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**Fine feathered friends:** Bird fanciers won't have to quietly peer through binoculars to spot some exotic species this weekend. The North Oakland Cage Bird Club is preparing for its annual fair and exhibition in Waterford. /A13

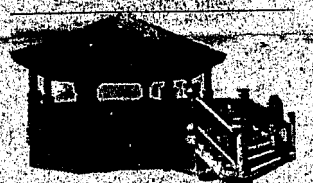
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### VINTAGE



### CLARKSTON

In honor of the Tigers' home opener this week, we will look at a little bit of baseball history.

Though the Detroit baseball team played as far back as the late 1800s, the Tigers played their first official American League game on April 24, 1901. That year, they scored 10 runs in the ninth inning to beat the Milwaukee team 14-13, a much different story than this year's home opener — a pitchers' battle that the Tigers lost 1-0.

The first game in Tiger Stadium was played April 20, 1912. In that game, the Tigers also came out on top, beating Cleveland 6-5.

Back then, the park was called Briggs Stadium, after the owner of the Tigers at the time. Now in its 87th and final season, the park will certainly be missed by Detroiters, most of whom have never seen a major league game anywhere else.

The Tigers are one of the few teams that have always had the same team name. The name comes from the striped socks that the players wear.

Most of the other early teams went through several names before finding one that worked. The old Brooklyn Dodgers went through several name changes in their history, but somehow the Dodgers stuck. The name was shortened from the Trolley Dodgers, and it came about because the fans had to dodge the trolleys on the way to the ballpark to see a game.

One last bit of opening day history: the tradition of the U.S. president throwing out the first pitch of the season began with William Howard Taft in 1912. Since then, the only president not to throw out an opening pitch during his term was Jimmy Carter. Not surprisingly, Franklin Roosevelt threw out the most opening day pitches with eight, and Harry Truman followed with seven consecutive throws from 1946-1952.

Come back next week for some history on baseball's "other" league, the Negro League.

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



**Sport Court:** Sue and Dan Wollman are surrounded by some of the sport games that can be played on the flooring they sell in their business.

## Fun underfoot

### Floorings provide portable sports settings

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

When people ask Dan Wollman what he does for a living, he smiles politely and replies, "I'm in a fun business."

If they continue to ask, he'll go so far as to take out pictures of both his business and his children. That's because, in a way, they go hand-in-hand.

Dan Wollman and his wife, Sue, operate the Sport Court distributorship for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. It's really a family business that involves twins, Kerry and Kelly, 22; twins Caitlin and McCall, 12, and almost twins Madeleine and Nicolas, 4.

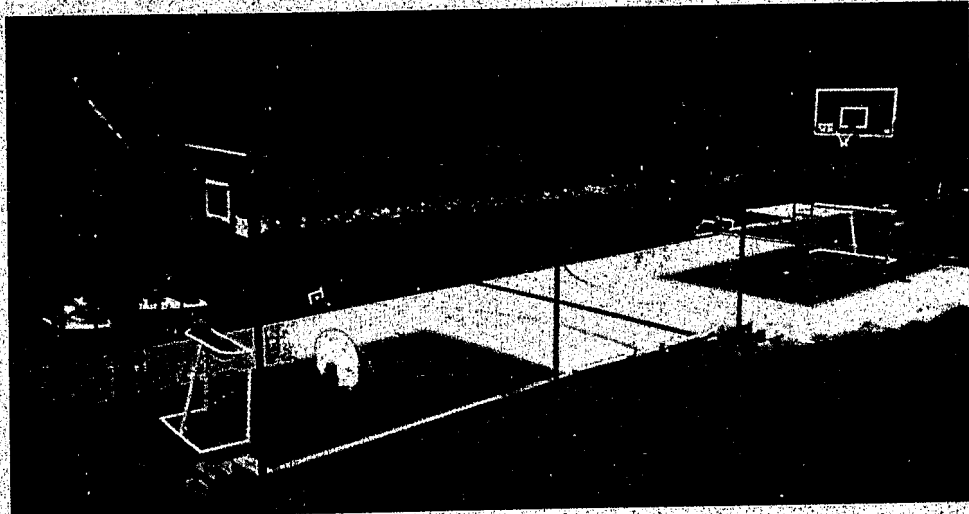
Sport Court isn't an easy thing to explain. That's why Wollman carries pictures.

In specific terms, it's "a suspended surfacing floor" that's "orthopedic biomechanics tested to reduce fatigue and enhance performance," according to the brochure.

In less technical terms, it's a flooring and sports equipment system that ranges from a multi-game sports court families and businesses can have installed indoors or outside to a modular floor used by national and international sports teams and facilities.

"It's fun," is Wollman's answer. He

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**Multi-purpose:** This 27-by-61-foot Sport Court provides hours of physical fun for the Dan Lubin family.

## MOMS Club looking for at-home mothers

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

Holly is a recent new mom who underwent the shock of changing from working in an office and being surrounded by 200 people a day to being home with only the baby and the dog during working hours.

"We live in a wonderful subdivision in Independence Township, but because I worked outside the home everyday, I didn't know who to turn to when our first baby was born," said the mom, who doesn't want her last name used.

In addition to being a first-time mother, she also had to deal with her son, now 8 months old, being born eight weeks early.

"He was a real high-need baby when we

first came home from the hospital. My own mom works full-time. I needed someone to turn to, to help me, to talk to me," she recalled.

She wished there had been something in Clarkston then to help her out.

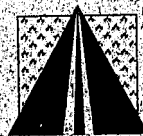
She's so glad another local mother, Melanie Peterson, is doing something to fill that need.

Peterson is calling all moms who stay at home, work part-time or have a home business to pack up their children and come out for the first meeting of the MOMS Club in Clarkston. MOMS stands for Moms Offering Moms Support.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, and takes place at Clarkston United

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## Residents tell police to retain stop sign



**Clarkston City Council members Monday decided not to take down stop signs on Miller Road at Glenburnie Drive, despite a proposal by the police chief.**

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Residents worried about the safety of babies in baby carriages, bicyclists and passing ducks on Miller Road asked City Council for some peace of mind Monday night.

About 20 residents filled limited space at Clarkston City Hall in response to a proposition by Police Chief Paul Ormiston to take down the stop signs on Miller Road at Glenburnie Drive. The stop signs were erected about six years ago to slow traffic. With pedestrians — and the occasional ducks — in the area, residents said the signs were not only necessary, but crucial to their safety.

City Council unanimously agreed with them.

Tom Garrett, 46, Miller Road, retained a reputation from 1993 which led to the existing signs on his street. He said he has noticed cars passing with slower speed, but still fears for the safety of children. He also mentioned that part of the joy of living at that intersection comes from watching the occasional row of ducks cross the road in spring.

Ormiston said the signs are wrongfully placed and constantly ignored by drivers. He did not propose taking down the stop sign on Glenburnie at Miller. Glenburnie ends at Miller, forming a T-shaped intersection.

"Since this three-way was established, countless violations have been given," Ormiston said. He explained that "as a speed enforcement tactic, stop signs simply don't work."

Drivers have been seen speeding up to the signs on Miller, pausing and continuing through, which leads local police to park near the signs to provide additional enforcement.

"People rarely come to a complete stop," said Ormiston. He told council that wrongfully placed signs disregarded by drivers may encourage drivers to ignore other traffic signs within the village limits, making it unsafe for children.

"I am recommending the removal of two stop signs (on Miller)," Ormiston said. "I further recommend that Glenburnie remain a stop street."

Residents would hear nothing of it. In response to a memorandum mailed to affected residents on both streets, homeowners spoke their mind at the meeting.

Garrett said the proposal would pose a greater risk to pedestrians, especially those walking on the sidewalk that now is so close to the road it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Something new:** Noah, Melanie and Joshua Peterson will put out the welcome mat for moms and their kids at the first MOMS Club meeting April 27.



# Painter turns walls into original art

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

Tired of looking for that perfect wall border — the one that matches the unusual shade of blue you have in a particular room?

Wondering what to do other than paint or paper a wall?

Lisa Zubal has the answers to these decorating problems.

The Springfield Township artist specializes in drawing and then hand-painting murals on walls. These can range from small roses copied from a tissue box and used under a bathroom mirror to fish swimming along bathroom walls, patterned after the shower curtain to large carousel horses circling a child's bedroom.

"I can draw and paint anything a person wants on walls, furniture, cupboards, whatever, particularly if I have a picture to work from," said the artist. "I've been drawing since I could hold a pencil, and I've been painting on walls for at least five years."

Anyone interested in talking to Zubal can call her at 810-413-9291 (her beeper number). She's willing to drive to other communities for customers.

"I'll come over and give people an estimate. A typical job usually takes me about a day, and I can personalize whatever a person

wants drawn. I draw the design freehand first and then paint it.

Zubal learned many of her skills through a two-year commercial art class at Northwest Oakland Vocational Educational Center, now known as Oakland Technical Center.

"It was a tough class, but it prepared me for what the real world would be like if I went into art as a career."

Although she's an artist, she doesn't consider art her main career. She only has one more year before completing her master's degree in counseling from Oakland University.

"I want to keep art more my hobby, something I'll always have to use."

She uses her talents on more than just walls. She also paints clothes, such as backs of blue jean jackets. She uses acrylic paints for the jackets, but sticks to regular wall paint for the walls.

"I use white paint and then mix in the color with acrylic paints. That makes the colors really pretty but means the mural is easy to clean," Zubal said.

Zubal is no stranger to the Clarkston area. She grew up in Holly where her mother, H.M. Lacasse, still lives. Her father, Gregory Zubal, lives in Clarkston.



Artist-in-residence: Lisa Zubal poses with her original art work, drawn and painted on her bathroom walls.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

One-of-a-kind: These are a few of the carousel horses Lisa Zubal drew and painted for a children's bedroom.

**Wearable art:** This face decorates the back of a denim jacket. Lisa Zubal painted the design from a Styx record album.



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begins.

"He wants to take away something and he's offering no alternative," he said. "We've got to do what's best for the village."

Elliot Parnes, a Glenburnie resident, said the proposal seems to reward drivers who fail to stop at the signs. He too said taking down the signs could be dangerous.

"There hasn't been an accident there since the sign went up," he said.

Bill Kinsley moved from his home on Blue Grass Drive to escape cut-through traffic. Now living at the intersection of Glenburnie and Miller, he's found the stop signs in question at least slow traffic down — a safer alternative for his grandchildren.

"I think our safety as residents should be of more concern," he

said. "I think squad cars should be out. Somebody's going to get killed. Somebody's going to get hurt."

Ormiston said he is "very concerned about the safety of kids and anybody walking through there." But leaving the signs in place will not solve the problem of drivers who fail to stop.

Council members echoed residents' concerns. Anne Clifton said she walks the area often, and knows it's necessary to make "eye contact" with drivers who pass that intersection before she considers it safe to cross.

Ormiston said despite the fact that police issue a lot of violations, many drivers violate the stop signs, creating an unsafe condition.

Mayor Sharron Catallo said the condition was not very safe before the stop signs were instituted.

Rather than remove the signs, council decided to keep them and asked Ormiston to seek additional ways to enforce the safety issue with drivers in the area.

"I think it would be better to make it as identifiable as possible," Ormiston agreed.

In other business Monday night:

Council members passed a resolution 6-0 supporting a proposal that the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy purchase the parcel of land at M-15 and Waldon Road. The land contains some sensitive wetlands, Councilman Mike Kelley was absent.

Ormiston was granted council support to find a solution to a recurring problem on Depot Road. Cars are going the wrong way on the one-way road as a shortcut to reach M-15. Possible changes could be made to the city office's parking lot. The eastern-most entrance could be blocked off or changed to accommodate only in-coming traffic, forcing cars out the west entrance. That entrance is farther down Depot Road from M-15.

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—Bill Kinsley  
concerned homeowner

**Charter Township of Springfield**

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
April 8, 1999  
**SYNOPSIS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approved minutes for February 18, 1999 Special Meeting; March 11, 1999 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted March Treasurer's report
- Accepted March reports: Building Dept., Litigation and Ordinance
- Authorized payment of bills
- Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading: Birtas Rezoning
- Accepted withdrawal of Investment Counselor request by Treasurer

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Pace Development, Kingston Point: received oral and written comments
- Aulgur Raisin Homes, Hummingbird Ridge: received comments

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Section 17.08 Environmental Performance Standards; 16.02.9.c Parking Lot Light Height
- Civic Center:
  - Adopted Budget
  - Authorized Supervisor, Clerk and Attorney to negotiate and approve Construction Management Agreement
  - Discussed Property Conversion

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kingston Point: Tabled Special Land Use and Concept Site Plan
- Hummingbird Ridge: Approved Special Land Use and Concept Site Plan
- Computer System Upgrade & Budget: Authorized bid request and amended budgets
- Master Plan: Update: Approved proposal and retained Carlisle/Wortman Associates
- Autumn Shores: Established Community Septic Escrow Amount
- Amended Parks Budget

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:15 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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**Charter Township of Springfield**

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1999**  
9 AM - 2:30 PM  
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CLIFFORD ZINDA, Ordinance Officer

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**Charter Township of Springfield**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
**AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regularly-scheduled meeting held on April 8, 1999, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

- Article XVI, Section 16.02.9.c, Off Street Design and construction, is amended to read as follows:
  - All illumination for parking lots shall meet the standards set forth in Section 17.08.
- Article XVII, Section 17.08.4, 17.08.5 and 17.08.6, Glare and Exterior Lighting, are amended to read as follows:
  - Only non-glare lighting shall be permitted. For all non-residential uses, full cutoff shades are required for light sources so as to direct the light on to the site and away from adjoining properties. The lighting source shall not be directly visible from adjoining properties. Lighting shall be directed so that it does not cause glare for motorists.
  - Lighting for uses adjacent to residentially zoned or used property shall be designed and maintained such that illumination levels do not exceed 0.5 foot-candles at ground level along property lines. Lighting for uses adjacent to non-residential properties shall be designed and maintained such that illumination levels do not exceed 1.0 foot-candles at ground level along property lines. Maximum light levels shall not exceed 20.0 foot-candles in any given area measured at ground level.
  - The height of the lighting fixtures shall be determined by the Planning Commission and Township Board at the time of site plan review, but in no case shall they exceed a height of twenty-seven (27) feet adjacent to property zoned for non-residential use and twenty-two (22) feet adjacent to property zoned or used for residential use. Where a local or primary road, except Dixie Highway, separates a site proposed to be illuminated from property zoned or used for residential use, the lighting fixture shall not exceed twenty-two (22) feet. Where Dixie Highway separates a site to be illuminated from property zoned or used for residential use, the lighting fixture shall not exceed twenty-seven (27) feet. The height of all lighting fixtures shall be measured from the ground level to the centerline of the lighting fixture.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, adopted at the regular meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 8th day of April, 1999. A copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Springfield Township Office, P.O. Box 1088, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48830 during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

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# Body Recall promotes lifelong fitness

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
STAFF WRITER

"It's amazing how much exercise you can get sitting in a chair."

That's what Beverly Walters from Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center (CACC) said about the Body Recall classes it sponsors.

"We've been offering Body Recall since about 1984. It's a wonderful program. It offers fitness for seniors and for people who can't do any kind of aerobics exercise, such as those recovering from surgery and people who have a chronic illness, arthritis or are overweight; for example," she added. Walters is CACC's director of clinical services.

Betty Wright is one of the devoted Body Recall class members. She shows up at the Carriage House at Independence Township Senior Center for the hour-long class three times a week, at least until she can begin bicycling outside for exercise.

Jean DeClerck is a regular, too. She joins the 10:45-11:45 a.m. class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to help strengthen her back.

"I joined about a year ago," she said. "I had hurt my back spending many years with my cake decorating business. Before I started here, I couldn't raise my arm," she added, with her right arm above her shoulder. "Now I'm a lot more flexible."

Lois Sanders of Clarkston teaches the popular class. Attendance is somewhat lower in the colder months, but as soon as people return from their lengthy stays down South, the numbers grow.

She had nine people in last Monday's class.

As they got into their stretching routine, the participants inquired about the health of missing classmates. Camaraderie plays a big part of Body Recall.

"This is a class for flexibility, mobility, strengthening, circulation and breathing. It's a lifetime exercise program for the



What a ball! Ruth Wolf stretches and strengthens her muscles with the help of a foam ball.

growing older population," Sanders reminds her class.

"Let's rephrase that as 'growing younger population,'" one student yelled out.

"Body Recall is helpful to anybody. If you don't use it, you lose it. You lose a lot of your independence if you can't keep moving," Sanders explained.

"Even the men in the class comment on how much the class helps them; particularly with their upper body movement. One man said it used to hurt his neck when he turned his head to check on traffic. He doesn't have that pain anymore."

"What I hear from the students," she continued, "is they sleep better and feel better. One person even participated in a mile walk, something she never thought she'd be able to do."

Range of motion: Ruth Jane Matzelle and others show agility in complex stretching movements.



A regular, Leta Sheffield attends Body Recall classes three times a week.

Sanders, a former physical education teacher, is a certified Body Recall instructor from the national organization in Berea, Ky.

Former Clarkston resident Carol Lippincott first brought Body Recall to the area. She's now working with the national organization in Berea.

After the class walks for five minutes, they begin their stretches sitting on a chair. Sometimes they are sitting straight. Other exercises require they slouch. For still others, they stand in front or behind the chair.

At one point, they're sitting with their feet off the ground and pulling their knees towards

their nose. They do plies, walk on their tip toes, do inner thigh stretches and much more.

Sanders gracefully leads the class through each exercise. She distributes foam balls, broom stick-like wands and elastic ropes for them to use in the class. Many students work up a sweat by the end of the hour, as would anyone.

Sanders also teaches Body Recall at Waterford Senior Center three times a week. She demonstrates the program at various places, including nursing care and assisted living facilities.

Anyone can join Body Recall at any time. To sign up, contact Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center at (248) 625-2273. Class are \$1 each. People pay for a 50-class session at a time.

But if someone wants to sign up after a session is under way, CACC adjusts the fee.

The Coach: Lois Sanders leads a class in Body Recall exercises.

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 8-12.

### Springfield police

#### Armed robbery

On April 9, an undisclosed amount of money was reported stolen from a Dixie Highway ice cream shop. According to police, an assailant, armed with what appeared to be a rifle, robbed the store around 9:20 p.m. Police are still investigating the incident and developing composites in search of a suspect.

#### Thefts

On April 8, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle on Springfield Circle.

On April 8, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Davisburg Road.

#### Vandalism

On April 7, the frame of a door to a church on Andersonville Road was reported scratched.

#### Breaking and entering

On April 9, a safe containing an undisclosed amount of money was reported stolen from Davisburg Elementary School.

### Independence police

#### Thefts

On April 9, about 10 wooden window frames and tools were reported stolen from a house under construction on Devonshire.

On April 9, a women's ring was reported stolen from a gym on White Lake Road.

On April 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on West Harvard Avenue.

On April 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Ortonville Road.

On April 10, two jet skis and a trailer were reported stolen from a Glenwood Court residence.

#### Retail fraud

On April 8, police stopped a woman from leaving a Dixie Highway grocery store with six bottles of champagne which

were not paid for, reports showed.

#### Damaged property

On April 9, a vehicle was damaged while being loaded onto a truck on Moody Drive.

#### Assault and battery

On April 8, police responded to a Lake Waldon Drive address where a 17-year-old Lake Orion woman was involved in a dispute with the 38-year-old homeowner.

#### Accidents

On April 9, police responded to a two-car accident on Sashabaw Road near Moody Drive in which a vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle. According to reports, the driver of the second vehicle, a Roseville man, experienced a seizure while driving. He was not injured. The driver of the vehicle that was hit was waiting to make a left-hand turn onto Moody Drive when the accident occurred. He sustained non-incapacitating injuries.

On April 10, police investigated an accident on Sashabaw Road, south of Waldon Road. While heading north on Sashabaw Road, a Flint woman experienced a medical problem, and may have passed out, when her vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle, driven by a Lake Orion man. No one sustained serious injuries.

### Independence fire

Between April 8-12, firefighters responded to 18 calls. Among them were 11 medical calls, three personal-injury accidents, and one vehicle fire.

### Clarkston police

#### Possession of marijuana

On April 9, police stopped a 21-year-old Pontiac man who was driving a vehicle on Main Street, near Washington. He was arrested and cited for possession of marijuana. The arraignment was scheduled for April 20 at 52-2 District Court.

#### Driving under the influence

On April 10, an 18-year-old Waterford man was stopped on

Main Street and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol, police said. His blood alcohol content was 0.03 at 9:30 p.m. Under the zero tolerance law, the man was arrested and scheduled for arraignment April 20.

Three youths who were passengers in the vehicle were each cited as minors in possession of alcohol and were released to their parents. They will appear

at 52-2 District Court the same day.

On April 12, police stopped a 41-year-old Clarkston woman for erratic driving around 2 a.m. She was found to be driving in the area of Main Street and Middle Lake Road while under the influence of alcohol.

Her blood alcohol level was 0.11. She was lodged at the Oakland County jail and scheduled for arraignment.

## Lansing man charged in 1998 armed robbery

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Fourteen months after the armed robbery of an Independence Township drug store, police have charged a Lansing man in connection with the incident.

Jody Lee Sinclair, 42, was arraigned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday before 52-2 District Magistrate Kelly Kostin. Sinclair was charged with one count of armed robbery, and bond was set at \$100,000. A not-guilty plea was entered for Sinclair.

According to Detective Dirk Feneley of the Independence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, on Feb. 12, 1998, a man walked into the Rite Aid Pharmacy on M-15 store carrying a green backpack. He placed it on the counter and claimed it contained a bomb that could be

detonated by remote control.

"He demanded some drugs," said Feneley. "And he told (the pharmacist) there was a bomb in the bag. They gave him the drugs. When he left, he left the bag there."

The man got away with about 20 pills of a pain killer, Feneley said. The drug store and surrounding businesses were evacuated and closed for about six hours. No one was injured.

"We had to evacuate the whole complex," said Feneley.

Members of the Michigan State Police bomb squad were called in to disarm the bomb. "But it wasn't a bomb," said Feneley. "It was a telephone with wires."

Armed robbery is a felony punishable by life or any term of years.

A preliminary examination will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 22 at 52-2 District Court.

## Incumbents file for school board seats

There won't be much of a race during the annual school election in Clarkston this June.

Only two candidates — incumbent president Kurt Shanks and incumbent secretary Janet Thomas — filed nominating petitions by the deadline Monday to run for the

two available seats on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

That means both Thomas, who has served for 24 consecutive years, and Shanks, who has served for four years, will be shoo-ins during the general election June 14.

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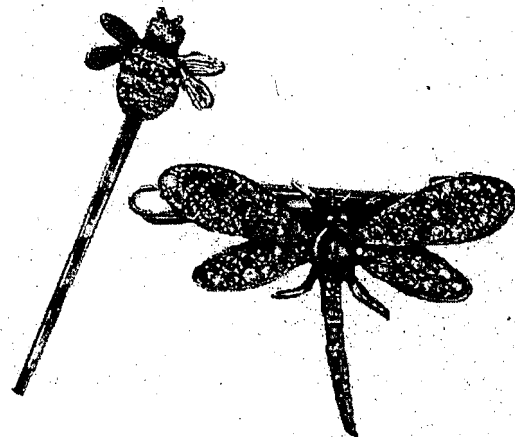
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## AGENDA

**Independence Township**  
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**Township Board Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20  
Independence Township Library

**Tentative Agenda**  
Call To Order  
Pledge Of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Approval of Agenda  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Approval of Purchase Orders  
Public Forum

**New Business**  
1. GIS Mapping.  
2. Resolution to Honor Kyle Jevon Babbish.  
3. Request for Capital Equipment for Parks & Recreation Truck, Fencing, Utility Cart, Miscellaneous Equipment.  
4. Request for Rezoning, MH to ML-White Lake and Andersonville Roads, Part of Parcel 08-31-376-026.  
5. Wetlands/Natural Feature Setback Appeal-White Lake d, Parcel 08-31-402-002.  
6. Permission to Bid Generators and Tractor - DPW.

*Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the board members may add or delete an agenda item.*

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Residents have come one step closer to forming a lake improvement board that will protect Clarkston's mill ponds.

They just need one homeowner to represent their concerns.

The Clarkston Mill Ponds Association, a group of volunteers who own property around the ponds, is seeking three interested ponds residents to apply for one spot on a lake improvement board. A lake board would give residents more control over costs of weeding and preserving the ponds, which are considered an asset in Clarkston.

"People come into the city and see the ponds," said Laurie Wasker, association secretary/treasurer. "It's a real asset to the community. I think it's to benefit the entire community to keep these ponds."

Residents whose homes abut

the ponds and are willing to serve on the board should be responsible and concerned about their community, she said.

Three names will be submitted to the Oakland County Drain Commission, but only one person will be chosen to represent the neighbors on the Upper and Lower Mill Ponds.

While there are two ponds, only one lake board will be established.

Elliot Parnes, a spokesperson for the association, said it's important for residents to volunteer for the lake board position "so the board knows what the residents are thinking."

Parnes said any decision made by the lake board is subject to public meetings as well. All residents affected by board decisions will have a say in those decisions.

County Commissioner Frank H. Millard anticipates he will be a representative on the lake board. Millard has lived on the ponds and understands the

**■ 'It's a real asset to the community. I think it's to benefit the entire community to keep these ponds.'**

—Laurie Wasker  
Mill Ponds Association

## Mill Ponds Association to meet

The next meeting of the Clarkston Mill Ponds Association is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. This is the final meeting of the spring/summer season, so it is imperative for Ponds residents to attend. On the agenda is the collection of funds for the annual weeding of the ponds. Once a lake improvement board is established, the collection would no longer be necessary.

issues related to them.

Weeding the ponds each year costs residents \$3,500. Problems regarding low lake levels have developed, which may threaten the fish population. An abundance of silt is causing the ponds to fill in. The association, started five years ago, was an attempt to collect information and explore possible solutions among the homeowners themselves. But collecting annual funds to pay for weeding services and permits has become difficult. Wasker said the association "can't get 100 percent participation from absentee landowners and property owners."

"It's a miracle we've been able to collect money for the past 20 years," said Wasker.

Millard said it's important for residents to take a position on the lake board that is being established.

"I think (they need) to have a say in what's going on with the Mill Ponds," said Millard. "It's a method of gathering information on how to deal with the present problem and problems in the future."

In the meantime, Millard has been attempting to reach representatives from the governmental bodies required to sit on the board. They include members of the city of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oakland County Drain Commission.

"Once we have that, we'll have our first meeting," said Millard.

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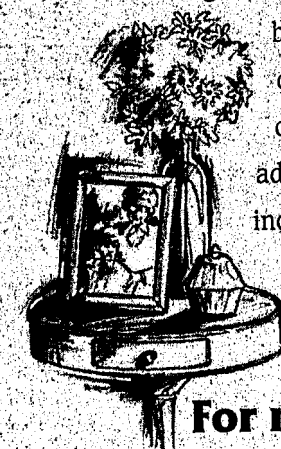
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# Runners will lace 'em up to fight breast cancer

On Saturday, April 24, nearly 25,000 men and women will converge on the Detroit Zoo for Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

It will be the eighth renewal of this breast cancer-awareness event and fund-raiser. Organizers expect this year's event to generate close to \$500,000.

Over the past seven years, Detroit's Komen Race for the Cure, which is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, has raised more than \$1.2 million and over 100,000 people have participated. The mystique of the event, according to Jane Hoey, race chairperson, is that we are all affected by breast cancer.

"Every woman is at risk for breast cancer. One in eight will get the disease in her lifetime. It is something that most women think about and fear," said Hoey.

"The race educates women about breast cancer risks and detection and, most importantly, it celebrates the fact that with early detection you can survive this disease. I think that it is because we celebrate survivors, and remember those who did not survive, that this event draws entire families and communities."

Hoey expects this year's race will include 1,200 breast cancer survivors.

About 75 percent of the net proceeds from the event are used by the Karmanos Cancer Institute to fund breast cancer screening and educational programs, and assist low-income women needing additional tests following abnormal mammograms. The remainder is sent to the Komen Foundation to help fund national research.

In 1998, 10 local breast cancer programs were funded directly through race funds. Examples of programs in 1998 that were funded include:

- Enhancement of Cancer Genetic Research by interfacing efforts with clinical genetics: \$100,000. Utilizing information from emerging studies of gene discovery programs, this program will develop therapeutic approaches to prevent and cure cancer in "at risk" populations.

- Support services for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients: \$80,000. This grant allows patients who have been diagnosed with breast cancer to receive important counseling and have the opportunity to ask questions and learn to manage suffering.

- Development and printing of breast cancer materials: \$25,900. This grant allows for the continuing development, updating and distribution of breast cancer materials that are available to the lay public and health professionals.

Race organizers have added a new activity this year: A 4-kilometer non-competitive run/walk. The Komen Race for the Cure schedule is:

- 6:30 a.m. — Information and warm-up.

- 8 a.m. — 5K men's competitive run

- 8:30 a.m. — 5K women's competitive run

- 9 a.m. — 4K walk/run for women, men, family and friends (non-competitive)

- 9 a.m. — 1 mile fun walk.

Entry forms for the race are available at J.C. Penney, Pier 1 Imports, Jacobson's, Lakeshore Mammography Centers, Sunoco stations, area running stores and Karmanos Cancer Institute regional offices. On-line registration is also offered at [www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure](http://www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure). Detroit: The entry fee is \$20 by April 16 and \$30 thereafter. For more information, call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266).

The Third Annual Race Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy (I-75 and Crooks Road). The Expo features entertainment, breast health and fitness displays and special guests. The expo is the last chance to register for the race.

Major local sponsors for this year's race are Compuware Corp., Metro Detroit Ford Deal-

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—Jane Hoey  
Race chairperson

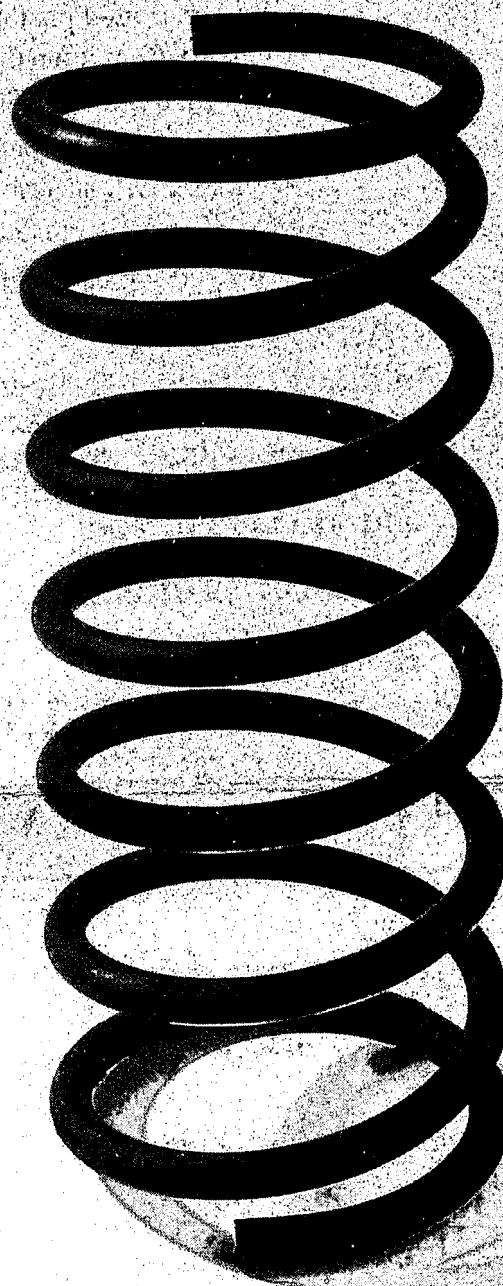
ers, Teledyne WaterPik and Sunoco. Media sponsors for the event include: Detroit Free

Press, WDIV (Channel 4), WKQI (95.5 FM) and WNIC (100.3 FM). The Susan G. Komen Founda-

tion seeks to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

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Adults and teens are invited to volunteer as assistants. They don't need experience with horses. Once oriented, volunteers will enjoy walking along manicured trails alongside their riders, or helping riders develop their skills in the big indoor ring.

HorsePower hold two, one-hour classes 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday evening, spring through fall. New volunteers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. For details or to volunteer, Call Carol Hilf at (248) 626-9023.





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## Return champ



**Top speller — again:** Nicole Hendershot of Clarkston became the 1999 Spelling Bee Champion of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Waterford, recently when she spelled the word "technical" correctly. Nicole also won the Spelling Bee at St. Stephen in 1997 and was the runner-up in 1998. An eighth-grader, Nicole is involved in the 4-H Oakland County K-9 Club, where she enjoys training and showing her golden retriever, Chloe. She has taken several ribbons and trophies in dog competitions. She also enjoys baby-sitting and playing basketball.

## OPC looks ahead to fund-raising event

By LARRY RUEHLEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Older Persons' Commission is holding its 10th annual Walk For Meals event at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, April 24. About 350 walkers are expected to participate in the event, which organizers hope will raise over \$40,000.

OPC is one of only a handful of similar organizations around the country that hand deliver hot meals to seniors who are unable to get them themselves. Last year, the OPC delivered 141,147 meals hot meals and members expect an even greater demand for their services this year.

"We're unique in the area because we don't maintain a waiting list," OPC spokeswoman Ruth Hartter said. "A homebound senior can request a meal, and they will have one on their doorstep within 24 hours. Other organizations have waiting lists up to five months long. This walk and the money it raises allows us to provide that level of service. Without it, we would probably be forced to have a waiting list as well."

All told, OPC has 800 volunteers working to prepare and deliver meals in a 270 square-mile area encompassing Auburn Hills, Rochester, Rochester Hills and the townships of Addison, Brandon, Independence, Oak-

land, Orion and Oxford. Last year, 1179 different seniors used the service at one time or another and 400 get a hot meal daily.

Funds are raised by pledges from the walkers and sponsors. OPC typically asks for donations of \$30, \$60 or \$90, which will pay for 10, 20 or 30 home delivered meals. Every adult and child who pre-registers will get an official "OPC Walk For Meals" T-shirt. This year's shirt was designed by Camp Oakland student Donna Powers. The registration fee is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Festivities are to begin with warm up exercises at the OPC building at 312 Woodward St. The two-mile walk will start soon after. The intended route is Rochester Road to University, then back through the Rochester Municipal Park to its conclusion. A continental breakfast will also be served for walkers.

This year's walk is dedicated to the memory of area resident Charles H. Allen, who worked very hard for many years to make sure the program was a success. Allen died in July.

Hartter hopes the event will allow her organization to continue serving seniors.

"We're just trying to allow homebound seniors a chance to live their life in a healthy and dignified manner," she said. "I hope we have great weather and

## CSB repurchasing program planned

Clarkston Financial Corp. (CFC) has announced plans to begin a share repurchase program of stock for Clarkston State Bank (CSB).

"Our board of directors has approved the repurchase of up to 25,000 of our shares over the course of the next 12 months," said Dave Harrison, president of CFC and CSB.

"Our board's decision is based upon its belief that the repurchase of our shares is a prudent investment of shareholder capital and reflects the board's confidence in the future of the corporation."

Harrison explained that such purchases will be made from time to time at the corporation's discretion in privately negotiated transactions or in the open market.

Shares acquired will be reserved for later reissue in connection with possible future stock dividends, stock option plans, and for other general corporate purposes.

CFC is the parent holding company of Clarkston State Bank, which opened in January. The community bank is located at 15 S. Main in downtown Clarkston.

