenes. The problem with these "perfect" women is the damage they do to the self esteem of the female gender.

If 10 women are asked if they are satisfied with their bodies, only two of them will say yes. Most women complain about being fat at least once a day. Even though their significant others insist on their beauty, they still complain or wish they could erase the not-so-hot spots.

This happens to women of all ages but is dominant in teens. Being insecure through adolescence is normal. Being bombarded with the beautiful models and actresses who they think they are supposed to look like doesn't help the situation. Girls start reading magazines like Seventeen and YM at very young ages. Such magazines teach girls to do their hair better, buy newer makeup, and dress to look thinner. They teach girls at a young age that a good hair day is more important than being a good person.

With magazines such as these, teenage girls are losing sight of their self worth. Once low self esteem sets in, it takes a lot of work to get rid of it. A friend of mine said that if she couldn't curl her hair in the morning, she wouldn't go to school. She is a senior in high school and has been

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KRISTIN FRENCH

this way since middle school. She cares more about being pretty than about her own feelings. It's sad to think over 80 percent of teenage girls think the same thing.

Society puts pressure on women to be thin and beautiful but never fails to preach that beauty is only skin

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deep. Everyone claims beauty comes from within, but how many people really believe that?

Not many women do, and they prove it every time they go to the store.

Buying makeup, hair styling products and wrinkle cream proves that you must look good to feel good.

The question is, do they look good according to their own standards or to

somebody else's?

Too many women view themselves by other's standards rather than their own.

They think about presenting themselves rather than feeling well, about looking nice rather than getting enough sleep, about what people will say rather than what they know to be true about themselves.

The point is not to look bad.

Every woman wants to look nice and presentable, but mixed-up priorities rule in our society, and it's time women rebel against the notion that they have to be tall, thin and beautiful.

Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column alternates with that of Clarkston Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Keep testing those students

The debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns. Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score among the industrial world's worst. "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students and mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors — the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue — had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of MEAP test results, concentrating on per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that school scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in school?

Not entirely, says Earnest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the countywide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "proficient" ranking.

"The latest fourth grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory,'" Bauer told the subcommittee. "Most educators and parents are amazed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved? Sure.

When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results — "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" — will be scrapped. New labels, to be set by the State Board of Education next month, will appear on transcripts,



PHILIP POWER

not diplomas.

Fine tuning is required. That's why the Legislature keeps holding hearings on testing.

Third question: Other than the State Board of Education, a few in the Legislature, many school people who administer and are evaluated by test results, does anybody care?

Despite concerns about form and content, test results are turning out to be pretty good indicators of how well students perform in their freshman year at college, according Bauer.

Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board last year that it will take up to five years for employers and college admissions officers to ask consistently to see MEAP scores on student transcripts. That sounds about right, given how slowly employers and colleges react to change.

The main point, however, is that students are for the first time being tested to measure what they learn in school. The tests are not perfect, but they are being improved. They are setting a *de facto* standard of achievement that eventually will be adopted by employers and higher education institutions.

This is the way we will improve our education system. Not by a silver bullet, but row by row, classroom by classroom, school by school.

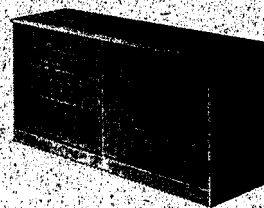
Liberals can grumble that there are lots of factors other than school effectiveness that affect MEAP scores. Conservatives can complain there doesn't seem to be much correlation between the amount spent on schools and what kids learn. Educators can pick holes at any test design.

But at the end of the day, the idea of testing kids to see what they are learning is an idea whose time has come and is becoming solidly entrenched in the realities of our schools.

That is the good news coming out of the debate over schooling in Michigan.

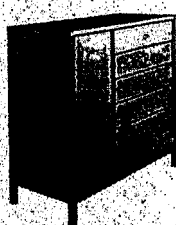
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Universities want more state money

Students attending state universities could be faced with a larger than normal tuition increase, if the Legislature doesn't provide more aid than proposed by Governor John Engler.

After several years of hefty tuition increases, Engler proposed a flat, across-the-board hike of 1.5 percent from the current \$1.44 billion to \$1.46 billion for fiscal year 1999. But university presidents testifying Monday in front of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education at Oakland University said that amount is not enough.

The governor's budget is now up for approval by the Senate and House of Representatives.

OU President Gary Russi said the university is one of 15 public universities forced to boost tuition and fees because of rising costs of technology and maintenance. However, none of them announced tuition increases for the fall semester.

"Oakland University is the second fastest growing public university in Michigan," Russi said. "While we are pleased that the university has become more attractive, competitive and accessible, we are concerned that any budget recommendation that does not include a reasonably funded per-student floor puts growing universities and their students at a distinct disadvantage."

Between 1990 and 1997, OU's student population has grown from 12,400 to 14,379. Russi estimates 15,000 will attend the university by the year 2000. OU recently added a food court, Science and Engineering Building and computer lab upgrades and expansion.

Russi suggested raising the existing floor of state aid per student, allowing every university to receive the same allocation.

Russi, along with the presi-

dents from Northern Michigan, Wayne State and Michigan Tech, expressed their budget concerns at the hearing. They also presented growing trends and expansion projects.

WSU President Irving Reid said 53 percent of the university's students are part time and 98 percent of those students work. Over 7,000 students attend the Farmington Hills and Detroit campuses.

"We think it is important to offer affordability to our students," Reid said. "Fortunately we have been able to show restraint in tuition since 1983."

Reid also said the state and federal cuts would effect the WSU medical school, which was ranked 25th nationally this year by the National Science Foundation.

Sen. John Schwarz, subcommittee chair, said even if state funding is increased, the raise wouldn't go into effect until next year.

The Appropriations subcommittee will meet again at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, in Albion College's Baldwin Hall, Albion. The Association of Independent Colleges is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Grand Valley at 10:45, and at Ferris State at 11:15.

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BUICK CLUB SWAP MEET

The Southeastern Michigan Buick Club's 17th annual swap meet and flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at Jim Fiesard Buick-Pontiac, 400 N. Main in Royal Oak. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (248) 649-2396 or Gary at (248) 477-2565.

AMI MEETS

Family support meeting — south of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets at 7 p.m. March 16 at the Community Mental Health Building, 15920 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, for relatives of those who suffer from mental illness. AMI general meeting is at 7:30 p.m. March 19 at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, in the administration building, classroom AB1W (lower level). Speaker is Tim Thornton of Hope Network Southeast on the topic of how families can assist with housing for persons with mental illness.

WRITERS LIVE SERIES

Oakland Community College professor Art Wiggins reads excerpts from his latest book, *The Nine Biggest Ideas in Science* at the second program in the Writers Live Series at OCC's Royal Oak Campus, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Discussion, an afterglow and book signing follow in the lobby of the campus' Lila Jones-Johnson Theater, 739 S. Washington Avenue at the corner of Lincoln. Admission is free.

CHARTERS NEEDED

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford, is inviting crafters to participate in the Twigs & Sprigs Country Craft Show scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 28.

QUEEN APPLICANTS WANTED

The Michigan Beekeepers Association is looking for applicants for the 1998 Michigan Honey Queen. To qualify, entrants must be a single woman between 17 and 21 years of age. The pageant will be held March 13 at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. Prizes include a \$500 scholarship and a trip to Nashville, Tenn. in January 1999 to compete for the national title. For applications, call Judy Schmalz at (248) 627-4556.

QUILT CELEBRATION

The Oakland County Quilt Guild

presents it's 1998 Quilt Celebration. A quilt exhibit and contest will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at Lutheran High School Northwest, located on Livernois south of M-59. A merchants' mall, refreshments, workshops and lectures will also be featured. Admission is \$5.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Heartland Hospice in Southfield is looking for volunteers to provide services to terminally ill patients and their families.

Tasks include home visits, phone calls, errands, companionship and general office work. Those interested will receive training in areas of death and grief, communication skills, care and comfort measures, stress management and understanding the disease process. To learn more or volunteer for this rewarding experience, call Volunteer Coordinator Kim Davids at (248) 948-1019.

PHOTO EXHIBIT HOSTS NEEDED

Host the Oakland County Parks photo exhibit and bring the excitement and natural beauty of 11 county parks to businesses, community centers, schools and other locations. The free-standing, color display is available free of charge, set up by parks staff and comes with brochures outlining the offerings of the Oakland County Parks. For more information or to reserve the photo exhibit, call (248) 858-1086.

AFS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Metro-Detroit chapter of American Field Service Intercultural Programs is offering \$1,000 in scholarships to students wishing to live an study abroad for a year, semester or summer departing in 1998. Scholarship awards are based on merit and financial need. Candidates must have at least a 2.8 GPA, be between 15 and 18 years of age and be curious about the world around them. For more information and a catalog, call Ann Steglich at (248) 540-0144 or 1-800-AFS-INFO.

OCC CALLS WRITERS

Entries are now being accepted for Oakland County Community College's Second Annual Writers at Work Census. Authors of poetry and fiction are invited to submit unpublished pieces on any subject. Winners in each genre will receive a \$50 prize and an invitation to appear on the "Art in the Air" radio show heard locally on WPON. Works must be typewritten and accompanied by the writer's name, address and phone number. A fee of \$5 per story will be charged per story of 500 words or less, or for three poems. Manuscripts cannot be returned. Entries should be mailed to: Connie Hollander, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 73450 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford 48327. Entries must be postmarked by April 15. Winners will be announced in May.

Tax cut proposal lauded

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's proposal to cut the county tax rate sits well with Commissioner Sue Douglas.

"Tax decreases are always a positive thing to strive for," said Douglas, R-Rochester. "When we're able to propose a decrease in taxes instead of an increase, you know something is going right. I think this county is, as always, moving in the right direction."

Proposing a tax cut and providing other measures to help communities finance bonds to help fix the Twelve Towns Drain, a network of old pipes and underground retention tanks that service 14 southeastern Oakland County communities, was one of the items pinpointed in Patterson's State of the County address last Thursday. Patterson's combined tax cut/drain plan would cut the tax rate from 4.35 mills to 4.19 mills and would save the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$32 a year.

Lawrence Obrecht, R-Lake Orion, said the county tax decrease would still allow local governments, which are effected by the drain, to assess residents to fix the drain.

"With this proposal, it seems like a win-win situation," Obrecht said. "The communities that use the drain can seek extra assistance from their own residents."

Servicing about 400,000 residents, the 40-year-old drain is faced with \$140 million in repairs ordered by the state. The current system overflows during rain storms, floods basements and sends sewage into Lake St. Clair and surrounding streams.

While Commissioner Frank Millard, Jr., R-Clarkston, supports Patterson's tax proposal, he said the "Automation Alley" concept is a good tool to boost the county's private sector into the national spotlight.

Automation Alley is a consolidation of about 120 high-tech companies along I-75 and I-696 highways in Oakland County.

"I think Automation Alley is a good vision for the county because it is promoting the general business," Millard said. "I'm very excited to carry out Brooks' plans for the county."

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New Olympic event proposed: Potato pitch

The continuing adventures in the ongoing saga of our heroine, Installment Eight.

I Am Stewed

I didn't get as much time as I would have liked last month to watch the Winter Olympics on television. Nevertheless, what I did see of the exciting series of games sort of inspired me, you might say.

I removed the hot dish of potatoes, turned towards the table, took a few steps and suddenly tossed the potatoes in the general direction of my family.

It set me to thinking about possibilities — even for myself. In my off hours (and they are few), I conceived an idea that I think could work for countless female and male competitors when the Summer Olympics roll around again.

It may be that this event would work for the couch potato in all of us. But I digress.

I call my idea the "vegetable pitch" (not to be confused with the

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Pheasants get them all aflutter

An Oakland County chapter of Pheasants Forever, a group dedicated to preserving natural habitats for game, will hold a fund-raiser in Clarkston March 21.



As is true with that of so many animals, pheasant populations are suffering at the hands of an upwardly mobile and ever-aggressive society. Once seen frequently in the fields and farmlands that dot Michigan, taking to the skies with raucous flapping to offset any predators, pheasants have begun to dwindle in the state as development progresses, according to Lois Helzer, president of Oakland County chapter No. 183 of Pheasants Forever.

The chapter will hold its ninth annual fund-raising banquet on March 21 at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston and proceeds will be used to enhance pheasant habitats with seed plantings. "They promote habitat. They promote education. They promote youth hunting," said Helzer of the conservation organization, which has 33 chapters in Michigan.

Neither pro- nor anti-hunting, Pheasants Forever is an organization devoted to maintaining natural environments for pheasants and other animals and to educate children about the land and its many treasures.

They accomplish the latter feat by sending local educators to the Leopold Training Workshop, a seminar that outfits educators with ways to incorporate conservation values in classrooms; and by sending children to a camp near Alpena, sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, where children are introduced to canoeing, archery, swimming and bird watching.

And they accomplish the former feat by providing thousands of dollars worth of seeds and planting them at various recreation facilities for food and shelter.

The beneficiaries of the Oakland chapter's seedlings include Heather Highlands Golf Course, Pontiac Recreation Area and Highland Recreation Area.

"All the stuff we raise are not only good for pheasants, they're good for deer and any type of bird. It's places for rabbits. It's places for squirrels. It does a lot for all animals," Helzer said.

"Every time a subdivision goes in, there are not enough places for the animals to go. We're there to put the pheasants back, but we also like to hunt them."

Helzer said she and her husband, Jack, raise and release pheasants on their 13-acre homestead in White Lake Township.

"I just think they're the greatest birds. We raise them and turn them loose. We've been trying to reintroduce them in our area," she said.

Despite the fact that they love to raise pheasants, the couple also appreciate hunting, as do many members of Pheasants Forever.

And they see no contradiction between the two activities. Balance is the key, Helzer believes.

"There has to be some kind of land management," Helzer said. "And one method of land management is hunting." She estimated that 80-90 percent of the Pheasants Forever's membership are hunters. "We would like to see our children and grandchildren be able to hunt if they want to."

Helzer, who enjoys the out-of-doors with her husband, but who is not a hunter like he is, said she became interested in Pheasants Forever after being invited to one of the organization's banquets about 10 years ago.

"I like what they stood for," she said of the club that was founded in the 1980s. "I really think it's a wonderful organization. I think it does a lot to help a lot of people and animals. It brings together a lot of people of different beliefs: gun people, dog people, people who don't hunt. And they work together well."

A part-time bus driver for the Holly

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Pheasant lady: Lois Helzer is president of Oakland County chapter No. 183 of Pheasants Forever. The group plans a fundraiser March 21.

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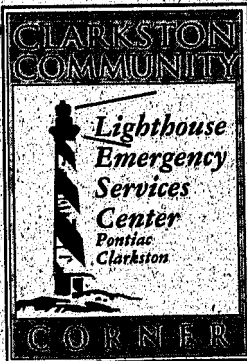
The first two months of 1998 have proved to be especially busy for the Clarkston branch of Lighthouse Emergency Services. During this time, we have assisted 1,017 people with food, 1,830 with clothing and household items, 13 with prescription medications, and 26 families with utility shut-off notices. We have also partnered with other area agencies to prevent 32 families from becoming homeless.

Lighthouse is very fortunate to be in a position to provide these services to low-income families and seniors because of the donations of many individuals and businesses in northern Oakland County. Statistics, however, are never a substitute for the real life stories of people in need. The following situations are representative of a typical day at Lighthouse.

Sherry, a single mother of two young boys, was struggling in an abusive relationship. This past November, she rallied the strength and courage to escape with her children to a shelter with little more than the clothes on their backs. After moving her young family from place to place, Sherry turned to the Clarkston branch for help with permanent housing. By networking with other agencies and churches, Lighthouse pulled together enough funds to enable Sherry to

move into an apartment and make a fresh start. Sherry was given essentials such as towels, bedding, clothing and dishes to set up housekeeping, all items that were donated to our clothing closet. In the midst of this turmoil, Sherry's youngest child was approaching his birthday with no party or celebration planned. Because children are often the silent victims of domestic violence, Lighthouse was determined that his birthday would not be forgotten. A birthday bag filled with cake mix, frosting and candles, balloons, toys, wrapping paper and bows turned a child's forgotten day into a joyful celebration.

Recently, four Clarkston families became homeless after a fire. Lighthouse was able to immediately assist these families with food, clothing and temporary shelter. One victim, a student at a local middle school, came to Lighthouse the following day wearing the only clothes she owned since surviving the fire. Volunteers working in the clothing closet were able to provide her with new clothes and a winter coat. Without community support, Lighthouse could not be there when emergencies occur. Want to help out? Treat someone special to a night of mystery and intrigue and help us to raise funds! Join us for a benefit per-



formance by the Clarkston Village Players of "An Act of the Imagination," a British mystery about a writer who got caught up in his own work. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 11. The night begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres served with a British flair at the new 221B Baker Street restaurant.

Enjoy Stilton cheese, English finger sandwiches, Celtic chicken and leek pasties, Boar of Sherwood skewers, Rich Henry stuffed mushrooms and sweet treats. Then, lights, action! The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. at the Depot Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased for \$30 per person.

To reserve your tickets for the British mystery evening, please call Lighthouse at (248) 673-4949.

Your donations allow us to continue helping others, whether it's to recover from a fire or to help a troubled family start over.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.

Chamber gives \$5,000 to all-night senior party

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is once again donating \$5,000 to the Clarkston High School Senior All Night Party.

The chamber raised most of the \$5,000 during its business expo in November.

"The chamber believes that providing a safe and fun celebration for graduating seniors is a high priority," said president Marc Cooper.

"The All Night Party is always a quality event, attended by over 90 percent of graduating seniors. This kind of successful event can only happen through community support."

"When so many of our members give additional donations, services and support for this event, it is a natural fit for the chamber to step forward," said Don Brose, committee chairman.

The Senior All Night Party will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club, which donates its facilities for the event. Deer Lake is a member of the chamber.

