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With spring in the air, many people are thinking about baseball. We all know that Jackie Robinson is considered the first African-American to play major league baseball. However, in reality he is only the first in the 20th century to break the color barrier. In 1883 a man named Moses Walker was actually the first ever to do so.

Walker was a bare-handed catcher who joined the Toledo Blue Stockings the year before they entered the major-league sanctioned American Association. In his first year he caught in 60 games and batted .251, and in the following season, his first in the major leagues, he played in 42 games.

Unfortunately, the Blue Stockings' star pitcher, Tony Mullane, lobbied to have him removed from the team and was eventually successful. Mullane admitted that Walker "was the best catcher I ever worked with, but I disliked a (man of color) and whenever I had to pitch to him I used to pitch anything I wanted without looking at his signals."

However, Walker started a trend, and by 1887 seven African-American players were in the league. It was in that year, however, that the ban on players of color began.

On July 14, New Jersey player "Cap" Anson threatened Newark officials to bench Walker and African-American teammate George Washington Stovey, shouting "get that (man) off the field, there's a law against that." Anson, who went on to be inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame, had clout both on and off the field, and both the American Association and the National League announced that teams would not be allowed to hire black players any longer. More next week.

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



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Teen drug use still tops U.S. average

Recent survey results show that Clarkston High School students continue to use illicit drugs at rates that exceed national averages.

BY JAN BAKER
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The latest statistics are sobering. Twelfth-graders at Clarkston High School surpass their peers across the nation in every category of illicit drug usage — except smokeless tobacco.

According to a 1999 Western Michigan University drug survey, CHS seniors are above the national average in drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco and marijuana, using crack cocaine,

other cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin; popping tranquilizers, barbiturates and amphetamines; breathing inhalants; and taking steroids.

The national query — conducted every other year — was voluntarily completed by three levels of Clarkston students: 527 eighth-graders, 384 10th-graders and 215 12th-graders.

These findings surfaced from their responses:

■ Use of crack cocaine, other cocaine,

hallucinogens and heroin has risen to a decade-high level among CHS seniors.

■ Tobacco and marijuana smoking have slightly decreased among 12th-graders since 1997.

■ Of 527 Clarkston eighth-graders surveyed, 25.5 percent reported that they drank alcohol within the past 30 days.

■ Of the 384 Clarkston 10th-graders queried, 45.6 percent said that they downed alcohol within the past 30 days.

■ Sixteen percent of Clarkston's eighth-graders indicated that they first used alcohol in fifth-grade or below.

■ Twenty percent of Clarkston's

eighth-graders said they first got drunk in seventh-grade.

■ Use of inhalants steadily decreases from eighth- to 12th-grade.

■ Eighth-, 10th- and 12-graders all named school as the setting where they are least likely to drink alcohol or take other drugs.

Pat Brumback, Clarkston's assistant superintendent for student support services and high school operations, presented the WMU survey results to Clarkston's Board of Education Monday.

Brumback acknowledged that a drug usage problem persists among Clark-

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Hitting the airwaves: Carey Carlson, WCSX disc jockey, works in fast forward Saturday and Sunday mornings on her show "Over Easy."

On the air Disc jockey serves up breakfast tunes

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Carey Carlson can't seem to get her hands on the right compact disc, and it's only moments before the airwaves could go silent.

When all else fails, she grabs a Jimmy Buffet CD and chooses a tune. "You can't go wrong with Jimmy Buffet," she insists, a hint of relief in her trailing voice.

It's that spontaneity and creative spirit that drive her show "Over Easy" on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Clarkston resident has been working in radio since 1974 and has remained a staple in the Detroit market for more than a decade.

Amid stacks of color-coded compact discs and surrounded by microphones branching out like the legs of a mechanical tarantula, she hurries from one end of the room to the other, grabbing discs, pressing buttons and answering an endless stream of calls from her listeners. Listeners who call her by her first name. Listeners who sound more like friends than

strangers. Men and women of all ages call from their homes while doing housework, their cars while in transit, and everywhere in-between. She said the familiarity and friendly nature of her callers add to the "homey" feel of the show.

"I feel like I'm at my house playing music for peo-

ple," said Carlson.

How did it all happen? After high school, Carlson had no plans to attend college. She spent her days listening to Detroit's WABX radio and working in the circulation department at the Detroit Free Press. She credits her love of music as the motivation that led her to the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in 1974.

After completing her courses, Carlson began working at a radio station in Northern Michigan.

"I always wanted to get back here to work at WABX," she said. "By the time I got here, it was gone." Carlson managed to capture a bit of the free-form style of the FM radio station she fondly remembered with "Over Easy." The show airs from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday mornings and allows Carlson to choose all of her own music, just like FM disc jockeys did in the '60s and '70s.

"It's an intimate medium," Carlson said of radio. She does not have to stick to a set list. "Over Easy" has been on the air for 12 years now. Carlson has been involved since the

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Singing Simon and Garfunkel: Matt Watroba, local musician and disc jockey for WDET, performs acoustic sets for "Over Easy" on Saturdays.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

On the mend: Judge Gerald McNally, 67, is recovering at home from a stroke.

Judge McNally recovering at home

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Clarkston's well-known judge has returned home to recover after suffering a mild stroke.

Judge Gerald E. McNally, the 67-year-old Nebraska native best known for the 30 years he's spent on the bench at Clarkston's 52-2 District Court, was on his way to vacation in Florida Friday, but ended up at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, where he was treated for a mini-stroke.

"It was really quite a roller-coaster ride," McNally said during a phone

interview Monday.

A stroke is defined by the Stroke Prevention Council as a sort of "brain attack" which occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted by a blocked artery or a ruptured blood vessel. When the brain's continuous supply of blood for oxygen is disrupted, a stroke results.

On average, one person suffers a stroke every minute, according to the Stroke Prevention Council.

Symptoms include:

■ Sudden weakness or numbness of one side of the body

■ Sudden blurred or decreased vision

■ Difficulty speaking or understanding simple statements

■ Dizziness, loss of coordination

■ A sudden, unexplainable and severe headache

Stroke can result in the paralysis of one side of the body, the loss of the ability to speak or understand speech and memory loss.

But McNally was feeling nothing short of "delighted" Monday afternoon, when he was released after being hospitalized for four days.

The visit was not his only trip to a

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Clarkston High School Student Drug Use

Past-Month Use of Various Drugs (Entries are percent using the drug in the past 30 days)

	Grade 8	Grade 10	Grade 12	National Grade 12
Number of Cases	527	384	215	15,400
Any illicit drug use ²	18.5	28.9	33.8	26.2
Any illicit drug use other than Marijuana ³	13.4	17.4	20.3	10.7
Marijuana	12.7	21.5	28.2	23.7
Crack Cocaine	1.6	4.9	4.8	0.9
Other Cocaine	1.2	3.3	5.2	2.0
Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, etc.)	3.8	8.6	11.8	3.9
Inhalants	11.0	6.1	6.7	2.5
Heroin	1.4	1.9	5.3	0.5
Tranquillizers ⁴	1.2	2.9	5.2	1.8
Sedatives (Barbiturates) ⁴	5.2	4.8	5.7	2.1
Stimulants (Amphetamines) ⁴	6.6	7.8	7.2	4.8
Narcotics Other than Heroin ⁴	2.2	4.8	7.1	2.3
Alcohol	25.5	45.6	55.1	52.7
Cigarettes	16.0	28.6	40.0	36.5
Smokeless Tobacco	4.0	4.4	6.0	9.7
Steroids	1.6	2.9	1.9	1.0

1. "National Grade 12" is based on the National High School Senior Survey (Monitoring the Future) conducted by the Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, Spring 1997.
2. Includes the use of any drug on this table except inhalants, steroids, alcohol, cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.
3. Includes the use of any drug on this table except inhalants, steroids, alcohol, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco or marijuana.
4. Refers only to use not under a doctor's order.

ston teens. "In some areas, we're holding our own," she said. "And in some areas, we're making progress."

The assistant superintendent said, however, that efforts would continue within the schools and the community to keep teens busy and involved in life-affirming pursuits during those hours when they're not in class.

When asked about the rising usage of harder drugs like cocaine, heroin and hallucinogens among 12-graders, Brumback pointed to the prosperous economy. She said high school seniors can more easily afford those high-priced substances when Ben Franklin's countenance is in their pocket.

Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts offered his assessment of the survey results.

"Our kids know the information about drugs," Roberts said. "If we test them, they get all the right answers. But this is not a knowledge problem. This is an attitude problem."

The superintendent said that while schools and community groups can help by creating additional youth activities, the root of the problem goes deeper.

"There's a little bit too much tolerance for alcohol, smoking and substance abuse in this community," Roberts said. "In general, our youngsters are really good kids. And folks look at that as, 'Good kids don't do drugs.' Well, that's not what research across the country shows. Research is showing that kids are alone, unsupervised — and that's when they get into trouble."

The superintendent advised parents to not neglect ties with their children during the high school years.

Cindy Dixon, coordinator for the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, said Tuesday that while Clarkston's teen drug usage is still above the national averages, some gains have been made. She pointed to the task force itself, created by concerned community members in 1995 in response to Clarkston's high drug numbers.

"The fact that we have an identified group that enforces a prevention message is major progress," Dixon said. "I'm not at all surprised or discouraged by this year's results. It just confirms that this is a very big issue. We've made progress over the past three years in helping spread awareness about it. However, we've only really just begun to scratch the surface."

Dixon said the task force is inviting all community adults and teens to participate in an adult/youth dialogue meeting 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Clarkston Christian Association, 5529 Sashabaw Road.

"People need to realistically look at and listen to what the youth in our community are telling us. We need to invite them into the process to find solutions. And while we're not a prohibitionist group — alcohol is legal at the age of 21 — we're also encouraging people to look at the attitudes and behaviors they're modeling for their kids."

"This is a problem that touches every segment of our youth."

DJ

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beginning, but took one year off. "The show gets great ratings," she said. "It's really unusual for this kind of show."

Carlson considers the work therapeutic. She chooses themes based on caller requests, politics, pop culture or anything that might be on her mind or in the news. Entire shows have revolved around kids, pets and even the weather.

"The show is so free form, I don't know what I'm doing from one second to the next," said Carlson. "It's never all planned out."

Carlson answers as many calls as possible during the show, though lines are always ringing. But there's only one difficult aspect of working on "Over Easy," she said.

"Getting out of bed is hard. Once I get here, there's no where else I'd rather be."

Waking up early and keeping the show "fresh and new" are her greatest challenges at the station. To help meet those challenges, Carlson's husband, Mark Rose, works as the show's producer, engineer, gopher, and — he said — "all around nice guy." He attributes the show's popularity to the "eclectic mix of b-sides music" that Carlson plays.

"It's the softer side of rock and roll," said Rose, who recalled listening to the show years before he met Carlson. "We also play the folkies. It's just a real neat mix."

What was once "Sunday Morning Over Easy" expanded 15 months ago to encompass Saturday mornings, an idea posed by Ralph Cipolla, WCSX program director. Rose said the show reaches a varied audience. Everyone from children to grandparents listens and calls in, he said.

"It's been hugely successful with 25- to 54-year-old adults," said Carlson. "We're real strong in Northern Oakland County."



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

At the mike: Carlson speaks into a microphone like she's talking to close friends. Her listeners echo that sentiment when they call her by her first name.

With the exposure on the Internet, people across the globe have access to Carlson's show. "I'm getting E-mail from all over the world," she told one caller Saturday morning.

"There's so much listener input," said Carlson, who insists she wouldn't do this type of work if she didn't love it. The work has encouraged her to learn more about folk music, but her musical tastes remained basically the same.

Carlson does offer a word of advice to anyone starting out in radio: love the business, not just the music, because the music will change.

"I got into it out of a passion for music, then I got a passion for radio," she said. "Detroit radio is the most competitive in the country. We have so many radio stations. It's a challenge to stay on the air in Detroit radio."

Some of the music that makes "Over Easy" so popular has been captured on a compact disc

and will be available for sale May 1. About 12 hard-to-find songs — many coming from independent labels that have been heavily requested — will be compiled for the disc. Proceeds from the sale go to Lighthouse Emergency Services of Oakland County. Carlson said when she chose an organization to benefit from the project, she wanted it to be "in our backyard." Lighthouse has a Clarkston branch that services the area.

As a disc jockey, Carlson is responsible for making sure all scheduled ads run during the show. About 12 minutes an hour are dedicated to advertising, which pays for the show to air. She also gives away concert tickets and runs contests.

At work, she'll sit next to the microphone bobbing her head to the music and smiling. In a moment of inspiration, Carlson can even be found throwing her arms in the air like a maestro conducting the music that "Over Easy" fans love to hear. She

often invites local musicians and special guests on the show.

Over the next year, Carlson will be working to get the show syndicated, at least throughout Michigan. She hopes to be able to broadcast from all over the state and visit Michigan musicians in their hometowns. For now, she's content with Detroit-area guests like Matt Watroba, who produces and hosts "Folks Like Us" on WDET 100.9 FM.

Watroba stopped by the station last weekend to play some tunes and talk with Carlson. He said it's the disc jockey herself who makes "Over Easy" so popular.

"Two words," he said, "Carey Carlson. It's her personality people love. Personality drives a radio show. She's real open about trying new things on radio."

Watroba said he and Carlson became "instant friends."

"I just hope she keeps it over easy for a long, long time," he said.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Walsh College in Troy has announced that 338 students were awarded scholarships for the winter 1999 semester. The scholarships were awarded based on merit and financial need.

The following Clarkston students were awarded scholarships: Kathleen Helleman, Matthew Parker, Constance Plummer, John Sizemore and Leslie Smolen.

To qualify for a merit scholarship, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.50. Need-based scholarships are selected using the standard federal formulas and college criteria. Walsh College scholarships are funded

through the generous support of private donors.

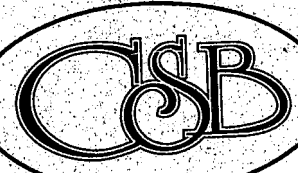
Kyle John Russell, the son of Gary and Lorna Morton, and Nicholas Martin Pinazzo, the son of Martin and Donna Pinazzo, all of Clarkston, have been

initiated into the Beta Theta Pi chapter at Central Michigan University. Both students are graduates of Clarkston High School.

Beta Theta Pi, which was founded in 1839 at Miami (Ohio) University, is dedicated

to scholarship, brotherhood and community service.

The fraternity has more than 115,000 members on 138 campuses in Canada and the United States. The Central Michigan University chapter was chartered in 1996.



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Clarkston schools take proactive approach to violence

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Security measures at all Clarkston Community Schools buildings were tightened even more than usual Wednesday in reaction to the shootings at a high school outside Denver, Colo., Tuesday.

Local school officials and police assure parents, students, staff members and the community that school and safety officials have taken several courses of action to ensure the safety of everyone in the school district even prior to Tuesday's breaking news and have always had courses of action in place in case of any type of catastrophe.

"We are proactive when it comes to working with the school system for the safety of all of the students and staff," said Lt. Dale LaBair from the Oakland County Independence Township substation.

"What happened in Colorado is an isolated incident. We don't want parents here to be panic stricken," he said.

The school system has a written protocol as to how to handle emergencies and the sheriff's department has worked, and continues to work, with the schools on these measures.

"We sat down when the new high school was being built with the school board members, engineers, construction people to discuss putting in place several security measures," LaBair said. "Once the building was completed and the building opened, we had our own special response team walk through the building at the invitation of the school board."

"We haven't ignored the possibility that things can happen. We are proactive, not just reactive," he added.

As of yesterday morning, news reports indicated that as many as 25 people, including several students at Columbine High School, were killed by two students who died of self-inflicted wounds. More than 20 people were wounded in their attacks.

Dave Reschke, Clarkston Community Schools assistant superintendent of elementary and middle school operations, was fielding calls Wednesday.

"We've received several calls both internally and externally," he said. "Superintendent Al Roberts sent out a memo reminding us of increased security measures to take but our real concern is to be sure our students, especially our high school kids, understand that they have a safe and orderly environment where they attend school."

Wednesday morning extra police cars were in the high school parking lot. Instead of walking into the main office to sign in, visitors were required to stop at a supervised table outside the office.

Clarkston High School Director of Guidance Neal Sage said the administrative staff met Wednesday to discuss the shooting.

"If something like that happens, or something similar, we have a good outside base of agencies (for counseling)," he said. "We've done some planning. We have our own crisis team." It consists of 12-15 counselors, social workers and teachers.

Every school in the district has its own crisis team, according to Reschke. Each school's team is available to help at other schools that might need assistance.

A group of Clarkston High School students said Wednesday there is a feeling of safety at the school.

Sophomore Brandon Loba said there are cameras in the school that monitor behavior. When hall monitors hear a rumor that a certain student might have a weapon, that student will get called down to the office.

Clarkston High School senior Tom Harder said Wednesday that the Colorado high school shooting is a cause for concern for him and his peers. Stepping up security, Harder said, might mean metal detectors, which wouldn't be a good option.

