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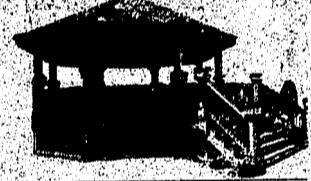
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In America, the history of women in journalism dates back to the 1700s when people like Mary Katherine Goddard and Anne Royall ran family printing and newspaper businesses throughout New England. By the late 1800s, more women were going on to college, and this move toward higher education awakened a need for what was then termed "women's news." Women writers were hired by newspapers to fill that need. By the turn of the century, the suffrage movement gave female reporters the chance to cover political issues under the guise of "women's news." These women found that covering politics in a man's world was not easy, especially since many of them worked without office space, salaries or access to the social clubs and back rooms where men conducted business. In response, women began their own professional associations, such as the Women's National Press Club, which was founded in 1919 in Washington, DC. This organization eventually merged with the National Press Club, but not until 1971 when it finally admitted women.

Even in Washington, though, women did have a few allies. During the Depression, when women journalists were losing their jobs to men, Eleanor Roosevelt instituted a weekly women-only press conference to force news organizations to employ at least one woman. Today, we have those pioneers to thank!

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



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Pepsi wins high school contract



Pepsi has tentatively won an exclusive three-year contract to provide pop at the new Clarkston High School, but two school board members voted against the proposal because it doesn't meet all the district's new in-school advertising guidelines.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Though some debate fizzed over it, Clarkston's school board voted 5-2 Monday to tentatively approve a three-year contract with the Pepsi-Cola Co. to exclusively sell and advertise soft drinks at Clarkston's new high school.

As part of that agreement, school officials said Pepsi will supply all of the

facility's vending machines. And because the cola king will be allowed to advertise its name or logo on that equipment, it will "donate" six fountain-type soda pop dispensers to the Clarkston High School cafeteria. The six machines would typically cost the district \$40,000 each.

Additionally, Pepsi will pay the district \$21,000 at the start of the three-year term for sole beverage rights at

the school site. And the marketing mammoth will provide CHS with three annual \$1,000 scholarships.

However, most of the trustees indicated they wouldn't consent to a legally-binding agreement until some changes occurred in the final contract.

Among those adjustments, board members agreed they wanted the district to determine the number, location and operational times of vending machines at CHS. They also said the district expected to set pricing on its soft drinks and devise the criteria for its Pepsi scholarships.

Still, treasurer Kurt Shanks and vice-president Mary Ellen McLean

voted against the proposal.

The treasurer said Pepsi's deal failed to comply with five of the district's 13 advertising guidelines. According to those parameters, the board members said commercial advertisements must:

■ represent no more than 10 percent of the available space on equipment or material.

■ consist of no more than the name of the product (service) and/or the name of the sponsoring organization.

■ not allow any one company to dominate or control the district to the exclusion of other vendors.

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Stuart heads up new state group

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

As Independence Township's supervisor since 1992, Dale Stuart knows well the pressure and stresses endured by township supervisors across the state.

Hoping to share his knowledge about the job and learn from the experience of other supervisors, Stuart not only helped form the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors but also will serve as the organization's president.

"I think that one of the main things that supervisors need is a forum where they can meet and talk with other supervisors," said Stuart, who was elected to lead the association at the same time organizers — supervisors from 70 townships and 29 counties — drafted by-laws for the group.

"My hope is that the organization will allow for that kind of exchange," Stuart said. "But this organization is writing on a clean slate and can be whatever the township supervisors want it to be."

Michigan has 1,242 townships. The group's executive committee plans to meet this month and a general meeting is expected to take place in April or May.

While an existing organization, the Michigan Township Association, provides some information and support for supervisors, Stuart believes the newly formed association he is heading up will be able to better address the particular needs of township supervisors.

The Michigan Association of Township Supervisors will be "more narrowly focused and meet the needs of the supervisor's job," Stuart explained, citing a few of the challenges facing today's township supervisors, which ranged from developing better interpersonal skills to accounting to working with federal and state officials.

Other local government officials, such as clerks and treasurers, have their own associations.

"In many cases, the local government is in no better position to negotiate or deal with the federal government than the average local citizen. We get ignored just as easily," Stuart said.

By providing regular meeting opportunities, supervisors can talk about

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Good to the last drop: Tiffany Lawson sips on a water bottle while listening during class at Pine Knob Elementary School in Clarkston.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Making a splash

Drinking H2O helps kids soak up lessons

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

If you want your child to soak up more learning in school, send her to class with a water bottle and an antibacterial soap dispenser.

Sound sort of, well, sappy?

It's not, say elementary health teachers from the Clarkston School District. In a recent interview with district health specialists Al Craven, Nancy Cohen, Bill Gunther and Kim Wolfe, the teachers all agreed that kids concentrate better when they drink lots of water during the day. And they miss fewer days of school from illness when they regularly apply the new, germ-killing lotions to their hands.

Gunther elaborated on the relationship between water intake and learning. "Recent brain research indicates that when kids drink water, it resets their attention span," he said.

Not only that, Craven added, drinking more H2O in school promotes a healthy pattern at an early age. "In our nutrition unit, we're teaching kids about the importance of water, that it's essential for life — that 2/3 of the body is made up of it," he said.

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Squeaky clean: Health teacher Al Craven (above) shows Mike Cerniglia how to operate a soap dispenser while Jacqueline Hanning (right) attempts to figure it out on her own.



Boy's essay on 'Mighty Mac' takes 1st place in state

BY JULIANNE SWEENEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Chris Allen, a seventh-grader at Clarkston Middle School, has been named first-place winner in an essay contest celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge.

Chris wrote his essay as an assignment for Bill Rathburg's language arts class. But he and several of his classmates went one step further and entered their essays in the contest sponsored by the Mackinac Bridge Authority and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Chris never thought he'd win the first prize \$500 savings bond.

"I was just curious to see what the people thought of it so I decided to send it in," Chris said. "Then I came home from school one day and there was this

big brown envelope on the table... I opened it up and noticed 'First Place'... that was really exciting."

Chris' first trip to the Mackinac Bridge was with his fourth-grade class at Springfield Plains Elementary. He has since been back to the "Mighty Mac" with his parents, Elizabeth and John Allen, and sister Emily, 7. "I did some research on it and the more I read the more interested I became," he said, adding, "It's really been fun for me."

Chris' essay was one of 1,880 entries submitted from across Michigan. The contest was held to promote awareness of the world's longest suspension bridge, the five-mile stretch linking Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas.

Following is Chris' essay.

The MIGHTY MACKINAC BRIDGE — 40th Anniversary

By Chris Allen

The Mackinac Bridge is Michigan's crowning glory. The "Mighty Mac," as it was nicknamed when it was completed in 1957, brings unity and prosperity to the state of Michigan. It connects the beautiful, rustic splendor of the Upper Peninsula with the industrial,

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Chris Allen

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Dave Stuart

such experiences and work together to solve them.

And because some supervisors are more well-informed about particular community issues, the organization will likely function as a resource for information, Stuart added.

While road improvement, community growth and cellular towers are subjects about which most supervisors are well-informed, township annexation is an example of a less well-known issue that supervisors could learn about through the organization.

Stuart cited time management as one of the most difficult aspects of the job and a key concern for many township supervisors. "How do you say no without insulting anybody?" he asked, explaining that many supervisors find managing their schedules and the plethora of responsibilities difficult.

Other elements of the organization under consideration are an educational program for supervisors and a mentorship program for new supervisors.

Central Michigan University, which currently offers an educational series for city managers, is considering offering a four-year continuing education program for township supervisors to help them develop management skills.

"There are a lot of people who come into the (supervisor) job that have no idea what they're getting into," Stuart said. "While the job of government has never been easy at any time, I think the sophistication of the job for many township supervisors has increased."

Another likely element of the association is a system of subcommittees that would allow members to meet regularly and study pertinent issues, including legislative initiatives that affect supervisors' jobs.

While the Michigan Township Association keeps an eye on legislation that affects the township body, a supervisor's association could study and keep members informed about legislative efforts that specifically affect their job, Stuart said.

While it hasn't been determined whether the group will lobby to affect such legislation, it certainly is going to be a forum for supervisors to talk about legislation that affects them, Stuart said.

"There's a synergy that comes from people sharing ideas," he said. "I don't think there's a township supervisor in the state that I couldn't learn something from."

Duggan's Irish Pub plans big bash for 1st St. Patrick's Day

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ham that usually attracts a large crowd in and around its building on Woodward Avenue on St. Patrick's Day, Grannis said.

"By 7 a.m. at the one on Woodward, they're lined up around the building," she said.

Radio station 105.1 FM, "The Edge," is scheduled to broadcast from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and numerous beer companies are expected to be on hand giving away promotional items, Grannis said.

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20 percent of muscle is made of it and 80 percent of blood is made of it," the health specialist remarked. "It just does a whole lot of great things for your body. It keeps your body cool. It helps keep your body tissues from sticking together. It carries food and waste materials in our blood. All of us should be drinking more water."

Currently, Wolfe said water bottles seem to be most prevalent in classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary. However, Gunther commented that other elementary classrooms in the district have also picked up on the usage.

Some of those same classrooms also contain desks that display pump dispensers of antibacterial gels — soaps that are applied on the hands like lotion, dry within seconds and don't need to be rinsed off with water.

The health teachers say the new pump sanitizers have recently started to spring up on supermarket, drug and specialty store shelves and they're a hit with elementary students. But more importantly, they help keep kids in school.

"Again, research shows that washing your hands is the single best thing you can do to avoid getting the flu and other infections," Craven said. "A new report claims that kids who wash their hands four or more

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times a day will miss 24 percent fewer school days (during the year) from colds and flu, and 50 percent fewer days from stomach illnesses than kids who don't wash as often. So, in many ways, these (pump sanitizers) have been a godsend in that kids can sit at their desks and clean their hands."

Craven pointed out that in Debbie Luczyn's fourth-grade classroom at Pine Knob, almost all of the students now sport a sanitizer bottle on their desks. Those same children also carry water bottles to school every day.

For lower elementary-age children — who put their fingers in each other's ears and noses, and who can create a flood using the classroom sink, Cohen said the antibacterial dispensers make even more sense.

But is there a way to assess if soap dispensers and water bottles really benefit students?

Craven said perhaps in the

future. "Though we (the health specialists) haven't really discussed that yet, I was thinking that if all of our elementary students had water bottles and germicides on their desks — maybe as part of a personal health program — we could actually assess it," the health teacher mused. "For example, we could compare how many students missed school this year, compared to say, next year, if that was the year the personal program was implemented. But that's just me rambling at this point."

Cohen said she has heard bubbling reviews about the antibacterial dispensers from some teachers at Bailey Lake Elementary. "They've been saying that they like it more because, with one sink in the classroom, it takes the kids so long to wash their hands before lunch and after recess," Cohen said.

"They've said that if each teacher has six (dispensers), or if each child has one, it's just such a quicker process."

Wolfe said she believes the consumer base for water bottles and quick-drying soap pumps will continue to grow. "It's a huge market in the last couple of years," she said. "They're already selling these things (sanitizers) in different scents at specialty stores. And, of course, water bottles are everywhere."



The Clarkston Clinic is moving to the office of Dr. Anthony Aenle at 6815 Dixie Highway (across from the Clarkston Cinema).

The newly expanded office is open 12 hours a day (7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Physicians on staff are board certified.

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Township eyes upgrades for city-owned Deer Lake Beach

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Improvements at Deer Lake Beach may be in the cards, but not for some time.

The reason: Clarkston's city council may proffer a 10-year lease of the property to Independence Township, making long-term improvements at the site feasible. Previously, the city leased the beach to Independence one year at a time.

Possible improvements include permanent bathrooms, running water and boat ramp, according to Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin.

However, these projects are only being considered at this time and would be a long time in coming, and only if Clarkston agrees to extend the lease, Conklin said.

"We're talking about some pretty costly projects," she said. "We need to address the area. Whether or not they're going to happen, I don't know."

Independence Township has leased the beach property from Clarkston for swimming classes,

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boating and other recreational programs for many years. Typically, the leases have been one-year contracts.

The arrangement is mutually beneficial because Clarkston cannot afford to maintain the property, and city residents still have access to the area.

Currently, the township is waiting for Clarkston's approval of the 10-year lease. Beach improvements, however, would also require locating funds and incorporating the project into the township's master plan, Conklin said.

Residents definitely will not see the start of any proposed improvements this year since the township doesn't expect to finish its master plan until December, she said. Planning and implementing improvements at the beach could theoretically take 10 years, Conklin added.

"It's so far down the line that I think it's premature to talk about it," Conklin added. "This is very ahead of the game."

Although any major or permanent improvements the township might wish to make would be discussed with Clarkston council members, the city would not have any veto power over changes.

While council member David Savage did express concerns about losing control of the property during the council's March 10 meeting, most members said they believed the township would allow input and that township homeowners near the beach would likely fight any proposed project that negatively affected aesthetics.

"I think that there are enough external checks and balances that we don't have to get personally involved," said council member Karen Sanderson.

"And I think (we) will be allowed some input," Mayor Sharon Catallo said.

Besides, additional say about the beach's development might prompt financial participation, Catallo said.

"I think that if you want that much input, then you have to pay," she said.

Barricaded gunman arrested after 8-hour police standoff

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from their bedroom into their family room. The woman then phoned police and when she went to the door to let an officer in, that officer, who was standing near the woman, could see the woman's husband through a bay window, coming from a bedroom with a deer rifle pointed at the woman. The officer helped the woman out to safety and police reinforcements were called in.

There were no injuries nor were any shots fired during the standoff that began at 2:48 a.m. Saturday and ended around 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Members of the response team's negotiation team com-

municated by phone with the man and eventually convinced him to leave his house unarmed, Miller said.

"They set up a line with the phone system in the house. We had a negotiation team that handled this very professionally. He did not come out with his gun," Miller said.

The man is scheduled to appear before Judge Gerald McNally in 5/2 District Court for a preliminary exam at 10:30 a.m. March 19. He was arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court before Magistrate Joanne Faycurry, who set a \$15,000 cash surety bond.

The man stood mute at his arraignment. His name is not being published to protect the identity of the victim.

OBITUARY

Alice Irene Gates

Alice Irene Gates of Sterling Heights, formerly of Clarkston, died March 9, 1998, at age 57.

Mrs. Gates was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church and worked for Morse Cutting Tool in Madison Heights.

She is survived by her children, Terry of Flint and Kevin (Robin) of Clarkston; one grand-

daughter; mother, Leona Lampe of Berkley; brothers, Robert Lampe of Birmingham and Thomas Lampe of Livonia; sisters, Mary Ann Ryan of Livonia and Jeanette (Peter) Burrell of California.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Clarkston. Visitation at the funeral home will be 3-5

and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Rite of committal will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2950 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield MI 48076.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to Independence Township and Clarkston police March 5-9 and Springfield police March 2-9.

Springfield Police

Heroin Possession

On Feb. 5, officers stopped a vehicle driving erratically on northbound I-75 near Dixie Highway. The 49-year-old Au Gres man who was driving the vehicle was found to be in possession of heroine and drug paraphernalia. He was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac for blood to be drawn and for a medical evaluation. He was then lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

Thefts

On March 4, a flag pole was reported stolen from a site on East Holly Road.

Vandalism

On March 2, a vehicle parked on Big Lake Road was reported to have been vandalized.

Independence Police

Thefts

On March 7, a 1995 Pontiac Gran Prix SE was reported stolen from the parking lot of Mr. B's Road House on Dixie Highway.

Vandalism

On March 6, a rock was reported thrown through a door at a residence on Deerhill.

On March 8, a residential window was reported damaged when unknown persons threw food items at a home on Fawn Valley.

Marijuana possession

On March 5, a 16-year-old Clarkston High School youth was suspended from school after he was found to be in possession of marijuana. The youth was discovered smoking a cigarette by school authorities on school grounds before he admitted having marijuana at school. He was released to his parents, suspended from school and a juvenile petition was entered at the Probate Court for him for possession of marijuana and possession of cigarettes.

On March 7, four teens fled a home on Mann Road after a homeowner reported finding them using marijuana at her residence.

Underage drinking

On March 6, appearance tickets were issued to two teenage drinkers who were found to have open intoxicants in their vehicle and who were found to have been drinking in their vehicle while on Maybelle Road near Sashabaw Road. They were turned over to their parents.

Break-ins

On March 5, jewelry and cash were reported stolen from a residence on Wagoner.

On March 5, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Allen Road.

Drunk Driving

On March 5, an appearance ticket was issued against a 47-year-old Waterford man after he was found to be operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor on Dixie Highway. He registered a 0.20 on a Breathalyzer test.

On March 6, an appearance ticket was issued against a driver who was found to be operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor while driving on Dixie Highway. He registered a 0.15 on a Breathalyzer test.

Independence Fire

The following 10 incidents were reported to Independence Township firefighters March 5-9. They included three personal-injury accidents, four medical runs and one automatic alarm. Among them were:

On March 5, firefighters assisted a 39-year-old woman who was experiencing a possible allergic reaction at a residence on Waldon Woods.

Clarkston Police

On March 5, officers responded to a report that a car phone had been stolen from a vehicle parked behind a business on Washington Street.

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OCC seeks more money from state government

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

They couldn't be in Lansing because they had new jobs. But two Oakland Community College students let a state Senate panel know how an advanced technology program changed their lives, their fortunes and the state's tax picture.

"A gift from Heaven," one mother called the 18-week intensive training course at OCC's Pontiac Center.

Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, promptly announced he will try to boost the Engler administration's proposal that community colleges be kept at \$271 million next year — a zero increase. "We're gonna get static from the front office," said Gast, who wants to boost community colleges by 3.5 percent.

The students' letters were read by OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson.

'A living wage'

"Before I got into the ATP, I was working part time for only \$6.35 an hour," wrote Kaye Burhill, the 23-year-old mother of an 18-month-old girl.

"Most of the time I was not qualifying for assistance. Because I was making too much money, I wasn't receiving child support and was often borrowing money from my mom and dad.

"But now I am earning a living wage and am able to take care of both of us ... The advanced tech program ... for me means independence, skilled training, job placement, success!"

With clothes, day care and car help, she was able to "attend school full time, work part time and spend time with my daughter. Without this program, I would probably still be on state

aid and dreading going to work in the morning. But now," she concluded, "I look forward to going to work every day."

Melissa Edwards, a mother of three now working at EDS in Troy, said her son now sees her going to work instead of receiving food stamps in the mail.

At EDS, she wrote, "My team and I were responsible for the recovery of millions of dollars of misplaced equipment ... We implemented the installation of the Novell Client on over 4,500 desk tops in southeast Michigan."

"I am member of the monitoring team for the Global Microsoft Exchange Project. My position is very critical," said Edwards, who is certified in administering MS Window NT 4.0, the first step toward becoming a Microsoft certified systems engineer. She intends to complete college through EDS's tuition assistance program.

Thompson said ATP started in 1995 as a pilot welfare-to-work program, the first of its kind in the state. It is funded by state and corporate grants.

The second ATP class, 13 students, graduated Feb. 9. Students spent 16 weeks in preparation, training and internships. Tuition cost was \$3,700 per student.

Spearheaded by Rep. Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, ATP was developed by the college, Greater Pontiac Consortium, the bus agency SMART, Pontiac Urban League and two state departments — Family Independence and the Jobs Commission.

Corporate sponsors were Kelly Services (which placed them in jobs), Fanuc Robotics and Deco Technologies.

OAKLAND DIGEST

voters to put the recall question on the ballot.

TROY

Group plans to raise money: Art enthusiasts have helped create the independent Troy Arts Council Friends, which stands ready to raise money and help facilitate a public Troy civic center arts venue at the Troy Civic Center. The Troy Arts Forum will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the Troy Public Library.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Board plans land purchase: West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission board chairman said the commission is proceeding to make an offer to buy one parcel of property, while talks continue on three separate pieces. Property locations have not been disclosed.

— Compiled by staff reporter Sara Callender

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Charities want donations when people die

BY SARA CALLENDER

STAFF WRITER

In Michigan, although 81.5 percent of residents give annually to non-profit organizations, only 2.8 percent leave bequests.

"Imagine the amount of money charities would receive if this number was at least doubled," said Yvonne Blackmond, a Lathrup Village resident and director of Development and Community Relations at Starr Commonwealth in Detroit.

"The likely reason southeast Michigan lags behind in planned giving is because the people don't know how to go about doing it. People genuinely care (about giving) during their lifetime but they forget at death."

In order to promote planned giving, the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan in partnership with the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan are sponsoring the Leave A Legacy program, with headquarters in Southfield.

During the month of March, more than 200 volunteers from non-profit organizations, financial and estate planning firms, accounting and law firms will conduct an intensive educational campaign throughout the region to encourage people at all income levels to remember a charity in their wills.

Giving to local charities through wills and estate planning benefits both the charity and the donor, said Southfield attorney Jim Schuster.

"The donors can feel good about supporting something that means a lot to them," Schuster said. "It's a good way to help an organization that helped you. Even donors, who don't have a lot of money, are able to feel great just knowing that they were able to help. It's a very personal process because the donor decides where the gift goes — it can be a park, church, synagogue, library, college — the list is endless."

Tax deductions are also available for donors and their heirs. All outright bequests are subject to unlimited federal charitable deductions from a decedent's gross estate, and annual contributions to the donor's chosen bequest are tax-deductible during the donor's lifetime.

Sarah Smith Redmond, financial planner from Allmerica Financial in Southfield, said donations can be given in cash, securities, life insurance, certificates of deposit or real estate.

"I don't think people realize that there are a lot of options when giving a planned gift," Redmond said. "But once you realize that everyone involved will benefit, it really makes the whole process worth it."

The Leave A Legacy Foundation offers these suggestions for giving a planned gift to a charity:

■ Think about the charities that interest you and why. Maybe you or someone you know



Blackmond



Schuster



Redmond

has been helped by a particular organization. Maybe you're an active volunteer or believer in the mission. You might want to leave a gift in memory of a loved one or for a specific use.

■ If you need more help, or you need to know more about a particular organization, do some investigating before leaving a gift. Call the non-profit group of your choice. They can help you better understand what they do and which opportunities are available for giving.

■ Contact your professional advisor for help. Your advisor can make sure you are getting

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Appeals judges uphold court merger

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A state Court of Appeals panel has upheld a law merging Detroit Recorder's Court with Wayne County Circuit Court.

The law took effect last Oct. 1. The 29 incumbent recorder's judges, who heard only criminal cases, became circuit judges. They now hear civil and family cases as well as criminal cases.

The 29 judges may fill out the terms of the Detroit court to which they were elected, but then must run countywide to keep their posts, the state law says.

"We find that the manner in which the Legislature provided for the election to fill the newly created Wayne Circuit Court judgeships was within the discretion recognized by the Supreme Court," said appellate Judges Hilda Gage, Maureen Puite Reilly and Kathleen Jansen.

"Plaintiffs have not, under the circumstances, established that the Legislature has exceeded its constitutional authority," they added.

Loser was Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn, who in 1961-62 was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention that designed the court system. Ruling against him was a former Oakland Circuit Court colleague, Gage.

The appellate panel found Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury

different from the public ...

"Judge Kuhn, as an Oakland County resident, is neither a Wayne County resident, a voter registered in Wayne County, nor a potential candidate for one of those 29 newly created judgeships.

"Furthermore, his status as an Oakland County Circuit Court judge does not grant him standing because this statute does not dilute the power or integrity of his position."

The appellate panel even bawled out Kuhn and friends for filing his case so late in the game. "Plaintiffs waited for almost one year after the statute was passed to allege that it was unconstitutional. They filed their complaint three months before the effective date of the merger, after much of the work necessary to effect the merger had been accomplished.

"Even after the circuit court (Judge Robert Colombo Jr.) issued its opinion and order, plaintiffs waited two weeks to file an emergency motion for leave to appeal, which was filed only 12 days before the merger took place."

For more than 140 years, Detroit was the only city in Michigan to have its own criminal court. In the other 82 counties, criminal cases were decided by countywide circuit court judges and juries.

Gov. John Engler, fighting the growing number of courts and costs, threatened in 1993 to veto all new judgeships until the Legislature worked out better ways to deploy resources. Merging Recorder's and Wayne

Circuit courts was one of several legislative responses.

Kuhn and two other plaintiffs hired attorney Lawrence Bunting to challenge the law on two grounds:

First, they objected that the Legislature transferred judges of the limited jurisdiction Recorder's Court to the general jurisdiction Wayne Circuit Court.

Second, they said the 29 new circuit judges should be elected by voters rather than transferred from the lower court.

The Court of Appeals, however, looked into "Convention Comment" from the 1961-2 convention and found the Legislature may abolish statutory courts (such as recorder's) to transfer their duties elsewhere.