"It was the interest and support of chamber members like Deer Lake... that encouraged the chamber of commerce to accept the challenge of being a corporate sponsor at the \$5,000 level," said Penny Shanks, administrative assistant for the chamber of commerce.

Cooper noted that chamber members are the professionals and businesses who care about making the Clarkston community better.

"We hope that the graduating seniors and their families remember that and, in turn, support the members of the chamber when they need products and services," Cooper said.

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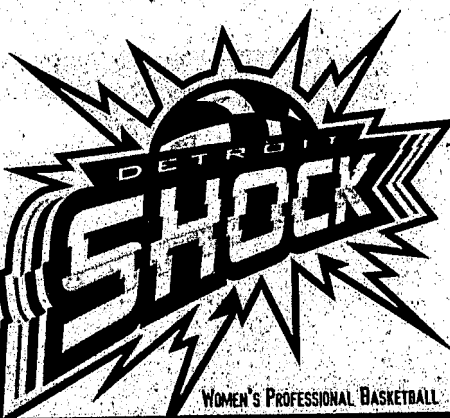
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World prayer day celebrated

BY RENA FULKA
SPECIAL WRITER

When Lisa Ahijevych of Southfield was plunked in the middle of an Australian rainforest to study cultural ecology, her thoughts quickly drifted to church celebrations she used to enjoy with her mother at home.

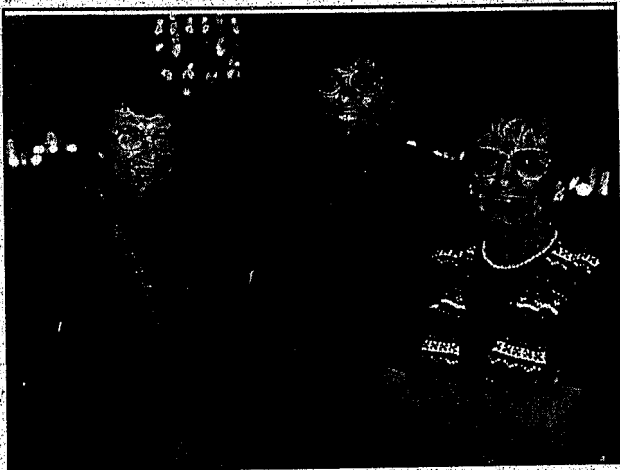
The first person she saw was a woman putting up a poster for the World Day of Prayer," said Karen Ahijevych, the Cornell University student's mother. "It was the same poster we have hanging up in our church advertising it."

On Friday, March 6, the Oakland County mother and daughter will offer their prayers from across the globe as they celebrate the Church Women United event in cooperation with millions of Christian women from 170 countries.

The local observance of the Birmingham unit begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and conversation at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, in Birmingham. The one-hour service follows at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. It was written by the Christian women of Madagascar based on the theme, "Who is my Neighbor?"

"It's an anointing with oil service and as we do it, we speak to each other saying, 'You are my neighbor,'" said event coordinator Barbara Diederich of Franklin, a member of the host church. "A lot of the prayers are for health and against the violence of women and children around the world, which is one of the goals of Church Women United."

Ahijevych is one of eight Oakland County women leading the 11th annual service, which features songs and proverbs from the tropical island country in the Indian Ocean. The guest speaker is Hazel Boltwood of Southfield, director of Detroit American Baptist Churches. The soloist is Carol Olsen of Birmingham. Boltwood and Olsen are members of the host church. The event is expected to draw 100



Prayers: Luanne Fisher, Karen Ahijevych and Barbara Diederich of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham will join millions of Christian women from 170 countries in the World Day of Prayer.

local women.

"I love it because of the ecumenism," said Diederich, a CWU member for 25 years. "Everyone comes from a different background. They practice their Christianity in different ways, but we're basically all the same in our hopes and desires."

Church Women United is an international movement of diverse Christian women who have been joining together to express their spirituality for more than a century.

Organized in 1937, the Birmingham unit now includes 26 congregations in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy, Waterford and West Bloomfield.

The organization's three annual global events are held in a different Oakland County church each time.

World Day of Prayer originated in 1887 as a day to reflect on "confession of individual and national sins with offerings that fitly express the contrition." Members are encouraged to

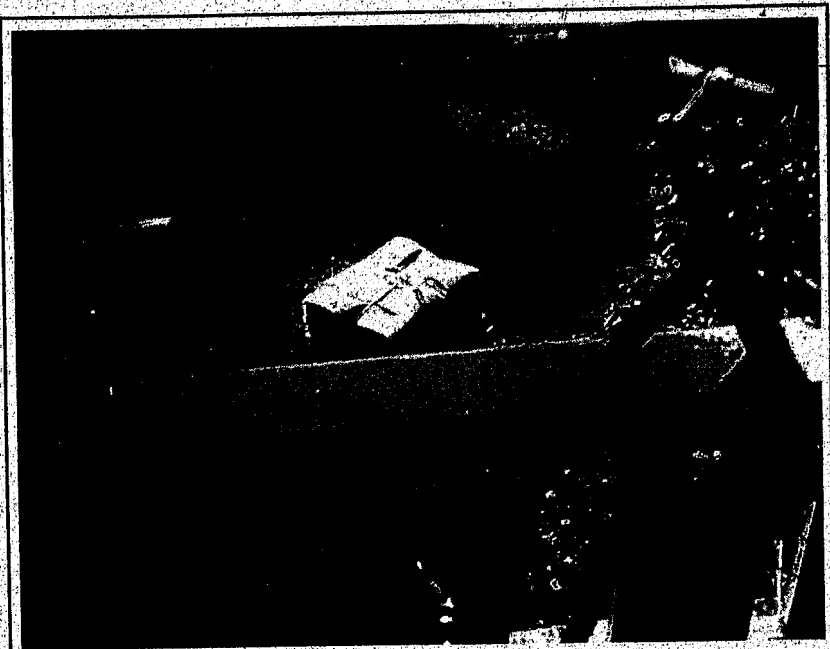
make the event a time of "informed prayer and prayerful action." A portion of the day's free will offering will be used for grant projects in Madagascar.

A member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, Ahijevych joined the CWU Birmingham unit 10 years ago and often brought her daughter along to share the experience.

"I was impressed with the women I met," said Ahijevych, who currently serves as the group's treasurer. "I think it's a wonderful organization. There's always something to learn."

Communications chairwoman Luanne Fisher of Bloomfield Township has continued her affiliation with the group since serving as a delegate from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy a decade ago.

World Day of Prayer begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 6, at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham. The church is handicap accessible. Drop-ins are welcome. Childcare is not available. For information, call Karen at (248) 644-0550.



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SHABBAT SCHMOOZE

Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, is hosting its bi-monthly Shabbat Schmooze from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on March 7 and 21. Youth in grades 7 through 12 gather for a little praying, a little learning, a little noshing and a lot of schmoozing while learning about Israel, Torah and Jewish values. Featured guests include Ethan Gilan, Larry Ginsberg and Pearlina Budzin. For information, call (248) 788-3600. The temple's family night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 27, features an upbeat Shabbat service followed by a traditional chicken dinner in the Budzin Social Hall. There will also be dancing and entertainment for young children. The cost is \$13.50 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 to 12. Children under 3 are welcome at no charge. This event is sponsored by the B'nai Moshe youth commission in collaboration with Rekindling Shabbat.

PURIM STUDY

The Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple West Bloomfield, is holding a study session in honor of Purim from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 10. Rabbi Rod Glogower will present a pre-Purim class on the Talmudic origins of the mitzvah of mishloach manot (Purim parcels). The session is part of a semester-long text seminar for adults entitled, "Rabbinic Sources, Visionary Perspectives," sponsored by the JCC of Metro Detroit and the Cong. B'nai Moshe of West Bloomfield. This is an intermediate-level class designed for those with text study experience. Advance registration for the session is encouraged, but students may register at the door. The fee is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Call Beth Greenapple at (248) 661-7649.

CELEBRATING PURIM

Cong. Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Vanclose Road, Oak Park, is holding its annual Purim Carnival from noon to 3 p.m. on March 8. The first 300 kids and adults are admitted free. The event features a parade, games, clowns and a pizza buffet. Call (248) 644-1314 for more information.

Humors and Hamentaschen. Tickets for games and food are being pre-sold at 5 for \$1 at the synagogue office. Tickets on the day of the carnival are 4 for \$1. Raffle tickets for items like necklaces, gift packs, pocket organizers and alarm clocks sell for \$1 each or 8 for \$5. The entire community is invited to attend the Purim Mishtay on Wednesday, March 11. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the Megillah reading begins at 7 p.m. Reservations are required for

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"RSVP: Rabbinic Sources, Visionary Perspectives," a weekly text seminar for adult learners, meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays in the Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery at the D. Dan & Betty Kahn Building of

the Jewish Community Center of Metro Detroit, at the corner of Maple and Drake, in West Bloomfield. The open-enrollment class taught by Rabbi Rod Glogower welcomes new students to join the group. The series is co-sponsored by the Judaic Enrichment Department of the JCC and Cong. B'nai Moshe. The 12-part series features Talmudic attitudes toward aging and special holiday study sessions. Tuition is \$10 per session for members and \$12 for non-members. The minimum registration is for four

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ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Dr. Norman Pritchard, pastor of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield

Hills, presented "Dreams and Visions," the story of the Kirk's first 50 years, to Karen Kotulis-Carter, director of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. The 144-page volume was published in connection with the church's recent Golden Anniversary celebration. It features 200 full-color photographs illustrating the historical growth of the Kirk, from its founding in 1947 to its position today as the largest congregation in the Presbytery of Detroit.

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Unbeaten Grant, DeGain lead 5 to state



■ Clarkston didn't waste any time stewing over its team regional loss to Rochester Adams, taking 10 wrestlers to the individual regional at Clio and getting half of them through to the state meet March 13-14 in Battle Creek.

It didn't take long for Clarkston's wrestling team to get over the sting of a team regional loss to Rochester Adams.

Three days after falling to the Highlanders in the regional semifinal, the Wolves took 10 wrestlers to Saturday's individual regional at Clio High School and advanced half of them through to the March 13-14 state meet in Battle Creek.

Clarkston had two individual champions — unbeaten junior A.J. Grant and sophomore Pat DeGain — to go with one silver medalist, a bronze and one fourth-place finish.

Grant and DeGain both swept through the tournament, but took different paths to their respective titles. Grant had a relatively easy day, which included a win over a teammate.

He started the tournament by pinning Ryan Anderson of Alpena in 1:30, then stuck teammate Brian Chism in 2:43 of their semifinal match.

Chism had reached the semifinal by pinning Antonio Brown of Flint Northern in 2:43.

Grant then handed Jim Borowski of Romeo a 16-4 major decision in the 112-pound final.

DeGain's day was decidedly tougher, though it didn't start out that way. DeGain slapped an 18-3 technical fall on Brent Pirochta of Owosso in the first round.

But it got harder in the semifinal, where he beat Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion, 10-4.

DeGain then met Kevin Boyd of

Rochester Adams in the final. It was the fifth match of the season between the two, and DeGain's fifth win. He beat Boyd, 3-2, to win the 189-pound crown.

Junior Ryan L'Amoreaux was the Wolves' silver medalist, reaching the 103-pound final before dropping a 5-3 overtime decision to Scott Norton of Romeo.

L'Amoreaux reached the final by pinning Bryan White of Saginaw Heritage in 3:45 in the opening round, and with a 4-1 decision over Brian Vaneman of Rochester in the semifinal.

Ryan McAleer had to battle through the consolation bracket to his third-place finish at 119 pounds after suffering a pin at the hands of Tony Smith of Midland Dow in the opening round. McAleer then pinned teammate Dave Welanko in 46 seconds, and beat Brian Cisneros of Romeo, 7-4, in the consolation semifinal in the match that earned him a trip to state.

McAleer then faced Smith again, with decidedly different results. McAleer pinned Smith in 2:06 and finished third.

Bubba Clement's route was similar to McAleer's, in that he lost his first match and had to make it through the consolation bracket.

After dropping a 13-6 decision to Pat Herriman of Flint Kearsley in the first round, Clement battled back with a pin of Josh Wainz of Utica Eisenhower. He then pinned Tim Brouhard of Rochester in 3:44 of the consolation semifinal before meeting Herriman again in the bronze

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Back points: Clarkston's Pat DeGain scores on Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion during their 189-pound semifinal at Saturday's Division I wrestling regional at Clio. DeGain won the match, 10-4, and went on to win the regional title with a 3-2 decision over Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams.

Home finale a wild one

Clarkston holds off Falcons in 54-52 victory

The final basketball game played in the old Clarkston field house will go down in the history books as a memorable one — and the Wolves can thank Rochester for that.

The upset-minded Falcons gave Clarkston everything it could handle before the Wolves rallied for a nail-biting, 54-52 Oakland Activities Association Division I triumph Tuesday in front of an overflow crowd.

The win moved Clarkston's record to 17-2 overall and 10-1 in the division, which clinched at least a share of the school's fifth straight league title and 13th in the past 16 years. Rochester slipped to 8-11 and finished 4-8 in the division.

"The players that are supposed to step up at the end did tonight," said Clarkston veteran coach Dan Fife.

And the heroes down the stretch were 6-foot-4 seniors Dane Fife and Angelo Taylor. Fife scored eight of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter, and Taylor grabbed two offensive rebounds inside the game's final 20.6 seconds to go along with a block of Rochester sophomore forward Eddie Hillary with two ticks left to lift the Wolves, who outscored Rochester 10-4 in the fourth quarter.

"I think it was the whole fourth quarter that was the difference," said Fife, who was honored before the game as being named a McDonald's All-American. "We stepped it defensively and we were able to make some big plays late."

Coach Fife said he felt lucky to escape with the win.

"I can't say there have been many times that I've thought that we were lucky to win a game," he offered. "I don't judge our performance on how we do offensively, but I do judge us how we play defensively. Tonight, we did not dictate the game with our defense, and we just can't do that and expect to win."

"You have to give Rochester credit, though," he added. "They played a very good game."

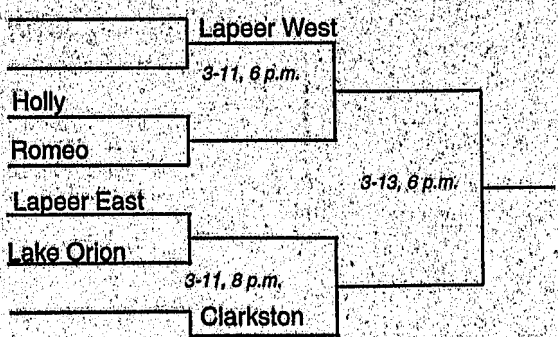
The Falcons scored the final four points of the third quarter on a lay-up by junior forward



Three's a crowd: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor found himself surrounded by Rochester defenders, but managed to score 13 points in the Wolves' victory.

Boys basketball district

Clarkston plays in the Lake Orion district, which begins Monday at 6 p.m. The Wolves drew a first-round bye and face the Lake Orion-Lapeer East winner Wednesday at 8 p.m. The



Please see HOOPS, B2

Netters fall in OAA tourney

Wolves survive pool play despite schedule glitches

With 28 teams competing in the single-day event at four different sites, the Oakland Activities Association volleyball tournament has been known to have its fair share of glitches. And this past Saturday was surely not an exception.

"There was plenty that went wrong," said Clarkston veteran coach Gordie Richardson, whose squad was one of seven teams competing at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser pool. "Oak Park showed up late, and both (Ortonville) Brandon and Pontiac Northern had bus problems and showed up late to our site. So instead of playing everybody in a (two-game) match, we played some teams three times and some teams only once."

The Wolves finished up pool play with a 4-1-1 record, but a 15-7 defeat by Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the pool tie-breaker dropped Clarkston into second in the final pool play standings.

The result? A date with defending tourney champion Birmingham Seaholm in the round of 16, where the Wolves were ousted by a 15-10, 15-9 count. Seaholm went on to advance to the finals before they lost to Rochester Adams.

"I really think that because of the way our pool was all messed up that we really shouldn't have had to play Seaholm right after pool play," said Richardson. "But what are you going to do?"

"We played pretty well on the day and we played Seaholm awfully tough," continued Richardson. "We were down 12-3 in the second game against them but came back and made a game of it. We really started to regain our vigor, so to speak."

Senior middle-blocker Georgia Senkyr led Clarkston on the day with 17 kills and 12 blocks. Senior outside-hitter Jenny McHue was 36-37 serving with six aces, senior outside-hitter Aimee Giroux was 19-21 serving with six aces and 12 kills, and senior outside-hitter Amber Mitchell added seven kills for the Wolves before a sprained ankle left her on the sidelines for the match with Seaholm.

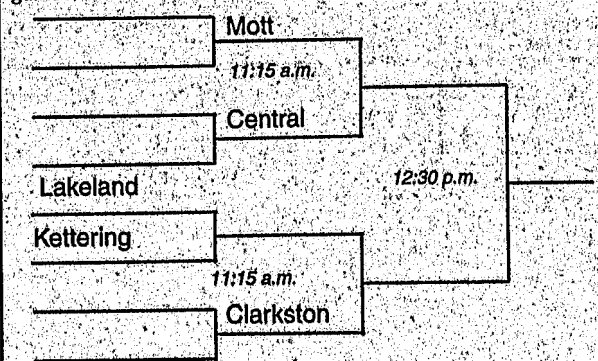
The Wolves also got a solid outing from freshman prospect



Setting up: Clarkston's Kelly Hanna makes the play during the Wolves' first-round matchup the Bloomfield Lahser in Saturday's Oakland Activities Association tournament.

Girls volleyball district

Clarkston plays in the Waterford Mott district, which begins play Saturday at 10 a.m. The Wolves drew a first-round bye and will face the Lakeland-Kettering winner at 11:15 a.m. The title game is at 12:30.



Please see VOLLEYBALL, B2

Balanced ice attack buries Mott

Wolves get goals from 8 different players in easy district win

The third time was definitely not a charm for the Waterford Mott hockey team on Monday as they fell to Clarkston, 8-0, in district semifinal play in Flint.