"You can't have that at every door," he said.

Harder said if something were to occur that he felt could lead to a crisis situation, he would be comfortable confronting the student and telling others about it.

Senior Ed Jidas said, "I don't think it (shootings) would ever happen at our school." Though he's overheard students make threats, they weren't the kind he

would take seriously.

A constant supportive, open and concerned atmosphere from parents, the schools and the community is one of the chief components to help teenagers avoid the level of despair that may lead to violence, drug abuse and suicide, according to Reschke.

"Just touch base with your children every day, whether that child is in kindergarten or in the 12th grade," Reschke said.

Dennis Kaszeta is president of the Clarkston Task Force for Youth and a mental health counselor in private practice with Triad Associates.

He said the undercurrents of unrest in American society, particularly with youths, is hard to address.

"What's happening is we're missing the systematic cries. There's a growing propensity of violence. If youth aren't provided with mentorships, then they're finding meaning in their own misguided groups and gangs as they search for identity."

Children of all ages need opportunities to talk about issues that concern them. He said the greater Clarkston community is on the right path in when it comes to youth issues.

"We're looking at their concerns as our concerns — that their problems are not just problems for the home or for the schools, but they are community-wide problems that require a community-wide approach," Kaszeta said.

He mentioned the task force, which is working on getting youths involved.

John Dilegghio is tapped to be the Clarkston High School principal beginning next school year. He's currently principal of Sashabaw Middle School.

He recognizes that the Colorado shooting incident could take place anywhere. But being proactive in preventing incidences is a key factor.

"You make sure that you listen to all kids, that you feel all kids have an opportunity to be a part of the school," he said. "You want them to be a part of the building, no matter how they choose to do that. You want it to be appropriate, of course."

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston agrees. He said stu-



Proactive approach: Neal Sage, director of guidance at Clarkston High School, says the school has a crisis team in place in the event of a catastrophe.



Tom Harder



Ed Jidas



Brandon Loba

dents, particularly at the high school level, have to come together as a group and accept one another for who they are, regardless of their academic capabilities as students or their areas of interest.

"They have to recognize other students' values as individuals and not intentionally exclude anyone or categorize them into groups."

He explained this would help them work together to support

each other and help in times of need.

Staff writer Stephanie Casola and special writer Jan Baker contributed to this report.

New kindergarten program offered at 3 Clarkston schools

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

In addition to their regular 1/2-day kindergarten classes, Andersonville, North Sashabaw and Pine Knob elementaries will each house a new program next year called Kindergarten Plus.

Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent of K-8 operations, presented details of the new offering to Clarkston's school board Monday night. Reschke told trustees that the program will consist of 1/2-day morning kindergarten class with the addition of a 1/2-day afternoon kindergarten enrichment session supervised by a certified kindergarten teacher. Reschke said the program — which will house about 18 students at each building — will also include a parent education requirement and some home visitations by the Kindergarten Plus teacher.

While the four-hour session will be open to all students, Reschke said it will particularly target students who need a boost. He pointed out that Andersonville, North Sashabaw and Pine Knob are federal Title I schools, based on the percentage of students in those buildings who receive free or reduced lunches. In a memo to the board, Reschke stated, "The Title I program and the State of Michigan At-Risk program recognizes schools that have high concentrations of 'at risk' students as schools that need extra assistance to help students achieve at acceptable rates."

Reschke told board members that the new class will be self-funded through tuition and fees. Each full day class session will cost \$15. However, some scholarship money will be available to

families who need financial support.

"Because of the nature of the learner in those (three) buildings, that's where we start a program like this first," Reschke said. "But if these programs become very effective and popular, there's nothing that says we couldn't add them to the other (elementary) schools in the future."

Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts followed Reschke's presentation with his own take on why the program has merit.

"Some of our kids almost become 'lifers,'" Roberts said. "They're in Title I at grade 2. And when you look at grades 7, 8 and 9, they're still receiving assistance. We think kids can benefit from that strong start so when they get to first- or second-grade, they can move out."

Police seek suspect in ice cream shop hold-up

Police are searching for a suspect in connection to the April 9 armed robbery of a Dixie Highway ice cream shop in Springfield Township.

According to Detective Gary Miller of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Special

Investigations Unit, a black male approximately 6-foot-1 and 198 pounds entered the business at 9:30 p.m. through the back door. He was wearing a brown jacket, glasses and a beard, and was carrying a rifle.

Four employees were still

inside. He forced them into an office, took an undetermined amount of money and fled out the back door on foot, police said. The man entered a waiting vehicle on Dixie Highway.

Anyone with information is asked to call (248) 858-4983.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 15-18.

Springfield police

Vandalism

On April 17, the rear window of a vehicle parked in a driveway on Sleepy Hollow was reported damaged.

Independence police

Thefts

On April 16, a cell phone was reported stolen and a window broken from a vehicle parked on Lakeview Drive.

On April 16, a cell phone was reported stolen and a window broken from a vehicle parked on Mohican Drive.

On April 16, a compact disc player and cell phone were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Tahoe Drive. Reports showed that a fire iron was left in the vehicle.

On April 16, cassettes, compact discs and credit cards were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Mohawk Avenue.

Juvenile Assault and Battery

On April 17, a boy was reportedly struck in the head by a rock thrown by another boy on Marshbank Lane.

Vandalism

On April 17, a mail box post was reported damaged on Hummingbird Lane.

On April 17, a window of a home on Clintonville Road was reportedly broken.

Home Invasion

On April 16, a bicycle was reported stolen from the attached garage of a home on Maybee Road.

Independence fire

Between April 15-18, firefighters responded to 13 calls. Among them were 11 medical calls and one small kitchen fire.

Clarkston police

Car accident

On April 16, police responded to an accident on Main Street near Depot Road in which a vehicle driven by an Ortonville man rear-ended a vehicle driven by a Waterford man.

The Ortonville man was cited for driving at too fast, police said.

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The "streets" of Meadowbrook Village Mall will soon be filled with over three dozen Honda Gold Wings, as members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association visit to display and discuss their favorite motorcycles. With over 230 members, the Oakland County Wings Chapter of the GWRRA is one of Michigan's largest chapters. Following a motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," GWRRA is a family-oriented group which stresses the importance of motorcycle education and safety.

VISIT THE VILLAGE

Chamber on record membership pace

Wendy Halsey, president of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, has announced that the chamber's membership rolls have reached 319, breaking the old record of 312 set in 1998. The Chamber's goal for the 1999 membership year, which ends in September, is 340 members.

"We are very excited to see the continuous growth of our Chamber," said Halsey.

"We have continued to grow by 50-60 members each year. More members means a stronger chamber. We can afford to do more programs, projects and promotions."

The chamber has undertaken several new projects in the past

'We have continued to grow by 50-60 members each year. More members means a stronger chamber.'

—Wendy Halsey

president, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

two years, including an annual community calendar, a Fourth of July fireworks event, a website, and Business to Business Advertising Advantage.

Currently, the chamber is working with Clarkston Community Schools and Clarkston State Bank to plan and host a business summit in the fall of 1999 to address the development

of a career counseling, job shadowing and mentorship program.

"Increased membership also means a larger network to socialize with, give referrals to and patronize. Our membership is very loyal when it comes to supporting other chamber members," adds Ron Davis, president-elect.

When asked why so many

businesses are turning to the chamber, Halsey said, "There are a number of reasons: referrals, HMO and other business discounts. It's a great way to promote your business and achieve a higher visibility within the community. People in our area are loyal to chamber members and go out of their way to support the businesses and individuals that work hard to make the Clarkston area a better place to live, work and shop."

Membership dues are based on how many employees a business has, with rates beginning at \$120 per year. For more information contact the chamber at 625-8055.

Board votes to limit outside enrollment

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Even with a new elementary school in the works and impending expansions at many of its older buildings, the Clarkston School District continues to keep a watchful eye on space and student numbers.

As part of that effort, Clarkston's school board voted unanimously Monday to not accept enrollment applications from non-resident students who live within Oakland County for the 1999-2000 school year. It's the fourth consecutive year that the board has decided to opt out of the state's schools-of-choice program.

During the same meeting, board members also unanimously approved a resolution to oppose House Bill 4204. That

proposed legislation would require the state's public schools to open extracurricular activities to students who attend nonpublic schools or are home-schooled.

Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said he supported the board's resolution. Roberts said that if the bill were passed, enrolled students would lose participation opportunities to unenrolled students who spend no time in Clarkston classrooms and are unaccountable to Clarkston Schools' administration and Board of Education. He also said funding would not be provided to the Clarkston School District to cover the costs of those unenrolled students.

Board president Kurt Shanks agreed. "It would be a drain on our resources," he said.

Rotary Club prepares 'run for roses' party

The Clarkston Rotary Club is sponsoring its third annual Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 1. This date marks the 125th "run for the roses" at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

With the famous race as the theme for one of Clarkston's truly fun fund-raisers, this party promises to get people in the Derby mood.

Six live action races will be run during the afternoon featuring real betting on your favorite Rotary horses. Authentic mint

juleps will be served to get the atmosphere just right.

The broadcast of the actual Derby race from the track at Churchill Downs will be shown on big screen TV. In keeping with a long-standing tradition of the Derby, a special ladies hat contest will award prizes for the best, biggest and brightest hats to grace the hall.

As always, Rotary members will be raising money for a good cause in the Clarkston area. This year's proceeds will go to the recently expanded Clarkston

Rotary Scholarship Fund. The fund has assisted area students for many years.

Scholarship awards were recently increased to \$1,000 per year per student.

Jeff Lichty, club president, said, "With the cost of books and tuition continuing to rise, we wanted to make our contribution to the students' education more meaningful."

If you want to have a great time, great food and support a great scholarship fund — all at the same time — plan to attend

this party. The event takes place at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with racing, live music, food and dessert stations and the chance to win the main prize drawing — a beautiful statue of a racing horse in full gallop.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any Rotary member or by calling Dick Miller at (248) 620-7100 or Joel Delong at (248) 625-9741.

This event is licensed under the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Division.

CSB promotes Clarkston resident to VP position

Clarkston State Bank (CSB), which opened in January, has promoted Dawn Horner, a resident of Clarkston, to vice president of operations. She was manager of operations since November of 1998, while the bank was organizing.

Horner, who previously worked at First of America Bank and Trust Co. in Royal Oak, came to CSB with over 23 years of banking knowledge. At First of America, she held several positions including, senior vice president, Operations Division; vice-president, Operations Division; assistant vice presi-

dent, Operations Division and Branch Operations.

She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking and the Central Michigan University Robert M. Perry School of Banking. Horner is anticipating receiving a bachelor of science degree with a major in management from Central sometime this year.

Located at 15 S. Main in downtown Clarkston, the former site of an NBD Branch, Clarkston State Bank offers complete consumer and commercial banking services.

DEAN'S LIST

First year students Misty D. Hensley, Daryl L. Fougne and Paul J. Talbot, all graduates of Clarkston High School, have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 1998 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better at the

completion of the semester. Talbot also pledged the Albion College of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity during the 1999 spring semester.

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Corrections

■ The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has applied for a \$2 million grant from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund to purchase property that includes Upper Bushman Lake in Independence Township. Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission would match the grant with \$1.7 million. It was not a \$3 million

grant that the commission applied for as reported in the March 21 edition of the *Clarkston Eccentric*.

■ Rick Ratner was incorrectly identified as a Clarkston-area resident in the April 18 edition of the *Clarkston Eccentric*.

He is the attorney of record for Gary Stonerock.

Keep pace with youth — Find all the latest information on the local school district in the Thursday and Sunday editions of the *Clarkston Eccentric*

McNally from page A1

hospital recently. Three weeks ago, he underwent bypass surgery. McNally was out of the hospital for two weeks before he was forced to return.

"It really is a tough place to be," he said of the hospital. Confined to a small room and getting limited sleep, he was eager to recover. "I feel really delighted to be home," McNally said.

He said he was lucky to be at the airport in Michigan at the time, rather than in Florida at the time of the stroke. Doctors here had ready access to his records and were able to give

him the care he needed. "They just wheeled me into Beaumont," he said nonchalantly. "Beaumont is an excellent hospital."

McNally estimated he spent about 17 of the past 30 days in the hospital. He was released in good condition.

"I feel so grateful," he said. "I could've had a lot of damage." McNally has just entered his 30th year on the job. He expects to get back to the bench in about one month.

"I was just so fortunate," he said.

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School's in

OCC student, 56, proves it's never too late to learn, succeed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Arlene Quigley is a woman who never forgot her dream of graduating from college — even though it was shelved 30 years ago when she began rearing five children.

Since then, she graduated with an associate's degree from Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, became the student representative to the college's board of trustees in March and became president of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society in November 1998. She is working toward transferring to Walsh College's Novi campus to get her bachelor's degree in accounting, a field she has worked in for about 10 years.

At 56, she is old enough to be the grandmother of most of her classmates.

"I think that's what's kind of great," Quigley said. "There are all different ages and nationalities (at OCC). You kind of share experiences — you learn from the young and they learn from you being older."

The younger students help show her the ropes about computers.

"The younger generation is really into computers right now," Quigley said. "If you sit down and talk with them you can learn so much in a short period of time. I just suck in the information."

And in return, the students learn about patience from Quigley — who patiently waited 30 years before returning to college.

"I had never completed my education when I was younger," Quigley said. "I worked to put my husband through school. I figured I never was going to go back."

After a divorce and getting her

■ At 56, she is old enough to be the grandmother of most of her classmates.

youngest child off to college four years ago, the Novi resident and former Farmington Hills resident decided change was in order.

"I wanted to get busy," she said. "I decided to go back to school." She began attending Macomb Community College after high school, but delayed her college plans when she started raising a family. Little did she know her children would one day become her classmates. Four of her five children attended OCC before moving on to four-year colleges.

"We were all kind of here at the same time," she said.

All but one of her five children attended OCC. Her eldest child, Laura, attended Eastern Michigan University all four years and is a music teacher.

Of her four other children, three were also in Phi Theta Kappa. Her daughter, Diane, is working toward a physical therapy degree at Oakland University, her son, John, is a Specs Howard School of Broadcasting graduate and owns a film production studio, and her daughter, Karen, is preparing to graduate from Western Michigan University.

She said her son Brian was initially hesitant to go to college, but at her urging, quickly became hooked.

"I'm so proud of him," she said. "He had to really work hard (to graduate)." Now he is a graduate student at Texas A&M, studying psychology on a fellowship, she added.

Much of her college life involves Phi Theta Kappa, an

internationally recognized honor society. Members must maintain 3.5 or higher grade point averages. Members stay busy with activities promoting AIDS awareness, literacy, fund-raising and more. Community activities include "Paint the Town," an event geared toward painting homes of low-income senior citizens and "America Reads," a literacy campaign.

She has attended many seminars and has met people such as former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp, entertainer Steve Allen and newscaster Sam Donaldson. She also met Jeannie White, mother of late AIDS activist Ryan White, at one of the society's AIDS awareness events.

At the end of April, she will travel with the society to an "America Reads" convention in California. Actor LeVar Burton of "Roots" fame and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo will be among the attendees, she said.

Her other college duties include attending board of trustee meetings as the student representative. Her job is to tell the chancellor about events going on throughout the campus. She has reported on many of Phi Theta Kappa's events.

During the day, she works as office administrator for a Southfield law firm. Her accounting experience at the firm has helped her with her accounting studies. But like every student, she still has to deal with required courses and the inevitable term papers.

She feels the stresses of meeting deadlines and finding time for studying. She occasionally encounters other stressed students who become discouraged and want to give up. Her response to them is simple.

"If I can do it, so can you," she said.



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Realizing a dream: After raising her family, Arlene Quigley did what she always wanted to do: She enrolled in college. Now, she's working toward a degree at Oakland Community College.

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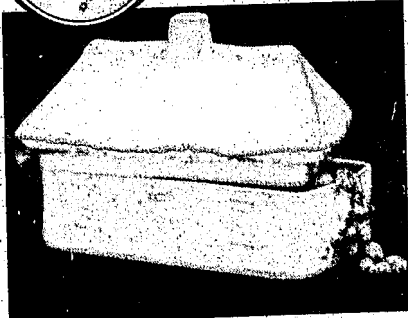
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Depot Park rolls out carpet for Walk and Roll '99

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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While wheels are not required at this year's Walk and Roll fund-raiser, a comfortable pair of running shoes is suggested for anyone ready to hoof it across Clarkston for the benefit of SCAMP.

"Everyone in the community cares about SCAMP," said Donna Clancy-Tauer, committee member for the annual fund-raising event. "Everyone knows someone who benefits from SCAMP."

SCAMP, a local summer camp program for children with special needs, will host Walk and Roll '99 on Sunday, May 2, at Depot Park in Clarkston. The event is a major fund-raiser for the organization. Walkers, bikers, in-line skaters and wheel chair participants are invited to join the community effort. One-mile, 3-mile, and 8-mile routes will be marked around the Clarkston area.