## OBITUARY

### Ellen M. Frank

Ellen M. Frank of Clarkston died April 11, 1999. She was 62. Mrs. Frank is survived by her husband, Ronald C.; son, Jeffery Townsend; daughter, Patricia

Studiver; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Donald and Michael.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.



# Support scofflaw nailed

BY TIM RICHARD

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Three bad things can happen to a dad who skips town and doesn't pay child support:

■ He can run up an \$89,000 debt, as did Patrick J. Law of Ferndale.

■ He can be sent to prison for two years, which Law has served.

■ And now the state Supreme Court says Law must pay 15 years interest on the debt, telling Oakland Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews to calculate the amount.

"We hold that a trial (circuit) court does have the authority to award interest under the Crime Victim's Rights Act," wrote Justice Clifford Taylor in a 6-0 decision.

"Money has a 'use value' and interest is 'legitimate element of damages' to 'compensate a party for the lost use of funds,'" said Taylor, quoting an earlier decision. He also cited federal appeals decisions and state courts in Alaska and Colorado.

Judge Andrews had rejected the claim for interest from 1979-87 because the judge in the Laws' divorce case hadn't granted it. A Court of Appeals panel upheld him. A member of that panel was Marilyn Kelly, who

was elected to the Supreme Court in 1996. Justice Kelly took no part in the Supreme Court deliberations.

Appealing to the Supreme Court was Oakland Prosecutor David Gorceyca. Handling the appeal was assistant Marilyn J. Day. "He (Law) never responded to our appeal," Day said.

Law pleaded guilty to desertion and abandonment, was sentenced in 1992 to two years in prison and ordered to make restitution, Taylor's opinion said.

Day said Law was in Arizona for 10 years. His ex-wife was a White Lake Township resident who since has moved to Ohio.

From May 1979 through July 1992, Law was supposed to pay \$43 a week. He also was to pay nearly \$42,000 in medical costs arising out of his daughter's injuries in an auto accident.

"He's paying \$146 a week now," Day said. That could increase after the circuit court adds in the interest.

In reversing Andrews and the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court said interest could be ordered because Law was being prosecuted under a criminal statute, the Crime Victim's Rights Act.

That act includes "the right to restitution." Said Taylor: "The term restitution is understood in

Michigan to include interest..."

Source: *People v. Law*, Docket No. 109763, decided April 8.

## Tax cuts icky

State Treasurer Mark Murray would like to appeal a case won by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. (now Ameritech), but the Supreme Court recently denied leave (permission) to appeal.

The Court of Appeals last year ruled in Bell's favor, saying the state Treasury should refund \$4.6 million in use taxes Bell paid on tax-exempt equipment. The equipment was exempt because customers ultimately paid the tax on their phone bills.

The Court of Appeals also said Bell didn't have to pay \$2.7 million in taxes on uncollectible bills because the tax was levied on the customers, not Bell. The April 1998 opinion was written by Judge Robert Young Jr., now a Supreme Court justice, and joined by Judge Roman Gribbs of Northville and Barbara Sawyer.

"In addition to the tax policy implications," Murray said, "the fiscal year 1999 impact would be the loss of additional revenue we are collecting due to Michigan's strong economy." Murray did not give a dollar figure for the amount of the loss.

So Murray is asking the Legislature to make repairs in the use tax law.

# Cities may ban new advertising, rules state court of appeals

BY TIM RICHARD

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A city may ban all new advertising billboards without violating the Home Rule City Act, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

Holland's victory over Adams Outdoor Advertising Inc. sets a precedent for all cities in the state. The appeals panel reversed an Allegan Circuit Court ruling that the city's ordinance was "overly broad and invalid."

Holland passed the ordinance in 1994. City planner Dale Wyngarden testified that "we have been, since the mid-1980s, a mainstreet USA program which is an affiliation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We have taken great pride in what's happened in our downtown in terms of ripping off the 1950s aluminum store fronts."

"I think the community would perceive the placement of billboards in those locations as an abomination, an assault on what we've tried to accomplish aesthetically downtown."

The city "grandfathered" in 20 billboards, allowing them to remain for their useful lives.

The Adams company didn't challenge the ordinance on the constitutional bases of freedom of speech or a governmental "takings." Instead it argued that the Home Rule City Act allows a city to "regulate" and "limit" billboards but not to prohibit new ones.

The Court of Appeals, however, said, "Home rule cities are not limited to only those powers expressly enumerated." And because of the "grandfather" clause, the city didn't prohibit all billboards, the court ruled.

The appeals court overturned Allegan Circuit Judge George Corsiglia's ruling that the Holland council made a "whimsical" act. The judges said, "On the contrary, the policy and philosophical decisions of the legislative branch must be respected unless unconstitutional or contrary to law."

Adams presented testimony that it would be able to sell space on its proposed new billboards. "However," said the Court of Appeals, "while the desire by national, state and local advertisers for billboards may well demonstrate a demand for the billboards, such proofs are not sufficient to demonstrate the requisite public need for new billboards."

The unanimous ruling was written by Judge Richard Allen Griffin and joined by Charles Whitbeck and Mark Cavanagh.

Source: *Adams Outdoor Advertising v. City of Holland*, CA No. 208543.

## 2 reps slapped

House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) punished Detroit Democrats Ed Vaughn and Keith Stallworth for their behavior in a Senate Education Committee hearing in February.

The pair disrupted the hearing on the Detroit schools takeover, delaying it for two hours, and Vaughn grabbed the gavel from committee chair Sen. Loren Bennett, (R-Canton).

They lost their travel privileges and floor privileges. The latter includes having visitors on the House floor and appointing pages. They could have lost committee assignments.

Perricone said the sanctions would be lifted once they publicly apologized to Bennett, senators and House members.

# Spill those pins for Leader Dogs for the Blind

Bowl a line or two and help well-known local charity by participating in the 18th-annual Leader Dogs for the Blind Bowling Benefit 11 a.m. Sunday,

April 25, at Classic Lanes, north of M-59 and west of Crooks Road, Rochester Hills.

Entry fees — \$30 per person — and proceeds from an auction

and raffle will be donated to the Rochester Hills-based Leader Dogs for the Blind. Field is limited to 160 bowlers. Call (248) 852-9100.

# OCC board will meet Monday

The board of trustees of Oakland Community College will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the board room of the George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is open to the public.

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Happy winner: Elizabeth P. Red of Clarkston (far left) is pictured with family members and the 25-inch television she won as the grand-prize winner in a contest sponsored by Michigan Directory Co.



## Resident wins TV in telephone directory contest

Elizabeth P. Red of Clarkston will be able to enjoy more television — literally. Red won a new 25-inch color television as the grand-prize winner in a contest sponsored by Michigan Directory Co., which announced the contest in the 1999 Clarkston/Waterford Telephone Directory.

The television was presented to Red on Monday at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

The contest was open to all residents in the coverage area of the Clarkston/Waterford Telephone Directory. To be eligible, residents had to fill out and mail in the

postage-paid survey card found in the middle of every copy of the telephone directory.

Michigan Directory Co., publisher of the Clarkston/Waterford Telephone Directory, printed a full page ad in the phone book and delivered a flyer with each directory to point people to the contest. All entries received were then entered into a random drawing from which Red's entry was drawn.

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## MOMS from page A1

Method Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

"We'll get together and see what people think," said the mother of Noah, 19 months, and Joshua, 3 months. "We can cater the club to whatever our needs are. The bylaws are pretty broad."

She got the idea for starting a local chapter after reading about it this past summer. That prompted her to write to the national organization.

The MOMS Club has about 600 chapters. It describes itself as a "national support group specifically for all at-home mothers."

According to its brochure, its clubs host monthly meetings, casual get-togethers in local parks and members' homes, special outings, family parties,

baby-sitting cooperatives, activity groups and a service project.

And children are welcome to come to the events.

Peterson said the annual dues will be \$20 a year to help pay for supplies, programs and other needs. Mothers who can't pay that shouldn't shy away from the group. Provisions are available for those who can't pay the dues.

"This is so neat," said Holly, who is looking forward to the first meeting.

"Moms need interaction with other moms just as much as children need interaction with other children."

"I see the main purpose for moms and babies to get involved with each other. We can reach out and help each other, but first we have to meet each other."

The MOMS Club is more than a social outlet, according to Peterson.

"We'll also be there to help. We would be happy to talk to people who are having problems with their pregnancies, to assure first-time mothers. We are experienced moms and we are happy to talk to people. We can all help each other and we want at-home mothers to be proud of the work they are doing."

Peterson is on a leave of absence from the Waterford School District. She's a special education teacher.

"My husband, Eric, thinks this club is a great idea," she said. "We agreed before I got married that I would stay at home to raise our children. You only get this chance once to be at home with them."

## Flooring from page A1

should know. He's one of the founders of Sports Court, which dates back to 1974. He was vice president of sales and marketing.

What started out as an idea to create recreational environments for families has spread to thousands of courts being installed in the West and to exclusive use of the flooring by several major sporting associations. These include the National Collegiate Athletics Association, United States Volleyball Association, International Basketball Federation, Roller Hockey International, the Federation of International Basketball, the Women's National Basketball Association and others.

Anyone watching the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta saw the 12-acre Sport

Court flooring for the Coca-Cola Olympic City. It was set up so visitors could participate in virtual reality games against famous Olympic sports figures.

When Sport Court was purchased a couple years ago, the Wollmans decided to move from Salt Lake City to this area of Michigan. Sue grew up in Flint. Dan is from South Dakota.

They moved to Independence Township about a year-and-a-half ago and have yet to install their own Sport Court game floors. They've been too busy. They're going to have a putting green in the backyard and a multi-sport system in their lower level.

"We left behind a Sport Court in our other home. It was wonderful. We always had neighborhood kids over and our own kids

playing on it constantly," Wollman said.

The entire Wollman family works for Sport Court.

Although Kerry doesn't live in Michigan, she's worked her share of hours. Kerry is married with a 7-month-old baby so she's not as active as Kerry, who recently completed three weeks of 15-hour days, airbrush painting the Regelfest logo on a Sport Court floor.

Caitlin and Nicolas attend Clarkston Middle School. They're professionals at getting youngsters involved in contests on Sport Court floors at exhibitions. Madeleine and Nicolas get to try out the sports equipment in their home.

"Working with Sport Court is so much more fulfilling than working at the corporate level," said Sue Wollman, a former sales director for major television and radio stations.

They get involved in hundreds of charity events. Sport Court recently supplied the flooring for the Special Olympics world competition. Last year the Wollmans provided a game floor for the Clarkston High School seniors' all night party. They're doing the same thing for the 1999 graduating class.

Although Sport Court isn't as well known in the Midwest for home installations, several Michigan facilities use the product. These include Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Sport Court floors are versatile. They can be custom-designed for size and different types of sports. They come in customized colors and can go over a variety of existing floors, such as concrete, rubber, wood, vinyl tile and carpet floors. They're easy to maintain since they have a self-draining surface.

They can be used for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, baseball, golf, lacrosse, short-court tennis, hockey, soccer, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, roller hockey, badminton, ice skating and other games.

Costs can start at \$8,000.

"Just this week we're installing a Sport Court gym in a house in Brighton, finishing up an in-line hockey floor in Canton and completing eight retrofit tennis courts at Davison High School," Wollman said.

Dan Lubin of Commerce Township calls Wollman periodically to reemphasize how happy his family is with their backyard Sport Court system.

"It's great. I've got a whole basketball court with two backboards and a ball containment system right by the water where we live. My kids can use it for in-line hockey. We have a system to put in volleyball or paddle tennis. I'll tell you, for every dime I put into that system, I've gotten my money back," he said.

The Lubins have four children, three boys — ages 3-8 — and a 9-month-old daughter.

"We're on the court all of the time. Everyone in the neighborhood comes over to use it. It's great because we know where our children are, we can use the court as a family and we're getting physical exercise while having fun."

Lubin did much research before purchasing his court from Wollman.

"Dan was great; his crew was great," Lubin said. "I felt good that I bought from a family-owned businessman. We had two choices — to either buy a boat or buy a court. I'm so glad we went with the court. It's not something my children will outgrow."

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## Taking daughters to work a winning idea, moms say

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

Mary Savoie-Huff and her daughter, Nanine Savoie Flechsig, are strong advocates of Take Our Daughters To Work Day which will be observed Thursday, April 22.

Savoie-Huff, you should know, takes her daughter to work every day, as well as her 8 1/2-month-old granddaughter. Well, that may be a little strong. Savoie-Huff and Flechsig, who live just seven doors apart in Bloomfield Township, work together selling real estate.

But they don't just work out of the same office of Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating, Inc. They actually share the same clients and have for the past five years.

"We always do it together," Flechsig says. "And since last July Miss Lilly has joined us." Lilly is Flechsig and husband Peer's third child, younger sister to Leigh, 11, and Jack, 7. "We don't have any ego involved," Savoie-Huff adds. "We sense to whom the client is drawn."

People often ask Flechsig, "How do you work with your mother?" She tells them: "My mother lets me be who I need to be. It's definitely a mentoring type relationship, where I can learn from the best." Her mother has been in real estate for 25 years. In 1995, she was Birmingham-Bloomfield Realtor of the Year.

And when Savoie-Huff is asked how she works with her daughter, she says: "Listen and be willing to learn from your kid. My way isn't the only way. Even in real estate," Savoie-Huff says. "The computer offers a whole different way to do a presentation. Nan has taught me to put everything in book form. It's more professional."

They often go together when they are trying to get a client to list with them. Savoie-Huff gives the presentations, while Flechsig concentrates on appraisal and market analysis.

When it comes time to show houses, Flechsig is most often in the driver's seat. "My mother will keep the baby and I'll go out and show houses all day. I love seeing people's houses."

"And I love keeping Lilly," her mom chimes in. "I probably would have semi-retired if I weren't doing this with Nan."

Last year, Flechsig and Savoie-Huff observed the official Take Our Daughters to Work Day by taking daughter/granddaughter Leigh to a new residential development they were checking out. It happened that the developer was giving a lunch for the various real estate agents. Leigh was impressed. "Is this what you do all day?" she asked.

Take Our Daughters to Work Day began in 1993 as a New York City-wide intervention to help girls stay healthy and strong through adolescence, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women. "It grew from an idea to an institution, literally overnight," said Marie C. Wilson, Ms. Foundation president.

Last year, 53 million adults reported their or their spouses company participated in Take Our Daughters To Work Day, according to a Roper Starch Worldwide poll.

"I think it's a great concept," Flechsig says. "We did it with our girl scout troop." Each girl went to work with a parent, then came back and told the whole troop about it. It was followed up by each girl dressing up as what they wanted to be.

"Whether it's a daughter or son, it's important for children to know what their parents do and what it's all about," says Savoie-Huff. "My own children (eight of them) knew my husband worked for a car company and that he didn't actually make cars. But they never really knew what he did."

## Primary concern State Dems, GOP want more sway in picking presidential candidates

BY PAT MURPHY  
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It's not often that Oakland County Republicans agree with local Democrats. But both parties in Oakland County believe holding Michigan's presidential primary earlier in the political season would generate excitement among voters.

"Moving the primary up would energize the whole process," said Stuart H. Brickner, a Democratic precinct delegate in West Bloomfield. "It would create more excitement, even at the local level," said Brickner, who is also a township trustee.

It would help combat apathy, said Christina Pappageorge, a Republican precinct delegate in Troy and an activist with the Birmingham Republican Women's Club. "Apathy is the party's biggest enemy, and anything we can do to combat it is worth considering," said Pappageorge, whose husband John is a first-term state representative.

Brickner and Pappageorge were reacting to a proposal to move the date of Michigan's presidential primary, usually held in May, to an earlier date — possibly Feb. 12, three days before New Hampshire's.

Doing so would give Michigan voters more clout in determining the eventual presidential candidates, according to one of the proposal's leading supporters, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, who explained the rationale last week during a press conference.

If Michigan's primary can't be first in the country, Levin said, at least it could be earlier in the presidential selection process, thus giving state voters a larger voice in the outcome.

While the idea came from

### Usually Michigan's primary is so late the presidential candidate race is almost over.

Democrats, it was a hot topic of conversation Monday at the Novi Hilton, site of the House Republican Caucus, said Birmingham attorney David Sabastian, chair of the GOP in Oakland County.

The idea wasn't on the agenda, said Sabastian. "But Lt. Gov. (Dick) Posthumus, Sen. (Spencer) Abraham and others were all talking about it. It's important that Michigan play a more meaningful role in the process of selecting the presidential candidates,"

There was general agreement, Sabastian said, that holding Michigan's primary sooner would be good for Republicans as well as Democrats. "We definitely agree on that," he said.

Troy attorney Gary Kohut, chair of the Oakland Democratic Party, agreed that moving the state primary up would generate excitement. But reasons for the change are more substantive, he insisted.

Usually Michigan's primary is so late the presidential candidate race is almost over, Kohut said. In 1996, for example, by the time Michigan's primary was held in May, voters in 26 other states had already cast ballots, and the candidates for both parties had virtually been decided — leading voters to be apathetic.

It also left Michigan — with its diversity — virtually without a voice in selecting presidential candidates,

he said.

Iowa and New Hampshire — where voters traditionally go to the polls early — get disproportionate attention and have disproportionate impact in the candidate selection process, said Kohut.

Neither is an industrial state, and neither has the demographic diversity of states like Michigan, Illinois or Ohio, Kohut said. "Even 'Super Tuesday' (when five or more southern states hold their primaries) is not necessarily reflective of larger industrial states," he said.

"Michigan's always been on the (political) sidelines," he said. "Holding the primaries earlier would put us center stage."

Michigan expect to ask the Democratic National Committee (DNC) for a waiver that would enable the state to move the date of its primary up from May, according to Levin. The DNC is a factor because it has rules establishing New Hampshire's primary as the first in the nation.

Any state party disregarding those rules risks not having its delegates seated and recognized at the party's national convention.

But that's an outdated sanction, according to Levin and other state Democrats. "The national convention will cheer the state that takes on New Hampshire," he said last week.

Republicans don't usually take their lead from something as partisan as the DNC. But in this case, said Sabastian. "This is one time we agree," he said.

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## Stopping crime Simple steps can prevent victimization

**T**he strong-arm robbery of a 77-year-old Clarkston woman at a Clarkston grocery store at 9 a.m. March 31 should be a reminder to all of us to be aware of our surroundings.

Crime can happen anytime, anywhere. Those of us who live in quaint "small-town" communities like Clarkston tend to become complacent about crime, believing things like that happen elsewhere.

But today's criminals, some of whom are desperate for money for the next fix, are opportunists who don't hesitate to strike, given the chance.

The March 31 incident in Clarkston reminds us of the case in Troy, where a woman was robbed in a grocery store parking lot about 5 p.m. and then killed when her attackers drove over her with their getaway vehicle.

Fortunately, in the Clarkston case, the victim's life was spared, though she suffered an abrasion to her forehead, five stitches and a concussion.

Many of us have felt perfectly safe visiting a suburban store at 9 in the morning or 5 in the afternoon. Like the victims probably did, we felt no need to look around us as we made our way to and from our cars.

While we are not advocating paranoia, we are suggesting that readers observe the following precautions for personal safety provided to us by the Independence Township sub-

station of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department:

- Dress so you can run, if needed. Avoid restrictive clothing and high heels.
- Carry your purse close to your body. Do not wrap the strap around your wrist or shoulder.

- Do not carry large sums of money in your purse. Place money, credit cards, identification and keys inside pockets of clothing.
- Park and walk in well-lit areas and always check the back seats before entering your vehicle.

- Be aware of possible escape routes as you walk — formulate a game plan.
- Walk with self-assurance.

- Use good eye contact and a firm, confident facial expression when walking past someone or if confronted.
- If approached by someone in a car, walk the other way. It may be difficult or impossible for him to turn around to pursue you.

- If followed by a car, go the other direction or into an open business.
- Do not carry weapons. They could be used against you.

- If attacked, try to remember your attacker's description, clothing, vehicle and license plate.

Call 9-1-1 immediately and give police as much information as possible.

## Changing of guard on horizon in Oakland

**D**oes Texas Gov. George W. Bush have the "big mo" for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination? Or will Elizabeth Dole catch up? Or is Steve Forbes going to buy the White House? Can VP Al Gore falter on his way to the Democratic nod and be overtaken by Bill Bradley?

For political scuttlebutt of a kind that strikes closer to home, one need look no further than Oakland County politics, where a lot of officeholders either are aging or about to be term-limited in the next few years.

Consider L. Brooks Patterson, county executive since 1992. Three years ago, he was talking like a gubernatorial candidate. But Patterson has had some heart problems. Maybe he's good for another four-year term in 2000; maybe he yearns for a rest.

Consider Mike Bouchard. He was on a fast track in the state Senate, getting popular bills to sponsor, and he was a good bet to be on the GOP state ticket one day. He chuckled it this year to seek the appointment as county sheriff, though he was notably short of command experience as a cop.

Is sheriff the end of the political road for Bouchard, still in his 40s? Or might he just be eyeing the executive spot if Patterson calls it quits in 2000 or 2004? Is that a good route to becoming governor? And if Bouchard moves out of law enforcement, will he succeed where the late, venerable John Nichols failed — in grooming a viable successor?

G. William Caddell, once a chiropractor, found a nice spot when County Clerk Lynn Allen retired in mid-term. With luck, Caddell can stay there a while.

But what about septuagenarians George Kuhn, the drain commissioner, and C. Hugh Dohany, the treasurer? They've had enormous staying power, but do they want to hang around into their 80s? Are they grooming electable successors?

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township) is in his fourth term. By 2004 he will have completed six terms, his self-imposed limit. Lots of legislators will be eyeing that job.

State Rep. Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills) astounded everyone by rising to House majority floor leader in his second term

while still in his 20s. You need to be around him only two or three minutes to know he has higher goals in mind — and not necessarily just Bill Bullard Jr.'s Senate seat in 2002.

And what about Bullard (R-Milford)? He'll be 59 in 2002, not too old to seek another office, Congress? The county? A judgeship?

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) is a tender 47 but will be term-limited out in 2002. He's rumored to be interested in — or recruited for — a county seat. Dunaskiss has fought some personal devils in the last couple of years, and he has cultivated potent telecommunications funding sources by sponsoring telecommunications bills. Don't rule him out.

How about some of the other representatives? Pan Godchaux (R-Birmingham) must leave the state House in 2002. Ditto with Nancy Cassis (R-Novi). Ditto with Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield). What will Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) want to do in 2004?

Most of the names we've mentioned are Republicans, but the leaders of both parties will tell you that Oakland is a "marginal" Republican county — less than 55 percent in most elections. Democrats could be a potent force if they can rise above the union hall iron fist.

Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township) isn't the party minority leader, but he's the chap Democrats turn to when the Senate debate gets tough. A name for the No. 1 or 2 spot on the state ticket? Why not? After the census of 2000, Peters may wind up in a convenient congressional district. Barely 40, Peters will be around to debate the best the GOP can offer for any spot for many years.

Dare we mention that U.S. Rep. Sander Levin (D-Southfield) is slowing down?

Clearly, Democrats owe it to the county and themselves to hunt up some top-notch county candidates in two years. Aren't there any mayors, city clerks or treasurers they can run for county office instead of the sacrificial lambs they've been recruiting?

Between voluntary and enforced retirements, a lot of Oakland offices will be turning over in the next few years. The parties owe it to us voters to recruit and groom the best. And we voters owe it to posterity to play close attention to every race.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

Are you planning to go to Tiger Stadium one last time this year?



"No, because we've only been there twice all the years we've been here (in Davidsburg). We just don't follow it anymore."  
R.J. Mitchell  
Davidsburg



"No, I just don't want to get around that traffic. I watch it on TV."  
Bill Boudway  
Springfield Township



"Probably will."  
Dick Reis  
Springfield Township



"Yes, because I like baseball."  
Matthew Graham  
Springfield Township

## LETTERS

### Coverage was great

Thank you for the great article on maple sugaring at our nature center. It was a beautiful layout with all the colored pictures. And front page, too!

We appreciate your time and hope you will extend our thanks to your photographer.

Stephen E. Horn  
Supervising Naturalist  
Indian Springs Metropark

### Thank you for article

Wolves Renaissance would like to thank you for promoting our club with your in-depth article. We appreciate the exposure and hope it will increase business sponsorship to promote good academics and perfect attendance at Clarkston High School. Thank you.  
Wolves Renaissance Team

### Equal funding needed

Congratulations to the governor for his executive budget recommendations for higher education in the 1999-2000 budget.

The governor's recommendations will provide increased funding for all state-supported schools. Importantly, it will also more fairly allocate funding on a per-student basis by giving extra funding to those colleges which have limited their tuition increases.

Michigan State University has shown great restraint in limiting tuition increases to the rate of inflation for several years. It is only fair to reward this restraint by providing increased state funding. Failure to reward that restraint would be a disincentive to future tuition limitations and could cause a return to high tuition increases.

The budget recommendations also narrow the wide gap in per-student funding at Michigan's large research universities. The 1998-99 appropriation per student is \$10,128 for Wayne State, \$9,042 for U of M, \$8,280 for Michigan Tech and only \$7,570 for Michigan State. This is very troubling, especially in light of the fact that MSU educates more students from Michigan than any other college.

During President Peter McPherson's administration, Michigan State has made major advances. MSU has continued to be a national leader in practical research and has committed \$41.5 million to technology advancements in the past four years.

This has created great enthusiasm among MSU students and alumni, with an increased enrollment of almost 4,000 students. However, the low per-student funding threatens these significant advances and, indeed, the educational quality of tens of thousands of students from Michigan.

The state House and Senate will be considering the governor's executive budget recommendations in the near future. I hope our representatives understand the importance of this issue and adopt the recommendations in

their entirety.

Alan C. Harnisch  
Franklin

### GOP turns back on taxpayers

Gov. John Engler and Republican legislators recently pushed through a huge tax cut that clearly favors the rich rather than the middle class working families and seniors. Under the Republican plan, someone earning \$200,000 a year receives 10 times the tax cuts that a person who makes only \$20,000 a year receives.

A better plan could have been put in place by Democratic legislators if only they would have had the chance. They proposed expanding the personal exemption to \$6,400 per person, giving a better tax break to Michigan's working families. The other side has basically forgotten about Michigan families.

I propose in the year 2000 that each and every person vote for Democrats who look out for Michigan families and seniors. Republicans have turned their backs on their own constituents.

Roger Koromos  
Wayne

### Stop the genocide

The United States is the undisputed economic and military power of the world. There was a time when we were also considered moral leaders. Our heroic sacrifices in World War II stopped Hitler and demonstrated our moral fiber in the world. We earned a reputation for being on the side of justice.

In recent years we have become increasingly isolationist. Our foreign policy has evolved to the point where we will not act militarily unless it directly affects our ability to drive our sport utility vehicles, drink imported bottled water and live in large houses. This criteria is nonsense!

With our privileges, come responsibilities. While we cannot be the policemen for the world, we can and should stop genocide when we are able. If we don't who will?

The evidence of atrocities and genocide in Kosovo is overwhelming and well documented. We should stop genocide when we can and bring the war criminals to justice.

Mike Gerou  
Plymouth

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— Philip Power



## POINTS OF VIEW

# Countdown is under way for graduating class

The hedonistic farewell, the grand final right of senior passage, the reward for our academic toils, spring break, the happening that was planned for so enthusiastically, that was anticipated so intensely, that was talked about constantly, has now reached its conclusion.

The teenage agendas that promised so much pleasure have been actualized, experienced, and photographed and are now being discussed in the past tense with the same kind of reverence that one uses in recalling junior high spelling bee championships or masters of the universe birthday parties.

Hearing these dialogues, sitting in a school that looks exactly the same as it did before our brief and alacritous departure, it is difficult to imagine that such legends could have

taken place only a few days earlier. It seems almost as though Florida or Mexico were part of a different universe entirely, associated with our own by no means other than common languages and the availability of Pepsi Cola.

With this shift in perspective has come a shift in attitude. Spring break was a hurdle, and now having joyously conquered it, the senior class finds itself perilously close to graduation. Close enough to imagine. Close enough to consider what life outside of this microcosmic routine is going to be like.

Some are confident. Some are mortified, audibly or secretly, by the idea of not knowing what will happen after all of this waiting finally reaches its climax.

Yet even in these cases there is

## STUDENT COLUMNIST



BEN NESS

excitement. Escape, independence, opportunity, change — these are tantalizing notions for the consciousness to dance with.

In the corners of classrooms and on the insides of lockers you see the countdown calendars emerging, white pieces of paper bearing crude numbers written in Magic Marker. The

Time is slippery but consistent, the period leading up to graduation will pass quickly and stealthily. And then we will all put on our costumes, have a taste of ceremony, have a taste of celebration, allow the sensation to linger for a few idle moments, then move on to whatever we next choose to focus our protons and neutrons towards.

eyes move laterally across the descending digits: 31, 30, 29 ... just a single cycle of the moon and then we are out forever.

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towards.

The experience will be eased into our pockets, alongside senior spring break and everything else, to sustain and remind us that there always exists the possibility for at least temporary happiness.

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

## Improvements should change things for better at airport

They sure are scraping dirt out at Detroit Metro Airport these days.

My Northwest Airlines flight last week from Albany landed (on time) on the south runway. We must have taxied for a good 10 minutes past giant earth movers, big holes in the ground, piles of drain pipe and lots of construction workers.

The theory is the new \$1.2 billion midfield terminal project will open some time in 2001. The project will feature a new mile-long East concourse that will include gates for international flights and a 700-foot-long passenger tunnel connecting with the smaller West concourse. All in all, the project is supposed to add some 60-odd new gates, virtually all destined for Northwest.

That's what has a lot of people worried.

Northwest has exploited its near-monopoly position at its "fortress hub" at Detroit Metro to increase its prices

to among the highest in the nation, while simultaneously allowing passenger service to deteriorate. The question is whether the new terminal project will merely extend Northwest's market dominance or open the, ahem, gate to increased competition.

Airport director David Katz says he's "confident that as the terminal project gets to completion, we will be able to increase competition at Detroit Metro and, hopefully, bring prices down and increase service quality."

How? Here's Katz's reasoning:

Later this year, he will solicit bids to renovate the old Smith and Davey terminals, now the workhorses of Detroit Metro. At present, there are only 14 jet gates available for non-Northwest airlines. Once Northwest moves to the new midfield terminal and after the renovation (which will include eliminating the A, C and E concourses at Smith), a total of 24 gates will be available for non-Northwest carriers, a substantial increase.



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Katz says he expects Southwest Airlines to step up its presence at Metro, along with Pro Air, which may find the runways at Detroit City Airport just too short and move some operations to Metro. Although Katz says there's no prospect of other national carriers — American, Delta, United — taking on Northwest by building hubs at Detroit. But he's hopeful each will choose to add gates once the construction is over. And there are other possibilities for increased competition, including

TWA, which just bought a bunch of new aircraft.

The obvious fear in all this is that Northwest, anxious to maintain its monopoly, will try to buy all the new gates for its own use. Other airlines, just as anxious as Northwest to maintain their own fortress monopoly hubs, in the past have traded gates around from one airport to another to maintain dominance.

Katz says he doesn't think that will happen. He says the old gate leases, going back to 1958, were "exclusive," which in practice meant they guaranteed Northwest's monopoly. New leases after 2001 will be "preferential" — that is, not exclusively held for one airline or another.

Moreover, says Katz, "I don't think Northwest wants any of the old gates that will be modernized at Smith and Davey terminals." Andrea Fischer Newman, Northwest's vice president of government, law and civic affairs, agrees: "Northwest is not in line for

any of these gates."

There's no doubt that the poor state of airline service in Detroit is in large part the result of Northwest's monopolistic practices. But it's also the consequence of outmoded terminals at Metro, planned and built before the enormous increase in traffic that resulted from Northwest's hub.

Maybe, just maybe, the new midfield terminal and the rebuilt old terminals will result in a better facility for all passengers and a more competitive environment between air carriers. This might even bring down fares and improve passenger service.

If so, that's called getting the best of both worlds.

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## Assistance organization to honor youth, raise funds for summer camp

The next few months will be eventful ones for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance as it honors youths in the community, registers youths for its Summer Camp Program and prepares for its annual golf outing fund-raiser.

On April 29, Youth Assistance will hold its annual Youth Recognition Reception at 7 p.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Board member Carole Meyers and volunteer Amy Kocis-Wilson will co-chair this event, which honors youths who have done outstanding volunteer work for the community or an exemplary deed and who live in the Clarkston Schools attendance area. Youth nominations are submitted

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every summer to Clarkston boys and girls ages 8 to 14. As a reminder, Youth Assistance is now seeking referrals from elementary and middle school teachers, principals and counselors. They are asked to refer any youths they think would benefit from the camp experience.

This year Youth Assistance will be able to send 54 youths as follows: 32 youths to Camp Copneconic in Fenton June 20-25 and 22 youths to Camp Wathana in Holly July 11-16. Upon receipt of camp referral forms from the schools,

parents of referred youths will be sent a letter notifying

them of the camp meeting to be held in May, where they may hear representatives speak from each of the two camps, fill out registration forms and pay the camp fee (\$15). Youth Assistance Board Member Anita Demster is the new camp program chairperson this year.

The sixth annual Youth Assistance Golf Outing will take place on June 28 at Pine Knob Golf Course. The 1999 tournament sponsor is John Bowman Chevrolet Inc. The proceeds from this outing, the primary fund-raiser for the organization, will be applied to Youth Assistance-sponsored programs. (The cost of sending youths to the Summer Camp Program is covered primarily through this fund-raising effort.)

The day begins with a shot-gun start at 8 a.m. The \$100 donation per player includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, meals and door prizes. Youth Assistance is hoping for a total of 144 players, or 36 teams of four.

The support of local businesses is also needed as hole sponsors or as donors of prizes, door prizes and gift certificates. An exclusive hole sponsorship is \$250 or a shared hole sponsorship (two per hole maximum) is \$150 each. Donors will receive publicity for their contributions.

This event requires a great deal of manpower to make things run smoothly. Volunteers are therefore being sought to help out the day of the event in various capacities, including registration, lunch, setting up prizes, manning holes, assisting with the auction after lunch, etc. Help is needed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., though it is not necessary to commit for the entire time. The golf outing will be co-chaired again this year by Amy Loughman and Jim Wenger.

Questions on the outing may be directed to Amy Loughman at 625-5556, ext. 104.

Further information on any of these programs may be obtained by contacting the Youth Assistance office at 625-9007.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

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# Ex-prosecutor Thompson happy right where he's at

BY PAT MURPHY  
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Former Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson had not planned to be part of the new law school proposed by former pizza tycoon Tom Monaghan — although Thompson did see an increasing need for a moral component within the legal profession.

"But I'm very happy where I am," Thompson said last week after Monaghan announced plans to open the Ave Maria Law School in Ann Arbor. Monaghan said start-up money for the law school — estimated at nearly \$60 million — would initially be provided by the Ave Maria Foundation which he founded.

Monaghan also founded the Thomas More Center for Law and Justice, located at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor, where Thompson is the executive director.

"In a sense, I already work for Mr. Monaghan," said Thompson, 61, who lives in Clarkston with his wife, Marilyn, and their three sons. "I think there's a need for a law school that emphasizes morality, and I can see where there would be a natural link between it and the Thomas More Center. But I'm happy where I am."

Thompson — who had served two terms as Oakland's prosecutor before being ousted in the 1996 Republican primary — also ruled out any possibility of

running for his old job. "Politics are definitely not in my future," he said.

"I even sent Dave (Goreyca) a congratulatory letter on convicting Jack Kevorkian," said the former prosecutor.