Eight different players scored for the Wolves (17-6-1), who outshot the Corsairs 15-1 in the first period alone. The Wolves exploded for three tallies in the second period to seal the game.

Anthony Facione, D.J. Thomas, Jason Stoecker and Andy Cote each had a goal and an assist for Clarkston to lead a balanced attack. Jay Manolovich added a pair of assists.

The Wolves didn't let Mott get any momentum from the opening faceoff and continued to pour on goals against the Corsairs as they had in 11-3 and 8-3 victories against their Waterford rivals earlier in the season.

"We talked about the fact that here was a team which could surprise us because they knew our team so well," said Clarkston coach Rich Rowden. "But the guys did a good job of coming out and taking control of the game. In the playoffs you need to have 20 guys coming out and playing hard, and that's exactly what we did."

Facione began the scoring just over four minutes into the game with assists going to Cote and

Tom Newman. That pinpoint passing continued throughout the period, leading to a power play goal for Stoecker with 6:38 to play in the period. Although the Wolves completely dominated the period, Mott's goalie held his squad in the game, keeping it a two-goal margin.

Clarkston goalie Steve Badger made an outstanding save in the opening minutes of the second period, and that proved to be the Corsairs' best chance to score. At the 4:58 mark of the second period, Thomas scored from Stoecker and Bill Kalush. Bret Postal then added an unassisted short-handed goal five minutes later, and Josh Babe made it 5-0 before the second intermission.

"Everyone rose to the occasion and it was a great team effort," Rowden said. "This time of the year you can't afford to have individuals playing on your team."

Clarkston started the third period with a double minor penalty, but Badger continued to prevent Mott from scoring while the Wolves added to their lead. For the game, Clarkston outshot the Corsairs 40-15.

Assistant head coach Glenn MacDonald said Mott was noticeably discouraged after being dominated in the first

period.

"That broke their backs," he said. "We had the pressure on them the whole period. Our kids backchecked really well and four of our goals came from the point."

Rowden said Clarkston played to their strength of controlling the puck and keeping it in the Waterford Mott zone. He praised his defense for bringing the puck out of their own zone and starting offensive rushes.

"And everyone came back on defense when they needed to," Rowden said.

The Wolves advanced to play Grand Blanc in the district final Wednesday, but results were not available at press time. Grand Blanc upset Waterford Kettering 3-2 in overtime in the other semifinal game, preventing Clarkston from having to face the Captains for a third time as well. Kettering gave the Wolves a couple of good games this season, most notably a 3-2 Clarkston win in December.

MacDonald said Grand Blanc plays a physical style of hockey, particularly from a defensive standpoint. But he felt the Wolves would play better as a team in the district final, and said the depth of his team should be an advantage.

"All three of (Grand Blanc's) goals came from one guy, so we'll clamp down on that," MacDonald said. "We have three good, solid lines and a fourth line which can skate pretty well. I think that will help us down the stretch."

At the end of the regular season, the Wolves played a couple of games versus Port Huron Northern and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook which should help them to prepare for the state playoffs. In particular Rowden felt the loss to Cranbrook showed his players how to compete as a team and not a group of individuals.

"Hopefully our quality schedule will help take us a long way in the state playoffs," Rowden said. "I hope it will mean a lot as we continue to play better teams along the way."

Pending the result of Wednesday's game with Grand Blanc, the Wolves have the opportunity to play for a regional championship Saturday at Flint IMA Arena against a Flint-area team. If Clarkston captured a regional championship, they would likely face either Grosse Pointe South or Redford Catholic Central, both perennial powers in high school hockey, in the state quarterfinals.



Good times: The Clarkston Wolves celebrate a good play during the Oakland Activities Association volleyball tournament Saturday.

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Angela Humphreys, a 5-foot-9 middle-hitter who was recently called up from the junior-varsity. "She came in a gave us another strong presence in the middle," praised Richardson of Humphreys.

Clarkston is idle until Saturday, when they travel to the five-team Waterford Mott district. Richardson added that his team

has confidence heading into the Class A tournament.

"We've had our up and downs this year, but were looking forward to (the districts)," offered Richardson, whose squad has captured district titles in three of the last four seasons. "It's a wide-open district this year and we feel like we have just as good of a chance as any."

Craig Trebesh and an off-balance scoop by Hillary, and then opened the fourth with a runner-in-the-lane from junior forward Vito Ciaramellano which gave the Falcons their biggest lead of the game at 50-44. But the advantage was short lived as Fife reeled off seven straight points and Taylor's lay-up off a Fife feed gave Clarkston a 53-52 advantage with 2:32 to play.

Rochester's performance did not catch the Wolves off guard.

"We kind of expected it," said Dane Fife. "When we played them down at there place, we hit virtually every shot in the first half and we won by a dozen or

so. But we knew they played Pontiac Northern close last week and if we came out cold tonight, that they have the capabilities to hang around."

Clarkston's biggest lead of the game came at 18-13 with 26 seconds left in the first quarter. But the pesky Falcons stayed within four points throughout the second quarter before going ahead 41-40 with 2:21 left in the third period on a three-point play by Trebesh.

"They have great size and athletic ability, so I'm not surprised that they played us that close," said Dan Fife. "We stepped it up on both end of the floor in the

fourth quarter and that's what we needed to do to pull this one out."

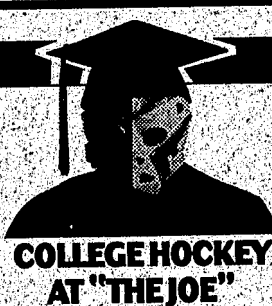
To go along with his 23 points, Fife added seven assists, six rebounds and three blocked shots. Taylor scored 13 points, had a game-high 13 rebounds and two blocks. 6-6 senior forward Justin Dionne contributed nine points and six boards, and despite being held scoreless, senior guard Dan Neubeck supplied six assists, four rebounds and three steals for the Wolves, who can win the division title outright Friday with a win at Ferndale.

"It's nice to win the final game

here," said Fife. "now we must concentrate on (Ferndale)."

Senior forward Scott Cunningham topped Rochester with nine points before fouling out with 18.6 seconds left. Senior guard Jeff Buelow added eight points and four assists, Craig Trebesh had eight points and Hillary added seven points and four assists for the Falcons.

Marlon Shelton, a 6-9 senior center, also added seven points, 12 rebounds and two blocks for Rochester, while 6-5 senior forward Kevin Trebesh chipped in with six points, 11 rebounds, six assists and four steals for the Falcons.



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medal match. Herriman won a 13-5 decision.

Other Wolves wrestlers who made it to the regional didn't fare as well.

Heavyweight Jon Robinson lost his first match before coming back to beat B.J. Mays of Swartz Creek, 6-4.

But Robinson lost to Lee Cruppenink of Carman-Ainsworth in the consolation semifinal, leaving him one win short of the state meet.

Chris Gomez's day went the same way. He dropped his first match, then beat Tony Geneseo of Bay City Central 4-2. But he lost his final match 13-3 to Brad Herd of Swartz Creek.

The individual state meet is set for Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Division I wrestling begins Friday at 8:30 a.m. and ends around 3:30 p.m.

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Several area lakes remain in the book including Maceday, Orchard, Cass, Kent, Lake

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Copies of the new book are available at bookstores or by calling 1-800-824-4618.

Sea Grant survives

Michigan Sea Grant is alive and well, and poised to carry on with its Great Lakes research and outreach programs into the next millennium.

An extension of the National Sea Grant program and one of 30 such programs across the country, Michigan Sea Grant is a joint program of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Since 1969 Michigan Sea Grant has spent more than \$25 million in support of Great Lakes research and outreach ranging from studying exotic nuisance species to developing new approaches to fisheries management.

The U.S. Congress recently unanimously approved legislation to renew the National Sea Grant Program through 2003.

"This is extremely important legislation," said Russell Moll,

director of Michigan Sea Grant. "The funding that Congress has recommended will enable our program to respond to important problems affecting the coastal areas of our state. We are gratified by the overwhelming support that Congress has shown for Sea Grant."

In addition to researching aquatic nuisance species, Michigan Sea Grant works extensively in fisheries, aquaculture and marine engineering to help maintain a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem as well as support Michigan's economy. Another program gaining attention is Michigan Sea Grant's Great Lakes Education Program, which is conducted aboard ship in Lake St. Clair.

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Bill Parker is an Oxford resident.

SPORTS SCENE

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for North Oakland Federation Baseball will be conducted March 19 for 12-year-old boys at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion.

Tryouts go from 6 to 9 p.m.

Anyone living in the Oxford-Orion-Auburn Hills area interested in playing a minimum of 30 games for a travel team should call Gary Smith, 814-9523, or Roger Allison, 693-7807.

Weather permitting, tryouts may be held outdoors prior to March 19, so interested players should call one of those coaches immediately.

Soccer tryouts

June tryouts will be held for the Clarkston Select Soccer Club 1998 Fall season. The club is recruiting girls for the 11-18 year old Clarkston Shadows and boys for the 11-14 year old Clarkston Impact.

Tryouts are open to area amateur soccer players June 23-26 at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Sessions are set for 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. as determined by age. It is strongly recommended participants attend both tryout sessions.

Tryout registration forms must be turned into the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department by June 1.

Bomber tryouts

The Bloomfield Bombers North Oakland Baseball Federation baseball team is conducting tryouts for 10-year-olds.

Players cannot be 11 years old before Aug. 1. Serious players only should call George Lekas, (248) 641-8097 after 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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Join members of the southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a moderate 5-mile hike beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Maybury State Park. Call (313) 562-1873 for more information.

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Eric Stockinger, a veteran kayaker and backpacker will bring participants up to date on the latest and newest new fabrics during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK

Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on backcountry must haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19 at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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TOURNAMENTS

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The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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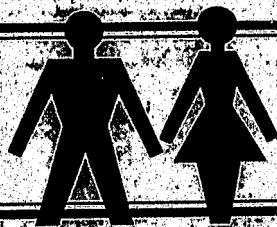
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National franchise company based in Troy seeking energetic person to handle shipping, receiving and marketing fulfillment. Contact Rob at 248-514-3700

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500 Help Wanted General

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Customer service & HR skills. Computer literate. Career position. Staffing industry experience helpful. For information call:
(248) 377-4342
Trillium Staffing

STRIPPER
(premiere) wanted, experienced, please call between 9-4
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SUMMER JOBS
Day Camp Counselors/Supervisors
Must be at least 17 years old
Pay Range \$6.25 - \$9.00
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W. Bloomfield, MI 48323
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TAPPING MACHINE OPERATOR
Manufacturing company located in Plymouth, MI is seeking individuals to operate automatic and semi automatic tapping machines. Successful candidates must be self-motivated and organized. Experience is preferred but not necessary. We offer a competitive wage, excellent benefits package, and a 401(k). If you would like to be part of our team, fax, mail, E-mail resume to: apply in person at:
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300 Industrial Dr.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Attn: Human Resources Dept.
Fax: 734-451-8283
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TEACHER
A learning center in W. Bloomfield. Certified: Part-time, 248-737-2880 Fax: 248-737-9220

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TEACHERS
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Individual must have Vocational Certification or be eligible for annual authorization in Michigan. Valid teaching certificate preferred.
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Riverview Community School District
13425 Colvin
Riverview, MI 48152

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Statewide supplier of air conditioning/heating components and service for heavy duty vehicles based in Grand Rapids and Fenton, Michigan, is seeking a Production Manager. Responsibilities include performing air conditioning system installations and service work on heavy duty vehicles (construction, agriculture, bus, trucks), developing, training and managing a work force, and developing efficient and effective methods of managing a business in a growth stage.
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Detroit, Michigan 48223
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TOOLMAKER
Experience in turning body fixtures & hand tools, ability to read prints a must.
* MAINTENANCE POSITION
* ALSO AVAILABLE
Wages equal to ability. Benefit package, 401K, 401K, 401K, 401K.
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Southfield credit union, part-time/full time. Must have banking or credit union experience.
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TOOL & DIE MAKER
A Plymouth, MI based Stamping/Manufacturing Co., is seeking Qualified Individuals to be a part of our growing team in our Tool Room. These successful candidates must have 5 years experience in the tool & die trade. Self motivated, well organized, safety conscious and able to build, assemble and achieve production ready status of new dies as well as trouble shooting and maintaining of existing dies in production atmosphere. Experience with Deep Drawn extension and fasteners is a plus. We offer a competitive wage, excellent benefit package, and a 401(k). If you would like to be part of our team, fax, mail or E-mail resumes or apply in person at:
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or Call 248-208-9317

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 Accepting applications for Office Assistant at the Farmington Hills City Office. The position involves clerical duties, including typing, filing, and answering the phone. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining the office in a clean and organized manner. Salary: \$11.00 per hour. Fax resume to: 248-348-1162

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PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT
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 A premier vendor, innovative young company providing knowledge based computer solutions to the automotive community. Candidates should have automotive market/luring experience. Some travel required.
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A. Let the buyer beware of house inspectors who have the small print on the back of their contract

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Q. The board of our association is very lax about collecting assessments. We haven't tried very hard to do so and now we are finding that we have a financial shortfall. We also have not considered revising our bylaws or our declaration for close to 20 years. How can I impress upon them the need to do so?

A. A homeowners association has a responsibility to follow the dictates of the declaration of covenants and conditions, as well as the bylaws.

The bylaws of any community association should be reviewed periodically and obviously if there haven't been changes in 20 years, there are beneficial provisions that could be implemented to assist the association in the collection process, as well as other enforcement processes.

The board must collect assessments in a uniform, consistent and aggressive fashion. Failure to do so could result in liability for the board of directors.

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HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

In a day's work Realtors deal with all kinds of needs

The hours can be exhausting. Client loyalty might be transient. Buyers aren't always considerate of time constraints of other people involved in the process. Sellers don't listen to their Realtors' advice.

These are just some of the headaches real estate professionals encounter as part of their work.

Not that they're complaining. The money can be good, and they're their own bosses. But like any career, it has a less attractive side.

Deborah Field Cavanaugh, a Realtor with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham, recorded sales last year of nearly \$4 million.

"The price I paid was I worked morning, noon and night, very little time for personal life," she said. "Sometimes, I'd be in here 7, 7:30 in the morning and remain until 9 or 10 at night trying to catch up with paperwork. It's not just showing houses."

Cavanaugh loves her work — "this is a business where you make your own luck" — and has learned not to be consumed.

"I scheduled important events in my kids' lives like they were appointments. If I miss a deal for that, I guess I miss a deal," she said.

Time management is the biggest difficulty facing Sherry Mifsud, a Realtor with Century 21 Castelli in Garden City.

"You try to please the family, try to please the customer and a lot of time you end up shortchanging yourself. Like eating lunch at 3:30," she said.

Mifsud recalled the time she took a

change of clothes to present a purchase offer on the way to her husband's company picnic. "We missed the food, but still enjoyed the fun."

Mifsud has learned to juggle over the years.

"You have to have a strong support system, a spouse there for you," she said. "If you go to show a house at eight and your husband wants to go to a movie... you go to a later movie."

Finding a colleague in the office to step in during family emergencies also is part of a support system, Mifsud said.

Joseph P. Durso, broker/owner of RE/MAX West in Livonia, finds a lack of loyalty among some lookers disconcerting.

"Sometimes, a buyer will shop signs... and go from one agent to another to another looking for the best deal," Durso said.

This thanks-for-the-information-maybe-I'll-see-you-later approach doesn't develop rapport.

"If you come to me and say, 'Joe, I want to buy a house and use your services,' I will do everything I can. Most agents work on ego. If you like me, I like you. You work hard for someone you like."

Alfonso Griffin, a veteran Realtor with Red Carpet Keim Walker & Associates in Southfield, has been burned by buyers who were less than forthcoming that they were working with other agents, putting commission splits at risk.

"It's a letdown," Griffin said. "Time is money in this business. You should be

fair with them (Realtors) if you want them to be fair with you."

And what about sellers?

"When they put the home on the market, they have to do everything they can to make it sharp and available," Durso said.

"I have seen people have a \$200,000 house and let the teenage daughter throw clothes on the floor. Come on. I've had to change light bulbs and clean cobwebs at an open house," Durso said.

"Sellers, very often we'll give them advice on what to do to make their home marketable: keep it neat and clean, paint rooms, replace the carpet — they won't do it," Cavanaugh said. "Listen to your agent, who knows the market."

Sellers who have unrealistic price expectations and sellers who want a daily update can be frustrating, Mifsud said.

While sellers should try hard to accommodate prospective buyers, buyers should be mindful of the needs of their Realtors and sellers, Cavanaugh said. Many aren't available with an hour's notice.

On the other hand, Mifsud said, buyers may have to be ready to move quickly when the ideal house hits the Multilist.

"A couple of times last year I had to pull my buyers out of work," she said.

"On one, they were the second people to see the house and an offer was already in, but they got it. You have to go when the going's good."

Where people are

Here are census bureau population estimates for selected metro areas as of Oct. 1, 1997

	Population	5-year change
NYC/Long Island	11.4	+2%
LA/Long Beach	9.9	+1%
Chicago	8.6	+3%
San Francisco Bay	6.7	+4%
Boston	5.4	+1%
Detroit	5.3	+1%
Dallas/Ft. Worth	4.7	+11%
Atlanta	3.7	+16%
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	3.6	+8%
Phoenix	3.3	+23%
Cleveland	2.9	+1%
Minneapolis/St. Paul	2.8	+7%
St. Louis	2.5	+1%
Denver	2.3	+12%
Las Vegas	1.3	+30%

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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How lenders monitor credit decisions

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Once lenders make a yes decision, they may review your credit report regularly as they continue to manage their financial risk. This automated program, called account monitoring, scans credit reports for certain risk characteristics as defined by the lender.

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Often, the benefits to you are easy to see. You'll receive notice in the mail that your credit limit has been increased — without your having to ask.

Account monitoring also allows lenders to better manage the business risk of extending credit. When they're successful, their losses are minimized, and they don't have to pass the cost of others' bad debts on to you in the form of higher fees and interest rates.