Kuhn has filed a similar suit in U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan.

But at one point, the Court of Appeals gave Kuhn reason to hope the state Supreme Court might find in his favor. It cited a 1974 opinion which upheld grandfathering in Berkley municipal judges as state district judges.

"Were we to decide Schwartz (the Berkley decision) today, we would not be so willing to grant the Legislature the same degree of discretion" in filling new judgeships. "Nonetheless, we are bound by the precedential effect of this Supreme Court opinion and obligated to follow it holding" in deciding Kuhn's suit.

Source: CA case 206199, Kuhn v. Secretary of State.

MADD receives \$2,000 grant from Kmart Foundation

MADD Oakland County announced today that it has been named recipient of a \$2,000 grant from The Kmart Family Foundation.

The Kmart Family Foundation was formed in August 1996 to educate, prevent and fight

against drug abuse by youth nationwide. The foundation contributes thousands of dollars each year to establish programs fighting this battle.

The funds will be used to conduct two upcoming MADD Oakland County programs — the

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Pepsi

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provide an item that is beneficial to the district, instead of one that is a means for the sponsor to sell a product or service," Shanks said. "It equally benefits all students (in savings and contributions)."

Shanks cited the first two guidelines, saying the pop contract did not limit the size and structure of vending machine advertising.

Typically, such machines carry very eye-catching advertising, container renderings and pictures showing action scenes," Shanks told the board. "I was at Walled Lake (High School) over the weekend and they seemed to have a Coke contract ... All of their vending machines were very colorful — it was more than just a Coca-Cola logo ... Perhaps

it was nothing more than the logo, (I could agree). At my place of work, for example, the Coke machine is just a large Coke symbol, rather than, 'Drink Coke,' or 'Just Do It,' or whatever."

Clarkston superintendent Al Roberts told Shanks that while he understood his concerns, "we can't meet the 10 percent rule." Roberts assured the trustee that school officials were not "looking to pepper the high school with vending machines." But the superintendent said the district would not be able to do business with any commercial partner — and reap the accompanying financial rewards — if it stipulated that company monikers cover no more than 10 percent of each pop can and vending machine.

Shanks proceeded on to another argument against the proposal — vendor control. "This (contract) does call for exclusive beverage rights," he said. "Even if it's limited to the high school, that represents ... I'm willing to bet you — more than 50 percent of the district's soft drink sales. And to me, that constitutes domination within the district."

The treasurer also said that Pepsi products served no benefit to the district. "I think that any proposal that calls for exclusive beverage rights isn't working in the best intent of the educational system," he said. "It has ulterior motives — and that's to maximize its exposure to the exclusion of other competition."

And besides that, Shanks said the sugary product causes cavities and promotes poor nutritional habits.

Moreover, he commented that only athletic students would be served by the company's "kick-back" items — coolers, squeeze bottles and sports powder.

"I can't support this proposal because I don't believe it meets the criteria and I don't even have a (final) contract before me to even be able to tell," Shanks said. "We're working on some verbal promises here."

Roberts said he had no problem with excluding squeeze bottles from the final agreement.

But he pointed out that trying to eliminate vendor profit from proposals would be unrealistic.

Like Roberts, trustee Janet Thomas said she was willing to accept the cola proposal with

some modifications. "We can pretend that our students aren't going to drink the pop and we can put juice in all of them (vending machines), but I think you'll find that sales will come out a lot different," Thomas said.

"Frankly, I'm not concerned about the profit — as long as we're not being gouged, as long as it's fair, as long as it's part of the contract."

Also favoring the agreement, Secretary Sheila Hughes said she viewed the pop proposal — and its advertising — like any other vendor deal. "I look at choosing this vendor as we choose a vendor for the milk and the bread and the ice cream bars that we have," Hughes said. "They all have a specific name on them."

Shanks, however, reiterated that the board was not following its own advertising criteria. "I think we're making a big mistake," he said.

Roberts disagreed. "I want to point out that those are administrative guidelines that we tried to put together — that met what we heard from the board as being major concerns," the superintendent said. "We don't

necessarily have to meet each one of them. We did the best we could within the proposal."

Thomas suggested that the guidelines be reviewed to determine if they could even be accomplished.

For Shanks, that was the problem. "That's exactly why I was trying to push a philosophical discussion on these in greater depth than what we ended up doing, prior to the \$21,000 being plopped on the table in front of us," the treasurer said.

McLean, who also gave thumbs down to the contract, sided with Shanks about the importance of establishing solid advertising limits — and sticking to them.

"With all due respect, Kurt's right," McLean said. "We should have talked about this the last time when this was brought up. Now it's an action item and we have to work toward a resolution on this (because the equipment has to be ordered). I'm not going to be strong-armed into voting for this proposal because we have some reservations about these vending machines — not only the advertising issue, but the health issue."

Mighty Mac

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In 1997, the 40th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge, one cannot help but think about Michigan's history. What would the Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, the French explorers searching for a new route to the Orient, and the British settlers say if

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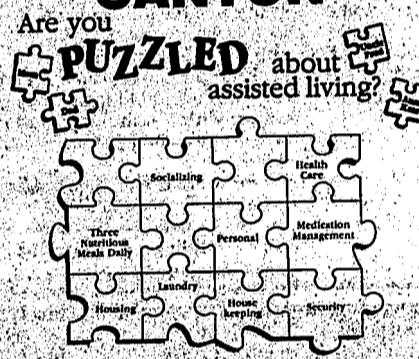
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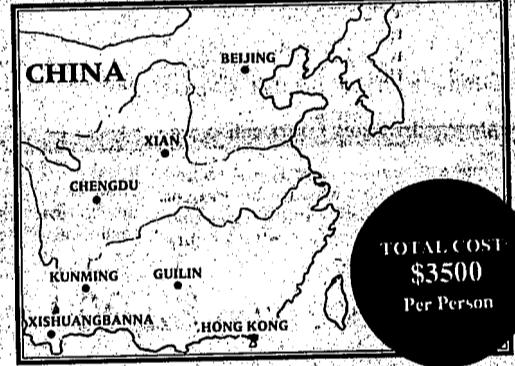
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6 Oakland County lakes have zebra mussels

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It's up to boaters to halt the spread of zebra mussels into inland lakes.

Last year seven inland lakes in Oakland County and one in Livingston were infested with zebra mussels, according to Michigan Sea Grant.

The area lakes are among 19 new names on the 1997 list of lakes found to be contaminated by the mussels, which have spread through the Great Lakes.

New to the list are Lakeville, Meceday, Pine, Union, Upper Straits and White lakes in Oakland County and Strawberry in Livingston County.

Boaters pick up clinging veligers (larvae) from infested waters, said Sea Grant manager Mike Klepinger.

"It was originally a European freshwater resident," Klepinger said. "It crossed the Atlantic in the ballast of ocean-going ships.

It was found in Lake St. Clair in 1986, and by 1988 it was exploding."

The shellfish's most immediate damage was to encrust the city

water intake pipes in Monroe, which had to shut down the system. Klepinger outlined how the zebra mussel upsets the ecosystem:

- By filtering one liter a day, each mussel clarifies the water of plankton, the lowest creature in the food chain. Thus, the mussel competes for food with native fish and disrupts the food chain.

- The clear water admits more sunlight, stimulating the growth of lake weeds. The weeds die, decay and smell.

- Mussel shells encrust water intakes, piers and boats. In the Great Lakes, they encrust shipwrecks and are a physical danger to scuba divers.

- Most at risk, said Klepinger, are large ones with a high level of transient activity.

By identifying infested lakes,

Sea Grant hopes lake managers and citizen groups will erect signs at boat launches and develop volunteer programs for boat inspections and cleanings.

Klepinger advised boaters to "be a good neighbor. Keep your boat and trailer clean. Scrub them off, remove the weeds, and dry them off."

On many inland lakes, riparian owners use lake water on their lawns. When the intake

pipes become clogged, they'll find it necessary to scrape off mussel shells.

Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Volunteers have done much of the sampling work. The project has produced an award-winning instructional video with illustrated handbook.

Sea Grant recruited volunteer monitors beginning in the spring

of 1993. The 19 new lakes on their infested list bring the total of confirmed infestations to 65.

Volunteers are given kits with which they take samples in more than 18 feet of water. The procedure takes an hour and is repeated twice during the summer. Plankton samples are sent to a laboratory, where biologists determine whether the water contains microscopic mussel spawn.

Zebra mussels make perch bigger

Although zebra mussels have certainly earned their bad reputation, Oakland University researchers in Rochester in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Division, recently demonstrated a way in which they are beneficial.

According to research initiated by student Sarah Thayer for her master's degree at Oakland, yellow perch, a popular game and commercial fish, grows faster when zebra mussels are present than without them.

Through collaboration with Robert Haas of the DNR Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station, OU biology Professor Douglas Hunter and OU Math statistician Robert Kushler, Thayer proved that zebra mussels create a favorable habitat for invertebrates, a staple in the yellow perch diet.

Research began in 1992 with Thayer and her colleagues maintaining juvenile yellow perch in cages — some with zebra mussels, some without. They found that perch in the cages with zebra mussels grew faster and reached greater weights and lengths than perch without zebra mussels.

By filtering particulate matter and depositing the remainder on the pond's bottom, the mussels produced an excellent habitat for these lake invertebrates to grow. Thayer and her colleagues demonstrated that provided more food for yellow perch.

"Given the enormous densities of mussels in some areas of the Great Lakes and inland lakes, and their tendency to continuously filter particulate matter from the water, they can have a lasting influence on the aquatic food chain in those areas," Hunter said. "In this case, zebra mussels facilitate

energy flow into the yellow perch population by enhancing the bottom invertebrate community."

Such a phenomenon has a significant impact on sport and commercial fisheries. According to Haas, yellow perch fillets now bring retail prices as high as \$12 per pound, making them one of the highest valued sources of protein on the market. Any significant change in the community of small bottom-dwelling organisms, such as a reduction in zebra mussels, is likely to affect the production of valuable bottom-feeding fishes such as yellow perch.

Creel surveys of sport fishing on Michigan's waters of Lake St. Clair during the mid-1980s showed that about one million yellow perch were being caught each year. While similar angler surveys have not been conducted recently, reports by the angler charter fishery indicate that the perch population and fishery dramatically improved since then, especially following zebra mussel colonization in the early 1990s. Perch population studies conducted by the Michigan DNR since 1993 show that yellow perch in Lake St. Clair are abundant, eating lots of high quality food and growing fast.

"Although the zebra mussel, like many other exotic species has an overall detrimental impact on the ecology and/or economy of the areas where they occur, their presence is not entirely negative," said Thayer, who is now a doctoral student in Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

"Since this pest mollusk is here to stay, the best we can do may be to try to understand what positive aspects they provide and to take advantage of them."

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What is news?

These are the guides we follow

Occasionally, readers disagree with what we consider to be news. Sometimes they think we have no business asking questions and reporting on certain events or situations; other times, they wonder why we don't respond to their invitations to cover certain events or situations.

Without getting into specific instances, we'd thought we'd share with you some of the elements we look at in determining which stories go into the paper:

Impact or Importance: How many readers does a story affect, and how directly does it affect them? The more people a story affects, or the more directly it affects them, the more important we consider the story to be.

Stories about crime, proposed tax increases and elections fall into this category because they affect every reader.

Prominence: If a prominent person is involved, an event or situation becomes newsworthy even if it wouldn't be otherwise. When President Clinton rode through Springfield Township on a train during his last campaign, we interviewed people lined up along the tracks to catch a glimpse of him. An ordinary person riding through Springfield on a train wouldn't be news.

Proximity: The closer to home something happens, the more important the story is to readers. That's why we restrict our coverage to Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships. We figure our readers can read about what's happening in other communities in daily papers, but when they pick up their Clarkston Eccentric, they want — and rightly so — to see hometown news.

Audience: We gauge the value of stories based on what we think readers are interested in. Because most of our editorial department employees live in the Clarkston area, we have an advantage in determining what interests

our readers. We live in the same neighborhoods, attend the same school functions, worship in the same churches, shop in the same stores and eat in the same restaurants as our readers.

Timeliness: Readers like their news to be like their bread — fresh. Our new Sunday edition is allowing us to deliver hometown news to our readers twice a week so that it never has a chance to become stale. Sources who would like certain events covered can help by giving us two or more weeks advance notice so we can run a story before the events take place or schedule a reporter and photographer to be there when they happen.

Unusualness: The axiom from the 19th century is still true today. — When dog bites man, it's not news, but when man bites dog, it is. Fortunately, armed robberies, sex crimes and teen tragedies are still unusual enough in the Clarkston area that they warrant full coverage rather than a short brief in the back of the paper — or no mention at all.

Conflict: Disagreement makes news. When everyone agrees on something, there's nothing to debate. But when two sides have compelling arguments — such as the debate over advertising at the new Clarkston High School — we present both sides so that readers can make up their own minds about who's right.

Human Interest: Stories about people can arouse readers' emotions and cause readers to identify with them. Our readers seem to enjoy more than anything else the feature stories we publish about the unusual things Clarkston residents are doing or the unusual things Clarkston residents face.

Our readers may still disagree with our judgments of what news is. But perhaps this primer helps them understand better why we make the decisions we do.

Patterson does right by county

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has been all business in past years in his efforts to pump up Oakland's economy. That stance may be evolving.

A good business climate, he has reasoned, brings jobs and jobs bring an infusion of income to keep Oakland's economy growing. He has carried his message from Mexico to Canada. And Canadian enterprises responded, sending Oakland business executives home with contracts.

Patterson isn't stopping there. In his state of the county message last week, Patterson demonstrated that he is still the consummate salesman, having come up with the clever catch phrase "Automation Alley."

The phrase describes Oakland's business corridor that lies along I-75. It's an invitation to businesses to form a consortium of the technological leadership that can make its own sales pitch on a national scale.

Business aside, Patterson is addressing the human quotient, offering to come up with a health care plan for employers — including those with fewer than 100 employees.

Patterson has recognized that a good business climate isn't the only component that adds up to an attractive bottom line. He has an aggressive plan for the coming year.

He starts off with cutting county taxes by 0.16 mill, a move that must be approved by the board of commissioners. That would save a taxpayer with a \$100,000 home \$16, but don't start spending that yet.

The county executive made good on his promise last year to push for a gas tax to

repair our deteriorating road and bridge infrastructure. But similar problems exist in the county's drain infrastructure.

The money, says Patterson, should go to local units of government to pay for repair of old pipes and underground retention tanks. That's needed because the Twelve Towns Drain has deteriorated, leading to pollution all the way to Lake St. Clair.

While those drain problems affect 14 communities in southeastern Oakland County, the rest of the county will face similar demands soon, Patterson added.

Other facets of Patterson's equation include an improved law enforcement management system and a campaign to renew a one-third mill for SMART, a much-improved regional bus transportation system.

Patterson said that his "faith in SMART was not misplaced" when he backed the millage earlier as a "necessary and essential component of a thriving business community — you've got to get workers to their jobs, shoppers to the malls and public transportation dependent people out of their homes."

Finally, Patterson has called for a Labor Day festival to celebrate the county's arts, music and restaurants, a plus for the county.

Oakland County is much more than a government, a list of businesses and job seekers, and taxpayers.

What can make this county truly a great place for business and residents is a sense of community spirit. Celebrating with a festival pumps up spirit and is a good way to sell what Oakland County has to offer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should Puerto Rico become the United States' 51st state?

This question was asked at the United States Post Office in Independence Township.



Yea, sure, why not? We need another state.
Nathan Matas
Independence Township



I have no idea.
Gloria Cudelko
Independence Township



No, I think it should remain a commonwealth. Their culture is special to them.
Jonaiyn Chagaris
Waterford Township



No, I have no reason at all.
Steven Stallworth
works in Independence Township

LETTERS

Hey, thanks

Thank you for donating three one-year subscriptions to the North Sashabaw Elementary School Fair, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 28. Because of the generous donations from local merchants, our silent auction was a huge success and earned \$2,293 for our school PTO. All money collected goes directly to help our school programs and, as a result, the children.

We truly appreciate your assistance with this fund-raising project. Thank you, again, for your generous donation.

Rochelle R. Smith
Chair — Silent Auction
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Eclipse article a delight

Just a note to express my delight in reading Julianne Sweeney's well-written article on the solar eclipse in the Feb. 26 issue of the Clarkston Eccentric.

The feature as presented was accurate, informative and historically interesting, owing to Ms. Sweeney's ability as a journalist (more so than my ability as an interviewee).

My family, friends and colleagues were jubilant at your displaying the solar eclipse as a headline story; we thank you for your indulgence and interest in the telling of one of nature's most beautiful spectacles.

We enjoy reading the Eccentric papers and have for many years; keep up the good work.

Dr. Brian L. Kerman, D.P.M.
Clarkston

Thank you volunteers

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parent volunteers and staff from North Sashabaw Elementary for helping in this year's school fair "Winter Wonderland."

A thank you is also extended to the wonderful students who volunteered from Clarkston High National Honor Society, Clarkston (Renaissance) High, Sashabaw Middle School and North Sashabaw's Girl Scout Troop No. 901.

Special thank you for all the bids and donations for our silent auction, donations for the adult and children's raffle, and to Pete's Coney for donating to our refreshment stand.

The North Sashabaw Student Council would also like to thank Mark Darbe, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and Richard Henderson of the Lake Orion Police Department for their contribution to the Student Council Jail.

North Sashabaw Elementary PTO

AOL calls costly

We got a computer for Christmas and joined America On Line. We had the phone company come out and put a phone line to the computer. We set it up to have 400 calls a month at \$17 a month. When we put this through it tells you on the screen to pick a local phone number. We live in Westland and the closest one on the screen was Dearborn so we picked this one. Each time we used AOL the call was supposed to go through Dearborn.

I have two children who just loved it. They went on AOL in the chat rooms everyday and met other people their age from all over the United States. About a week later we called the phone company to ask what this is going to cost us. They said it would be \$17 a month for 400 calls. I asked friends how much this costs. They said it was only a local call each time we used it. So we let the children go on AOL whenever they wanted.

One month later, we got our bill from Ameritech for \$575. It said all the calls went through Detroit, which was out of zone for us. We called AOL, which said we would have to take this up with the phone company. This was on their set-up screen, but they said it's not their problem. We called the phone company and talked to three different people for about three hours. They said Dearborn, which is one mile from us, is a Detroit exchange. So each time we used AOL, it was an out-of-zone call. The phone company said this is our problem and we have to pay the bill.

This is a problem that has to be corrected. I know a few people who have also done this same thing. We cannot afford a \$575 phone bill because of a misprint or a mislead on setting up the AOL program on our computer.

There is no set distance which will let you know what is local or out of zone. There is no information about it in the phone book. There is no warning to you on the screen when you set this program up. It will take months to pay for all this. We shut off the phone line, which isn't even paid for yet, and canceled AOL. Do you know what it is like to take this away from children when all their friends have it, and they just got it?

There are millions of people who have AOL. How many of them has this happened to? I know a few. I hope something can be done about this so it doesn't happen to more people.

Laurie Dimmitt
Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Contest holders should have 1 address for entries

Price, chance and consideration. Put them together and you have a lottery, which is illegal unless licensed.

Where is the eternal general, I mean Attorney General Frank Kelley, when we need to be protected?

I got an envelope full of things the other day and I'm sure most of you got the same packet.

It was from two senior citizens, Ed McMahon and Dick Clark, and it included an \$11 million prize claim certificate.

Now the material certainly offered a prize — \$11 million or some lesser amount paid over 30 years.

It included chance because the winner had been selected by random sample. To avoid an illegal lottery, many promoters include some element of skill to replace the chance drawing, such as guessing how many bags of coffee fit in a van or how many nails

in a plastic house.

The third element is consideration, which is paying someone something or having to do something in order to qualify for the prize. This is why most contests say, "No purchase necessary in order to win."

The elements of consideration can be nebulous.

Originally, if you had to go to a store to pick up the contest application, it was considered consideration.

The courts over the years have loosened the requirements, but this contest seems to cross the line.

If you order a magazine subscription, you paste a little magazine sticker on the prize claim certificate, paste the Final Verification Security Seal on it, paste a playing card on a separate form if you want an extra \$25,000 and mail it in the provided envelope.

If you don't order, you have to find

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HANK HOGAN

■ You then send it to Georgia, while those who order send theirs to Florida. This certainly is intimidation. You suspect that your entry will never see the light of day in Georgia.

a 3-inch by 5-inch card and an envelope.

On the index card you have to hand print "NO ORDER ENCLOSED-NON ORDER PROCESSING" and put your card score if you want to try for the extra \$25,000.

You then have to go through 132 magazine coupons to find the five-day response coupon to qualify for extra goodies.

You then send it to Georgia, while those who order send theirs to Florida. This certainly is intimidation. You suspect that your entry will never see the light of day in Georgia.

You picture one huge Dumpster filled with non-orders.

You must read the official rules to find out what to do. There are official rules for the sweepstakes and official rules for the extra \$5,000. I am a licensed attorney and it took me a half hour and reading the rules three

times before it became absolutely clear what you had to do.

They have made it so complicated that people are inclined to place an order because it is easier.

Of course, this is how they can afford to give away \$11 million. But it seems that their intention is to mislead.

By making non-orderers do more complicated things, it seems that they are adding an element of consideration. The attorney general in Florida is investigating the matter.

It seems that both our attorney general and the post office should start an investigation in Michigan.

I have to believe that many citizens are confused and are being misled.

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

High school expected to be done, open by August

It's been almost four years since voters in Clarkston passed a bond issue to construct a new high school for 2,000-plus students in grades 9-12. A year ago it would have been difficult to believe we would be moving into the building on time, but the finishing work has generated a flurry of activity and careful planning and attention to detail have taken shape in the form of a beautiful new building.

A few weeks ago, we conducted our first tour for members of the school board, the bond committee, local government officials, and area newspaper editors and writers. More tours for our staff and the public are being planned. We want to get the facility

and site in a more finished state and make it easier to negotiate first.

Our recent newsletter, SchooLink — which was mailed to every resident in the district — featured a center-spread of photos showing the incredible progress on the building. Soon citizens will be able to follow our progress on a new Web site to be announced in a few weeks.

I thought this might be an appropriate time to give readers an update on the financial picture of this construction project. As the planning got under way months ago and bids began to arrive for the work, your school board realized that some adjustments would have to be made in the original plan. Just as homeowners sometimes



AL ROBERTS

compromise on construction projects that need to be adjusted for costs, the board had to tackle some compromises to meet the mandates of a \$56 million bond issue.

As you know, the school board modified the plan by redesigning the roof

and altering the specialized steel order. They also postponed the decision to finish off team locker rooms inside the physical education wing.

The school board's promise: "No change which has a negative impact on academics will be approved, and the original plan for classroom and instructional space will be kept."

We are furiously seeing to it that technology needs will be met; generous and adequate square footage will be provided for the performing arts; an inviting and spacious library will open to students and staff; top quality physical education and food service areas will be serving our kids; and parking for daily and special events will be adequate.

I want to assure our community that all of these goals are coming to fruition and the materials being used will enhance the high school's long-term beauty and maintenance.

Now that the entire project is moving into its final phases, board members reassessed some of the earlier plans that had been placed on hold. In February, they voted to complete the team locker rooms with monies from the general fund. This means that when the school opens in August, every inch of it will be done!

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 620-7350.

Community journalism does what big journalism cannot

From time to time, I devote this column to examples of how home town newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30 or so senior citizens who, for some 20 years, have been playing pinochle every Monday morning in Fire Station No. 4 in West Bloomfield faced eviction. The township Parks and Recreation Department told the group it would have to move its weekly game to the Recreation Activities Center.

Enter the West Bloomfield Eccentric, part of the HomeTown Communications Network. Staff writer Greg Kowalski heard about the problem and started asking questions.

How come the senior pinochle group had to move? Since 1990 the township has had a policy of not renting space to groups not directly associated with township operations. (Rent, in this case, was \$7.50 a week.)

Did the seniors want to move? Certainly not. The Recreation Activities Center, near Town Hall, is a long way, according to Joan Feldman, spokeswoman for the group. "Many of us are unable to drive that far. And none are adjacent to where they can be picked up by buses."

So the matter went to the West Bloomfield Township Board. Kowalski covered the meetings.

Renting space to the pinochle-playing seniors could force the township into renting space to all kinds of terrible groups, some trustees said.

"I'm not willing to open up that policy. It could snowball," said one township trustee. "If we set a precedent to allow a private group to use township facilities, we have a number of groups who want to use Town Hall. It would be difficult to deny them," said another. To such minds, proper public policy is to be determined by precedent, not by common-sense fairness.

Like elected officials the world over, others disagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be allowed?" asked another trustee.

"This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're even willing to pay rent."