"It's one of our family events," said Geri Batt of SCAMP. "We like to see lots of people come out."

While in the past SCAMP had a stronger base of participants from area schools, it is working to include Clarkston businesses and health care providers for their support. Sponsorship for SCAMP Walk and Roll has spread deeper into the local business and health care communities, placing more of an emphasis on physical fitness.

Charles Munk, a Clarkston orthodontist, is the event's largest sponsor and has acted as chairperson to bring other businesses out to support the program. At last year's event, Munk and his staff worked together to raise pledges and awareness for SCAMP.

The SCAMP program began in 1976 in Northern Oakland and

Southern Genesee counties. It is a five-week program designed to build self-esteem and maintain academic achievement by using recreational activities and social events.

"A couple of my staff members had children with special needs," said Munk who strongly supports the program. "It not only helps kids, it also really helps give their parents a break. It's a full-time job taking care of children. The camp gives them a break from the day-to-day."

Clancy-Tauer said SCAMP gives children who have special needs a chance to do things they would otherwise miss out on. SCAMP offers an overnight camping experience and nearly one-on-one assistance.

Gloria Spitler, a committee member working with Clarkston schools, agreed.

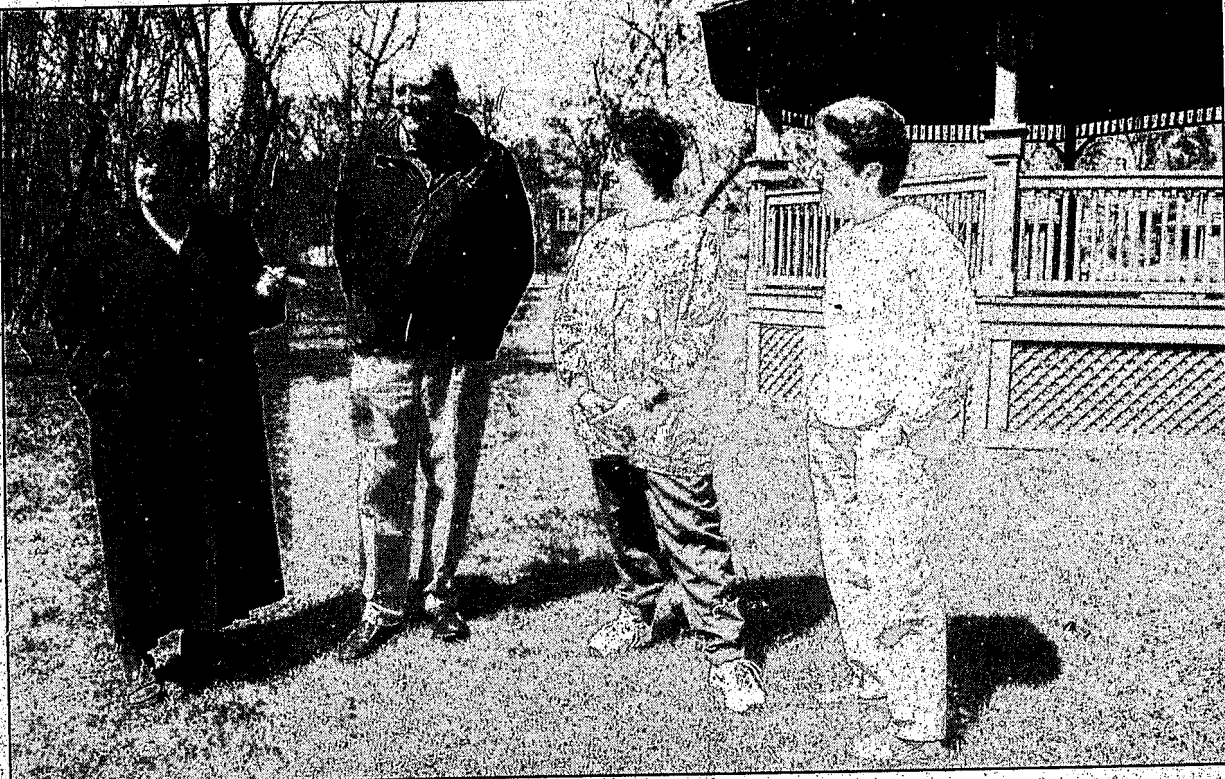
"They can do things they wouldn't be able to do," said Spitler. "We encourage students to get pledges for the walk. We encourage staff to participate. Some students who walk end up becoming student volunteers. The special needs kids also participate. We get kids from the Rochester track team. We get other districts participating."

Munk said the fund-raiser is an effort to make sure that any of the kids who want to attend SCAMP are able to do so. He said the funds raised will help those families who would not otherwise be able to afford to send their children to the camp.

"Our overall philosophy is never to turn away a child for financial reasons," added Batt.

SCAMP offers "scamperships" and grants for children. About 300 kids attend the camp each summer from June 28 to July 29. Special needs children are defined as those with mental, physical or emotional impairments. Some have language difficulties.

Last year the Walk and Roll



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Ready to Walk and Roll: Organizers of SCAMP's Walk and Roll '99 (left to right) Donna Clancy-Tauer, Charles Munk, Gloria Blaske and Gloria Spitler stroll by the Depot Park gazebo near the route for the annual fund-raiser.

helped raise more than \$18,500 to send children to SCAMP, Batt said. This year organizers hope to surpass that figure.

"It's a fun, family-oriented event," said Gloria Blaske, medical community coordinator. She and her children were involved in last year's Walk and Roll.

Beverages and hot dogs will be

available at the event. Munk and his staff will provide healthy living information and bottled water for participants. He plans to run the 8-mile route again this year and welcomes anyone who wants to join.

A nurse from the University of Michigan-Flint will teach warm-up exercises before the walk. T-

shirts will be given to students with pledges of \$50 or more, and adults with pledges of \$100 or more. All ages are welcome to participate and pet pledge sheets are available.

"Rain or shine, we're going forward," said Munk.

"We're praying for sun," added Blaske.

Registration will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 2 in Depot Park, downtown Clarkston.

Pledge sheets are available at the Clarkston Schools Support Services office.

Pick one up in person, or call (248) 620-1882 for more information.

OBITUARIES

Frederick S. Rader

Frederick S. Rader of Clarkston died April 19, 1999, at age 86.

Mr. Rader retired from Fisher Body after 36 years of service. He was a member of UAW Local 5960.

Mr. Rader is survived by his wife, Anna P.; daughter, June A. Larange of Waterford; son, Stanley F. (Judy) of St. Helen; sister, Dorothy LaFave; 11 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Norman M.

Visitation is noon to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, 135 South St., Ortonville. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Ortonville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Visiting Nurses Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Beulah M. Shaw

Beulah M. Shaw of Clarkston, formerly of Battle Creek, died April 17, 1999, at age 93.

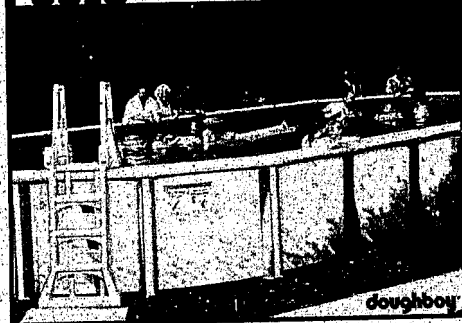
Mrs. Shaw is survived by a sister, Katherine M. Cunningham of Clarkston; several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Russ Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and sister, Gladys Davis.

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OCC student tuition hiked 1.5 percent

BY TIM RICHARD
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Ho-hum. No surprises. Student tuition will go up a bare 1.5 percent in an Oakland Community College budget next school year of \$110.5 million.

The tuition hike, vice chancellor Clarence Brantley told the board of trustees April 19, recognizes "the State Tax Commission's determination that inflation last year was 1.6 percent and the board's resolution that tuition increases are not to exceed inflation."

New rates will be \$47.70 per credit hour for in-district students, up 70 cents; \$80.70 for other Michigan residents, up \$1.20; and \$113.20 for out-of-state students, up \$1.70.

Chief goals, said Brantley, are holding personnel costs to 80 percent of operations, allowing more for building renovations and program improvements, and improved student services.

Brantley and Chancellor Richard T. Thompson again criticized a legislative state aid formula that shows OCC "needs" only \$19.9 million this coming fiscal year "or \$3 million less than last year."

"Politics has given us \$21 million," Brantley said, referring to the amount

'We're taking an aggressive lobbying stance with the Legislature.'

Richard T. Thompson
—chancellor, Oakland Community College

voted for OCC in the House budget bill. "Something must be wrong with the formula. The formula says OCC should get rock bottom" among 28 community colleges.

Thompson added, "We're taking an aggressive lobbying stance with the Legislature."

OCC's increase in state aid amounts to 2.76 percent, lowest (with two others) of the community colleges. The budget bill is in a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. Overall, the budget bill gives community colleges 4.4 percent more.

On a per-student basis, OCC is at the bottom of the list of 28, at \$6,134 per student, versus No. 1 Alpena at \$8,287. "We pay twice as much as Alpena," Brantley said. If OCC got as much per student as Alpena, it would have \$29 million, he said.

Biggest sources of revenue will continue to be two property taxes:

■ The "charter" mill voted in perpetu-

ity in 1964 which, under the tax limitation process, has shrunk to 0.85 mill (85 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value). It will generate \$31.7 million.

■ The seven-year 0.8 mill approved by voters in 1995 and due to expire after 2002. It has been shaved to 0.7868 mill and will generate \$29.8 million. It's reserved for building renovations, technology and new programs.

Attending the meeting were four of the seven trustees: vice-chair Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak, Sandra Ritter of Waterford, Judith Wisner of West Bloomfield and Jan Simmons of Rochester Hills. Missing were chair Carol Crew of Waterford, Anne Scott of Royal Oak and Pamela Davis of Sterling Heights.

Wiser urged the administration to publicize new programs well so that voters will be inclined to renew the levy in 2002.

The board will vote at a later meeting. The college's fiscal year begins July 1. Brantley projected enrollment to be

flat at 438,000 credit hours, leveling off after declining during most of the 1990s.

Facility and maintenance project are due for \$9.9 million; technology at \$6.1 million; and staff development and new initiatives at \$1.5 million.

'CREST' reports

Dr. Joe Macri, who rides herd on OCC's Combined Regional Emergency Services Training Center (CREST), reported that area police departments can support operations with \$360,000 a year and fire departments for \$180,000.

Due to go up on the Auburn Hills Campus, CREST, formerly called "Simulation City," is to be an advanced training area for police, fire and emergency medical personnel, training them under realistic conditions. It would be separate from the police academy, where students pay their own tuition to study law enforcement.

"We're looking at federal and state grants for capital," added Cheryl Kozell, executive director for workforce development. Because CREST will be used by departments across the state, OCC trustees aren't planning to allocate any local tax money toward it.

Contracts

In other business, the OCC board approved:

■ A three-year contract for police dispatch services with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Cost will be \$54,000 per year, up 8 percent from the last three-year contract. It runs through the end of March 2002.

■ A printing contract of \$44,441 for 60,000 copies of the new general college catalog. Low bidder was Custom Printing Co. of Owensville, Mo.

■ Purchase of a new Jacobsen Turbo Wide Area Mower for the Orchard Ridge Campus from W.F. Miller of Novi, low bidder at \$59,972.

■ Purchase of a new Toro sprayer for Orchard Ridge from Spartan Distributors, local authorized dealer, for \$29,855.

■ Purchase student desks and activity room furniture for the Highland Lakes Campus from Public Place Design, low bidder at \$50,568.

■ Purchase of classroom and study area furniture for Highland Lakes from low bidder Education & Institutional Cooperative for \$71,339.

■ Purchase of 149 computers for automated libraries from Dell Computers for \$252,344.

Notre Dame Club to honor attorney

Bloomfield Hills attorney Dan Devine Sr. will be recognized by the Notre Dame Club of Detroit Monday at the organization's annual dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Devine, a senior partner at Beier Howlett, P.C., and a 1956 graduate of Notre Dame, will be honored for contributions to his profession and the community.

Devine, a past president of the Oakland County Bar Association and a former Commissioner for the State Bar of Michigan, has practiced family law for almost 40 years. He was also an Oak-

land County Circuit Judge briefly in 1966-67.

Devine has been active in the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Bloomfield Lion's Club, the Holy Name Parish Council and the University of Detroit High School Dad's Club. He is a former Republican precinct delegate and was president of the Notre Dame Club of Detroit in 1992.

He and his wife Barbara reside in Beverly Hills. They have seven children and twelve grand children.

Hunger Walk planned for May

Lighthouse Emergency Services, an agency that assists the needy in Oakland County, will hold its 17th-annual Hunger Walk beginning 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

This year's walk will originate at General Motors' Truck Products Center-Central facility in Pontiac.

Huel Perkins, media personality for WJBK Fox 2, will serve as master of ceremonies. All proceeds benefit Lighthouse Emergency Services in Pontiac and Clarkston.

Presenting sponsors are General Motors' Men's Club, Centerpoint Business Campus, an Etkin Equities Development, GM Truck Group, and UAW Local 594. The Oakland Press, Oakland Schools and Hollywood Market are walk sponsors.

Registration will be held from

9-10 a.m. on walk day at 2000 Centerpoint Parkway, which is south of South Boulevard, and west of Opdyke Road in Pontiac. The 3.9-mile walk route begins at the Truck Product Center-Central and progresses through the Centerpoint Business Campus. Call (248) 335-5400 to obtain a pledge form or for more information.

The Hunger Walk is a community activity that encourages businesses, schools, and residents to become involved by sponsoring a walker. T-shirts will be distributed to walkers who bring \$50 or more in pledges.

Lighthouse Emergency Services, a subsidiary of Lighthouse of Oakland County, is a non-profit human services agency assisting residents of Oakland County.

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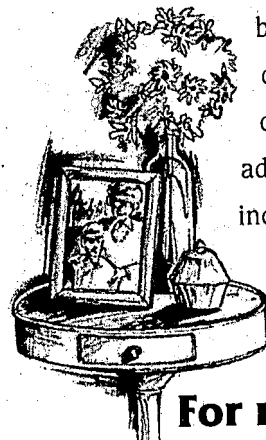


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Here's FineLine New magazine will celebrate our life in Oakland County

Give it size. Give it style. Give it class. That's what Fred Astaire said. He was referring to the rules he lived by and used to create his famous public persona. We took Astaire's advice, applied it to an idea we've been considering for a couple years, and the results will be published Sunday in many editions of The Eccentric Newspapers.

That's when FineLine debuts. It's a new magazine we're publishing that will better define the difference between life and just living. It's time to draw a distinction between the two and celebrate the former.

The purpose of FineLine is twofold: Recognize where we live and publish, and then publish a magazine of interest to those readers and advertisers. Oakland County, by anyone's standards, represents the high end of life and that's what FineLine will reflect.

You won't find another "10 Best Burgers" list in FineLine. It's not going to deal in gossip. It won't be formulaic. No puff pieces, either.

FineLine is designed to be edgy and stylish in content and design. Rather than create a magazine celebrating those who are in with the in crowd — and giving readers the impression they aren't — FineLine is the guide on exactly how to live that life.

The magazine will be way out in front on topics such as:

■ Fashion. Anyone can tell you what's fashionable now. Nicole Stafford will be writing about what will be fashionable — her authoritative tone will come straight to you from buyers and designers of the hottest fashion.

■ Stafford's job is to define it before it becomes a trend.

■ Culture and the arts. Frank Provenzano is going to explore the origins of culture in Oakland County, writing about prominent residents who define and shape life by their thoughts and actions.

■ Design, as in home architecture. Hugh Gallagher, in Sunday's FineLine, writes about a home perfect to the smallest detail, just a few blocks from downtown Birmingham.

■ The answer to the question, "What's local?" Local is a state of mind. For some people, local is defined by geographic boundaries. For FineLine, local is anything within comfortable reach of its readers, which means the focus can and will extend from Oakland County's communities to Paris.

To that end, Judith Doner Berne wrote a travel piece on the lush comforts New York



PHILIP SHERMAN

has to offer, and how to gain access to them.

The photographs were taken by Jerry Zolynsky and Stephen Cantrell, two of our veteran photographers who accepted the challenge of jumping from newspaper shooting to a magazine format. Photo assignments for a newspaper generally don't take too long, because the subject is news and we don't set up the shot.

For FineLine, though, some of the pictures you'll see took weeks to conceptualize and arrange, and up to a full week to shoot.

Editors on our first issue of FineLine were Joe Bauman, assistant managing editor for south Oakland County; Suzanne Parker, community editor for The West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric; and myself, Philip Sherman, managing editor for all of The Eccentric Newspapers. Justin Wilcox, our Oakland County publisher, also serves as FineLine publisher.

J. Kevin Curley led our effort for advertising with account executives Lisa Brinker, Dan DeCapua, Tom Halm, Ron Katz, Michele Lyon and Pam Tassoni.