Federal law specifically permits lenders to monitor their accounts. You gave the lender permission to access your credit report from time to time when you signed your credit application. Most credit applications make you aware of this.

What are inquiries?

The word inquiry refers to someone — you or an credit agency customer — asking to review your credit report. A record of that review appears on your credit report. At Experian, account monitoring inquiries stay on your report for one year. Other inquiries remain on a credit report for one to two years.

This is important because inquiries can indicate you've applied for new credit, which could result in additional debt. Therefore, potential lenders may view multiple recent inquiries as a sign that you're beginning to overextend yourself.

You have the right to see both types of inquiries, so both appear on your Experian credit report.

Note: In a future issue, we will publish the Internet addresses of companies that have their own web sites and that provide services to consumers relating to home buying or selling. If this describes your company, please submit your web site address to Dave Mully. To participate or to find out more about this, call Mully at 1-800-521-0026 Ext. 227 or fax your name, company name, telephone number and web site address to Attention: Dave Mully at fax 248-669-6875. Or fax your name, company name, telephone number and web site address to Barry Jensen, 734-591-7279.

Low mortgage rates mean long hours

Low mortgage rates and refinancings continue to keep processors hopping at financial institutions serving the housing industry here.

More activity means more hours on the job, and, in some instances, more temporary job opportunities.

"We're at least three times as busy as we normally are for this time of year," said Mike Lubig, senior vice president and director of retail residential lending for Standard Federal Bank.

"We have a lot of temporary people we brought on site," he added. "Branches are working overtime. Before I left on vacation 3-1/2 weeks ago, a lot of those guys were working Saturday and Sundays to accommodate customers."

Standard Federal, headquartered in Troy, is the largest lender in Michigan in terms number and dollar volume of residential mortgages issued.

"Rates are driving it," Lubig said. As of Monday, March 2, a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at Standard Federal was 6-3/4 percent with 2 points, an adjustable-rate mortgage 5 percent the first year with 2 points.

"I saw a report this morning that 70-75 percent of that activity is refinanc-

ing," Lubig said. "Probably at least 80 percent of the refinancing volume is a long-term, fixed-rate loan, 30 years."

"A lot of people are confident about the economy and their financial situation," he said.

Dan Smith, senior loan officer for Republic Bancorp Mortgage and Plymouth branch manager, said business is up 300 percent for his firm in southeastern Michigan through the first two months of this year.

"It's absolutely unbelievable," said Smith, attributing the jump to "good weather, good consumer rates and high consumer confidence."

Employees don't seem to be overburdened with the extra work, he added.

"People are working more hours, and we hired some temporary people to come in. In the past, this would have been a major headache. Now, it's getting done quicker due to advancements in technology."

Smith estimates that 65 percent of recent mortgage applications were for refinancings, 35 percent for purchases.

"I've never seen as many big mortgages now," Smith added. "One quarter million dollars now isn't unusual."

Paul Swan, senior vice president for

First Chicago NBD Mortgage, said his firm quickly jumped out of the gate during January and February.

"If we continue where we are now, we'd do twofold what we were planning to do for the year," Swan said. "We're heavy refinancing in the portfolio."

Business remains steady even though interest rates have risen slightly since the first of the year.

"People have pulled together," Swan said. "This is a business that moves tremendously when rates move. We've been through this before. We're taking care of customers and working long, hard hours."

Dave Green, national sales manager for Comerica Bank, said business at his firm is 60 percent higher than anticipated.

"We are working overtime hours as needed," he said. "Most people the last four weeks have been working evenings and most Saturdays."

Technological improvements have expedited the mortgage application process at Comerica, Green said.

"First, we have a telemarketing unit to handle applications over the phone. We've established an automated pre-qualification system. That's handled the overflow."

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SPEC. INSTITUTE

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the

Construction Specifications Institute hosts a dinner program on developments in the commercial/industrial door industry Tuesday, March 10.

The program runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Detroit Door & Hardware, 111 E. 12 Mile, Madison Heights, dinner 7:30 p.m. at the Master restaurant, 1775 E. 13 Mile, Madison Heights.

Cost for non-members is \$25. To register, call (248) 433-5555.

HOME BUY CLASS

Real Estate One Livonia, which offers a free, no-obligation home buyer's seminar the second Wednesday of each month, hosts its next class 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at its offices, 33620 Five Mile. A mortgage representative also will be on hand.

To register, call Deborah Johnson at (313) 387-4561.

BUILDERS HOME SHOW

The 80th annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan runs Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15, at Cobo Conference Center, Detroit.

Nearly 400 exhibitors plus a host of celebrities are expected to participate.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for senior citizens and \$4 for children six through 12 years of age. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying kids are available at Farmer Jack stores for \$9.

INVESTORS ASSN.

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner seminar on choice of business organization entity - proprietorship, corporation or other - and tax questions 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road.

Dinner for everyone is \$14. The seminar portion is free for members, \$10 for non-members. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

CONTINUING ED.

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors presents a continuing education class required to meet licensing requirements 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at its offices, 901 Tower Drive, Troy.

To register, call (248) 879-5730.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary, including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

F r e e d

Spennachio, an associate broker with the Michigan Group in West Bloomfield, has received Top Producer Award for 1997 for sales performance and customer satisfaction. He also received the award in 1996.

Spennachio also lives in West Bloomfield.

Kathrine Matthews-Moody has joined Prudential Accent Realty in Plymouth as a sales associate.

She formerly worked for Multi Building as a construction coordinator and lives in Canton.

Nancy Browning, an associate broker with Max Brock

Realtors in Bloomfield Hills, has received the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Browning is president of both the Chestnut Run Gourmet Club and the Chestnut Run Garden Club and is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Ted Robinson has been promoted to chief conceptual estimator at the John M. Olson Co., general contractors and construction managers.

Robinson has 20 years construction experience and earned a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Kurt C. Frisch, director of the Polymer Institute and professor of polymer engineering and chemistry at the University of Detroit Mercy, has received the 1998 Gold Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Affiliate Council of ESD, the Engineering Society.

Frisch, born in Vienna, Austria in 1918, has published 280 technical and professional papers, authored 39 books and holds 59 patents.

He's a member of the Society of Plastics Industry, Society of Plastics Engineers, American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemists.



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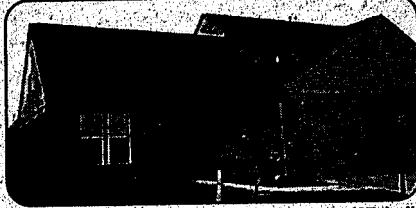
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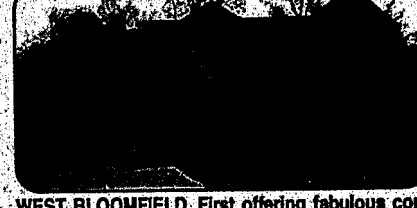
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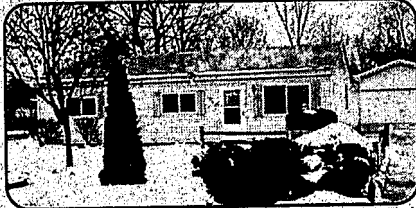
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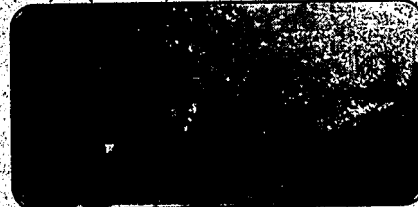
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WALLED LAKE. Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo. Built in 1995 and just a short walk from Walled Lake. Full basement, attached garage with direct entry. 1st floor laundry, fireplace in great room, cathedral ceilings. (523WIN) 248-349-6800



THIS IS THE ONE! Well-maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch in Royal Oak. 1 1/2 baths, and 2 1/2 car garage with opener. Near two parks in nice neighborhood. Finished family room in basement. Updated and ready to move in. \$139,500 (02ENG) 248-280-4777



EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED! Fabulous 4 bedroom home on premium lot. Large custom kitchen with nook, master suite with walk-in closet. Open floor plan with neutral decor. A must see! Only \$247,500 (COB90BLU) 248-626-8000



MOVE IN TODAY. Don't miss the potential of this property. Nearly new, alternative to condo living (no dues)! 3 bedrooms, a preferred main level laundry, modern kitchen, tile flooring. Custom upgrades, central air, close to schools. \$124,900 (OE25HART) 248-299-6200



WOW. Almost brand new home on 2 acres for less than \$100,000 sq. ft. Custom built 4 bedroom, country colonial. So many extras. Call for the list. Only \$239,900 (484COO) 248-349-6800



LIVE IN ROCHESTER HILLS! Immaculate ranch home with formal dining room, full finished basement, enclosed front porch and attached garage. Large fenced yard. Newer roof, hot water heater and electric. Immediate occupancy, home warranty. \$106,900 (61AUB) 248-280-4777



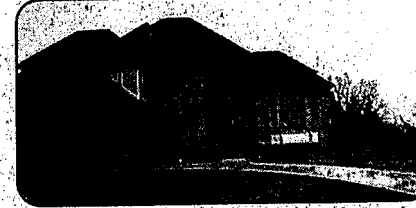
GREAT CURB APPEAL. Large 2-story Tudor, 1983, immediate occupancy, 2,163 square feet. Park-like back yard adjacent to 20 AC Commons. \$229,900 (COB20MEA) 248-626-8000

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COUNT ON CLASSIC COMFORTS. Central heat/air, family room & main level laundry lend lots of ease. Glass walled condo in golf course area, w/scenic views, on cul-de-sac, close to everything. Open floorplan, tile flooring, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 ceramic tile baths. \$159,900 (OE180XF) 248-299-6200



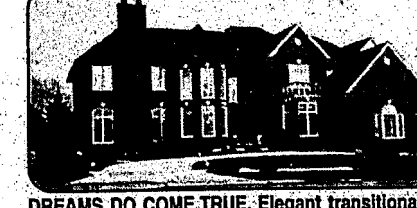
READY FOR YOU! Take a look at this Auburn Hills 3 bedroom, brick ranch with 1 1/2 baths & many updates. You will have peace of mind with the new windows & furnace & central air. Come & take a look at \$133,500. (OE25BI) 248-299-6200



NEW CONSTRUCTION. Extensive use of ceramic & oak throughout. Cathedrals in family room & master bedroom. 2 fireplaces. Spiral staircase. Backs up to wooded & very private yard. Whitebay Kitchen with appliances. Subdivision with park, ponds, community pool. (483HIL) 248-349-6800



PLEASANT RIDGE. All brick majestic 4 bedroom home. Features: 2 1/2 baths, 3rd story walk-up, fireplace, breakfast nook and much more. Exudes character and class. \$280,000 (45QAK) 248-280-4777



DREAMS DO COME TRUE. Elegant transitional in Beach Forest impressive 2 story foyer, open flowing floorplan. 5 bedrooms, 4 full, 2 half bath, finished basement. Numerous appointments. Private lot. \$1,140,000 (COB70HAV) 248-626-8000



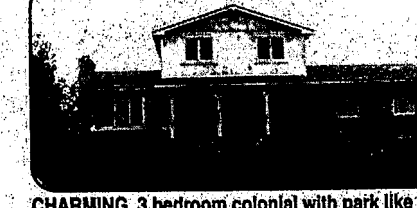
RUSTIC RANCH! Enjoy the serene atmosphere of this 4 bedroom, 3 bath ranch on 2 1/2 acres with Kearsley Creek flowing along the back. 8x29 loft with spiral staircase. Great room with stone fireplace, many newer items, roof, furnace, central air, vinyl siding. Home Warranty included. \$179,900 (41HAD) 620-7200



SPECTACULAR WINDOWS onto Upper Straits Lake from 2 large bedrooms, great room & kitchen. Terrific loft and three full baths. 1st floor laundry, 74 foot frontage. Perfect retreat. \$750,000 (552SHO) 248-349-6800



THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOW. Kitchen doorway leads to multi-level deck. Refinished hardwood floors. Drywalled 2 1/2 car garage with 220 electric. Great for workshop. \$116,900 (16BAU) 248-280-4777



CHARMING. 3 bedroom colonial with park like setting. Wood floor in kitchen with Merrill cabinets and built in microwave, dishwasher. Master bedroom with vanity home has wonderful flow wood/lucite bannister, natural gas fireplace, security system. \$179,900 (COB920XB) 248-626-8000



STATELY SOUTHERN CHARM! 2,000 sq. ft. home in area of Lake Orion. 1 mile to I-75, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, extra large living room & rec/family room. Open floor plan, kitchen & dining room with new doorwall to railed decking, 1/2 acre park-like setting. 2 1/2 car heated garage. \$149,900 (37MOR) 620-7200



HOME BOASTS CHARM & CHARACTER! Home features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Home sits on treed lot overlooking Lake. Roomy living room & dining with picture windows. Kitchen with all appliances. Partially finished basement, Knotty pine breeze-way, coved ceilings. \$104,900 (31COV) 620-7200

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Totally updated. In white, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. River views, your own island and bridge come with this property. 1+ acres. Master suite with jetted tub and huge closet. Walkout basement updated to perfection. 3,000 sq. ft. \$315,000 (35MU) 248-626-8800



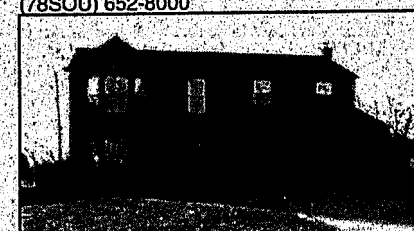
W. BLOOMFIELD - Newer and spacious! 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, 2 car garage, full basement, custom deck with gazebo, 2 bay windows, new carpet throughout. \$259,900 (53WA) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch. Totally updated inside and out. New kitchen, new bath, huge deck. Contemporary styling throughout! Beautiful 3/4 acre yard with stream. Home Warranty offered. Must see!! \$260,000 (35MU) 248-626-8800



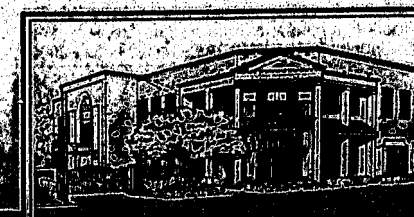
GORGEOUS CUSTOM BUILT HOME with lakeview and privileges. Built in '94, 2 story Italian marble entry, open floor plan, custom built kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile flooring, 2,694 sq. ft., great room with cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace and wet bar. \$279,900 (78SOU) 652-8000



NICE AREA! Nice price! This lovely Colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, all amenities! Cozy fireplace, modern kitchen, wall to wall carpet, Hardwood foyer, central air, master suite with double walk-ins and separate dressing area. Deck, private backyard, landscaped. \$207,500 (44HAD) 652-8000



LARGE BEAUTIFUL ROCHESTER HILLS LOT. Spacious home and large bedrooms, extensive updates, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, master with bath and walk-in organizer closets. Move in and enjoy! \$224,000 (74BRI) 652-8000



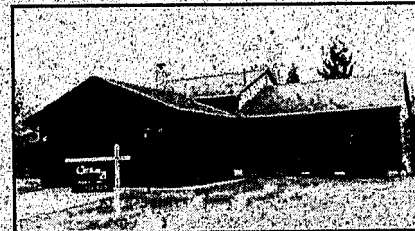
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TROY - 3 BEDROOM RANCH HOME with fireplace in family room. Huge new kitchen with skylight. Finished basement. Office or 4th bedroom in basement. Ready to move in! \$157,900 (51SAR) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Tudor on cul-de-sac. 2 1/2 baths. Great room with fireplace and wet bar. Security system. One year Home Warranty. \$295,000 (26MOU) 524-1600



TROY - 3 BEDROOM QUAD with lower level family room. Basement. Living room and kitchen plus dining room. \$174,900 (76MAJ) 524-1600



TROY - 4 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH. Newer carpeting. Central air. Cedar deck. Sprinkler system. Troy Schools. Inground heated pool. \$224,000 (70DAY) 524-1600



CLAWSON. 3 BEDROOM RANCH with large basement. Living room and hall with carpet. Some hardwood floors. Natural fireplace. Fenced yard. \$148,500 (75BAK) 524-1600



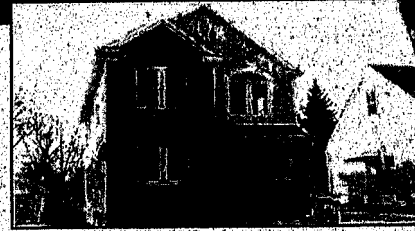
MAGNIFICENT LAKEFRONT on over 400 acres of all-sports lake. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, approx. 3,600 sq. ft. entry level, master suite, finished walkout lower level with 2nd kitchen, 3 1/2 car garage. \$439,900 (96TER) 363-1200



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AN URBAN LOVER'S DELIGHT. Birmingham - 1998 built with Andersen windows, hardwood and marble. Romantic master suite, 1st floor laundry, open floor plan is great for entertaining. \$319,900 (68EMM) 363-1200



LUXURY RANCH CONDO. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, contemporary with finished walkout. Stunning! 3,200 sq. ft., boat dock on Middle Straits Lake. Tennis court, club house, picnic, swimming. \$289,900 (50HEM) 363-1200



ELEGANT 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL. 2 story foyer, formal living room and dining room, spacious kitchen with island and nook and doorwall to paver patio and open to family room with natural fireplace. Master has 2 walk-in closets. \$219,900 (82RIV) 363-1200



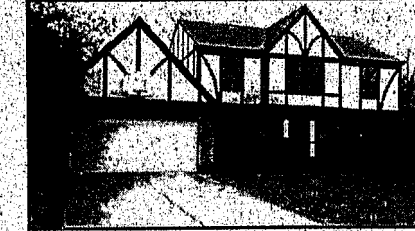
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Circular drive and courtyard. Magnificent Spanish ranch with 3 bedrooms on 1st floor including master bedroom suite with bath, walk-in closet and private study. Walkout lower level with 3 additional bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, in-door pool. \$875,000 (60WAB) 248-642-8100