And like program managers the world over, township parks and rec officials asserted consolidating the pinochle game into the Recreation Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's always been our goal to have senior citizen programs under one roof. For the good of the senior program, they are much better off centrally located," explained one official.

Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinochle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until the next March. But a continuing power strug-



PHILIP POWER

gle on the township board has paralyzed most local business, including where the pinochle game was to take place.

So in February, the pinochle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-to-door and standing at shopping centers collecting signatures of support. They have 300 so far and expect to have 600 by the March meeting of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission."

And what happened? Ta, da!

The commission decided the Monday morning pinochle club could stay put in Fire Station No. 4 for the duration. Parks and rec will pay the \$7.50 a week rent for use of the space. But the authorities will not have a program coordinator on site, and the seniors will be responsible for providing their own refreshments and for set up and clean up.

As in the world over, the combination of a bunch of citizens grumpy at pettifogging governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and extensive coverage in the local newspaper got results.

Is this a big deal, the kind that will change for ever the course of Michigan history? Of course not.

But the course of history ultimately is determined by the outcomes of millions and millions of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for the seniors who have been playing pinochle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying put was a big deal.

And it's exactly the job of home town newspapers like this one to contribute to countless deals — whether you think them big or little — because they are relevant and therefore important to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonderful job!

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1890, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com

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Accreditation panel to visit OCC

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Like the students who take classes there, Oakland Community College will get its own report card this spring.

A team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the campus April 6-8 and decide whether to accredit OCC for up to 10 years.

"It's a stamp of approval on whether we meet the expectations of the consumer. It assures students their credits will transfer to any place in the U.S.," said OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson.

To understand it, don't think of a student taking a standardized test. Think of a "truth in advertising" checkup.

"It also assures our eligibility for federal funding," added Dr. James Warner, biology teacher and former vice-chancellor.

Thompson is extremely familiar with the process. He has been on North Central accrediting teams visiting other colleges. And even before he became chancellor two years ago, he was on the college's steering committee preparing for the North Central visit.

"It's a collegial process," Thompson said. "It has 27 full-time staff. Its commissioners — the policy-making body — are all volunteers."

In the United States, government doesn't accredit colleges. Instead, six regional agencies, funded by dues and fees, fill that role. North Central, founded in 1895 and headquartered in Chicago, covers 19 states.

First: self-study

First step is for the college to do a self-study. In a book-length series of reports, committees outline Oakland County's demographics, economy, course offerings, student financial aids and facilities. The mid-1995 voter decision to pump \$30 million in new tax money for seven years plays a prominent role here.

One telling set of questions: "What promises (to applicants) are made? How are the promises communicated —

Wanna watch?

An evaluation is a very public process," said OCC's Linda Pososki. Here is how the public can have access to the North Central Association accreditation team:

■ You may send written comments on OCC to: Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle - Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

■ You may meet the group informally at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Technology Building of the Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, east of I-75.

■ You may listen to the team's oral report about noon Wednesday, April 8, in the OCC District Office, 2480 Qpdyke, Bloomfield Hills.

■ The final written report will take weeks. It is expected to be available in July in the chancellor's office in the OCC District Office. It is a public document.

catalog, admissions materials, recruiter visits — through high school counselors? How do we ensure we keep the promises?

OCC must be frank about internal changes: "The institution has seen turnover in the executive and senior staff rank. We have a new chancellor, several new chancellor's council members, and new deans. Several early severance packages were offered to all full-time staff."

It looks at its relations to the extended student body — business and government. Its Business and Professional Services office, operating since 1984, deals with companies who need employee training, offering them course packages in everything from auto servicing to manufacturing technology.

It trains future police officers at the Oakland Police Academy on the Auburn Hills Campus and firefighters at the Fire Training Institute in Southfield.

"North Central doesn't like institutions to do things for the visit," said Thompson.

"Our student outcomes report was considered exemplary," said Warner.

"They review us against things we say about ourselves."

Exhausting work

Step two is for North Central's Commission on Institutions of Higher Education to review OCC's writings and visit.

"Their team looks at our mission statement and purposes and judges us against those criteria," said Thompson.

Linda Pososki, who teaches business administration and chaired the steering committee, added, "There isn't a perfect organization. There always is a way to do things better."

OCC's first three campuses were accredited individually in 1966. The full college was accredited a few years later. The last North Central evaluation came in 1987-88. "They said we were a creditable institution, and they gave us lots of concerns and suggestions," Thompson said.

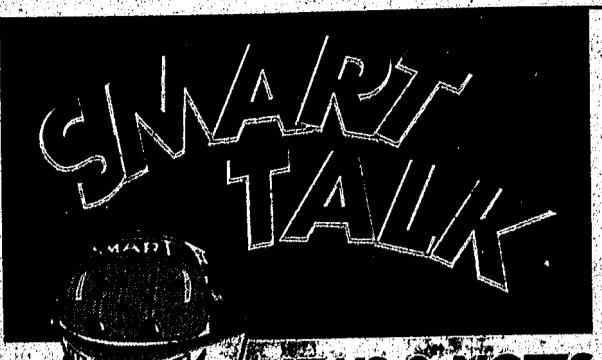
North Central paid OCC a "focus" visit in 1991, concentrating on institutional planning. The focus team found us to be in good order.

Thompson, who has served on visiting teams to other colleges, describes grueling 12-14 hour work days. "We meet with every conceivable institution and faculty member. It's not something you do more than once a year because it's exhausting," he said.

The 12-member North Central team will be chaired by Dr. Arthur W. DeCabooter, president of Scottsville (Az.) Community College. It will look at audits, minutes of advisory committees, catalogs, contracts, minutes of board meetings, staffing plans, the library and computer information.

Pososki said North Central has changed its thrust in recent years. "The required all institutions by 1993 to submit a plan for measuring student outcomes," she said. That means measuring what students learn rather than how many hours they sit in a classroom.

"Our student outcomes report was considered exemplary," said Warner.



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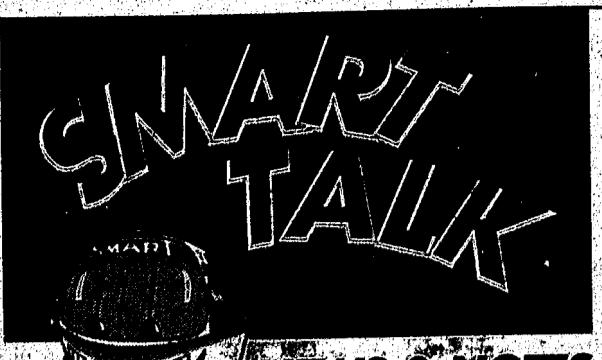
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Bills aim to increase boater restrictions

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives.

Details aren't final. For example, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, wants to clean up rules about operating boats in narrow channels where divers are at work.

The bills require 200-feet clearance on either side of a diving marker, said Brown, but what if the channel is narrower than 400 feet?

After a three-hour meeting March 4, the House Conservation Committee moved the bills to the House floor with the possibility that many amendments still could be made.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association opposed the

bills, arguing that "the need to create a license for operation has never been statistically substantiated or proven to increase safety."

But Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, sponsor of two of the bills, prevailed when she argued: "Of the U.S. boating fatalities in 1992, 40 percent involved operators with no formal boating safety instruction." Her bills would require young motorboat operators to pass a course and carry a certificate.

Patrick McCullough, former state senator from Dearborn, said on behalf of boat manufacturers that the Michigan bills are "very close" to national model bills the industry is promoting.

Dalman's House Bills 4247 and 4248 cover motorboats. Here are some main provisions:

■ Effective May 22, a person 19 or younger would have to

pass a mandatory safety course. (The bill's earlier version placed the age at 30 and younger.)

■ No fee may be charged for the course or certificate. (McCullough argued for a small fee.)

■ A person under age 14 may not operate a motorboat without a boating safety certificate and supervision of someone 16 or older, and the motor is under 35 horsepower.

■ Persons 14-17 may operate a motorboat if they possess a boating safety certificate issued after taking a safety course. The operator must carry the certificate and present it on demand to a peace officer. Peace officers may stop an operator for "probable cause" but not just to check for safety certificates.

■ Youngsters 7 and under must wear type I or II life jackets that will hold their heads above water even if they are unconscious.

A separate bill, HB 5426, governs personal watercraft, or "jet skis," and is sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores. Its main provisions:

■ Persons 19 and under must complete a boating safety course and carry a certificate. Operators, passengers and persons they tow must wear life jackets.

■ Hours are confined to 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

■ PWC operators may not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, operate in waters less than 2 feet deep, weave through traffic, jump the wake of another vessel, or play "chicken."

■ PWC operators must observe a "slow - no wake" speed limit within 100 feet of a dock or raft.

■ They may not operate within 200 feet of a submerged diver or underwater diving activities that display the international diving insignia.

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School memories saved on tape

CAROLYN WALKER

Reminiscing down in the basement

When I was a child, I thought as a child...

There is an oppression about this hot summer day. Musty city air hangs heavily over us, so thick that we believe we can touch and control it. We reach our splayed little fingers out to push it away and the air pretends, briefly, to take flight at our command.

"Be gone!" we say. And it moves.

Then we create little funnels that are in actuality no more ominous than our whirring arms. These breezes of our making provide no real relief and, ultimately, it is the air that has the final say. It settles back around us, spread out like water in a barrel, contained only by the shimmering city walls and streets.

Old city houses lean against the air and they look wilted.

Our aunt's house is a gray monolith against the gray sky that over-sees this scene. Inside of it, she wipes her hand on her apron, brushes a sweat-dampened curl from her forehead, and wipes her hand again.

We watch her through the win-

Please see WALKER, A15

■ Clarkston High School students are busy videotaping each other to build a visual record of school life that supplements the traditional yearbook.

TOM SAWYER
SPECIAL WRITER

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then what is a video worth?

If you're a Clarkston High School student, your video yearbook is worth \$24.95.

The old high school yearbook has hit the video age where "lights, camera, action" and "you oughta be in pictures" could be the school's sayings of the day.

"We cover all aspects of student life in school," said media teacher Bill Genshaw.

"What it basically is, is a yearbook that moves."

Bill Genshaw teacher

"We (record) career classes and the general mayhem and confusion of trying to get to class," said Ben Majszak, 17, a junior.

The video yearbook includes sports, dances, plays, the marching band, choirs, graduation and commencement ceremonies. It has been a mainstay since 1991, supplementing the traditional yearbook.

The video yearbook staff operates like a small business.

"The organization is based on working with teams of people; each team is responsible for work with different sections of the yearbook," said Genshaw.

"You have cross teams on marketing, editing, music acquisition, acquisition of hardware and part of the agenda. You try and get as close as you can to a small business."

The students get training in journalism, television, film, marketing, advertising and business.

Both yearbook classes help each other with advertising.

"They can help us and we can help them," said Angie Ganett, 16, a junior.

"We try to advertise for each other."

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Lights, camera, action: Student Rudy Hunt videotapes an art class at Clarkston High School for the school video yearbook as teacher Bill Genshaw gives him some tips.

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The media class consists of Ben Ness, Jessica Marlowe, Steve Ahnen, Angie Ganett, Darren Palulian, Rudy Hunt, Bryan Trevaskis, Simon Davies, Jason Roby, Ben Majszak, Jason Brososka, Dave Midkiff and Holly Lloyd.

"There is always a strength for a given year," said Genshaw. "It could be technical, artistic or camera."

Genshaw points out that the project is only partially funded by the school. A

\$12,000 budget was cut by 75 percent.

The video class started life as a photography class in 1975, switching to video in 1984.

The class began the video yearbook in 1991 when a principal suggested the idea to Genshaw.

"We made a contract with a compa-

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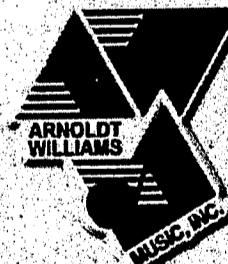
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Sock-eating aliens now stealing homework

A couple years ago, I did a column about sock-eating aliens living in my dryer. Although I showed you the documented proof that these aliens have been eating socks all over the nation, I fear many of you were unconvinced that these higher life forms are truly residing in our dryers, munching on our footwear. Recently, I have discovered even more proof of their existence.

These aliens are not only consuming our clothing but something much more significant — our knowledge.

ROCHELLE SMITH

While they must be highly intelligent in order to have hidden in our dryers for so many years without being seen, there is now evidence that they are trying to learn our ways by taking more than just socks.

Over the past few years, I have noticed an increase in the number of homework assignments mysteriously missing from my household. I have spoken with a few other mothers who report the same bizarre occurrences in their homes too. Homework assignments which the children swear were completed, but the mothers and the teachers never see. This is surely the act of a "knowledge-consuming alien." They only take the homework assignments which have been completed. Of course, this makes perfect sense — they want the answers. My

youngest son has been victimized by these aliens repeatedly this year. One confusing aspect of their selective process is the fact that they go for my fourth-grader's homework and seem to have no interest in my sixth-grader's work. The only logical answer for this is that they haven't totally mastered our handwritten language yet. My oldest son has despicable penmanship.

In addition to the overwhelming amount of evidence I have analyzed in order to come to the conclusion that these sock-eating, knowledge-consuming aliens truly exist, I have just recently uncovered an even more alarming discovery. They are familiar with, and have mastered the operation of our computers. In the past I have discovered our family computer

sitting alone in the family room still on, even after my sons have assured me that they turned it off. I dismissed this evidence without much thought, until recently, when our Grolier Encyclopedia CD mysteriously disappeared. Every member of my family has searched the house for the CD, and it is nowhere to be found.

Can it be? Are they truly attempting

to consume all the information in an

entire set of encyclopedias? Scary,

but true.

It's not just our encyclopedias they are after either. I have heard from other households that many items are suddenly disappearing. Magazines, wedding invitations, keys to locked desks, even owner's manuals to the family car. The aliens are running rampant across our nation. House-

holds everywhere are missing belongings and chalking it up to forgetfulness, when it is really an intelligent life form attempting to gain more information about our planet. After much thought, that's the only answer. I know that, other than aliens, there are no intelligent life forms in my household.

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Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, writes a column every other week in this space.

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ny," said Genshaw. "We did our shooting the first year and then sent it out. It made something in the area of \$7,000, and our cut of it was \$500. When we severed relations with the company, and then we started doing it on our own ever since."

According to Genshaw the three biggest problems with doing the video yearbook are funding, technology and time. The biggest costs is keeping the equipment operational and

keeping up with technology.

"The problem is that technology keeps moving faster than we do," said Genshaw. "It gets expensive, and it's all done in the classroom."

Another big problem is securing music rights from music companies for every piece of music used in the video. According to Genshaw and the students, the smaller music labels are good about letting their music be used. The larger com-

panies charge to use their music. The students send out 60-100 letters to music companies to get permission for the use of the music.

"We also try to get people in school who are in bands to contribute their music," said Jessica Marlowe, 17, a senior.

Some students return to the media class more than once.

"If people stay long enough, that works out fairly well," said Genshaw. "People know fairly

well what they are doing."

According to Genshaw students like Angie Ganett who have been around three years get to become team leaders and do just about everything and anything in the production of the video yearbook.

The students learn different jobs and aspects of putting together the video yearbook.

"Everybody in here learns editing and basic graphics," said Genshaw.

The students get graded on the yearbook they produce by what they produce and by peer evaluation.

"I like the unorthodox class procedure," said Ben Majszak. "It's a lot more free change of pace than everyday school work."

And it sometimes leads to job opportunities with places like the Clarkston Theater or TCI Cablevision of Oakland County.

Genshaw hopes one day the media class gets bigger and better.

"I hope to expand when we get to the new high school," he said. "I hope we get more people in it."

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge.

Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print; Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151

Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. All phone numbers below have 248 area code unless otherwise noted.

Also, included is a tossed salad and garlic toast. (Dessert is only 75 cents extra). Program is open to the public. Proceeds benefit the senior center. No registration required. Center is located at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Cost \$4 adults, \$2 child.

MONTHLY DANCE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

WHERE TO WATCH WILDLIFE

1:30-3 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. Ray Rustem of the Department of Natural Resources will share information on areas to watch wildlife. This program will complement the book Michigan Wildlife Viewing Guide which features Independence Oaks. Copies of this guide will be available for purchase. Program not recommended for preschoolers. Reservations required. Call 625-6473.

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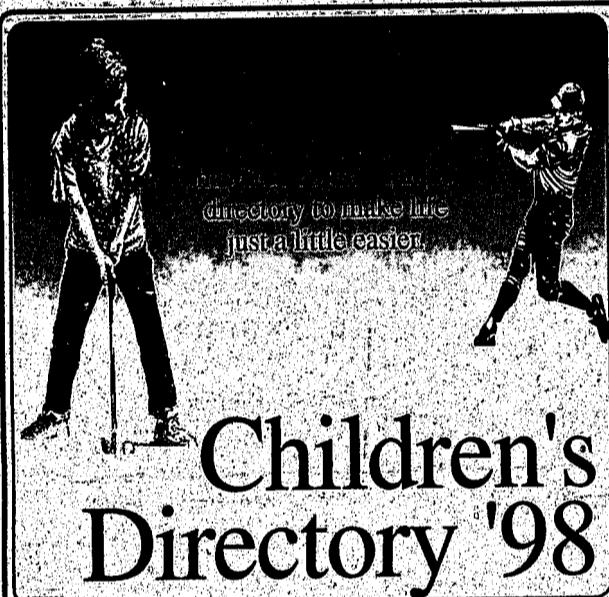
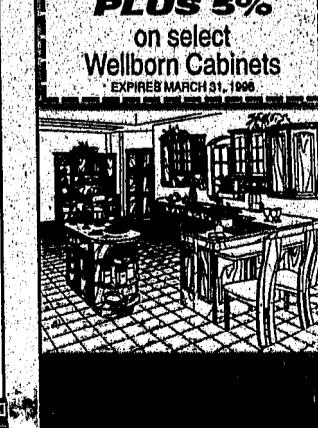
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Beware the insidious nature of advertising

National leaders are attempting to legislate higher expectations for our behaviors, whether it be tobacco laws or drunken driving. Some people see this as manipulation, others as leadership. We will continue to see the manipulation via the media in service of reduction of both of these behaviors, especially as they apply to the next generation. We will also see, concurrent to this anti-drug and alcohol message, an increase in advertising by companies needing new customers (read victims) for a product or behavior which ultimately reduces the individual's freedom to make choices and to fully contribute to society. Where will you lead the people in your sphere of influence?

Ask yourself how many times you have made an impulse purchase because the availability of the product or an appealing display triggered the perceived "need." Think of the grocery stores you frequent. If they had family friendly aisles, would tabloids be displayed there? Family friendly aisles would not have candy, cigarettes, or smoking "paraphernalia" within the direct sight line or reach of children, or liquor in open shelving. Manipulation of our decision making is all around us. We must notice it more and become more active in the process.

Don't limit your evaluation to food stores. Look at the products displayed in gas stations and convenience stores. How many

beer and tobacco ads are at the eye-level of children? Ever notice the imitation amphetamines for sale there? Minithins is one popular brand of ephedrine hydrochloride. Clerks may answer that this and similar products are used by truckers to stay awake on long-distance drives. In reality, it is used and abused to mimic the action of "speed." We would be upset if liquor were sold as a drive-through item, yet most adults are unaware of the risks these "starter" pack amphetamines pose to our youth.

Don't complain to the clerk. Clerks don't make these decisions. Even the store manager may not be in a decision-making role. Who is the owner? Does he or she know or take responsibility for the manipulation/leadership in the community? Talk to the owner about your concerns. Write a letter to the corporate office, if applicable. By taking action, and alerting those in your sphere of influence about the situation, you can be a leader.

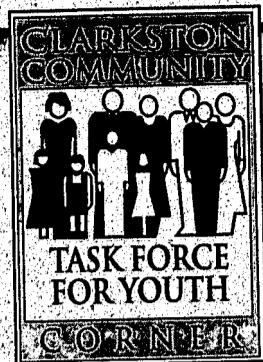
Positive manipulation on a community level may take the form of aggressive confrontation of underage smoking and/or drinking behaviors, not by the police alone, but by everyone.

We are seeing an increase in ad campaigns toward this end, but what about just outside the school doors? What about just off school property? Is there ticketing and prosecution? Lanes seems to be doing some flip

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flops on active leadership in this arena. We applaud the recent decision of our township officials to open the way for a stronger stance on tobacco issues locally.

Community members may want to explore youth court as an opportunity to help enforce boundaries. What about a cooperative effort by courts, police, school and parents for early intervention, and tougher consequences? It's working in other communities. A positive change in community norms would mean there are so many enforced negative consequences that our emerging generation rules out casual use as not worth the hassle.

Community reinforcement and support on a business, organizational, family and individual level are essential for this to happen.

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dow.

She places her dish towel on a wall rack and steps toward the back door. She pushes it open and promenades herself onto the back stoop. She is wearing a dark-colored, white-flowered dress that calls to mind her vastly-flowered yard on a moonlit night. Her dog, Lady, comes out the door with her.

Speaking to us about things that I cannot remember, our aunt puts a hand over her eyes, to protect them, and tilts her face upward toward the sky. She surveys great storm clouds that are rolling pell-mell towards us and she waits quietly for the first drops of rain. They are the drops of rain that we all hope will cool this sweltering day.

When they come, at long last, they come with a clap of thunder that makes the dog cover. They drip at first like a leaky faucet. And then they rain faster. And the gentle, beautiful Lady is afraid.

"Lady doesn't like storms," our aunt tells us. And she steps down off the stoop with an arthritic lurch and takes the dog by her collar, moving her toward a door in the ground that leads to our aunt's basement.

She lifts it up to reveal a little room that is but one part of the basement, urges Lady down its few steps, and calls us in behind them, into Lady's sanctuary. Into the darkness. And she closes the door.

We walk along a cold, cement floor into the greater rooms of the basement, past the shadows of gardening tools that align the walls under tiny, dirty windows. Past old wicker baskets. Past spider webs that touch our faces. Past home-canned peaches and pears that float in their own juices in clear jars. The fruit has been floating for years, as evidenced by the accumulation of dust on the jar lids.

The jars climb up layers of shelves and we wonder how the three old people who live in this house could possibly eat all that fruit. We wonder if they could live long enough. We hope they can. Then we reach fingers out to swipe across the dust. We are standing in a line: A border collie

lie, an old woman, two little sisters.

Another roll of thunder bangs its way over our aunt's house and Lady pushes herself against the basement floor with a whimper. Our aunt pets her long, black fur by way of comfort. And Lady puts her muzzle in our aunt's palms.

All around us are the remnants of three concurrent lifetimes. Cane poles. Hoes. A wheelbarrow. Broken chairs. A hose. A shovel. Empty suitcases.

Our aunt pulls a string dangling from a light bulb and it lurches on, swinging from a chain down from the ceiling. It casts a yellow glow over the remnants, over us, over the dog.

And for a few brief moments, we are not one, but four. Ladies on a trek, an adventure in a secret, cavernous land.

When I was an adult, I sometimes still thought as a child.

I stand at the far end of the basement. It is cooler than the rest of the house. I pull the light bulb string and bring darkness down around myself. The familiar transform into black, hulking beasts.

I put my hands out about me and fumble my way toward the stairway that I know is there. I feel my ankle brush against the coarse edges of an open cardboard box. I hurry a little as my imagination gets the better of me.

The whole house has my touch, but even that cannot keep me safe. As I hurry toward the staircase, I hear a footstep fall across the kitchen floor above me and a board creaks.

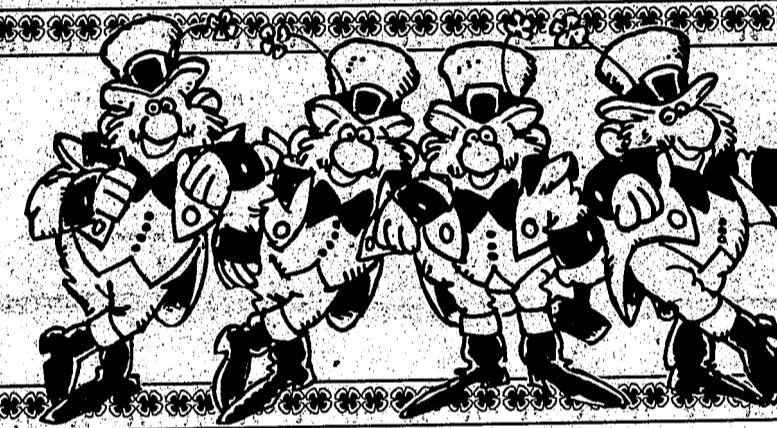
I hurry faster, away from whatever it is that's chasing me.

This basement gives me the creeps.

They always do. They always have.

All except my aunt's basement — now languishing beneath the footfalls of strangers who know nothing of the safety, of the kindness, of the bonding, of the wishes, and of the memories that took place there.