Goreyca is the political newcomer who defeated Thompson in the GOP primary. Kevorkian — more specifically Thompson's attempt to prosecute the retired pathologist from West Bloomfield — is generally considered the reason for Thompson's defeat.

At the time of his defeat, Thompson said his ideal jobs would be teaching constitutional law or a partnership in a "public interest" law firm. The Thomas More Center for Law and Justice falls in the latter category, he said.

Earlier this year, for example, the center asked the Michigan Supreme Court to reconsider its decision that a Jackson couple is obligated to rent an apartment to an unmarried man and woman.

Last December, Michigan's highest court ruled in favor of the unmarried couple and referred the case back to the lower courts to determine monetary damages, Thompson said. The center asked for reconsideration in light of a ruling out of the 9th U.S. District Court of Appeals to the effect that landlords do have the right to refuse to rent to tenants on the grounds of moral principles. The defendants are a reli-

gious, married couple that believe it's immoral for a couple to live together without being married, said Thompson.

The Ave Maria Law School, which expects to open its doors in the fall of the year 2000, is touted by Monaghan as the "ideal Catholic law school," that would emphasize justice and morality in the legal system.

Bernard Dobranski, the current dean of Catholic University Law School in Washington D.C., will be the school's first dean. Other faculty members or consultants include Antonin Scalia, a current U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and Robert Bork, a former U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

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## Spring brings home repair scams

Every spring, many seniors are targeted for home repair scams, schemes and swindles. Before you buy new windows, have your driveway paved, or have your gutters cleaned, call the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganders for advice and helpful tips on how to handle home improvement contracts and contractors at (800) 347-5297. The Legal Hotline provides basic legal advice and information to Michigan residents age 60 and older on a wide range of legal issues, including home repair contracts. There is no charge for the service, but donations are welcome.

When considering a home repair contract, be wary and follow these minimum protections:

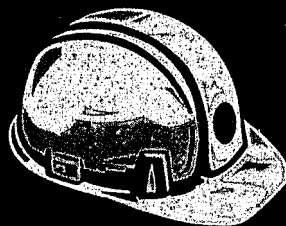
■ Never be pressured into a "today only" offer. The story, "we are in the neighborhood today and since we're here it will be cheaper to redo your driveway" is a classic home repair scam.

■ Get the deal in writing. At a minimum you need: The contractor's name, phone number and address (this is important if you have to file a complaint). If the job is for more than \$600, the contractor should, by law, be licensed. Get the license number. What is the total price, and what is included in it? Who pays for the Dumpster and clean up? Are you buying the materials or is the contractor? When does the job start and when is it to be finished? Jobs that are left unfinished for months are a common problem. Address this in writing up front so there is no misunderstanding.

■ Get references and check them. Remember, if you are age 60 or older and have a legal question, you can contact the Legal Hotline at 800-347-5297 for basic legal advice over the telephone. Calls are returned by an attorney in one to two business days.

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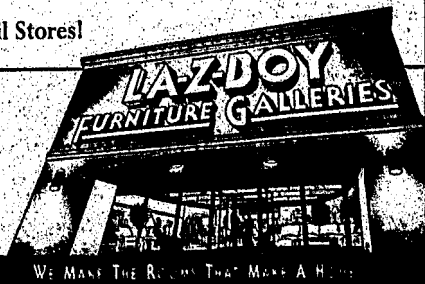


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CAROLYN WALKER

## Grandma's talk full of surprises, but not self pity

It was about the same period in time when I mysteriously lost my blue throw rug that I engaged my elderly grandmother in conversation. We have had many conversations over the years, of course. Talks about her grandparents. Talks about old-fashioned homes. Talks about the process of canning pickles.

She's been there all of my life. Still, something about this particular conversation was different. It was not filled with idle chitchat or memories or uninteresting news and family gossip.

What it was filled with was her loneliness. A subject she never dwells on.

"You can just read so much," she said, meaning every word of the irony that I took from her voice.

As she spoke to me, over the phone from the distance of her Pontiac home, I could hear in her tone all of her 94 years. I could hear her harsh childhood. I could hear her several divorces.

I could hear her teeth, what's left of them, clacking gently against one another; and I could hear the lisp she now works around — the one that has twisted her tongue ever so subtly ever since that face-first fall she took in my front yard a few years ago. The one that knocked her teeth out of alignment.

I could hear that she is giving up to some degree.

"Sometimes I have your grandfather

Please see WALKER, A15

## Annual bird fair ready to fly

■ Birds of a variety of feathers will be shown and admired at an annual North Oakland Cage Bird Club exhibit this weekend.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER  
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According to a handmade sign that hangs on the front door at the Takeda home, "every birdie's welcome."

The greeting is only made more evident upon entering the Independence Township home where Fumi Takeda breeds canaries and finches for sale. Nearly 60 cages full of birds fill a basement room with the sounds of chirping and the flutter of tiny feathers.

Her canaries and finches are just two examples of the birds that will be on display this weekend at the North Oakland Cage Bird Club's seventh annual Exotic Bird Fair and Exhibition. Takeda, a club trustee, will take about 20 of her birds to the fair. Other members will also show and sell a variety of love birds, cockatiels and parrots. Those who attend will also find bird-related crafts, bird toys, decorations, cages, tags, bird food and raffle prizes.

"We're going to have a large variety of birds," said Kay West, president of the North Oakland Cage Bird Club. "Several club members will bring their pet birds to further educate the public. A lot of people aren't aware of how smart (birds) are."

Takeda, who has been involved in the past three bird fairs, knows exactly how smart her canaries and finches are; she's been breeding birds since the age of 12. Takeda said she chose those two types simply because they "look cute."

Among her bird collection, Takeda has Society and Gouldian finches, which weigh 11-17 grams, and North Dutch Frill canaries that weigh 10-30 grams. She breeds her canaries in the spring, and her finches, which are able to breed all year long, in the fall. She will sell some of those birds at the fair for between \$5 and \$50.

The birds tend to lay about four or



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

For the birds: Independence Township resident Fumi Takeda breeds canaries and finches in her home. She will sell some of her birds at an upcoming exhibition in Waterford.

five eggs. The best females, said Takeda, are those who can hatch every egg.

To care for all of her birds — she's lost count of how many she now has — Takeda buys bird food in bulk. Canaries are mostly seed-eaters, whereas finches tend to be insect-eaters. More protein is needed when the birds are in their breeding season, said Takeda. Some of that protein can be obtained from egg food, a yellow powdery substance fed to the birds. Egg food for finches includes dried insects.

Each day, Takeda spends about two hours caring for her birds. Every morning she tends to the birds by feeding them fruits and vegetables. Tiny por-

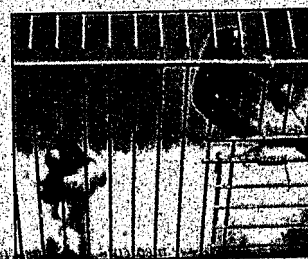
tions or thin slices of raw broccoli and fresh apples are clipped onto the cages so the birds may peck at them.

She also prepares "soaked seeds" for her birds. Using plain seeds — not fortified — she will soak them in cups of warm tap water for 24 hours. The process allows the plant inside the seed to maintain its nutrients, without actually sprouting. The protein and vitamins are higher, while the fat is lower in the soaked seed.

Food may also be kept in the freezer to maintain freshness, she said.

For larger birds, West said, hand feeding is preferable to parent-raised

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Fit to fly: Takeda raises birds like these, a white breasted yellow head finch and a red headed finch.

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The deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

All phone numbers have 248 area code unless otherwise noted.

## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, APRIL 13-22

**BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE CLASS**  
6-10 p.m. Clarkston High School. Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license exam with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with the Oakland Builders Institute. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$190 plus

\$20 for textbook. Pre-registration with payment no later than Friday, April 9. Call 674-0993 to register from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 15 CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m. Independence Township Library. The program will be Shirley Lynch, "The Third Eye," business meeting first. Call Gail 623-9462.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 16

**DANCE**  
7-9 p.m. Hart Community Cen-

ter (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of D.J. Mike Etheridge. For information call 634-9570.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 17

**SPRING SING**  
7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Pontiac (two miles west of the Pontiac-Oakland Airport on M-59). Everyone is invited to this free gospel concert. Roger Campbell Ministries of Waterford is sponsoring this thirteenth annual Spring Sing. Featured guest musicians will be Ed and Tricia Cantrell, Sanford McQueen and Randy and Marli Brown. Other guests include soloists Alyce Boynton, Cheryl Powell, Michael Relp; the Shepherd Women's Vocal Quartet, and organist Carol Chissus. Jim MacMullen will lead the singing. Call (248) 623-6882.

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10 a.m.-9 p.m., 6 p.m., and 2 p.m. respectively, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston. Put on by Friends of the Library. There will be a "Friends Only Preview" on Wednesday, April 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You may join the Friends at the door for \$15. Saturday is "\$2 a Bag" day. For more information, call 625-2212.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 23

**BINGO**  
7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg.

For information, call 634-9570.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 24

**EARTH HIKE**  
1:30-3:30 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. "National Wildlife Week" is the topic. Discover more about endangered species and what you can do to help. Cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for more information.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 & THURSDAY, APRIL 29

**TURNING YOUR TOT INTO SPRING**  
10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m., or May 1 from 1-2:45 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. Younger siblings are discouraged from attending. Cost is \$3 per tot. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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**WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP**  
7 p.m. Topic: Loneliness; to discuss the feelings that surround loneliness. Independence Twp. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Informal sharing meeting, walk-in; no registration, free of charge, refreshments served, all area residents welcome. Facilitator, Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Call if you want to be on a mailing list, 625-6231.

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around here," she said, slipping over the S's in the "sometimes."

It was the first indication she had ever given me that she might believe in ghosts. Still, I should not have been surprised. She has surprised me before.

She surprised me that time when she was 91 and I had gone to pick her up on a fall day for dinner and she told me, as we cruised along in my car, how she used to ask my grandfather to pull over during drives in the country so they could make love.

You would have had to know my exceptionally surly grandfather to understand the full impact of that.

For some reason, I wondered if my grandmother had, at the time of my phone call — not at the time of our dinner — been following the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky mess.

She recently stayed up until 12:30 a.m. to watch the impeachment, she told me, adding a certain wisdom, gleaned from her longevity: "He would be the first man who didn't..."

My grandmother told me that she had been sitting in the dark all of that winter afternoon before I placed my call. I pictured her in her tiny two-bedroom home and specifically in her

cream-colored living room.

"It was time I got up and turned a light on," she said, referring to the 6 o'clock hour. Then in a sort of stream-of-consciousness way she confided, "Sometimes I catch myself talking to my little toys."

Her little toys are the collection of stuffed bears that adorn the comforter on her bed.

She hasn't slept a whole night in years, she said.

I'm beginning to understand the concept of lost sleep. Peaceful, effortless dreams left me some time ago.

My grandmother has nearly 50 years on me. I marvel, because my bones already hurt, every time she tells me she went out to mow her 1.5-acre lot. Or that she's put up several quarts of fresh raspberries. Or that she spent the day hanging her heavy storm windows.

She would laugh if I were to tell her that, somehow, I managed to misplace my blue throw rug. She would laugh at the concept, not at me.

She knows better than to make even the most vague derisions about the signs of encroaching old age.

Carolyn Walker is a free-lance writer. She lives in Clarkston.

## Help! My kids are installed on my computer

Dear Computer Technician:

I'm having a problem with my computer. It appears to be loaded down with some extra attachments I would like to remove.

The permanently affixed devices are my two sons. They have become continuous fixtures on my computer. How do I uninstall them? I don't remember loading them onto my computer in the first place. They just appeared there one day and have been installed like a hard drive ever since. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an uninstall feature built into their programming.

In an effort to get them off my computer, I've attempted to attach them to various other household machines, such as the washing machine, the dishwasher and the vacuum cleaner, but none of these installations have stuck. Just when I think I have them correctly installed onto another device, I find them firmly affixed to the computer again. Do you have any suggestions?

Perhaps I should give you a little backup information to assist you with your diagnosis. I fear this attachment to my computer stems from an interior program downloaded to them at birth by their motherboard. I mean mother. In the past I have also experienced significant problems with finding myself affixed to the computer. There was that time when we got America OnLine and I stayed up half the night trying to figure out how to "surf the net."

Then, of course, there was the timeframe



ROCHELLE SMITH

around the purchase of my new computer (which was suppose to be used only for business purposes) when I seemed to be addicted to playing with it. Oh, and also when we got the new CD ROM and I stayed up until 2 a.m. checking out all the neat CDs that came with it. Well, I think you get the idea.

The apparent cause for the current permanent hold my sons have on my computer is their desire to play video games. Unfortunately, I fear this, also, is a result of that same interior programming so unintentionally integrated into their systems. Although I exhibit extreme control over my video game urges, I have been known to sneak a game or two (or 10) of Tetris when no one is watching. The numerous hours devoted to this game are simply a safety measure to secure my status as the "High Score" Queen of Tetris. Not to mention that the extreme hand-eye coordination required by such a game is good for my aging reflexes.

My reflexes have been honed over the

years by various and progressively more difficult video challenges. When video games were first developed my husband and I thought it was important to check out any new technology that might affect our future, so we purchased an Atari system and sat for hours every evening working on our muscle dexterity by playing Tank Commander. We then progressed to Centipede to further prepare our hand-eye coordination for any vigorous workouts which may lie ahead.

The true test of my abilities (both the ability to control my video game urges and the ability to master a more challenging test of my skills) came when the restaurant in the building where I worked got an arcade-style Ms. PacMan game. During each of my lunch hours I could be found in front of that machine. On pay day I would allow myself an extra treat and would sometimes spend as much as \$10 worth of quarters working on that all important hand-eye coordination.

So you see, Mr. Technician, this computer problem is not just superficial. It may be an internal system problem stemming from a deeply imbedded programming malfunction dating back to creation (of my sons). Please give this problem some of your highly advanced diagnostic research and e-mail me with your advice.

Thank you,  
Faulty Motherboard

Rochelle R. Smith is a free-lance writer who lives in Independence Township.

## Fair from page A13

methods. Hand-feeding encourages the birds to become more socialized, to think of their human owner as a mother, she said. Hand-feeding can begin at birth for those birds whose mothers refuse to feed them, or at about 3 weeks of age for other birds.

"They're very well-socialized," said West of her birds, one of which is a blue and gold Macaw.

With little finches and canaries, however, hand-feeding is not common.

"Fumi's canaries are not the type of bird that will sit on your

finger," said West. "But they're wonderful little singers."

She insists that every type of bird possesses a special talent.

"Most of our breeders spend a lot of time caring for their babies," said West. She brings her own birds to work and even travels with them.

West said that before someone even considers buying a bird, it's best to research what type of bird would best fit into that household.

"Birds are very social creatures," she said. "They actually think of us as a member of their

flock."

She said that so many people have special expectations about the type of bird they want. In seeking a bird that talks, she said, someone could actually choose one that is too quiet, or one that screeches. Her advice to new bird owners is to always "deal with a reputable pet shop or breeder."

All birds require a roomy cage and lots of toys when you bring them home, said West.

Takeda said it's also important to consider the type of water a new owner provides to a bird.

New owners should know that a change in water could be harmful to their birds, she said. Do not use tap water for new birds. If it differs from the water a breeder used, a bird could die. Bottled or filtered water is better for birds, she said.

When buying birds for the first time, Takeda said, there are a few characteristics to look for to ensure a healthy bird. Feathers should be tightly closed and eyes should be clear and wide open.

"A healthy bird looks shiny," she said.

Beaks and feet should have a shiny and smooth surface. If a foot is rough, it may indicate malnutrition or a leg problem.

When someone decides to buy a bird, Takeda suggested, it's important to ask the breeder which type and size of cage will accommodate the feathered friend. Her finches, for example, require a bigger cage because they are more active.

"We can teach which cage is better for which bird," she said.

To tell them apart, the birds are tagged around their legs to

## Fair facts

■ What: The Seventh Annual Exotic Bird Fair and Exhibition, sponsored by the North Oakland Cage Bird Club.

■ Where: North Oakland Community Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road in Waterford.

■ When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Admission: \$3 for adults; children under 12 free.

show who their mothers are and when they were born.

Takeda also tells individuals who are interested in caring for birds to read about them beforehand. Books and magazines provide an important background for potential bird-owners.

Talking with a bird breeder is even better, Takeda said.

"They are raising the birds; they know everything," she added. "Every bird is different."

It is also a good idea to get the breeder's telephone number and call to ask any additional questions after the bird is purchased.

The fair will also give interested parties a chance to ask questions and get advice about their exotic birds.

West has been involved with the North Oakland Cage Bird Club for four years and has served as president for the past two years.

A non-profit organization, the club's objective is to promote the aviculture of birds to the public. Aviculture is the breeding and keeping of birds. Membership is open to anyone interested.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Dublin Center, 685 Union Lake Road.

The fair will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the North Oakland Community Center in Waterford. It is located at 5640 Williams Lake Road in Waterford.

Adult tickets cost \$3. Children under 12 who are accompanied by a parent do not pay admission.

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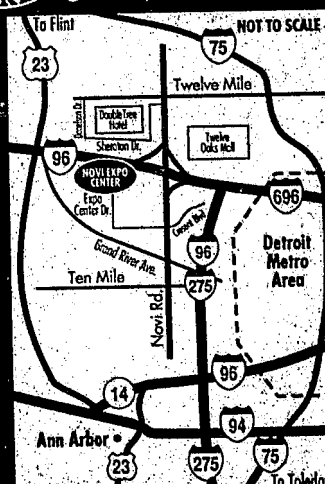


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Elledge's program, "Follow Your Heart and Get Paid For It," will include slides of his award-winning work.

He will address the importance of communication and mastery of your personal vision in your photographs.

Elledge has photographed many celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey, Luciano Pavarotti, Willie Nelson and Sugar Ray Leonard. His photographs have appeared in Fortune, GQ, Duetch Vogue, People and Rolling Stone, to name a few.

The program is sponsored by the Art Director's Club of Detroit, the Detroit Chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers, Kodak and Oakland Community College. It is free and open to the public.

The lecture will be held in the Lila Johnson Theater on the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College at 739 S. Washington in downtown Royal Oak.

Parking is free in campus parking structures. For directions call the Royal Oak Campus Photography Department at (248) 544-5582.

Elledge will be offering a lighting workshop for members of ADCD and ASMP on April 29. To register, contact the ADCD hotline at (248) 988-1281.

## 'Celebrate Water' with DWSD

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department will celebrate the importance of safe, high quality drinking water with other water utilities nationally in May.

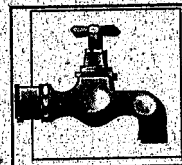
The educational campaign is aimed at telling the public about the meaningful role that quality drinking water plays in daily life. The theme of this year's event is "Celebrate Water."

"Providing safe drinking water is everyone's business," said Stephen F. Gorden, director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and president-elect of the American Water Works Association.

"Issues such as source water protection, new methods of water treatment and increased regulations make drinking water an important public concern."

Free Drinking Water Week/Month activities offered by DWSD for adults and children in its 126-community, four million-customer service area include:

■ Water plant tours for neighborhood/school groups at the Northeast Water Plant, 11000 E. Eight Mile, just east of Van Dyke in Detroit. Northeast is one of five water plants in the DWSD system and serves as host plant during Drinking Water



■ The educational campaign is aimed at telling the public about the meaningful role that quality drinking water plays in daily life. The theme of this year's event is 'Celebrate Water.'

Week/Month. Tours last approximately 40 minutes. Souvenirs will be provided. (Regular tours are offered year-round.)

■ Speakers' Bureau presentations - DWSD representatives will visit school and community

groups to share important information and fascinating facts about the water that comes from your tap.

■ Drinking Water Week/Month Ceremony/Luncheon - Ten students who submitted water-related projects to the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit held in March at Cobo Center will be presented with U.S. Savings Bonds in denominations of \$50 to \$300. The students, their parents and teachers will be recognized at the ceremony Tuesday, May 18, in the Water Board Building, 735 Randolph in downtown Detroit.

■ Family Day, the wrap-up event for the celebration, provides food, fun and educational opportunities for department employees and their families, providing them with the experience to learn more about drinking water and share valuable knowledge with their co-workers.

Requests for tours and speakers are still being accepted and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are required and can be made by calling DWSD's Public Relations Division at (313) 964-9570, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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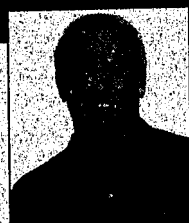


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# Author, teacher learned a lot from community college

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

On balance, things are better today at Oakland Community College than when Donald D. Nichols hired on 34 years ago.

"You couldn't give me a million dollars to live through 1971 again," said Nichols, "because 1971 was the only time in my life — I'm 61 years old — I could not sleep at night."

"I was dean of students. I was responsible for student safety. I was dealing with students who were being beat up because they happened to be black, or a hippie."

"We designed a campus (Orchard Ridge) with millions of rocks around the perimeter. When students would get mad, they'd pick up a big rock and smash somebody in the face with it."

Dr. Nichols, now a psychology teacher at the Auburn Hills Campus, wrote a 1990 book called "The Delirious Decade, 1965-74: A Social History of a Community College" (Empire Printing, Royal Oak).

"The word 'delirious' comes from delirium. We had things happen at this college that didn't happen anywhere else in the country, like the bombing on the Orchard Ridge Campus in 1971."

(No one was injured in the biology lab explosion in C Building. Three political radicals were convicted. Ringleader Mark Stevens served three years in prison on a reduced charge and is now an Upper Peninsula attorney.)

## Politics, drugs

"I took a survey of 1,200 community colleges in the country from 1965-75; there were only four campus bombings," Nichols went on.

"It was one of the most dramatic decades in the social history of the United States. Things happened that hadn't happened in the 300 years of the country — dealing with norms expressed by the hippies, by African Americans who felt exploitation, coupled with the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War."

"You think we have drug problems today? For example, at Orchard Ridge we had an ambulance that came to the campus every week, when I was dean (of students) there from January to April of 1971. We have not had an ambulance come to this college to take away an overdosed student in over 10 years."

The violence, bombing, drugs, beatings and racial disturbances then were bad, but there were good points to the old days.

"We are now in a time of quiescence. As a social psychologist, I consider it bad. We're moving in the wrong direction."

"In 1971 if you did a student survey of why are you in college, (you'd hear) 'to make the world a better place.' Students were trying to express a social consciousness. We don't know if they acted it out, but at least they expressed it."

"The last one I saw was 1997. They're here to get that job and make as much money as possible. Are they interested in the social welfare of other persons? No, they're not."

## On a treadmill

An old-time liberal, union loyalist and possessor of what a black student called "the loudest wardrobe I ever saw a white man wear," Nichols calls the 1980s the "Me Generation" and the 1990s "the age of greed."

Today's students are on a treadmill of work rather than "overtly selfish. You're getting divorced because you're making money the No. 1 reason for your existence," he warns students.

"In 1969 you could not get through a presentation without students raising their hands, challenging your assumptions. That was great. You had interaction and critical thinking. Now, in 1999, you try to raise a controversial topic in class and you don't get a response."

Students then were 75 percent male, many avoiding the draft for the Vietnam War. The first students also were from the bottoms of their high school classes. "Today I'm convinced we have a higher level of student performance, though I haven't seen the figures."

Nichols finds his students are doing better at OCC than in high school and predicts that, after transferring to a university, they'll graduate "with a higher grade point average than you had at OCC. That's what our research says."

He also finds that 98 percent of today's students write well. He said every quiz includes an essay question.

## Flood of students

Approved by voters in 1964, OCC started next year with campuses Highland Lakes (a former tuberculosis hospital) and Auburn Hills (a former Army Nike missile base).

Not only were the founders building an institution from scratch during a decade of social upheaval, but Presidents Jack Tirrell and Joe Hill were planning educational revolutions that would bring OCC national fame but, in the end, fizzle.

"I was coming from Farmington public schools. I started there as a teacher in 1960," said Nichols, who had just earned his BA in English and history at Western Michigan University. "Then I became a counselor in 1963."

"Dr. Ned Brodbeck (later head of the Highland Lakes Campus) called me one day and said, 'Hey, we need counselors.' Now, remember, in 1965 this college was going to open with a curriculum that was unique in the country."

"I loved my job in Farmington, and we didn't know that this place was going to last a week. It was a huge gamble for me."

"We planned to open for 2,000 students in fall of 1965," Nichols said, "and we ended up with over 4,000! How would you catch up? The answer is, we didn't."

## Great experiment

"The great experiment of audio-tutorial was never given a fair chance. But what's interesting 30 years later is that this is being done all over the country. On any campus, what do you see? Study carrels."

First President Tirrell wanted the curriculum rewritten to provide for one large lecture session a week, then individual study through audio aids and computers. An overworked faculty couldn't convert fast enough. Faculty went back to the old classroom-lecture system. Tirrell resigned at semester's end in April 1968.

"What are we doing now? We're packaging so we can offer students any way they want to do the course — by Internet, by television, by independent study in a lot of courses," said Nichols.

If Tirrell were alive today, "On the whole he'd be pleased," Nichols said — disappointed that it took his ideas so long to catch on, happy that OCC is helping so many people, pleased at the services to business, but disappointed at the shortage of arts and cultural offerings to the public.

## Success stories

"That's why I'll never retire. You can see success stories everywhere." Teachers not only teach but encourage and inspire. To Nichols it's one of the greatest, if not The Greatest, colleges in the U.S.

"This is the greatest place in the world to work. Are we perfect? Absolutely not. We have challenges."

Second president was Joe Hill, a mathematician and dean at Wayne State University — "a genius ... the most brilliant man we've ever had ... the smartest person I worked with, the finest teacher."

"He was out of his element. He wrote this brilliant book on educational theory. He came with this great dream, the cognitive style learning theory. An esoteric version that he invented. A lot of Wayne State people ended up here in administration and faculty."

"But by the time Joe got here, he was facing faculty who were tired of being part of the experimental group. That's when the union movement took off. There was antagonism that the chief executive was imposing, authoritatively, his will."

Nichols defied "the party line" by doing his doctoral work at the University of Michigan instead of Hill's favored Wayne State.

Hill had a stroke and died in 1975.

## Repaying 'March'

"I came from Georgia when I was 5. I was a polio victim, didn't walk well because I had a paralyzed left leg," Nichols recalled. His father took a Pontiac auto job and raised the 10 kids there and in Farmington.

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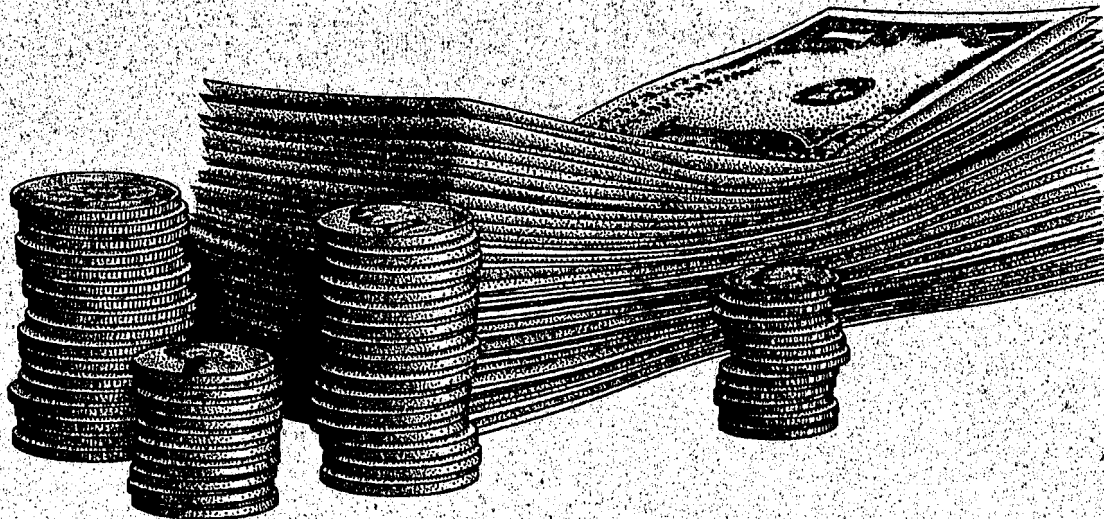
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## OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

### Anglers hoping for good spring day for annual benefit

Catch her on a good spring day and southern Lake Huron can serve up tranquil waters and outstanding salmon fishing.

Hit her on a bad day, however, and those same tranquil waters can turn treacherous with rolling waves and white caps.

Fishing under such adverse conditions falls somewhere between fruitless and dangerous.

Anglers will be hoping the first description holds true next Saturday, April 24, when the 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament takes place out of St. Clair.

Unlike most fishing tournaments in which the focus of the event is to catch fish the Salmon Stakes tournament goes much deeper.

The late Chuck Muer and his friend Al Tyrell came up with the idea of turning a fun day of fishing into a fund-raising activity.

The Salmon Stakes tournament started out as a simple fishing contest between friends but has evolved into a big-time fund-raiser to aid troubled children, adults and their families statewide.

Money is raised through the sale of raffle/entry tickets. Last year the tournament netted in excess of \$100,000, which put the 20-year total over the \$1 million mark.

#### Early returns

The shallow water in the southern end of Lake Huron provides anglers with terrific spring salmon fishing opportunities.

When the shallow water in southern Lake Huron begins to warm the temperature change triggers the annual smelt spawning runs up the dozens of rivers, streams and cuts that slice into Michigan's thumb. Smelt begin moving toward shore when the water temperature reaches the mid-40s.

Once the smelt arrive salmon move in toward shore to gorge themselves with the baitfish.

Anglers have great success at this time of year by trolling body plugs, which imitates the action of a smelt, just off shore in 10- to 20-foot of water.

Later in the year when the salmon move back into deeper water anglers switch to spoons that imitate the action of an alewife, which make up the brunt of the salmon's summer diet.

Chinook salmon (Kings) are the bread-and-butter of the catch at this time of year, but brown trout, steelhead and an occasional coho salmon add variety to the catch.

The Salmon Stakes tournament raises money through the sale of raffle/entry tickets. Tickets cost \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. You don't have to fish in the tournament to participate in the raffle and ticket stubs are redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant.

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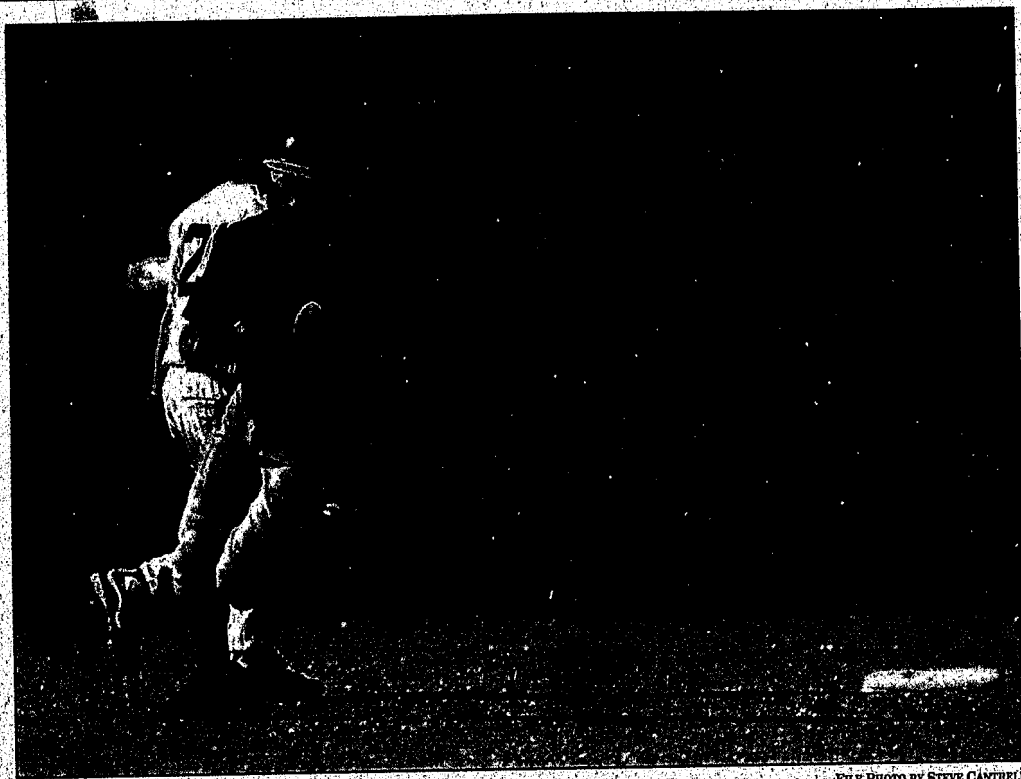
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Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

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Speed demon: Clarkston is depending on Spencer Hynes (above) for defense, speed and pitching as the 1999 prep baseball season approaches.

## Springing eternal Clarkston's hopes rest with hurlers

BY BRAD KADRACH  
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The Clarkston Wolves have a new coach, a new focus on fundamentals, and the same old goal as the 1999 prep baseball season opens: Overtake the powers-that-be in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race.

Phil Price is in for departed long-time coach Roy "Pops" Warner, who retired after last season. He's got the Wolves focusing on playing the game the right way and, with a talented trio of pitchers and a pretty solid defense, he thinks Clarkston can be a force in the division race.

"We've got a lot of competition and we've got great leadership," said Price, who was Warner's assistant for four years before being elevated to the top job. "We don't do anything great, but we do a lot of things very well, and we've got solid high school pitching."

Price is carrying a somewhat limited roster of 17 players, and was dealt a blow when junior Brett Crawford, on whom Price had been counting at third base, hurt his back. He'll miss the season.

But the Wolves still have plenty of everything else, especially defensively. Their pitching consists primarily of a veteran trio of proven pitchers, backed by players who should provide plenty of mound depth.

Junior left-hander Chris Mitchell will be Clarkston's top hurler. His fastball hits the low 80s, he's got a nice breaking pitch and a good change.

"If he gives himself a chance, he can be a dominating pitcher," said Price, who is counting on Mitchell to replace Josh Clark, last year's No. 1 starter who was graduated. "He's got good movement on his fastball. One of his biggest strengths is that he knows how to pitch."

The other primary starters are seniors. Eric Jenks saw quite a bit of time on the mound last year and should benefit from that experience. He throws in the low 80s with a nice slider. When he's on, Jenks can be dominating. Senior right-hander Spencer Hynes is a lot like Jenks, but he didn't get the number of innings last year he needed to prove it.

"The thing (Jenks) has got to do is have the confidence that when he's struggling a little bit, he can still get guys out," Price said. "(Hynes) is a lot like Jenks, he just hasn't pitched as much as he should have. We've been fortunate the last few years to have some pretty good pitching."

The Wolves will benefit from youth and experience at the other end of the battery, where junior catcher Derek Casper is the starter. Casper, who is developing into a

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New kid on the block: Phil Price (left) took over for the retired Roy "Pops" Warner after the 1998 baseball season.

### Price is right for Wolves

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It might be tough to find a guy any happier than Phil Price to be starting a new job.

Now let's see how he handles it after getting a first-hand taste of his new competition.

The good news for Price: He's taking over Clarkston's varsity baseball program after assisting former long-time coach Roy "Pops" Warner for four years. The bad news: He's got to try to contend in the rugged Oakland Activities Association Division I race.

That's OK with Price, who is as optimistic as you would expect a new coach to be.

"The nice thing about baseball is that anyone can beat anyone on a given day," Price said. "I think we can win the league. Our kids have to believe in themselves."