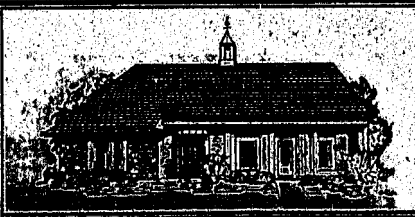
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Great room, library, formal dining room, white formica kitchen, master suite with newer bath, his and her walk-in closet, finished basement and many other extras. \$387,900 (80STR) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Contemporary home with fieldstone/cedar design in Echo Park. 2,200 sq. ft. walkout, 3,700 sq. ft. on 1st and 2nd level. 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, living room, family room, library, white Formica kitchen. Acre wooded setting overlooking Minnow Lake. \$839,900 (61COP) 248-642-8100



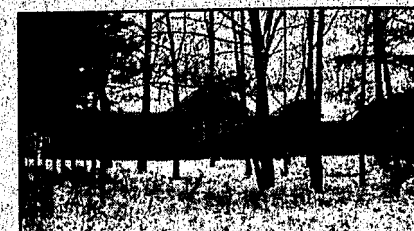
FARMINGTON HILLS - Transferee perfect! Updated to a teal 4 bedroom, family room, den, formal dining room, full basement, private treed lot, large deck. Perfect setting - perfect house! \$244,900 (52FOR) 248-642-8100



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SIMPLY STUNNING! Home on all sports Lake Sherwood has all the bells and whistles. Completely remodeled. Indoor spa room, built-ins, hardwood, Corian, glass block and more! Beautiful! \$599,900 (75RAV) 363-1200



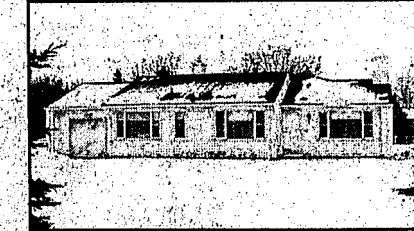
ORTONVILLE! 3 BEDROOM RANCH HOME custom built with 2 full baths, 2 1/2 wooded acres. Many custom features. 3 car garage walkout basement. Sun room. Hardwood floors and more! \$335,000 (90SPR) 524-1600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3,000 sq. ft. Cape Cod on 1/2 acre lot in Bloomfield Hills Schools District. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, family room, Florida room, finished basement and first floor master bedroom suite. \$339,900 (39SHO) 248-642-8100



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WEST BLOOMFIELD - One acre site with 1,388 sq. ft. ranch offers affordable living! 20 x 18 family room addition, fireplace in living room, one car attached garage. Birmingham schools. Good investment! \$155,000 (90WAL) 248-642-8100



PREPARE TO BE CHARMED by this 2-story Colonial nestled on a treed rolling lot. A 4 bedroom home with gleaming hardwood floors in many areas. Great family room set up with fireplace with wood stove, built-in shelves, sliding doors to patio. Convenient location. \$212,900 (95LAK) 652-8000

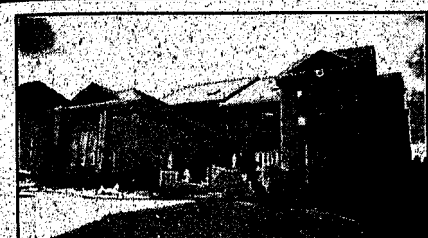


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GORGEOUS CUSTOM BUILT 2 story contemporary with open floor plan. 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 1/2 half baths, 9 ft. ceilings, great room with marble fireplace, master suite with Jacuzzi. Large bedrooms with private baths. Upgrades! \$649,900 (53WI) 248-626-8800



SHARP TRADITIONAL - Large rooms, bay windows, Jack & Jill hardwood bath, hardwood floors, Whirlpool tub, custom blinds, deck, professionally landscaped. \$374,900 (96OAK) 652-8000



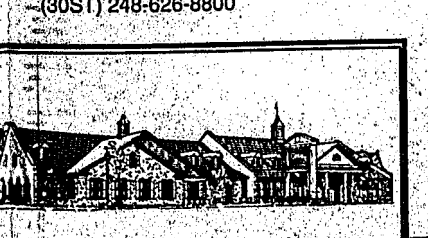
W. BLOOMFIELD - 2 story Colonial. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Great location. Terrific lot. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Living room, family room, dining room, breakfast room, family room with fireplace, garage, basement. \$234,500 (39BL) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Immediate possession. Priced to sell 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Townhouse with 2 1/2 car garage. Many updates, fireplace, neutral decor. Beautifully maintained, gorgeous view of wooded ravine, balcony. \$174,900 (96ST) 248-626-8800



BEVERLY HILLS - Spacious ranch with Florida room. Recent updates, carpet in family room. Foyer, living room, formal dining room. Freshly painted exterior. Over 2,600 sq. ft. does not include Florida room. \$219,000 (30ST) 248-626-8800



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SOUTHFIELD - 3 bedroom brick ranch with finished basement. Many updates inside and out including: roof, windows and kitchen. Hardwood floors. \$159,900 (29HE) 248-626-8800



DESIGNER PERFECT!! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, exceptionally clean! Spacious kitchen with lots of cabinets, and snack area. Appliances included, wall unit in great room with built-in speakers. Must see! \$136,000 (29LA) 248-626-8800



NEWER OAKLAND TWP. Contemporary. Unfinished walkout plumbed for bathroom with doorwall and daylight windows overlooking beautiful natural setting. Soaring ceilings. Fireplace, immediate possession. \$207,500 (32BRI) 652-8000



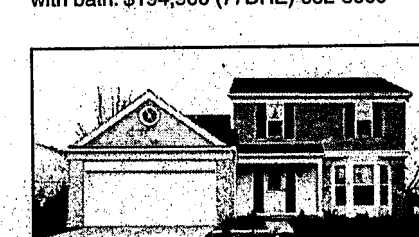
4 BEDROOM COLONIAL located in desirable Great Oaks. Central air, patio, basement and 2 car garage. \$200,000 (11HEM) 652-8000



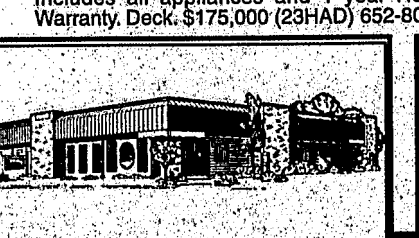
GORGEOUS detached condo! On premium lot backing to woods. Neutral throughout, great room with cathedral ceiling and 2 sided marble fireplace. Sunny kitchen and nook with doorwall to deck. Cozy hearth area. Large master with Jacuzzi, walk-in closets and doorwall to deck. \$249,900 (71FAI) 652-8000



LOVELY COLONIAL in popular family sub. Neutral decor, ceramic entry and kitchen. Clean, 1st floor laundry, fireplace in family room, central air, sprinklers, master bedroom with bath. \$194,900 (77DRE) 652-8000



FRESH AS SPRING. This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial in Heatherwood Village features central air, neutral carpet & decor. Very well maintained. Family room, fireplace, bay window in living room, formal dining room. Includes all appliances and 1 year Home Warranty. Deck. \$175,000 (23HAD) 652-8000



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FARMINGTON HILLS - 4 BEDROOM BI-LEVEL with 2 full baths. Newer roof, windows, central air. All appliances included. Call today! \$149,800 (99DUN) 524-1600



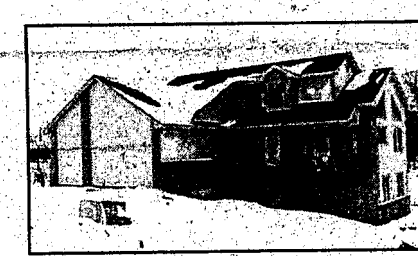
TROY - 3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE with 2 1/2 baths. Open airy floor plan. Neutral decor. Vaulted ceilings with skylight and marble fireplace and foyer. Formal dining room. Eat-in kitchen. Private deck. \$175,900 (60FAI) 524-1600



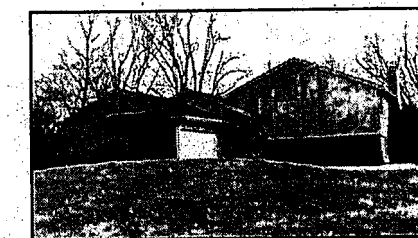
TROY - 3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW with new windows, carpet, blrds and furnace. Large 3 season enclosed breezeway. Open living room/dining area. Troy Schools. Home Warranty. \$131,900 (03HAR) 524-1600



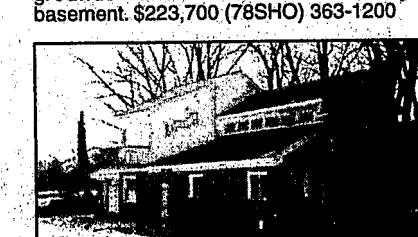
SPACIOUS 4/5 BEDROOM TROY TRI-LEVEL. 2 full baths. Updates, are roof shingles, central air 5 years. Screened porch. Fenced yard. Aluminum trim. \$174,900 (27HIL) 524-1600



FABULOUS NEW CONTEMPORARY HOME on nearly 1 1/2 acres in wooded area of White Lake Sub. Walkout location plus vaulted ceilings and amenities galore! \$214,900 (90LAU) 363-1200



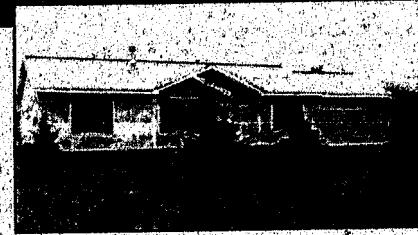
RIVERFRONT CONTEMPORARY. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, soft contemporary in an "awesome" setting. Large great room with fireplace and doorwall overlooking wooded grounds and river. Finished daylight basement. \$223,700 (78SHO) 363-1200



INSTANT EQUITY FOR SALE. This 2,350 sq. ft. contemporary, all-sports lakefront needs to be finished and must be sold as-is. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, city water/sewer, Land Contract available, below market. \$199,900 (71MCC) 363-1200



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WEST BLOOMFIELD - New construction 2 story contemporary on wooded site in cul-de-sac. Open floor plan. 1st floor library, laundry, appliances, air conditioning, carpet. Lower level walkout with approx. 800 sq. ft. Deck off great room and nook. \$306,900 (95HEF) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - Spectacular lakefront condo offers 1st floor master bedroom, white Formica kitchen, finished walkout, 4-5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, living room, family room, 3 car garage. \$514,900 (06WAB) 248-642-8100



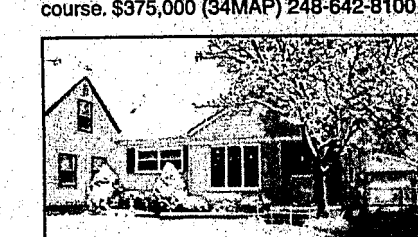
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3,100 sq. ft. Colonial which has 5 bedrooms, 3 car garage, living room, family room, fabulous kitchen and walkout to a gorgeous wooded setting. \$339,900 (14ALD) 248-642-8100



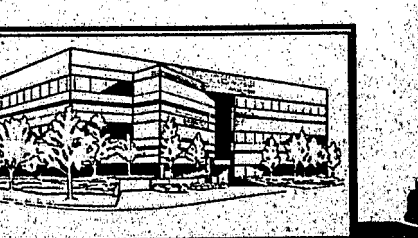
BIRMINGHAM - Comfort and class! Renovated kitchen with white bay cabinetry, ceramic floor and appliances. Hardwood floors refinished, marble/brick fireplace, newer 2+ car garage and one year Home Warranty. \$239,000 (04EDG) 248-642-8100



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ROYAL OAK - Wonderfully updated bungalow with oak kitchen, newer bathroom, drywalled rec room. Home Warranty included. \$129,900 (17DUR) 248-642-8100



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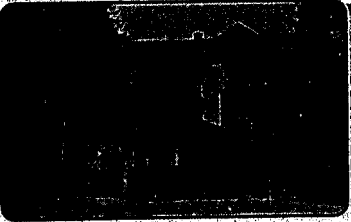




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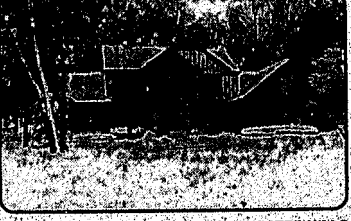
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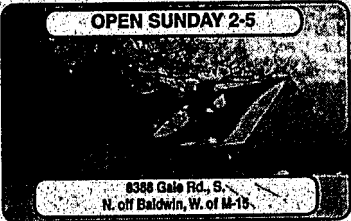
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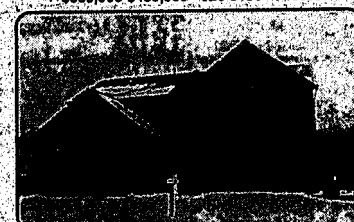
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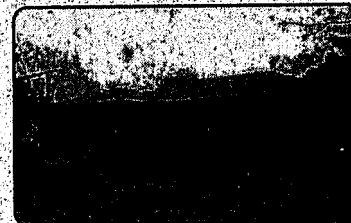
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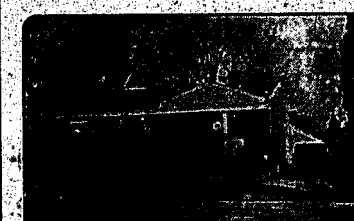
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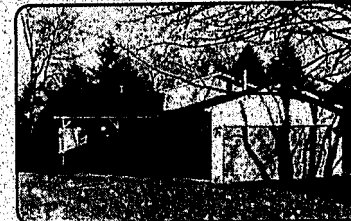
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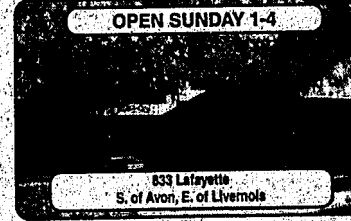
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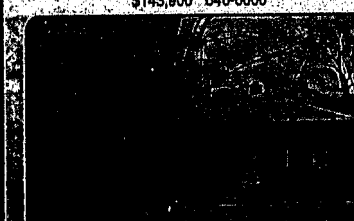
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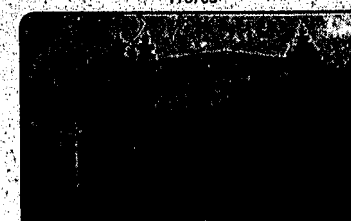
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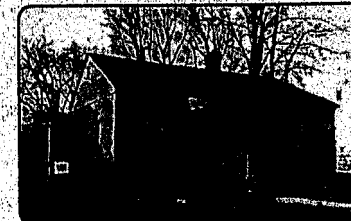
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appliance doctor

Be informed before going shopping



JOE GAGNON

The conversation between service technicians as they meet on the street or wherever is usually technical talk. One will tell the other about a new problem he discovered with such and such a product, the other will talk about the

part, but then again it might not be. The brand name you have now may have been built like a tank, the same brand name today might be compared to a straw hat.

How would you know this fact if you were reading this column? Would you take the time to call or visit a service shop to ask what's good or the best product to purchase? These people fix them every day and they can give you some straight answers.

Go to the library and read the most recent issue of Consumer Reports which can be very helpful in your decision. Why not call a friend or relative who you know has purchased a new washer in the past few years and get their input on a certain brand? There is very little to read on the subject in this column. The next time you are in your favorite book store, try to find something which will help you in shopping for a major appliance.

Shopping for something which we have little knowledge about means that

we must rely on the person doing the selling. We must also depend on a business which we hope will be around for several more years. There were many consumers who held a worthless service contract when two major retailers went bankrupt just a few years ago. Again, it's the same old story, let the consumer beware.

In my conversations with thousands of homeowners, I talk to so many who are displeased with the operation of their new appliance. These people have to live with these products for years to come and I always say, "Be aware, be smart and be an educated consumer before you go shopping."

In our world of major appliances, most of us in the service field will agree that quality has suffered and they don't last as long. We have a lot of negatives to say and some of it is well founded. I must also tell you that there are still some quality products out there. In the service world, they stand heads tall over other brands. So many people will go

shopping with one thought in mind and that is price. They should have the perspective of price and quality, and how else will they know anything about quality unless they make some effort to find out?

If you purchased a washer for let's say \$600 and the average life span was 15 years for this product, I would say that's pretty good. Now, if you bought one for \$350 and it lasted for seven years, and then you had to buy another at the inflated price of seven years later, let's say \$450. That's not a good deal. Good luck in your shopping and drop me a note.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores. He can be reached at 313-873-9789.

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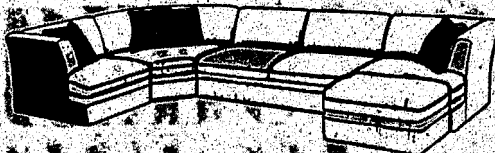
Many times the conversation carries into the quality aspect of major appliances. They compare the products of today to those made 10-15 years ago and most technicians will concur that they don't make 'em like they used to.