Carolyn Walker is a Clarkston resident and a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric.



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Institute brings all creeds together

BY RENA FULKA

SPECIAL WRITER

Barbara Yuhas was in the midst of a job hunt when she stumbled across an advertisement for a secretarial position at the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies.

The job sounded interesting enough. But before she could feel comfortable sending in a resume, the Farmington Hills resident said there was one more thing she needed to do.

"I had to look up ecumenical in the dictionary," she admitted. "I didn't know what it meant."

Yuhas didn't fully understand the dictionary's definition of ecumenical as meaning "worldwide." But that didn't stop her from arranging an interview with the Rev. Dr. James Lyons, the Institute's founder and director.

"Jim and I hit it off and I stayed that afternoon and I've stayed for 11 and a half years," she said. "I still couldn't define ecumenical. Maybe that's because we're still changing."

Since joining the staff as a full-time secretary, Yuhas has evolved with the thriving Southfield-based Institute to assume additional responsibilities as newsletter editor, membership drive coordinator and program director.

She schedules lectures and educational programs, is involved with the Ambassadors of Good Will youth program and plans the annual Dove Dinner, Model Passover Seder and Church-Synagogue Tour, all aimed at building and cementing solid relationships between Christians and Jews.

In January, Yuhas kicked off this year's ongoing membership drive, "From Vision to Reality," by sending pledge cards to the 1,500 households on the mailing list.

"Our membership drive gives people all kinds of ranges in the ability to give," said Lyons, a Lathrup Village resident. "Our membership drive doesn't underwrite the Institute, but it gets people involved."

Involvement seems to be the ongoing dynamic that provides a sense of unity for the Institute's diverse members, most of whom make their homes in the Northwest suburbs of Detroit.

"We are not fundraisers. Our total fund raising is done with our programs," explained Lyons. "It's the program that sell. Even our dinners are a program."

Most of the Institute's supporters have affiliated through word of mouth or after attending one of the lectures or programs offered throughout the year.

"When it comes right down to it," said Lyons, "people support the Institute because it's the right thing to do."

Lyons began the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish Christian Studies in 1982, after serious illness awakened him to rethink the direction for the rest of his life. With support from Richard Lobenthal, the former director of the Anti-Defamation League, Michigan Region, Lyons left his 12-year pastorate and took to the task of encouraging healthy dialogue between Christians and Jews through programming set in a non-threatening environment. When he's not researching or writing, Lyons is out in the field teaching and lecturing at schools, universities, churches and synagogues across the country and abroad.

"The whole work of the Institute is to ask the difficult questions in a safe way and to handle without getting angry the anger of others, who don't understand," said Lyons, who learned about the history of Jewish-Christian injustices as a student at Wayne State University in Detroit. "There are issues that are painful. We have to deal with the painful issues."

Two years ago, Rabbi Amy Brodsky joined the staff as assis-

tant director to help facilitate the growing number of lay school classes and community outreach programs now being offered. The non-profit organization also relies on a host of volunteers for its continued success and offers a resource media library onsite at the offices at 19900 W. Nine Mile Road.

Throughout its 16-year history, the Institute has remained self-supporting. The

membership drive accounts for 10 percent of the annual budget, which is set by a board of directors representing a variety of faith backgrounds.

To learn more about the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, call Barbara Yuhas at (248) 353-2434. Contributions can be sent to 19900 W. Nine Mile

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Thursday, March 12, 1998

Clarkston spikers edge Mott for net title



■ The Clarkston Wolves pulled off yet another come-from-behind act in Saturday's district volleyball tournament, and the effort landed them another title and a berth in the regional against Birmingham Marian.

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

The competition may be getting tougher, but Clarkston continued its tradition of winning district championships in volleyball Saturday.

The Wolves played six sets in two matches, finishing with a 6-15, 15-3, 15-6 victory over Waterford Mott in the title match at Mott High School. Clarkston (19-19-3) was led by senior Georgia Senkyr, who took control of the

■ Once we started to play better, we became the better team.

Gordie Richardson
Clarkston coach

In the two matches combined,

she finished with 22 kills and 10 solo blocks.

"I have the position (as a senior) to get the team going," said Senkyr following the trophy presentation. "I wanted to make sure every time I got the ball to do something good with it."

Mott (16-23-3) played a near-perfect first set, consistently setting up seniors

Jessica Russell and Jennifer Majors for kills from the outside. The Corsairs jumped out to an 11-0 lead, utilizing a remarkably high hitting percentage.

Fortunately for the Wolves, they were able to get the lead early in the final two games. In the second, Clarkston led 9-2 on the strength of defense and the hitting of Senkyr and senior Aimee Giroux, who finished with 11 kills for the session. Senkyr's solo block and a kill from senior Jenny McCue ended the second set.

The Wolves led 8-3 in the final game and the team struggled to gain points for a span of 10 minutes. The key for Clarkston was they were able to consistently gain sideouts without allowing the Corsairs to score.

Mandie Harrison and Kelly Hanna each served an ace in the closing minutes to put the Wolves up 14-5. Mott hung tough, getting sideouts on three consecutive match points,

"They were playing deep and I thought it was an opportunity to get our momentum back," Hanna said. "Luckily a lot of them fell."

Couturier agreed

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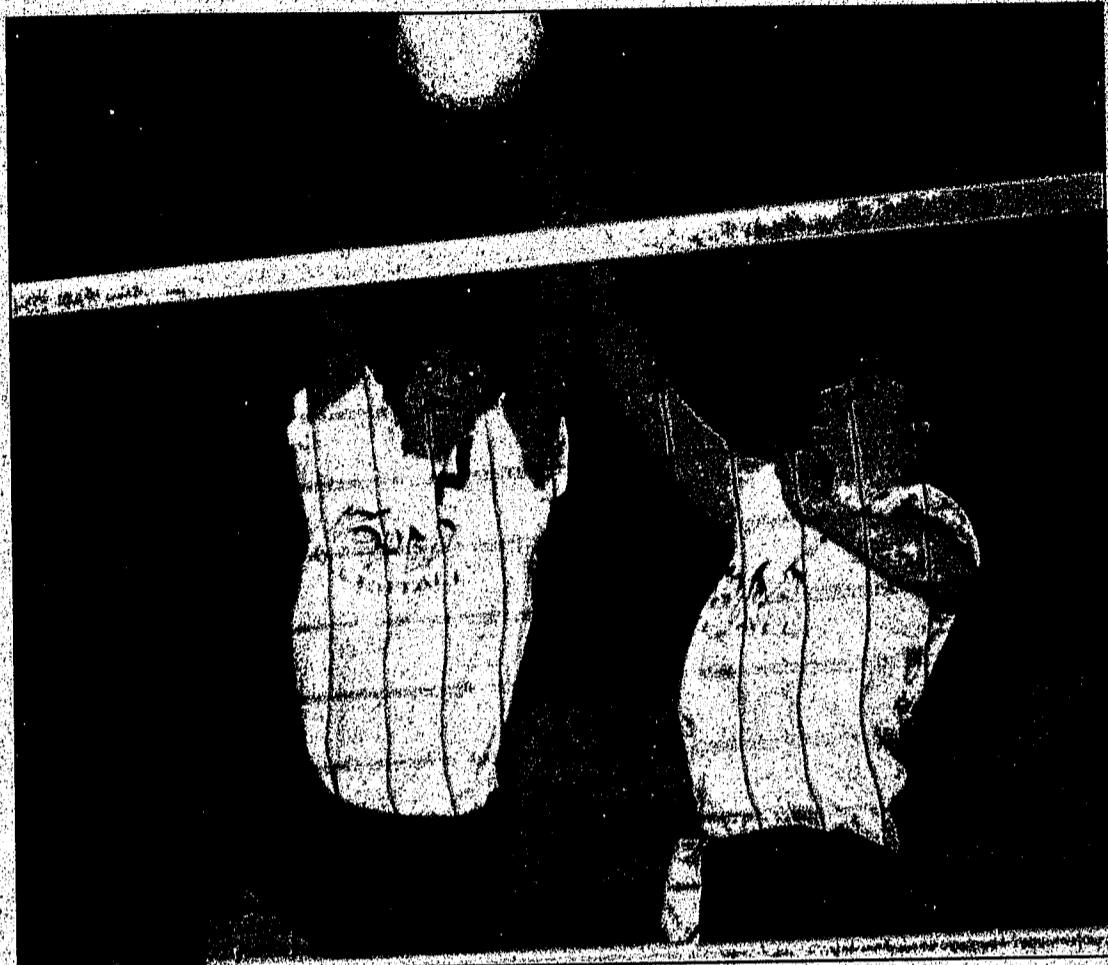


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Networking: Clarkston's Georgia Senkyr (left) and Amber Mitchell combine to make a shot during Saturday's district volleyball tournament. The Wolves won the tournament and advanced to the regional at Lapeer East Saturday, where they will play Birmingham Marian.

Brotherly love

Wolves wrestlers find common bond

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

A year ago, when the 1996-97 wrestling season had just started, Clarkston's A.J. Grant was busy trying to figure out ways to bust up the new kid, a sophomore transfer student named Ryan L'Amoreaux.

He pounded on L'Amoreaux in practice. For much of the season, they wrestled the same weight, so Grant pounded on him when they met in tournaments. Grant was the established wrestler, the one with the national reputation about to embark on a 50-win season. L'Amoreaux was the upstart, goaded into bringing the best out of Grant at practice by coaches.

But a funny thing happened on the way to becoming enemies: detente.

Grant and L'Amoreaux found common ground and, when they started wrestling different weight classes, discovered they had a lot in common.

The rest, as they say, is friendship history.

"We're really close — now," L'Amoreaux admits. "When we were in the same weight, we didn't like each other much at the beginning. We almost got into fights."

Grant hears this and chimes in. "We all know who's win."

Assistant coach Frank Lafferty, it turns out, was the catalyst for this fast friendship. When L'Amoreaux transferred to Clarkston, Lafferty pushed him into wrestling Grant at practice. Lafferty's vocal support of the new kid's ability ranked Grant.

"Coach Lafferty would be like, 'Ryan could be good with A.J.,' and I'm like, 'I'm going to crush this kid,'" Grant recalled. "Once it became a team thing (when Grant bumped up to 112) it started to change. We never did anything together until this year. Now we do everything together."

The two have similar styles, on the mat and off.

Both are excellent on their feet, and both are good technicians. Both qualified for state last year (Grant was third), and both are headed back this season.

Grant is 14-0 this year and has won everything in sight. L'Amoreaux is 26-3 in a season that was shortened by a shoulder injury. He missed



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Sibling rivalry: Clarkston state qualifiers A.J. Grant (left) and Ryan L'Amoreaux can usually be found together since establishing their friendship last season.

several weeks early in the season or he, too, would have won everything in sight.

Since they spend nearly all of every practice pushing each other, the similarities are to be expected. And they credit Lafferty in large measure for their success.

"I think (Lafferty) planned the whole thing out," Grant said. "He wanted us to go after each other and bring the best out of both of us. And I think it has worked."

The wrestling relationship is much the same as the old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Are Grant and L'Amoreaux better wrestlers because they push each other, or are they both good wrestlers

who happen to work well together? L'Amoreaux credits Grant with his own improvement. "I'm 100 times better," L'Amoreaux said. "He teaches me a lot of moves. I'm better on my feet because he's so good on his feet."

Their coach isn't so sure.

"It's hard to say because that's hard to gauge," Clarkston coach Mike DeGan said. "There's a lot of mutual respect between the two. (Wrestling each other) has a lot to do with it, but Ryan had a lot of talent before he got here."

The personal relationship is much easier to figure out. Once they stopped butting heads, they realized they could be good friends, and that's how it worked out. The two spend a lot of time together — talking about school, about wrestling.

And about trucks. Each drives a

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Ice time: Clarkston's Jason Stoecker (left) catches up to Jeff Muma of Flint Southwestern Academy during the Wolves easy 8-1 win in the regional championship game.

Icers continue roll in 8-1 regional victory

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Add another rafter to the gymnasium wall at Clarkston High School.

The Wolves' hockey team followed up its district championship by capturing a regional title with an 8-1 drubbing of Flint Southwestern Academy Saturday at Flint IMA.

Seven different players scored for the Wolves, who outshot Southwestern 47-8 for the game. As a result, Clarkston advanced to the state quarterfinal matchup with Grosse Pointe South Wednesday night in Flint. Results of that game were not available at press time.

"It wasn't always pretty, but we were able to move on," said head coach Rick Rowden. "Our guys wanted to end the game early (with a 10-goal mercy), but we were never able to get close enough to do that."

Southwestern (15-10-1) actually scored first, less than a minute into the contest as a bad bounce got behind Clarkston goalie Pat Cook, who started in place of Steve Badger. Both teams started their game approximately an hour later than scheduled because the game preceding the Clarkston/Southwestern went to three overtimes.

The wait seemed to affect the Wolves more, but after a few minutes they began to control the game. Southwestern managed only one shot on goal in the third period.

Bret Postal scored twice for the Wolves (19-7-1) to lead the balanced attack. Cook

made a great save midway through the first period and had an easy workload the rest of the night as Clarkston piled up the shots on goal.

"The goal they scored came on a freak play. Those boards are really live (at Flint IMA)," said Clarkston assistant head coach Glenn MacDonald. "Our defense played really well. After the first period, the handwriting was on the wall."

MacDonald praised the defensive play of his squad, in particular Bill Kalush, D.J. Thomas, Ron Wells and Tom Newman. Wells and Newman each scored a goal on Saturday.

Unlike the district championship victory against an overly-aggressive Grand Blanc, Saturday's game finished without any physical shenanigans. Flint Southwestern finished the season with the most wins in school history and, according to Rowden and MacDonald, were pleased to take Clarkston to the full 45 minutes in the regional title game.

"They played with very good sportsmanship and they were a formidable opponent," MacDonald said. "Their goalie really kept them in the game in the first period."

The Wolves had a tape of Grosse Pointe South, a team which won its 24th game with a 2-1 regional championship victory over Redford Detroit Catholic Central, and spent some practice time studying their opponents earlier in the week. Although Clarkston was considered the

Please see HOCKEY, B2

Counting out Wolves' netters could be mistake

Want to be the first to count Clarkston out of the state volleyball tournament?

Apparently, you do so at your own peril.

The Wolves were taken to the limit — twice — in Saturday's district tournament at Waterford Mott, but managed to bounce back both times to claim yet another district title. The Wolves, who evened their record at 19-19-3, now face the daunting task of upending Birmingham Marian in Saturday's regional opener.

The key to Clarkston's district championship was not panicking when they lost a game. For instance, they trailed 11-0 to Mott in the first game of Saturday's final and lost 15-6. But the Wolves rebounded to take a 9-2 lead in the second game, beat Mott 15-3 and then stopped the Corsairs 15-6 in the deciding game.

Coming back is obviously something that doesn't bother the Wolves. They did it several times in the regular season, and they were forced to do it twice Saturday.

"I think it shows we have a lot of composure," Clarkston senior Georgia Senkyr said. "We've had a lot of three-game matches this

year."

Odds are they'll have to do it again Saturday. Marian comes into the regional at 39-11-3, and the Mustangs boast two players, Kristy Kreher and Katrina Lehman, who will be playing major-college ball next year. Kreher is headed to Notre Dame, while Lehman is going to Michigan.

Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson knows one of his team's biggest bugaboos could be its downfall Saturday.

"We certainly can't afford any inconsistent play," said Richardson, who has bemoaned just that fault, really Clarkston's only one, this season. "Marian will give us real problems."

The one thing the Wolves have going for them is the play of people other than their stars. Georgia Senkyr, Aimee Giroux and Jenny McCue have been the Wolves' "big three" much of the year, but the Wolves of late have gotten stellar performances from people like Mandie Harrison, Kelly Hanna and Jenny Claus.

With Senkyr providing consistently star-level play, and with the others chipping in the way they have lately, Clarkston could spring the upset Saturday.

It wouldn't seem likely, but nay-sayers could find themselves scratching their heads.

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■ **I think it shows we have a lot of composure.**

Georgia Senkyr
Clarkston senior

team. The Wolves, who finished the regular season 18-2, drew a bye in the first round of the Lake Orion district. Clarkston played a semifinal game Wednesday against Lake Orion, but results weren't available at press time.

As tough a time as the volleyball team had getting through the district, that's exactly how easy the basketball team should have it. Neither Lake Orion nor Lapeer East posed much of a threat, and neither does Romeo, the team most likely to be served up as Clarkston's sacrificial lamb in Friday's final.

Dane Fife and Angelo Taylor are simply too much for most teams, and when you throw in the other starters, Clarkston simply has too much for most teams.

Fife is going to be Michigan's Mr. Basketball, and Taylor is doing things not seen in The Jungle in some years.

But it's the contributions of the "other" players that has the Wolves thinking state semifinal. Justin Dionne has been a force down low and can hit the shots when he needs to.

Mike Maitrott gives the

Wolves enough of an outside threat to keep opponents from playing five defenders on Fife, and Dan Neubeck plays ferocious defense and can dish the ball to the open man.

Clarkston isn't expected to have trouble until the regional, where it likely will face Pontiac Central, one of two teams to beat Clarkston this season (Pontiac Northern is the other). Clarkston will have two advantages in a possible rematch: the revenge factor, which can't be discounted with Dane Fife's mental makeup (read: He hates to lose); and the Angelo Taylor factor.

When the teams met in December, Taylor still wasn't comfortable in Fife's world after transferring from Pontiac Northern. Since then, he has become accustomed to his new teammates and the newer, more disciplined system at Clarkston, and his numbers have exploded. If Taylor plays like he can play, Clarkston becomes that much-tougher to beat.

As if opponents needed the Wolves any tougher.

Friends from page B1

Chevy S-10; Grant's is a 1994 model, while L'Amoreaux drives a 1995 red one.

"Mine is better because it's purple," Grant said with a laugh.

Their friendship can be defined by one match they wrestled against each other. The pair faced off at last year's regional tournament, a match eventually won by Grant. The two spent much of the match giving up points to each other before the referee let them know they should be taking it more seriously.

So the pair decided Grant would win by pin. The problem:

"Ryan hit the mat before I even hit the move," Grant recalled. "We were just goofing around."

What started out as distaste has evolved quickly into something approaching sibling rivalry.

With L'Amoreaux at 103 pounds and Grant the state's top-ranked 112-pounder, the pair can root for each other no matter what.

But between matches, they'll treat each other like they always do anymore.

"I pick on this kid like no other," Grant laughed. "It drives him nuts. I guess we are pretty much brothers."

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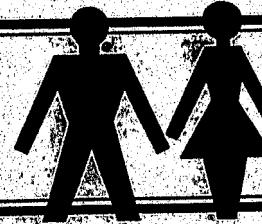
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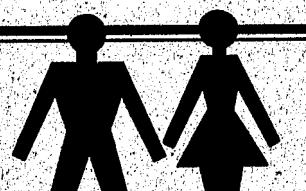
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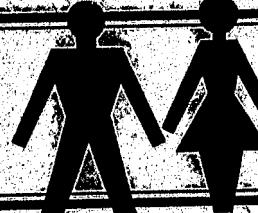
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520 Help Wanted Part-time

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DEPENDABLE, FUN loving, hard

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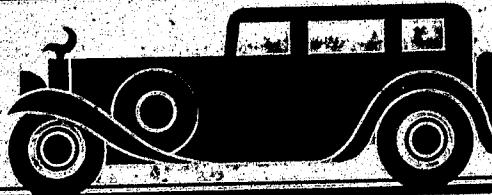
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Talk with neighbors

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



Q. I am a member of a church that is fighting about buying some property across the street which is part of a residential subdivision. Many of the church members are residents of the subdivision who oppose it. The church needs more parking. What do we do?

First the church should determine whether they can use the residential lot for parking appurtenant to the church.

Assuming that it can, it should also consider how the parking might hurt the residential community.

On the other hand, if the church meets with subdivision leaders and can work out a way parking would not harm the residential flavor of the community, both sides would benefit.

Q. I understand that there is a consumer organization for condominiums that has video tapes to orient condo association directors in their responsibilities. Do you have any information on that?

United Condominium Owners of Michigan (UCOM) represents and assists condominium associations through educational programs and promotion of favorable legislation to condominium associations, having annual seminars, a bi-monthly newsletter and other services.

One service is a video tape entitled "The Board," which is designed to assist board members in the every day operations of a community association.

It is \$25, including shipping and handling.

To order, mail a check to UCOM, 25100 Evergreen, Suite 210, Southfield 48075, or leave a message at (248) 352-8490.

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TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

John McArdle, broker/owner of Remerica Hometown One Realtors in Plymouth and current president of the Western Wayne Oak County Association of Realtors, remembers the particulars well.

"The for sale by owners (FSBOs) couldn't sell for their asking price of \$179,000," he said. "They called us. We listed for \$186,900 and had a full offer in four days."

Alice Kohler, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Farmington, also has sold houses for folks who initially figured they didn't need professional help.

"One party I had said they would try it for two weeks," she said. "They ran two newspaper ads and didn't hit a lot of people. They said people who did call would call day and night and when people knocked on the door, they didn't know who they were. It was nerve wracking."

It's perfectly legal to sell your own house.

According to a report prepared by the National Association of Realtors a couple of years ago, the primary reason most sellers don't use a Realtor is an unwillingness to pay a commission.

Commissions here average 6 percent, or \$6,000 on a \$100,000 house.

Yet, Realtors say the services they provide — establishing a price through comparable sales analysis, advertising, making sure prospects are qualified to buy, showing the house and expediting paperwork — are invaluable.

"Plus negotiating skills the average buyer or seller might not possess," said Conrad Clippert, manager of the Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke office in Rochester.

And in the end, real estate professionals maintain, those services actually save people time, money and aggravation.

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Multilisting services (computerized descriptions of houses available for sale) are the lifeline of the industry. Only Realtors have access. Realtors target other Realtors who represent buyers as well as prospective buyers themselves.

"That's the best way to get to the most people the quickest — to be multilisted," Kohler said.

"We're constantly in the market," McArdle said. "For sale by owners haven't had the benefit of full market exposure."

"We feel sellers need more active marketing, exposing the house to buyers — display and classified advertising, direct mail, cable ads," said Chuck Gorris, broker at Help-U-Sell of Northwest Wayne County in Canton.

His firm, a hybrid between full-service real firms and FSBOs, offers a variety of services on a sliding fee scale.

"It's all in exposure," Gorris said. "The more people we can show a house to, the better chance a seller has in getting an offer in a shorter time."

But even before listing, Realtors compile information about comparable sales from multilists to arrive at a sales price.

"We find more and more FSBOs are underpricing," McArdle said. "They may have had an appraisal done six months ago for refinancing that may not reflect the market now. Value changes weekly based on sales."

At the other end of the spectrum, a seller who relies on the say-so — puffy and all — of a neighbor who recently sold may overprice and watch the house languish.

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and lead-based paint that can open a seller to liability months or years after a sale.

They can craft a purchase offer to a client's advantage on such items as inspection report escape clauses, cash deposits, time frames for completing the transaction and proration of property taxes.

Realtors can also arrange for title searches, insurance, prepare and record deeds. They can tend to state and county transfer sales taxes.

"We have an in-house closing department," Clippert said. "Homeowners like the fact we can take care of all the details."

But Gorris isn't convinced that all sellers need so much hand-holding.

"A lot of times, brokers think homeowners need technical assistance. An attorney can do the paperwork. The focus should be on finding buyers," he said.

Buyers, especially first-time buyers, need help, too, said Marcia Gies, president of the Birmingham Bloomfield South Oakland Association of Realtors and manager of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate Woodward in Birmingham.

"Who's going to write the contact (purchase offer)?" she said. "How do they know what mortgage company to go through, inspectors? Where they get that information is from Realtors."

"When a sale is made, we have the contacts to keep the process rolling smoothly," Clippert said.

Surprisingly, perhaps, the National Association of Realtors found that when it came time for FSBOs to buy a house, 66 percent used a real estate professional. Maybe that means they like the services Realtors provide, but don't want to pay for them.

"A house is one of the biggest investments people make, whether buying or selling," Gies said. "They want to make sure it's done right. There's a lot of different stages. We're professionals. We'll help them."

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This Index represents a running 12-month count of residential permits issued per 1,000 population. Figures include houses, condominiums and apartment units in selected metro areas.

	Sept.'97	Sept.'96
Las Vegas	24.1	26.1
Phoenix	13.3	14.4
Atlanta	12.8	13.6
Denver	9.8	10.6
Dallas/Ft. Worth	9.1	7.8
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	6.4	5.9
Minneapolis/St. Paul	6.1	6.5
Detroit	4.8	5.1
St. Louis	4.5	5.0
Chicago	4.3	4.4
San Francisco Bay	3.8	3.0
Cleveland	3.5	3.9
Boston	3.2	4.7
NYC/Long Island	3.1	4.4
LA/Long Beach	1.0	0.9

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Out-of-state lender does well locally

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Technology is making its mark in today's mortgage market, even to the extent that out-of-state lenders are able to compete very well with local lenders. Out-of-state lenders that may have less overhead can sometimes offer more savings to the consumer than local lenders.