That isn't a complete list by any measure, but it is topped by Steven K. Pope, vice president and general manager.

You can find a copy of FineLine in selected Sunday Eccentric Newspapers or at your local coffee shops or book stores.

Any of us would appreciate a note regarding your thoughts about FineLine. When you see it Sunday, please feel free to call or write me at the Voice Mail number or e-mail address listed below; and I'll pass it along to the right party.

If you didn't receive a copy of FineLine but would like one, call the Clarkston Eccentric office at (248) 625-1900.

Philip Sherman is the managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers. He welcomes your comments by Voice Mail at (248) 901-2563, or by e-mail at psherman@oe.homecomm.net



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Fine tuning FineLine: Managing Editor Philip Sherman (left) and staffers Suzanne Parker, Jerry Zolynsky, Nicole Stafford, Frank Provenzano and Joe Bauman look over the first issues of FineLine.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think there's a need for additional overnight lodging in the Clarkston area?

This question was asked at Kroger on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.



Yvonne Blodgett
Independence Township



Dawn Bruderick
Independence Township



Jerry Flynn
Independence Township



Brian Vratianina
Independence Township

LETTERS

Leaders need the courage of their own convictions

Recently our current Independence Township supervisor wrote concerning the Holiday Inn proposal, saying that it was wrong for the planning commission to go beyond recommending rezonings to demanding, saying further that the planning commission was wrong. Apparently, he refers to the recommendations by the planning commission, back in 1994, that the M-15 corridor north of I-75 be rezoned to be consistent with the office designation in the township master plan.

This planning commission recommendation was not a demand and was not forced. In fact, on April 4, 1995, that supervisor and a majority of the township board took the first step to rezoning these properties. Then because of opposition by a couple of landowners, the supervisor did not reschedule the final step, meaning that this rezoning would languish in a kind of dangerous limbo: dangerous, because the citizens believed the rezoning had been complete, yet potential developers could take advantage of this cowardly inaction.

If our elected officials cannot take action consistent with their beliefs and principles, then we need elected representatives who will.

Paula Holstine
Independence Township

Citizens support rezoning

Attendance at the April 15 meeting was awesome. Public support was well-delivered and well-received. The Independence Township Planning Commission's recommendation to the Independence Township Board for rezoning of the M-15 corridor was acted upon by a first reading.

We've been here before in 1995 and apparently the citizens like us didn't understand we needed to call for the second reading for it to actually happen.

Well, effective today, we offer our support to the elected officials for the rezoning effort begun last night and would like to publicly call on Dale Stuart, our supervisor, to schedule the second reading as soon as technically possible.

We citizens are here to support this effort and will be at the second reading this time.
Susan and Bruce Balmes
Independence Township

Pass on the gift of life

April is Donor Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to recognize the importance of organ and tissue donation. There's no greater gift than the gift of life and you can:

■ Pass it on by discussing organ and tissue donation with your family and friends. Each new donor brings the chance for renewed life to 2,200 Michigan patients waiting for an organ donation. It's important your family know about your wishes. They will be responsible for making the final decision about organ donation.

■ Pass it on by signing the back of your driver license. Signing your driver license is an excellent way to alert others about your organ donor wishes.

■ Pass it on by signing and mailing your organ and tissue donor registry enrollment card. The Secretary of State's office makes it easy. Cards are mailed with all new driver licenses and are available to any branch office.

Celebrate Donor Awareness Month by designating your organ donation wishes. Remember, life is great — pass it on!

Candice S. Miller
Michigan Secretary of State

Fund elderly care properly

The article of April 8 regarding the failed legislative bid to add inspectors for nursing homes demonstrates the usual illogic of government. Rather than provide additional financial resources for actual care and delivery of service, the argument is made for more bureaucrats at nearly \$75,000 per year each.

What would be logical is an increase in Medicaid funds for services to those frail elderly who find themselves in nursing homes. Some 70 percent or more of these residents depend on Medicaid for the cost of their care. By sending more money, via a direct wage pass-through to the low wage caregivers, a direct impact on quality, retention and recruitment could be realized.

At the same time, an increase would allow the government, as well as community advocates, to have the comfort of knowing that providers are not being enriched by this largesse as the money would be earmarked for staff and not owners.

The article also repeats a falsehood first printed weeks ago in another story that a "10 million Quality Incentive Grant program" is new. That is what the government would have us believe. In point of fact, a Quality Incentive program at the \$25 million level was in place last fiscal year and has, in truth, been slashed to this "new" amount of \$10 million. The only thing "new" about the program is the lessened amount to be realized by nursing homes who demonstrate quality.

When the public finally awakens to the reality that many of us, like it or not, will find ourselves in nursing homes someday and that many of us will depend on the government to fund that eventually, perhaps then we will do the right thing.

Dennis Hayes
Southfield

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Awards program provides incentives to achieve

I have had the pleasure of serving as a site visitor for the United States Department of Education for almost 10 years. As a visitor, it is my job to verify and expand upon individual school applications that are submitted for a National Blue Ribbon Award.

This experience has given me the chance to see what schools around the country are doing, and I always come away from site visits with fresh ideas and new perspectives.

Over time, I have come to believe that the true value of the Blue Ribbon Award is not found in the recognition or the PR value it brings to a school system. The fact is that the schools that choose to participate go through an in-depth self-assessment in order to apply. That process forces applicants to measure themselves against the highest educational standards. And, as you

can imagine, evaluating yourself against the best is both sobering and challenging.

It is interesting to note that all sorts of schools have won this national recognition — rural, suburban, and some urban schools. So, wealth alone isn't the answer. One does not buy a blue ribbon!

This year was the year for elementary awards and the USADE received 400 applications. Of those, about 271 schools were selected for site visits. While my guess is that all 400 were good schools, the department is looking for those that are truly exemplary.

Categories such as student focus, school climate, challenging curriculum, active learning, quality teaching practices, community support and a few others are critical to a successful application. While this article cannot touch



AL ROBERTS

on all the criteria, let me cite a few.

■ Student focus and support: Blue ribbon schools know their students and understand their needs. They provide academic and nonacademic services, and address the developmental needs of children as they progress from grade to grade. They also provide co-curricular activities that

extend learning.

■ School organization and culture: Blue ribbon schools tend to develop a culture that supports learning and provides opportunities for students to build caring, professional relationships with teachers. They carefully assign staff and have clear plans for safety, discipline, and drug prevention.

■ Challenging standards and curriculum:

A blue ribbon school is one that offers a curriculum that is demanding and meets public expectations. Citizens expect schools to foster personal growth, intellectual development and good citizenship. In addition, blue ribbon schools are able to work with all the students in their charge to achieve success. Students with learning disabilities, gifted youngsters, and those in between are given the assistance

they need to succeed.

I have encouraged all of our Clarkston schools to go through the process of applying for this award. Not only is the process rewarding, but the application will also help us reach for the stars.

In 1997, Clarkston High School won a Blue Ribbon Award at the state level and the excitement was palpable. Later that same year, I was in Washington where I listened to Hillary Rodham Clinton address the National Blue Ribbon Award winners. You could almost taste the excitement and the positive attitude. Our Clarkston schools must set our sights high, but win or lose, we must continually challenge ourselves to achieve extraordinary success.

Al Roberts is the superintendent of the Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 623-5454.

Student conduct codes should be revisited on campus

There were lots of student radicals on college campuses in the late 1950s and early '60s.

I should know. I was one of them. In those days, Tom Hayden (before he became a celebrity) and I were both staffers on the University of Michigan student newspaper, "The Michigan Daily." Together with a group of other activists, we launched in 1960 a campaign to get rid of Deborah Bacon, then the dean of women.

At that time, deans of women exercised a lot of power at college campuses all around the country. They set rules defining proper nonacademic conduct for coeds: drinking (mostly a no-no), dress (ladylike), dorm hours (in by 11 p.m. on weekdays, 1 a.m. weekends), sex (decidedly a no-no, but routinely ignored).

There were deans of men, too, who set nonacademic rules for male students. These were a lot looser — boys will be boys, after all — but you could get in trouble for things like rowdy or noisy behavior or having an unregistered car on campus.

Taken together, the rules governing nonacademic conduct for college stu-

dents were based on the assumption that university authorities were acting as substitute parents — "in loco parentis" was the Latin phrase — while kids were on campus. And it was the notion that somebody — university authorities or anybody else — had the right to set rules for us students that made us mad.

In due course, we got rid of Miss Bacon at U-M and, as well, the institutions of the dean of women and the dean of men. And over the next 10 years all around the country, colleges and universities gradually rid themselves of deans and ideas of *in loco parentis*.

By 1980, the idea that colleges had any business trying to govern the nonacademic behavior of their students was passé. University boards of trustees amended their rules, eliminating wholesale the authority of their institutions to discipline or expel students for drinking or taking drugs or raising hell or having sex in unauthorized and inappropriate ways.

Some — U-M among them — wound up with no rules whatsoever governing nonacademic conduct. If the kids vio-



PHILIP POWER

lated the laws of Ann Arbor or Michigan, it was the cops' business to arrest and charge them.

The pendulum started swinging back about five years ago, when folks running colleges realized that students could do all kinds of nasty things and get away with it as long as they didn't break some nonuniversity law.

At the U-M, racist and gay-baiting fliers were occasionally distributed around the dorms. Some women were harassed and a few were raped. Thefts on campus increased.

The administration and the Board of Regents concluded that the safety and civility of the academic community

were threatened. Against the vehement protest of some student radicals (not to mention "The Michigan Daily"), the regents in 1990 authorized armed campus public safety officers and later adopted a limited code of nonacademic conduct.

A bunch of well-publicized recent events on Michigan campuses suggest there is much more to do, especially with respect to alcohol.

The alcohol-fueled riot in East Lansing three weeks ago involved not only MSU students but also students from campuses all around the state. Last fall, an MSU student — Bradley McCue of Clarkston — died of alcohol poisoning after consuming 24 shots during a night of drinking to celebrate his 21st birthday. At Central Michigan University, another student fell out of his apartment during a party and was killed.

Last fall, Courtney Cantor, a first-year student at U-M, fell to her death out of a window in her dorm in Ann Arbor. Traces of alcohol and a date-rape drug were found in her blood.

I was on the Board of Regents at U-M when Courtney Cantor was killed. A friend whose daughter is a first-year

student in Ann Arbor called me, deeply concerned. "What can you do to assure me that your university is taking appropriate care of my daughter?" I couldn't fully answer his question.

I don't think Michigan colleges should return wholesale to the days of *in loco parentis*. But, equally, I am certain that university officials and boards of trustees have a greater responsibility to their students — and to the parents and families of these students — than merely warehousing them in dormitories or fraternities.

There may be protests and pickets. But university officials and governing boards should have the guts and the wisdom to look probing at their rules of nonacademic conduct and carefully rewrite them.

In addition to being a student activist while an undergraduate at U-M, Phil Power served for 11 years on the university's Board of Regents. He is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at: ppower@oeonline.com

Land Conservancy's annual spring meeting to feature speaker, tour

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) will hold its annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Springfield Township Hall Annex, 650 Broadway, Davisburg. The public is invited.

Paraphrasing the state's motto, "If you seek a lovely community in which to live, look around you." Residents of Northwest Oakland County are fortunate to live in such an area of natural beauty, with its reminders of a by-gone era and of a promising future. Appropriately, the theme of the Spring Meeting is "Bring Back the Future, Naturally!"

In celebration of 27 years of service to the community, the meeting will feature an update on the work of the NOHLC, a feature presentation and a tour of a NOHLC-protected property. Light refreshments will be served. The first 25 people at the meeting will receive a white pine seedling for planting.

The NOHLC update will include reports about new efforts to protect properties in Springfield, Independence and Groveland townships, and a report about the progress being made toward hiring an executive director.

The meeting features a presentation by Carolyn Henne, forestry and wildlife biologist for the Oakland and Macomb Conservation Districts. She will describe the natural features and character of Oakland County before it was settled, discuss the current state of the county and demonstrate alternatives for the county's future.

Henne is studying for her master's degree in natural resources, with concentrations in wildlife management and forestry, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and environmental studies from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. She has worked with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service and the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network.

A tour of the NOHLC Suzanne G. Knorr Preserve conservation easement follows the meeting. The easement consists of two sites in southwest Independence Township. The property is a part of what remains of the natural features that characterize the township and Oakland County.

The sites are gorgeous, possessing dramatically varying terrain. One site of 30 acres has steep hillsides populated by hemlock, native oak and other trees. They overlook a glacial kettle lake, hemmed by tamarack trees, in a glacial moraine unique to this area. The other site of 22 acres is a low open area, with low-lying growth and a beautiful natural fen.

Both areas are part of one of nature's most important corridors in the entire community. The preserve was donated by David V. Johnson in 1998.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy partners with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers and planners in a continuing effort to preserve the best of today's natural environment so that future generations can enjoy a better tomorrow in our community.

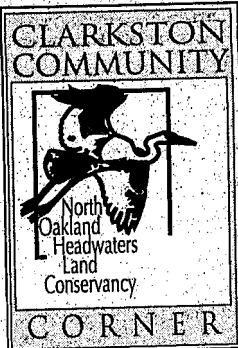
Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC mission is to protect the rural character and quality of life in Northwest Oakland County by conserving the woods, fields, streams and other natural resources in the headwater areas of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, receiving tax-deductible gifts of all kinds.

Also, various membership donation categories exist, such as a renewable Life-Membership donation of \$100 and an annual Family Membership donation of \$25.

Questions for the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347; e-mail at NOHLC@aol.com; or by calling 248-620-4700.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up on May 6: Lighthouse of Clarkston.

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Group asks state for return of taxes

A group of area taxpayers is asking the state Court of Appeals to force the state Department of Treasury to return \$172 million in property tax overpayments over two years.

The group contends that Treasury bulletins used an inflation rate of 2.7 percent instead of 1.7 percent as the amount of allowable increase in property assessments.

"That 1 percent (difference) is further compounded into an automatic overtax in 1999 and every year thereafter," said Bill McMaster, Birmingham publicist and chair of Michigan Taxpayers United.

Among the plaintiffs are Stewart Oldford, Hartland resident and owner of lumber companies in Hartland and Northville; Dominick Vincentini, Oxford resident and chair of the Oakland County Taxpayers Association; Mary McMaster, Orion resident and secretary of the Oakland taxpayers group; and Rose Bogaert, Dearborn Heights resident and chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers

Association.

Attorney is Jeffrey Meek of Livonia.

Here is where the Engler administration erred, according to McMaster:

Proposal A of 1994 limits assessment (tax base) increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation in the consumer price index (CPI). The Treasury Department sent notices to county equalization officers.

The CPI, measured year to year during January, is 1.7 percent. But Treasury calculated the rate by adding the monthly increases and dividing by 12, yielding assessment increases of 2.7 percent.

The taxpayers group also charges there is a discrepancy between total state revenue reported by the state Treasury and state revenue reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The federal figure is about \$10 billion higher, McMaster said, asking for an independent audit of the state.

The Treasury Department has several weeks to file a reply brief.

Good news expected in economic forecast

By PAT MURPHY

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At last year's Economic Forecast Luncheon, economists from the University of Michigan predicted continued economic growth for Oakland County, with a "possible tapering off" in the later months of 1999.

So, as those same economists — George Fulton and Donald Grimes of the University of Michigan Institute of Labor & Industrial Relations — appear in Troy today, Thursday, April 22, for the 14th annual Oakland County Economic Forecast Luncheon, some in the expected near capacity crowd could be wondering about the accuracy of last year's forecast.

More specifically, "Where's the tapering off?"

"I haven't seen the report," said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, host of the luncheon which is sponsored by the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Division, NBD Bank and Oakland Community College. "But I expect it will include more good news."

"Oakland County is still one of the strongest communities in the country in terms of job creation and investment," he said. "We're as strong as Silicon Valley or Route 128 in Boston."

David Sowerby, vice president and senior portfolio manager at Loomis Sayles & Co. in Bloomfield Hills, said he wouldn't be surprised if this year's forecast is optimistic again.

"I think our fearless forecasters have been pleasantly surprised by the strength and resiliency of Michigan's economy," said Sowerby, who gives county officials high

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marks for its economic initiatives.

"Retaining Oakland's AAA bond rating on Wall Street (the highest available for a governmental entity) was very important," said Sowerby. "That's a strong sign of economic strength."

Sowerby, a member of the Oakland County Business Roundtable and a regular at previous economic forecast luncheons, won't be at Thursday's because of a conflicting commitment. "But I'm very interested in what they have to say."

So will Pamela Boyd, president of Workforce, Inc., in Lake Orion. "Those people know what they're talking about," she said, as indicated by last year's prediction that a shortage of qualified workers make cause a hardship.

"Many of my client companies are still reporting great difficulty in recruiting qualified workers," she said.