That might not be a problem under Price, who joined Warner's staff after serving three years as the junior varsity coach. He knows the players, and he's been busy getting his own program established.

If players wonder what Price brings to the table, they shouldn't have to worry.

Price played four years at the University of Michigan, the first

**'When a kid comes up to you and says 'you made a difference in my life,' I don't think there's a better feeling than that.'**

Phil Price

—Clarkston baseball coach

three under long-time Wolverine coach Bud Middaugh, the last for former Detroit Tiger catcher Bill Freehan.

Recruited as a shortstop, Price wound up at first base his first season, then shifted to right field his last three years.

"I was recruited as a shortstop, but I never played an inning there," Price said. "When I was there my freshman year, I could hit the ball, so I started at first base."

He spent a year coaching while he was student teaching at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, then moved to Clarkston. He coached the JV his first three seasons in town, then became a varsity assistant four years ago. He got the nod when Warner retired after last season. He has also helped coach football the last eight years.

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## Colts kick Clarkston in opener

### PREP SOCCER

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

It was a battle of two head coaches making debuts at their respective schools, but in the end Troy's talent on the field overwhelmed an inexperienced Clarkston team.

The Colts started the season off with a 10-0 victory over the Wolves at Troy High Tuesday night in a game where the outcome was never in doubt.

Junior forward Lauren Zacharski led the attack for the defending OAA Division I co-champions with four goals and in all five players scored for Troy in the season opener for both teams.

It was a disappointing way to start the season for Clarkston head coach Tami Mitchell who made the jump from leading the junior varsity program. Despite the outcome she saw some positive things on the field for her team which lost a large percentage of its offensive to graduation.

"I told the girls to just let go of this game in their heads and we'll go on," said Mitchell. "They were definitely a better team than us and they passed the ball around us but our girls still have high spirits."

One area in which Mitchell was pleased was the way her team did a good job of communicating on defense. Even though the Colts carried play throughout the entire game, the Wolves often gave them a defensive challenge and starting goalie Sarah Morgan made a number of difficult saves in the first half to keep the game close.

"I am asking our girls to do more and to do different things than they have in the past," Mitchell said. "Being the JV coach before I feel I know them pretty well but it is a different look this year."

**'We think we have a chance to win a division title.'**

Tami Mitchell  
—Clarkston coach

One of those different looks is a new alignment, utilizing four fullbacks, four midfielders and a pair of forwards.

Troy looked like the same team that has been dominating most Oakland County opponents for the past decade. Less than two minutes into the game Zacharski beat Morgan in the bottom left-hand corner for a quick 1-0 lead, executing a 2-on-1 play to perfection.

Zacharski pounced on a loose ball three minutes later in the Clarkston penalty box to make the score 2-0.

With the Wolves unable to control the ball out of their own end, the Colts continued to pepper Morgan, forcing the sophomore to make numerous stops. She robbed Laura Kief of a tally 10 minutes into the contest and stopped Zacharski on a semi break-away as well.

But Troy was able to extend their lead on another great play as Heather Menzies sent a beautiful cross over to midfielder Liz Horbach who buried it for a 3-0 advantage. Kristen Yount scored the first of her two goals a few minutes later and the rout was on.

Troy head coach Henry Stenwascher, who formerly headed the Fraser High varsity soccer program, also made his coaching debut at a new school and was pleased with his team's ability of controlling play.

"We knocked the ball through the midfield pretty well and built our attack pretty well," he said. "We had some good services across our box and I was pleased with the way we had good scoring balance."

Troy's Jessica Erikson was helped off the field early in the game with an ankle twist and Clarkston defender Jen Yeager was carted off with what appeared to be a bruised knee midway through the first half. Her health is critical to Clarkston's success in their division.

"We think we have a chance to win a division title," said Mitchell, admitting there may be an adjustment period with a new head coach and many new starters. "But our season really starts (today) with our league schedule."

Morgan made 14 saves in net for Clarkston. Both team's backup goalies, Jessica Schmiel for Troy and Lauren Stout for the Wolves, also received some playing time in the second half.

Clarkston will host West Bloomfield in their home opener tonight at 7 p.m.



## Split diamond pair

Senior captain John Drallos anchors the infield from his position at second base. Drallos is perhaps Clarkston's best hitter, certainly for power. He likes the gaps, and he's strong defensively. Drallos has benefitted as much as anyone from summer ball.

"He's the best power we've got," Price said of Drallos, who has already committed to Valparaiso. "John has improved tremendously from last year defensively. Offense is his strength, but he also gives us leadership out there."

Senior Jeff Oliver gets the nod at first base, where he is a solid defensive contributor and a good left-handed bat.

"He puts the ball in play, moves the runners around, does all the little things," Price said. "He does a nice job for us."

Senior Mike Simko, perhaps the team's best infielder, will handle the shortstop duties. Price has spent spring practice telling Simko to focus on making the routine plays. And junior Brett Gove gets the third base job that was supposed to go to Crawford.

Like many of his teammates, Gove plays more than one sport. He had a solid junior year as a wrestler, and brings some of that mentality to the baseball field.

"I like that a lot of the kids on our teams play other sports," Price said. "I like kids who want to compete. Those kids have been in pressure situations before."

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strong defensive receiver, has started since his freshman season and could be ready for a breakout year.

"He does an outstanding job defensively," Price said. "He's got a great arm and does a nice job holding the runners. I'm really counting on him to step it up at the plate."

Senior captain John Drallos anchors the infield from his position at second base. Drallos is perhaps Clarkston's best hitter, certainly for power. He likes the gaps, and he's strong defensively. Drallos has benefitted as much as anyone from summer ball.

"He's the best power we've got," Price said of Drallos, who has already committed to Valparaiso. "John has improved tremendously from last year defensively. Offense is his strength, but he also gives us leadership out there."

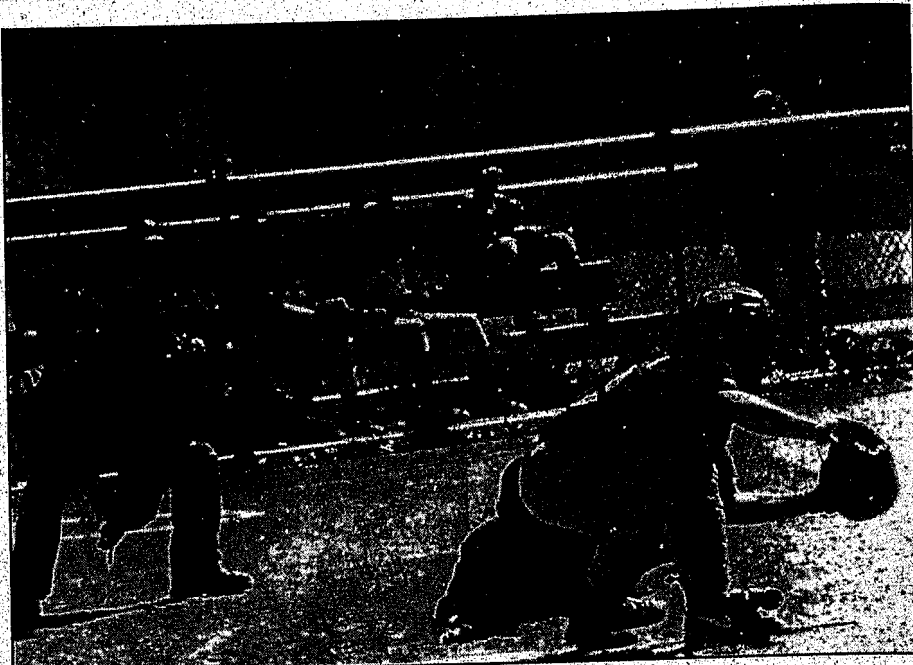
Senior Jeff Oliver gets the nod at first base, where he is a solid defensive contributor and a good left-handed bat.

"He puts the ball in play, moves the runners around, does all the little things," Price said. "He does a nice job for us."

Senior Mike Simko, perhaps the team's best infielder, will handle the shortstop duties. Price has spent spring practice telling Simko to focus on making the routine plays. And junior Brett Gove gets the third base job that was supposed to go to Crawford.

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Catching fire: Clarkston's Derek Casper could turn out to be one of the OAA's best catchers.

## Price from page B1

Price has stressed a return to fundamentals so far this year, impressing upon his players the importance of making the routine play and not worrying about doing the pretty stuff. He has also stressed the need for being in shape and for staying strong in the classroom.

"My overall philosophy is to play fundamental baseball, and to be aggressive," Price said. "God gives you talent, but there's no reason to be out of shape. You can be in great shape, execute in your head what you've got to do, and be in the right place at the right time."

The academics are a big part of Price's philosophy. The new coach required a progress report from players trying out for the team.

"Clarkston has a nice balance between academics and athletics," he said. "If a kid isn't performing in the classroom, he's not going to play. That's not to say he's got to get all A's. If he's busting his butt and getting a D, I can live with that. Most kids know academics come first."

Price spent the last four years learning certain things from Warner, and now he and new assistant coach Kurt Richardson, who is the varsity football coach, are setting up their own program.

"I've played a lot of baseball, but I learned a lot from Pops as far as being organized," Price said. "There's a lot more detail than just playing the game. He let his assistant coaches do some coaching. That's what they're there for."

Price knows his first season isn't going to be an easy one. Rochester Adams is expected to be tough with lots of pitching, and there's always perennial state championship contender Rochester.

But the success Price's first season won't be measured in wins and losses.

"Coaching allows me to work with kids," Price said. "When a kid comes up to you and says 'you made a difference in my life,' I don't think there's a better feeling than that."

## Dragons drop soccer opener to defending champs

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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It's tough to beat a good team at its own game.  
That's a lesson the Lake Orion

Dragons learned the hard way Tuesday in their prep soccer game against Birmingham Groves, the defending Division II soccer champion.

Groves played its typical long-ball game and the Dragons, who

needed to play more under control, tried for most of the first 50 minutes to match them. The result was predictable: a 4-0 victory for the Falcons.

"We played kick ball in the first half, and we're not going to beat a team like that that way," Lake Orion coach Paul Elder said. "Groves is a very disciplined team. We have to become that."

It took the Falcons less than seven minutes to establish the pace of the game.

Senior forward Sabrina Borgquist found herself with a shot from about 20 yards and took it, lofting a floater over Dragons goalkeeper Margo Chisholm with 33:16 left in the first half.

Ten minutes later, Borgquist rocked one off of the cross bar. The ricochet came out 20 yards to freshman Jayne Godlew, who likewise floated a shot over Chisholm's head for a 2-0 lead.

The Dragons got their best pressure of the half following Godlew's goal, but never really threatened senior goalkeeper Emily Posner.

The Dragons' best chance of the first 40 minutes came with 22:40 left in the half, when sophomore Sarah Poisson fol-

lowed her own header but was stoned by Posner.

Chisholm kept the Dragons in it for awhile. She made an easy save on a soft shot by Godlew with 16 minutes left.

She made a much tougher save two minutes later, when Groves' Jackie Rodney rifled one that Chisholm deflected over the crossbar.

The second half was more to Elder's liking, though the Dragons couldn't get on the scoreboard. They did get a couple of quality chances.

With nine minutes gone, Lisa Maloney broke free up the left side.

She drew Posner out of the net, then pushed her shot just wide right of the wide-open goal.

And with 6:15 left, Tracy Gawecki found the ball on her foot to the right of the goal, but hooked her shot left.

"We started passing the ball better in the second half," Elder said. "We have to do that. We can't play long ball with a team like that. It's just not our style."

Borgquist got her second goal of the game with 26:50 left, and Godlew capped the scoring with her second of the night with 24:10 remaining.

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## FUND-RAISERS

## TU BANQUET

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding its 35th annual fund-raising banquet on Thursday, April 22, at the Royalty House in Warren. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$75 for couples. The event includes a prime rib or broiled whitefish dinner, raffles, auctions, door prizes and more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information call (248) 594-8283.

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

## SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24 in St. Clair. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

## ARCHERY

## GRAND OPENING

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range officially reopens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17. Shooting is open to the public and there is no charge on opening day. After Saturday the range, featuring seven field lanes and one broadhead lane, will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

## 3D SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 18, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 628-8354 for more information.

## YOUTH SHOOT

Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## INTRO TO ARCHERY

The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Pro-

gram beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

## BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Green-shield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

## PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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## METROPARKS

## METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

## SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance. Cleanup days will be held Saturday, April 17, at Stony Creek (1-810-781-4242) and Metro Beach (1-800-477-3172); and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie (1-800-477-3189) and Kensington (1-800-477-3178).

## 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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## COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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## EARTH HIKE

Discover endangered species and learn what you can do to help, then lace up your boots and hike the trails of Independence Oaks during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Independence Oaks.

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day through earth-related programs and displays during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Maybury.

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archery range in Livonia officially opens at 10 a.m. Saturday. Located on Glendale Avenue (between Schoolcraft and Plymouth roads) east of Farmington Road, the Livonia Archery Range features eight target lanes with shots ranging in distances from 10 yards and 40 yards.

Seven of the lanes are for field tips only while one lane is open for broadhead use.

The renovation project was a joint effort of the City of Livonia and Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America.

"The range really started a few years ago when some DPW workers put out some targets," explained Mike DiFazio, who works for the City of Livonia and is also a member of TNUSA. "It

was open to the public, but not that many people knew about it. Last year, we (TNUSA) approached parks and rec. and asked if we could renovate it. We got their full support and even had probation workers from the 16th District Court come over and help out."

Shooting at Saturday's grand opening is free of charge. After Saturday the range will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Cost for non-Livonia residents will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids under 18 when accompanied by an adult. Livonia residents shoot free.

"We're pretty excited about it," DiFazio said. "Where ever we put out flyers they have all disappeared. We hope to get a good

turnout on Saturday."

A limited number of recurve bows are available for use. Future plans call for the range to host educational classes and seminars.

On May 1 the range will host a class for beginner archers entitled: Introduction to Archery.

For more information on the grand opening or upcoming classes call (734) 466-2410.

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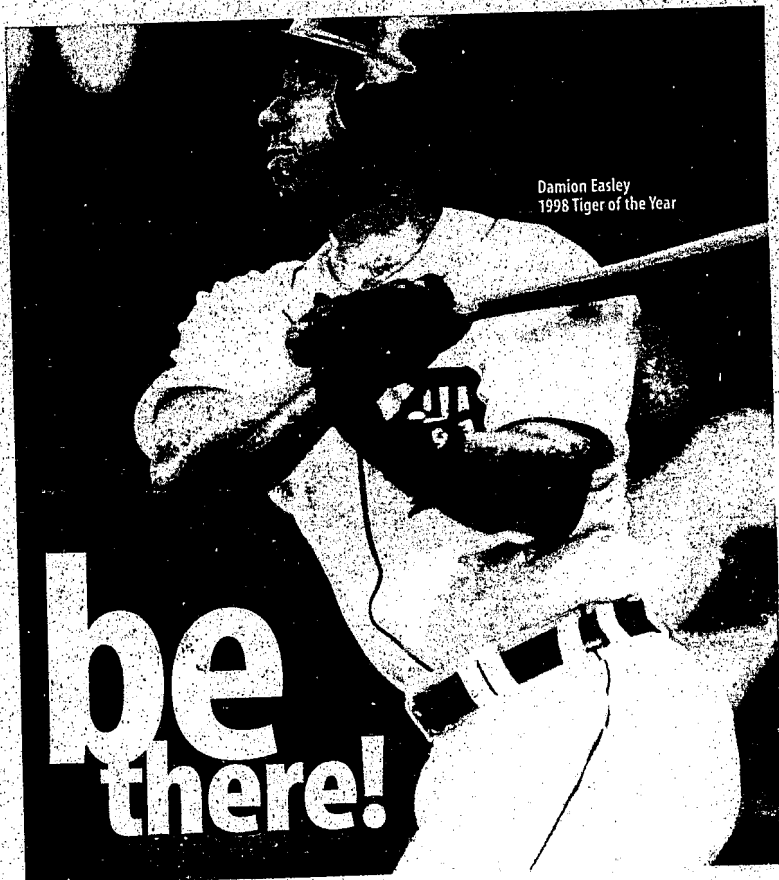
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DAVEY TREE COMPANY. Now hiring experienced Lawn & Shade Tree Technicians. Up to \$15.00 per hr. Benefits include: Medical, 401K, Paid vacation & holidays. Must be at least 18 yrs. old & possess valid drivers license. Interested persons call: 248-371-9007 for interview. Equal Opportunity Employer.

DELIVERY SET-UP OFFICE POSITIONS for Party Rental. Business: \$7 an hr. (248) 347-2240.

### 500 Help Wanted General

#### DAYCARE ASSISTANT

Needed for afternoon daycare, Mon. thru Fri., 1:00-5:00 or 3:00pm to 6pm. Experience with children preferred. (248) 375-1700.

DELIVERY/FRANCHISE. Business is booming! Are you interested in establishing your own business, great income potential & fun, friendly moments. Call Nancy: (248) 888-8168.

DEMONSTRATORS. For Supermarkets & drug stores. Excellent pay. Call: (800) 967-6468 Ext. 50.

DESIGN CONSULTANT. Excellent opportunity for an individual with a flair for design. High end home furnishings products. Starting salary \$8-\$9 an hr. plus benefits. Call for an interview: 248-356-6430.

DIRECT CARE AIDE. Group home openings for days, afternoons, midnights. Valid driver's license, paid training. Competitive wage & benefits. Call: 313-581-3019.

DIRECT CARE HOME MANAGER. Extended new home in Canton. 2 ladies, no wheel chairs. Full benefits. Must be trained WCL or MOC. Pleasant, anyone home. Only call: (248) 628-4570. Info. call: Lynn: (248) 628-4570. Mon.-Fri. 7am-4pm or (248) 969-2392 after 5pm.

DIRECT CARE STAFF. To work in a loving care home for developmentally disabled women on the campus of Our Lady of Providence Center, Northville. All shifts, full and part-time. Call: 734-453-1300 for an appointment.

DIRECT CARE. To work with mentally disabled adults in Novi. Will train. Trained \$8/hr. to start. 248-348-7440.

DISPATCHER/BATCHMAN. Concrete delivery company with multiple locations throughout the 10-county area is seeking candidates for Batchman. Qualified candidate must be knowledgeable of conveyor lines, concrete plants and general computer skills. 1 technician, a MCA level 1 technician, a MCA level 2 technician, a MCA level 3 technician. Please apply: Verity, 10000 E. 18 Mile, Clawson Concrete Co., H.R. Dept. BXA0499, 27575 Wixom Rd., Wixom, MI 48186. Fax: (248) 349-6000 Ext. 1443. Fax: (248) 348-9162. EOE/AA.

DISPATCHER/CUSTOMER SERVICE. Western suburb service company is looking for an enthusiastic individual to route technicians in a fast paced environment. Applicant must need excellent organizational and communication skills, the ability to work well with many personalities, a general knowledge of the Metro area, general computer skills. Company paid health, 401K w/50% match and profit sharing. Fax resume to Camille at: (248) 477-7579.

DOZER OPERATOR. CDL Class A preferred. (810) 523-0478.

Draftsman for Brighton Rock Fabricator with 2 years experience in design & drafting. Must be able to read 13 or SDRC. Racial development experience is a plus. Call: (810) 220-4111.

TRUCK DRIVER CDL-A. Excavator - Experienced. Dozer Operator - Experienced. Call: (248) 476-0648.

Grasbøl Michigan Movers Inc. \* DRIVERS. \* CREW PERSONNEL. \* FURNITURE INSTALLERS. Several entry level positions open. No experience necessary. Will train. Must be able to lift heavy boxes & have reliable transportation. Large, growing nationwide company - in growing industry. Competitive wages & benefits. Excellent opportunity for advancement with potential for growth. Call Jim to schedule initial interview: (734) 416-2020.

DRIVER - Company driver for specialized carrier in Livonia. Knowledge of chaining, lashing & over-dimensional loads a must. CDL-A required. Excellent pay & benefits. 1-800-442-2118.

DRIVER COVENANT TRANSPORT. \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced Company Drivers. 1-800-441-4394, Owner Operators. Call 1-868-667-3729. Bud Meyer Truck Lines Refrigerated Hauling CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-283-6393 Solo Drivers & Contractors.

DRIVER. Delivery Driver needed. CDL-B with air brakes. 4 day week, no weekends. Must apply in person between 11am-3pm at Williams Distributing Co., 31018 Waco Ct., Livonia, Mich.

Full-time position. Requires excellent driving record and a chauffeur's license. Flexible schedule, day shift, includes some weekends. Applicants may fax or mail resume or apply in person, Monday thru Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM at: The Township, 2411 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. Fax: 248-352-0344. EOE M/F/V/H.

DRIVER - Owner Operators up to \$1.35 per loaded mile. Cargo Van owners & 18-24 ft. Straight truck owners needed. Call Panther II Transportation today! 800-840-7055.

Part-time driver for visually impaired individual. Must be available evenings & weekends. Non-smoker. 248-655-0880.

### 500 Help Wanted General

#### DRIVER

Rapidly growing manufacturer of specialty concrete products needs a top notch driver for delivery of their products to Metro Detroit & Northern Ohio areas. Boom and/or flatbed experience helpful but not necessary. CDL w/doubles endorsement and a good driving record a must. Excellent wages, and benefit program. Applications taken Mon.-Fri., 8am-4:30pm.

UNILOCK MICHIGAN INC. 12591 Emerson Dr., Brighton, MI 48116. (248) 437-7037. (1 mile S. of Grand River, off of Kensington Rd.)

SHUTTLE BUS DRIVERS. For afternoons & midnights. 9001 Middlebelt Rd., Romulus. Open 24 hrs.

DRIVERS: A "WORLD" OF OPPORTUNITIES... EXPERIENCED DRIVERS: Solo & Team Divisions "Sign on Bonus" up to \$2,000 "850+ 1999 International" Conventional "Immediate Insurance Available" "Independent Contractors" "Solo & Team Divisions" "Regional or Longhaul Leases" "Purchase or Lease" "Call: 1-800-533-2778, www.crsi.com" CRSI International.

DRIVER/SHORT DOUBLES. A plus, but will train. 734-591-0369 / 313-408-0632.

DRIVERS/LABORER for plumbing company. Must be ambitious, self-motivated, experienced in plumbing, potential with pension & profit sharing plan. (248) 685-8833.

DRIVERS/MECHANICS. City of Detroit. Endorsements are required. Call or send resume to: (734) 676-6409. Mobil Oil Corp., Attn: Brian K. Milford, 20000 E. 18 Mile Rd., Woodhaven, MI 48183.

DRIVERS. On weekends to drop oil moon. Must have valid driver's license and own truck or van. Good driving record. Earn \$200-300/weekend. Call: 1-800-888-2680. Ask for Mike.

DRIVERS. P.M. Fleet Fuelers. For Airport Oil Transportation. For Airport Oil new equipment, benefits, Home daily, CDL-A or B w/ Air Brakes/Hazmat/Tanker Endorsements. Full/Part time. Call: 1-800-968-5421.

DRIVERS/WAREHOUSE. Positions for established glass distributor. Vis. design self motivated & service oriented people. Great opportunity for men/women/retirees/students. Full/part time. All shifts open. Second shift 4pm-Midnight. Progressive wage paid. Must be able to pass DOT, physical and drug screen. Apply in person at: 300 Dunn Street, Plymouth. Come work with a great team! EDC Glass of Michigan.

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#### EXCAVATING FOREMAN

Capable of running job, good pay and benefits based on experience. (810) 523-0478.

Experienced Concrete Laborer and Finishers. CDL helpful. (248) 689-0700.

EXPERIENCED TRUCK DRIVERS. Experienced paving operator, experienced asphalt laborers. Copeland Paving. (248) 478-8240.

FIELD SERVICE Technician. Mechanical/Electrical knowledge required. Self-starter w/good driving record needed. Benefits available includes car. (248) 844-9720.

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER. Village of Lake Orion, Michigan. \$35,000-\$45,000 depending on qualifications. Requires undergraduate degree in related field, CPA, analytical, budgetary, communications, and interpersonal skills, experience with governmental accounting a plus. Send resume detailing background, experience, salary history and five references to: Village Manager, 37 E. Flint Street, Lake Orion, Michigan 48362. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications accepted until position is filled.

FRONT DESK - Mornings, afternoons, evenings & weekends. Flexible hours. Good phone & computer skills needed. Excellent pay & benefits. Apply in person at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48331.

FULL-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Cashiers, Pantry & Stock Persons at the Lake Orion Market, 1025 S. Lapeer Rd., Farmington, MI 48331. Apply at the Service Desk or call Human Resources (248) 635-6252. EOE.

FURNACE & AIR CONDITIONING. Experienced installers &/or service technicians. Good wages, benefits, & vacation. Family. Heating, Cooling & Electrical. 734-422-8090.

GATE ATTENDANT. A Farmington Hills apartment building hiring motivated individual for Fri-Sat mid-night shift. Seniors welcomed. Apply in person at: MUIRWOOD, 35055 Muirwood Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Grand River & Drake.

LABOR READY. Temporary Labor - ON DEMAND. WORK TODAY. CASH TODAY. Daily Openings! General Labor & More. No Experience Required. GRAND OPENING. 8541 Wayne Rd., Westland: (734) 261-8000.

INDIVIDUALS. Need assistance with repairs. Job requires lifting & ability to climb ladders. Starting at \$10/hr. Call: 248-548-0931.

FINISHING DEPT. We are currently looking for finishers. Job requires lifting & ability to climb ladders. Starting at \$10/hr. Call: 248-548-0931.

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**DAIRY PLANT HELP** Full-time. Good pay plus benefits. Apply in person between 8:30 & 4 Mon-Fri. **GUMMERS FARM DAIRY**, 21500 Nov Rd., Northville. (248) 344-0478

**LABORER** Familiar with excavation, septic, keeping grounds. Must have vehicle. Min. \$5.00 to start. Call Mon-Fri. 8-4. (248) 344-2511

**LABORERS/BRICK CLEANERS/CAULKERS** Experience helpful but not necessary. Must have vehicle. Min. \$5.00 to start. Call Mon-Fri. 8-4. (248) 344-2511

**LABORERS** Full time. Sourced concrete wall construction. Transportation needed. Call 8am-3pm. 248-476-3650

**LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER** Requirements include: past experience in all aspects of landscape construction, a teamwork and quality orientation, CDL license, and DOT. Salary starting at \$35,000/yr + benefits. Mail resume to: 8181 Giffordwood, Plymouth MI 48170. (248) 453-9109

**LANDSCAPE** Maintenance. Laborers. Experienced. Full time. Salary, benefits, vacation. Call (248) 840-2078

**LANDSCAPE** supply yard in Northville seeking combination office/yard person. Experience, education, and quality orientation. CDL license, and DOT. Salary starting at \$35,000/yr + benefits. Mail resume to: 8181 Giffordwood, Plymouth MI 48170. (248) 453-9109

**LANDSCAPING HELP** \$8-\$10/hr. to start. Also experienced brick pavers needed. Pay negotiable. 1-800-360-2887

**LANDSCAPING & Lawn Care** Professional. Salary, benefits, vacation. Call (248) 840-2078

**LAWN CUTTING & LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE** Bloomfield based company seeking dependable person. Start now or when school is out at \$8-\$10 per hour. Call (248) 645-2111

**LAWN MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING** Lawn cutting technician needed for Southfield based company. Experience preferred in cutting, clean up, and landscaping but will train. (248) 395-4000

**LAWN MAINTENANCE** Driver license required. No experience necessary. Good pay. Toll free 877-602-3311

**LAWN SPRINKLER COMPANY** Hiring experienced Plumbers & Service Techs. Lots of overtime. 401K, Health Insurance, Troy area. (248) 588-3600

**LEASING/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Part-time for Farmington Hills apt. complex. Experience preferred but willing to train the right person. Please fax resume to: Manager 248-442-7510

**LEASING CONSULTANT** Part Time Position. Must be able to work weekends, energetic, and like working with people. Sales experience helpful but not necessary. Telephone & Civic Dr. Drive. (248) 355-0770

**LEASING CONSULTANT** Needed in beautiful Farmington Hills community. Full or part time position available. Weekends required. Fax resume to 248-681-0994 or call 248-681-2200.

**LEASING CONSULTANT** Highline. Community. Apartments located off Nine Mile just west of Hagerty is seeking a full or part time leasing consultant. EOE Call (248) 348-8640 fax resume to: (248) 348-9210

**Leasing Consultant** Expansion has created an outstanding opportunity to join a dynamic team of individuals at an upscale executive rental property. Previous leasing experience is preferred but not a must, although, a strong sales background with a good closing ratio will win you this position. Terrific salary and benefits package included plus the "polished" person. Please fax resume to 248-681-3246 or Call 248-681-6601

**500 Help Wanted General**

**Leasing Consultant Part Time** Available to work some week-ends. Some experience preferred. Must be reliable. Nov apt community. Call after 10:30am. 248-348-0628

**LEASING POSITION** for Apt. community in Westland. Part time. 401K. Call 734-459-6600.

**LIFEGUARD CERTIFIED SUMMER WORK** For large Farmington Hills apt. community. Apply in person at: 35053 Muirwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI N.W. corner of Grand River & Drake.

**LIFEGUARDS** Water Safety Instructors & Pool Director needed Mon-Fri. for summer daycare. 248-451-3830

**LIGHT DUTY SHIPPING/RECEIVING** Farmington Hills office seeks part time individual for UPS shipping. Good pay, flexible schedule. No experience necessary. Please apply in person between 8:30am-3:00pm. 248-683-6555. Ask for Kevin

**LIGHTING FIXTURE WASHERS** For national company. No experience necessary. Full-time positions available with benefits. Livonia. (734) 422-6400

**LIVING SPACES II** is looking for a Kitchen & Bath DESIGNER/SALES PERSON. Call (248) 582-9885 or Fax: 248-683-6555. Ask for Kevin

Looking for dependable part time employees for packaging, part time & full time. Will train. Afternoons, even in summer, some week-ends. Needed now thru Dec. Gohlman/Butlers Confectionery, 248-683-6555. Call Debbie: (248) 391-5758

**MACHINE CLEANERS** For Manufacturer of Machinery Sand, Clean & Prep for Painting. Full Benefits + Will Train. 248-471-4500. Novi

**MACHINE OPERATORS** No experience necessary. Immediate openings available. 40 hours per week plus benefits. Milford Twp. (248) 684-0555

**Machine Operators** We offer an excellent benefit package, air conditioned facility, steady overtime, opportunity for advancement and competitive wages. Wages commensurate with experience. Experienced and trained positions available for the following: • Conventional EDM • Grinding • Quality Inspector • Wire EDM. Fax resume or Apply in person. Moeller Manufacturing 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48170. Fax: 734-416-2200

**MACHINE OPERATORS** We are currently looking for an entry level machine operators for our day and afternoon shifts. No experience necessary but a definite plus. Mechanical aptitude and basic math skills needed. Willing to train the right person. Starting rate is \$8 (10% premium for afternoon shift). Excellent benefit package including 401K and dental, life insurance. A.B. Heller, Inc. Milford Call for application appointment between 9am & 3pm. (248) 434-1324 (must pass drug screen)

**MACHINE SHOP** in Milford looking for persons to run manual and CNC lathe, mill, and weld. Lathe, Fanuc system 3T Control. Programming experience necessary. (248) 685-1188

**MAILING DEPT. HELPERS** for Farmington Hills Printing/Mailing Co. Full-time, days, benefits, 401K. 248-473-1414

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**MACHINIST/ MOLD MAKER** C.N.C. Programming required - surfacing - experience, helpful. Bridgeport & Lathe - 5 yr. experience. Benefit package. Mail resume or apply in person: Poly Flex, Inc. 19860 W. Eight Mile Southfield, MI 48075. Fax: (248) 358-9505 Attention: Rick

**MAIL CLERK** Brass Craft Mfg. Co. has immediate opening in its headquarter office. Essential job functions include: pick up and sorting of mail, handling of files, records, light maintenance, running errands as well as some shipping & receiving. Job requirements include a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, the ability to lift up to 50# and the ability to interact with all levels. No experience necessary, will train. For consideration, please send your resume to: (No phone calls please) BRASS CRAFT MFG. CO. Attn: HR/HR Attn: P.O. Box 8032 Novi, MI 48375 EOE M/F/H/V

**FIELD MAINTENANCE POSITIONS** Successful candidates must possess the following: • A/C electrical, 1-3 phase, 240-480 volt • Hydraulic troubleshooting/repair • Welding/Fabrication • Excellent hourly wage & benefits to qualified individuals. Please send resume to: 5400 Cogswell Rd. Wayne, MI 48184 Attn: Maintenance Mgr. EOE

**OPERATING ENGINEER** Downtown Detroit establishment has an opening in its maintenance department. Must have 3rd Class Detroit Refrigeration Operator's License and a valid Michigan B.O. license. Knowledge and experience in all facets of building maintenance including work in confined spaces, plumbing, electrical, and carpentry. Only qualified persons need apply. Fax resume with cover letter to: Chief Engineer (313) 964-7597 or send to: Maintenance Position 241 Madison Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

**MAINTENANCE** Full time, \$9.62/hr. Must have experience in minor electrical, plumbing, painting & carpentry work. Full benefit package. Apply at: Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 E. 6 Mile, Northville, Michigan

**MAINTENANCE** Full time position for experienced person w/own vehicle. Plymouth apartment community. Apply in person between 10am-4pm. Mon-Fri. Plymouth Heritage Apts, 12811 Heritage Dr., off N. Ten Mile. (248) 455-2143

**MAINTENANCE** Ground & Building Full time position at Northland Shopping Center. Applicants need valid driver's license, able to pass drug screening & background check and also have the ability to work any shift. Benefits: dental, vision, 401K, life insurance. 21500 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 1212, Southfield, MI 48075

**MAINTENANCE** HIGHLINE Club apartments located off of Nine Mile, just west of Hagerty is seeking a maintenance person. EOE Call (248) 348-8640 fax resume to: (248) 348-9210

**MAINTENANCE MANAGER MACHINE REPAIR** A Detroit based industrial laundry facility needs an individual to manage its Maintenance Department. Requirements: two years experience in machine repair; strong organizational skills; excellent ability to step in and get the job done. Excellent salary and benefit package. Forward resume and salary requirements to: Maintenance P.O. Box 3080 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

**MAINTENANCE** Mid-size apartment community requires your maintenance and landscaping skills. Live on-site or nearby. Competitive salary and benefits including pension. CALL: (734) 729-5090

**MAINTENANCE PERSONS** Apartment experience preferred for newer luxury 600 unit community. Will train position with medical & dental benefits. Apply at Citation Club Apts., Farmington Hills, MI 33 Mile E. of Hagerty.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON** for apt community in Westland. Benefits available. 401K. 734-422-5411.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON** needed for Southfield apartment community. Experience with tools. Full time with benefits. Call: 248-355-0770

**MAINTENANCE PERSON** needed full time for apartment complex in Farmington Hills. Call Mon. - Fri. 9am-5pm. 248-476-1487

**MAINTENANCE** Person experienced in apt maintenance. Own tools & transportation. Salary plus apartment. Polo Club Apts. (248) 478-8800

**MAINTENANCE PERSON** needed for afternoon shift at manufacturing company located near Brighton. Should have general knowledge of welding & cutting torches, fabricating, heavy trucks & hi-ho's, electrical & pneumatic systems. Excellent pay, vacation, health insurance & retirement. Send qualifications to: Box #185 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178

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**MAINTENANCE POSITION** Full time, 40 hrs. week. Must have experience in electrical, plumbing, painting & carpentry work. Full benefit package. Apply at: Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 E. 6 Mile, Northville, Michigan

**MAINTENANCE POSITION** Farmington Hills. Full time position with some overtime. Must have background in plumbing, electrical & carpentry. Required references. Please call Larry 9am-4pm at 248-474-2151.