One way that technology is used now is that lenders are increasingly using telemarketing for initial telephone consultations, as well as telephone applications, then completing the process through the mail for the required documents. You will see more of out-of-state lenders in the future gain market share locally, simply because of technology advances and the Internet. This is a good thing for consumers because competition brings prices down.

"One out-of-state mortgage lender, UFT Mortgage of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been doing very well in the metro Detroit area," according to UFT president Dan Hoey. He claims the reason for their success in the Detroit market is that "we have very low overhead and the wholesale rates available to us in the Pittsburgh area are lower than wholesale rates in Detroit." However, Hoey says the reason for this difference is that the Pittsburgh area is an extremely competitive market, which brings down the wholesale rates.

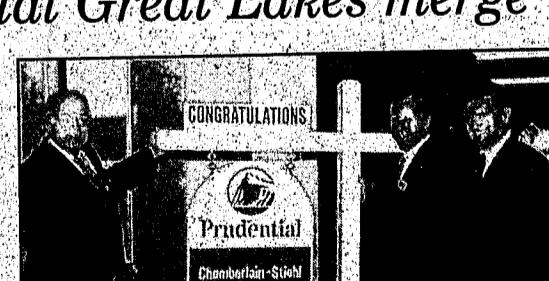
UFT is a client direct lending mortgage banker, with most of their increased business coming from client referrals. Hoey says that UFT does not try to be all things to all people. Rather, they target a specific audience of consumers that need a certain type of mortgage, specifically, fixed-rate loans of more than \$75,000. For borrowers with less than perfect credit, UFT has a subsidiary called Equity Funding Group that can take care of "special situations" that borrowers may have. UFT currently does business in eight states, all from their corporate offices in Pittsburgh. They don't have branch offices, but say they don't need them because of the way technology advances have made doing business without being face-to-face, much easier.

UFT has developed a web site that will educate and explain to users what their mortgage options are. The web site's purpose is not to get people to input personal information for a loan application but to learn more about what UFT has to offer and to solicit further contact with them. The company believes it is best to consult with each individual directly so that their experienced loan officers can make the proper recommendations.

In one area of their web site, people with a 7.5-percent mortgage rate or higher and a loan balance of more than \$125,000 can see no-cost refinance options. This clearly shows the consumer how they can save money without spending any money for loan fees. To contact UFT directly, call 1-800-838-6705.

Note: Companies that have their own web sites and that provide services to consumers relating to the home buying or selling process may submit their web site addresses to Dave Mully. To participate, call 1-800-521-0026, Ext. 227, or fax your information to Attn: Dave Mully at fax 248-669-6875.

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded Feb. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in south-western Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Amberly Hills:

610 Cawthron St. \$80,000

Clarkston: 10063 Dixie Hwy. \$215,000; 5631 Fairley Rd. \$40,000; 8723 Mountain Mist Dr. \$473,000; 4535 Mountain View Tr. \$161,000; 4591 Mountain View Tr. \$155,000; 9840 Normand Rd. \$304,000; 4635 Osgrove St. \$152,000; 7406 Osgrove Dr. \$237,000; 5350 Pink Knob Ln. \$132,000; 589 Sunrisa Dr. \$175,000; **Commerce Township:** 2661 Benstein Rd. \$70,000; 9409 Bonest St. \$130,000; 8428 Cascade St. \$167,000; 3239 Fox Blvd. \$120,000; **Farmington:** 3147 Messens St. \$105,000; 9421 Newton Place Rd. \$170,000; 2853 Red Arrow Dr. \$153,000; 9191 Tanby St. \$325,000; 435 Woodcrest Ln. \$260,000; 435 Woodvale Dr. \$180,000; **Farmington Hills:** 23056 Floral St. \$95,000; 9321 Shawshee Rd. \$270,000; **Franklin:** 31100 W 10 Mile Rd. \$256,000; 30028 W 12 Mile Rd. \$44,000; **Frederick:** 25764 Arden Park Dr. \$220,000; 38429 Brandonill. \$162,000; **Genesee:** 28357 New Castle Rd. \$753,000; 33054 Oak Hollow St. \$242,000; 2930 Lochmoor Blvd. \$128,000; 30955 Tenssler St. \$100,000; 30115 Stockton Dr. \$132,000; **Keego Harbor:** 22655 Julane Ave. \$87,000; 700 Miller Rd. \$20,000; **Novi:** 1681 Rustic Ln. \$546,000; 22847 Breydon Ct. \$267,000; 21991 Lancrest Ct. \$171,000; 3178 Beech Tree Ct. \$194,000; 1171 Ferguson St. \$73,000; 1407 Holliday St. \$120,000; 1095 Huntington Park. \$112,000; 1894 Jenny Ln. \$112,000; 1878 Buckhorn Ct. \$422,000; 1423 Christian Hills Dr. \$172,000; 958 Cobblestone Ct. \$169,000; 560 Donegal Dr. \$178,000; 3705 Heron Ridge Dr. \$189,000; 910 Hillborough Dr. \$248,000; 1095 Huntington Park. \$117,000; 2241 Hayford Dr. \$535,000; 2260 Jeffrey Dr. \$211,000; 2031 Kristin Dr. \$165,000; 2245 Holcroft Dr. \$240,000; 6376 Peach Tree Ct. \$80,000; 1400 Sandy Ridge Dr. \$275,000; 45000 Drexton Ct. \$265,000; 45431 Halton Ct. \$302,000; 31191 Kingswood Blvd. \$307,000; 4241 Park Rd. \$164,000; 570 Thornridge Dr. \$190,000; 41043 Tool Ln. \$210,000; 3621 Warwick Dr. \$378,000; 24193 Willowbrook. \$128,000; **Oakland Township:** 2728 Long Winter Ln. \$99,000; 30339 Canterbury Dr. \$35,000; 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WIXOM. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial featuring a master bedroom suite. Great room and family room. Hardwood floors in foyer. Two car attached garage. \$259,900 (55NOR) 248-280-4777



UNIQUE QUAD in the country on almost 4 acres. Updates include kitchen, roof, master suite. Multi-tier deck with hot tub in-ground pool, barn & tack room, storage lean-to, paddocks and workout area plus home warranty (121ROS) 349-6800



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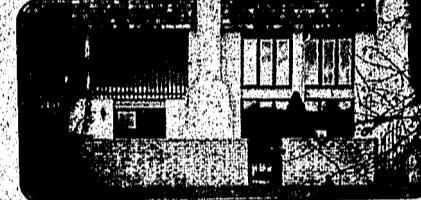
GREAT BERKLEY STARTER. Brick ranch. Updated kitchen, copper plumbing. Updated windows and more. Move-in condition. 1 1/2 car garage. (60ELL) 248-280-4777



2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1300 sq. ft. Penthouse unit with a million dollar view of Cass Lake from every room. Updated to the max. Open floor plan. All appliances included. 1 car detached garage, lots of storage. \$169,999. (35POR) 248-349-6800



BEAUTIFUL GREENPOINTE TOWNHOUSE. Hardwood flooring, marble and mirrors make this condo a must see! Skylights, recessed lighting, bay windows, master with walk-in closet and bath, fireplace, security and private entry are a few of the features. \$149,900 (COB16GRE) 248-626-8000



EVERYTHING YOU'VE WANTED. Neat touches. Easy-to-love, 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home that will satisfy everyone. Spectacular living room, home warranty package. Finished basement, Patio, balconies, community swimming pool. PLUS intercom system. \$184,900 (120a) 248-299-6200



DISTINCTIVE Royal Oak, vintage, colonial near downtown. Great newer landscaping. Central air, newer furnace, CBB roof. 3 bedrooms, formal dining room, original oak floors, finished basement with bath. Fireplace and sunroom. \$159,900 (40LON) 248-280-4777



BRIGHTON - NEWER HOME on 10+ secluded acres with pond, 2 fireplaces, security system, 1st floor laundry, large deck, walk-out basement to finish, and garage. (210JOH) 349-6800



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! \$242,500 (COB90BLU) 248-626-8000



COUNTER THE STRESS! Ultimate 10 acre country retreat. Wildlife abounds, stream, wooded, "quiet". Low maintenance, contemporary, tone, completely new gourmet kitchen, walkout basement, extra storage garage. A view from every window! \$314,900 (OE19VAN) 248-299-6200



ROYAL OAK CONDO. Zip to downtown Royal Oak, shopping, metro-area from this clean 1 bedroom condo with large rooms and great storage. Hardwood floors. Appliances stay. Lower monthly fee includes heat and water. \$44,900 (35STE) 248-280-4777



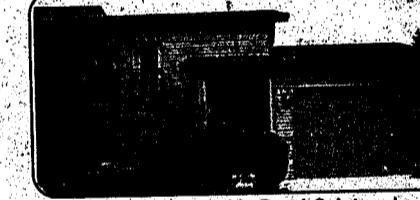
SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF WOODS, meadows, pond and sunsets on 2.6 acres of tranquility, 2,976 sq. ft. plus finished walk out, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 1552 Milford Rd. \$324,900 (155MIL) 248-349-6800



LARGE 2 STORY TUDOR. 1983. Immediate occupancy, 2,163 square feet. Park-like back yard adjacent to 20AC Commons. \$229,900 (COB20MEA) 248-626-8000



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 (N25Bl) 248-299-6200



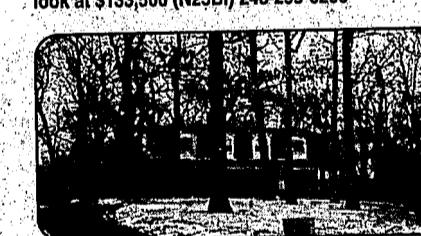
OVER 1250 SQ. FT. in this Royal Oak townhouse. Features - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage. Excellent yard. Move-in condition. \$119,800 (09AME) 248-280-4777



GREAT LOCATION, extra large lot, possible split, home is a fixer upper or possible tear down, value is in the land. All offers welcomed. (287BEN) Please Call 248-349-6800



WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE!!! 6 bedroom home has it all; walk-out lower level with 3 bedrooms all with windows and full bath; walkout to wetlands. 1st floor master suite has walk-in closets and deluxe full bath, some hardwood floors. \$409,900 (COB55WAL) 248-626-8000



A STYLISH ENTRYWAY. Outstanding custom home on wooded parcel in Oakland Township. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal living & dining rooms. Family room with fireplace. Finished basement with rec room & office. Minutes from downtown Rochester schools & churches. \$239,900 (OE54RI) 248-299-6200



WELL MAINTAINED AND COMFORTABLE bungalow with nice open floor plan. This home has 3 bedrooms, spacious master bedroom, dining room with bay window and wood flooring. Kitchen and bath have been updated. New neutral carpeting, all appliances stay. \$127,900 (21HAR) 248-280-4777



BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH COLONIAL in Novi, on a cul-de-sac location. Lots of updates. Lovely 16 by 12 sunroom off from family room, finished basement. Sidewalks in sub, asking \$179,700. (245PAR) 349-6800



LOCATION, LOCATION. Sylvan Lake brick tri-level, 2 car attached garage, hardwood in living room, and dining area. Great fireplace in lower level, doorwall to patio. Immediate possession; great potential. \$149,900. (COB05SHE) 248-626-8000



LAKE PRIVILEGES LONG LAKE. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial, basement, fireplace, deck, central air. Updated kitchen and bath. MOVE IN CONDITION! \$154,900 (OE80CR) 248-299-6200



CLASSIC BRICK RANCH ON VINSETTA BLVD. Quality and updates in prestigious Royal Oak location. Almost 1200 sq. ft. on 1/3 park-like acre. Fireplace, refinished hardwood floors, library, new roof, finished basement w/rec room, full bath & 3rd bedroom. \$205,000 (16VIN) 248-280-4777



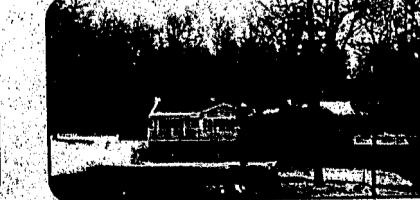
3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch with full finished basement, 2 car attached garage. Great court location in NW Livonia and only \$169,900 (187BAL) 349-6800



GROVELAND TRI-LEVEL! This clean, well-maintained home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, huge yard with small pond. Master has direct access to main bath. All appliances stay, newer carpet in bedrooms, hallway & family room. Move-in condition. Close to Mt. Holly. Priced at \$129,900 (14THR) 620-7200



BEAUTIFULLY WOODED SERENE SETTING! Home features include 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. This well-built Cape Cod has 2x6 construction and is near completion with possible upgrades. Kitchen will have white Merrill cabinets with an island. CALL FOR MORE DETAILS! Priced at \$254,900 (11MEA) 620-7200



ONE LOOK AT ITS GONE! Home features include 4 bedrooms, a complete in-laws quarters in walk out lower level, 2 fireplaces, extensive decks, Florida room, 2 story barn, all new windows, all sitting on 1 1/4 acres. Priced to sell at only \$296,644 (10KIN) 620-7200



BEAUTIFUL NEW BUILD! Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace, open stairway to walk out basement, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen & dining room, oak cabinets, whirlpool tub in master bath and separate shower, located on large lot on cul-de-sac. Priced at \$249,900. (11NIC) 620-7200

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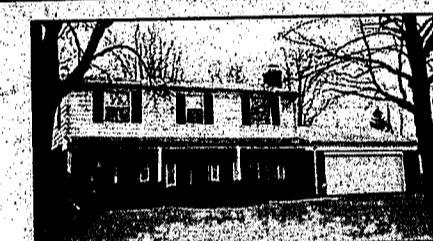


NEW CONSTRUCTION with all the amenities. Lakefront on Woodbridge Lake. 5 bedrooms, 5½ baths. Stunning contemporary nestled on a double lot, 2 fireplaces, 2 story foyer. Gorgeous water views. Landscaped. Sprinkler. \$529,900 (18FO) 248-626-8800

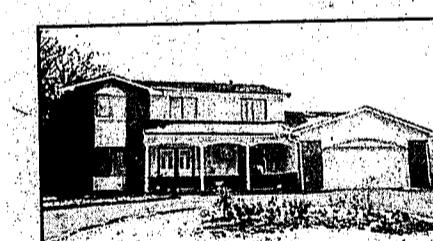


75' ON UNION LAKE. Featuring southern exposure and awesome panoramic views. 3 story contemporary with 3-5 bedrooms, 2½ baths, over 3,000 sq. ft., 3 car garage and decking galore. \$445,900 (53LOC) 363-1200

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FARMINGTON HILLS Kendallwood sub. Spacious 4 bedroom Colonial. Newer kitchen 2½ baths, newer carpeting. Partially finished basement. Walk to all schools. Great location in sub. \$209,900 (32BO) 248-626-8800



W. BLOOMFIELD - Beautiful Colonial move-in condition. Great landscaping and location! Many updates include: security system, carpet, roof, furnace, kitchen cabinets and much more! Don't pass this up! \$279,900 (72IN) 248-626-8800



W. BLOOMFIELD - Space to breathe! Almost 2 acres, 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths. Tri-level. Birmingham schools. New roof, central air, refinished hardwood floors. Painted throughout! Spacious kitchen, family room with walkout, 2 fireplaces. \$279,000 (65KIN) 626-8800



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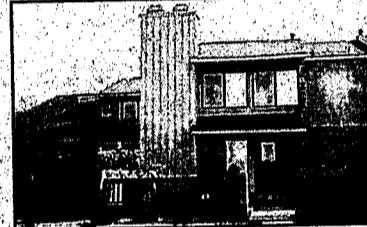
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Magnificent lakefront estate with breathtaking views. Gracious 8,000 sq. ft. home perfect for entertaining! Hardwood floors, formal living and dining rooms, master bedroom with sitting room, walkout lower level with kitchen, 2.5 acres. \$2,390,000 (85MID) 248-642-8100



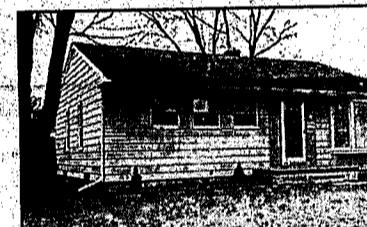
BLOOMFIELD - Ultimate contemporary home. Prime lot. Access to 2 lakes. Open plan, 6 bedrooms each with private bath. Lower level walkout with indoor pool, home theater, exercise room, dance floor, bar. Views of lake and nature from each room. \$2,700,000 (08HID) 248-642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS - Wonderful updated walkout ranch, 4 bedrooms, master bedroom with full bath, 2 fireplaces. Fabulous property! \$279,000 (51LAK) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - 3 bedrooms, 2½ bath townhouse with 1,600 sq. ft. Living room, white Formica kitchen, atrium, large master bedroom suite, finished lower level with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, pool, tennis courts. \$159,900 (06SOU) 248-642-8100



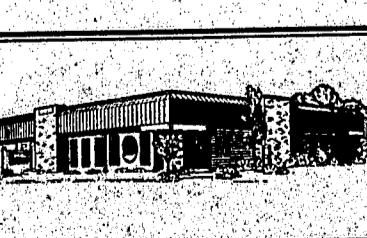
ROYAL OAK - 3 bedroom ranch. Living room with bow window, coved ceilings, hardwood floors under newer carpet. Updated kitchen. Newer 2½ car garage, drive. Updated electric. Newer roof and windows. Privacy fence, neighbor-hood elementary. \$117,500 (20BAR) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful open spacious ranch condo. Kitchen with hardwood floors, lovely breakfast area, master-bedroom with huge walk-in closet, living room with cathedral ceilings and fireplace, doorwall to private atrium, beautiful views, end unit. \$262,900 (72CHI) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield land value - tear down and build a showplace on this beautiful acre-plus property in the Kirk in the Hills area. Not many like this one left!! \$385,000 (10GRO) 248-642-8100



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SHARP WALLED LAKE ranch, 2½ car garage, large brick patio. Covered porch, bay window, new windows, kitchen, bath, electric. Don't miss this treasure! \$115,000 (42HOE) 363-1200



NEWER FARMINGTON HILLS 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2 story with Farmington Hills Schools. Ceramic entry. White Kitchen. Many ceiling fans. Central air. Family room with fireplace. \$274,900 (37CH) 248-626-8800



W. BLOOMFIELD - Everything updated and neutral in this 4 bedroom Colonial on quiet cul-de-sac; new kitchen, new windows, new roof and updated baths. New landscaping. Huge bedrooms, etc. Must see! \$244,900 (51KI) 248-626-8800



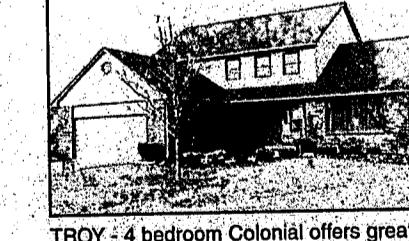
GRAND COLONIAL in prestigious sub. Minutes to I-75 and Bald Mtn. Rec. Hardwood floors and crown trim, gourmet kitchen with island. Master with cathedral ceilings and built-in bookcases. Lavish bath, garden tub. Great family room with fireplace, doorwall to deck. \$269,977 (52KOS) 652-8000



GET AWAY FROM IT ALL and still enjoy city conveniences. Located within minutes from downtown Rochester on over a half acre wooded lot, 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath brick ranch with newer kitchen and baths, central air, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, Jacuzzi tub. \$172,900 (92ELM) 652-8000



TROY - 3 bedroom ranch home with Merrilat cabinets, huge closets and tons of storage. Basement with rec room, exercise room, workshop and den with closet. Pella doorwall. Fenced yard. \$180,000 (69DAN) 524-1600



TROY - 4 bedroom Colonial offers great room with fireplace, 3½ bath, central air, security system. First floor den and laundry room. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Handicap access on 1st floor with extra wide doors. Call today! \$284,500 (45KNI) 524-1600



48680 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Twp
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SPECTACULAR 4 bedroom Troy Tudor with 2½ baths. Great room with fireplace and wet bar. First floor laundry, TV camera outside with lighting, Intercom system, security system and more! \$289,900 (26MOU) 524-1600



OUTSTANDING 4 bedroom Quad-level with 2 full baths located in Troy with a renovated European white kitchen. Granite counters, Jacuzzi bath, Hardwood floors and newer insulated windows. Troy Schools. \$179,900 (48CAM) 524-1600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Totally renovated 4 bedroom ranch on beautiful lot! Gorgeous kitchen, 1st floor laundry, fireplace, attached garage. Immaculate! \$239,900 (30BE) 248-626-8800



ALL SPORTS LAKE - Canal front ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, and all the extras! 4th bedroom in lower level, finished walkout, wet bar, fireplace, sun room, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, central air, sprinkler, deck, more! \$249,000 (78RA) 248-626-8800



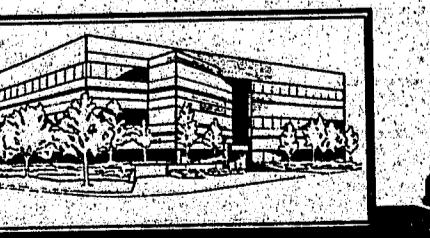
SHARP COLONIAL well maintained and decorated. Oak wood floors throughout foyer and kitchen. Partially finished basement. Bay window in dining room. California closet organizers. Great deck. Sprinklers, air conditioning, security system. Landscaped on cul-de-sac! \$187,900 (64BOL) 248-652-8000



UPDATED COLONIAL on cul-de-sac. Newer roof, vinyl windows, white cabinets in kitchen, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, breakfast area. Baths and lav updated. Large family room has natural fireplace with wood mantel. Partially finished basement, alarm. Home Warranty. \$244,900 (84HID) 652-8000



WING LAKE VIEWS and beach frontage lot. Designer contemporary, treed lot; granite, customized cabinetry, vaulted ceilings, finished walkout, air, sprinklers, 2 fireplaces, maple flooring, 2 solariums, multi-level decking. \$544,900 (74CAR) 652-8000



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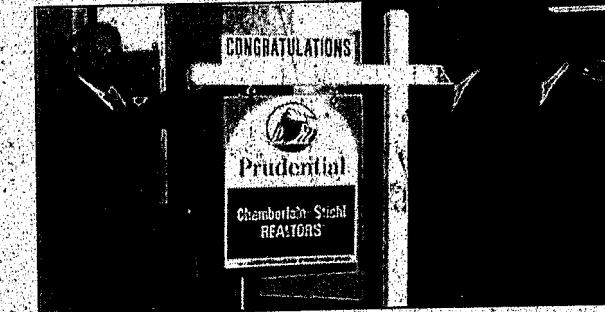
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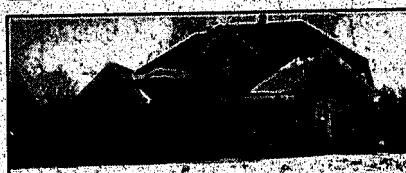


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OAKLAND TWP - MAJESTIC NEW BUILD

- Estate sized acre lot next to nature area
- Elegant 1st floor master suite with pan ceiling
- Atrium doors, whirlpool, two story foyer & walk-out
- Dramatic great room offers a wealth of windows

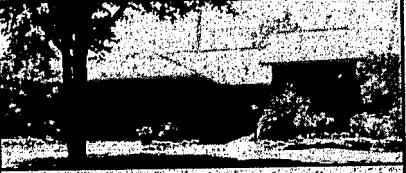
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ROCHESTER HILLS - MAJESTIC NEW BUILD

- Captivating Colonial In Falcon Estates
- Walk-out lower level with bay window in nook
- Wet bar off dining room, connecting bath between 2nd & 3rd bedrooms & private bath off 4th bedroom

\$485,000 689-8900 771800



WATERFORD - UNIQUE PRIVATE RETREAT

- Builder's Contemporary home on gated 10 acres
- 900 ft. frontage on Clinton River Trails, wildlife
- Walk-out lower level, 3 level cedar decking
- Fabulous views, Crescent Lake privileges

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - PAMPERED PERFECTION

- Choose your spot to snuggle by the fireplace - the living room or the family room with wet bar & sand tile
- Generously sized greenhouse plus large glassed porch overlooking outdoor swimming pool

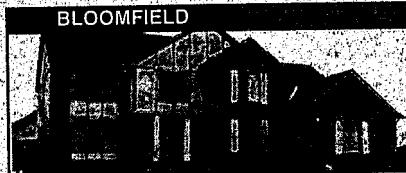
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OAKLAND - CONTEMPORARY

- Custom built on breathtaking wooded lot w/pond
- First floor master suite, beamed oak kitchen
- Fire lit great room w/cathedral ceiling & skylights
- Loft, extensive decking, lower level walk out

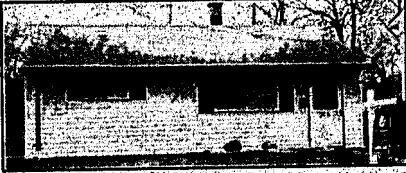
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BLOOMFIELD

1652 Hickory Bark Lane (n. of Square Lk. b/w I-75 & Squirrel)
 • Sparkling clean & beautifully neutral four bedroom
 Tudor. Ceramic tile and hardwood floors.
 • Huge master with Jacuzzi. Open kitchen & family room areas. Interior corner lot. Lovely!