As for the "tapering off" prediction, Boyd

said, "I haven't seen it. We still have difficulty providing qualified workers for all the jobs available. There may be a tapering off somewhere, but not here."

Patterson acknowledged the shortage of workers could crimp the county's economic growth in the future. "We're working on that shortage at the high school level and with our emphasis on vocational training," he said. "But I'd rather have too many jobs than too many unemployed workers."

Not on Thursday's agenda, Patterson said, is any discussion on the announcement Compuware would move from Farmington Hills to downtown Detroit. "We're not happy to see the company leave," he said, "but in Compuware's leaving is not a disaster for the county."

"In the larger picture, Compuware's moving could help the region by improving the image of Detroit," said Patterson. "Anything that helps the image of Detroit also helps Oakland County."

Patterson reiterated his contention that Detroit "raided" Oakland County by actively recruiting one of its prime businesses. "We're not happy about that," he said, "but it's not going to undercut Oakland's economic development."

As in previous years, a near capacity crowd is expected. Advanced ticket sales have topped 500, although a limited number of tickets, at \$25, will be available at the door.

"The forecast luncheon is an event that planners and others in the region's private and public sectors rely on for crisp and authoritative updates on Oakland's economic vitality and future directions," said Richard Thompson, OCC chancellor.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Children don't get heartburn, but they sure could cause it

Interview With A Mother

Boy: I wonder how you make a turban?

Mother: I have wondered that myself — even tried a few times when I wound those beach towels around my head during adolescence. I never got quite the right look, though. Too wobbly.

Boy: Did you ever celebrate an anniversary of your first kiss?

Mother: No. I've thought about that first kiss a few times, but I never saw a reason to commemorate it. Part of the problem may have been that, at the time, I was young enough to still enthusiastically anticipate birthdays. Anniversaries were several years off.

Boy: Can you do ventriloquism?

Mother: Yes, I can, having practiced that when I wasn't attempting turbans. I noticed recently that your father doesn't listen when I "throw my voice" either.

Boy: If you had a genie, what would you wish for?

Mother: A husband who listens?

Boy: Did you know that trees never stop growing?

Mother: I did not know that. Sounds like trees and my waistline have something in common.

Boy: How do you know what the can-can is?

Mother: How do you know what the can-can is?

Boy: Have you ever had a moon pie?

Mother: You know, it's funny. I've walked by a lot of moon pies in my time, but I've never tried one.

Boy: What is a flashback?

Mother: A flashback is where you go mentally back in time — like when you remember that first kiss.

Boy: What is an "old biddy"?

Mother: An "old biddy" is a sexist, age-ist term for a woman who doesn't appreciate her flashbacks.

Boy: Can a kid my age get heartburn?

Mother: No, but a kid your age can

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Garage sales Bargain bonanzas cast spell over shoppers

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"I have to buy something. It's the first garage sale of the season I've been to."

That's what one garage sale devotee was overheard saying last Thursday. It sums up beautifully what people think of the bargain-seeking phenomena.

Bob Brown was one of many hitting local garage sales last week. The retired Clarkston man and his wife are going to build a house in Missouri. They spend their time scrounging through garage sale items for that perfect sink, tub, doors, windows and more for their house-to-be.

"I'm looking for building materials," he said as he approached the multi-family garage sale at Joyce Rekucki's house.

"My three daughters, myself and my brother are having this garage sale together," said the Independence Township resident. "It's amazing how good we're doing."

One look into the well-organized garage informed visitors that this wasn't their first sale.

"We have sales twice a year — in the spring and the fall. We're hoping one year to have everything gone," she said with a chuckle.

Her brother, Jim Vervoort, was leaning against a table at the back of the garage. He was selling his collection of more than 500 compact discs. A former disc jockey, he said he wasn't interested in keeping so many.

"I had to have CDs for a full gamut of music styles, and many of them I don't listen to. I like jazz and you can't play that type of music as a disc jockey," he said. He was selling his CDs for anywhere from \$1-7 each.

Sherri Ryan of Grand Blanc and Mary Ann Nelson of Holly took advantage of the CD sale. Sherri also walked away with a suitcase with leather trim filled with a paper towel rack and two picture frames for her new house.

"You have to have a plan when you go to garage sales," she said as she perused the items displayed at Diane Abney's garage. "You almost have to think like a professional and figure



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Hidden treasures: Amy Covault stands in front of her garage sale of mostly children's items.

out what you need and how much you're willing to spend."

Rekucki has a seasoned view of garage sales from the seller's end. She and her daughters have it down to a science. They shared some helpful hints:

- Arrange items in separate sections. Keep all the Halloween items separate from the Christmas items, for example.

- Have free items to give away.

- Price the items as you store them throughout the year. That saves a lot of time when you're setting up the sale. Rekucki has a closet reserved for

garage sale items.

- Put clothing sizes on the price tag, so customers know immediately what size something is.

- Reorganize throughout the sale so it looks nice and orderly.

- Be prepared to lower prices. That's expected at sales of this type.

Two of Rekucki's daughters, Julie Agnew and Nancy Bontumasi, were rearranging items that Thursday. One was hanging a floral-print young girl's dress she paid \$150 for her daughter to wear in a wedding. Her asking price was \$20.

Other bargains there included a

queen-size comforter set with the dust ruffle and two pillow shams for \$20, wall sconces for \$10, a Halloween windsock for \$2, a nicely-preserved old school desk for \$20, a pair of cross country skis for \$10 and a table full of shirts listed for 50-cents each or three for \$1.

Harold and Thelma Wilson were at their third garage sale of the day when they stopped to see what Amy Covault had for sale.

"I go to every sale I can find," Thelma said. The couple from Springfield Township were purchasing some baby

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 22,
FRIDAY, APRIL 23 &
SATURDAY, APRIL 24**
USED BOOK SALE

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 more 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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25**BLOOD DRIVE**

8 a.m.-2 p.m. St. Daniel's Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Call and make an appointment or feel free to walk in. 625-4583 or 625-0112.

**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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29**YO-YO BASICS WORKSHOP**

6:30-8:30 p.m. Clarkston High School. Dennis Grzesiak, president of Champion Spinners Yo-Yo Club, will entertain you with

his free style yo-yo presentations. You will learn the basics of yo-yo by starting with the three basic throws, then progress to three basic tricks that can lead to over 300 tricks. Be sure to bring your yo-yo and plan on an evening of fun. For ages 12 through senior citizens. Class fee \$15. For more information or to enroll call Clarkston Community Education at 674-0993.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Presented by the Clarkston Village Players, in association with Music Theater International. April 30, May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22. Thursday showtime is 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. For light fare, you'll find this scrumptious musical comedy a tasty morsel indeed. Seymour, a nerdy clerk in a plant store, loves Audrey, whose poor self-image drives her toward tougher men. E-mail us at Cydepot@juno.com. Visit us on the web at: <http://members.aol.com/kvovilla/cvdpdepot.htm>. Ticket line 625-8811. Tickets at Tierras 625-2511. All tickets \$15.

DANCE

7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of D.J. Rodney Perry. For information call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, MAY 1**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**

4:00-8:00 p.m. Deer Lake Racquet Club. Once again,

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SUNDAY, MAY 2**SPRING CONCERT**

3:00 p.m. Clarkston High School Auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd. The Clarkston Community Band presents its third annual spring concert. Join us for musical entertainment the whole family will enjoy. Free refreshments following the concert. No admission charge. For questions, phone 625-3546.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**FREE SCREENING FOR ANXIETY**

The Neuro-Behavioral Diagnostic and Treatment Center, 6815 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. This includes screenings for anxiety for children, adults, and senior citizens. Common symptoms of anxiety often are frequent worrying, stress, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, and nervousness. For more information call 625-5599.

THURSDAY, MAY 6**P.A.R.T.Y. (PEOPLE ARE RELATING TO YOU)**

7-9 p.m. CCA Building (Corner of Sashabaw and Maybree Rds.). The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth will host a follow-up adult/youth dialog meeting, continuing the theme of its March 20 Town Hall meeting. Citizens of all ages are welcome with an open mind and an attitude of mutual trust, respect and hope! Questions? Call Cindy at 394-0252.

THURSDAY, MAY 6**WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP**

7 p.m. Topic: Loneliness; to discuss the feelings that surround loneliness. Independence Township, 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 our mailing list 625-5231.

FRIDAY, MAY 7**MOTHER/SON DANCE**

7-9 p.m. Springfield Plains Elementary. Hey moms, here's your chance to show that special

young man in your life how much he means to you. There will be refreshments, a DJ, door prizes and a photograph to capture this special event. \$15/couple (additional child \$3). Register early, this event sees many returns. For more information or to register call Clarkston Community Education at 674-3141.

SUNDAY, MAY 9**GARDENING CLUB MEETING**

9:30 a.m. Hart Community Center at Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Springfield Township's branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month. The club is open to both men and women in the surrounding communities. For more information call 620-9281.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**"ADVANCED" LIVING TRUST WORKSHOP**

6:30-8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Living trusts are not working as planned. What your attorney did not tell you about your estate plan. Presented by Paul Leduc, Financial Consultant & Kirk Falvey, Estate Planning Attorney. Learn why your trust may not work and probate may be in your future. For additional information call (248) 594-1020.

THURSDAY, MAY 13**CLARKSTON COMMUNITY TASK FORCE FOR YOUTH**

7-8 a.m. Clintonwood Park Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Rd. The Task Force will hold its monthly continental breakfast meeting. Topic will be: "The Yellow Ribbon Project" two eighth graders from Sashabaw Middle School will share their vision for starting a teen-suicide prevention group in Clarkston. Questions? Call Cindy at 394-0252.

THURSDAY, MAY 13**PARENT ORIENTATION FOR INCOMING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS**

7 p.m. Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Middle School. In their respective gymnasiums. It is recommended that at least one parent from every fifth grade family attend this important meeting. Time will be available to answer all parent questions. Transition plans for next year and middle school programming will be shared.

MONDAY, JUNE 21-**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

MINDSTORMS LEGO ROBOTICS
8:30-11:30 a.m. Oakland Tech

Center-Northwest. Grades 5-8. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Build, explore basic robotics. Program, download and activate. Programming with Robolab software. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

**TUESDAY, JULY 6-
FRIDAY, JULY 16**

YOUNG WOMEN IN ENGINEERING
8:30-11:30 a.m. Oakland Tech Center-Northwest. Grades 4-6. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Students will study the basic laws of physics, math and applying engineering principles where students design and build a project. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

**MONDAY, JUNE 28-
FRIDAY, JULY 2**

CREEPY CRAWLERS
9-11 a.m. Springfield Plains Elementary. Grades 2-3. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. This fun and exciting class will explore the fascinating world of insects and other arthropods. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

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7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday, Clarkston Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For more information on Thursday's meeting call Anne Marie at 625-8894 or for Saturday's meeting call Margaret at 666-4479.

CLARKSTON AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE

7 p.m. meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in Clintonwood Park. Volunteers work with staff to plan and sponsor programs to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency. Call 625-9007.

Walker

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cause it.
Boy: Can a cat die from eating bugs?

Mother: No, cats have amazing digestive systems. I wonder if they ever get heartburn?

Boy: Do we have anything that we ever invented of our own?

Mother: Not much. I invented a word once: The "thingawho?" Does that count? It was a word without a noun to go with it.

Boy: Can mosquitoes have emotions, like revenge?

Mother: I don't think so. Can you picture it? A flock of slappy mosquitoes on a mission?

Boy: Mom, did you ever use 1-800-CALL-SAM?

Mother: Like my first kiss, I've thought about calling SAM a few times. I passed him up like moon pies.

Boy: Why do they call it a ring finger?

Mother: Because it's the finger a ring goes on? (Well, that had the ring of truth to it, at least.)

Boy: What is a tuning fork?

Mother: A tuning fork is not like an eating fork. It is used in conjunction with musical instruments to make sure they are in sync. Who do you suppose thought that up, anyway?

Boy: What is an oatmeal bath?

Mother: An oatmeal bath isn't what it sounds like, either.

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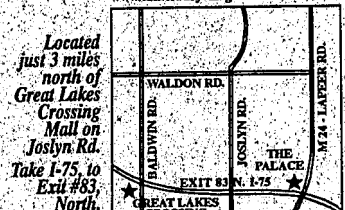
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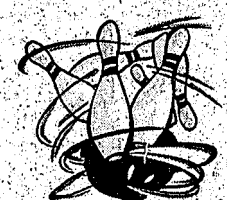
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Tempting: Brandon Hockey takes a careful look at the selection of toys.

blankets.

"I do a lot of sewing so I buy things I can use for quilts and such," she said. "I hate it, though. I can't drive past a garage sale. It's addicting."

That's what Covault and other sellers count on.

"I had bins of baby and children's clothes set out the first day and most of it is gone already," she said. This time around she was selling "grandparent's house" merchandise,



How much? Jean Schmidt takes a careful look at the free items at Joyce Rekuchi's multifamily garage sale.

she described, such as a high chair and car seats she used for her children, Madison and Joshua.

Local charities also benefit from garage sales. Often what the sellers don't sell, they donate.

Know city regulations before staging sale

Those living in the city of the Village of Clarkston who are planning a garage sale need to know some pertinent information. Several provisions in the city's ordinances spell out regulations residents need to follow.

Independence and Springfield townships don't have any ordinances that apply to garage sales, according to their clerk's offices.

But in Clarkston, a resident may conduct only two sales a year and those can't last more than four days.

Sale hours can't begin before 8 a.m. or extend beyond 7 p.m.

The garage sale organizer may display only three signs with the date, time of sale and location on private property only. Those signs can't be more than 4 square feet in size.

Residents may only sell one motor vehicle they own at a time on a residential lot and only two

such vehicles in a calendar year. Also, vehicles for sale can't have a "for sale" sign on them for longer than 30 days.

Ordinance article 12, "Yard Sales," even gives the definition of the type of sale the rules cover. These include occasional sales that come under the familiar terms of "garage," "basement," "rummage," "attic" and "lawn" sales, which offer tangible personal property that's used, secondhand, damaged or discarded.

Covered under this article are individuals, groups, organizations, partnerships, voluntary associations and corporations.

What happens if someone violates various sections of Article 12? A city police officer and the building inspector have the right to confiscate any sale signs and order the sale stopped.

The person in charge could also receive a ticket to appear in

court. If that person is found guilty of a misdemeanor, he or she can be fined \$500 and/or sentenced to up to 90 days in the Oakland County jail.

The city ordinance does exempt certain types of sales. These include:

- A sale of five or less household or personal items.

- A sale regulated under any other city provisions.

- A sale authorized by statute or judicial order, such as an estate sale.

- The sales of items exempt from taxation and from which the proceeds are applied to a charitable, religious or governmental purpose.

- For auctions by lawfully qualified auctioneers.

If any Clarkston residents have questions about this ordinance, contact city offices by calling 625-1559.

Garage sales: It's all in the hunt

Oh, the lure... It doesn't matter where I'm going — on the way to a best friend's daughter's wedding or to one of my children's school functions — if I see a sign for a garage sale, my car automatically veers in that direction. But I've learned the art of restraint.

Let me tell you, it wasn't easy. You see, I'm a reformed garage sale junkie. I love them. My heart starts pounding at the sight of a sign.

I'm no garage sale expert, but I have learned a few tricks. The one I'm most proud of is the art of perusing the sale items while slowly driving by the garage. I so admired people who did that. They must really have an eye for bargains, I'd think, as I'd ride behind them in my own car. It didn't matter to me that the neighbors who wanted to escape the neighborhood a little faster than five mph were shaking their fists and honking their horns in frustration. I just knew these were the real pros.

You know the kind — the ones who approach the person holding the garage sale on the day BEFORE the sale, when he or she is busy trying to price yet another children's T-shirt for 50 cents. (That was before people learned to display an overall price list for different items.)

They'd stop by, ask what you are selling and request certain items.

Sometimes, if I had the product, I'd sell it to them. Sometimes I wouldn't, especially if they wanted it for a ridiculously low price, like \$2 for my grandmother's antique brooch, which I knew could sell for \$3.

The other ones I admire are those who can bargain. I'm the



SUSAN TAUBER

type of American that bazaar-owners in foreign countries love to talk about — the one who buys their products at the first price they quote.

I still haven't mastered the art of bargaining. Instead of walking up to proprietors and offering them a lower price for an item, knowing when they priced it they expected to sell it for less, I shyly pay the asking price.

What I should do is pretend that person is my husband who hasn't mowed the lawn yet. I need to recall how I'm not shy about addressing that issue. Bet that trick would get me lower prices.

Our children are older now and are not so willing to wear garage sale clothes. So, when asked where that pair of blue jeans came from on Son No. 1's bed, I stretch the truth a little. Same thing with the sweater for our daughter or the games for Son No. 2.

I have cut back on my bargain hunting, but the pains of withdrawal are incredible. Wednesday nights are the worst. I try so hard not to pick up a newspaper and see where the nearest garage sales are. I try not to think of how much money I could save while I'm buying items we can't live without.