**MAINTENANCE/PROP TECH** For Rochester Hills area community. Must have own tools & transportation. For more information call: 248-373-1230 Or fax resume: 248-373-1230

**MAINTENANCE** Property Management company seeking self-starter. Maintenance Technician to assist Maintenance Supervisor with various OAKLAND COUNTY sites. MUST HAVE experience in OFFICE BUILDING and APARTMENT maintenance. Fax resume to: 248-865-1633 OR Call 248-865-1600.

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**MAINTENANCE TECH** Real Estate development company seeks detailed, reliable individual to maintain & repair in down town Birmingham. Electrical, plumbing, landscaping and painting background helpful. Must be responsible, hard working, & have company vehicles available. Send resume and cover letter stating desired salary, career goals and available starting date. Fax to: (248) 642-4210

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Couple with Secure Marriage, Promises Loving Home for your Newborn. We're Easy to Talk with, Expenses Paid. Call Lisa & Billy 1-800-313-9232

**603 LOST & FOUND**

LOST - hand-piece to portable panasonic telephone, Clarkson & Sashabaw Rd (248) 625-9430

**604 REWARD for returning lost**

Black Lab named Tara. Female, 80 lbs, pure black, no collar. Lost 4-5-99. Clarkson area. Call: 248-673-8293

**605 MERCHANDISE #700-778**

**700 Absolutely Free**

**FREE FIREWOOD**

Large amount available, 26246 Clinton, 1 block S. of 7 Mile, E. of Inkster. N.E. corner house. Help your self. Redford. (313) 555-7921

**FREE FIREWOOD**

you pick up. (248) 478-1388

**GARAGE DOOR**

Openers with 2 remotes. (313) 525-7937

**OVERSIZED PARSONS' desk,**

washing machine, parts & quick cement. 248-208-5572

**PATIO AWNING - Aluminum**

20' x 8' already down, you take away. (734) 422-2488

**PORCELAIN COMMODE,**

white. (248) 356-5802

**REMEDIATION - 2 wood slider**

windows 60 x 84, thermos with screens. Wood door wall, 9' with frame & screen, thermo. 734-422-5408

## 600's Announcements

**600...Personals**

**601...Happy Ads**

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710... Estate Sales  
711... Garage Sales-Oakland  
712... Garage Sales-Wayne  
713... Moving Sales  
714... Clothing  
715... Household Goods  
716... Appliances  
717... Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs  
718... Bargain Buys  
719... Building Materials  
720... Business & Office Equipment  
721... Office Supplies  
722... Cameras & Supplies

730... Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment  
732... Computers  
734... Electronics/Audio/Video  
736... Video Games/Tapes/Movies  
738... Farm Equipment  
740... Farm Produce-Flowers/Plants  
741... U-Pick  
743... Hobbies/Coins/Stamp  
745... Hospital Equipment  
747... Jewelry  
749... Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment  
750... Miscellaneous For Sale  
751... Musical Instruments  
752... Sporting Goods  
753... Trade Or Sell  
754... Wanted To Buy

## 780-793 Animals/Pets

780... Animal Services/Supplies  
781... Breeders/Directory  
782... Birds  
783... Cats  
784... Dogs  
785... Farm Animals/Livestock  
786... Horses & Equipment

## 780-793 Animals/Pets

787... Horse Boarding  
788... Commercial  
789... Household Pets  
790... Pet Grooming/Boarding  
791... Pet Services  
792... Pet Supplies  
793... Pet Wanted  
794... Lost & Found

## 706 Auction Sales

**OLTERSDORF ESTATE AUCTION**  
Furniture - Silver - Refrigerator - Washer & Dryer - 1500 Sq. Ft. Home - 2003 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti, MI. (located 1 mile north of Willis Rd. at U.S. 24)  
SAT. APRIL 24, 11 AM  
Auction of Elizabeth Oltersdorf Braun & Helmer Auction Service  
Lynn Braun, Jory Helmer  
Dawn Braun, David Helmer  
Ann Arbor, MI  
(734) 655-9646 (734) 654-0300

## 710 Estate Sales

**ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY IRIS**  
Fri-Sat, April 16-17, 10-4  
319 Hanley  
Birmingham, like 'main' Woodward, N. of 15 mile, on eastside of Woodward, past the park to Wilmont, go E. first left Abbey, to first right which is Hanley.  
A GREAT SALE IN A FABULOUS HOME!  
Contents include:  
Queen Anne cherry dining set, table & 6 chairs, sofas, chairs, a sofa bed, Ralph Lauren-type wicker bed, chest, a lacquered white dresser & gray dresser, FABULOUS LIGHT OAK ARMCHAIR, several outstanding marble-top dressers, electric custom bed, MAHOGANY POOL TABLE, oak table & chairs, glass table & chairs, lots of lovely area rugs, lots of framed art & mirrors, home office with 5 beautiful desks, bookcases, leather chairs, etc.  
A set of fireplace equipment - antique Sheffield tea service, new brown Jordan outdoor furniture, large wood picnic table, new snowplow, new electric lawnmower, refrigerator, TV's, stereo, bar stools, bowls, cement planters, unbelievable amount of children's toys & equipment, designer mens, womens & children's clothes, much, much more!  
IRIS KAUFMAN  
248-626-7723

## 708 Rummage Sale/Flea Markets

**FLEA MARKET**, April 25, 9-4  
Southgate Arena, Dix Rd 1 blk N. of Eureka, 10x15 space, \$20. Info 734-281-2541  
**LARGE FURNITURE SALE** at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Rd., Livonia, Fri. 4-15, 9-4; Sat. 4-17, 9-2  
**MOTHER OF TWINS SALE**, Sat. 4-17, 11am to 1pm  
Our Lady of Loretto, NE corner of 6 Mile & Beech Blvd.  
Plymouth 1st United Methodist Church, 4520 N. Territorial near Sheldahl Rd. Wed. April 21, 9-5  
Thurs. April 22, 9-2, \$2.50  
BAG SALE, 2:30-3:30  
**RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**, Fri. April 16, 9-4, \$3.00 bag sale 3-4pm, Prince of Peace Church, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd.  
**ST. TIMOTHY** Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 1/2 block S. of 6 Mile, Thurs. & Fri., 9-3; Sat., 9-12.

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## IRRESISTIBLE

Unfadingly pretty, affectionate, DWF, 44, seeks handsome, smart, funny, romantic SWM, 39+, NS, for great, one-on-one fun. Are you ready? This could be it! No games! **23333**

## SINGLE CANADIAN

Attractive SWF, 35, 5'6", blonde, NS, social drinker, with many interests, enjoys traveling, jazz music, theater, and dining out. Seeking marriage-minded SWM, 35-50, with similar interests. **23388**

## STARTING OVER

Widowed lady, 40+, blonde, 5'6", enjoys music, walking, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring, white gentleman. **23392**

## NO COUCH POTATOES

Slim DWF, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, date, "sit" eating, and travel. Seeking honest, faithful, trustworthy SWM, 32-42, HW proportionate, with similar interests. **23410**

## LOVE A BIG TRUCK?

If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! I'm blonde, 35-43, who appreciates children, for wild times, and quiet evenings. **23521**

## LOOKING FOR HIM

Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hands, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 33-43, who has morals and is looking for a fun relationship. **23369**

## A GREAT CATCH

Outgoing, sophisticated SWF, 29, 5'5", blonde, professional, will model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. **23415**

## CREME DE LA CREME

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## BEST KEPT SECRET

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## VERSATILE

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Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", NS, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. **23118**

## FIRST TIME AD

Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precocious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, love-life. Seeking like-minded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, please. **23342**

## OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST

SWF, 38, 5'6", blonde, 30-45, NS. Do you enjoy backpacking, skiing, outdoors, exotic food, travel and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you. **23266**

## LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE

Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'6", blonde, enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, clubbing. Seeking someone, clubbing, seeking outdoors, for future relationship. **23210**

## TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL

Impossible to describe on paper, but I tell you, I'm wonderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with. **23216**

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Dazzling, blue-eyed brunet, 34, 5'4", 100lbs, with perfect personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbleweed guy with great looks, successful career, strong character and irresistible charm. **23291**

## A HEAD TURNER

Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. **23219**

## WORTH THE CALL

Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, enjoys dancing, boating, skiing, travel. Seeking witty, financially secure SWM, late 40s to 40s. For dating. **23599**

## FLORIDA BEAUTY

SWF, dark red/green, 5'4", living in Fort Lauderdale, considering relocation to hometown in Detroit area. Seeking tall, attractive PM, 6'4", for friendship, possibly more. Must love music and exercise. **23580**

## BROWN-EYED GIRL

Attractive SWF, 28, brown/brown, enjoys skydiving, camping, canoeing. Seeking attractive SWM, 28-35, who knows what he wants and is willing to try anything once. **23470**

## HELLO, FRIEND

I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun SWF, 52, smoker. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident gentleman, 52-65, who wants someone for cozy, dinner dates and good conversation. **23312**

## PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY

NS, yes she's me, looking for the same. SWF, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/brown, seeks SM, 50-65, must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. **23293**

## A TOUCH OF CLASS

Successful, attractive DWF, blonde, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+, and looking for a SWF, late 40s, early 50s, who is a professional. **23187**

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## UNCHAINED MELODY

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## LADY IN WAITING

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## ONE OF A KIND

Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive DWF, 36, blonde, enjoys exercise, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking very refined, very handsome professional, 40-50, NS, for friendship, possible relationship. No games. **23393**

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## LET'S MAKE THIS WORK

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## I LOVE DOGS!

They're loyal, appreciative, and unconditional. Do you have these attributes? I'm looking for a dog lover, professional, hard-working SWF, NS, 40+, who loves dogs, seeks SWM, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR. **23428**

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## CLASSY COOKE

Youthful, easy, serious, creative, communicative, cocky, clever, charming, caring, Chatterbox SWF, 47, 5'6", blonde, professional, modest musician, with peppy priorities. No calls from crumb, please. **23154**

## SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL

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## You can alter bylaws to make dues mandatory

### REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

**Q:** Our association presently has a voluntary dues structure. The board would like to consider making the dues mandatory.

**A:** What action would be required to change our bylaws to make this happen? There is nothing in the bylaws now to allow making dues mandatory.

**A:** It, of course, would be necessary to review your bylaws to determine what the amendment requirements are. While you are looking at the by-laws, find out whether there are any prohibitions that would preclude such an amendment as you suggest.

Generally speaking, the bylaws could be amended to make dues mandatory. Moreover, there is some precedent around the country in certain areas which allows an association to collect dues from members who have benefitted from the association's services, notwithstanding the lack of a requirement for mandatory dues payment.

This is sometimes a complex issue which should be reviewed by a competent community association lawyer for the association.

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## Help your home make it through another summer

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Winter brutalized us in many respects. So how did your property fare?

You can take several steps now to clean and repair the aftermath of snow, ice, wind and cold. Simple maintenance tasks don't cost much money and will keep the homestead running smoothly.

"You're kind of doing in reverse, in some ways, what you did last fall," said Rick Bowling, owner of an AmeriSpec Inspection Service franchise in Plymouth.

"For summer, there's luckily not all that much that needs to be done," said Andre Dubel, owner of Bloomfield House Inspectors.

And if you expect to sell your home within the next few weeks, heads up on a couple things that might escape your immediate attention after a long winter when the house was closed up.

So let the spring cleaning begin.

■ Clear the gutters and downspouts — again.

This was one of the most important things you did last fall. It's also crucial now. Clean out blockages before the inevitable spring storms.

You'd be surprised at the twigs, lint, papers and leaves that somehow got up there since you took care of the job in October or November. Trees shed seeds and leaves, birds build nests, shingle surfaces contribute grit.

If necessary, caulk or patch inside gutter seams. Tap the nails holding the gutters to the house.

"Spring rains you want to give a clear shot off the roof, down the spout and away from the house," Dubel said.

■ Clear roof vents. Some may have access only from the outside with a ladder some inside from the attic.

"This morning on an inspection there were five vents in the roof and every one had a bird nest," Dubel said. "It cuts down on efficiency. If they get

plugged up, it gets too hot in the attic and damages the roof."

Birds are especially active now, persistent and they work quickly. You may have to deal with this problem several times in the weeks ahead.

■ Make sure that ground grade slopes away from the house all the way around. Fill in low spots with topsoil. Consider attaching extenders to downspouts so water drains several feet away from the house.

"We would estimate over 60 percent of foundation leaks can be cured by correcting grade and roof drainage," Bowling said.

■ If your house is on a slab and you closed the crawl space vents for winter, open the vents for spring, summer and fall.

"You don't have to worry about cold now," Dubel said. "You want air to circulate. The air will carry away moisture."

■ Move any leftover fireplace wood away from the house and stack it on a pallet off the ground in the far reaches of the yard.

"Wood is attractive for carpenter ants," Bowling said.

■ Call the same landscaping company that drained and blew out your lawn sprinkling system last fall to open it now.

"Most will fix lines that broke during the winter," Bowling said.

Follow the workers around and watch the opening process. Opening is much easier than closing, and you may want to tackle the job yourself next spring and save some money.

■ Turn off and clean the furnace humidifier now so it's ready for next season. Continue to replace filters at the furnace blower motor on a regular basis if you use central air. Hose down the air conditioning processing unit outside the house.

Hose down removable window air conditioners in the yard or take them to a car wash for a power flush. Make sure they dry out before installing.

■ Pick up branches, dead plant material, papers and other debris from the yard. Thatch the lawn only if necessary.

"The weather has taken a nice turn of late. Things have warmed up. Normally, just raking the lawn would do it," said Denny Snell, garden store manager at Bordine's Nursery in Clarkston.

Wait until spring shrubs have finished blooming before trimming and wait until summer before pruning heavy bleeders like maple trees, Snell added.

But trim any branches now that rub against roofs.

This is a good time to apply a pre-emergence crabgrass control and Diazinon or Dursban if you have a grub problem, Snell added.

And if you're selling soon?

"Make that front entrance just as attractive as you can," said Joan Wysocki, a Realtor with Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills. "Make sure the yard is nice, tidy and manicured. Sweep the street in front of your house."

"Even though everything looks neat and tidy, the front door may need painting after winter," she added.

"Definitely the windows should be cleaned inside and out," Wysocki said. "When people walk in and the sun is shining in the windows, it gives just a sparkling look to the home."

If it's too early yet to find or plant annual flowers in the ground, Wysocki offers an alternative solution.

"Put some flowerpots on the front porch ... windowboxes, something you could easily cover in the event of frost," she said.

Give a critical eye to accumulated clutter, advised Phil Anderlie, a Realtor with Clark & Fron in Livonia.

"Have a garage sale and eliminate as much stuff as possible so the home looks bigger — the basement, closet space," he said. "Open up those closets, open the basement. If the basement isn't finished, paint the walls."

### Housing prices

Here's the median (half above, half below) resale price of housing stock for selected metro areas October-December of last year, and the percentage of increase from the previous year.

	Price	1 year % increase
San Francisco Bay	\$325,800	4.7
Boston	214,900	9.7
L.A./Long Beach	189,400	6.5
Long Island	179,500	10.1
Chicago	162,600	4.5
Denver	159,900	11.7
Detroit	133,700	10.1
Ft. Lauderdale	132,100	5.6
Minneapolis	130,200	9.7
Las Vegas	129,900	4.1
Cleveland	121,800	4.2
Phoenix	121,200	4.8
Atlanta	120,600	9.7
Dallas	117,500	2.5

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

## Before you borrow: Know your rights

### MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Obtaining a new home mortgage may be the largest and most important loan you get during your lifetime. You should be aware of certain rights before you enter into any loan agreement. The following rights come directly from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1. You have the right to shop for the best loan for you and compare the charges of different mortgage brokers and lenders.
2. You have the right to be informed about the total cost of your loan including the interest rate, points and other fees.
3. You have the right to ask for a good faith estimate of all loan and settlement charges before you agree to the loan and pay any fees.
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## Are home equity loans your best option?

(NAPS) — While home equity financing may be an excellent financial tool for most people, there are a couple of questions you ought to consider before you put your home on the line for a loan.

1. Will you be able to repay the loan? Speak to your financial adviser about the impact a home equity loan will have on your budget. The principal may be lower than your mortgage, but

the interest rate will probably be higher. Your payments should be an amount you can comfortably pay back within budget.

2. Are you putting the money to good use? A home equity loan temporarily reduces the equity in your home, which is a key financial asset. If the loan is used to strengthen your over-all financial position, such as for home improvement, education, or to pay down other

debts that carry higher interest, it's probably a good idea. Remember, when you pay off your high interest credit card debt not to run it up again.

To learn more about home equity loans, contact the National Home Equity Mortgage Association at 800-342-1121 for a free booklet or visit their Web site at [www.nhema.org](http://www.nhema.org) or e-mail [info@rateupdate.com](mailto:info@rateupdate.com).



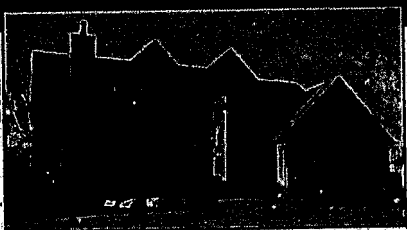




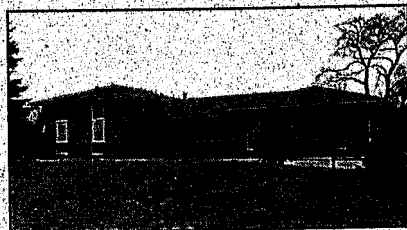




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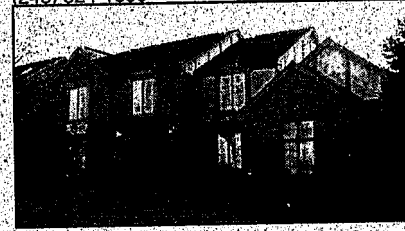
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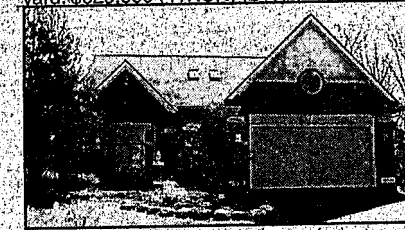
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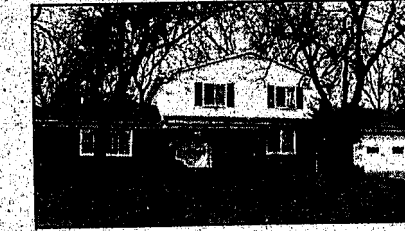
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**BIRMINGHAM** - Clean and cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with newer kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors, basement, semi-end unit. Built-ins and WIC in master bedroom, furnace and A/C in '98. \$139,900 (04GRA) (248) 642-8100



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch with many updates including furnace, hardwood floors, and fresh paint. Large family room and nice size yard. \$124,900 (51CHA) (248) 642-8100



**LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT** - Traditional style Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished walkout, almost 1 acre secluded quiet serene lot. A Must House. \$479,900 (09DEE) 363-1200



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**FABULOUS CAN'T DESCRIBE THIS CONTEMPORARY** - Ranch home, partially finished walkout basement, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, custom screened porch, hot tub. \$373,500 (06WAN) 363-1200



**NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MILFORD** - On 1.5 acre lot, 4 bedrooms, huge great room, gourmet kitchen, 2 way fireplace in master suite. \$349,900 (43OUR) 363-1200

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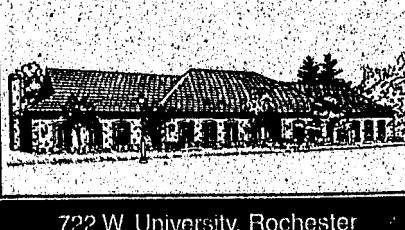
**ATTN: TRANSFEREES!!** Stunning builder's model with European flair! Vaulted ceiling, walkout basement to scenic wetlands! Hardwood floors. Bring offers. \$284,900 (00ESS) 363-1200



**ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT** - 110 ft. frontage on all sports lake, completely updated Colonial with quality throughout, multi decks, fieldstone fireplace, walkout lower level leads to sandy beach. Mr. Clean lives here! Shows very well. \$268,500 (27BOG) 363-1200



**LUXURIOUS HOME - NOVI** - This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home is completely updated and well maintained. All quality features. Hardwoods and ceramic throughout, fireplace and formal dining, expansive deck. Very elegant home. \$266,900 (91JAM) 363-1200



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**HIGHLAND HOME - 5+ ACRES** - Gorgeous wooded 5+ acre setting. Delightful home on 25+ acre pond, 80x24 pole barn. \$259,900 (70SHA) 363-1200



**LAKES AREA, NEW CONSTRUCTION** - In awesome development bordering Sylvan/Otter Lake. 3 bedroom, library, elegant master bedroom, walkout site with 3/99 completion expected. Top of the line features! \$221,590 (33HER) 363-1200

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**SPECIAL LAKEFRONT HOME** - Ready to be enjoyed by new owner! 3 bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, finished walkout lower level on all sports lake. \$215,900 (41CED) 363-1200



**JUST BRING YOUR BOAT** - And you're ready to enjoy this cute 2 bedroom home with 70' of frontage on a beautiful 262 acre, private, all-sports lake. Several updates, including new windows. Walled Lake Schools, year round fun! \$148,500 (03VOL) 363-1200



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**ROCHESTER GLENS COLONIAL** on cul-de-sac, master bedroom has walk in closet and bath, large foyer, newer roof, furnace and C/A. All appliances, covered front porch. \$221,900 (07DAR) (248) 652-8000



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**YOUR SHOWPLACE** - Warm, cozy, neutral 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath custom Ranch. Loaded with extras, Anderson windows, Kohler fixtures, walk in closets, crown molding, professional landscaping, large wooded lot. \$249,900 (74KIL) (248) 652-8000



**GEORGETOWN COLONIAL** backing to wooded commons with den, dining room, living room with crown moldings, fireplace & french doors in family room, C/A, light wood floors in kitchen, neutral decor, redwood garage door, oak entry door, sprinklers. \$284,900 (66CHE) (248) 652-8000



**GREAT OAKS WEST SUB.** A must see. Beautiful house in family sub, close to schools. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with hardwood floors, neutral decor and freshly painted. Partially finished basement, updated kitchen and baths. \$254,900 (64HAC) (248) 652-8000



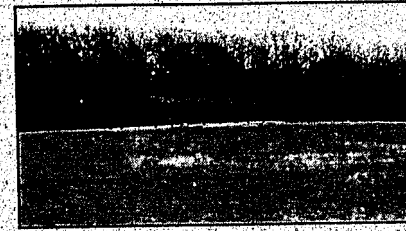
**AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE!** Kitchen flows into large cathedral ceiling great room w/fireplace. Spacious master w/walk in closet & private bath. Den w/french doors & built in shelves. Sprinklers, deck, prof. landscaping, 3 baths, alarm. \$269,000 (05RIV) (248) 652-8000



**HAWTHORN TUDOR** - Cul-de-sac, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Wood foyer and study. Ceramic island kitchen with built-ins. Family room with cathedral ceiling and fantastic views of wooded ravine lot with small creek. Finished walkout. \$359,900 (56BRO) (248) 652-8000



**LIGHT & AIRY** sharp open floor plan, two story foyer, hardwood, butlers pantry, white cabinets inc. island, walk in pantry, vaulted family room, large yard, 3 car garage, custom blinds, custom deck, exterior painted '98. \$383,000 (81OAK) (248) 652-8000



**ESTATE OR DEVELOP.** 20.5 rolling acres, Prime Oakland Twp, location in area of million \$\$\$ homes! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3500 sq. ft. ranch and 2 barns. Gorgeous great room with stone fireplace, master has walk-in and marble bath. Rear sunroom to watch the deer. \$1,200,000 (65BRE) (248) 652-8000



**IMMACULATE BRICK RANCH** - Beautiful, Move-in condition. Neutral decor, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath. Family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, new roof, updated kitchen, finished basement, fenced yard. Troy schools. \$174,900 (34CLE) (248) 626-8800



**CLASSY 3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath** Colonial situated on treed lot. Family room, 2 natural fireplaces, cherry wood cabinets in kitchen, attached garage, basement with lavatory, and more! \$199,000 (27CAL) (248) 626-8800



**EXCELLENT 3 bedroom** ranch with beautiful living room, new windows, large kitchen with breakfast nook, hardwood floors and new carpeting. Great location. Lots of updates. \$179,888 (28KEN) (248) 626-8800



**CANAL FRONT** - Completely remodeled! 2 lots away from lake. Stunning views highlight this hilltop setting overlooking all sports lake. White cabinets, new carpet, freshly painted. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Breakfast nook. \$219,900 (42BLU) (248) 626-8800



**CHARMING 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath** ranch in Clarkston. Finished basement, many updates including windows, roof, well and furnace. Neutral. Deer Lake privileges. \$159,900 (59HUM) (248) 626-8800



**BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE LOT & SETTING** on this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. Large windows, 2 fireplaces, warm living and family rooms. 1st floor laundry, hardwood floors and sculptured cove ceilings. Newer bath, roof, furnace, A/C, windows and added insulation. \$150,000 (24GLE) (248) 626-8800



**NOT A DRIVEBY** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath quad in country like area. Office/den, family room with natural fireplace, neutral decor, 2 car attached garage with workshop. Lake access nearby. \$159,900 (13WIL) (248) 626-8800



**CONTEMPORARY HOME** sits on large treed lot. First floor master suite, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Great room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Open balcony on second floor. Landscaped yard with sprinkler system. Popular neighborhood. Troy schools. \$269,900 (11FAL) (248) 626-8800



**DO NOTHING, JUST MOVE IN!** Clean. Large Colonial. 2600 sq. ft., 4 large bedrooms. Oak cabinets in kitchen. Huge windows. Good lighting. Act now or lose this one. \$250,000 (55EDI) (248) 626-8800



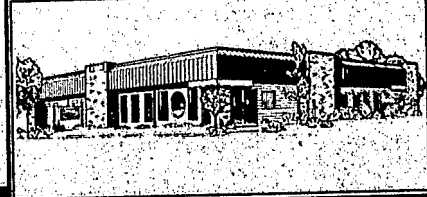
**CLASSIC TRADITIONAL COLONIAL** Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offers neutral decor, open floor plan, finished lower sunroom and 2 fireplaces. Great location in sub. Well maintained. Hurry on this one! \$339,900 (28HEA) (248) 626-8800



**WOW! Stunning up-to-date detached condo.** Soft contemporary. Soaring ceilings. Corian counters. Beautiful large windows overlooking wooded lot. Skylights. Jacuzzi. Tiled foyer. Full basement. \$369,900 (35WOO) (248) 626-8800



**SHARP CONTEMPORARY!** 4/5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Great room, formal dining room, library, gourmet kitchen, 1st floor laundry, luxurious master suite with walk in closet. Finished basement. \$304,888 (71TIM) (248) 626-8800



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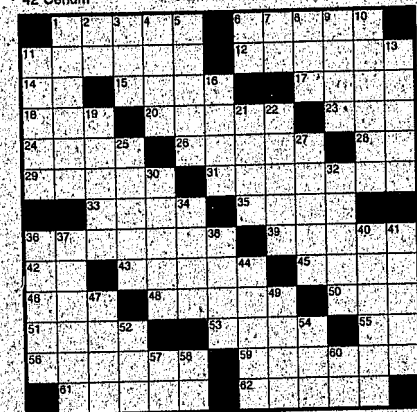
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Lots of updates, newer kitchen & finished basement with bath. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, screened porch to patio with trellis leading to perennial garden. Very charming. \$629,000. ECHESBARGER MAX BROOK REALTORS (248)646-1400

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**PRIME LOCATION**  
Bloomfield Hills schools. Contemporary 2 story home on a spectacular large lot. Great view of Gilbert Lake. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Family room with fireplace. Open floor plan. Circular Drive. Mint condition. Must see! \$475,000.  
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## 306 Brighton

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**THREE BEDROOM BRICK & ALUMINUM RANCH:** 2 baths, finished basement, air, attached 2 car garage, wentry door. Large deck, fireplace, Near Rickett & Lee. Free freeway access. Beautiful trees, new carpet/flooring in kitchen, dining, living & master bedroom. \$153,000.  
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**308 Canton**  
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL, southern exposure with court location, 2 story open foyer with overlooking lot, sunny kitchen w/white cabinets, eat-in kitchen, a breakfast area, vaulted master suite, huge 1/2 acre lot with trees, hardwood floors, entry 3 car garage, full basement, 2 1/2 baths, 2500 sq. ft. (all data approximate). \$296,000. (734) 495-8889

**IMMACULATE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2300 sq. ft., Sunflower Sub, 45717 Radner, S. of Harlow, \$276,900, 734-459-4227**

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**BEAUTIFUL NEW LISTING**  
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Royal Pointe ranch, large living kitchen, master suite w/whirlpool in closet & jacuzzi tub, family room w/fireplace & cathedral ceiling, many wonderful extras, brick paver patio, basement, garage. \$225,900

**AWESOME - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, colonial, remodeled kitchen, bath & lav, family room w/fireplace, 1st floor master suite, many updates, unbelievable addition you have to see, partial finished basement, garage. \$225,900**

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On a manicured lot. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, winding staircase, gourmet island kitchen, fireplace in family room, formal dining room, walkout basement, attached 2 car garage. \$349,000.

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**ROOMY ranch** in quiet neighborhood, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry, family room w/fireplace, large kitchen, lots of pantry space, clean basement, \$210,000. 248-442-0712

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## 320 Hartland

**BARTLAND TWP., 3 bedroom,** 2 bath brick ranch, 2 1/2 car attached garage, finished walkout, extensive deck, jacuzzi, 2.8 acres. \$187,500. (810)632-5112

**Mint condition, 1652 Chelsea Circle, 1988 built 4 bedroom 2 bath, 900 sq. ft. \$189,900. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535**

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## 323 Howell

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**THREE BEDROOM country** farm home with 6 acres, basement, fireplace, new roof, furnace, windows vinyl siding, large barn with lot & horse stalls, 4 car garage, dwarf apple orchard, pond, Howell schools. Quick access to M-59 & I-95. \$229,900. Additional land available. (517) 545-2746

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**27828 Bentley - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2** bath brick ranch, Windows, trim, new roof, updates. \$144,900. By appointment. 734-261-8998

**NEW ON MARKET, 3 bedroom** brick ranch, 1263 sq. ft., 16'x20' family room w/whirlpool ceiling & natural fireplace, drop ceiling on 1st floor, large fenced lot w/boy's ground pool. Many updates, including hardwood floor, central air, furnace, roof, wood windows, finished basement w/full bath, garage. \$142,900. By appt. (248) 777-2153

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**CHARMING 4 bedroom Cape** Cod, new island kitchen, 2 baths, wooded lot, pool. Stevenson HS, \$215,000 pre qualified buyer. 734-261-3915

**GREAT LOCATION!**  
Four bedroom Colonial, spiral staircase, newer windows & furnace. Family room w/fireplace, finished basement w/bay, large kitchen, floor, 2 car attached garage & much more. \$250,000.

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**JUST COMPLETED**  
New construction ranch in central Livonia. Is ready for show. 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath, central air, full basement, 2 car attached garage, Livonia schools, \$229,900.  
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## 326 Milford

**JUST REDUCED 3 bedroom, 2 bath** ranch, 2 car garage, \$143,500. Call Greg, Century 21 Row (734) 464-7111

**NEWER BRICK RANCH**  
Popular Rendell's Ravine. Mint condition, spacious floor plan, separate dining, 1st floor laundry, 2 1/2 bath, full basement, 2 car garage, large lot, 1/2 acre. \$184,500 or on 40 acres for \$189,000.  
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**OUTSTANDING COLONIAL**  
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**326 Milford**  
HISTORICAL HOME - 100% refinished, 1600 sq. ft. Has it all! 3-4 Bedroom, 2 bath, new windows, 2 garage \$180,000. 248-684-8838

**MILFORD VILLAGE, Beautiful 4** bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, approx. 1,700 sq. ft. on quiet dead end street. New kitchen, baths, ceramic tile, carpeting, water heater, roof, central air, 2 car garage, built 1970, remodeled 1988, deck, fenced yard, great family home, lots of storage. \$179,900. 331 Franklin, no realtors please. (248)886-0005

## 326 Milford

**BACK TO NATURE**  
Cuts updated ranch in wooded 1.5 acre parcel bordering Kensington Park. 1st floor laundry, basement and 2 garages, one for cars and one for toys, pets or horses! Endless potential for outdoor enthusiasts! \$134,900. (248) 887-6900

**MAPLE HILL - 17200 Summit Dr.** Fantastic 4 bedroom colonial, fully finished basement, much more. Open Sun. 1-4 \$354,900. (248) 347-4112

**NEW IN 1997, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2** bath, first floor master bedroom, great room, approximately 3,000 sq. ft., Brookstone Village Sub. \$400,000. (734) 420-8388

**ONE OF A KIND!**  
New listing for this superbly updated 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial situated on over 1/2 acre manicured lot. Sellers have spent over \$10K on numerous improvements that set this one apart. \$295,000. Call KEN W. & ask about (kw2) 734-459-3600. 734-201-3316 Realty Executives West.

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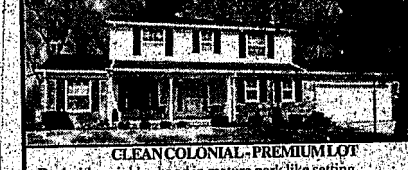
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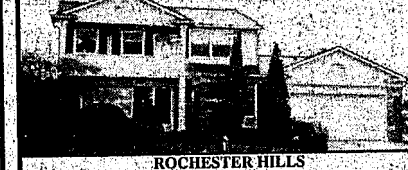
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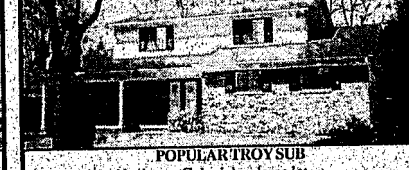
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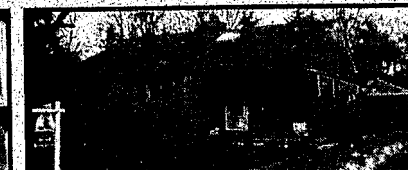
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## focus on photography



Rim shot: Light itself is part of the subject in this picture of Teddy Bear cactus. The rim lighting is an important element in the subject's photographic impact.

## Making light of your photo subject



MONTE NAGLER

Did you know there's a photographic subject of great potential that is often ignored, frequently taken for granted and yet used without exception in every photograph we take? What I'm referring to is plain, old-fashioned, all-important light. Isn't it time we gave it more respect?

Obviously, light is used to illuminate all our photographic subjects, but now let's turn the tables and use light as the subject itself. If you do, you can produce dramatic and exciting pictures.

To begin with, those beautiful sunset/sunrise photographs we all shoot showing the sun as a brilliant fireball surrounded by a rainbow of clouds are in reality photographs of light as the subject. We've all been shooting sunsets for years but didn't realize we're photographing light itself.

In a backlit subject showing a striking silhouette, the lighting is the direct cause of the silhouette and is therefore indirectly the subject. The photograph shown here is just such an example. The "rim lighting" gives this photograph of cactus important impact.

What about lens flare, the usually unacceptable reflections of sunlight bouncing off the glass elements in the lens?