\$339,900 646-8000 803227



PONTIAC - UPDATES!

- Two bedroom ranch in North Pontiac features newer windows, vinyl siding & shingles.
- All appliances stay! Easy walk to schools.
- Perfect for first time buyers or investors.

\$39,900 625-5700 808661



FARMINGTON HILLS - GORGEOUS SURROUNDINGS

- This four bedroom brick and wood two story home is located on a premium woodland preserve lot
- Hardwood flooring, split foyer, Island kitchen
- Two way fireplace bet. library & den, private master

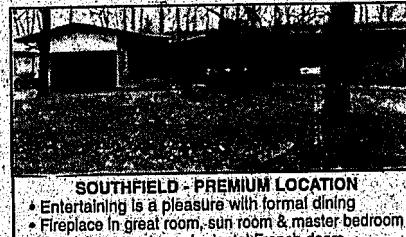
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FARMINGTON HILLS - MOVE RIGHT IN

- Immaculate & recently repainted four bedroom home
- Sunlit family room w/vaulted ceilings & warm fireplace
- Library w/stately judges paneling, circular staircase
- Ceramic floors. Finished lower level, sprinklers, deck

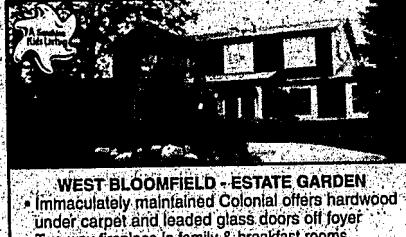
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SOUTHFIELD - PREMIUM LOCATION

- Entertaining is a pleasure with formal dining
- Fireplace in great room, sun room & master bedroom
- Exquisite carved wood oriental French doors
- White kitchen w/eating area overlooks pool. (BE225)

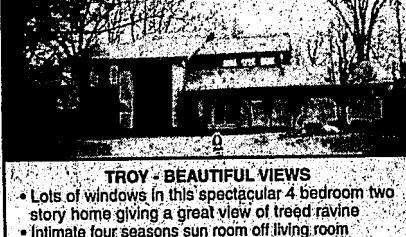
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WEST BLOOMFIELD - ESTATE GARDEN

- Immaculately maintained Colonial offers hardwood under carpet and leaded glass doors off foyer
- Two-way fireplace in family & breakfast rooms
- Circular deck with outstanding BBQ grill

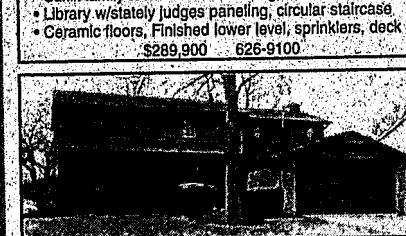
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TROY - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

- Lots of windows in this spectacular 4 bedroom two story home giving a great view of treed ravine
- Intimate four seasons sun room off living room
- Fire lit family room with built-in entertainment center

\$439,000 689-8900 09099988



FARMINGTON HILLS - GEM OF A HOME

- This home has dual appeal! Traditional elevation enhanced by the interior's contemporary flair
- Euro-style kitchen, ceramic floors, 1st floor laundry
- Master w/vaulted ceiling & private bath, central air

\$235,000 626-9100



ROCHESTER HILLS - GORGEOUS POND VIEW

- Beautifully decorated with lots of hardwood floors
- Formal dining, gas fireplace highlights great room
- Spacious kitchen, finished walk-out lower level
- Charming court entrance, home warranty

\$215,900 Ask For Anna Pearcey 656-4400



FARMINGTON HILLS - COMPLETELY UPDATED

- Updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Contemporary on the cul-de-sac backing to park & commons area
- Gourmet kitchen with Corian counters & many extras
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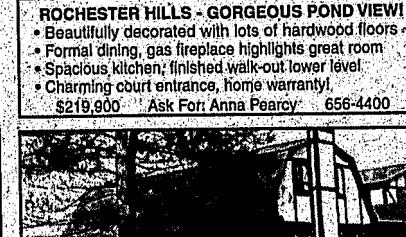
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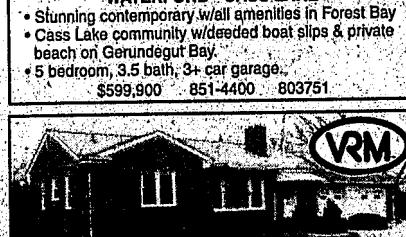
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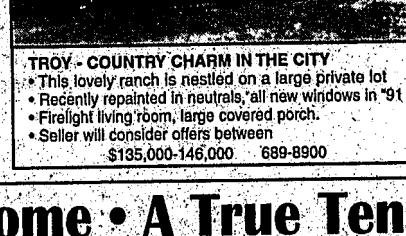
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Work out place for computer



NAOMI STONE
LEVY

In previous columns I have explored ways to change floors, windows, doors and doorways. There are other significant improvements I can suggest.

Computers have become a

way of life. They have invaded our homes as well as offices, and now require concern. Most people don't need a computer room, per se. They find a small area that will adapt itself to this use.

Oftentimes a small closet will suffice. If this is a good solution for you, the purchase of a very good typewriter table on wheels would work well. It can be rolled in and out, as needed.

However, if you have no objection to

the computer being in sight, work out a useable shelf with a knee space below. An adjacent metal lateral file will be helpful. Voila! You are ready to go to work.

In my own case I selected a decent-looking, 27-inch high table, rather than the standard 29-inch height. This is easier on my neck and shoulders. My computer is small, and my Image Writer occupies the nearby space. I never have to move them — just dust 'em.

I keep my trusty Webster's Dictionary and Roget's Thesaurus conveniently at hand. From here on all I need is an idea.

Naomi Stone Levy, a Franklin resident, is an interior designer and a former secretary of the American Society of Interior Designers. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Contest seeks Michigan's biggest tree 'around'

Spring will soon be here and once again Michigan's search for the state's largest trees is under way.

Global ReLeaf of Michigan and the Michigan Big Tree Hunt Committee invite everyone to help find the biggest tree "around."

In honor of the April 24 Arbor Day observance, participants of all ages are being asked to search their communities to find the tree with the widest girth.

A prize will be awarded to the individual who finds the largest tree entered from his or her county. Additional prizes will be awarded to the person finding the largest white pine (Michigan's state tree) and anyone who finds a tree larger than the current Michigan State Champion of that species.

Previous winning entries and trees listed in the Michigan Big Tree Register are excluded.

Entries are accepted year round. However, only those entries postmarked on or before March 15, 1998, will be considered for the 1998 awards. Winning entries will be verified and multiple entries are allowed. In the case of duplicate entries, the one with the earliest

postmark will win.

Entry forms for the contest may be obtained by calling Global ReLeaf of Michigan toll-free at (800) 642-7353.

The Michigan Big Tree Hunt Contest is a cooperative effort of Global ReLeaf of Michigan, the Michigan Big Tree Hunt Committee, the Michigan Botanical Club/Big Tree Project and the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association/Michigan Champion Tree Project.

For more information, contact Global ReLeaf at the number listed above, or write to: P.O. Box 510173, Livonia 48151.

Global ReLeaf of Michigan Inc. is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

Its mission is "To educate the public on the value of trees and the need to properly select, plant and maintain them."

This is accomplished by working with community groups with local tree planting projects and by providing informational materials and presentations."



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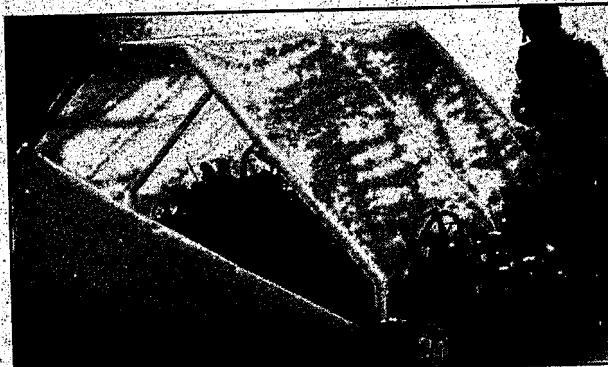
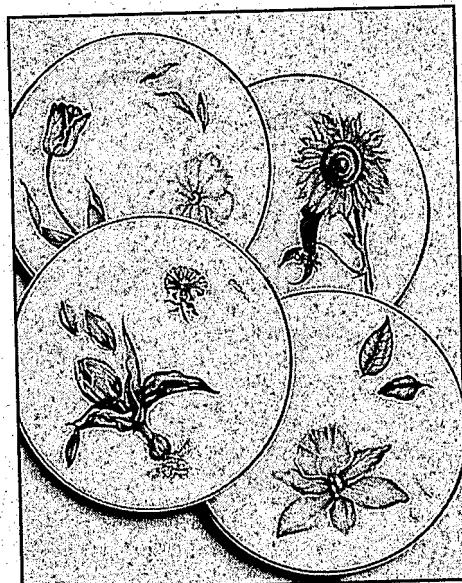


Ware-in' of the green

Leafy: These hand-sculpted ceramic pieces from the Vetri Co. bear a green leaf pattern and are available at Scott Shuptrine Fine Furniture Showrooms in Troy and Novi. Shown here are a cake plate/platter, \$119; and pitcher, \$69. On the top shelf are a vegetable squash leaf plate (left), \$32; and small, medium and large canisters, \$44, \$58 and \$69 respectively. On the middle shelf are a pasta/soup bowl (left), \$76; soup tureen, \$155; and matching oval dish, \$119. A deep serving bowl (left), \$64; and large leaf bowl, \$76; are on the bottom shelf. Costs are sale prices.

Floral setting

In bloom: Keep the flowers you love in bloom with the Tiffany Flowers collection from Tiffany & Co. From sunflowers to roses, Tiffany Flowers dessert plates bring the beauty of a beloved garden inside for you to enjoy all year. The collection, made of Limoges porcelain, is available at Tiffany & Co. in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. The price is \$70 per plate. Call (248) 637-2800.



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His and her

Following form: While most of us are familiar with "his" and "her" towels, this concept has been extended to vases by designer Francis Perreault with the introduction of Miss and Mr. Flower Vases. The Mr. Flower Vase is broad at the top, representing a man's shoulders, while the Miss Flower Vase is broad at the bottom, representing a woman's hourglass figure. The Miss and Mr. Flower Vases, available in red, lime green, blue or purple, retail for \$55 each at Chlasso in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 643-6550.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569

We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to: **Mary Klemic,**

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MARTY FIGLEY

This warm weather has made us itch to get out in the garden and do something! But, take a deep breath and wait a while to see what direction the weather takes before getting too engrossed in chores.

One thing that can be done now is some pruning. Lee Reich, a horticulturist and author, shares the following about this subject:

Q. Why do we prune?

A. We prune both for ourselves and for the plant. To make it more beautiful, to improve the quality or quantity of flowers, leaves or fruits, to keep it from growing too large, and to keep a plant healthy.

Q. What about tools?

A. Buy the best quality. Use a tool appropriate to the size of the pruning cut. Keep the blades sharp.

Q. When is the best time to prune?

A. If you want to stimulate bud growth, prune a stem when it is dormant ... Summer is the time to remove stems to let light in among the branches, or to remove a stem that is vigorous and in the wrong place. Upright water sprouts are less likely to regrow if snapped off before they become woody at their bases. To avoid winter damage, don't prune in late summer.

Q. How do we cut the branches?

A. A correct cut is made just beyond a bud and at an angle. Make all cuts clean. To remove a large branch, undercut 1/4 of the way through about 12 inches farther out than the eventual cut; next saw through that stem from the top near the first cut but a couple of inches farther out on the branch. When the branch falls, saw off the stub that remains just beyond the ridge and collar.

Q. Many of us are unsure how to prune deciduous ornamental shrubs.

A. The natural growth habit of a bush influences its shape. Some have many short branches and make billowing mounds, such as boxwoods or those with lanky stems, originating each year mostly from ground level such as forsythia.

Don't prune when plants are young, but do weed and water. Prune with hand shears and loppers, not hedge shears.

Prune away some of the oldest suckers at the ground or to low, vigorous replacement shoots. Shorten lanky stems arching to the ground, and remove any woody stems that are overcrowded in the center of the shrub, as well as those that are dead, diseased, or crossing and rubbing.

Prune shrubs that flower early in the season right after their blossoms fade. Prune shrubs that flower from summer onward just before growth begins.

Q. Can you explain a thinning cut?

A. A thinning cut is when you remove a stem completely at ground level or cut it back to a larger branch. Use these cuts when you want to remove unwanted growth, such as in the center of a tree or bush, where growth is too dense.

Q. How about a heading cut?

A. A heading cut shortens the branch. Reserve heading cuts for situations where you want lush regrowth or branching.

Q. What should we do when we wish to limit the height of a tree?

A. Begin the process before the tree reaches its desired height. Stop upward progress of the leader (the main trunk)

Please see FIGLEY, D5



MARTY FIGLEY

Prudent pruning: The proper tools, such as this new pruner, help make garden chores easier.

Home, flower show features variety of products, services

Special highlights at the 80th annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show, Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15, at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, include:

Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School will erect a steel frame, metal stud, 1,800 square-foot home for showgoers to see how the industry has changed in the use of materials in construction. Members of the school will be on hand to discuss the pros and cons of lumber versus steel.

A "show within a show," the third annual Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show will be dedicated to these rooms that are used most often in a home.

Show exhibitors featuring products and services for the kitchen and bath include: Bath Fitter, Bathtub Liners of Michigan, Cabinet Clinic Inc., Childs Carpentry, Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers, Mathison Supply, Stylus I Builders, Talon Surfaces, and Watertech Whirlpool Bath.

The Pool, Spa & Recreation Show will feature products and services for patio, yard, garage, garden and recreation needs from Fireplace & Spa Center, E-Z Living, Heartland Industries, Inc., Home Water Sports, Palm Springs-Tension Tamers, Peter's True Value Hardware, Rainbow Recreation of Michigan, Spas Direct, Tony V's Sunrooms and others.

The arts and crafts display, presented by Alice's Promotions of Detroit, will feature more than 50 exhibitors including American Indian sculpture, copper garden art, hand-forged iron garden accessories, laser engraving and ribbon crafts.

Detroit Edison Theater will have presentations from its utility safety experts to caution people about electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines.

WWJ Radio will broadcast from the show on Saturday and WXYT Radio will broadcast "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage, "Money Talk" Rick Bloom and "PC Talk" Mike Wendland on Saturday and Sunday.

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by cutting it back to a weak branch. Ideally, plant a tree that will mature at the desired height.

This is just the "tip of the iceberg" about pruning. Reich's "The Pruning Book," published by Taunton Press, gives much excellent advice; very complete. The price is \$27.95.

What will people think of next? Craftsman (Sears tools) now has an Easy Action Pump N Cut ropeless tree pruner that works like a charm!

The cutting head disposes of branches up to 1-1/8 inches in diameter with a

Haege has an extensive background in the do-it-yourself industry. He invites industry experts to be guests on his radio show and answers home improvement questions from callers. Bloom covers topics such as tax laws, investments, money management and real estate and answers listeners' questions with financial advice.

A free Parade of Homes plan book containing the renderings, features and location maps for the 56 participating homes will be available at the Parade of Homes display sponsored by Standard Federal Bank and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

One lucky showgoer will win \$10,000, by correctly estimating the number of nails in the House of Nails contest. The Treasure Chest contest, set up at various locations throughout the show, will award prizes from Farmer Jack, Professional Allied Florists Association, The Home Depot, MichCon Gas Company, Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School, 21st Century Newspapers, WXYT Radio, The Detroit News and American Blind and Wallpaper Factory.

Also, many exhibitors will have contests for prizes. Dancers, musical groups and singers will entertain the crowds.

The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Thursday-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 seniors, \$4 for ages 6 to 12 and free for under age 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons are available at The Home Depot, Target and Hudson's stores and were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills.

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Show provides good forum



JOE GAGNON

The past five years have seen the Appliance Doctor perform at several of the area's home and garden shows.

Maybe the word *perform* is not proper in describing what I do at these shows. I don't sing and dance or do comedy. I just get up on stage and act myself.

I talk about my world of major appliances, the service industry, the trends of tomorrow and I answer questions for the audience. The most recent show was this past weekend at the Pontiac Silverdome and another coming up in early April at Novi. These shows give me an opportunity to meet with people and to have conversations one on one.

The questions I get to answer will help consumers not only with their present appliance but with the purchase of their next appliance. The comments given me by the public are helpful in telling me what homeowners are either pleased or displeased about. They add to the supply of fuel to write these columns and they certainly motivate me to continue my work as a consumer advocate.

The recent announcement that Esther Shapiro is leaving the office of Detroit Consumer Affairs was an unexpected shock to those of us who know her.

In an interview she made a point of how the Office of the United States Consumer Affairs Department in Washington is no longer in existence, plus the Michigan Consumers Council at the state capital is gone bye-bye as well.

There are very few areas of this country which have any type of office to help consumers gain information on smart shopping habits. The old cliche of "consumer beware" is one which will grow in popularity in the years ahead.

As some people in the business will think that they can get away with anything, we will have to be smarter consumers.

I want to take some space here to thank the many people who visited the WJR broadcast booth at the recent shows. I know I shook the hand of a few thousand radio listeners but what impressed me most was the comments made by the readers of this column. If you really want to know how many people

■ The comments given me by the public are helpful in telling me what homeowners are either pleased or displeased about.

people read the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, come over and stand beside the Appliance Doctor the next time he's performing and you'll understand.

So many have told me they save my columns for future reference, it makes me want to write a book. What even feels better is to know and meet so many young couples who listen and read what I say, these are the very people who will be helped not just once or twice but many times throughout their lives.

These home and garden shows are filled with people who are very serious about upcoming projects around the house. Many are new potential home buyers and their questions are never to be taken lightly.

The merchants at these shows are usually the strong and established business, with little if any black marks to indicate an unethical background. It's not possible for me to check out every one of them, but I can say the crooks don't expose themselves to public affairs where angry customers could raise a public display.

You can pretty well trust the business you meet at these shows, and if you're looking for a bargain on something let me point out a public secret.

After the work involved setting up their displays at these shows, and then spending four days on concrete floor with your feet and legs aching, they are not much in the mood for packing this stuff up and moving it out. Bring your pickup truck and during the last three hours of the show, I guarantee you, the prices on items you might like to buy will be lower than any other time of the year. Stay tuned and thank you.

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.

Find combination for right exposure



MONTE NAGLER

Proper exposure consists of allowing just enough light into your camera for a specified amount of time—the right combination of lens opening and shutter speed. This combination is determined by your camera's

meter and is crucial to correct exposure.

It is important to understand that there are many combinations of aperture/shutter speed to produce correct exposure just as there were many ways to obtain your "perfect tan."

For example, an exposure combination of f-8 at 1/30 second is exactly the same as f-5.6 at 1/60 second because in the latter exposure, light is entering the camera through an opening twice as large but for only half the time.

You see, for each combination, the end result is the same: correct exposure. What determines the combination of aperture/shutter speed is the film speed (the ASA) and the lighting conditions under which you are shooting.

You may ask, "If any combination of aperture/shutter speed gives correct exposure, what difference does it make which is used?" Well, it makes a big difference—not in exposure, but in the final appearance of your photograph. You can achieve different moods and effects.

■ Long shutter speeds will give your pictures a feeling of motion and sometimes a dreamlike quality such as a

photo of moving water. (Be prepared to use your tripod when using long shutter speeds.)

■ Fast shutter speeds will "freeze" the action.

■ Large apertures will result in shallow depth-of-field, even blurring an unwanted background.

■ Small apertures will increase depth-of-field, often making your picture sharp from front to back.

You begin to be creative and to express yourself through your photography when you become the "boss" of your camera; when you select the aperture/shutter speed combinations that will give you the results you want in your photographs.

And give yourself the flexibility to override the camera's meter by intentionally over- or under-exposing your shot. You can do this for esthetic reasons or to correct for an extreme bright or dark background.

Don't think you're stymied if you have an automatic camera. If a certain aperture/shutter speed combination won't produce the results you want in a shutter speed priority camera, simply make an adjustment in shutter speed, and the camera will automatically make a corresponding correction in aperture. Reverse the process if you have an aperture priority camera.

Be creative in your photography by understanding how apertures and shutter speeds relate to each other and how you can use their relationships to improve your pictures.

I'll talk about light meters in the next column.



Milky way: Monte Nagler wanted his photograph of Oregon's Multnomah Falls to appear almost "milky." A long shutter speed of one second did the trick.

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Collection features expert presentations

Here are some of the other events at the Home & Garden Collection. Call (248) 816-5484 for reservations where required, or for other information. Admission is free.

■ At Home columnists Marty Figley and Ruth Mossok Johnston will be among the experts making special presentations. Figley will discuss how to "Add Spice to Your Life With Herbs," 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Somerset South. Johnston and Chef Kirk Hansen of Vic's World Class Markets will give a cooking demonstration of Australian pub food 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Somerset South.

■ Experts from the Frank Boos Gallery, the Bloomfield Hills appraisal and auction house, will give verbal appraisals of possible treasures 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Somerset North. Reservations are required. Don't bring coins, stamps, large gemstones and musical instruments.

■ Other presentations at Somerset South are: "Introduction to Water Gardening," 1 p.m. Friday, March 13; "All About Perennial Gardening," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; "Gardening With Annals for Color Impact," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 26; "Guide to Tree and Shrub Planting," 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 31; "Couture At Auction," 1 p.m. Friday, April 3; "How to Work With An Interior Designer," 7 p.m. Friday, April 3; "Edible Flowers," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8; "Traveling in New Zealand," 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14; "Exploring the Gardens of Australia," 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28; "Tahiti, Fiji and Cruises to Australia," 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4; and "The Millennium, Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and the America's Cup In Australia," 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Reservations are required for the New Zealand and Australian travel events.

■ Other presentations at Somerset North are: "Container and Window Box Gardening," 7 p.m. Friday, March 13; "Fresco Art: History and Passion for Life," 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18; "Window Dressing: Creating Dramatic Impact In a Room," 1 p.m. Monday, March 23; "Growing Glorious Orchids," 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28; "What's New In Outdoor Lighting," 7 p.m. Monday, March 30; "What's New In Brick Paving Styles and Textures," 1 p.m. Monday, April 6; "The Latest In High-tech Travel Packs," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7; "Arranging Fresh-cut Flowers," 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9; and "Guide to Year-round Container Gardening," 1 p.m. Friday, April 10.

■ Informal modeling of spring fashions takes place noon to 2 p.m. every Wednesday; cabaret nights 7 p.m. every Thursday.

Those attending the modeling noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the South Rotunda may win their Sunday-best hats from "Hats Off to Spring." Box lunches are available for \$5. The person with the most distinctive spring hat will win a \$200 gift certificate.

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

English style decorating can be anyone's cup of tea.

Designer Kristen Catto Armstrong, who worked in residential design in England for six years before opening a studio at Michigan Design Center in Troy, demonstrates the English style of arranging architectural elements, color, fabric and accessories.

She is one of the speakers at the home and garden show, "Home & Garden Collection," continuing to April 11 at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy.

Armstrong will discuss how to decorate your home English style in her free presentation, "English Style Decorating," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Somerset South.

The cliché of the British stiff upper lip isn't accurate, said Armstrong, who will be moving her showroom in June to 748 Forest in Birmingham, to be the mainline showroom for the design offices of Duncan-Fuller Interiors.

"(The British) have a wonderful sense of humor," she said.

In connection with decorating, that means more than incorporating the fun and whimsical.

Georgian is the most popular English architectural style, Armstrong said. Simplistic, charming and elegant, it keeps purpose in mind. For example, window displays consider insulation as well as attractiveness.

"Victorian can sometimes get too fussy."

When you look at the elements of a room, remember you can have more than one focal point, Armstrong said.

"That's something that the English are very good at doing."

A fireplace and bay windows don't have to compete with each other; arrange furnishings around both so you have more than one conversation area. Put sofas back to back in a large room.