Let's say your 15-year-old washer has given up the ghost and you need to go shopping. The first inclination is to go out and buy the same brand that gave you all these years of excellent service. This could be a smart move on your

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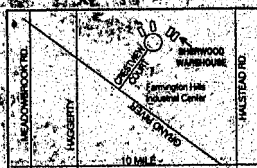
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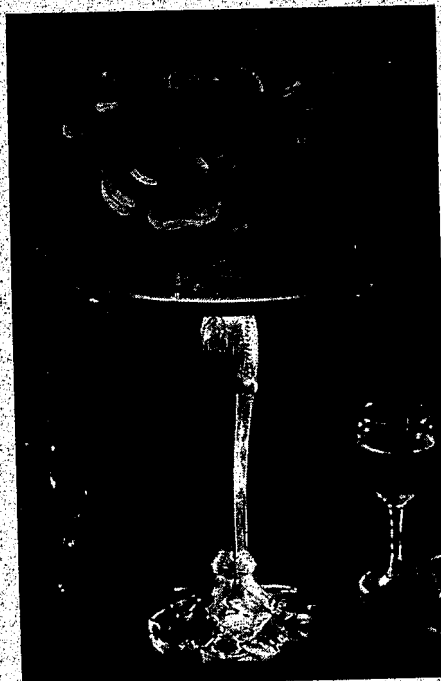


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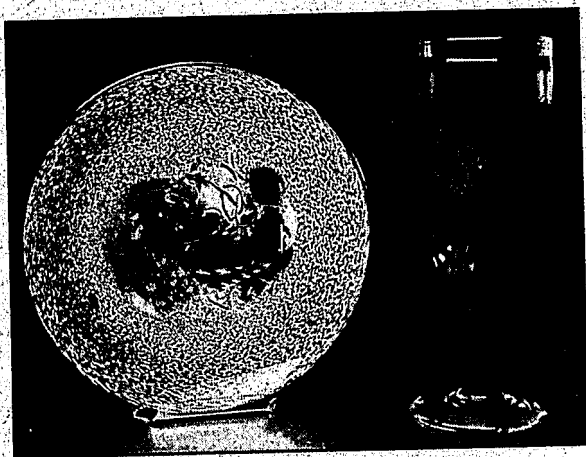
Puffy touch

Spring shine: The Puffy lamp is like a bouquet of flowers. The lamp, approximately 23 inches high, features vibrant colors in its embossed glass with reverse painting, and an antique, silver-finish base with pull-chain sockets. Available for \$389.95 at A Shady Business, 39670 14 Mile in Walled Lake. Call (248) 669-2440.



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Tray chic

Smart set: These stylish canister and tea sets from Laurie Gates are among the many designs offered at Piccadilly's House and Garden, 873 N. Mill in Plymouth's historic Old Village. Prices are \$155 for the three-canister set, \$85 for the teapot, \$45 for the cup and saucer, \$30 for the dish and \$125 for the tray. Call (313) 454-9220.

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Clarification on flag disposal

The U.S. flag is only to be disposed of by a proper and discreet burning when it is torn, soiled or badly faded.

That is according to information sent in by William Holland, an Eagle Scout candidate from Shelby Township, related to the Feb. 12 At Home cover story on flagpoles.

The federal flag code was revised in 1976, said the Scout, who has been heading a year-long project to build flag etiquette awareness in his community.

The suggested procedure for disposing of a U.S. flag is:

1. Fold the flag in its customary manner.
2. Build a fire that is sizable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
3. Place the flag on the fire.
4. Come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.



focus on photography

How to be sure about exposure



MONTE NAGLER

Understanding exposure can be frustrating to the many beginning photographers who often throw up their hands in exasperation and turn the whole thing over to their camera's meter. Unfortunately,

they will never develop a good knowledge of this very important aspect of photography.

Well, I'm going to make the complex world of exposure easy to understand. All you have to do is sit back, read slowly, and concentrate on the following analogy.

Imagine yourself sprawled lazily on a sandy beach about to get a suntan on a hot, bright summer afternoon. Now, let your imagination go and assume two things: 1. There is such a thing as getting a "perfect tan" - not too much and not too little sun. 2. There is an adjustable diaphragm between you and the sun over which you have complete control.

Stop and think for a moment of the many ways you can reach your "perfect tan." If you open the diaphragm wide and let the sun's rays pour in on you, you'll obtain your "perfect tan" quickly. Just the opposite, if you close down the diaphragm to a small opening so the sun is just trickling in on you, it will take much longer to reach the "perfect

tan." A middle opening will result in a time to get your tan somewhere between the quick tan and the slow tan.

The important thing to remember is that the end result is the same in each example: a "perfect tan." It just takes a longer time through a small opening and a shorter time through a large opening.

If you should lie in the sun too long or let the sun in through too large an opening in the diaphragm, what happens? You get overexposed! Conversely, too little time in the sun or too small a diaphragm results in underexposure.

Further, with a given opening and a given time, some people get their "perfect tan" faster or slower than you. What this means is that they have more or less sensitive skin than you do. You might even say that people have different ASA skin ratings!

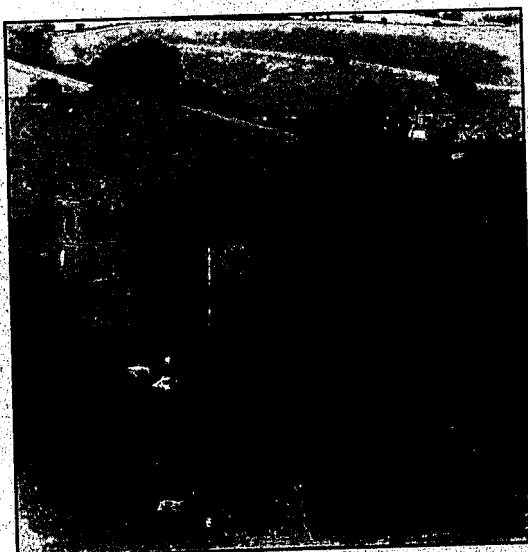
Now let's shift gears slightly and come back to reality. What I've actually been discussing isn't getting a suntan through an imaginary diaphragm, but giving film (your skin) proper exposure (perfect tan) through your camera's lens opening, and realizing that there are many shutter speed/aperture combinations to accomplish this.

And those films that reach correct exposure more quickly than others at a given lens opening and shutter speed simply have a higher ASA. That is, they respond faster to a given amount of light just as someone's skin might.

More on exposure in the next column.

Gazing at grazing:

Monte Nagler gave his photograph of these grazing horses in Naunton, England, the "perfect tan" or, in other words, proper exposure.



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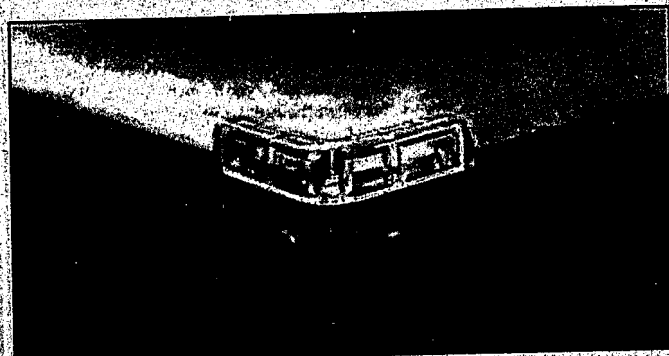
Danger is often a part of exploring surroundings.

But when the explorer is a baby or young child, the territory takes on extra dangers — even if that environment is the baby's home.

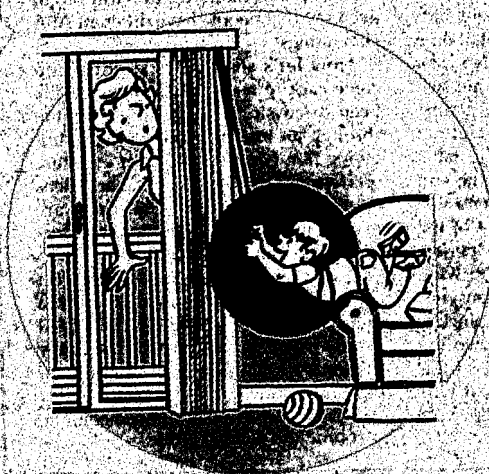
Look around every room in your residence from the level of a curious baby or toddler and you'll see lots of interesting, fascinating items to touch or climb on. As a concerned adult you know some of them can hurt. But you can make rooms safer for a baby to explore.

Objects are available to "childproof" rooms. Some are sold in kits. The items include drawer and cabinet locks, door knob covers, cord shorteners, corner cushions, soft spout and knob covers for the bathtub, and plug locks for power tools. For electrical outlets there are plugs and a variety of covers, including a style that swivels shut when the socket isn't in use.

Window cord loops can be especially hazardous, as they



On the edge: A corner cushion helps protect a toddler from a sharp edge on a table.



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le infants and toddlers. Many window treatments child-safe as well as fashionable. For example, wands lower shades and tilt blinds, cord tensioners keep the and automated systems eliminate operating cords. r. er looped products can still be found in homes. ts need to know that looped cords on older window d shades represent a potential strangulation hazard to ildren and need to be fixed," said Peter Rush, execu- tor of the Window Covering Safety Council.

ng cribs and furniture away from windows - and then checking for and child- proofing any looped window cord - are basic keys to child safety."

In most cases, the looped cord can be cut and tassels placed at the end of each cord, or breakaway tassels can be installed to keep any- thing from getting lodged between the cords. A tie-down device can pull cords tightly to the floor, wall or window jamb.

Concern about child safety was one of the reasons Paul Scaglione of Farmington Hills developed Knife Safe®, a 9-by-10-7/8-inch rack for storing such sharp items as knives, scissors and ice picks. Just 11/16-inch wide, it can fit inside a cupboard door out of a young- ster's sight as well as out of his or her reach.

The rack, which sells for \$4.99 at Meijer stores, is made of the FDA-approved plastic and can be mounted on any hard surface.

"When we built our house ... we moved in with a very active 3- year-old and a baby



and we were concerned about the safety of knives," said Bea Scaglione, Paul's wife.

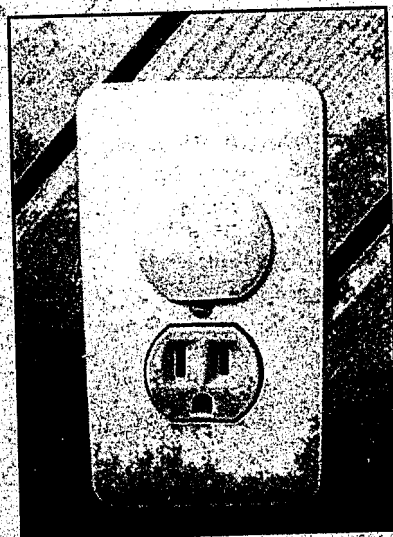
Paul put a notched wooden strip across a cupboard door and hung the knives there. The idea worked like a charm. About 28 years later, the Scagliones decided to market the product.

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at home: Window cord (at left) can be made hazardous for young chil- by cutting the loop and g tassels at the end of cord, or tying down the lightly. A door knob (e) can be covered.



garden spot

Tollgate Center growing strong



MARTY FIGLEY

The master gardener program, sponsored by state agricultural colleges, provides a wonderful way to learn many aspects of gardening and allows participants a way to share their knowledge with their community.

Our master gardener programs are sponsored by Michigan State University. MSU Tollgate Center in Novi is an educational conference center at the corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile. Let me give you some background on Tollgate that Greg Patchan, Oakland County Extension agent, shared with me:

"In 1987 60 acres of the 160-acre Adolph Meyer farm were donated to MSU by the Americana Foundation with the intention that the facilities be used for education.

"Original farm buildings were renovated into conference facilities. MSU master gardener volunteers have been enhancing the farmhouse area with herbaceous plantings and smaller scale demonstration gardens.

"Recently a rose collection was planted near the farmhouse, and a high-density apple production demonstration orchard was planted. The farm pond has been restored for aquatic and wetland education. However, much of the site remains open farmland and provides ideal opportunity for horticultural plantings that could be used for educational programs.

"Three areas were targeted for horticultural development: a reception area surrounding a parking facility, a woodland trail connecting the open farm area to native forest, and a five-acre rolling site ideal for a landscape arboretum."

A volunteer horticulture development committee composed of Kathy Miller of Miller Landscape, Eileen Stahl of Ebscape Consulting and garden designer Linda Schorr has completed the design for the first area.

"The demonstration garden surrounding the 250-by-120-foot reception area will provide a wide variety of plant material in a site-enhancing, landscape focal point," Patchan said.

"Not only will the design be useful for studying the concepts of landscape design and its challenges, but the plant

material will be immensely helpful for educational programs on identification, cultural practices and integrated pest management.

"Firms are being sought to install a portion of the garden... Donors will be recognized in printed materials and with on-site signs.

"The Woodland Tree Trail, about 200 yards in length, is now available for the planting of larger tree and shrub species.

"As development progresses, a wide variety of horticulture products and services will be needed. For example, (we need) plant material, mulch, pavers, sod, turfgrass seed, use of landscape construction equipment, landscape and construction labor, and financial donations. All donations would be tax-deductible as donations to MSU.

"Also, this development program has been endorsed by Global ReLeaf of Michigan, Master Gardeners of Southeastern Michigan, Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, Michigan Forestry and Parks Association, Michigan Horticultural Society, Michigan Nursery Landscape Association, and Michigan State University Extension."

If a firm or private donor wishes to help in any way with this worthwhile project, contact Patchan at (248) 858-0887, fax (248) 858-1477, or e-mail patchan@msue.msu.edu.

Plans call for a Memorial Tree Planting Area at Tollgate under the auspices of Global ReLeaf. Patchan also said that he is working with the Elm Institute to grow elm seedlings at a site on the property, which will be a valuable educational experience for those involved.

Master gardener classes are open to all. For information in your county call the following: Oakland, (248) 858-0887; Wayne, (313) 494-3148; Macomb, (810) 469-6440.

Seminar

A seminar on backyard fruit tree pruning, pest management and renovating old fruit trees will take place 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Tollgate. The seminar is open to and intended for the public. The speaker is Bob Tritten, MSU district extension horticulture/marketing agent.

The cost of \$25 includes the reference book "The Backyard Orchardist" (retail value \$14.95). Register by Wednesday, March 11. Make check payable to County of Oakland and mail to: MSU Extension.

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Schedule of Events: MARCH 1 - MARCH 7:

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Sunday, March 1 - 3:00 p.m. (North)
Presented by Black Forest Building Company

All About Perennial Gardening

Monday, March 2 - 1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by English Gardens

Add Spice To Your Life With Herbs

Tuesday, March 3 - 1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Cooking With Jim Barnett and Williams-Sonoma

Wednesday, March 4 - 1:00 p.m. (North)
Presented by Unique Restaurant Corporation

Wine Tour Of Australia*

Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by Australia 2000 Travel and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

First Aid For House Plants

Thursday, March 5 - 1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by Plantera Tropical Greenhouse

Cabaret Night With Randy Scott

Thursday, March 5 - 7:00 p.m. (North)
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Puppy love: Pick pet with care



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

You told your children they were too young to take care of a family pet. They began to show signs of responsibility. You bought a goldfish. The fish grew and grew. He became the fish with nine lives.

You promised your children they could get a puppy when they reached a certain age. Now they have arrived.

The new debate around your household isn't about the age of puppy responsibility. It is about what breed of puppy you will get.

Will your family adopt a dog from the Humane Society, hunt through the newspaper, visit a pet shop or select a breed and contact a reputable breeder?

Will your puppy have short or long hair? Do you prefer a pet that doesn't shed? How does a particular breed suit your family's home and lifestyle? Who will train the puppy? There are so many questions to be answered before your family makes a long-term commitment to another member of the family.

Make sure your family is ready to commit to a puppy before making a permanent decision that could be both unfair to your pet and your children if your family isn't ready to properly care for and love the puppy.

Do your future pet a favor by helping your family do some research into different breeds. Your perception of the perfect family companion may not be the book's definition. A dog bred for hunting is probably not the ideal lap dog. Dogs that look good but demand a

great deal of attention may be invitations to household destruction for families with children in school all day and parents who work away from home.

Book research won't give your family all the answers to choosing the right family dog. Often, you may not know what you want or what the right fit is until you see it or spend time with it.

If your family has narrowed down the list of pet possibilities, begin making telephone calls to recommended breeders to request a visit to see their dogs. Your local kennel clubs are good sources for breeder referrals.

The advantages to buying a puppy from a breeder include knowing about the puppy's heritage, its anticipated size at adulthood and its temperament. Visit the breeders and spend some time getting acquainted with their dogs. Are they comfortable with your children? What kind of exercise do they require? What are their grooming needs?

Allergies sometimes pose a problem in selecting a new puppy if any member of your family has a reaction to dog dander. Consider the intensity of the allergy. If the person with the allergy can withstand a dog with less dander than others, and a dog that sheds very little, there are several breeds suitable for your family. The soft-coated wheaten terrier, poodle and miniature schnauzer are a few choices.

If your family has done its research and is ready to accept the tremendous responsibility of welcoming another member into your family, you will know you have found the right puppy when you see it.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox, 1903; or e-mail LiHealy@aol.com

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sion-Oakland County, Attention: Fruit tree seminar, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac 48341.

The seminar is limited to 50 students. Lunch isn't included; you may bring a bag lunch. Call (248) 858-0887 for a registration form.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS

■ Clean and organize your garden tools to have them ready and handy for the coming months.

■ Prune grapes this month, also fruit trees — just shape the young ones. Wait until just before peaches flower before pruning.

■ Take advantage of all the seminars

being offered throughout the area.

■ Inspect your gardens and as the weather warms begin to pull aside some of the mulch to allow sun to warm the soil.

■ It's possible you may find chickweed blooming now, but pull it up before it multiplies.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Don't wait: Lamb it up this month



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

March 1st didn't come in like a lion this year; it came in like a lamb, and, messed up the old adage — for me, it works!

Last month's heat wave pushed spring to the limit, and put me in the mood for LAMB!

Regardless of the weather, for days I have craved Chef Rudy's (Sheik Restaurant in Orchard Lake), deliciously marinated and grilled lamb chops, a fashionable Greek Gyros sandwich, a Lamb Shawarma Salad, Sliced Roasted Leg of Lamb, a Lamb Ghallaba Sandwich, or a simple Lamb Kabob.

Herbs, flavors and sides that go with lamb:

■ Fresh mint/dried mint/varieties of mint (orange mint, apple mint, spearmint, etc.)