Of course, in most of your shots, you

want to eliminate lens flare by preventing the sun from entering your camera's lens. But how about deliberately allowing some lens flare in order to add an unusual and exciting effect to your picture? In doing so, the flare, or light itself, becomes your subject.

Here's an idea to help make "light" of your subject. With slow speed film and a strong foreground subject such as an old gnarled tree, shoot pictures with the sun directly in the viewfinder. But instead of heeding the meter, use the camera's smallest aperture and fastest shutter speed. In other words, underexpose your shot. And, for safety's sake, don't look at the sun through the viewfinder—look alongside the sun.

This "underexposing" procedure will produce sensational photographs showing the sun as a "star," the foreground subject as a dramatic silhouette, and depending on the lens used and the time of day, some exciting lens flare. What have you really done here? You've made light your subject.

So, begin to think in terms of using light itself as the subject. It's a fine opportunity to acquire a better understanding and appreciation of light. After all, as oils are to the painter, light is to the photographer.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone; then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



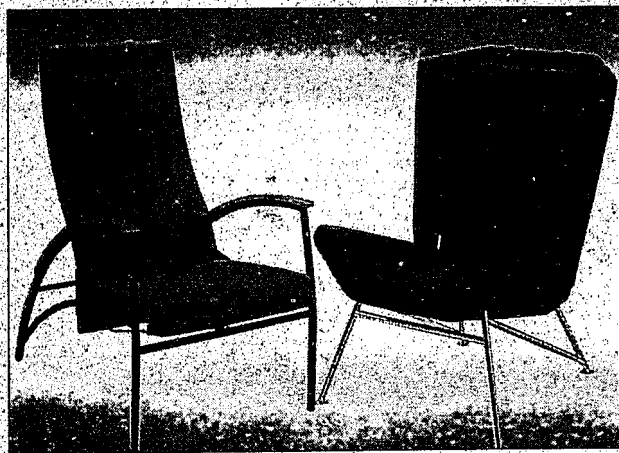


## marketplace



### Glass action

**Sparkling settings:** Kelley Smith of Bloomfield Hills offers hand-painted glassware through her business, The "Bow"tique. Prices are \$75 for cake plates, \$12 for each wine glass, and \$12 for salt and pepper shaker sets. The "Bow"tique's other primary product line is monogrammed linens and baby blankets, with prices of \$38 for an Irish linen boudoir pillow, \$30 for a turtle fur blanket (add \$6 per word to monogram) and \$14 for an Irish linen hand towel. Smith will also monogram clients' own products. Call (248) 626-0203.

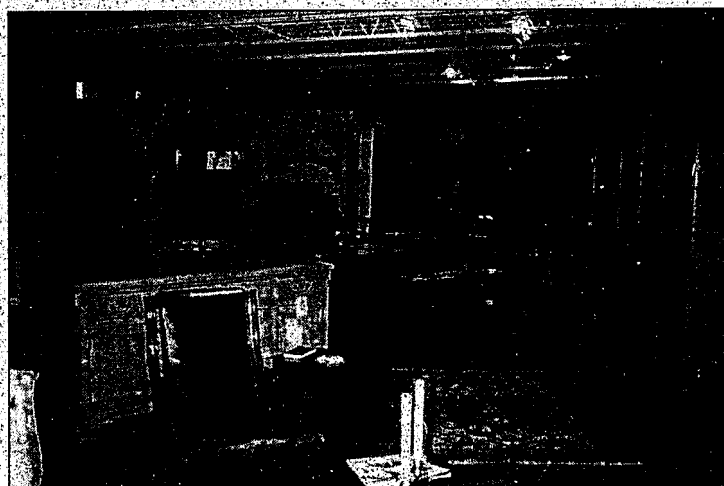


### Stylish seats

**Spring design:** Workbench introduces several pieces for spring, including the Bat-Fix chair (right) and String chair and ottoman. The Bat-Fix chair, a Workbench exclusive from Denmark, marries form to function with a look that recalls the bold Scandinavian modernism of the 1960s. This fanciful "bat" spreads its sculpted foam wings to provide comfortable seating. It is covered in plush fabric of muted blue, beige or green, and has a tubular steel frame. Also from Denmark, the string chair and ottoman designed by Klaus Gelting form a fashionable reclining lounge. The design sports a gracefully arched tubular steel frame capped by maple armrests. The reclining mechanism works with a simple pull of its string. This two-piece recliner is offered in the same plush cover choices as Bat-Fix.

### Salute to the captain

**All Yzerman:** This lithograph of Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman's locker and jersey is available exclusively through The Sports Gallery, 269 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham. It sells for \$295. The work measures 30 by 36 inches and is limited to 600 copies. Every print is autographed by Yzerman and sports artist Bill Williams and numbered, and comes with a certificate of authenticity and a photo of Yzerman and Williams signing each print. Call (248) 642-0044.



### Furniture finds

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appliance doctor

# Home show visitors raise questions



JOE GAGNON

The last of the home improvement shows was this past weekend and it was another terrific time for meeting people and answering questions. The biggest piece of conversation was relative to the hot water tank and the defective dip tube.

Since my first writing about this problem on Dec. 24, the issue has become a national one.

Another common problem asked about at the show is the ice maker which floods the house. It is a fact that the water valve that your copper water line connects to is not the safest thing in the world. Little particles in the water can jam the valve open so that water keeps going into the ice maker. When this happens, consumers report some pretty serious damage to their floor walls and ceilings.

Another problem discussed is the stink odor around many washing machines and laundry rooms. So many times it can be solved by going up on the roof with the garden hose and running some water down the vent pipe. Birds and bees nests and little critters can plug up this vent pipe rather quickly.

The dehumidifier was discussed as it won't be long before high temperatures and relative humidity match each other. Take it to the local car wash and spray it with the pressure hose. Let it dry for a few days before you turn it on and it should work as good as new. The same applies to your room air conditioner.

I want to thank all of you who attended the seminar at the Oxford Tavern a few weeks ago and the thousands who came to say hello at the Home Improvement show.

On a very serious note, I want to explain a change I'm making at the end of this paper where they list my phone number. The number where you can reach me will remain in the paper

just as it has, the response when you call will not be the same. You must understand that I receive 30 to 40 phone calls every day of the week at the radio station. I answer every one of these calls while I'm at the station, in my car or from home. Sometimes I'm calling people well into the night. Many of these calls are from consumers needing help on subjects that don't even come close to my expertise. Examples might be classified as potholes on the road, cutting the grass, moles in the lawn, construction projects, repairs of cars etc.

It is not that I don't want to talk to each of you, but some of these conversations can go on for 15 minutes each. I realize that people need help and how much they depend on me, but for 20 listeners a week who call and ask me to repeat a phone number of one of my advertisers they couldn't write down during the show is a bit much. During the next few days I will have a canned message when you call and it will describe how you can get information without talking to me directly. You

will also be able to describe your problem and how serious it might be and whether or not I should call you back.

Please understand that I am not getting too big for my britches, the britches are so loaded with phone messages that they are hanging around my knees.

With the airing of the "Good Morning America" program on ABC on the hot water subject and my involvement with consumer affairs, they tell me I will be quite busy in the months ahead. It is now a case of not just educating the Detroit area consumer, it expands to the rest of the country. I have a lot of work to do in the years ahead and those are not that many, so I've got to work as fast as I can. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313) 873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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# Get ready now for summer vacation



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Right about this time of year you're probably wondering what you are going to do with your kids when school recesses for the summer. The choices are abundant if you simply apply a little creative thinking and a lot of patience in the registration or

job search processes.

When your work schedule requires your children attend full-time summer camp, realize you may not always be lucky enough to find openings in your family's first choices. No need to worry. With the wide variety of summer camp offerings publicized throughout your local parks and recreation department, churches and synagogues, sports facilities and private health and fitness clubs, finding the right fit for your children is primarily a question of preference and scheduling conflicts. Eventually, you will resolve any registration difficulties and your childcare dilemma. Your children may be reluctant to attend the first few days, but over time will adjust to a

summer program of adventure and new friendships.

Consider course registrations as early as possible if you are a stay-at-home parent who generally prefers to keep your kids busy in a variety of activities as opposed to summer camps. Many venues give you the opportunity to register by phone or fax, eliminating the objection of having to drag the kids with you to the registration lines. Pay attention to spring class booklets you receive in the mail. Some do contain summer courses. If you miss these now, the T-ball class your son has been bugging you to sign up for may be filled by the time the complete summer booklet arrives.

Devote one evening to making a list of all the activities your kids may be interested in over the school break. Develop a rough matrix to help you plot out how all the scheduling and fees compare. Identify timing conflicts. Spend the next morning calling on the various courses and membership opportunities - if you are looking into something such as a swim club membership - to find out how full they are and what additional fees may be involved. Mark all this information on your matrix.

Hang up the telephone and compare notes. Through a process of elimination, you should be able to determine your spring and summer activities schedule without having to procrastinate.

You may be embarking upon your first experience with your college freshman returning home for the spring and summer break. Lately, you may be having visions of your teen sleeping in half the day and spending the other half talking on the phone, running off to the beach or watching hours of television. If this isn't your idea of how you plan to share in each other's company, it's best to tackle this issue sooner than later.

Sit down with your spouse and your teen to discuss what plans she has for her time off. Politely offer suggestions if she hasn't made any plans. Mutually discuss summer employment opportunities. There are plenty of employers looking for full- and part-time college students on spring and summer break. Talk about the possibilities of finding a part-time job and applying for an internship with a company related to your teen's degree program. The experience is invaluable and serves as a wonderful reference, especially when senior year arrives and your soon-to-be graduate is

in search of a full-time job.

A summer job can still offer your teen plenty of time to enroll in a spring or summer course at a local college that will transfer the credit back to her college or university. Point out that taking a spring or summer course near home will help her gain the extra college credit to help take some pressure off her during the fall semester. It can also open the door to enrolling in a course she might not otherwise have had enough credits in a given area for which to qualify.

Lay the ground rules early on in your teen's temporary return home. In doing so, you help eliminate the grievances and animosities that can occur just weeks after her return home when you find her sleeping until all hours of the afternoon after being out until the wee hours of the morning.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing consultant and freelance writer who regularly contributes to several parenting publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions to [LiHealy@aol.com](mailto:LiHealy@aol.com).

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# Create a tasting station for guests



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Traditional dinner parties can get to be the same old, same old — a menu change, an opulent centerpiece, trendy cocktails or beverages ... this may just not be enough to keep entertaining fun for you or for your invited guests.

Creativity is important in cooking, equally important is that creative twist or theme you establish for the evening.

The 1980s brought us the beginning of "food hype," nouvelle cuisine, accessible exotic fruits and vegetables, spa foods, and the word "grazing" (with no reference to the animal kingdom).

Capitalize on this concept, invite friends for an evening of tasting stations. As the host or hostess, you can do all the work, or you can spread it around to those invited. Have each

guest or couple, bring a food station (one particular dish that is enough to feed the crowd attending). Set up a card table for each station, cover it with a pretty tablecloth, and accompany each food with cocktail napkins that fit the theme or are color coordinated.

Let guests graze comfortably all evening, leisurely trying the wonderful assortment of foods. If asking guests to bring a dish, orchestrate the foods, you don't want to wind up with three or four Tex-Mex appetizers!

For a final touch, don't forget a sweet table or a special dessert paired with coffee, tea, cappuccino or a hot toddy.

All of my reading audience will have the opportunity to experience an afternoon of tasting. The TV Food Network's Cooking Across America is returning to the Detroit area with a new event. April 25 from noon until 5pm at the Troy Marriott Hotel, you can join Bill Boggs host and creator of Bill Boggs Corner Table, Chef Mario Batali, host of "Mediterranean Mario" and "Molto Mario," Michael Green, wine consultant to

**Let guests graze comfortably all evening, leisurely trying the wonderful assortment of foods. If asking guests to bring a dish, orchestrate the foods. You don't want to wind up with three or four Tex-Mex appetizers!**

Gourmet Magazine and a regular on the TV Food Network's "Cooking Live," plus Detroit's own Kim Adams (WXYZ-TV Channel 7 meteorologist) hosting the game show Ready...Set...Cook with local chefs: Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill, Keith Famie of Famie's Finds fame, Greg Upshur of Too Chez and Paul Grosz of the Whitney.

The afternoon will be filled with food, wine and champagne tastings from Detroit's hottest restaurants along with product sampling from national sponsors, cooking demonstrations, wine seminars, cookbook sales, and the food competition between our local dueling chefs. Tickets are \$35 each (plus a service charge of \$3.50 per ticket) and can be ordered by calling toll free, (800) 949-Chef (2433).

For your Tasting Station Sensations at home, here's a delicious appetizer to try.

## MINCED SHRIMP AND MUSHROOM CHEESE CAKE

This is an appetizer, not a dessert — creamy and rich — serve with English water biscuits, baguette slices, bagel chips, or your favorite crackers.

Yield: will serve about 18

Ingredients for the Crust:

2 cups fresh bread crumbs from a flavored French bread — black olive, sun-dried tomato, or herb flavored

1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

Ingredients for the Filling:

1-2 tablespoons light olive oil

1 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper

1/2 cup finely chopped celery

4 cups coarsely chopped assorted fresh wild mushrooms (crimini, morels, oyster and shiitakes) or dried ones reconstituted

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature

1 (4-ounce) package cream cheese,

room temperature

2 teaspoons sea salt (or to taste)

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)

4 large eggs

1/2 cup whipping cream

2 cups minced shrimp (use leftover cooked shrimp or canned shrimp processed

to minced)

1 cup grated Jarlsberg cheese (Gouda, Swiss or any other favorite semi-hard cheese)

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Freshly cooked whole shrimp, tails left on and chilled (optional for garnish)

Directions for the Crust:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium-size bowl, mix together bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and melted butter.

With fingertips, press mixture evenly into bottom of a 10-inch springform pan.

Place pan in oven and bake crust until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Let crust cool on a cooling rack.

Directions for the Filling:

Heat olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, red pepper, and celery; sauté several minutes. Add mushrooms; continue to sauté until liquid absorbs and mushrooms begin to turn golden brown (celery should be tender by then). Remove from heat and cool down to room temperature.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese, salt, and cayenne until mixture appears fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, incorporating after each is added. Add whipping cream and mix thoroughly.

Mix in cooled vegetables, minced shrimp, grated cheese, and chopped parsley.

Pour filling over crust. Place cheesecake on a baking sheet (to control spillage).

Bake until cake puffs up and browns (approximately 1 hour 30 minutes). The center will still appear soft (it will set once it is out of the oven). Turn off heat and leave cheesecake in oven with door ajar for one hour. Transfer to cooling rack; cover with plastic wrap and chill for 4 hours. Remove springform sides and garnish with whole shrimp (optional).

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## garden spot

# Don't be floored by flowering plants



MARTY FIGLEY

Most of us grow some kind of houseplant; we are successful with certain types while others just seem to reject anything we do to them to make them grow.

I admit I have seen several "easy-to-grow" plants meet a quick demise while under my care, but I keep trying, as I suppose most of you do, too. What is it that makes us just know that we will some day get it right?

Growing beautiful flowers and enjoying the process can be a rewarding experience. After all, people have been growing houseplants for at least 4,000 years. There is nothing quite like the feeling of pride we get when a visitor says, "Gee, that's a beautiful plant!"

Sometimes books give so much information we are confused and if the instructions are too technical, just decide not to bother. Here are some tips for flowering houseplants that may be of some help.

Flowering plants need different care

and sometimes more skill and effort from foliage plants. Don't be discouraged if you experience a few failures at first.

If your flowering plant isn't blooming, try the following:

**Increase light levels.** Ninety percent of the time, it starts to bloom within two months or during the upcoming flowering season. Check whether it is one of the (fortunately, quite few) plants that require special long-day or short-day schedules in order to bloom. If it is such a plant, change its lighting timetable.

**Increase the air humidity.** Dry air can cause flower buds to dry up before they even become visible.

**Check its temperature needs.** Correct the room temperature if necessary.

**Make sure that it isn't overpotted.** Moderate underpotting may actually help it bloom better.

**Check its roots for signs of insects or disease.**

**Give it a light solution of complete fertilizer.** Be sure to use no more than the recommended dose on the label (and preferably dilute it to around half or less of what the label recommends).

As we study about plants, we learn that flowering plants don't bloom con-

stantly; they have a specific flowering season at specific times of the year. Very few plants bloom all the time and then under ideal conditions.

For first-timers it might be a good idea to try plants that are listed as everblooming because they can bloom at any time of the year.

The following bloom on and off throughout the year (generally with heavy flowering in the spring and summer). They include: African violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*), Crown of thorns (*Euphorbia milii*), Fuchsia (*Fuchsia*), Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*), Impatiens (*Impatiens wallerana*), Peace lily (*Spathiphyllum wallisii*), Streptocarpus (*Streptocarpus x hybridus*), or Zonal geranium (*Pelargonium x hortorum*).

If you have room in your home, you may wish to use an area for a flowering houseplant nursery where you will put them between their flowering times. This is also a good place to work on the plants to groom, propagate or repot them. You might keep all the necessary supplies here, too. If the room doesn't

have enough light, grow-lights will give the needed amount.

These tips come from the book "Houseplants for Dummies," written by my friend, Larry Hodgson, and the editors of the National Gardening Association.

This is just a small fraction of advice in this easy-to-follow format. Twenty-five profiles and correct horticultural care for flowering houseplants follow the general care information.

Information about cacti and succulents, foliage plants, best location for each, displaying, and what to do with florists' plants are just some of the subjects in the book that is published by IDG Books Worldwide Inc. Look for the familiar bright yellow and black cover. Price is \$16.99, soft.

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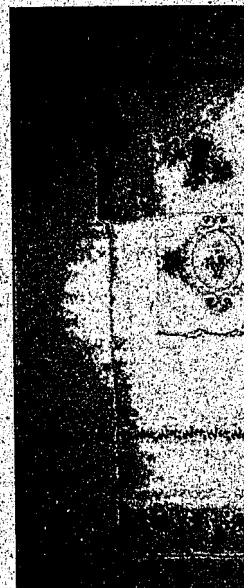
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# Chic, cheap: Decorate on sh



On a budget: Displays are inexpensive ways to decorate.  
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BY CARL WALDMAN  
Special Writer

Whether moving into a new apartment, a penniless student, first-time home buyer, newlywed or just simply broke, everyone at some point needs to decorate on a budget. A well-decorated home provides great rewards and comforts, but many believe it takes too much time and money to achieve. There are hundreds of ways to make your home more beautiful—quick, easy and inexpensive. I'll show you how to make instant curtains out of a bed sheet, give your kitchen a quick face lift, add color and individuality to your walls and accessorize with fun collections.

There is so much you want to do, so much you need, but not the bank account to cover it. Where to begin?

Let's get chic and be cheap... Let's decorate on a shoestring!

**Wake Up Your Walls:** When in doubt paint them white, but a change of color is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to alter the look of an entire room.

Actually, with the power of paint you can update anything. It's the perfect, cost-effective way to add individuality to your home. Adding rich texture to your walls with paint is a nice alternative to wallpaper. Here's a few options. Sponging is the technique of applying one color of paint over another, by dabbing it on with a sponge. The background color and the overcolor that you sponge on should be close in contrast or just a shade apart. For interest add a third color over the sponging color. Ragging and dragging provide other textural options.

Ragging is done by bunching up a rag in your hand and dabbing fast and lightly into the paint while varying the angle of your hand and rearranging the rag around. It creates a loose, color-washed effect of airy dappled color. Dragging, on the other hand, creates a subtle pinstriped effect on your walls. Dragged walls look great in color, for example, dark blue over light blue, red over buff, etc. This process is done by deliberately dragging a paintbrush in paint and making vertical or horizontal lines on your wall. It shows the brush marks, therefore creating a pinstriped look.

**Bed-Sheet Chic:** Bed sheets are terrific to use for inexpensive, instant changes. For a quick sofa cover, drape a large flat sheet over the cushions and secure underneath with safety pins to anchor and keep the fabric from coming loose when someone's sitting on it. Create instant curtains by using a single sheet with a pretty border. Attach ribbons with straight pins or iron-on seam binding and tie to the curtain rod. Use a double bed sheet to drape over a dining room table. The edges are already finished, so no sewing of the hems is required. Use coordinating pillowcases to make napkins. Use designer bed sheets in prints with coordinating solids. The fabrics and colors are so rich from today's manufacturers that they don't resemble bed sheets at all.

**Accessorize with Collections:** Like things are kept best in groupings. For instance, putting 4 or 5 pictures together on a shelf or table creates a collection. They can be new, old, or mixed.

**Group together several of these items and create a statement in any room.**

Candle sticks, baskets, salt and pepper shakers, pitchers, ceramic plates, bowls, rolling pins and even trays. Try hanging antique trays on the wall in a grouping to create warmth and interest.

**Quick Kitchen Face Lifts:** Repainting or restaining kitchen cabinets give an instant lift. For a splash of color try a spray-on enamel in hunter green or your favorite shade of blue. Decorative knobs or antique looking drawer pulls will add character in a flash. Tiling or stenciling the backsplash with a floral or vegetable motif is an easy and inexpensive way to update. If you have a seating area, make new seat cushions from any kind of fabric. Look for printed cloth napkins or browse the fabric store for closeouts. Stretch the fabric tightly around the seat, add new poly-fill stuffing if needed, and staple gun underneath the chair to secure. Place a wire basket full of fresh lemons or green apples in the center of your table. They are cheaper than flowers and last longer!

**Baskets, Pillows and Rugs for Function and Fun:** Oriental type rugs can be purchased inexpensively and add a touch of luxury to any room. Cover tired pillows

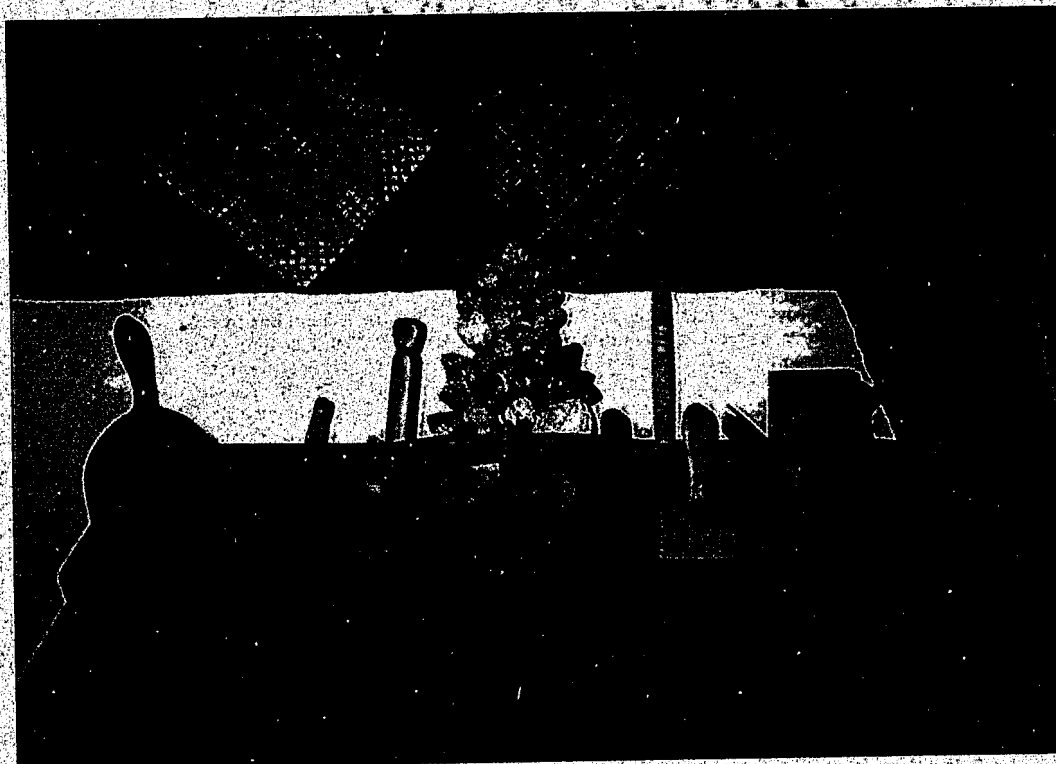


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**Country look:** A country look, and groupings of collectibles, create a statement in any room.

with old chenille bath robes, denim shirts or worn quilts. Gather a group of pillows and put them in a basket next to any sofa or seating area.

For a homey, casual, country look, fill up baskets with natural yarns and scraps of materials, such as wool, cotton or linen. Criss-cross wooden knitting needles through the yarn balls. Place them in the corner of your bedroom or next to a dresser. Use wicker baskets for rolled up towels, either for practical use or just to look at. Use wicker baskets in every room of the home, from kitchen utensils to toys.

**Used Furniture:** The past "unhygienic" stigma associated with used furniture is evaporating as more bargain hunters are realizing the benefits of buying second hand items. Flea markets, garage sales, and consignment shops are great places to find bargains. Paint an old armoire a country color. Then give it an old and distressed look with antiquing. Finally, remove some of the paint by rubbing down the surface with fine sandpaper, and then to steel wool, so that the wood shows through. Satin polyurethane protects the furniture with a matte sheen. If too much work and creative freedom worries you, try stencils. There is a wide variety of pre-cut stencils to choose from, from dainty florals to chunky ethnic designs. Be creative when fixing up used furniture; let it capture the personality of your home.

The more you can do yourself, the more you'll free up your budget for things you can't make. More manufacturers are making "do it yourself" projects much easier. With the help of 24 hour toll-free hotlines, websites, booklets and pamphlets, don't be afraid to jump in and do it your self.

Craft stores, hardware stores and the giant home improvement centers all provide the tools to do most of these projects. Browse discount chains for decorator bed sheets, baskets, rugs, and even furniture pieces that just need a little help. Your home should be a reflection of your personality and fit the needs of your lifestyle. These design ideas don't take a lot of time and can be executed without a lot of money. Happy redecorating on a shoestring!

Carl Waldman is a West Bloomfield free-lance writer.



**On the cover:**

Accessorize with collections to decorate on a shoestring.  
Photo by Carl Waldman.



## handyman hints

# Spring turns thoughts to landscaping

**From the Service Connection:**

With the recent weather we have had calls from consumers that are looking for contractors to do outside work. Here are some questions for this week.

**Q:** Our newly built home needs to have landscaping done, do you have any suggestions on what we should look for in a contractor or what types of landscaping should we have done?

**A:** Landscaping seems to be on the minds of everyone this week. Whenever considering doing a project like landscaping, talk to several different companies to get different ideas. Most of the new homes are built on a cleared lot, which means there is no grass, trees, shrubs or any type of landscaping. There are so many different ways to add a warm and friendly appearance to your home. When talking to landscaping contractors, ask them for addresses of homes that they have done in your area. Drive by the homes, look at the workmanship that is visible from the road. This is better than any reference call. The good thing about landscaping a home that is new is you can do whatever you like. Mounds of dirt can be added to give a hilly look to your home, trees can be added to provide shade in a

yard, and outside lighting is a newer feature that always gives your home a welcome atmosphere for friends and family as well as adding neighborhood security. Sprinklers are another item to think about. This is a great time to install a system. Before the sod is laid to root and before the flowers are planted, sprinklers can be installed throughout the yard to provide a balanced watering technique for any item you choose to add to the landscaping. The wonderful thing about doing a project like landscaping is the entire family can get involved. You will spend quite a bit of time in your yard throughout the summer months, so make it something that customizes your personality and have fun with your family doing it.

**Q:** We live on a corner lot in Livonia and we want to add a privacy fence to our yard. Do we have to remove the existing fence before adding the new fence? What types of ideas should we ask about fencing since it is somewhat of a permanent fixture to our home?

**A:** I happen to live in the city of Livonia and have made the same inquiries this year already. First, I would suggest contacting the City Hall office to confirm the property lines on your lot.

Many people think that if they cut and water the lawn, trim the trees and maintain the lot it belongs to them. But I am sorry to say, you may not. There are several things to think about before you begin to install a fence. If you have an existing fence already that has been there for quite a while, you may find out that your property line is actually two or three feet larger or smaller than your fence is currently. Most likely it is the same, but in my case, the fence was installed in 1974 and we actually had 2-1/2 feet more yard than we had thought. You will also need to investigate about a possible permit that may be needed depending on the job. In the city of Livonia, you will need to remove the existing fence before adding the new one. Also, most cities require for all new privacy fences to be two sided. This way it is appealing to your side as well as your neighbors. Many times, your neighbors may help pay for the installation of the fence if it will be appealing for their yard also.

Regarding what type of fence to install, there are so many, it depends on what type of look you're going for. Drive through neighborhoods and look at the types of fences that are out there.

The appearance of a fence can be customized to add your personal touch; you may want to add poles to hang plants from or lattice work to give a windowed look or possibly you are looking for a complete enclosure. The most common fencing is made of wood, which means stain or paint will be needed to maintain and protect the wood. Possibly consider the newest idea in fencing, vinyl fencing. This is a type of fencing that has nearly no maintenance requirements. Vinyl fencing comes in many different styles, shapes and colors. It is a bit more expensive than wood, but some say it's better to pay for something that has no maintenance than to install something that requires some elbow grease. And before starting the work, make sure you've contacted your City Hall. You don't want to start a job and then find out you needed a permit.

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# Plants by mail should go out soon

BY ED HUTCHISON  
FOR AP SPECIAL EDITION

The merchants who hope to sell more than \$2.1 billion worth of plants by mail to U.S. consumers this year have a simple formula that they say virtually guarantees success:

Open the box when it arrives. Set out the plants as soon as possible and above all, provide the light, soil and moisture the plant prefers.

"We want you to succeed," said Debbie Van Bourgondien, immediate past president of the 216-member Mailorder Gardening Association (MGA). Her family's company, headquartered in Babylon, N.Y., is the nation's second largest importer of Dutch-grown bulbs and perennials.

But why bother ordering from a distant nursery when there are lots of plants available locally? Two reasons, Van Bourgondien said: Selection and information.

"How many different hosta varieties can a home center carry? Maybe three or four. Most mail-order nurseries will have dozens of varieties and some of the hosta specialists will have hundreds available. Selection is probably the biggest reason for buying by mail," she

said.

"By mail" can be misleading, as many packages are delivered by United Parcel Service and an increasing number of customers are placing orders via the Internet. By rough estimates, though, about half of the industry's orders arrive the old-fashioned way — by mail, with a check or money order enclosed.

Van Bourgondien believes the industry excels in providing consumers with useful information about the conditions a plant needs to grow well. This contrasts sharply, she said, from the basics-only information typically found on care tags and labels on plants purchased locally.

Many catalogs and Web sites go into great detail in this regard. Here's part of the description Wayside Gardens of Hodges, S.C., provides in its catalog listing of a potentilla shrub:

"Attractive foliage is generally fine-textured and light green, with deeply-cut, five-lobed leaves. Very easy to grow — long-lived and tolerant of heat and drought; best in well-drained soil and full sun, although partial shade is tolerated well (and even preferred to reduce fading of flowers with predominantly red tones)."

Most mail-order specialists welcome

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consumers' questions about choosing and caring for plants and staff horticulturists answer many of these calls, Van Bourgondien said.

Even though thorough growing information is provided, Van Bourgondien believes that proper care when the order is delivered is critical to the plant's health. Here's the detail behind her and MGA's recommendations:

Open the box immediately. Perennials, shrubs and trees are typically shipped with their roots bare, moistened and protected from drying by a plastic wrap or similar covering. While the boxes are not airtight, things inside do get a little humid. Mildew and mold can develop after a few days, especially if

the box is kept in a garage or shed where air doesn't move much.

The solution is simple: Open the box and leave the top ajar, but the roots covered. This also lets the gardener check the condition of the plants and retrieve and read the planting instruction that are typically packed inside.

Plant as soon as possible. Before shipping, plants and bulbs are stored under environmental conditions that maintain their ready-to-plant condition. While three to five days in a stuffy box doesn't hurt them, Van Bourgondien says plants will more readily adjust to the garden when planted sooner, rather than later.

Provide ideal conditions. While plants can adjust to less-than-ideal growing conditions, they'll do best when provided with the right mix of sun, water and soil.

Ideal conditions are especially important when choosing and planting trees and shrubs, given their years of life and difficulty in moving if initially planted in a less-than-ideal spot.

The MGA offers a consumer guide to specialties of more than 150 of its members. For a copy, send \$2 to Mailorder Gardening Association, P.O. Box 2129, Columbia, Md. 21045, or visit its Web site at [www.mailordergardening.com](http://www.mailordergardening.com)



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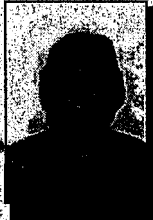
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# Plan well to have a good vacation



DIANA KOENIG

At Home introduces a new column this week, Domestic Planner® by Diana Koenig.

Koenig's column appears in newspapers nationwide. She is married and the mother of four children. As an educator, writer and author she teaches people home organization and time management principles. Koenig is a speaker and home/office consultant. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education. In addition to her responsibilities with Domestic Planner®, she teaches piano and manages a Creative Memories Unit. She will introduce you to organization systems and ideas to help you become more productive with your time.

**Q:** Going on vacation is a lot of work. The following thoughts run through my mind as I pull out of the driveway: "I don't remember if I packed my swimming suit. Did I lock the back door? I think I turned the iron off, but I'm not sure." I am exhausted

by time we leave on our trip. It takes days to recover when we return home. Do you have a solution?

A. Organization is a necessary ingredient when preparing for vacation. I plan ahead and I keep several written lists. I keep a list of things to do, people to call, items to pack, vacation agenda and unpacking a home. Every family member has jobs to do. For example, older children can do their own packing, help load the car, be responsible for their own belongings and assist in vacation planning.

#### Things to do:

Begin preparing a week before you leave. Make a specific list of things to buy. Shop for toiletry items, clothing, reading materials and snacks. Get out the luggage and make sure it is adequate. Gather phone numbers in case of emergency and addresses to send postcards. Put a hold on the mail at the post office or pay a neighbor child to collect your mail while you are gone.

#### People to call:

First decide the vacation location and then make the arrangements. We make arrangements months or weeks ahead, depending on the destination. It is important to make reservations early to

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take advantage of discounts. First, make reservations with the airline if you are flying and then reserve the rooms. Call a friend or neighbor to watch the house, feed the dogs and bring in the paper. Leave hotel phone numbers with relatives and friends. As soon as you arrive at your vacation destination, call and make arrangements for tours and other sightseeing trips.

#### Packing:

Start a written list of items to pack a week before you actually pack. It is so easy to forget things if you pack in a hurry. You can keep a list on your refrigerator or you can jot things down as you think of them. Some of the items on your list could include: camera, video camera, film, batteries, videotapes, notebook, tickets, reservation information, brochures, vacation agenda, deck of cards, books, magazines, pillows (of riding in the car), snacks, toys (if traveling with young children), change of clothes (a change each day plus two extras), P.J., swim suit, socks, underwear, shoes, toiletries. You should do the majority of washing and ironing two days before you pack. Put everything in the suitcases the day before you leave. Begin collecting things you will be taking several days before your departure. Put these items in a designated area in your house. You could use the corner in your bedroom or a spare room that is not in the way of your daily activities.

#### Vacation agenda:

Whether you plan an itinerary before

you leave or not, you should be flexible and wait to finalize the plans until you arrive at your destination. This gives you an opportunity to consult locals and look at brochures as a family to decide exactly what you would like to do. Write a daily schedule (which is subject to change) allowing each person to contribute their ideas. When you plan and write things down you have a better chance of doing them. It is important to have a back-up plan for your vacation schedule. When plan A does not work be prepared to implement plan B.