Concerning trimming, choose to have one finished piece rather than several unfinished ones. Put tassels around a pillow, a skirt on a sofa.

The English style features muted colors, such as claret, yellow and green. Each room of a residence would be a different color, with neutral tones between rooms.

"The English aren't afraid of using



Layered look: Layering describes English style, says designer Kristen Catto Armstrong, as shown here and on the cover with table settings and furnishing arrangements.

color. Here we like to use a lot of white or neutral colors."

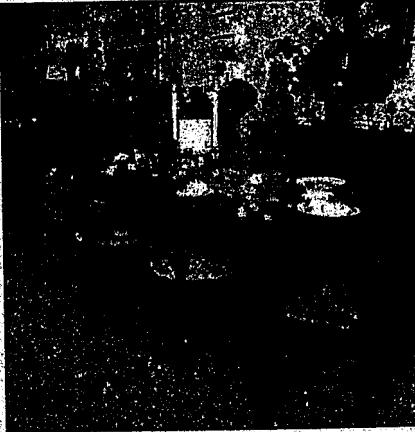
Fabrics include chintzes, linens and silks. Layering is a good word to describe English style, Armstrong said, as in placing a decorative area rug over a sisal.

Bring a sense of personal history to your decor, the designer said. If you want to change a dining room set, put the old table as a sideboard in the living room and a couple of the chairs in a bedroom. If you have a collection of items such as candlesticks, try grouping them on a table in one room instead of scattering them in more than one.

"It depends on what you like. A lot of people don't like clutter."

Find a corner cupboard for the kitchen and plan cabinetry around it.

That (piece) will be the one thing you take away with you."

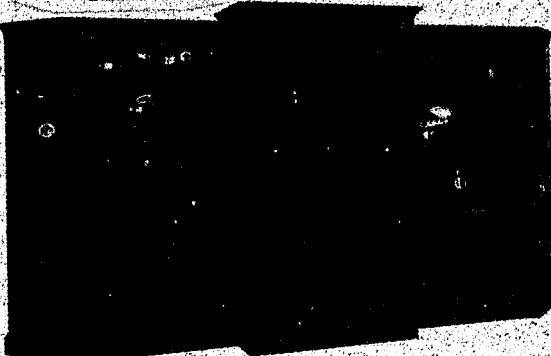


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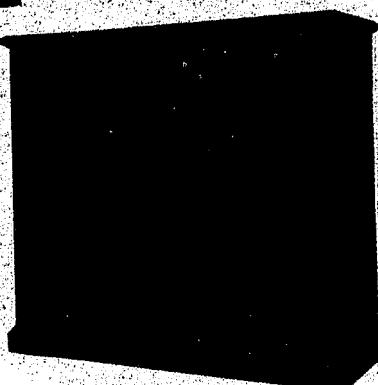


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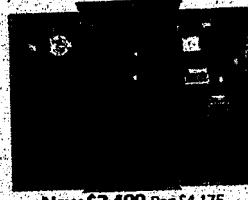
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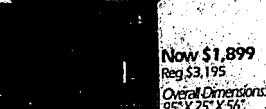


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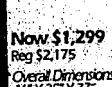
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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Your children learn both good and bad from the examples you set.

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when you smashed your thumb with the hammer while attempting a home improvement. When you neglect to set a limit on a curfew, your children might even take advantage of your loose hand.

You, the caregiver, have the awesome responsibility of raising good children to flourish into confident, responsible, successful adults. In honor of parenting, Michigan adopted Parenting Awareness Month in 1993.

Boosting your children's self-esteem is one of PAM's themes this year. Unlike parenting responsibilities that may take several hours to several weeks, such as

weaning your baby off a bottle, teaching your preschooler how to tie his shoes, or helping your teenager study for an exam, building self-esteem in your child takes place every day.

"When you let your children know you think you're inept, unattractive, or just not smart enough, you're sending them the message that you have low self-esteem," said Linda Dunlap, an early-childhood specialist (Sesame Street Parents).

"And that can affect the way your children think about themselves. Kids whose parents have a negative self-image have a more difficult time feeling positive about themselves."

Positive messages

Building self-esteem in your children is very rewarding. You help shape what your children think of themselves. You teach your children self-respect through words and behavior within your family. The messages you send your children begin at birth with your loving touch and the signals you convey.

As your children grow, learn to compliment them for their accomplish-

ments. Praise them for walking the dog, picking up their toys, filling up your car's fuel tank after borrowing your car, or trying their hardest on an exam. The recognition you give your children will boost their confidence and give them the desire to want to perform positively.

Display your children's achievements. How did you feel when you graduated from trade school, high school, college or graduate school? The sense of pride that overwhelmed you when you hung your framed diploma on the wall at home or in your office was a true confidence booster. Now imagine how your children will feel when their awards are hung on a special wall in your household.

Encourage creativity among your children. Help give your children the opportunity to express themselves through art, music, creative writing, dance, theater or a hobby for which they take a special interest.

Tell your children you love them. Children who know they are loved feel more important and secure.

At other times, giving your child a

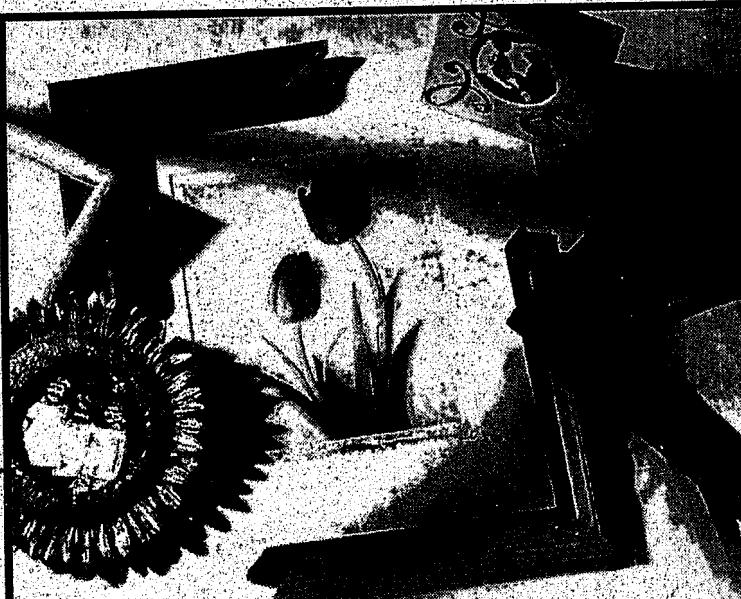
gentle hug when he is having a bad day often takes some of the attention away from what is preoccupying him. A pat on the back for a job well done tells your teenager you care when he thinks a hug isn't cool.

Give your children choices whenever possible. Offering choices doesn't stop when your toddler reaches her school years. By providing your children with choices under given circumstances, whether they are 4 or 14, you are giving them practice in making the right decisions while making your children feel important because they were given the option of making the choice.

Share what is on your mind with your children so they learn to make decisions based on their opinions. Did you enjoy the family reunion? What did you like about it? When your children know what you liked and disliked, they feel more confident in formulating their own opinions and learning that they matter.

When you have to criticize, focus on your dislike for your child's behavior,

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Home show offers special peek behind 'This Old House'

Steve Thomas, host of public television's "This Old House," will appear at the 80th annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show to entertain and educate.

He will appear 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, and noon, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

During an entertaining 45-minute slide show talk, Thomas will tell the story of how he got the job, show some of his own renovation projects and give a behind-the-scenes look at "This Old House" projects. He will describe how tools and products are selected and how

projects are chosen. He'll highlight favorite past projects and preview what's ahead on "This Old House."

The television host has divided his career among the renovation of historic buildings, writing, photography and sailing. More than eight years ago, Thomas was chosen from more than 400 applicants to host "This Old House." Thomas received his first Emmy nomination in 1994.

Thomas began home renovation as a child, helping his dad fix up his family's old homes. He put himself through college painting houses and in 1974 undertook his first renovation project — a

1920s residence in Olympia, Wash. He worked as a construction foreman and contractor in the Pacific Northwest until he moved to Massachusetts in 1980.

In the late '70s, Thomas combined woodworking with his passion for the sea. He was first mate of a 100-foot wooden schooner in Greece, worked as a marine carpenter in Antibes, France, and sailed a 43-foot wooden sloop from England to San Francisco via the Caribbean, Marquesas and Hawaii.

It was his interest in sailing, especially traditional navigation techniques, that led to his television debut. He appeared on "The Last Navigator" as apprentice

to Micronesian master navigator Mau Piaiug, who taught Thomas the secrets of navigating without instruments, using only stars, waves and birds.

Thomas' most recent books are "This Old House Bathrooms" and "This Old House Kitchens." A California native, Thomas is an accomplished photographer and a member of the Authors' Guild. He lives with his wife and son in a 19th century home that he is always renovating in a seaport outside Boston.

The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 737-4478.

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not for your child. If you have a tendency to criticize your child when you discipline her for bad behavior, stop and think about your disciplinary habits. Are you criticizing your child or the bad behavior that you dislike? When you have to discipline, try to make sure your child knows you love her, even if you don't care for her misbehavior.

Teach your children to take responsibility for their mistakes. This comes

from watching you and your spouse admit when you are wrong and why you are wrong. When your children understand that it is acceptable to be wrong sometimes, they will learn self-acceptance.

Show love and respect for your spouse. The verbal and non-verbal signals you send your spouse are input in your children's memory banks. When you argue or become sarcastic, you

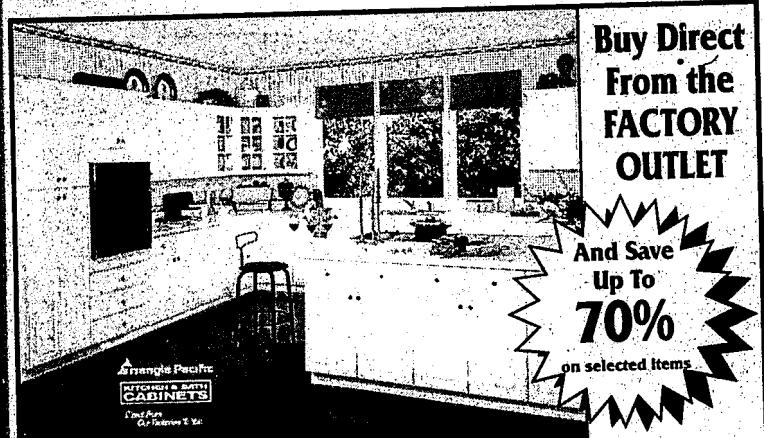
undermine your relationship.

Your children may begin to show negative feelings toward you and even feel negative about themselves if they feel they were the direct or indirect causes of your behavior.

You are your children's self-esteem coach. Building self-esteem takes a great deal of time and effort, and a strong sense of commitment from both you and your children. When you teach your

children feel like winners, they will be winners.

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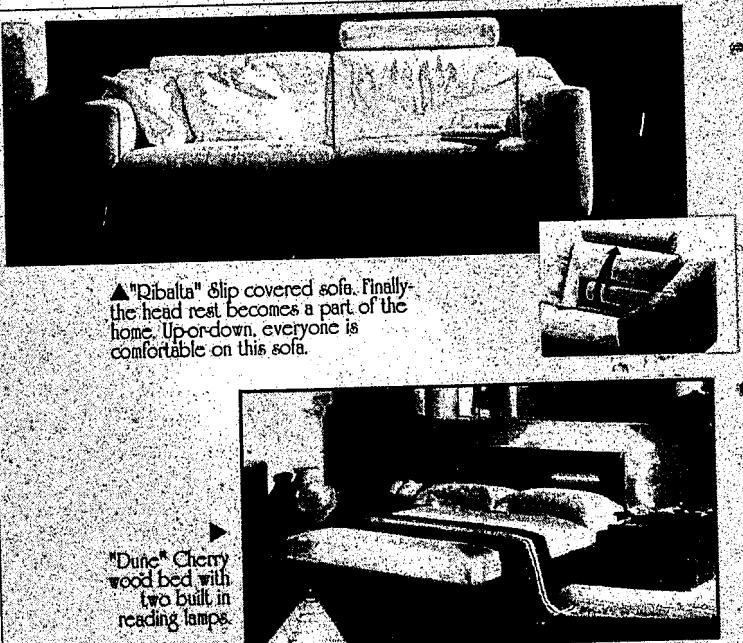
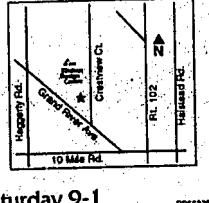


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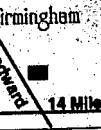
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Read fine print of service plans

Many utility companies offer home appliance service plans that provide repair coverage on furnaces, central air conditioners, water heaters, clothes washers and dryers, range/ovens and many other home appliances.

Under these types of plans, the customer pays the company a yearly fee and the company agrees to repair any appliances covered under the plan. In the event of a covered repair, customers aren't charged for parts, labor or a service trip.

However, as with any maintenance or service plan, you should read the fine print carefully to make sure you understand the costs, terms and limitations of these plans.

Before buying an appliance service plan, consider these points from the Michigan Public Service Commission, an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services:

Costs — Always consider whether the yearly cost is worth the advantage of having coverage in the event of an appliance breakdown.

Companies offer a variety of service plans. Costs vary, depending on the type of coverage each plan offers. For example, a basic plan covering only a furnace can cost around \$70 to \$85 a year. A deluxe plan covering all major appliances might cost more than \$220 a year.

Covered and non-covered services — Always ask for a complete list of covered services and parts, and what isn't covered. Some services and parts you might expect to be covered may not be covered. For example, a furnace tuneup and safety check isn't covered under most standard furnace service plans.

Service employees — Some utility companies use employees other than their own for service calls (contractors). Ask the company if its contractors are licensed and bonded and carry appropriate insurance. Request a list of the company's approved contractors.

Limitation of liabilities — Carefully review the terms and conditions of the plan. An appliance service plan limits the company's liability if it is unable to respond to a service call or successfully repair a covered appliance.

For example, under most plans, companies won't pay for repairs when the company hasn't responded to a service call promptly due to workload emergencies and weather conditions and the customer has to have someone else repair a broken appliance.

Under some plans, if the company's cost to repair an appliance exceeds its current market value, the company won't repair it.

Ask for a copy of the terms and conditions of the plan. Review it carefully.

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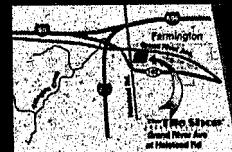
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Renowned kitchen pro to present trends at home show

James Krengel, who got his start tearing out old kitchens and learning the business through hands-on experience, will present what's hot and what's not in kitchen design and creativity on a budget at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show.

The event is a "show within a show" of the Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15.

Sponsored by Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers, Krengel is president and owner of Kitchens by Krengel Inc., a nationally known kitchen design and installation firm.

He recently published a hardcover coffee table book, "Kitchens: Lifestyle &

Design." Through the Maytag Company, he helped design the kitchen and laundry for the Iowa septuplets' new family home.

The kitchen expert has been seen on television programs such as "CNN Television," ABC's "Good Morning America" and "Good Company." He has been heard on radio talk shows from coast to coast and his comments and designs have been published in The New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times.

Kitchens by Krengel showrooms are in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

Krengel's presentations are backed by more than 30 years of experience in the design and sale of intriguing kitchens.

Krengel was president and national

director of the NKBA and is design director for the Maytag Company's Kitchen Idea Center. In 1976, he founded and was the first president of the Minnesota State Chapter of NKBA, and was its president again from 1984 to 1989.

He is a frequent lecturer on kitchen design and a featured speaker at NKBA conferences and an instructor for seminars in advanced kitchen design.

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is the sponsor of the show and The Detroit News and Free Press Classifieds is a co-sponsor of the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show.

Krengel's presentations are 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 3:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. and 1:30, 4:30

and 6:30 p.m. Saturday; and 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Thursday-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 seniors; \$4.00 for ages 6-12 and free for under age 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9.

Discount admission coupons are available at The Home Depot, Target and Hudson's stores and were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills.

For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 737-4478.

Get limber: Buy a tree to help celebrate Arbor Day this year

Just in time to celebrate Arbor Day (April 24), you can improve your landscaping and help the Earth breathe at the same time.

In its eighth annual tree sale, Global ReLeaf is offering bare root trees selected for their ability to prosper in both urban and rural settings. Money raised

supports neighborhood tree plantings.

Varieties include Fallgold Ash, Autumn Applause Ash, Celebration Maple, Red Maple, Crimson King Norway Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, Green Mountain Sugar Maple, Glenleven Linden, Mountain Ash, and five selections of Flowering Crabapple: Roy-

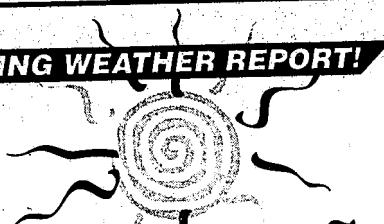
alty (red), Snowdrift (white), Prairiefire (bright pink), Jewelberry (white) and Adams (pink). All trees are 5 to 7 feet in height and lightly branched.

Quantities are limited and must be prepaid by Wednesday, April 8. Prices are \$18 each, five for \$85 or 10 for \$160. All prices include 6 percent sales tax.

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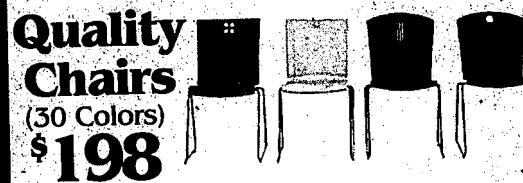
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Beans have become couture food



RUTH MOSSOK
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Most people think of "beans" as a warming winter food - not me. I love a big pot of chili loaded with beans or a pure bean entree on a rainy day in the beginning of spring - after all, beans do grow in the spring.

Once considered peasant food, the beans (legumes) of today are definitely couture. Placed prominently on the cover of food magazines, books devoted to them as a single topic and prized among chefs, these little dried pulses that have been around for at least 13 centuries, are definitely the ultimate trendy food.

Beans have always been considered highly nutritious as they contain high amounts of protein and fiber, calcium, iron, niacin, riboflavin, thiamin, small

amounts of vitamins K and E, only trace amounts of fat, and no cholesterol.

The preparation of beans usually involves soaking the dried varieties. Keep in mind that beans can ferment in just a few hours, and it's usually the common practice of soaking beans overnight that may be the cause of physical discomfort for some people. Authorities on beans have different views of soaking to eliminate the potential gas problems.

According to Ashley Miller, author of the new book, "The Bean Harvest Cookbook" by Taunton Press, 1997, "Many of the troublesome oligosaccharides are leached out of the beans and into the water during the soaking process. The longer the beans soak, the more oligosaccharides are drawn out."

All bean aficionados agree on making sure you change the water after soaking and replace it with fresh cool water for cooking. There are commercial products on the market to eliminate potential

bean eating problems, or add a handful of epazote leaves to the cooking pot!

With all dried beans, lentils and legumes, it is essential to go through them carefully before soaking, detecting and removing any debris, stones, damaged, or discolored beans. Once the beans are placed in a pot to soak, any beans that float to the top should also be removed.

For the quick soaking method, place picked over, washed beans into a pot. Cover the beans with cool water and bring to a boil (keeping the pot uncovered). Boil the beans for 2 minutes, cover the pot and remove from heat. Let the beans sit for 1-2 hours or until the beans appear plump. Lentils and split peas can be cooked without soaking. Drain and rinse the beans. Speed soaking can be done in a pressure cooker.

If beans are intriguing to you, there are many books about them out on the market. Two of my favorites are W. Park Kerr's book, "Beans" (The El Paso Chile Co.), William Morrow and Company,

Inc. 1996, and Ashley Miller's, "The Bean Harvest Cookbook" mentioned earlier.

CHICKPEA SOUP WITH GRILLED SAUSAGES AND GREEN SAGE OIL

(from Parks Kerr's book, "Beans")

Makes 4-6 servings

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 1/2 cups chopped yellow onions

1 cup chopped carrots

4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

1/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled

1 bay leaf

3 cups cooked and drained chickpeas

4 1/2 cups lightly salted chicken broth

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Salt

4 links (about 1 pound) best-quality pork sausage, grilled or broiled Sage Oil (recipe follows)

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan. Add the onions, carrots, garlic, thyme and bay leaf; cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the chickpeas, broth and pepper and bring to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, until the vegetables are tender and the chickpeas are very tender, about 35 minutes.

Cool slightly. Discard the bay leaf and, working in batches, puree the soup in a food processor. (The soup can be prepared to this point a day or two in advance of serving. Cool completely and refrigerate.) Return the soup to the pan and reheat it over low heat. Add salt to taste.

Thinly slice the sausages on the diagonal. Ladle the soup into wide bowls. Arrange the sausage slices over the surface of the soup. Drizzle the sage oil evenly over all and serve immediately.

SAGE OIL

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh sage leaves

Pinch of salt

In a mini food processor, combine the oil, sage, and salt. Process until smooth. Let stand for 1 hour. Transfer the oil mixture to a fine strainer set over a bowl. Press with the back of a spoon to extract as much oil as possible. Discard the herb pulp. Use the oil immediately or refrigerate, returning it to room temperature when needed.

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

■ See some of the best offerings of Calvin Klein's home line during an in-store trunk show noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in Hudson's bed/bath department at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. This line is an exclusive to Hudson's.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics. The next topic - 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple - is "Greenview Lawn Care Seminar" by Greenview representatives. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ The adult education program of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens presents many different classes, including "Herb Garden Planning," two Thursdays, March 12 and 19; and "The Little Ice Age," Tuesday, March 17. Call (734) 998-7061 for fees and other information.

■ A free seminar, "Garden Design Basics," with speaker Shelly Buckman, will take place 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. Space is limited; call (248) 380-8881 for information or to reserve a seat. Learn some basic principles all landscape planners use to create proportional, colorful yet natural designs.

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creative use of decorator fabrics and trims for home decorating projects. Advance reservations are required; space is limited. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ The Detroit Garden Center presents "Yesterday's Flowers Today: Historic Ornamentals, 1800-1940," a slide lecture by garden historian Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the Louise Booth Auditorium at the Detroit Historical Museum. Call (313) 259-6363 for information.

■ The 80th annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show will take place Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15, at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday-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 seniors, \$4 for ages 6 to 12 and free for under age 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons are available at The Home Depot, Target and Hudson's stores and were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 737-4478.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Call (810) 739-6319. Scheduled sessions include "Beginner Slipcovers" Wednesday, March 18.

■ The Yaw Gallery of Birmingham and Habatah Galleries of Pontiac will be among the exhibitors at the International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art, taking place April 9-12 in New York City. Activities before and during the event include artist presentations and demonstrations, lectures and tours. Call (800) 563-7632 for information and registration materials, or e-mail SOFA1@aol.com or www.sofaexpo.com

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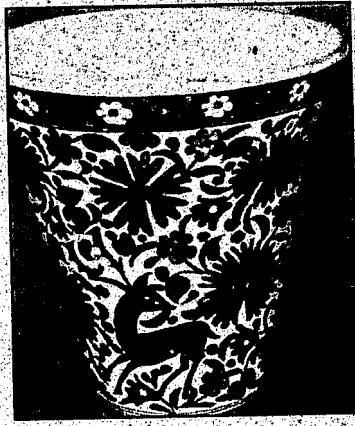
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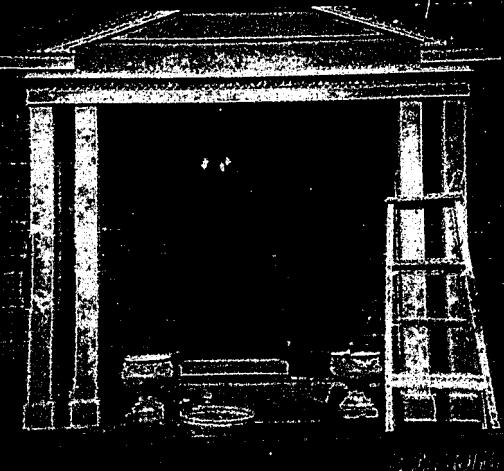
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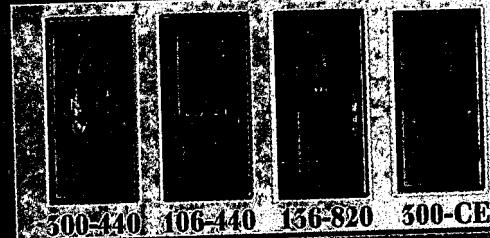
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FRIDAY



At 8 p.m., "1964 - The Tribute" brings the music of the early Beatles to Varner Recital Hall, on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$12, with discounts for students, senior citizens, call (248) 370-2020 or (248) 370-3013.