■ Fresh rosemary/dried rosemary
■ Fresh oregano/dried oregano
■ Fresh thyme/dried thyme
■ Fresh garlic, elephant garlic
■ Curry
■ Roasted shallots, onions and chives
■ Olive oil
■ Fresh tomato/tomato sauce
■ Thick yogurt (laban), with or without yogurt, garlic and thinly sliced cucumbers)

■ Mint or olive pesto
■ Dried fruits (apricots, currants, cranberries, cherries, dates, etc.)
■ Mint jelly, jam or curd
■ Couscous, orzo or quinoa
■ Roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes/sweet potato

■ Traditional rice — flavored or plain
■ White beans
■ Leafy spring greens
■ Green beans
■ Artichokes
■ Eggplant

BONELESS LEG OF LAMB STUFFED WITH FRESH SPINACH AND HERBED CHEVRE CHEESE

Yield: 8-10 servings

Ingredients:

1 pound fresh baby spinach, washed well, stems discarded, and leaves chopped coarse

6-8 large garlic cloves, peeled and sliced thin

4 tablespoons olive oil

3/4 cup Chevre Cheese, plain or herbed and crumbled or cut into bits (make sure it's cold)

8-pound leg of lamb (approximately 4-1/2 to 5 pounds boneless), boned, butterflied and well-trimmed

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 teaspoon dried mint

1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary

3 medium-sized onions, sliced

1 cup dry red wine (good quality)

1 1/2 cups beef broth (homemade or

prepared)

1/2 cup water

1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water (if thicker consistency is desired)

Additional materials: Kitchen twine

Directions:

In a heavy saucepan steam the baby spinach, just until wilted; drain the spinach and squeeze it dry.

In a medium-sized skillet, saute the garlic in 2 tablespoons of the oil over moderate heat. When it is golden, transfer the garlic to a bowl. To the same skillet, add the wilted spinach, saute briefly and then transfer it to the garlic bowl. Once the spinach cools, add the Chevre cheese and mix all ingredients together.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

Pat the lamb dry with boned side up, season with salt and pepper. On a flat surface, evenly spread out the spinach/cheese mixture over the lamb, leaving a 1-inch border

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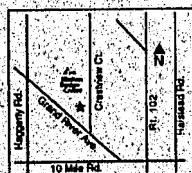
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around the edges. Roll it up like a jelly roll, and tie it tightly with kitchen twine.

Transfer the tied lamb roast to a roasting pan and rub it all over with the remaining oil, the mint, 1 teaspoon of the rosemary, then salt and pepper to taste.

Roast the lamb in the middle of the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Place the onion around the roast and continue to cook for 1 to 1-1/4 hours more (20 minutes of cooking time for each pound of boneless meat), or until a meat thermometer reaches 140 degrees F. for medium-rare. Transfer the lamb roast to a cutting board and let it rest for 20 minutes.

While the lamb is resting, skim off the fat from the pan drippings, and set the roasting pan over the stove. Add the wine, deglaze the pan over medium-high heat, scraping any brown bits. Boil the mixture until it is reduced by half.

Then add the broth, the remaining rosemary, the water, and any of the meat juices that have accumulated on the cutting board, then again boil the mixture until it is reduced to about 2 cups. If a thicker consistency is desired, stir the cornstarch mixture and add it to the wine mixture. Whisk to mix all ingredients and let thicken.

Adjust seasonings. Discard the twine from the lamb - slice and serve with your favorite sides.

at home calendar

■ Classes for beginning quilters, or those wanting to brush up on their quilting skills or learn new skills, will begin Thursday, March 5, at the Orion Art Center, 115 Anderson in Lake Orion. Call (248) 391-0360.

■ Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers classes on landscape design (9 a.m. to noon for four Saturdays, beginning March 7) and basic perennial gardening (7-10 p.m. for four Thursdays, beginning March 12). You must register in person. Fee for each class is \$61. Call (313) 462-4448. Instructor for both classes is Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., a full-service landscape company and perennial farm.

■ A Belleek artisan will sign purchases of the Irish Parian china - including the event-only piece, the "Thomond Tower" vase (\$30) - 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the china department at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the china department at Hudson's at Westland Center, Warren and Wayne roads.

■ A home design seminar on area rugs will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the furniture department at Hudson's at Northland in Southfield.

■ Charles Kroell, who has been growing and hybridizing lilies for more

than 30 years, will speak on "Lilies 101 - Plus New Kids on the Block" at the Troy Garden Club meeting noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Call Barb at (248) 879-1393 for information.

■ English Gardens will conduct a free seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road. The topic is "The Basics of Perennial Gardening" by Susan Greener. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Internationally renowned interior decorator Nina Campbell will speak at a brunch 11 a.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Cost is \$50 per ticket; reservations are limited. Call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, Ext. 423.

■ The Roses-West Rose Society will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, west of I-96 and Novi Road. The topic is "Rose Photography" with Dick Schmidt of English Gardens. The meeting will feature handouts and a social hour; guests are welcome. Call (810) 347-0400.

■ The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais. The public may attend.

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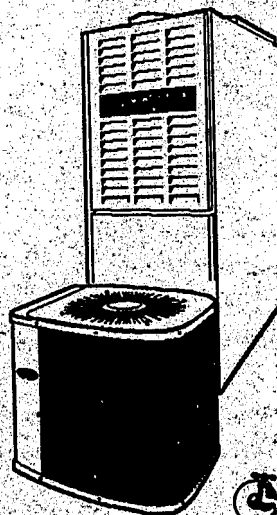
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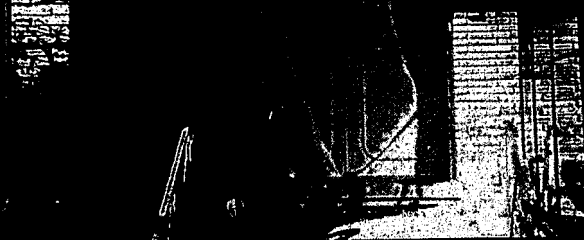
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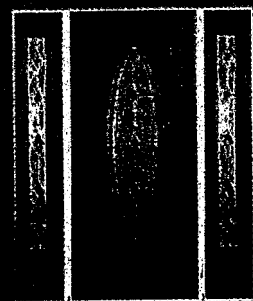
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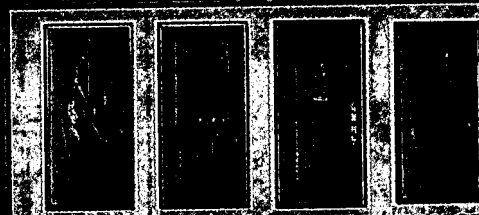
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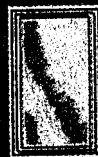
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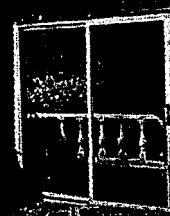
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Black Lab (pictured) and Headswim open for Our Lady Peace at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

SATURDAY



Metro Theater Company brings their "Stuff" to Youtheatre, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

SUNDAY



Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn will be appearing at the Concerts in the Garden series, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, call (248) 424-9041 to charge tickets, or (248) 424-9022 for information.



Hot Tix: Lots of breeds will be dog tired after competing in the 80th Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center, One Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens available at the door, or Ticketmaster. Family ticket also available. Call (248) 352-7469 for information.



Aiding program: Matt Watroba, an English teacher and advisor of the PCEP Perspective student newspaper at Plymouth Canton High School, will perform Friday, March 20, at the school's Little Theatre. The show benefits Plymouth Canton's journalism program. Watroba, also the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us" program, plays a free show Friday, March 13, at Borders in Birmingham.

Musician returns to source of inspiration for CONCERT

Matt Watroba remembers the day vividly.

He was sitting in a classroom at Plymouth Canton High School in the mid-1970s when his English teacher played a Tom Paxton album to demonstrate satirical songs.

"Something about it really spoke to me. It was fun to listen to," Watroba said.

The folk legend proved inspirational to Watroba.

"It really wasn't long after that that I went to The Ark to perform. Ironically, I was kind of influenced in the very same room where I teach now," Watroba said.

The 1978 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School returned to the school in 1990 to teach English. In 1993, he became the advisor of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools' newspaper, the PCEP Perspective.

Watroba has returned to his roots to pay his respects to those who inspired him. On Friday, March 20, his performance in the high school's Little Theatre will benefit the high schools' journalism program.

His debut CD, released in late 1997, honors the room that launched his folk-singing career. "Live at the Ark" is a collection of some of his favorite songs including "Miss the Mississippi" by

Who: Matt Watroba

What: Performs

When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 20

Where: The Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Why: It's a benefit for the journalism program at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.

How: Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call Watroba at (734) 416-2922.

He also has two free Borders shows:

■ 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 737-3980.

■ 7-30-9-30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for more information.

For information about Watroba's upcoming shows, write to him at P.O. Box 629, Hartland, Mich., 48353 or MattW41469@aol.com. He can also be reached at (810) 750-3420.

Writing for me takes a lot of time. I'm so busy that it doesn't leave a lot of time for me to write. Even if I started writing like crazy, I don't know if I'd record them."

"Plus, there's so many great songs. I'm happy to pass along those songs as well."

Besides teaching and performing, Watroba also hosts the radio show "Folks Like Us" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays on radio station WDET (101.9 FM).

In planning the recording of his album, Watroba didn't set his sights on the Ann Arbor venue.

"I thought, 'This is it.' I'm going to go into the studio and record 12 to 14 of my favorite songs. Then it occurred to me, these songs were born and raised for me to sing live in front of an audience."

"It's a good decision I think. The audience on the CD is part of the band. These songs did come alive that night."

Ark patrons act as background singers on "My Sweet Wyoming Home" by Bill Staines whom Watroba considers "one of our country's best songwriters."

Besides the audience, the local folk singer Jan Krist joins Watroba on "The Bramble and the Rose," by Barbara Keith, and

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Jimmy Rodgers, "Handful of Songs" by Jerry Rasmussen, and "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" and "Peace Will Come," both by Tom Paxton.

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Big band swings OU students

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Swing is on the upswing. From New York and Los Angeles dance clubs to college campuses, young people are listening to the music that reached its peak when their grandparents were young.

"The reason is you always have to return to melody," said trombonist Ron Kishuk. "In big band music you have questions and answers in the music; it's music that makes sense from beginning to the end and that winds up appealing to people. As baby boomers get older, they lean toward that music

and when young people get tired of the rhythms they start to listen to it, too."

Kishuk will lead the Oakland University Jazz Ensemble March 7 in a selection of theme songs from the Big Band era, followed by an Alumni Ensemble performing the big band charts of Thad Jones and Dizzy Gillespie under the direction of former OU jazz studies director Marvin "Doc" Holladay.

Kishuk teaches music at OU and Wayne State University. He has played with some of the biggest names in jazz including Gillespie, Freddy Hubbard and Mel Lewis.

Kishuk became involved in jazz in the late 1970s while a music student at Wayne State.

"I'm interested in more than other music. It wasn't just reading notes off a page," he said. "It was more fun, more challenging and harder to play than classical music."

Kishuk said that to play jazz you not only have to have command over your instrument but you have to be able to compose on your feet, handle

music theory while you play. He said he admires jazz trombonists like J.J. Johnson and Carl Fontana and trumpeters like Freddy Hubbard.

"I like any hard playing, aggressive players on the edge," Kishuk said.

The March 7 performance is part of the university's Celebrate the Century arts festival.

"We're going back to the '40s. We'll do the big band theme songs such as Glenn Miller's 'Moonlight Serenade,' Duke Ellington's 'Caravan,' Charlie

What: Oakland University Jazz Ensemble under Ron Kishuk performs theme songs from the big band era; Alumni Ensemble under Marvin "Doc" Holladay performs big band charts of Thad Jones and Dizzy Gillespie.

Where: Verner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

Tickets: \$12 for general seating, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6 for students. For reservations, call (248) 370-3013.

Tickets are available one hour before performance in the Verner Recital Hall Box Office.

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THEATER

'Dreamgirls' actor plays dreamy uncle in Birmingham

BY JULIE YOLLES
SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Goddard's about to lead a more plush vagabond existence. A product of an Air Force family, Goddard's used to moving around - having already lived in nine places in his 30 years - not counting the 18 cities that he'll have set up temporary residence in within an eight-month period this year. Three days ago, he packed up his clothes, laptop and favorite body pillow in Cleveland and boarded the bus with the cast and crew of "Dreamgirls" and headed to Detroit for a three-week run of the Tony Award-winning musical at the Detroit Opera House.

But this time, Goddard won't be stay-

ing in a downtown hotel like his other castmates. Instead, he's campin' out at his big sister Julie Brettschneider's house in Birmingham, along with her husband, Brad, and their two daughters, Blair, 9, and Lane, 6-1/2.

In between e-mailing messages to Goddard, including Blair's and Lane's Girl Scout cookie order form, Julie Brettschneider's been busily coordinating ticket sales for "Dreamgirls" with her friends - she's planning on seeing the show at least three times. One of Goddard's and Brettschneider's sisters will also be flying in from Tucson to catch the show. She'll be staying with the Brettschneiders, too.

Goddard's Detroit agenda is getting

Dreamgirls

What: Tony Award-winning musical based on the rise of Motown's Supremes.

Where: Detroit Opera House, downtown Detroit.

When: Through Sunday, March 22, 8 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, matinee, 2 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday,

Tickets: \$24-\$49. On sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

pretty full. Brettschneider's got him lined up to speak at Quanton Elementary, Blair's and Lane's school. And, of course, there's delivering the 81 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies that Uncle Michael

sold by proxy to the ensemble, on behalf of his nieces. In between extra rehearsals to tweak and polish the show for an expected spring of '98 Broadway opening, Goddard has places to go and

things to buy, starting with lunch at Pronto's in Royal Oak, Greektown, the Ren Cen, shopping at Somerset and a cast dinner at the Brettschneiders.

Plus, a visit to the Motown Museum for sure. "A logical choice, indeed, since 'Dreamgirls' takes the audience on a musical behind-the-scenes journey of three young African American singers - The Dreamettes - in 1967 at the famed Apollo Theatre and follows their glitzy rise to stardom over a 10-year period, ultimately blossoming into The Dreams.

Though many are quick to point out that "Dreamgirls" is really the story of Diana Ross and the Supremes, "Dreamgirls" composer Henry Krieger has said

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Ridgedale Players presented a spirited 'Brigadoon'

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of Lerner and Loewe's "Brigadoon" is spirited. Co-directed by Barbara Anne Gowans, Dan and Annette See and Susan Borin, the cast of 12, the female and male chorus and the tech staff manage to make this nostalgic musical stay afloat.

Kevin Branshaw shines as Harry Beaton, the unhappy lover of Jean MacLaren, Beaton, the son of a weaver who "canna" go to Edinburgh to make something of himself, who cannot leave the town of Brigadoon and who has nothing to live for is a square pet. Branshaw conveys a Hardysque sense of unearned

misfortune, of claustrophobia, especially in the forest scene where he is hunted by the well-intentioned menfolk and carelessly killed.

Megan Hughes is very fine as Fiona MacLaren, the girl who induces Tommy Albright to move from New York to Brigadoon. Hughes has great sweetness and she conveys it when singing "The Heather On the Hill," and "Almost Like Being in Love."

Bob Hagle as Tommy, the fickle lover from the Big Apple who learns to be true in Scotland, is decent, restless, earnest and believable. Tommy walks away from a good job, a girlfriend who's let him call off their wedding umpteen times and his best friend. Tommy is definitely not a

man for the nineties. Hagle does a good job with the moving lyric, "There But for You Go I."

Carl Jones as Jeff Douglas, the fashionably drunk best friend who carelessly kills Beaton and gets to leave his bottle in a Scottish forest, does a fine job. Jones handles his wisecracks well.

Rebecca Hyke as the sought-after Jean MacLaren is a graceful dancer. Daryl Ziegelman as Charlie Dalrymple, the lad who gets her (and Edinburgh), brings lots of zest to his role. Roger Nowland as Andrew MacLaren, father of the two lassies, has a great accent and a commanding manner of speech that seems true to 1722, the year "Brigadoon" takes place.

Tania Velinsky is lusty and

funny as the dairy seller who is half Gypsy, half Scot and 100 percent man-crazy. Michael Jerris looks the part of Mr. Lundie, the schoolteacher who explains the mystery of Brigadoon. Cheryl Adams does a solemn, graceful turn as Maggie, the sole mourner at Harry's funeral. Frank Gerace is a totally believable bartender. Jules DeWard does a great cameo as Jane.

Costumes by Doris Harmon and crew are good. The kilts are wonderful. The bagpipes before the wedding scene are the best thing about the production. The sword dance is effective, and sorting out the Scottish clan names is fun. The energy exhibited by the large numbers of people involved is awesome.



Musical: Bob Hagle, (left to right), John Farley (of Plymouth), and Megan Hughes in a scene from "Brigadoon."

Funny man producer meets star animator

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Some weeks this is easier than others. Writing in this space has been one of my favorite outlets since we started Backstage Pass over a year ago now at Detroit Public Television. It gives me a chance to talk to all the great segment hosts he have contributing in the various artistic disciplines. They're all top-notch professionals with real-world experience in their fields of expertise. They hail from respected places like WDET, Wayne State, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the like.

Then there's this week. This week, I'm talking with Jimmy Rhoades.

Jimmy's a tough interview. He's ostensibly one of the show's producers. Ask him what that means and he gives vague answers like, "I sometimes roll around in a big pile of press

releases while my voice mail fills up. Then he laughs maniacally.

Jimmy's also an on-air contributor. "Why?" you ask. "What is his area of expertise?" Well, for 8-1/2 years Jimmy worked the road as a standup comedian (this is a self-reported description on his part). So when we have subject matter that we think might lend itself to a comedic touch, we send Jimmy to: a) incise and enhance said comedic offering, b) wring the comedy right out of the thing, leaving a sad, lifeless mess in its place, or c) it's a coin toss between a) and b).

Last week, he filled in for me on the air while I was out of town, and now he's contributing a report from the field. Is he behind the camera? In front of the camera? Apparently, he can't decide, caught in a Jekyll-and-Hyde-like duality that threatens to prevent him from even being a wholly actualized human being, or even from catching up on his filing.