#### Unpacking:

When you arrive home you should be ready to resume your routine immediately. This can be difficult if things do not get unpacked quickly. Delegate jobs. Someone can unload the car, bringing everything into a central location such as the kitchen. Immediately begin unpacking the dirty laundry and start the washer. Younger children make ideal "runners," taking things to specific rooms. Once everything is in the proper room, each family member is responsible for his own personal unpacking.

My husband and I planned a five-day get-away without children a few years ago. Our destination was Barbados. I did not follow the system of making lists. Everything was going according to plan. We landed on the island and checked into an expensive resort, planning to use some coupons that would allow us to stay at the hotel free. When my husband asked me for the coupons, I discovered they were not in my purse. We called my mother to help us locate the coupons at home. She sent them to us express mail. After \$100 in phone calls and \$50 in postage, I decided that making lists would always be a part of my future vacation planning.

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# Designs put accent around home

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At-Home Editor

Little things mean a lot to Tracy Stanton.

The Birmingham resident knows that as a piece of jewelry can be just the right touch to complement an outfit, an accessory for a piece of furniture can be just the right touch to complement a room.

Stanton, who designed jewelry for Jacobson's in Birmingham and Laurel Park Place in Livonia for the 1994 fashion season, and who exhibited her jewelry at the Fashion Accessories Expo in New York City in 1994, now makes accessories for the home. Her business has the fitting name of Jewels for the Home.

"It's jewelry for the home," Stanton said of her accent pieces.

In an interview at her apartment, she illustrated how a small accessory can make a big difference, using a knob and a finial she designed.

She placed the knob on a cabinet door and the finial on one end of a curtain rod, and each worked like a brooch or an earring to add an elegant accent.

"You have something really plain, (put a) finial on the end, it dresses it up," Stanton said.

"With art for the home you can be a little more creative."

Besides knobs and finials, Stanton's accessories include frames, candlesticks, perfume bottles, switchplate covers, photo album covers, napkin rings, 8-inch furnishings and even magnets.

"If you put something on your refrigerator, why not have it look pretty?"

The items are made of an acrylic medium and adorned with small buttons, tiny beads, "little pieces that I find."

Most are antique looking, colored

**Jewels for the home: Tracy Stanton of Birmingham displays some of the artistic knobs she has designed.**

white or silver and featuring a lace-like pattern over their surface and angels or roses. Others, such as those for children's rooms, have bright hues and feature whimsical creatures.

Among the prices are \$10 for magnets, \$10 to \$14 for napkin rings, \$12 for switchplates, \$15 to \$16 for perfume bottles, \$20 or \$25 for candlesticks, \$20 to \$26 for knobs, \$40 for pairs of finials and \$45 for albums.

"No two pieces are absolutely alike."

Stanton, who became interested in designing home accessories about three years ago, can fill custom orders. She has worked with interior designers.

"I can do anything."

Stanton grew up in an artistic family in Southfield. She graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School and attended Michigan State University.

"I would always take art classes - weaving, drawing, jewelry making, photography. No matter what I did I always took art work."

Call Jewels for the Home at (248) 723-9013.

Does your business offer a new or unusual product or service for the home? Did you come up with a solution for an interior design challenge? Share your home decor ideas with readers through Focal Point. Contact At Home Editor Mary Klemic by phone, (248) 901-2569; fax, (248) 644-1314; or writing her at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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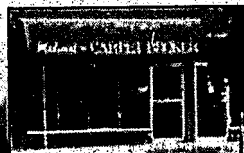
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■ Caleca painter Kelly Machado will demonstrate the creative techniques of hand painting Caleca china in Hudson's Marketplace, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Somerset Collection in Troy, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Oakland Mall in Troy, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

■ The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington will present "Starting From Scratch," a program of lectures, demonstrations and craft projects, Saturday, April 17, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The program starts with coffee 9:30 a.m., and classes begin 10 a.m. and continue to 3 p.m. Topics will include creative decorating with items in your home, what to grow when you want to do your own flower arranging, basic flower arranging, gardening naturally, and how to grow plants from seed. Janet Macunovich will give a slide presentation and lecture, and there will be a hands-on make it and take it. Boutique items made by club members will be for sale. Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$15. For information, call Jeannine at (248) 478-8295. Part of the profits will go toward buying materials for the club's Garden Therapy program, which benefits students in the Farmington special education classes.

■ Join the interior designers from Hudson's as they present a continuing series of free seminars on creating a wonderful home. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduled seminars include 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Hudson's Northland and

Westland. For more information about the Interior Design Studio, call (800) 480-1623.

■ Hudson's will present a demonstration of how to dress up your table with the new line of Nautica Dinnerware 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Hudson's Marketplace at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

■ Try your hand at slip casting, the art of pouring liquid clay into plaster molds to produce hollowware pieces of porcelain, in the china department of Hudson's. Master potter Weems "Ted" Estelle will demonstrate the craft of creating fine Limoges porcelain 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Somerset Collection in Troy and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

■ The Bromeliad Society and Professor Penrith Goff will present "Tillandsias: True Airplants" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Rochester Hills Environmental Center, 1115 Avon Road just west of Livernois. Guests may attend. Call Siegrid Stern at (248) 375-1411 for more information.

■ Merritt Wolson of Merrittscape Inc. will teach a water gardening class 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 20 and 27, at The Community House in Birmingham. Learn how to build a fish pond, select fish and plants and maintain it. Call The Community House at (248) 644-2476 for information. Wolson has 20 years of experience in horticulture, landscape design and installation, and an unusual teaching style that combines information, plant history, folklore, storytelling and humor.

■ Clarenceville Community Education is sponsoring a series of gardening classes. Topics, dates and costs are "Ornamental Edibles," Tuesday, April 20, \$16; "Shade Gardening," Thursday, April 22, \$9; "Flower Gardening," Tuesday, April 27, \$16; "Water Gardening," Thursday, April 29, \$9. For more information, call (248) 473-8933.

■ The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, north off University and west of Main, presents a variety of spring classes. They include "Easy Crochet," Wednesdays, April 21 to May 26, \$40; and "Make a Collector Teddy Bear (Level II)," Thursdays, April 29 to May 13, \$30. Pre-registration is required; by mail or at the community house. Call (248) 651-0622.

■ Learn the how-tos of backyard composting and yard waste reduction by attending Wayne County's spring 1999 master composter training session. Classes will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 12 through June 16, at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Room 2. The \$25 material fee is due the first night of class. Register now; class size is limited. Call the Wayne County Department of Environment Land Resource Management Division at (734) 326-3936 to register.

■ The Home Depot offers free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. The clinics last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information, contact your local Home Depot store. Topics scheduled for April are "Installing Pergo Flooring," 7 p.m. Tuesdays; "Building a Retaining Wall," 7 p.m. Thursdays; "Spring Lawn Care," 7 p.m. Fridays; "Planning and Building a Deck," 9 a.m. Saturdays; "Using a Power Painter," 10 a.m. Saturdays; "Installing Fencing," 10 a.m. Sundays; and "Replacing Your Roofing," 11 a.m. Sundays.

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. Glenna Long and Marvel Steiger will speak on "Incredible Edibles." Non-

member donation \$3.

■ An informal gathering of knitters will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, to chat and work on their projects. Beginners are welcome. Call (248) 737-0110.

■ A master composter class sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority will take place Thursdays beginning 7-9 p.m. April 15 at the Royal Oak Senior Adult Center. Registration is \$15 for southeast Oakland County community residents, \$25 for others. For more information, call SOCRA at (248) 288-5150.

■ The Do It Yourself Center has opened a new second location at Jossman and Grange Hall Road in Ortonville. Call (248) 627-2068. An open house is scheduled 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 17. How-to decorating classes "for the talent impaired" this month at the center are EZ-build ottoman, glass painting, fake fireplace, upholstery, faux finishes, swags and jabots, antique and distressing, and custom cornice boards.

■ This month's indoor conservatory tour at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, highlights "A Gardener's Fare: Exotic House Plants." The docent-led tours will take place 2 p.m. Sundays, April 18 and 25. Conservatory admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students K-12, and free for preschool children, UM students with identification and Members of Matthaei. For more information, call Liz Elling at (734) 998-7061.

■ Explore new techniques for the garden by taking adult education classes offered by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Topics, fees and dates include "Garden Preparation," \$30, Monday, April 19; and "Wednesday A.M. Hiker," \$135, five Wednesdays, April 21 and 28 and May 12, 19 and 26. Call (734) 998-7061 for more information and to register. Gardens members receive 10 percent off any adult education class.

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St. Charles is a success story that began 63 years ago. The company is known for producing highly functional, very stylized cabinetry for both residen-

tial and commercial use.

St. Charles was the cabinetry of choice in such prominent houses as The Farnsworth House, designed by Ludwig Mies van de Rohe, and Falling Water, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The new look of St. Charles is international with a softer, more inviting feel. The designs incorporate clean lines but aren't cold. Accessories and hardware are fun as well as functional, and colors range from bright white to rich blues and cherry.

An advanced communications system has also been designed and will be available soon, Fried said. With this new system, the end consumer will be able to see his or her designed space come to life and review related accessories even moments after they are introduced.

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Bedroom People, whose selections of youth bedrooms include the Dennis Connor Stars and Stripes Collection and Grant Hill Collection, will host a benefit evening for the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Art Van Furniture, 32301 Woodward in Royal Oak. Reservations are \$50 per person and may be made by calling the Boys & Girls Club at (248) 544-4166 by Tuesday, April 20. The benefit evening will offer a strolling supper, beverages and live musical entertainment. Michigan First Lady Michelle Engler will greet guests and autograph copies of "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," the official children's book of the state of Michigan. Partial proceeds from the sale of the books (\$18 each) will go to the Boys & Girls Club and the Sleeping Bear Literacy Foundation.

Renowned botanist and author Frederick Case will share his knowledge of the wildflowers that cover the Michigan landscape during the Friends of the Gardens annual spring lecture, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens,

1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Lecture admission is \$10, free for Members of the Gardens. Reservations are required. Call (734) 998-7061. Case, a research associate and fellow at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, has written "Orchids of the Western Great Lakes Region," "Wildflowers of the Northeast" and "Trilliums."

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' 19th annual Spring Plant Sale and Marketplace will take place Friday to Sunday, April 30 to May 2, at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. At the Spring Sale Savvy Session noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, you will have an opportunity to pick up the plant list for the sale and talk to master gardeners and the Gardens' horticultural staff about your gardening plans and needs. The sale will begin with a day for Members of the Gardens 3-7 p.m. April 30; memberships will be available at the door. Members receive a 10-percent discount on plant material. The sale will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 1-2.

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# Mod squad: Modernism expo set

BY MARY KLEMIC  
At Home Editor

The many members of this "mod squad" share an interest in a particular style.

They enjoy and appreciate modernism, the 20th century design of function and fun for furniture and accessories. And whether you are mad about modernism, would like to look at and learn about it, or are somewhere in between, an upcoming weekend is special.

The sixth annual Michigan Modernism Exposition, with 78 prominent modernism merchants from around the country displaying and selling, will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile.

A gala preview to benefit the Detroit Area Art Deco Society is scheduled 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the center. The preview will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and entertainment.

Modernism's design - free of ornamentation, and featuring classic lines - enables it to mix with other styles.

"Anything from that period is so classic they still have a modern look to them, even though they were designed in the '20s," said Suzanne Spilkin of the

DAADS.

"Some people have a sense of nostalgia for it."

Examples of modernism pieces are bleached wood coffee tables, black and chrome tables and lamps, trumpet lamps and tubular aluminum furniture.

Modernism designers include Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the Stickleys and Salvador Dali. The works are of the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie, Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-classical schools of design.

"The show is exceptional," Spilkin said of the Southfield exposition. "Only a handful of shows in the country that are of this caliber."

The dealers in the expo all focus on pieces from the 1920s to 1950s, and are premier in their field, she said.

This year, the DAADS will have a booth with the theme, "Fashion Designs of the Deco Era." Caroline Ashleigh of Caroline Ashleigh Associates of Birmingham will present a lecture, "The Art of Fashion 1925-1945," 11 a.m. April 25 prior to the opening of the show.

Michigan Modernism Exposition hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 24, noon to 5 p.m. April 25. Admission is \$7 with any of the event's ads or listings, \$8 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One

paid admission is good for both days of the show.

Admission for the preview is \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door. Call (248) 582-DECO for information.

Tickets for the preview are available at the David Klein Gallery in Birmingham (call (248) 433-3700); Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville (call (248) 344-7200); Modernage in Pontiac (call (248) 745-0999); and Antiques on Main (call (248) 545-4663), Deco Doug (call (248) 547-3330) and Carol Grant Decorative

Arts (call (248) 398-1411) in Royal Oak.

The DAADS is a nonprofit organization. Its volunteers work to preserve architecture from the Art Deco era and educate the public, and serve as resources and consultants for architects and designers who want to represent this period. The DAADS is also a social group.

How will the start of a new century affect the organization's thinking?

"It will be a reminder of how classic and enduring this style is."

## Welcome spring at programs

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
Special Writer

Two exciting days will be filled with gardening ideas that will welcome spring at Goldner-Walsh Garden Center, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

There is no cost for these programs, but reservations are required for each day - limited to the first 75 people. Call (248) 332-6430 by the deadline, Friday, April 16.

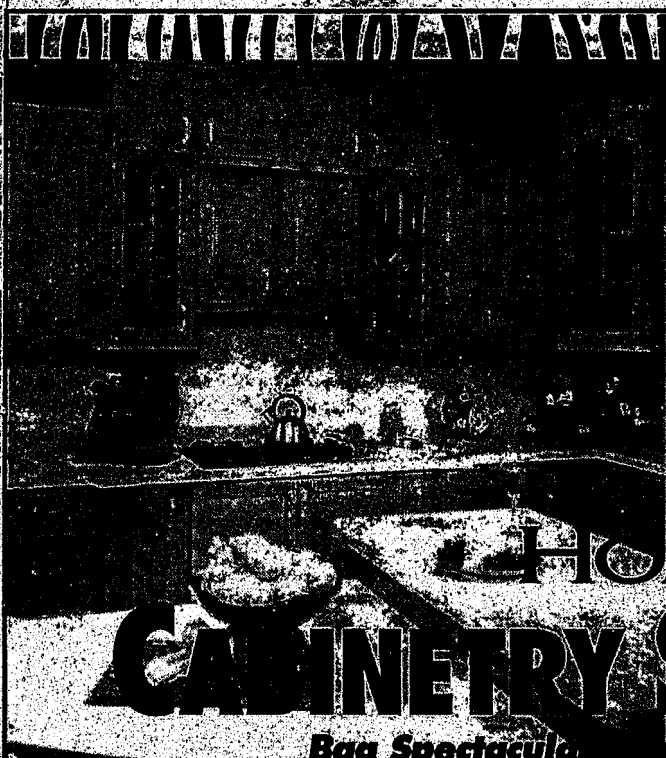
Jim Wilson, co-host of TV's "Great Gardeners" and "The Victory Garden," will present "Planting a Paradise in

Containers" noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

Chef Ron Collasanti of the Clever Cooks of Birmingham will present "Asparagus, the Delicacy of Spring" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

Part two of this day will feature Jim Slezinski Sr., designer and chief horticulturist of the nursery. He will conduct a workshop, "The Culture of Growing Asparagus," where attendees will learn what to do to assure a perfect crop.

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# Entertainment

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FRIDAY

Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$15-\$46, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



Kathleen Madigan brings laughter to Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Performances 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tickets \$15, call (248) 542-9900.

SUNDAY



Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents the musical version of "Velveten Rabbit" at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.



Clay artist Robin Sterling is one of 32 professional artists displaying and selling their work at the fourth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair, Friday-Sunday, April 16-18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Sugarloaf Art Center, 10000 Sugarloaf Rd., Northville. Tickets \$5, call (313) 576-5111.



Turn-of-the-century tragedy: Madame Butterfly commits suicide after being deceived by an American Navy lieutenant.

## Michigan Opera Theatre honors tradition in tragic love story

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER  
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When Giacomo Puccini wrote "Madame Butterfly," he could not have foreseen the anxiety he would cause for Teri Hoffman and her daughter Jillian some 95 years later. The 5-1/2-year-old Rochester girl plays the daughter of Butterfly and U.S. Navy lieutenant H.F. Pinkerton in the Michigan Opera Theatre production opening April 17 at the Detroit Opera House.

Of course, Puccini had his own set of troubles when "Madame Butterfly" opened at La Scala in 1904. A jeering and hissing crowd forced the Italian composer to cancel the opera and synthesize two lengthy acts into three shorter ones. The show went on with Toscanini conducting the new effort, as he had the first, and it's been a hit with audiences ever since.

Explaining the plot to Jillian, however, has proved a challenge to Teri Hoffman. Language differences also caused difficulties. Madame Butterfly will be sung in Italian with English subtitles.

"It's difficult to explain when she asks why daddy married another woman and then explaining the suicide scene, that it's pretend, and this was long ago and this was how they kept their honor," said Hoffman. "Also, there's a lot of Italian words she has to know to be on cue, so it's educating me first."

True to Puccini's tragic story of unrequited love, Michigan Opera Theatre staging director Mario Corradi sets Madame Butterfly's marriage to the callous American in Nagasaki. This is the first time, Corradi's staged "Madame Butterfly" although he's been directing operas since 1982, Corradi's displeasure with

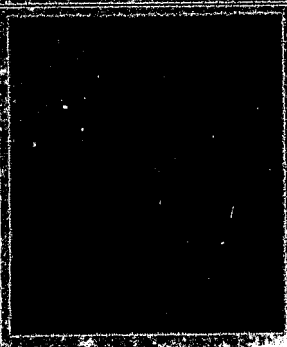
a 1983 Charleston production on which he was assistant director, set the tone for Michigan Opera Theatre's traditional rereadings of Puccini's work. Corradi wanted to avoid altering the opera by setting it in a Nagasaki brothel on the eve of the World War II bombing of the city, as the 1983 production had done.

"A director is not a composer," said Corradi. "With the fad in Europe there's a haughtiness on the part of the director who thinks he's updating." Corradi, a traditionalist, Corradi stayed away from the stereotypical type of cute Japanese restaurant. Instead, he incorporated several elements of Kabuki theater. Corradi has worked in Japan as an opera director since 1990, so he's well-acquainted with the culture.

"Ten years ago women still walked two steps behind the man," said Corradi. "While that's changed I tried to retain the story. But in a sense this 'Butterfly' could take place in any culture that takes advantage of another culture, where a man thinks he can buy a woman for 100 yen. Thank God for the subtitles that people can see the contempt Pinkerton has for the culture. Pinkerton is the ugly American."

"Madame Butterfly" is not a weak woman according to Corradi. She is simply a woman who loves a man who scorns her. Three years later when Pinkerton returns with an American wife to retrieve the child he had with her, Butterfly, to keep her honor, commits suicide. That's a tragic scenario for any age to handle, but Jillian seems to be taking it all in stride. Hiding her head in Teri's arms helps when the subject arises offstage.

"I like the Butterfly," said Jillian, a kindergarten student at



Trouble: Jillian Hoffman plays Madame Butterfly's young son in the Michigan Opera Theatre's production at the Detroit Opera House.

### "MADAME BUTTERFLY"

**WHAT:** The Michigan Opera Theatre stages Giacomo Puccini's tragic love story with a double cast which includes Chinese and Russian sopranos in the title role.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, April 24 and May 1  
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 and Friday, April 23  
2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, April 25 and May 2

**WHERE:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway.

**TICKETS:** \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666.

Baldwin Elementary, in Rochester.

It's not surprising that one of Jillian's favorite parts is the bath scene where she gets to blow bubbles. Jillian is a typical little girl who when not on the stage loves to draw, paint and play with her Barbies. When asked if she'll be nervous on opening night, she replies "no, because it will be just like rehearsal."

Please see BUTTERFLY, E2

## Nancy Wilson enjoys telling stories with song

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Nancy Wilson is proud to call herself a "saloon singer."

"There aren't any supper clubs anymore, and I prefer supper clubs," she said. "I'm a saloon singer and I love it, but you do what you do."

On April 24, Wilson will perform with her trio in the comfortable surroundings of the Southfield Centre for the Arts, once a synagogue.

"I feel for the audiences in big auditoriums because they miss the nuances," she said.

And the nuances mean a lot when listening to Nancy Wilson, often regarded as one of the last great female singers from the "golden age of song," a direct link to Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and Dinah Washington.

Wilson was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1937 and in her 62 years, she's recorded 60 albums. Her first recording for Capitol was "Like in Love" and she had her first hit in 1962 with the great jazz sax



Nancy Wilson

player Cannonball Adderley. "Save Your Love For Me" in 1964 she won a Grammy and a large following with "How Glad I Am."

Her albums have explored numerous styles of music that have won her an audience in this country and abroad, especially in Japan where she recorded a series of successful albums in the early '80s.

Her most recent album, "If I Had My Way" (Columbia) moves into more contemporary territory, the world of smooth jazz.

"That one is AC, adult contemporary with electric instruments," a more R&B sound than traditional," Wilson said.

When asked why she would abandon her traditional sound, she responded bluntly.

"I did it because I'm tired of marketing people not knowing where to put me," she said.

The album's best feature is Wilson's expressive, dramatic voice, but it is often buried in overproduced, soggy arrangements, synthetic electric saxes, repetitious hooks and inane backing vocals. It isn't Wilson at her best, but it is what radio stations are playing these days.

Two of the numbers, Bill Withers' "Hello, Love" and "A Fool in Love" were recorded at a studio in Oak Park with producer Michael Powell.

Wilson is at her best telling a story and that is the kind of material she is most comfortable performing. Except for an annoying electric saxophone intro, that is best exemplified on her new album by the Withers song.

"I look for a story," she said. "I would rather tell a story than have a hook. I like to have a beginning, a middle and an end and have a bridge."

Please see WILSON, E2

**WHO:** Singer Nancy Wilson  
**WHERE:** Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24  
**TICKETS:** \$30 and \$35 may be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet. To charge call (248) 645-6666. Tickets also available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road.

## DANCE

### An ancient tale with contemporary sensuality

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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A story about the dominance of a patriarchal culture whereby women submit to the whims and desires of men commits just about every sin against political correctness, not to mention being simply anachronistic.

But "A Tale of One Thousand and One Nights" has survived since the 14th century because of the simple story of love, trust and the pain of betrayal. (The few hundred beheadings are only thrown in to make a point.)

Of course, in the age of theatrical spectacle, "A Tale of One Thou-

**WHAT:** "A Thousand and One Nights" is performed by the Ballet Internationale, a world-renowned dance company, at the Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 1450 Madison Ave., New York City.  
**WHEN:** Sunday, April 18, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 1450 Madison Ave., New York City.  
**TICKETS:** \$31-\$65, \$14.50-\$18, \$3-\$5, call (212) 645-6666.

sand and One Nights" has transcended the literal to become big-budget fodder for Hollywood, Disney, and Broadway. (Can you say countless productions featuring Aladdin, Sinbad and Ali Baba?)

Add ballet to the list of notable

inspirations, thanks to dynamic choreographer Eldar Aliiev.

The former star of the world renowned Kirov Ballet, Aliiev brings his Indianapolis-based dance company, Ballet Internationale, to the Music Hall for performances of "A Tale of One Thousand and One Nights" this weekend.

The ballet, created by Aliiev three years ago, has played to sold-out audiences throughout the United States. In 1997, the ballet was named the major dance of the year by "Arts & Entertainment" magazine.

Please see DANCE, E2



Exotic spectacle: Ballet Internationale company members in a scene from "A Thousand and One Nights," an extravaganza of lavish costumes, sets and choreography.



# Latin Playboys are all-star line-up Butterfly from page E1

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Renowned producer Mitchell Froom hasn't been on the road much. He admits that the lyrics on "Dose," the latest CD from his band Latin Playboys, are indecipherable. But those two things have revved up Froom for his tour.

"The shows have been really great. There's a lot of diehard fans. I was real surprised to see some people singing along with all the songs. We've never performed before and you can't understand the words," Froom said with a laugh.

"It must be people with the lyric sheets memorizing the words. It's been great. The thing that surprised me is I thought a lot of people would be staring and trying to figure out what's going on. But most people react as if it's a party. It's funny and it's fun and I like that."

Latin Playboys is a super-group of sorts pairing Froom, who last toured with his wife Suzanne Vega, with fellow producer/engineer Tchad Blake, and Los Lobos' David Hidalgo and Louis Perez.

The quartet started the Latin Playboys in 1993 after working together on Los Lobos' "Kiko" album.

"That was a real artistic breakthrough. The result of it was that David kind of kept going. I think he felt really inspired. He was working on some music at home. He then gave the tape to Louis Perez who then gave it to me. It was the best tape I've ever heard. I couldn't stop listening to it," Froom explained.

Blake in turn listened to the tape and they decided to leave the music in its most primal form.

"We didn't want to record the music. It was so beautifully done that we couldn't imagine starting over," Froom said.

The group asked Warner Bros. for a small budget to record. In 12 days in the studio, the Latin Playboys wrapped up their self-titled debut.

"We did it and we didn't think that anything would happen beyond that. But it built a kind of mystique around it. It got used in a lot of films, critics were liking it," Froom said of the 1994 album.

Excited, the quartet returned to the studio last year to record a follow-up disc, this time on Atlantic Records. The produc-

tion of "Dose" may be lo-fi, but the music is complex, an amalgamation of Latin, R&B, rock, jazz, and world beat music.

Guest appearances include Tracy Bonham on violin on "Fiesta Erotica" and former Prince cohorts Wendy and Lisa singing back up on "Lemon N Ice" and "Latin Trip." Perez and Blake did a lot of the artwork for the album.

In order to tour, Froom and Blake cleared their schedule for the rest of the year. The two needed a break, he said.

"I have a lot of records coming out this year. There's Randy Newman's album, Tracy Bonham, Ron Sexsmith. I worked on a Vonda Shepard record. Chad worked on a record with Doyle Bramhall. For once, when we did this tour, neither of us booked anything afterward. Both of us worked right through the holidays."

Touring, Froom explained, is important this time around. Live, Hidalgo is on guitar and vocals, Froom plays keyboards, Blake is on bass and saxophone, and Perez sings, plays guitar and percussion. The group will

be joined by drummer Cougar Estrada and violinist Lisa Germaine.

"(Touring) it's like standing up for it. Up until that point, a lot of people thought it was a one-off project or just an experiment. It really is a band and it sounds like a band when we play live. It's really been fun to do. It's not a financial thing for us. It's like standing up for the music."

**Latin Playboys and special guest Lisa Germaine perform Thursday, April 22, at The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call (313) 833-9700 or visit [www.99music.com](http://www.99music.com).**

**The group will also perform Thursday, April 15, on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." A Latin Playboys' concert will be Web cast in the DigitalArena section of Atlantic Records' Web site at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. Visit [www.atlantic-records.com](http://www.atlantic-records.com). Latin Playboys for more information.**

## Wilson from page E1

And she likes drama, which is why she often cites Little Jimmy Scott as a major influence. Scott's career has recently been revived and his dramatic falsetto has been recognized as a major influence on rhythm and blues.

"I love the way he made words mean something. He bent words and he bent notes. It was dramatic and that's what I was, a torch singer," she said.

"Torch singer," "saloon singer" are the words Nancy Wilson uses to describe herself. She does not call herself a "jazz singer."

"I wasn't called a jazz singer when I started, but if you live long enough and you're black you're a jazz singer," she said with a loud, rueful laugh. "I'm a song stylist and that covers jazz and other kinds of music as well."

Wilson's speaking voice is as warm, intimate and articulate as her singing voice, which is why

she has been a successful voiceover for such commercials as the Infinity car series and why she was chosen to host National Public Radio's "Jazz Profiles."

"I enjoy doing it so much," she said. "NPR asked me to do a two-hour special on Ella Fitzgerald and it was a success. My voice seemed suited to it. Tim Owens, who's the producer, wanted me to do it."

Each week Wilson narrates a profile of a jazz performer. The profile includes a biography of the performer, interviews with other musicians and producers and examples of the performer's best music. Often, when the performer is someone Wilson has worked with, she'll add a personal aside. Other times she discovers things she never knew.

"I'm surprised by the fact they dig up what they do," she said. "As entertainers we don't know

each other's lives. People think we know each other, but we don't. I'm learning as everyone else is. I'm finding it so interesting."

Beginning this month, Jazz Profiles is devoting 10 programs to the life and music of Duke Ellington on his centennial year. You can hear Nancy Wilson on Jazz Profiles locally at 8 p.m. Mondays on WEMU, 89.1 FM.

Southfield's own Randy Scott, a noted jazz saxophonist who regularly performs at the Detroit Montreux Festival, will open for Wilson.

And Wilson promises what her fans have come to expect from the "Lady of Song."

"Nancy, classic Nancy. I'm not going to drop anything new on them," she said. "I'm not going to come in there and play hip-hop."

And with just a jazz trio, you'll be able to hear that legendary

rehearsal. Jillian is having fun regardless of the long hours of working and waiting. The first week of rehearsals, she worked blocking scenes from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Teri takes notes and works with Jillian at home from the scripts.

"I was a little surprised, she was called back," said Teri. "Trouble is a fair-haired boy. But it's fun; it's very exciting to work with people of that caliber."

Jillian finds it easy to play a boy because she has her 11-year-old brother James for inspiration. But even if Jillian didn't have a brother, the experience she already has on stage would suffice. Jillian began dancing at age 2-1/2, by age 4-1/2 she was singing and dancing in the chorus of "Once Upon a Mattress," a production by the Rochester Summer Music Theater. In January, she played Dorothy's dog Toto in the Avon Players' production of "Wizard of Oz."

"Butterfly" is the best of all," said Teri Hoffman. "If she never

## Dance from page E1

Last holiday season, Ballet Internationale came to Detroit for their performances of "The Nutcracker" at Music Hall.

Unlike the saccharin Disney versions of the Arab folk tale classic, Aliev brings an enchanting sensuality from the tale about a sultan, who discovers his wife in a tawdry frolic with a slave. She along with every female in the kingdom is targeted for an above-the-head weight loss.

As a result of the betrayal, the sultan is reluctant to trust the new "love of his life," a beauty named Scheherazade, a wise and gifted storyteller, who tells captivating tales of the Arabian nights, starring — who else? — Aladdin, Sinbad and Ali Baba.

"I was told that audiences in America don't understand ballet," said Aliev, who immigrated from the former Soviet republic Azerbaijan to the U.S. in the early 1990s.

has the opportunity to work with these incredible people again, it will be worth it."

Corradi hopes people will see both versions of "Madame Butterfly," one with Natalia Dercho in the title role of Cio-Cio San, and the other with Sun Xiu Wei. Both make their North American debut with this production. Dercho, a 1998 graduate of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, won first prize in the Belvedere Competition in Vienna and has sung major roles with companies in Zurich, Tel Aviv and Torino. Sun Xiu Wei, a native of China, won the International Verdi Competition in Italy before making her debut in Milan. Tenor Francesco Grollo and Carlo Ventre play Pinkerton. Kathleen Segar sings the role of Suzuki. Steven Mercurio directs the music.

"They should come see both casts," said Corradi. "They are really different — one Chinese girl who looks naturally oriental, the image Puccini wanted, and a Russian soprano who comes out passionate, more Italian in a way."

"I just think that audiences were hungry for a story ballet," he said. "Something different from 'Swan Lake,' 'Don Quixote,' and 'Giselle.'"

"To me, ballet should be like an opera — bright, high-energy, an extravaganza," said Aliev.

Although he's reluctant to talk about it, the "A Thousand and One Nights" reaches the pinnacle of spectacle with a special effects that lifts two of the dancers on a magic carpet ride.

Ballette Internationale is a much-welcomed addition to the local dance scene along with the regular presence of the American Ballet Theatre, and Harlem Dance Theatre.

In the next several months, Aliev will make Detroit his second home. He will be in town to choreograph the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Eugene Onegin" and "Samson and Delilah."

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BY MARY JANE DOERR  
SPECIAL WRITER

Showing a bit of mettle themselves, because they're operating without a permanent per-

formance space, the "portable" Troy Players is presenting a two hankie version of "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling at Hamilton Elementary School in Troy.

"Laughter through tears is my favorite emotion" says the wisecracking owner of Truvy's Hair Salon, which pretty much sums up this female "True Grit" kind of show.

In the three beauty shop town of Chinquapin Parish, La.,

Truvy and her new partner, Annette, style more than hair at Truvy's salon. In four "snapshot" scenes covering three years of life in the small southern town, they help fashion the lives of the town beauty, the town social leader, the town millionaire and the town curmudgeon. One might get the idea that all the socially prominent do in this socially insignificant haven is get their hair and nails done. But these women,

with all of their love of gossip, frivolity and pink fingernail polish, are hard as nails.

Jacquelyn Anne plays the Southern magnolia Shelby, who is not very bashful. Anne has feeling and enough light heartedness to tickle an audience, pink, bringing more tears for the finale.

Sandy LaDuke, a newcomer to the stage, plays the difficult role of M'Lynn, Shelby's mother. She plays the final scene with

understanding. As Shelby's mother, she

As Shelby's mother, she have 30 minutes of her own wonderful, when a moment of nothing special. Mary, the Hitch has something special to offer as the awkward, nervous, but very appealing Annette. The holy roller Annette could have been an offensive party, but it's not. Her interpretation is sincere, not judgmental.

As the eccentric magnolia, Clairee, Andrea Wallis is perfect, less especially opposite the obstinate Ouisie, perfectly played by Gloria Buoncompagni.

Buoncompagni delivered some very funny lines inoffen-

sively a real trick.

Putting this all together with her magic wand and a lot of fairy dust and pastel paint, was set designer/publicist/director/producer Sandra Guest.

Guest also directed these eccentric characters. Then in an emergency, as the understudy for all the parts, she donned a blond wig for the Dolly Parton role of Truvy.

It may seem like a one-woman show but with this fine cast, Sandy Guest as Truvy has some real soul food to serve up!

## 'Studio cast earns high marks with 'Roses'

Wayne State University's Studio Theatre presents the Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning drama "The Subject Was Roses" in Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18. Show times are 8 P.M. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. The Studio Theatre is in the basement of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave. at Hancock on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. Tickets are \$8 (general admission), \$6 (students and seniors). To charge tickets call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Frank Gilroy's drama "The Subject Was Roses" chronicles a returning World War II veteran's struggle to re-establish his identity in the post-war period and to make peace with his parents, whose previously poor relationship has deteriorated in his absence.

Set in the West Bronx in May 1946, the returning infantry corporal must redefine his relation-

ship with his parents, and deal with the explosive anger in their marriage. His parents must learn to accept their son as a man and not as the boy who left for war three years earlier.

As the Cleary family struggles to reconnect as a family, they don't reach perfection, but take steps toward achieving stronger emotional bonds. Each must mend damaged relationships. They are trapped in a self-defeating cycle of hurting, appeasing and grudging compromise. By the end of the play the son and parents have learned to accept each other the way they are, instead of trying to impose their personal vision of how the person should be.

The scenes are well written and move quickly, which keep the play from being dragged down by the heavy duty emotions inundating the stage. The actors rise to the emotional and psychological challenges of the script as well, an element crucial to the production's success.

Jason Smith of Garden City is

superb as Timmy Cleary, the returning Army corporal. He personifies both the eager but uncertain son and a self-confident man. His face mirrors his emotions well, especially when he's hit by his parents' bitter crossfire. And whether sober or inebriated, he projects the son's longing, anguish and desire for peace with his parents.