My favorite, most-beloved garage sale find is my sewing machine cabinet. I wanted a new cabinet because mine would tip easily if anyone leaned on it, which the children did when they were younger.

I discovered a solid cherry wood cabinet WITH the sewing machine and accessories in it. I did get the price lowered to \$30. I don't know if that's a good buy or not, but I know I couldn't have purchased a similar cabinet for that price. Just the machine alone cost more than \$200 when it was new. I know, because I already had the same machine. I use that table constantly as well as the sewing machine when mine needs a rest.

Now that I'm a reformed garage sale-aholic, I satisfy my need for a fix by only shopping for a specific item. I try not to buy anything else for that season. Once I buy it, I stop my garage sale shopping.

What shall it be this year? A definite is a bike for me. And a new umbrella for our patio table. We could really use some table cloths.

Please don't try to call me first thing at the office on Thursday mornings. I might be a little late getting in until the weather turns cold again.

Happy garage sale hunting!
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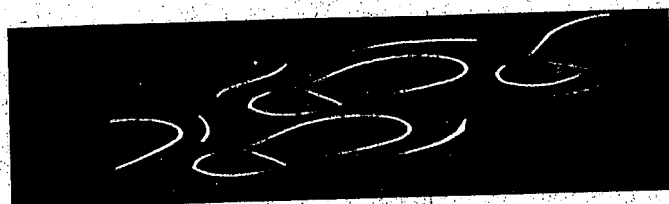
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How does his garden grow?

Gardener's green with envy — but, alas, not in the thumb



ANTHONY MALTA

I contemplate a small bit of gardening this spring. I do not contemplate much success, though. Green thumbs I do not have, despite a genetic heritage that includes a grandfather who grew enough vegetables to feed a family of 10, plus a few others, all through the Great Depression, from a 40-foot-wide urban lot, which included a two-story, two-family home. Most of grampa's back yard was garden. For shade, he had two plum trees and a cherry tree. He had a deeply entrenched work ethic. Even the plants

had to be productive — and edible, not ornamental — or he didn't waste time and effort on them.

My own poor gardening efforts have met with limited success. There were a few smallish tomatoes, carrots, radishes and peppers for one season — or was it only for one weekend? Then the rabbits, birds and other assorted (and sometimes unknown) animal life arrived in droves and flocks, and my little plot of churned suburban ground became barren.

My grandfather would have laughed scornfully, I'm sure.

The last spring we tried gardening again. The wife and I churned up the ground planted neat, straight rows with fresh seed. Somehow the rows got mismatched. The radishes started growing where the peppers should have been, and the carrots came up where my wife swears she planted cucumbers.

But the animals weren't fooled. Rabbits, squirrels, skunks, birds, even groundhogs have left their marks — tooth marks, in some cases — through my vegetable garden.

Even the zucchini produced only one or two smallish yields, and I had to be quick to pick those. That's when I decided that a man who can't even grow zucchini shouldn't be gardening; at least not until suburban development displaces the wildlife.

But I try to cope; I look for alternatives. The rest of my family seems to have inherited all the green thumb gene. I lean on them for fresh produce.

Take my brother-in-law, for instance. Gene has the talent to make things grow.

Last spring he planted 10 zucchini plants amid the crop he hoped to harvest. The zucchinis quickly wilted and died, he told us one weekend.

Gene doesn't give up. He quickly went out and put six more plants in a different area of the garden, thinking to have better luck.

Did I tell you that Gene had the knack? Yes, well, Gene should have waited, because zucchini is a hard plant to kill, and those 10 "dead" ones came back to life with a vengeance last summer and fall.

If you will allow this slight exaggeration: With 16 zucchinis in full and prolific production for a guy who is blessed with the gardening "knack," my brother-in-law quickly became eligible for membership in OZPEC, the Organization of Zucchini-Producing and Exporting Countries.

I think the county board had to uphold the local zoning board's denial when Gene requested sovereignty so he could apply for OZPEC status. If not for that, the U.S. trade deficit could have

been drastically reduced last fall.

I don't care how much you like zucchini, you can only eat so much of it over a given period. Last summer, we found that 16 zucchini plants can grow zucchini faster than four families can eat it; faster even than if you take armloads to the in-laws families, or to the friends of the families of the in-laws, to co-workers, friends of co-workers and even to in-law's co-workers.

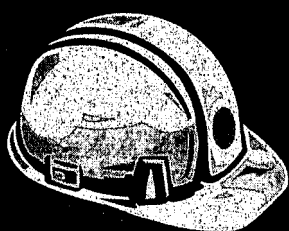
No, I don't think I'll even try to put in a garden this season after all. But stand by for this fall — I may be willing to take orders for zucchini.

It all depends on what Gene does this spring.

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Speaker will be Kenneth Chadwell, president of the Federalist Society and assistant U.S. attorney since 1990. Chadwell is a graduate of Wayne State University's law school.

The Federalist Society advocates "textualism," strict judicial reading of the texts of legislative statutes rather than judicial activism.

Oakland Libertarians will host the state party's convention April 30 to May 2 at the Ramada Inn, Southfield. Information on the Libertarians is available from Pam Collins at (248) 542-6885 or by e-mail from HRHCollins@aol.com

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Nichols: 'To educate, you bring out'

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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."

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.

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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 Hills' favored Wayne State. Hill had a stroke and died in 1975.

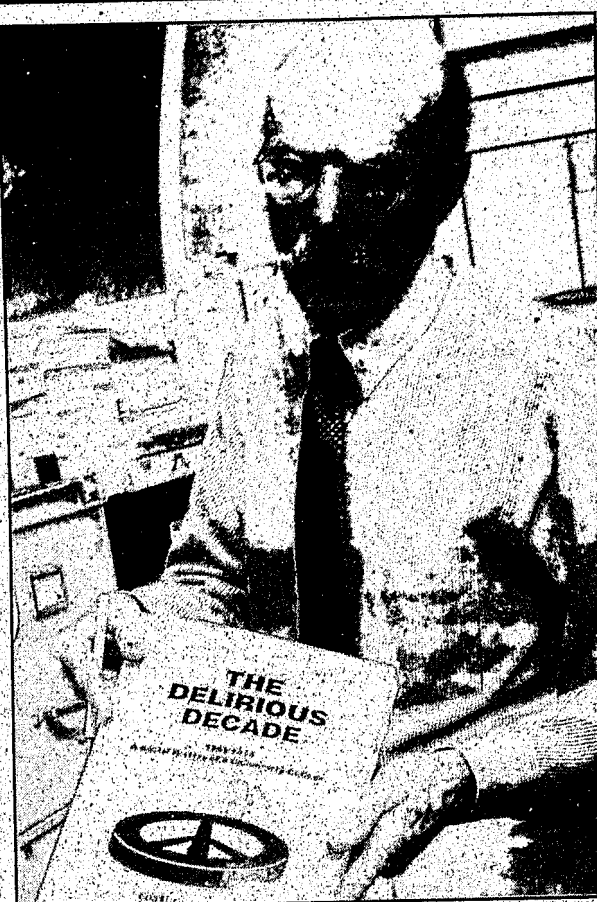
Repaying March

"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.

A "voracious" reader because of his infirmity, Don was the only member of his family to attend college. He looks in frequently on Farmington High mentor Lee Peel, who introduced him to drama and classical music.

The March of Dimes paid for all of my surgery that permitted me to walk and run (he loves basketball) and become a health fanatic. My wife and I raised a record \$27,000 (in pledges) for the March of Dimes, the organization that changed my life," by biking 1,822 miles from Windsor to Key West two years ago.

Nichols loves the derivation of other words than delirium. He summed it up: "To educate - that means to bring out. Not pour in. To bring out."



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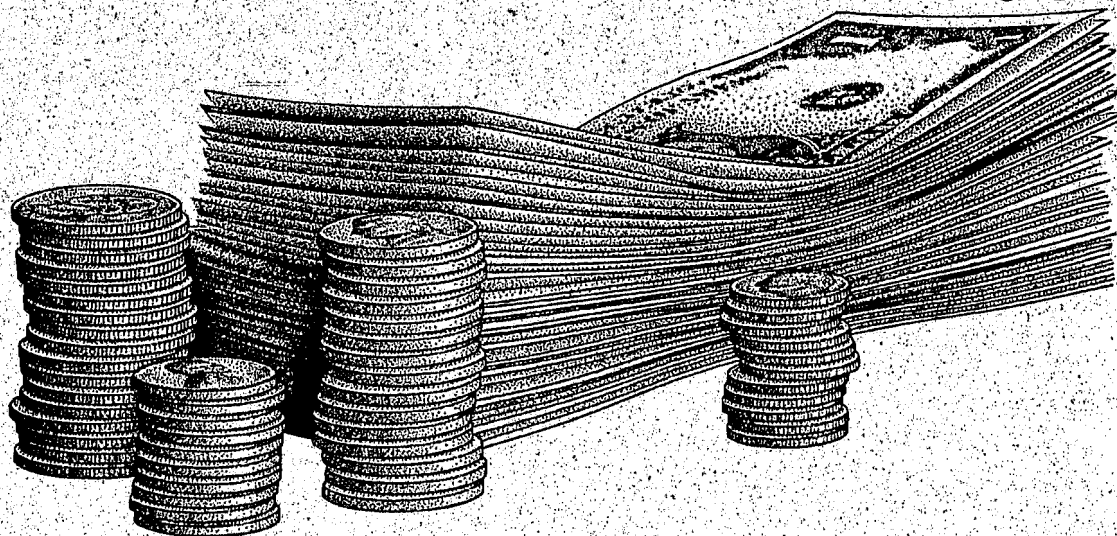
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APARTMENT MAINTENANCE
High-end luxury apartment community seeking experienced, intelligent, HVAC certified individual to join their team. Benefits (medical/dental) & apartment is available for this position. Phone (248) 661-0986 or apply in person to Aldingbrook (Drake Road, between Maple & Vanant Lake Rd), West Bloomfield.

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(1 Mile S. of Grand River, off Kensington Rd.)

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Dependable, responsible individual to do general grounds work for 21 unit apartment community in Southfield. Job to consist of: cleanup, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, some painting, etc. Part time position available. Please call (248) 647-6101 for details.

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Management Office
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Farmington Hills, MI
N.W. corner of Grand River & Drake.

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Sweep keeps hot start alive

BY MIKE SCOTT
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The Clarkston baseball team has jumped off to a great start this season but the real tests lie ahead in the coming days.

The Wolves (5-0) swept Waterford Kettering 8-0 and 6-3 Monday evening behind strong pitching performances from Chris Mitchell and Eric Jenks, their top two starting pitchers. Mitchell struck out eight in the first game of the doubleheader, allowing only three hits in six innings. His commanding presence on the mound never let the Captains into the game.

Mitchell had two hits and Spencer Hynes and Adam Leech each scored a pair of runs for the Wolves in the opener.

In the second game a lack of contact hitting for the Wolves kept Kettering within striking distance and head coach Phil Price said limiting strikeouts is one of the goals right now for his squad.

"As long as we do the little things I know we can win," said Price, who has a lot of confidence right now in his pitching staff. "We're still not playing really well and we are striking out too much but I don't think you can complain about winning your first five games."

The Wolves also took on Holly in a doubleheader yesterday and Waterford Mott today before heading off to a tournament up north this weekend in Midland. Clarkston will take on the host team, who also happen to be the defending state champions and will face Traverse City West in the second game.

The schedule remains difficult next week as Clarkston begins its OAA Division I schedule, which includes doubleheaders against Rochester, a recent state champion, and Troy who finished second in the division a year ago.

But with some improvement and better consistency on offense, Clarkston may be able to compete better with those schools this year in large part because of its pitching, which was at its best Monday.

Josh Rigg came in to relieve Jenks in the nightcap and pitched well in keeping the Wolves ahead. On Monday Jenks struck out five and yielded five hits and one earned run in five innings.

Junior Ryan Marino has also pitched well in a starting role along with Hynes. And as Clarkston embarks on weeks where they play three doubleheaders or more, that pitching depth will be tested.

On offense, Clarkston maintained an aggressive style of play in stealing bases

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Errors lead to softball sweep

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Waterford Kettering finished second to Brandon in the Oakland Activities Association Division I softball race, then went on to win the Division I state championship.

The Clarkston Wolves found out the hard way Monday the Captains will be just as tough this season.

Sophomore Jessica Brubaker pitched both games, and the Captains took advantage of an unusually porous Clarkston defense on their way to a 7-1, 7-0 doubleheader sweep.

The Captains, who return a large group of players from that state championship team, scored five times in the first inning of the opener, all unearned runs made possible by six Clarkston errors.

"We helped them out a little bit," Clarkston coach Al Land acknowledged. "They were all throwing errors, too. We'd pick the ball up cleanly, then throw it away. That's got to be nerves, because we throw the ball much better than that."

The defensive lapse turned out to be costly, too, because Clarkston junior Candace Morgan shut the Captains down over the next four innings.

But, as has been the case so far this year, the Wolves got Morgan no runs with which to work.

In her three losses, the Wolves have scored four runs.

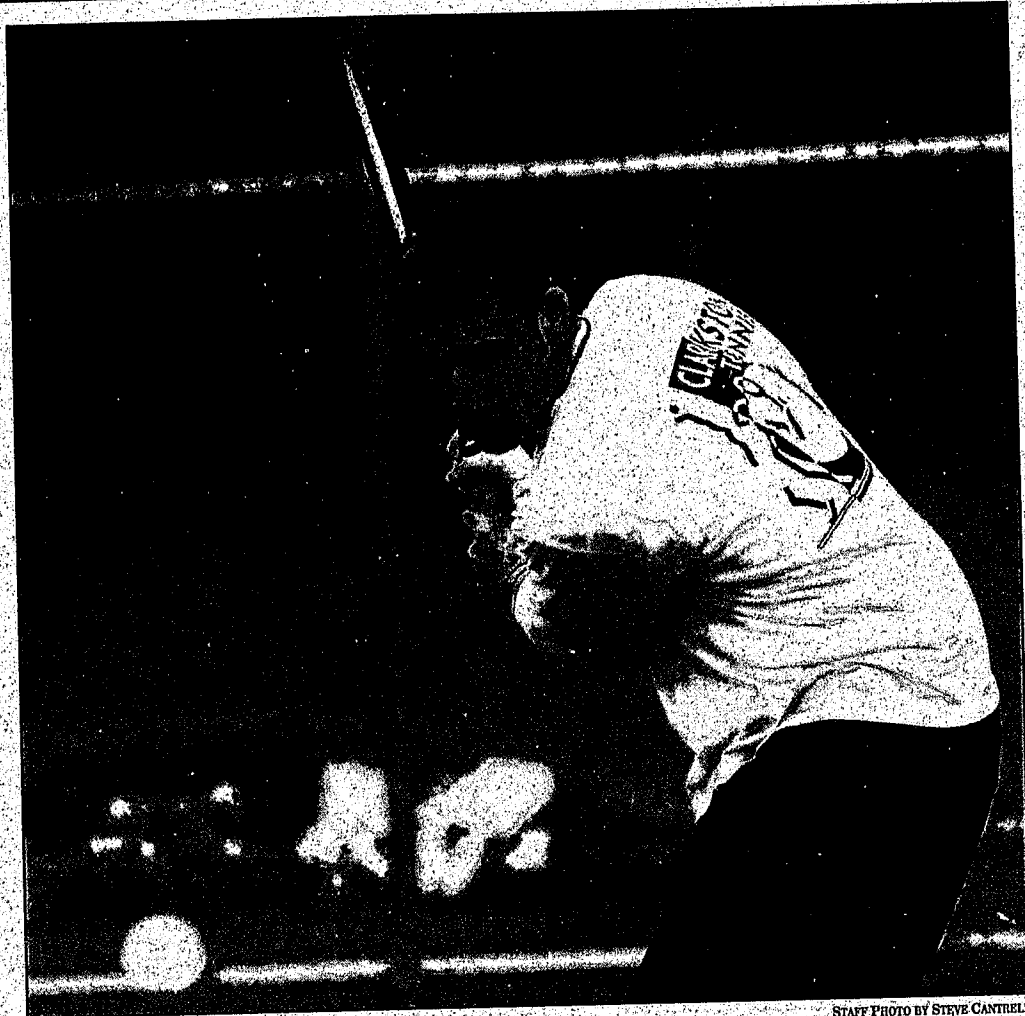
In fact, Clarkston scored its only run Monday after Morgan had left the game. Melanie Arnold bunted her way on in the sixth, stole second, moved to third on an infield grounder and scored on a wild pitch.

"Candace didn't pitch badly," Land said. "If we don't make the errors, she shouldn't get into trouble. It wasn't her fault."

With his collection of youngsters, Land figured the twin bill against Kettering would be a battleground for nerves. He was right.