SATURDAY



Henry Ford Museum on Woodward, just west of the Southfield Freeway, in Dearborn, celebrates Family Fun Month with hands-on activities and entertaining programs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included with museum admission, \$12.50 adults, seniors \$11.50, children 5-12, \$7.50. (313) 271-1620.

SUNDAY



Viola (Ivana Grahovac of Bloomfield Hills), and Sebastian (Dusan Dean Chehvala) in "Twelfth Night" 2 p.m. at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$8 to \$10. (313) 577-2960.



Hot Tix: "Elvis - The Concert" 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., features a 16-piece orchestra and the King's original tour cast performing live on stage with Elvis singing lead vocal via the magic of video. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50 reserved, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 for information.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

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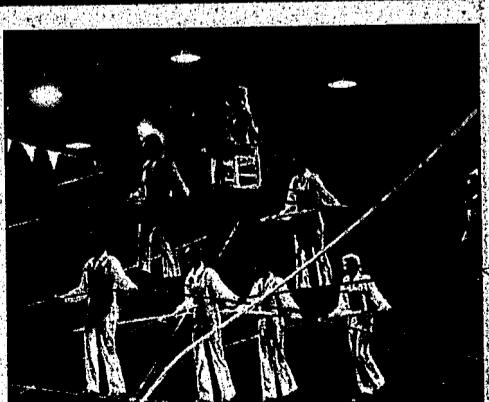
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Celebrations of Irish Music

■ The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The Hellenic Cultural Center, 38375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh Road) Westland. Admission \$6 at the door, children free, call (313) 537-3489 for information.

■ *Cathie Ryan* - 7:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (concert) Tuesday, March 17 at The Ark, 510 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (313) 751-1451. Tickets \$13.50.

■ St. Patrick's Day Brew and View Party (*The Day After*) - 8 p.m. (doors open) Wednesday, March 18 music by The Young Dubliners 9 p.m. followed by the film "The Commitments" at 10 p.m. Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$5, at the box office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or Ticketmaster (248) 844-6868. Call the event hot line (248) 544-3030 for information.

■ The Clancy Brothers - 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, tickets \$20. Call number listed above.

St. Patrick's Day Fest

CELEBRATES Irish MUSIC, SONG & DANCE

STORIES BY KEELY WYGONIK

A musician and a family man, Mick Gavin wanted to present the music of his beloved Ireland in a place where families could enjoy it together on St. Patrick's Day.

Most of the celebrations are held in pubs, and Gavin who lives in Redford, had something else in mind.

In 13 years, the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest he helped organize has outgrown two locations. About 300 people came to the first one at Bonnie Brook Banquet and Conference Center. Last year's event at The Hellenic Cultural Center drew over 1,200.

"It's an annual thing now. We couldn't stop it if we tried, a lot of people would be mad if we did," said Gavin. "We get a lot of families. It's music to celebrate the day."

As the years go by, the festival gets easier to organize, but Gavin and crew are still learning and trying to improve it.

"This year we'll have better seating with tables," he said. Food will also be available for purchase including corned beef and cabbage dinners, Scottish meat pies, Irish soda bread, and hot dogs. A cash bar, Guinness on tap, coffee and other beverages will be sold as well.

More than 60 musicians and dancers from the United States, Canada and Ireland, will be performing including Gavin, Glen-garry Road, Ed McGlinchey, John Sands, Dawn Moskovich, Terence McKinney, and Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers, and dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance.

"It's a huge cross section," said Gavin. "From Celtic pipes, Scottish to Irish, ballads and fiddle music."

With "Riverdance" has come a renewed appreciation for all things Irish, and not just on St. Patrick's Day. "People are becoming much more aware of what it's all about," said Gavin who has been playing fiddle and accordion since he was 10. "There was always music in our house, it's really part of my soul. Growing up in County Clare, Ireland, there

were no other musical influences. We didn't have TV, just one radio, and kids weren't allowed to touch it."

When Gavin moved to the United States no one was playing traditional Irish music - jigs, reels, set dances and slow airs. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry was singing pub songs," he said. "Now there are hundreds of people playing old-time music."

Gavin is self-employed - Mick Gavin Floors and Remodeling -

but continues to play the music he loves performing at parties, pubs and even the Ark in Ann Arbor. His son Michael will also be performing at the Festival on St. Patrick's Day.

"Last Saturday I spent three hours teaching a young man the Irish fiddle style," he said. "I do it for the love of the music. I don't charge, but I'm compensated in other ways - in my heart."

Like Gavin, Kitty Heinzman raised her children with Irish

music and dance. It's important to continue the culture. "There are no immigrants," she said. "In order for the culture to continue it has got to be taught. It's very important."

Her son John, 32, and daughter Liz, 21, teach dancing also. "There's no generation gap," said Heinzman. "We have children and grandchildren. There are a whole bunch who are not Irish, but love the music and tradition, and some who missed out, because they didn't grow up in an Irish community."

Heinzman began teaching Irish dance in 1976. On Fridays she teaches a Ceili - folk dance class at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

"It's very casual," she said. "They're neat people, welcoming, we have fun."

She's participated in the festival with Gavin since it started. "The dancers really enjoy it," she said. "There's all types of great Irish music and dance. It's a festival, and a lot of fun."

At 17, Paul Cusack of Plymouth, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, is doing his part to keep the rich traditions of Ireland alive.

"I started dancing when I was five," said Cusack. "I love to compete in contests. My two older sisters were also involved in dance, but they quit."

Cusack loves dance, and the travel that goes with competing in dance contests. He has friends all over the country. When he used to tell his friends about dance, they dismissed it as just folk dance. "Riverdance" changed that.

"Now they think it's pretty cool," said Cusack. "It's become popular worldwide."

A junior at Catholic Central High School, Cusack dreams of joining the cast of "Riverdance" when he graduates, and plans, of course, to go to college, too.

"Irish dancing will always be a part of my life," he said. He's looking forward to the festival. "The audience is really great. There's Irish music, dance and food. It's a chance to see what Irish culture is all about."

Clancy Brothers tour stops at Magic Bag

Be prepared to sing your heart out when the Clancy Brothers come to the Magic Bag on Saturday, March 21. They'll thank you for it.

"It's a lovely feeling when you hear the whole house singing," said Paddy Clancy. "There's a sense of involvement. It's a great feeling for us, that's the enjoyment."

Since 1958, the Clancy Brothers have been entertaining audiences with their music. They have over 50 albums to their credit.

"Folk music has been edited

over the years by the sort of subconsciously of the people," said Clancy. "Time does a great editing job. People stop singing the bad ones and we're left with the good ones."

Clancy's not so confident today's songwriters will survive the test of time. "People are writing Tin Pan Alley songs to make money," he said. "There's a big difference between that and writing songs you feel. 'Finnegan's Wake' was written as a music

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Family folk group: The Clancy Brothers, Paddy Clancy, Bobby Clancy, Eddie Dillon and Finbar Clancy.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The Shrine Circus
What: A 90th anniversary gala celebration features a collection of the Wallendas, the seven brothers who performed in the Flying Wallendas, and the Garza Brothers Living Statues, and the Shrine Circus.
When: Through Sunday, March 22. Performances 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Where: Michigan City Center, 2200 Michigan City Rd., Livonia.
Cost: \$25-\$35.
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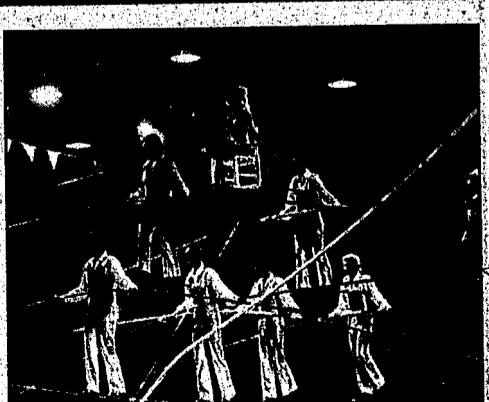
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MOVIES

Performances lighten burden of new 'Iron Mask'

By JOHN MONAGHAN

SPECIAL WRITER

"All for one and one for all!" It used to be the battle cry of The Three Musketeers, Alexander Dumas' chivalrous creations keeping France whole during the

tumultuous 17th century. It could also be the marketing campaign for "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Romance! Intrigue! Comedy! Action! If the new movie doesn't have all of its popular elements

spinning in orbit, it does have something else going for it: superb performances.

Gabriel Byrne as D'Artagnan, John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, and Gerard Depardieu as the aging Musketeers. You'd have to

be a complete dunderhead to botch a movie with this much talent. Yet writer/director Randall Wallace almost does. The early scenes especially lack spark, as forced dialogue serves to introduce the devout Aramis (Iron) and the earthy Porthos (Depardieu) as they touch upon their key character concerns of forgiveness and farting.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays the dual role of twin kings. His Louis is a horrible womanizer who lets his people starve in the "let them eat cake" tradition of French nobility. When he eyes a beautiful woman in the crowds, he immediately sends her fiance to the front lines and certain death. This is Louis' big mistake. The dead boy is the son of Athos (Malkovich), the most hot-headed of the Musketeers, who now becomes a sworn enemy of the King and anyone else who stands in his way.

When the Musketeers discover that the King's twin brother Philippe is alive and locked in a tower, his face concealed by an iron mask, they hatch a plot to switch them. Of course, they'll need the help of old buddy D'Artagnan, who stubbornly heads the King's security force.

The conflict is a good one because you know deep down D'Artagnan hates Louis as much as we do. But he also made a

pledge to protect, saying more than once, "I keep hoping that Louis will grow into the king we all wish him to be."

Wallace, who also wrote "Braveheart," struggles with a sometimes unwieldy script. The revelations aren't all that revelatory. Even Porthos cries out at one point for more action and less plotting.

But, as with his earlier work, Wallace has a nice way of infusing fact and fiction. He almost puts over Dumas' fanciful theory that The Man in the Iron Mask (a real-life French prisoner incarcerated from 1669-1703) was the brother of Louis XIV, the last of the great French kings.

If you had asked me which of the Musketeer actors would impress me least, I would have said Gabriel Byrne. Yet he's the actor with the most presence in "The Man in the Iron Mask"; you can barely take your eyes off of him when he's on screen.

There's also some clever acting in the role of Athos' son Raoul. Young actor Peter Sarsgaard has picked up on many of Malkovich's mannerisms, from his world-weary eyes to his slightly nasal voice which bubbles with intensity even in whispers.

And Leonardo? Despite some viewers' belief that the 22-year-



Leonardo DiCaprio

old actor is too cute to be truly evil, he certainly engages in some nasty behavior. He also does an admirable job in the "Patty Duke" department where he must talk to himself during key scenes.

While the "Titanic" heartthrob will deliver the female fans, the movie has enough male bonding and swashbuckling action, or at least the promise of it, to make "The Man in the Iron Mask" a good old-fashioned date movie.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

Clancy

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hall song, but it became a great ballad. James Joyce saw a whole circle of life in it."

Clancy came to the United States with his brother Tom, an actor. "He did a play in Greenwich Village, and it was a flop. We had to pay the rent, so we gave folk music concerts at midnight. At midnight, Greenwich Village was alive. Pete Seeger would perform. That was before he was anybody. Half of the money we collected went for the rent, the rest we divided equally."

Tom said he'd give it a year, and give up acting if the singing went well. At the end of that year, they gave it another year.

"I said to Tom, 'This thing could go on indefinitely. I can see

us as old men in 1972.'"

As the new millennium approaches, Clancy looks back and thinks about all the fun things. "We were very lucky," he said. "I was asked to do a record, and decided to start my own record company. I knew all the performers. I borrowed \$6,000,

and started Tradition Records. It's still going."

Clancy retired and lives on a farm in Ireland near the place he grew up. "I love living in Ireland," he said. "It's a place I knew as a child. Near my grandmothers, I can walk, fish."

Joining Paddy, Bobby Clancy and Eddie Dillon on tour is Finbar Clancy, Bobby's son.

"He keeps the rest of us on our

toes," said Clancy. "He's a very talented lad, and has formal music training, which none of the rest of us had."

Their tour, which began Thursday, March 5, in Pittsburgh ends at the Magic Bag.

"I can pick up some money and help educate my grandchildren," he said when asked why he'd want to leave his farm in Ireland to tour. "It's worthwhile doing. I would have loved to have gone to college, but I was never able."

Then there are the fans.

A whole new generation is enjoying his music. "People will say, 'Learned your songs because my parents and grandparents had your records,'" said Clancy. "It's good fun."

Circus

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standing on a wire, 35-feet in the air. The two pairs are yoked together by shoulder bars. Two men, yoked together on the second level, stand on top of the first level's shoulder bars. A woman sits and then stands on

the third level.

The tragic accident on Jan. 30, 1962 in Detroit happened when the front man on the wire lost his grip and the pyramid collapsed causing three men to fall to the ground. The act is per-

formed without safety devices.

Karl Wallenda's grandchildren Tino and Delilah; Alida, a seventh generation Wallenda family member, and Nick Wallenda-Troff will be among the performers reviving the trick.

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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Bye Bye Birdie," with Troy Donahue, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, \$25 and \$30 (Canadian) (\$19) 253-7729 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

DETROIT REPORTERY THEATRE

"Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, \$15. (313) 868-1347

7TH HOUSE

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 and Saturday, March 14; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, downtown Pontiac, tickets \$22 and \$27, discounts for seniors, students and groups, dinner packages available with Bac Abbracci Restaurant, (248) 335-3540.

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

"Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

OPERA

NEW YORK CITY OPERA NATIONAL COMPANY

Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 2 p.m. 75-minute family show Saturday, March 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$22-\$44. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE

"Anne of the Thousand Days," Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Saturday matinee, \$2 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

"Love Letters," a touching and often humorous play about a relationship between two people, from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga Society production of J.R. Gurney's play, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324

WSU BONSTELL THEATRE

"Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"Big River," the adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, \$18, \$16 seniors/students. (734) 971-AACT

AVON PLAYERS

"The Odd Couple," (female version), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester, \$11, student, senior and group rates available at the Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Annie," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15 and 22 at Lahser High School auditorium, 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885

THAT BROADWAY BEAT

"A musical revue featuring songs from 'Evita,' 'Reprise,' 'Chicago,' and 'La Cage Aux Folles,'" Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28 at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 541-1763

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE

"The Carpenter," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 4 p.m. Sundays March 15, at the Weyand Center, 26155 Richardson (three blocks west of Beech Daly, two blocks south of Warren Avenue), Dearborn. \$7, \$5 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (313) 277-7900

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS

"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15, 22, dinner theater, Friday, March 13 (sophomore), dinner Friday, March 20, (senior) performances Sunday, March 15 and Friday, March 20 at the theater, 13845

SWEET DREAMS

"Olivia," the musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center, 6401 Novi Center Dr., 48175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. (248) 247-0400

PAPER LAD PRODUCTIONS

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Elvis - The Concert: Features 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. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50, at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or call (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Crimes of the Heart," a story of three sisters in Hazlehurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (south-east of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$10. \$8 for students younger than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-5611

RIDGEMERE PLAYERS

"Brigadoon," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Liverpools Road), Troy. \$13. \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich afterglow included. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD

"A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14 and 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (south of Cranbrook), 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Sunshine Boys," by Neil Simon, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

ANN TIMMONS

Performs her one-woman show "Off the Wall: The Life and Works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Kuenzel Room of the Michigan Union, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-3202

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Around the House," featuring a variety of comedians, dancers, musicians ranging from alternative to folk, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. (734) 464-6302

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

A Festival of One-Act Plays 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 16138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

"Jungle Book," presented by Theatrefacets, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Mowin' Up Club Stage, 100 Children's Center, and older, Muniz Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$5 at the door. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted. (248) 349-8120

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8120

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MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT

Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Blystone, playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck and Rachmaninoff during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 19, 26 and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the corner of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2209

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Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus Council No. 2660 Dearborn, 15800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$20, benefits religious vocations. (734) 422-1072/(313) 565-3656.

DENNIS MCCOTTER & FRIENDS

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550.

MARIANNE MURPHY

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-1143.

KAREN NEWMAN

Detroit Red Wings "National Anthem" singer performs along with traditional Irish bands, and a traditional Irish buffet will be served. 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Muscular Dystrophy Association of Michigan. Detroit Red Wings jerseys and other items will be auctioned off. (810) 465-5154.

RODIE O'GRADY'S

The Ron Coden Show, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 175 Troy St., Ferndale. (248) 399-8888.

O'MARA'S RESTAURANT

Entertainment by Irish singer John Hydick from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and a menu of Shepherd's Pie, corned beef and cabbage, fish and chips, roast leg of lamb and Irish stew (\$9.95), 2-10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, Coden also appears 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. All ages. (248) 399-6750.

CATHIE RYAN

Lead singer of Cherish The Ladies, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

TANGERINE TROUSERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 332-HOWL.

TRANSMISSION

With The Grip and Explosion Cerebral, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (avant jazz/irish) (734) 662-8310.

THE YOUNG DUBLINERS

Perform from 9 p.m. followed by the 10 p.m. screening of the film "The Commitments," Wednesday, March 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (Irish rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicalbag.com>.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LES BARKER

7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

PATTY LARKIN

With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.961melt.com>.

THE NIELDS

With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (folk/rock) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

TOM PAXTON

With Joel Mabus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT

8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

JO-SERRAPERE

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141.

MATT WATROBA

Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005.

DANCE

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER

An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Gela (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittofield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbmante@bizzerve.com.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

"Countdown," favorite works from the dance company's modern dance repertoire, and preview of "The Unknown Sequence," 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, the Adry Theater, Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen Road, south of Ford, Dearborn.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, with live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158.

GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE

With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 2420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6. \$5 students. (734) 764-6958 or yusu@umich.edu.

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Jeff Simms ("Slimbo the Magic Dude, Man") and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14; Rob Haney and Ken Dunn, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, Inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge, (248) 628-6500.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Third Level and Joey Blaske, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10); Billy Garen, Moody McCarthy and Joey Blaske, Thursday, March 19 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$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), Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schafer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Taylor Negron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 (\$4); Jim Dallakis, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$9); and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 998-9080.

SOPHY SALES

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genit's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes 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.

CRAVENBROOK ART MUSEUM

"Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday, March 15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. (248) 645-3361 or <http://www.craevenbrook.edu>.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD 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.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620.

POPULAR MUSIC

BACK DOOR BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Sop Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older.

BAD JUJU

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650.

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 105 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922.

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacchus, Abbracci, 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) 274-8005 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) 332-3322.

BIGHAZARD

7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Fraze Road, Roseville. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (metal) (810) 778-6404.

BIZER BROTHERS

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington, March, 23, 2000. Cover charge, 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099.

SANFORD BLAZE

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650.

BLUECAT

10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2133.

BLUE EYED SOUL

With Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of a Detroit Music Awards showcase, at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 875-1115 or <http://www.blueeyedsoul.com>.

BLUE HAWAIIANS

With Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 18 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800.

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800.

BLUE OYSTER CULT

With Tiles, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Paladium Music Club, 17580 Fraze Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance, 19 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404.

THE BLUES PARADE

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DUBLINING

O'Grady's Irish Pub brings bit of Ireland to Troy

By ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

With a "things Irish" fascination sweeping the nation, it was only a matter of time until it hit Troy in a big way. Big Beaver Road, the city's main corridor, became home to O'Grady's Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 4, with a grand opening benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Troy.

In addition to Irish addiction is the escalating trend toward neighborhood pubs — informal gathering places for families and friends with good food at moderate prices. O'Grady's in Troy combines the best of both with an Irish-American twist.

Irish specialties such as Corned Beef and Cabbage, Mrs. O'Grady's Irish Lamb, Stew, Shepherd's Pie, and homemade Crock-a-Leekie soup, a spin on the standard, have star billing. But the rest of the menu includes house-made items Americans like to eat.

This and more is the half-million dollar transformation of the former Hershel's Deli into a neighborhood pub seating 190. Friendly waitstaff questioned,

"Doesn't this look like an Irish pub?" I had to say, "No." But that's not negative. This is not Dublin and Americans want more in their pub atmosphere. However, there are many appealing "things Irish" about O'Grady's. Guinness and 16 other beers on tap get top billing. To complement, is a large, 25-seat wooden bar, two double-sided fireplaces accenting cozy side rooms with polished wood floors and three dart boards in a game room, also housing two pool tables.

Some Dublin pubs have a TV for soccer fans. O'Grady's has 18 fed by five satellite dishes. Eight different sports events can be watched on-premise simultaneously. Table seating is comfortable at wood high tops or standard-size. A large portion of the

O'Grady's Irish Pub
Where: 535 W. Big Beaver,
Troy, (adjacent to the Drury
Inn) (248) 524-4770.

Hours: 11-2 a.m. Monday-
Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday.

Menu: Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crispy crust are homemade.

Cost: Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15.

Reservations: Not accepted.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

floor is carpeted in dominantly green plaid accenting warm wood furnishings and a wide-open feeling.

The brainchild behind this gathering place is Brian Kramer, partner and president of O'Grady's with his father, Stuart. Mom Diane is anxious to greet patrons and brother David is learning the pub business. This is a family-owned and operated pub where an owner will be on-site at all times.

Since 1992, Brian has worked his way up from dishwasher to a vice-president of Duggans, partner in Payne's Woodward Inn in Berkley and Woody's in Royal Oak. Stuart, recently retired from corporate life in Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he "always wanted to own his own business."

Jim Bolton, Oakland Community College culinary grad and former executive chef at Embassy Suites in Livonia, directs O'Grady's kitchen turning out 1,500 pounds of corned beef weekly. His recipe recently



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Gathering place: David Kramer (left to right), Chef Jim Bolton, Stuart Kramer, Diane Kramer, and Brian Kramer at O'Grady's Irish Pub. Family-owned and operated, O'Grady's offers good food at moderate prices with an Irish-American twist.

won top award in Hebrew National's contest on "how best to cook corned beef" conducted in New York.

Menu items showcasing the Guinness-flavored corned beef are on the sandwich board. They are served with creamy cole slaw and a pickle spear. English fries can be added for 95 cents. A cup of soup with any sandwich is \$2.25. A traditional corned beef Reuben can be turned into lighter fare with turkey. Whole turkeys are house-roasted and meat is pulled from the bone to make all turkey sandwiches.

"Just like the day after Thanksgiving," Bolton quipped.

A number of menu items

appeal to those preferring meatless selections.

Bolton also lays claim to the "best pizza in town." His three-flour dough crust is handmade daily as is the pizza sauce from a recipe originating in Fano, Italy. One topping not to be missed is hand-cut pepperoni. A five-topping large pizza is \$15.

Chef Jim is particularly proud of his perfected recipes for barbecue baby back ribs, original orchestration of Salmon with Honey Mustard and Planked White Fish. If imitation is the best form of flattery then the white fish makes the adage true. Bolton credits his chef friend

Randy Emert, executive chef at

Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, for all the pointers on making it to perfection.

On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, it won't be leprechauns you'll see at O'Grady's. Neighborhood folks will be leaping to the music from WCSX-FM 94.7 from 6 p.m. to midnight. A live Irish band will also perform. A limited menu of corned beef and cabbage with mushroom potatoes, Irish stew and the highly-touted O'Grady Pub Burger will be offered.

An old Irish proverb states, "Laughter is brightest where food is best." In a new-age, that's O'Grady's Irish Pub in Troy.

Randy Emert, executive chef at

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **Mesquite Creek** — Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. **Open:** 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. **Cost:** \$6-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. **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.

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.

■ **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:** 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.

'Dine Out Detroit' raises money to help fight AIDS

"Dine Out Detroit" will give metro Detroit area residents the opportunity to fight AIDS by doing something they frequently do: going out to eat.

Over 100 metro Detroit area restaurants from nearly 40 cities will participate in the third annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 13. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization.

Participating restaurants include Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield and Fran O'Briens Maryland Crabhouse in Auburn Hills.

Later that evening, the Atwater Block Brewery will host a complimentary afterglow party for "Dine Out Detroit" patrons. Guests will be entertained by the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band and will have an opportunity to meet The River's Ann Delisi.

For more information about "Dine Out Detroit" or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435, or (800) 627-7769.

Dine Out Detroit Friday, March 13 — Visit any of these restaurants in your hometown and a portion of your bill will be donated to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project.

■ **BIRMINGHAM** — Phoenixia Restaurant

■ **LATHRUP VILLAGE** — La Fendi

■ **PONTIAC** — Colangelo's, Pike Street Restaurant

■ **ROCHESTER** — O'Shea's Tavern, Chez Pierre Orleans, Chez Pierre Banquet, Main Street Cafe

■ **ROYAL OAK** — Amici's Pizza on Main, Comet Burgers, Pronto 608

■ **SOUTHFIELD** — Joe's Bar & Grill, Le Metro Bistro, Ristorante Di Modesta, Trisco Bay Cafe

■ **TROY** — Matt's Deli, Sala

Thai, Capraro's Italian Deli

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