The parents, John and Nettie Cleary, are played by Dejan Radovanovich of Livonia and Christy Bonstell of Zeeland. Radovanovich is captivating in his ability to swing from nice guy to angry, unreasonable despot. He displays a skillful grasp of the wide range of emotions the father uses to psychologically manipulate both the mother and son.

Bonstell is able to accomplish the tricky task of displaying emotion on her face while maintaining the self-restraint expected from women of her era. While she captured the mother's anxiety and anger well, the makeup team needs to age her facially — she looked more like her son's

sister than mother.

Technically, the show established a wonderful mood with the tunes of Glenn Miller reverberating from an old-fashioned radio, and the set — an apartment interior — reflected careful attention to detail, right down to a worn sofa and a period phone.

Christy Bonstell's costumes were flattering and well coordinated with matching purses and shoes appropriate to the immediate postwar period. Smith's Army uniform also fit him well, and was neat and pressed.

The props were a mixed bag — hit or miss. While great care was taken to maintain period accuracy in many respects — including brown beer bottles with tops requiring a bottle opener — an unstable rose vase, a crucial prop, toppled to the floor prematurely, making Bonstell's subsequent hurling of the vase across the room anti-climatic. And the prop crew used tall tumblers instead of small juice glasses for a conspicuous inch of orange juice.

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#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Magda's Story," through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

#### FINE ARTS THEATER

"The Silent Cry—God is Watching You," the number one gospel musical drama that tackles the issues of domestic violence in families, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 23-25 through May 2, at the theater, 2952 Woodward, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-7835

#### GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

#### MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"Meet Me in St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors; \$80 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

#### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 15-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

#### PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"Jiffy," opens 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, previews 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 15-16, runs through May 7 9:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$15-\$18, \$10 previews. (313) 872-0279

### OPERA

#### EWA PODLES

Contralto performs with pianist Garrick Ohlsson, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

#### VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Canton Project Arts presents an afternoon to "Discover Opera" with an informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About" followed by a concert by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, 3:30 p.m. (concert at 4 p.m.) Sunday, April 18, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. \$10. (734) 397-5417

### COLLEGE

#### EMU THEATRE

"The House of Blue Leaves," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7. Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturdays, \$10. Sunday. (734) 487-1221

#### HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Pippin," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, April 22-24 and April 29-May 1, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 25 and May 2, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 845-9900 or <http://theatre.henryford.cc.mi.us/>

#### U-M THEATRE DEPARTMENT

"Candide," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 student seating. (734) 764-0450

#### WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 16-17 and 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 18 and 25, at the theater, 3424 Woodward. \$8-\$13. (313) 577-2960

#### WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"American Entertainer," opens April 16 and runs in rotating repertory to May 15, "The Playboy of the Western World," runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

#### WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"The Subject Was Roses," through April 18, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the theater downstairs at the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

#### ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, through April 25, at the Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 students/seniors. (734) 971-AACT or [www.a2ct.org](http://www.a2ct.org)

#### HEARTLAND THEATRE COMPANY

"Play by Play" features 21 new plays written by local and regional authors, noon to midnight Saturday, April 17, at the Millenium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. \$20 all-day admission, \$5 hour-by-hour ticket. (248) 988-1094, ext. 1

#### ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"The Dining Room," April 23-24, April 30-May 1, and 7-8, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River east of Lehigh, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7718/(313) 582-4010



**Art Fair: Kathy Phillips of West Bloomfield is one of the 325 nationally renowned artists exhibiting and selling works at the fifth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 16-18 at the Novi Expo Center. Three craftspeople will give demonstrations in iron forging, paper making and jewelry making. Admission is \$6, children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call (800) 210-9900 or (248) 348-5600. To get to the Novi Expo Center, take I-96 to Exit 162, travel south on Novi Road and turn right at Expo Center Drive. The Novi Expo Center is one block farther on the right. Visit the Web site [www.sugarloaforcrafts.com](http://www.sugarloaforcrafts.com)**

### SHAKESPEARIENCE

A workshop production of "The Tempest," through May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Art, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75, Hamtramck. \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

### TROY PLAYERS

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School, 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285

### VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

Lecture discussion of "Long Day's Journey into Night" by Oakland University professor Bruce Mann 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700; "Long Day's Journey as Living Art," excerpts from O'Neill's play and discussion 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-5800. Events precede Players production of play to run May 14-29. (248) 644-2075

### YOUTH

#### ANN ARBOR YOUNG ACTORS GUILD

"The Odyssey," 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

#### MASONIC TEMPLE

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales

#### NOVI THEATRES

"The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

#### PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

#### WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

"The Fabulous Fable Factory," a musical play featuring six of Aesop's best fables woven together, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 416-4278

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS

With performances by Demolition Doll Rods, Telegraph, Willie Max, Miracles, Enemy Squad, Jeff Haas w/Marous Belgrave, Today's Generation, an all-star blues jam led by Mark Pisman of Mudpuppy, plus a sneak preview of "The MC5: A True Testimonial," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, State Theatre, 2214

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$15 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

#### E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Elks Lodge, 520 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. \$3. All ages. (248) 646-4527

#### "MADE IN HOCKEYTOWN RALLY"

With a screening of the Detroit Red Wings game on Jovision, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$7.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

#### YPSILANTI CIVIL WAR MUSTER

Featuring more than 200 military re-enactors participating in military encampment demonstrations, musket firing competitions and drills, a performance by Dodworth Saxhorn Band in Farmer's Market Place, Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858, and a bake sale, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, Historic Depot Town and the campus of Eastern Michigan University. (734) 483-4444 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org>

### BENEFITS

#### "AROUND THE WORLD"

Madonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other projects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

#### BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. (248) 852-7420

#### CELTIC RHYTHMS

An evening of traditional Irish music with singers, dancers and instrumentalists, features Mary Callaghan Lynch, Caitlin Lynch and Pat Lynch, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Hugo of the Hills

**In concert: Michele Ramo and Heidi Hepler perform with Todd Curtis (trumpet) and Harold McKinney (piano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Serengeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call (313) 832-3010 or (248) 645-6666.**



Church, Opdyke Road, south of Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free but donations go to the Metro Detroit Ulster Project. (248) 644-5460

#### "COLLISION OF COOL"

A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645-3333

#### NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The "Western Extravaganza" includes live and silent auctions of jerseys autographed by Fedorov, Yezerman and Shanahan, trips to Vegas, Vali, Disney and Tahoe, whitewater rafting, NASCAR driving, diamonds, digital camera; Red Wings tickets and more; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$55, includes dinner; proceeds go to the K-8th grade parent cooperative school in Plymouth. (734) 420-3331

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE

Game and Card Party, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$25, includes luncheon and fashion show at noon. Proceeds to benefit Plymouth Symphony. (734) 451-5598

#### RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater scholarship and building fund. (248) 988-7049

### FAMILY EVENTS

#### THE AMAZING CLARK

Noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Clark presents his own version of "Punch & Judy," at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River between Woodward and Farmer, \$8, \$6 children; \$8 workshop following performance. (313) 961-7717

#### JULIE AUSTIN

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest David Moshier, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

#### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

An educational event featuring a variety of on-site activities for school-age children and their families to teach the importance of community recycling and create an awareness of conservation and environmental programs throughout the world, also a display of an electrically powered vehicle, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with admission of \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

#### KIDS CONCERT

Mark Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

#### STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Presented by Detroit Public Library and Wild Swan Theatre, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Main branch, 5201 Woodward Avenue. \$15 for 10 a.m. workshop, 2:30 p.m. "Tales of Tricks and Trouble" storytelling concert by Wild Swan Theatre is free. (313) 833-4042

#### U-M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors, \$20 families. (248) 380-5940

### CLASSICAL

#### BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell performs a concert of "Cowboy" music, also guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

#### CONCERTO CONCERT

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition winners perform with Eastern Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Jerzy Semkow, juxtaposes the musical ideas of Schubert and his popular Symphony No. 8, the "Unfinished," with Bruckner's majestic Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18; With violinist Kurt Nikkanen and conductor Semkow perform Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

#### FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD

Presents concert with Jerusalem Trio, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 493-8330

#### MOZARTUM ORCHESTRA OF SALZBURG

Featuring Hubert Soudant, conductor, Till Fellner, piano, Katherine Goldner, mezzo-soprano, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Hill Auditorium, 826 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$26, \$35 and \$45. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>; Camerata Dinner in the alumni center precedes performance. \$25. (734) 647-8009

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respighi, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 p.m. On Stage chat with Reed); at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students K-12, afterglow at the Ginopolis Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders. (734) 451-2112

### ORGAN

#### MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

"A Night to Remember," a film re-enactment of the sinking of Titanic, stars David MacCallum, Kenneth More and Honor Blackman, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, organ overture begins 30 minutes earlier with John Lauter, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 631-4407

### POPS/SWING

#### BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE CABARET

Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylea and Julia Buxholm sing songs from and about Paris, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

#### JIM PARAVANTES

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through April, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

#### IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Blind Pig, 209-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555

#### DOC SEVERINSEN AND HIS BIG BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46 (\$60 box seats). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

#### THE SWING SYNDICATE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (swing)

#### PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

Celebrates release of CD "Swing As You Are," with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### AUDITIONS

#### BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, endespecialty percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

#### BW PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven," experience necessary. (313) 865-2375

#### "EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone younger

than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26

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Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or <http://www.kavaliers.com>

#### STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Auditions for Anne Meara's "After-Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27. (248) 541-4832

### CHORAL

#### ANONYMOUS 4 AND LIONHEART

Two a cappella ensembles perform 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 225



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### JIM PARAVANTES

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in April, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

### GARY SCHUNK

8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 22, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

### CHUCK SHERMATERO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

### LOUIS SMITH

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 15, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

### SMITHSONIAN JAZZ MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA

"Duke Ellington: A Centennial Tribute," 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$32, \$29, \$27 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

### MIKE STERN

With Dennis Chambers, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### GORDON STONE TRIO

8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

## NEW AGE

### "MONSTERS OF GRACE"

A new opera in 3-D with music by Philip Glass; design and visual concept by Robert Wilson, and performed by the Philip Glass Ensemble, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$24, \$30 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

## WORLD MUSIC

### THE ARTICLES

7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4318 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (Jamaican jazz)

### DISTASTIONS

9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

### IMMUNITY

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (reggae)

### LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMO!

Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

### LATIN PLAYBOYS

Featuring David Hidalgo and Louis Perez of Los Lobos, and producers Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake, with Lisa Garmano, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (eclectic)

### DOUGIE MACLEAN

8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Scottish)

### WAKA JAWAKA

With The Ludlites, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (world beat/folk)

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

### JAN KRIST

With Brooks Williams and Ric Holdinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theater members. (734) 464-6302; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

### CHRISTINE LAVIN

8 p.m. Friday, April 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### GORDON LIGHTFOOT

8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$34.50 and \$28.50. (248) 433-1515

### JOHN MCCUTCHEON

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### KATE AND ANNA MCCARRIGLE

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### JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

### MIRED TYME OUT

8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington St., Royal Oak. Tickets at the box office. (248) 544-4900

### JAY UNGAR AND MOLLY MASON

7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

## POETRY

### OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT

8 p.m. Thursdays in April, at Borders Books, Music, Video and Cafe, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. All poets must sign up in advance. (248) 652-0558

### LATINO POETS COFFEEHOUSE SERIES

Features poets Ann Holdrieth and Michael Barney, 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Bowen branch of the Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor at W. Grand Boulevard. (313) 297-9381

### PLYMOUTH POETS

"Student Writers Night" featuring Peter Marcus and an open mic for high school and college poets. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Coffee Bean Company, 842 Penniman St., Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

### "POETRY IN MOTION"

Poetry contest. 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18, first 15 poets only, entry fee \$5, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., near Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

### THE SPOKEN WORD

Featuring Farmington Hills poet Lynn Meredith Cohn reads from her book which carries the reader from Virginia to Ireland and back to Gettysburg via Tel Aviv, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$2. (313) 831-1250

### RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

Performs 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, University of Michigan's Michigan League, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 763-4852; 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780; 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 23, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica. Free. All ages. (810) 726-8555

### THE WRITER'S VOICE

With New York City performance poet Jayne Cortez, Los Angeles poet Mifanwy Kaiser and Detroit's Semaj, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., across from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Free. (313) 833-1470/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

## DANCE

### "AFTERNOON IN BAVARIA"

Bavarian dances and music performed in authentic dress; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Carpathia Hall, 38000 Utica Road, Sterling Hgts. \$8. (810) 786-9058

### DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

"Dance Collection 1999" concert, an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road, Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

World premiere of choreography by Colin Conner and Laurie Eisenhower, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. \$22, \$18. (810) 286-2222

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8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy.

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and may be higher for special engagements. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

### SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

### SINBAD

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35, All ages. (248) 433-1515

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

### DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Wiggle Giggle Studio of activity for ages 5-10, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (\$5; advance registration required). (313) 833-1262; 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Antique Appraisal Clinic with Ernest DuMouchelle, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, limit of up to five hand-held items, or a photo with measurements and details for larger items, at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$6 per item for oral appraisal, \$10 for written appraisal, proceeds benefit the museum and its programs. (734) 455-8940 to reserve an appointment time.

## POPULAR MUSIC

### THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

### JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES

9 p.m.; Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

### BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

### BENT

With Y.O.U., 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

### "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Mirror Image, Son of Adam, Voda and Age Old Profession, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20; Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

### BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 467-5056 (blues)

### BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

### BONNE TENNIS ROULE

5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (R&B)

### THE BOUNCING SOULS

With Antiflag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

### BROKEN HALO

With Out of Reach, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

### THE BURROS

9 p.m. Friday, April 23, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (roots rock)

### GRETCHEN BUSAN ENSEMBLE

With Jarimelo, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (indie rock)

### BUSTER BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, March 16, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

### BUSTER W. JE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (R&B)

### SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

9 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 882-8560 (rock)

### BLAKE CHEN

With Tim Prosser, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (singer/songwriter)

### THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

### THE CREATURES

7 p.m. Saturday, April 17, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$17. In

advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

### EASY ACTION

With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

### EDITH FROST

With Danielson Family, 9 p.m. Monday, April 19, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (punk)

### ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (funk)

### ELIZA



# 'Never Been Kissed' is All-American high school fun

By KEELY WYONIK  
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You wouldn't recognize Josie Geller in a crowd. She doesn't stand out. But in high school, well that's another story.

She's "Never Been Kissed," and the cool kids don't like her.

Geller's got a problem, she's 25, not 17, and an undercover reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. If she doesn't "transition" into the cool clique, she'll lose her job, so will her boss, Gus.

That's the story behind "Never Been Kissed" starring Drew Barrymore as the caterpillar-like Josie who blossoms into a beauty, and John C. Reilly as her cantankerous boss with a heart of gold.

"This is so not a dream," says Geller as the film begins. "I was just trying to do my job when this happened."

A copy editor who dreams of being a reporter, Geller gets her chance when Gus' boss Rigfort decides he wants to do a story on high schools. He spots Geller, who looks younger than she is, at a staff meeting and gives her the job.

Geller's euphoria over getting a break fades when she tells her younger brother Rob (David Arquette), "Remember what they called you in high school," he says — "Josie Grossie."

A wave of nausea sweeps over her, but it's too late to turn back.

If you've ever wondered about what it would be like to return to

high school after you're all grown up, you'll get a kick out of "Never Been Kissed."

Who did you hang out with? The brainy nerds or the cool kids? Fashions and music change, but group dynamics don't.

There are still the beautiful cool girls, Kirsten (Jessica Alba), Kristin (Marley Shelton) and Gibby (Jordan Laddy) who have the perfect clothes, hair and makeup. Guy Perkins (Jeremy Jordan) is the handsome one, every girl's dream, who makes going to school worthwhile.

Brainy kids like Aldys (Leelee Sobieski) hang out with the other nerds, except now they hang together for protection. You know, safety in numbers.

Geller falls for her English teacher, the very hip Sam Couslon (Michael Vartan).

"Disguise changes all the rules," he says while talking about Shakespeare. "Disguises can be liberating. They can get you to do things you normally would not do."

Geller's doing a lot of things she would normally not do and changes in the process.

As she stumbles through high school her co-workers watch and cheer her on in the newsroom. Everything's being taped, and watching Josie in high school is better than a soap opera.

Anita (Molly Shannon), the office floozy, visits Josie at school and is mistaken for the sex education teacher. Her lecture is one you'll laugh about for a long time.

"Never Been Kissed" is all American fun with a little romance, betrayal and baseball thrown in.

You'll find yourself cheering for Josie as her confidence grows. There is the "kiss," but this is mostly a movie about friendship, and learning to be yourself.

Flashbacks of a younger Josie with braces being tormented by the cool kids at school are painful to watch, but oh so real.

Josie's not "Carrie," she is not looking for revenge, only to fit in.

"Never Been Kissed" will definitely appeal to teens, and surprise adults who might have



Back in school: Drew Barrymore as Josie reads her paper to her English class, while her friend Aldys (Leelee Sobieski, seated, right) listens in "Never Been Kissed."

been dragged to the show by their kids.

The cast and staff are identified by name and yearbook picture in the credits. A nice touch.

Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein make their screenwriting debut with "Never Been Kissed." Raja Gagnell "Home Alone 3" directs. Barrymore makes her

film debut as producer.

"Never Been Kissed" marks Barrymore's debut as a film producer. In 1995, Barrymore and Nancy Juvonen founded Flower Films Inc. In the summer of 1997 they began a two-year, first-look deal with Fox 2000 Pictures, a division of Twentieth Century Fox. "Never Been Kissed" is the first film to go into production.

## 'The Matrix' is entertaining summer movie appetizer

By HUGH GALLAGHER  
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The ads ask "What is the Matrix?"

The answer is the first hit movie of 1999, a springtime appetizer before George Lucas' new "Star Wars" arrives.

Written and directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski, "The Matrix" is a visually interesting movie comic book with mythic pretenses that don't seriously intrude on the action. It's reasonably entertaining if you don't take it too seriously or become bogged down by logic, even its own squirrely internal logic.

Like any good comic book, "The Matrix" has a super hero masquerading as an ordinary mortal. Keanu Reeves, a sometimes serious actor, plays mild mannered and slightly disheveled computer software engineer. Thomas Anderson, who is also known as computer hacker Neo.

It seems that Neo is vaguely aware that something is wrong with his life, other than his ratty apartment and weird underworld associates. Turns out that he's right. The world he thinks is real is just a computer illusion, a device created by a vast system of artificial intelligence to keep

humans in line while they suck human energy (or something like that).

And our hero Neo is the One, the Messiah, the whatever who can save mankind and free their minds.

Laurence Fishburne, usually a serious actor, is Morpheus, the leader of an underground movement. He and his small cadre have broken free and inhabit the real world (a pretty dreary place). Also in the cadre is Trinity (Carrie Ann Moss), a woman who has also discovered the truth and is waiting to have her prophesy fulfilled.

As you can see, with names like Neo, Morpheus and Trinity, we're getting pretty deep into symbolism.

Not to worry. This movie is really about stunning stop motion photography, state-of-the-art computer graphics, karate, explosions and well choreographed gunplay. It's violent, but it's the kind of fast, mindless, non specific violence that we associate with comic books and Saturday matinees.

The Wachowskis visual imagination is richer than their story telling skills. They've created a mock world within a mock world and both are convincing in their way. The story has been called confusing by some reviewers, but

if you pay attention you'll be able to follow it without too much trouble. That's not the same thing as saying it makes any rational sense, of course.

Reeves and Fishburne bring some serious acting chops to their roles and probably had a good time. Reeves is quite good at swaggering in a long black coat.

The real acting honors go to Australian actor Hugo Weaving as the top bad guy. The conceit here is that the bad guys all look like Secret Service agents, which is also a nod to "Men in Black." They wear dark glasses and radios in their ears. Weaving is a slick, no nonsense government agent.

The visuals include some high flying, kick boxing fights, between Reeves and Weaving, bullets that are visible in flight and some dramatic morphing. The Wachowskis also have a sense of humor and there are verbal and visual references to the Bible, Greek mythology, "Alice in Wonderland," "The Wizard of Oz," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and other inspirations.

So what is the Matrix? An entertaining and mindless, escape, perfect for a rainy day. An appetizer it's pretty tasty.

## Surf's up for guitarist Dick Dale

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

the web.

Dick's in town this week to perform at the Magic Stick in Detroit and on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS. Dale's story is one of a kind. He's credited with creating the surf sound in the 1950s, and was featured in the beach movies with Frankie and Annette. When Leo Fender handed him his new Stratocaster, Dick played it upside down and backward, as an astonished Leo saw his right-handed baby played left handed. The sound was outrageous and demonstrated the potential of the electric instrument and the guitarist.

Forty years later, how relevant is Dick Dale to today's music? "Backstage Pass" checked in with Darrin O'Donnell, who, after a decade of playing lead guitar for Bad Dog and other less-than-legendary southeast

Michigan bands, packed up his stratoaster in the early '90s and headed for Southern California. Ahhhh... a life complete with a low-paying job at a fabled music school and the roaring surf. Who better to comment on the Dick Dale phenomenon?

"Dick Dale has been my mentor ever since Keith Richards died," he joked, noting that the Rolling Stone has never been more alive.

How is he regarded in the cradle of the surf civilization?

"Dick is undoubtedly a Southern California icon. You see him in television commercials and many musicians know him from his signature guitars. When his music was featured in that unforgettable scene in 'Pulp Fiction,' his popularity surged."

We asked O'Donnell to define surf music.

"If I had to label it, I'd describe it as pre-fuzz punk — a raw sound that was modified by the distortion of Jimi Hendrix. When I hear an alternative band like Green Day, I usually detect some aspect of surf music with a bit of technical tweaking."

Any message for Dick Dale when he visits our studio?

"When you see that guy, tell him he owes me money."

Thanks for the laughs and the mock struggling-musician-speak,

surf dude. Rock on.

Next, moonoggies, let's surf the web for innovative approaches. es a local artist is using to exhibit it his work in this new medium. Lowell Boileau started as a painter but now uses the computer as his canvas. His Web site, www.bhere.com, receives 2 million hits annually and was honored as Yahoo Pick of the Year.

"When I was introduced to the internet, I knew immediately that things would never be the same. I began using it to exhibit my work because it appealed to me as an eternal art opening. It's no longer a case of some rich guy buying your work, and you never see it again. Now, I consider it a new art medium."

With such intriguing galleries as "The Fabulous Ruins of Detroit" on the site, it is no wonder web surfers are drawn to it. Boileau appreciates the feedback he receives through e-mail messages, and considers the ability to interact with the viewer a major advantage to the medium.

We'll introduce you to the exciting work of the new BACKSTAGE PASS artist-in-residence, Lowell Boileau, and reverbate with Dick Dale on Detroit Public TV.

Sunday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Surf's up.

## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

### National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

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# If it's vintage anything, singer Jason Falkner wants it



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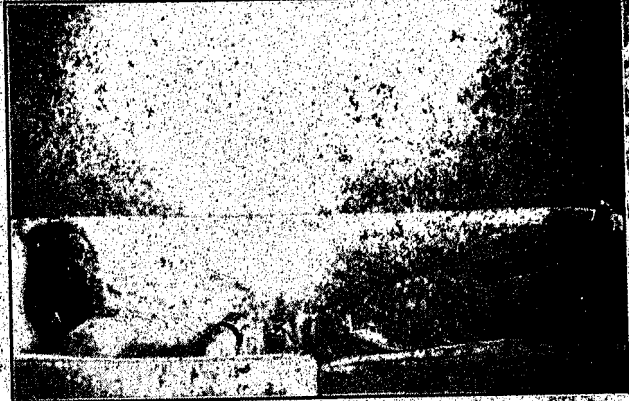
Pop singer Jason Falkner is into anything vintage. His Los Angeles home is packed with vintage guitars, amps, drums, microphones and clothing. He even drives a red 1962 Ford Galaxy just like Andy Griffith.

"It's basically the Andy Griffith car. It's the same car, the same year but without the lights. I'm trying to get the lights," he said with a laugh.

"I just always liked old stuff. I have old clothes. I think I'm just like a freak," Falkner explained. "I think I have an issue, especially where clothing and gear is concerned, with trying to keep up with the Joneses. It seems like such a task. I'd rather just create my own niche using old stuff and new stuff. That goes with my recordings as well."

Falkner's recordings - his 1996 solo debut "Jason Falkner Presents Author Unknown" and his sophomore effort "Can You Still Feel?" - are far from "retro," a term that he despises.

"I understand that there's certain things about my music and the sound of my music that's retro. But I don't think that the writing is retro at all. You hear



Returning: Jason Falkner is returning to the Detroit area Friday, April 16, to perform songs off his new album, "Can You Still Feel?"

some bands and they sound like they want to sound like the Beatles. I don't think you could really say that about me if you really listened to my music."

"Can You Still Feel?" which opens with Falkner whispering "Take a chance on me," is rich and warm. Falkner's inviting, dramatic vocals are wrapped around strings, vintage keyboards, police sirens, and simple yet textured pop melodies. "My

Lucky Day" couples hand-claps with space-age keyboards, while "Revelation" is soft and dreamy.

The first single is "Eloquence," a soaring pop song that has hit potential. In lieu of a video, Falkner has filmed a 20-second commercial for the song and the album.

Falkner sang and played all the instruments on "Can You Still Feel?" but he recruited Nigel Godrich, who was at the

helm of Radiohead's "OK, Computer," to produce and engineer.

"I wanted to bring in a co-producer really to have a springboard. I knew that he was a great engineer that was kind of the main reason I wanted him to work on this record. Then I wanted him to co-produce so he would have more invested in the project, mentally and emotionally, than just being an engineer."

The duo worked on the album in New Orleans, which was more inspirational than it was influential to Falkner.

"There's not a lot of blues on my record," he said with a laugh. "I'd say there's a lot of soul, but not so much cajun music. I just like the vibe down there. It's such a beautiful city. The colors, the city lets things deteriorate and bleach and let things look old and good and almost like Mediterranean or something."

"Where I live in L.A., everything gets a paint job every year. There's nothing historical standing out really. That's the nature of the city."

Jason Falkner opens for Mercury Rev on Friday, April 16, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit [www.961melt.com](http://www.961melt.com) for more information.

## American influences

Neil Halstead was at the core of the guitar-heavy, English shoegazer band Slowdive. But although the group was successful, Halstead had a secret passion for acoustic guitar-based music with strong songs.

"We just got bored really. Slowdive, well we did three records and we were in the band for six years. We just reached a point where we didn't think we'd be able to do anything that we hadn't already done within the confines of the band. It just kind of fell apart," Halstead explained.

As a result, he as well as ex-Slowdivers bassist/vocalist Rachel Goswell and drummer Ian McCutcheon and new recruit guitarist Simon Rowe formed Mojave 3 in 1995.

While Mojave 3's first album, "As Me Tomorrow," was basically demos, the band's latest release "Out of Time" was recorded on and off in Cornwall, England.

"We tended to have lots of breaks. We'd do a week of recording and then we wouldn't do anything for awhile. We never really planned to do it that way, it's just the way it worked out. It ended up being quite relaxing, which is kind of nice."

Mojave 3 reflects Halstead's taste in American music. "We like Wilco and Palace. I really like it out here."

Mojave 3 performs with Gomez on Sunday, April 18, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance. Call (313) 961-

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## Foreign territory

Teen singer Jessica Simpson is making her Detroit debut this weekend. Although her album "Sweet Kisses" isn't due out of Columbia until June, one of her songs "Did You Ever Love Somebody" is featured on "Songs From Dawson's Creek," which hits stores April 20.

"It's so exciting. That's my favorite show. When I found out that I made it on the soundtrack, I started crying," Simpson said via her dad's cell phone.

She describes her music as a blend of pop and R&B or "like an earlier Mariah (Carey) thing. I really love to do big, big ballads like Whitney and Celine."

Simpson said it has been a challenge to perform in front of audiences who have never heard her music, but she's been successful thus far. She opens for B\*Witched and 98 Degrees at the State Theatre on April 17. The show is sold out.

"It's kind of hard to get out there when they don't know who I am but once I get out there, I totally try to pump them up for 98 Degrees. I try to make myself look like I'm one of them. We have fun together."

Christina Fuoco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130.

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# Museum cafe showcases Michigan's culinary traditions

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Food service at Henry Ford Museum for a long time was like the museum itself — lost at time.

Visitors had two choices: the Weimobile Cafe tucked into a corner of the museum or the cafeteria-style American Cafe. Neither one was very exciting.

You can still grab a hot dog at the cafe, but if you're looking for a place to rest and enjoy a pleasant meal, check out the Michigan Cafe, which opened March 26.

The renovated former cafeteria is a tribute to Michigan foods.

"Michigan has always been known for its culinary contributions," said Steve Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. "We wanted to provide our visitors with a unique, fun-filled dining experience that represents the best of what Michigan has to offer."

Executive Chef Jim Maier, a graduate of the Oakland Community College culinary arts program, spent over a year collecting Michigan-based recipes, and creating some of his own.

"We obtained the Hudson's Maurice Salad Dressing recipe," he said. "A lot of people remember going downtown to Hudson's at Christmastime."

Helping visitors recall their fondest Michigan food memories is part of the Michigan Cafe's mission. The other is to serve as a gateway to Michigan for guests who are visiting the state for the first time, and may not be familiar with our culinary traditions such as Sander's, Vernor's, cherries and Pinckney cheese.

"We want to give people a taste of what our state is all about," said Maier. "We also want them to know about festivals and other things that are happening around the state."

Michigan Cafe is decorated

with enlarged postcards of state attractions including the Mackinac Bridge and Irish Hills from the museum's collection. AAA-inspired travel posters also help create the "I'm on vacation" feel of the restaurant. Carpeting is edged with canoe paddles, and sprinkled with pine cones. See if you can spot the bears, pheasants and other animals that are woven into the carpet design. There are eight in all.

Maier wants to offer menu specials during popular events such as the Tulip Festival in Holland to heighten awareness and showcase Michigan products.

"We're planning to offer some signature Dutch dishes," he said. "I've been in touch with some restaurants in Holland, Mich. to talk about the Tulip Festival."

The restaurant, which has a separate entrance from the museum near the entrance to Greenfield Village, is still cafeteria-style, but the stations are well-defined. Instead of going through one line for everything, you can visit the deli, oven or salad station.

Starting with entrees, guests can choose from Great Lakes Whitefish Boat — whitefish fillet in dilled sour cream baked with a puff pastry top or Cafe Chicken

— whole breast of chicken with cherry barbecue or wild mushroom sauce.

Some items are "imported" such as Albie's Beef Pasty, La-Shish restaurant hummous & pita on the salad menu, and Dearborn Sausage Footlong on the deli menu.

"La-Shish is such a great name in Dearborn," said Maier. "they're known for quality. We're the only facility outside their restaurant that offers their products."

Sandwiches are made with Breadsmit bread made in Dearborn. Choose from the U of M Wolverine Combo Sandwich — turkey, ham, Swiss and Cheddar cheese with mustard served on a honey-white roll or the MSU Spartan Sandwich — turkey, ham or tuna served on a honey-white roll.

Mama Mucci in Canton makes the specially designed pasta shaped like a mitten to resemble the lower peninsula. The pasta is used to create Mighty Mac & Cheese.

"We want to offer lots of variety," said Renee Righetti, food service manager for the museum.

The desserts will bring back lots of sweet memories. A favorite is Sander's famous



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Taste of Michigan: Chef Jim Maier of the Henry Ford Museum serves up such specialty items as Great Lakes Whitefish Boat topped with dill sauce and puffed pastry and a Michigan Spinach Salad topped with Village Spiced Walnuts.

cream puff — homemade cream puff with Stro's ice cream, topped with Sander's Hot Fudge Sauce. Muskegon County Blueberry Pie was inspired by the Blueberry Festival. This recipe is low in fat with no added sugar.

"The Traverse City Cake is served with a chocolate cut-out of the lower peninsula," said Righetti. Northern Cinnamon

Roll features a northern Michigan Maple Glaze.

"Our cookies are shaped like Model T's," said Righetti.

Stro's is the only ice cream on this menu, and the baklava is styled after the Greek style phyllo pastry you'll find on Monroe St. in Detroit.

Michigan brewed beers and a variety of soft drinks are also on

the menu. Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are popular destinations for tourists and Michiganders alike.

Upcoming events include Spring Farm Days April 22-25; Civil War Remembrance, May 30-31; Colonial Life, June 26-27 and Celebration of Emancipation Aug. 7-8.

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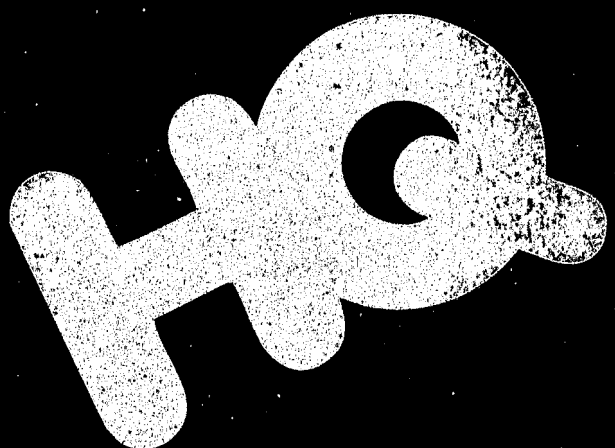
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**Any In-Stock Appliance**

**With a \$500 Purchase**

- Coupon expires 4-18-99
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**You'll Love the Difference**



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Special Savings  
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**\$1,096**  
Value

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**\$824**

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**Compact Cube  
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• 4.7 cubic foot • #BCRW (1965573)

**Save \$40.00**

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**Little Mike  
Countertop  
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**Heat or  
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Done Right,  
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**We  
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**19<sup>99</sup>**

**Includes  
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**JAMECO**

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The Best Selection  
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**Save \$2.00**

**Windex Outdoor**

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Easy to Install

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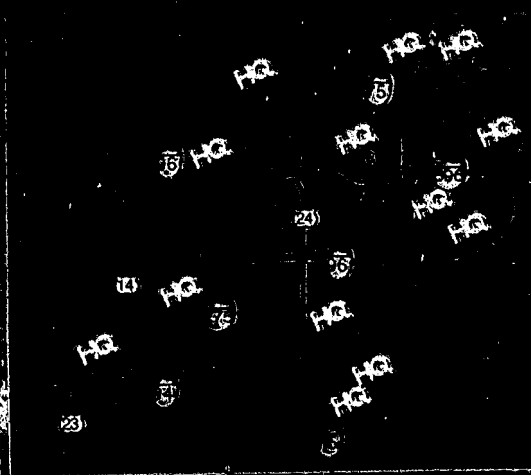
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**6<sup>99</sup>**

- Low battery signal
- Two 9 volt batteries included
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Oak Finish

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- Ready to assemble
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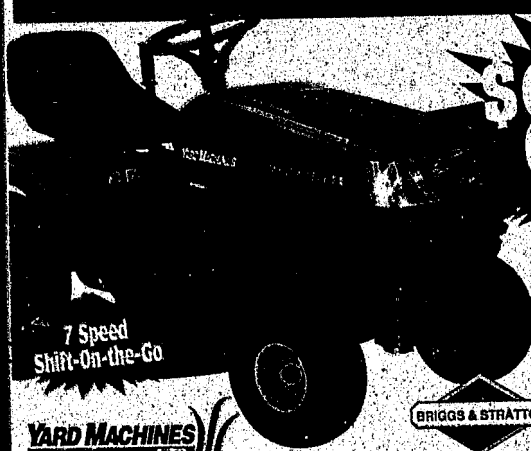


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