"With half a team of young kids, they're still trying to figure out who has to do their job and be a leader on this team," Land said. "We're kind of back on our heels right

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Strong effort: Clarkston's Lorne Deacon fought the brave fight, but finally fell in a three-set loss to Berkley's David Chalmers, 7-6, 3-6, 6-0. The Wolves managed a 4-4 tie with the Bears by winning three of the four doubles matches.

Eyeing the prize

Wolves take step forward by tying Bears

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The Berkley Bears came into Monday's Oakland Activities Association Division II tennis match with Clarkston perhaps with a chip on their collective shoulders born of the league title they earned last year.

But the Wolves, searching themselves this year for tennis supremacy, may have found some with a 4-4 tie.

Clarkston won just one singles match — No. 1 player Patrick Heber won again — but preserved the tie by winning three of the four doubles matches.

Even in defeat, the Wolves played well. Lorne Deacon lost to Berkley's

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Kevin Ortwine
—Clarkston tennis coach

David Chalmers at No. 2 singles, but forced the match to a third set before succumbing 7-6, 3-6, 6-0. Brent Griffith lost an even more traumatic three-setter, falling to David Rodgers 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"They were the defending champions and they came in here with like seven seniors back," Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine said. "For us to tie, and the way we tied, it was a good match for us. We took it to them."

Heber beat David Chalmers 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 for Clarkston's only singles victory. Clarkston lost at No. 1 dou-

bles, but got a straight-set win at No. 2 doubles, where Jesse Roderick and Mike Rashid beat Eyan Selik and Jon Triest 6-1, 7-6.

The Wolves needed rallies from its No. 3 and No. 4 doubles teams to earn the tie, though. Paul O'Connor and Blake Coe lost the first set, but came back to post a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over Ryan Michalis and Adam Ross. It was nearly déjà vu for the No. 4 team, where Matt Poley and Derek Hool dropped the first set 2-6, then came back for 6-0, 6-4 wins in the final two sets.

"I think they came in here expecting a win, and I think they were fortunate to get out of here with a tie," Ortwine said. "This puts us in a good position for a run at a league title."

Clarkston is 3-1-1, 1-0-1 in the league. Berkley is 2-1-1.

No more streaking

Falcons put an end to Wolves' 15- year dual meet run

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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All good things must come to an end. Unfortunately for Clarkston girls track coach Gordie Richardson, that's exactly what happened Tuesday evening.

Richardson's Wolves had posted a 67-0-2 record in league dual meets since 1985, but the Wolves made their debut this year in the ultra-competitive Oakland Activities Association Division I and could only manage a split Tuesday, rolling past host Pontiac Central 92-36 but falling to Rochester 68-60 at Pontiac's Wisner Complex.

"We knew it was going to be a lot tougher in the OAA Division I and we needed to get the job done," said Richardson, who is 102-27-6 in duals since 1979. "We didn't get some points where I had hoped and we came up a little bit short."

■ **'I think this loss will bother me a little more than them.'**

Gordie Richardson
—Girls track coach

"We are a very young team that is one-third freshmen and I don't think most of these kids know the significance of (the streak)," he added. "But hey, I think this loss will bother me a little more than them."

Rochester (2-0, 2-0), which also defeated Pontiac Central (0-2, 0-2) 77-51, became the first team to beat Clarkston in a league dual meet since 1984 and Rochester coach Mark Merlo is proud of his team's surprising showing.

"We're doing all right, especially considering that we have only three seniors and a small group of juniors — virtually this whole team is freshmen and sophomores," said Merlo, whose team was third in the OAA Division I last season. "We had some very good efforts."

Double-meet winners for Rochester included Jane Schell in the shot put (35-8), Amy Bricknell in the discus (99-10), Leah Fyffe in the long jump (15-1), and Leah Christian in both the 1600 (5:30.1) and 3200 (12:06.0). The Falcons also coasted to a win in the 3,200 relay (10:31.6).

Clarkston had double wins from Britanni Brewer in the high jump (4-10), Nicole Fisher in the 800 (2:27.1), Rachel Uchman in the 200 (28.0), Amanda Chicalas in the 300 hurdles (51.3), and the foursome of Lindsay Brandt, Uchman, Fisher and Brewer in the 1,600 relay (4:23.6).

Clarkston's boys team made a smashing debut in the OAA Division I, routing both Rochester (78-49) and Pontiac Central (74-54). Rochester also

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More first-half blahs cost kickers in loss to Dragons

BY BRAD KADRACH
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The Lake Orion Dragons have had trouble sustaining momentum past the first half this girls soccer season, while the Clarkston Wolves have had trouble getting started.

The two trends collided Tuesday night at Lake Orion, and it was the Dragons who prevailed, pounding out a 4-1 Oakland Activities Association Division II win over the Wolves on their home field.

Junior Nicole Losee scored a pair of goals and shared the win in goal with senior Margo Chisholm. The Dragons also got goals from senior Tracy Gawecki and senior Alicia Armstrong.

Clarkston's lone goal came early in the second half off the foot of senior midfielder Kara Bergkoetter.

Dragon coach Paul Elder was happy with his team's play, especially in the first half, when seniors Erica Whatley and Lauren Thompson helped hold Clarkston to just two shots on goal. But he'd like to see more of that kind of effort spread over 80 minutes.

"We need to get more consistent and better at controlling the play," he said. "In the second half we let them take the play too much."

The Dragons applied the pressure most of the first half. Losee took a long, perfectly-

placed throw-in from Whatley and split the Clarkston defense, knocking one by Clarkston keeper Sarah Morgan less than four minutes in.

After staving off Clarkston's only serious pressure, the Dragons knocked on the door again when Beth Martin's header clanged off the crossbar midway through the first half. Eight minutes later, Gawecki slipped into a crowd in front of Morgan and knocked a shot past her for a 2-0 lead.

Six minutes later, Thompson fed a perfect corner kick in front of Morgan, who tried to intercept it but couldn't, and Losee tapped it into an open net for a 3-0 lead.

The Wolves, who played a far better second half than they did the first, tried to climb back into the game early on after intermission. The Wolves piled up in front of Chisholm, who made the initial save, one of seven on the night. But Bergkoetter caught Chisholm out of position and knocked in Clarkston's only goal less than five minutes into the second half.

"The first half always makes the difference for us," said Tami Mitchell, Clarkston's first-year coach. "We have a hard time getting going, and I have no idea why. Finding our marks is tough. We always seem to be a step behind in the first half, and a step ahead in the second half."

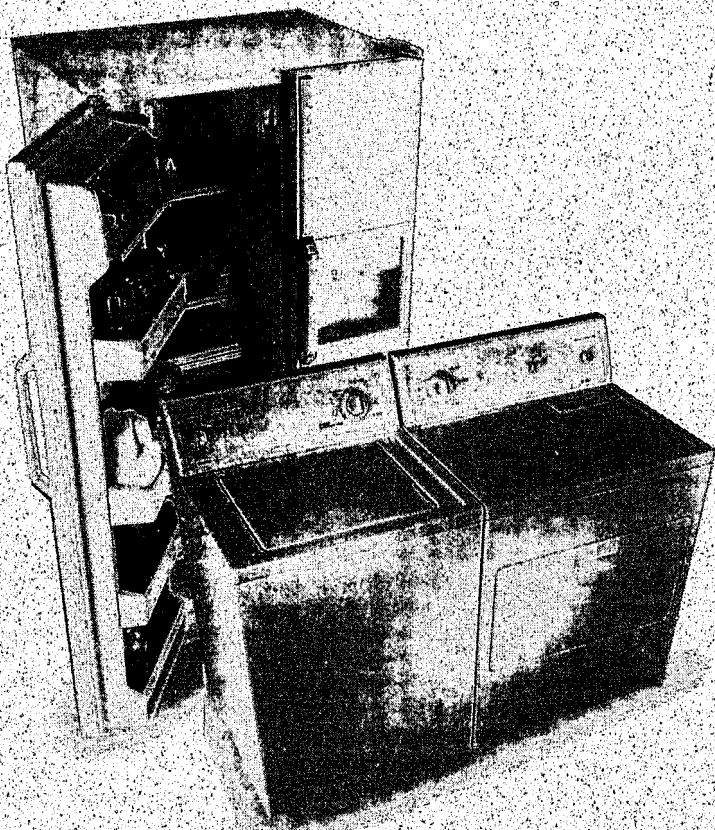


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On the move: Clarkston defender Charity Brown makes a move with the ball during the Wolves' 4-1 loss to Lake Orion Tuesday night.

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Frosh sets strikeout high in Eagles' win

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Ben Munce is only a freshman, but one couldn't tell by his performances from the pitcher's mound this season.

Munce, a 5-foot-11 right-hander from Springfield Christian, was virtually unstoppable Tuesday, striking out a career high 14 batters against two walks, two hits and no earned runs, as the host Eagles beat Davison Faith Baptist — the defending Michigan Association of Christian Schools state champion — in a non-league game in Clarkston, 6-2.

"He's looking good," said Springfield coach Pat Wagner of Munce. "He has 26 strikeouts in two games, which is very impressive for anyone."

He has god speed — he's

throwing in the low 70s. But he has very good control for a freshman. Ben has a lot of potential."

The Eagles (2-1) pushed one run across in the first, two in the third, one in the fourth and two more in the sixth, while allowing unearned runs to Davison Faith (1-4) in the third and seventh innings.

Matt Lonteen led Springfield by going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Justin Messer was 2-4 and Jon Vanaman finished 2-3 with a triple for Springfield.

"We're playing pretty good right now. We're winning and the guys are beginning to realize how fun that is," said Wagner. "We are still making some mistakes in the field, but we're turning around and making up for it with some good plays and some solid hitting. Last year we failed to do that."

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now. They're all capable of doing it. Once they figure out they're capable of playing at this level and they don't have to be led by someone, they'll be fine."

Land was happy with his second-game pitcher, Lisa Ferguson.

The youngster has made good progress early this season, and Land expects her to continue

that path.

"She's getting better with each outing," Land said. "I didn't expect her to be an accomplished pitcher yet, but she's certainly developing. I think she's going to be a good one. She just needs some experience, and the only way to get that is to keep going out there."

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defeated Central, 67-61.

"This is a very good start for us, because with double-duals you never know what to expect," said Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemo. "But our guys stepped up tonight. We knew that even though this was our first year in this division that we could compete. We had a lot of guys, especially in the distances, step up big."

David Chavers was victorious in the shot put to lead the double-meet winners for Clarkston

(2-0, 2-0). Clinton Powell also took the discus (133-1). Brent Quantz won the 800 (2:05.1), David Sage took both the 1600 (4:31.5) and 3200 (9:52.4), and the unit of Ryan Thomas, John Chenet, Quantz and Kevin Breen won the 3,200 relay (8:30.4).

Eric Thielemens won the 300 hurdles (41.9) and Marcus Collins the high jump (5-10) to account.



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Baseball

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and bunting. Brett Gove, the team's ninth hitter, continues to get on base and bunt well and there is good speed at the top of the lineup.

Marino and Robinson led the hitting attack in the second game versus the Captains and Hynes' RBI double put Clarkston up 5-0 in the first inning.

Defensively, John Drallos started a pair of double plays up the middle and catcher Derek Casper ended the contest by

throwing out a Kettering runner who was trying to steal third base.

The Wolves were paced in the second game by six players who each recorded one hit.

"I'm glad we beat them but we need to do a better job of putting teams away," said Price. "Over the next couple of weeks we just need to go out there and play fundamental baseball."

Another concern for Price is

the fact his team missed a couple of signs Monday which could have extended the lead. But the start has given the Wolves all-important confidence which is crucial when playing in one of the state's toughest leagues.

"It's been good to get some wins under our belt," said Price, who has played everyone from his 17-man roster through the first five games. "We have a good bench and right now we continue to build for the rest of the season."

The Wolves have been hurt by the loss of middle infielder Brett Crawford who is out for the season. But Crawford remains a vital part of the team and has attended every practice and game.

"I like the team, we have now but we need to get even better," Price said. "The guys are pretty focused so I'm looking forward to these next few weeks."

Outdoor Calendar

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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

3D LEAGUE

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 15-week 3D league beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOOT

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a Mother's Day 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Mothers shoot free. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is 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.

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.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

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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 Greenshield 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.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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; Ken-

ington, 1-800-477-3178.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie (1-800-477-3189) and Kensington (1-800-477-3178). Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance.

WACKY WOODCOCK

An indoor discussion followed by an outdoor observation session of the woodcock's aerial mating display begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767.

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The Dan Fife and Ann Lowney Boys Basketball Camp is for players entering grades 4 through 6. The camp is scheduled to take place July 5-9, and is limited to the first 85 boys who register.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon. Each day will start with 15 minutes of stretching. Skill instruction takes place from 8:15 to 8:30, with skill work from 8:30 to 9:45. Team drills are scheduled from 9:45 to 11, with games being played from 11 to noon.

Cost for the camp is \$100. Send check and a registration form to The Dan Fife Basketball Camp, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

For more information, call Fife at (248) 623-4050.

Swim program

The Clarkston Sea Wolves USA summer competitive swim program has scheduled its first meeting.

The program will conduct its orientation/registration meeting Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Clarkston High School Large-Group Instruction Room.

Anyone with questions can call swim coach Kenwyn Chock, (248) 623-3799.

3 on 3 soccer

The Clarkston Select Soccer Club, in cooperation with Independence Township Parks and Recreation, sponsors a one-day 3-on-3 soccer tournament May 23 at Clintonwood Park.

The competition will be divided into the following divisions: Under-8 co-rec (boys and girls); U-10, U-12 and U-14 boys; U-10, U-12 and U-14 girls. Each division will have Select and Recreation categories. No select or travel players can participate in the Recreation category.

Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of four games. Prizes will be awarded for first- and second-place teams, except U-8. All U-8 players will receive a participation award. All teams must carry a minimum of four players. The team fee is \$75. Each division will have 10 teams, so early registration is recommended.

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RECEPTIONIST

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Owner thinks association is stonewalling over records

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: My association seems to refuse to provide any information to the co-owners by not responding to any written requests for reports of the board of directors meeting, financial reports or a calendar of director meetings and community-related meetings. Is any of this data required to be provided to co-owners?

A: The Condominium Act requires that the association provide a financial statement to the association on a yearly basis. While the minutes of the association aren't necessarily required to be provided, or monthly financial reports, many associations do accommodate the membership by providing a newsletter and/or excerpts of the minutes and/or, in some cases, the minutes of the association (which aren't privileged).

The members of the association are generally allowed under the Nonprofit Corporation Act, as well as the Michigan Condominium Act and most bylaws, to inspect the books and records of the association.

It may be necessary for you to engage the services of an attorney to assert your rights vis-a-vis the association by which you are being stonewalled.

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DON'T GET CAUGHT LIKE BATS IN THE WOOD



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Most people eventually buy a house of their own.

Some try apartment life first. Most wait until they graduate from college or establish a career. Some buy as singles; others wait until they marry.

Whatever the circumstances or time frame, the experience can be daunting for first-time buyers.

"It can be a stressful process — it's such an emotional involvement and a financial one," said Elizabeth A. Chuba, an associate broker and an owner of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

"There's going to be a lot of unfamiliar ground covered," said Don Krueger, a Realtor with Century 21 Town and Country in Rochester. "They're going to be asked to give very personal financial information."

The biggest favor prospective buyers can do for themselves, real estate professionals say, is to get their financial houses in order.

"The No. 1, most-important thing is sit down with a mortgage banker or mortgage company to find what kind of house you can really afford," Chuba said. "It can be really heartbreaking to find a house you really love but can't afford."

At the same time, get a letter of commitment about how large a mortgage the financial institution will give you. The pre-approval is based on employment verification and credit checks.

The general rule of thumb is that a house payment including principal, interest, property taxes and homeowners insurance shouldn't exceed 28 percent of monthly gross income (before taxes). Include association fees in that amount if you're buying a condominium.

All long-term debt including mortgage, college loans and car payments, shouldn't exceed 36 percent of income.

Prospective buyers can then start

scouting areas where they'd like to buy.

Important considerations, other than affordability, might be schools, transportation links to work and regular destinations, plus municipal amenities offered.

"Know which areas you're willing to live in and which ones you aren't," Krueger said. "Almost everyone knows that. And make it clear to the Realtor."

Think about what specific features of a home are important. As difficult as it may seem, try to distinguish needs from wants. Is a formal dining room essential? What about a fireplace and central air conditioning? Can you live with a detached garage?

Younger people sometimes forget that it took their parents years to acquire their current lifestyle and home. What are you willing to settle for in your starter home?

Weekend open houses are a good way to get an idea of what your money will buy in specific neighborhoods. But don't spin your wheels too long, the professionals say.

Realtors can help focus and streamline searches. Realtors have access to multilisting services of homes available for sale and can schedule showing appointments.

"If people know for an absolute fact that they want three bedrooms and two baths and one has to be in the master, or that the unit must be built over a basement, we can narrow all those down on computers," Krueger said.