So when we heard that Gallery Animato in Birmingham was bringing in cartoonist Paul Carlson for its exhibition of UPA Stu-

dio animation cels, we put Jimmy on the case. "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a cartoonist," Jimmy said, "and Paul Carlson is an example of why I should have done it. He's the nicest guy in the world, generous with his talent, and has absolutely loved his career."

And what a career he's had. Jimmy ran down his history. "Mr. Carlson wanted to be a cartoonist, so when he was 19 he moved to California hoping to get a job at Walt Disney Productions as an animator. They told him he had to have two years of college - he had none - so they turned him away. He told them, 'Call me if you have any openings.' Two months later he started out in the mail room. That was a great start because he delivered mail to everybody, Walt included. He expressed his interest in cartooning to some of the old animators and they took him under their wings."

"His credits at Disney include 'Sleeping Beauty,' '101 Dalmatians,' 'Lad and the Tramp' and 18 'How to Draw' books of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy,

Pluto, Chip and Dale and Jiminy Cricket. He rose so high through the ranks that he was one of the few people who was cleared to sign Walt Disney's name to drawings."

"Mr. Carlson went up to UPA Pictures, who produced cartoons like Gay Purree, Dick Tracy and, of course, Mr. Magoo. He did a lot of work on Magoo, working in all phases of production, including the voice sessions with Jim Backus. He was the voice of Magoo and later played Thurston Howell III on 'Gilligan's Island.' Paul says that Backus was Magoo, that 50 percent of his lines were improvised."

"These animators never knew that these production cels would become collectibles. He says they threw most of the work away! He drew some characters for us, signed and dated them. He just loves to bring a smile to people's faces."

That's all on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Avon's female 'Odd Couple' brings laughs

There is nothing odd or trivial about Mary Whiting's performance in the Avon Players' newest production, the feminized version of the 30-year-old classic "The Odd Couple." It's another of playwright Neil Simon's rewrites, this one a very light, amusing synopsis of divorce, American, Spanish and feminine style, obviously not biographical for the playwright.

As the dumped-by-her-husband Florence Unger, Mary Whiting has a bright appealing delivery as a neurotic, compulsive neatnik blond more interested in cleanliness and gourmet cooking than people's feelings. Florence's husband has kicked her out for obvious reasons. She lands at slovenly Olive's ill-

kempt apartment during the women's weekly Trivial Pursuit Game.

It is an odd assortment of women: Mickey, appropriately and mannishly portrayed by Kendra Knight; Mary Bogrette Pagnani and Pamela Shaw Heath are particularly coarse as Renee and Sylvia; and Nan Frederick manages to be believably dumb in the difficult role as Vera. Together these married women feed on Olive's green sandwiches and warm pop. (The "frig" is broken.)

In a moment of loneliness, the recently divorced Olive, played by Kimberly Cruchon, takes in the tearful, suicidal Florence. Immediately, the problems begin when Florence proceeds to clean

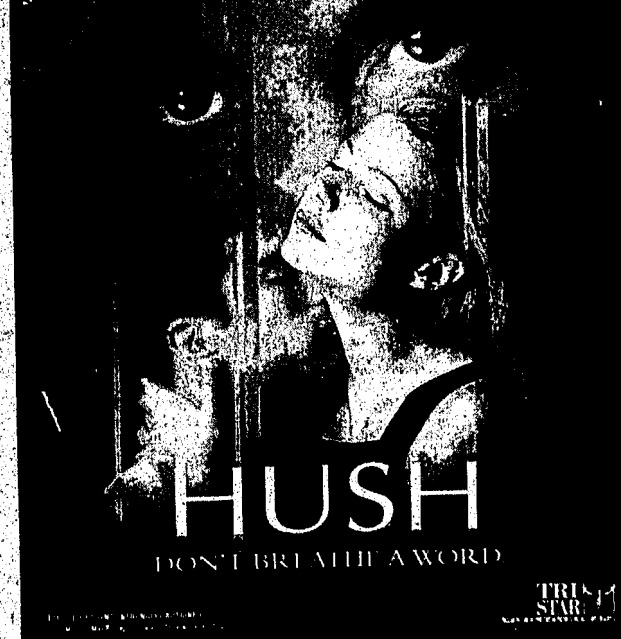
up Olive's trashy mess doing things like sorting the mixed nuts and sterilizing the cards. Olive doesn't appreciate Florence's "Martha Stewart" type domicile interests and the friendship develops into another "divorce" situation. As in other Simon plays, there is excessive arguing, taxing for an audience when overplayed. Whiting manages, though, to thoroughly irritate the sloppy Olive but succeeds in making the audience laugh at the predicament.

It Whiting is successful, it is due to the foil created by Kimberly Cruchon as Olive. She is rough around the edges, has particularly unpleasant mouth movements and walks like a jock who is hot to trot. One of the

best scenes in the show is when she invites the Spanish neighbors over for an unsavory dinner party. Chuck Thompson and Lonnie Luzod are extremely funny as the Spanish-speaking Manolo and Jesus Costazuela. These Gazpacho Brothers lookalikes are Florence's first date since her separation and the conversation between these misfits is hilarious. Florence doesn't understand their colloquialisms, "the ship comes home when the sailor is lost."

Nobody's ship comes in during this story, but the surprises never cease. The ultimate one is who Florence ends up with last - or next to last - or next to next to last.

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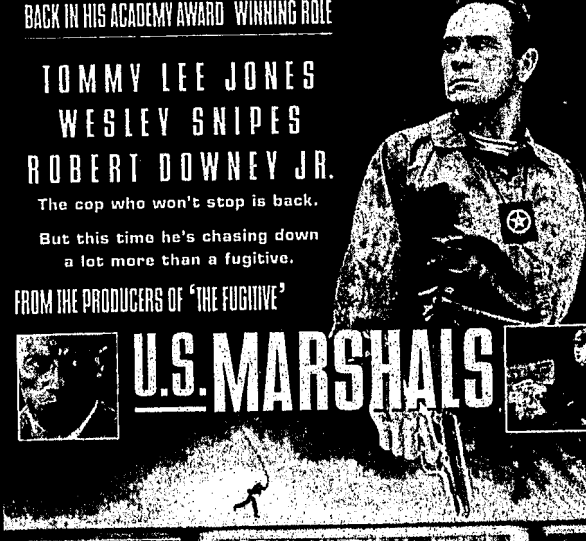
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Glen Morningstar calls to music by Aunt Lu and the Oakland County All-Stars, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 769-1052

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE
Susan English calls to music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

"SPRING FLING" DINNER/DANCE
6:30 p.m. dinner of meatballs, rosemary chicken, mostaccioli marinara, pasta alfredo, potatoes viviano, almond green beans, coffee, tea and chef's choice dessert, followed by 7:30 p.m. dancing Tuesday, March 10, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$16.50. (313) 278-1019

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk Nolan, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7; Jeff Slims ("Simbo the Magic Dude Man") and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge: (248) 628-6500

"COMEDY JAM"
8 p.m. Friday, March 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$18-\$40. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE
Comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and music by "The Acoustic Terminator" Ernie Douglas, 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Randy Lubas, J.R. Remick and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 5 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Gilbert Gottfried, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$17.50, \$29.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$4); at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SOUPY SALES
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes the show, and a seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. (248) 349-0522

SECOND CITY
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"
Formerly known as "Pubs and Clubs" provides adventures in dining and opens the doors to some of metro Detroit's landmarks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society members, \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, March 10-15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. Preview events Monday, March 9, include lectures by the owner of the collection, three preview teas at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and two champagne receptions at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$50 for the tea, \$125 for champagne reception. (248) 645-3361 or http://www.cranbrook.edu / (248) 645-6666

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit: a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the

Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation, \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE
"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

"MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY"
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7, "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit.

Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY
With Blanks 77, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS
With 3 Speed, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL

BIZER BROTHERS
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

BLACK FUZZ
9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

SANFORD BLAZE
9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; (blues) (248) 644-4800/(734) 421-2250

BLUE EYED SOUL
6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road (one block east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. \$6. All ages. (rock) (734) 513-8536

BLUE OYSTER CULT
7 p.m. Thursday, March 12; Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

BLUES LIFE
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 5-Saturday, March 7, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

JONATHAN BROOKE
With Kari Lyle and Uma, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18.50 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

THE BUSINESS
With Droptick Murphys and Skraps, 6

p.m. Friday, March 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$11 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

CATCH 22
10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-0500

CHAIN REACTION
9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

CIRCUS MCQUIRUS
With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5-19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

JAMES COTTON QUARTET
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DANNY COX
7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-3344/(248) 544-1141

CROCODILE
9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

DENIM SKY
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Scalci's Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 438-0029

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4.19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

GLEN EDDIE BAND
9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

8 OHM APPLE
With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7.18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030

"ELVIS - THE CONCERT"
Featuring Elvis's original tour cast with musical director/conductor Joe Guercio and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$25 and \$17.50. All ages. (Elvis) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

FACTORY 81
8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

"FAMOUS COACHMAN INDOOR BLUES FESTIVAL"
With Bugs, Beddow Band and various other blues artists, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Millenium Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (248) 552-7000

FAT AMY
With Blue-Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin, Detroit. \$5.18 and older. (alternative rock/rock) (313) 567-4955

5 TON CREEK
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. \$2.21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-2250

FORGE
With Fuel 357 and World of Hurt, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$5.18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

FUNKTELLIGENCE
With Sugarbuzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-0500

JULIE GENEVIS
7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages. (pop) (810) 726-8555

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL
9 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-4300/(248) 280-2902/(248) 543-6911

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3.21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

GOV'T. MULE
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

THE HATCHETMEN
9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

IMMATURE
With Smooth and K.P. and Envy, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26. All ages. (R&B) (248) 433-1515

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-1141

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 11-12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (9248) 360-7450

ROBERT JONES
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL

JUSTIN SANE
With Blindsided, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

Mesquite Creek offers taste of Southwest

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please.

Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Laramie of Plymouth, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

"Brian was my next door neighbor in Union Lake," said Mike Ross, kitchen manager. "We grew up together. He was the best man at my wedding."

After graduating from college, Brian and Mike moved to Texas and ended up working in the restaurant business.

"Brian's dream was to open a restaurant in Michigan," said Ross. "He worked in many different restaurants in Houston."

The dream became reality five years ago when Brian and his father opened Mesquite Creek in Clarkston, which has been enormously successful.

Mark Laramie owned 60 Little Caesar's franchises and left his job as corporate group vice president to become a co-owner of Mesquite Creek.

"We're trying to create a nice warm, comfortable feeling," said Laramie at the new Canton restaurant, formerly the Misty Duck. "We changed the decor inside," said Laramie. "We warmed it up and made it more comfortable, airy and light."

The floor is ceramic, trimmed in wood. Original Southwest prints hang on the walls. There are 16 high back booths at the Canton restaurant, perfect for unwinding, and enjoying dinner.

"We're hometown guys running the show," said Laramie. "Mike's a great guy, and he's real good in the kitchen."

Besides steaks and prime rib, Mesquite Creek "sells a ton of seafood and chicken," said Laramie. "Everything we make comes off the mesquite charcoal grill. It puts magnificent flavor into everything."

They serve Certified Angus Beef, and the fish and chicken are purchased fresh daily, never frozen.

"We start with high level

ingredients and keep it simple," explained Laramie. "Prime rib is

Mesquite Creek

Where: Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef.

Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Carry-out: Yes.
Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner.

Children's menu: Available.
Seating capacity: 150 with bar in Canton; 250 Clarkston.

Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays. The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location.

Banquet room: At Clarkston location, seats 50-70 people.



At your service: Kristy Young (left to right), Mike Ross and Steve Palmiere present some of Mesquite Creek's specialty items in the bar area of the newly opened restaurant in Canton.

sandwiches and salads on the lunch menu," said Laramie. "Fresh seafood is available all day long."

Specialty items include Shrimp Tetonka - six large shrimp marinated in hot spices and garlic and grilled over mesquite is available as an appetizer with bleu cheese dressing or as entree Mesquite Shrimp.

Shrimp Brochette - extra jumbo shrimp stuffed with a sliver of jalapeno and monterey jack cheese, wrapped in thin bacon and mesquite grilled is another favorite.

"People are just crazy for Chicken Durango - chicken breast topped with sautéed mushrooms, tomatoes, bacon, chives, and melted monterey jack cheese served with honey-dijon dipping sauce," said Laramie.

Southwest menu items include quesadillas, nachos, and fajitas. For dinner you can tailor your

entree to your appetite. Sirloin is available in 8-ounce and 12-ounce sizes. Order prime rib in 8-ounce, 12-ounce or 16-ounce portions. Filet Mignon, New York City Strip, and Porterhouse de Pueblo are also available in different sizes.

Entrees are served with your choice of baked potato, Texas Fries or Creek Vegetables, and dinner salad. Caesar and Greek salads are other flavorful choices. There are also pork chops, lamb chops, veal chops and baby back ribs on the menu.

If you're craving surf 'n' turf, you'll be happy to know that you can add six mesquite shrimp, three pepper shrimp, three brochette shrimp or a lobster tail to any entree for an additional charge.

Grilled fish is another option at Mesquite Creek, choose from Mahi mahi, salmon, yellowfin

tuna or swordfish.

Parents with finicky eaters will appreciate the children's menu, which includes grilled cheese, hamburger, shrimp on a steak, pork chop with apples and Mesquite chicken.

Save room for "Happy Endings" - Pecan Ball, Haagen-Daz ice cream rolled in toasted pecans and topped with Sander's Hot Fudge and real whipped cream, sopapillas, a Mexican pastry, and empanada - your choice of cinnamon apples or fresh sliced bananas and pecans wrapped in pastry and gently fried, served with vanilla ice cream, are among the choices.

"Our biggest claim to fame is that we serve the best quality, and large quantities," said Ross. "We love to see people leave with carry-out boxes. If people get more than what they expect, we expect they will come back."

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited.

■ **Marvin's Bistro** - 15600 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday. Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Carryout: Available. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday.

■ **Il Posto**, 29110 Franklin Road (at Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 827-8070. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. lunch Monday-Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday. Menu: Impeccably served, ambitious, authentic Italian dishes from many regions of Italy. Cost: Hot and cold antipasti average \$11; homemade pasta \$17-22; main dishes \$19-25. Reservations: recommended. Credit cards: all majors accepted.

If you discovered Il Posto (translated "the place") on a trip to Italy, you'd be talking about it for months! Save the plane fare and head to Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield for an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples.

■ **Beans & Cornbread**, 29508 Northwestern Highway (east side between 12 Mile Road & Inkster in the Sunset Strip), Southfield, (248) 208-1680. Hours: Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday until 11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m. Menu: In a totally non-smoking environment, Soul Food is taken into the next century as Southern-style cuisine, prepared with epicurean flair. Cost: At lunch, soups, starters and sandwiches \$3-7; entrees \$6-7. Dinner starters, soups and salads \$3-10; sides \$2-4; main plates served with chef's choice of accompaniments \$8-15. Reservations: recommended at dinner. Credit cards: all majors accepted.

Gulf shrimp, fritters, down home, soul, collard greens, black-eyed peas, catfish, hoppin' John, mama's and country are eye catching menu clues. Beans and Cornbread in Southfield is a way cool happening, struttin' soulful Southern!

Zagat Survey serves up diners' views of best restaurants

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Tired of a critic downgrading a restaurant you like? Or conversely, heaping praise on one you dislike? Would the best rating come from surveying "real diners," folks like you, who love to eat out?

In the late 1970s, that's what Nina and Tim Zagat (rhymes with the cat) and a group of their New York City friends thought. By 1979, the Zagats created a new standard for the restaurant and travel guide business with introduction of their first Zagat Restaurant Survey.

The first survey polled 100 friends, colleagues and business clients. It was a photocopied list of 75 New York City restaurants with brief comments about each, on a single legal-size sheet of paper.

Between 1979 and 1983, the first formal publishing year for the Zagat Survey, the surveyor base mounted to 600, rating 300 New York restaurants. Their food passion and restaurant crit-

ics hobby was costing the Zagats every spare moment of time and nearly \$12,000 annually. It was time, for now 55-year-old Nina and her 57-year-old husband Tim, both Yale Law School graduates, to give up law practices and become publishing entrepreneurs!

TIME magazine praised the Zagat Survey as "gastronomical democracy in action." And it is just that.

Today, a literal army of foodies, who volunteer to review restaurants in 40 cities, have created the restaurant guides known as Zagat Surveys. The 1998 edition billed as "America's Top Restaurants" \$12.95 can be found in all major area bookstores and at Williams-Sonoma locations in Troy, Ann Arbor, Livonia and Novi.

Under the chapter titled Detroit, 23 restaurants were rated by 1,200 volunteer surveyors. Not all are Detroit. Both the Rowe Inn and Tapawingo in Ellsworth are deservedly included. Beating the area top 10 list are The Lark and The Golden

Mushroom.

Zagat surveyors rate each restaurant on food, decor and service using a 0-30 scale. Scores of 20-25 are considered very good to excellent with 26-30 viewed as extraordinary to perfection. Cost reflects the estimated price of one dinner with one drink and tip. Lunch at the same eatery is usually 25 percent less. Cost ratings are Inexpensive, \$15 and under; Moderate, \$16 to \$30; Expensive \$31 to \$50; and Very Expensive \$51 or more.

Surveyors comments are summarized by a paid local editor in

each of the 40 cities. Literal comments are shown in quotation marks. Symbols indicate whether responses were mixed or uniform.

A stand-alone salute to fine dining is Zagat Survey 1997 Update Michigan Restaurants, Focusing on Detroit and Environs. This \$9.95 pocket-size book gives a more complete look at Michigan. While it sports last year, it is current, except for restaurants that opened in 1997. A Michigan Update is not on the drawing board until late 1998 or early 1999. Zagat invites you to be a reviewer in their city

Restaurant Surveys or in their nationwide Hotel Survey. To get contacted for the next Survey, send a business-size self-addressed stamped envelope to ZAGAT SURVEY, 4 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019 indicating the Survey in which you would like to participate, e.g. Detroit or Hotel. Each participant surveyor will receive a free copy of the resulting Survey when it's published.

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