"The easiest, simplest way to find a house is find a Realtor you're comfortable with and let them work with you," Chuba said. "They will save you a ton of time, and they will direct your home search."

When interviewing prospective agents to represent you during the buying process, ask for a written plan of action. Request references. Call them.

First-timers should know that they will need a substantial amount of cash

to buy a home.

Purchase agreements generally require a 3-percent deposit, which would be \$3,000 on an offer of \$100,000. Then there's a year of pre-paid property insurance, several hundred dollars, and a house inspection fee, optional but advisable, at \$200-\$300.

All kinds of mortgages are available with as little as 3 percent down, but figure on paying extra for private mortgage insurance with your monthly payment if the down payment is less than 20 percent.

Dave Klotz and Amy Mulholland recently bought their first house in Independence Township in anticipation of their August marriage.

"It was a lot less hassle than I thought it would be," Klotz said. "We basically looked for good schooling, an area that's up and coming, where the value keeps going up."

The couple compromised along the way. They really would have preferred to live in the village of Clarkston but couldn't afford it. They ended up with all the features they wanted, but had to do some work on the house.

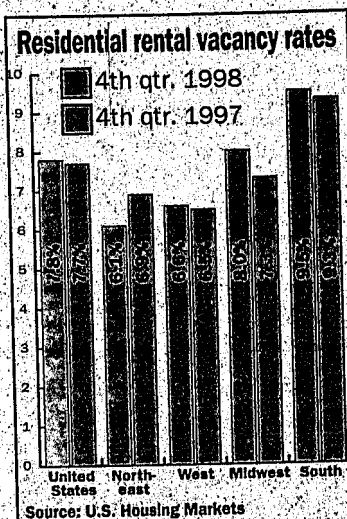
"The best thing I learned, when buying your first house, if you have the time to do it, be very patient," Klotz said. "We would go spend pretty much every weekend for two months looking at open houses in all the areas we were considering."

"We went through the (mortgage) pre-approval process. That took a lot of stress out of it," he added.

"Don't get caught up in little details," Klotz advised. "The house we bought had a few little flaws. We've been remodeling."

Ask questions along the way, Realtors say. Remember the ultimate goal.

"I tell them (first-timers) that this is probably going to be the most exciting time you buy in your life, just the process," Krueger said.



What's your credit rating?



DAVID C. MULLY

MORTGAGE SEARCH

Credit scoring is much more sophisticated today, and, as a result, has opened the doors to more borrowers with not-so-perfect credit. In the past these borrowers were pretty much taken advantage of with very high interest rates because few lenders had "bruised" credit programs to offer.

Today, competition has grown dramatically, which has helped lower the interest rates for these borrowers.

Don't get me wrong: Non-conforming rates are still much higher than normal rates, but an 9.11-percent rate is much lower than what had been charged.

The categories lenders put you in depends on your credit history. The category you are in will dictate if you qualify for the lowest mortgage rates available or the not so lowest rates.

Lenders give a (A) credit rating for Excellent, A (A-) rating for Good, A (B) rating for Satisfactory, A (C) rating for Fair, and A (D) rating for Poor. The rating you are in depends on your history of making monthly payments for: Mortgage or Rent, Credit Cards, Loans and other types of credit. Your rating also depends on any collection accounts on your credit report or if you had a Bankruptcy in the past.

Lenders will let you explain any credit problems you have had as long as you can back it up with documentation. A bankruptcy, for example, is not a loan-approval killer necessarily. If the bankruptcy has been discharged for at least five years, you can still be considered a (A) borrower, if it has been two years since the discharge you may fall into the (A-) or (B) category, if it has been one year or even recently been discharged you may fall in the (C) to (D) category.

There is more to your credit rating. To learn more and find out what interest rate you can get approved for, contact a mortgage lender and have them run your credit report. Lenders usually will not charge you for this and will meet with you to go over your credit report and explain which category you fall into. They also will match you up with the loan program that fits your credit level.

If your refinancing, and you have shaky credit, you will need enough equity in your home to offset your sub-par credit rating. Buying a home may require a down payment of more than 10 percent. Again, each lender you meet with can explain the best options for you once they have the complete picture.

Thank you to Nick Heppard and John Markoul of Home Loan Mortgage in Southfield for contributing to this article. They can be reached at (888) 263-7999.

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Kahn acquires Giffels in Southfield

Albert Kahn Associates, a Detroit architectural, engineering and planning firm, acquired a controlling interest in Giffels Consultants, an architectural and engineering firm in Southfield.

Giffels previously was owned by Donald J. Giffels, P.E., who formed the firm in 1984, and Giffels Associates Limited of Canada, a Toronto-based architectural and engineering firm.

With the acquisition, Giffels becomes a subsidiary of Albert Kahn, which will assume full responsibility for management.

Donald Giffels will continue to serve as a stockholder, officer and director and have expanded responsibilities, providing business development and marketing for both companies.

The Giffels name will continue, and both offices will remain open for now. A staff increase is planned at both

offices.

Giffels currently employs 22 people and reported 1998 revenues of \$1.2 million. Albert Kahn employs 350 people. Total fees earned in 1998 exceeded \$37.5 million, an increase of 20 percent from 1997.

Gordon Holness, P.E., president and CEO at Albert Kahn, described the acquisition as an initial step in the firm's overall plan for significant expansion.

"By acquiring Giffels Consultants, Albert Kahn Associates will gain valuable architectural and engineering resources," Holness said. "The new subsidiary will also supplement our Detroit headquarters with a suburban location."

Giffels clients include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state of Michigan, Department of Veterans Affairs, Bon Secours Cottage, Alpena General Hos-

pital, the city of Southfield and the city of Dearborn.

Internationally, Albert Kahn recently launched Kahn do Brasil, LTDA, a subsidiary corporation located near Sao Paulo to serve Brazil's fast-growing auto market.

Recently completed Albert Kahn projects include the \$43 million Media Union at the University of Michigan, one of the most technology-intensive buildings in the United States.

The firm is nearing completion of a \$4.8 million renovation of its offices to accommodate its growing work force, new services and new technology with flexible, team-oriented workspaces.

Albert Kahn Associates Inc. was founded in 1895 by architect Albert Kahn, who became internationally renowned for his significant contributions to the construction industry.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded March 8-12 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. 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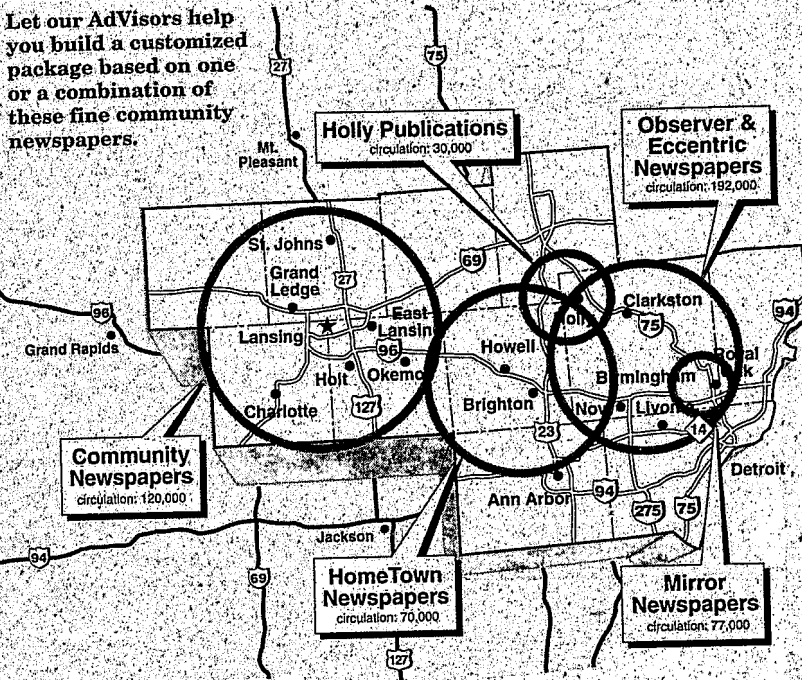
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SUPER SUPER SHARP
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This 2 bedroom ranch offers basement, 2.5 car garage, 2 full baths. Updates include win-dows, steel door & electrical. Stove, refrigerator stay. \$94,500.
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BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom quad
on stunning large country lot. Many updates including hardwood floors and refinished baths. For additional details
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248-408-1457. Open Sundays
1-4PM \$179,900.

320 Hartland

HARTLAND TWP., 3 bedroom,
2 1/2 bath brick ranch, 2 1/2 car attached garage, finished walkout, extensive decks, gazebo, 2.6 acres. \$197,500.
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NATURE AROUND - 1840 sq. ft.
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A POSITIVELY PERFECT 3 yr
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AWESOME
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1-5. 3 bedroom ranch, 2 1/2 bath, finished basement, 1st floor laundry. 38229 Bloomfield. By owner. \$229,000. 734-953-2576

LIKE NEW - on this three bed-
room brick ranch w/new aluminum trim with stunning new kitchen, super finished basement prep for full bath, new roof, interior doors, bath, windows, furnace & central air and much more. Call KEN GENTILE Re/Max Great Lks. 248-473-6200. Page 1 810-607-8008. \$139,900

LIKE NEW RANCH
Meticulously maintained, move-in condition, private sub, across from golf course. Great curb appeal, spacious floor plan, 1st floor laundry, separate dining, 2.5 baths, full basement, courtyard, patio & much more. ML#91572. Asking \$229,900. Open Sunday, 1-4pm. Call Nancy Perronello Century 21 Row (734) 464-7111

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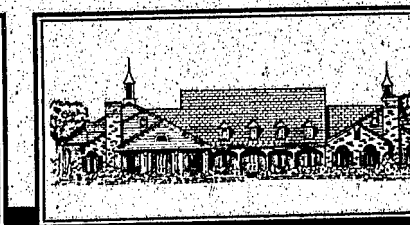
SOUTHFIELD 3 bedroom, 3 full bath Ranch condo with a walk-out basement. Sauna, steam shower in lower suite. Ravine view. 2 car attached garage. Call Today! \$237,000 (22CHA) 248-524-1600



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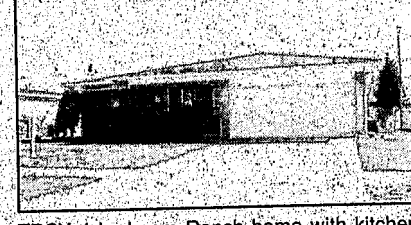
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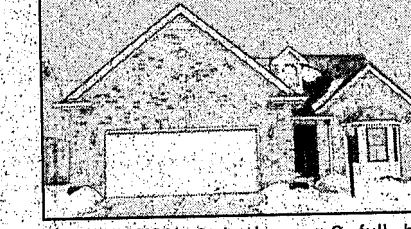
FERNDALE 3 bedroom Ranch home with 2 full baths. Fireplace. Finished basement. Large breezeway to garage. Call Today! \$203,000 (71WOO) 248-524-1600



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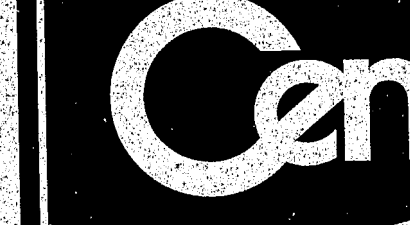
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TOP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD! 10+ move-in condition! Totally remodeled. Oak kitchen, family room with attractive wall of storage cabinets. Cath ceiling in dining room, front room with bay pavers, deck, fenced yard. \$166,900 (03NOR) 248-652-8000



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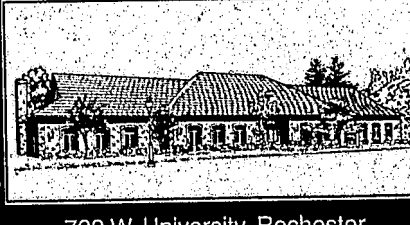
NORTHERN TROY COLONIAL 4 bedroom Popular Sylvan Glen Sub. Fireplace, 1st floor laundry, dining room, large lot, open kitchen & family room, Living room & more. \$218,900 (61HER) 248-652-8000



BROOKDALE WOODS SUB quad-level with lots of amenities. C/A, sprinklers. Fireplace in family room, large kitchen with doorwall to deck & built in hot tub. Master bedroom bath, finished lower-level with 4th bedroom, library den, bar. Newer roof. Lots of storage! \$219,900 (06ROL) 248-652-8000



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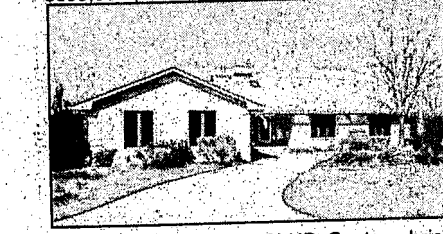


FABULOUS TUDOR. Hardwood floors from foyer to kitchen. Newer carpeting, updated kitchen, freshly painted interior & exterior. Master suite with separate tub & shower. Sprinkler system & deck. A must see. \$305,977 (34TIM) 248-652-8000

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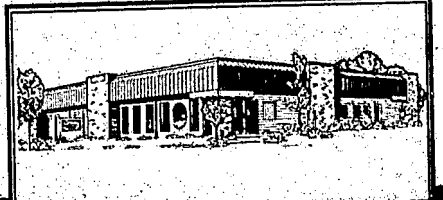
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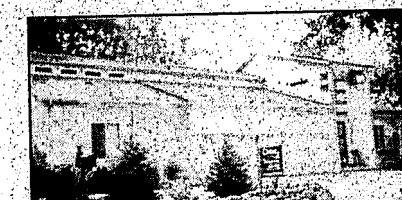
SPECTACULAR! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths & 2 lavatories. Large 2 story marble foyer with circular stair case. 2 story great room with bridge & fireplace. Living & dining room with bay windows. Huge master bedroom. New construction. \$659,900 (52AUT) 248-626-8800



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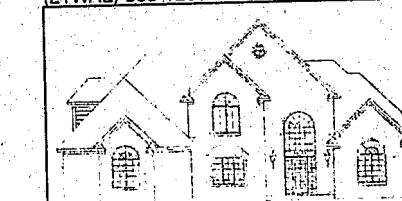
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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MILFORD On 1.5 acre lot, 4 bedrooms, huge great room, gourmet kitchen, 2 way fireplace between breakfast nook & great room. \$349,900 (43OUR) 363-1200



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HOT! HOT! Don't miss this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, new roof, a/c, on 100 ft. canal front. A 2.5 attached garage, 2 patios, enclosed natural fireplace in family room, 2,000 sq. ft. plus, all appliances included. \$249,900 (46NEW) 363-1200



GREAT VALUE IN LAKE LIVING 3 bedroom, 2 baths, updated & move-in condition with lake privileges & choice of docking on 2 lakes. \$145,000 (87THO) 363-1200



LOOK NO LONGER Country like setting, as cute as a button! On over 1/3 of an acre with Livonia Schools. Recently painted with neutral colors, updated kitchen, fireplace in living room, walk-in closet in bedroom, H2O purifying system, utility room, above ground pool. \$129,900 (35SUN) 363-1200



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1 yr ARM	5.00	0.00	45 day	\$350	5.52 apr						
5/1 ARM	6.125	0.00	45 day	\$350	7.25 apr						
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CAPTIVA GROUP MORTGAGE						1-248-628-7054					
30 yr FR	6.50	0.00	30 day	\$0	6.66 apr						
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30 yr FR	6.50	2.00	45 day	\$350	6.46 apr						
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30 yr FR	6.25	3.00	45 day	\$354	6.82 apr						
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1 yr ARM	5.125	3.00	45 day	\$354	5.82 apr						

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APEX FINANCIAL						1-248-273-4000					
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1 yr ARM	5.00	2.00	45 day	\$354	5.89 apr						

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COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION						1-248-453-1200					
30 yr FR	6.75	1.00	60 day	\$325	6.89 apr						
15 yr FR	6.25	1.00	60 day	\$325	6.49 apr						
1 yr ARM	5.00	1.00	60 day	\$325	5.69 apr						

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EDGECREST FINANCIAL GROUP						1-800-453-1200					
30 yr FR	6.25	1.50	45 day	\$0	6.75 apr						
15 yr FR	5.75	1.50	45 day	\$0	6.25 apr						
1 yr ARM	4.75	1.50	45 day	\$0	5.75 apr						

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SECURITY NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORP.						1-800-857-7676					
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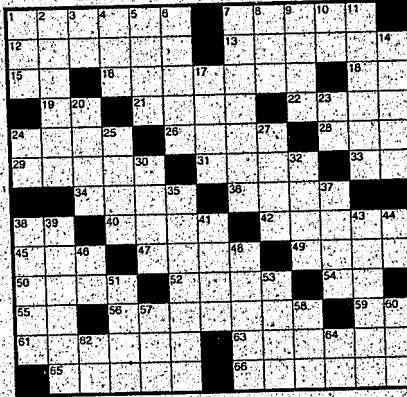
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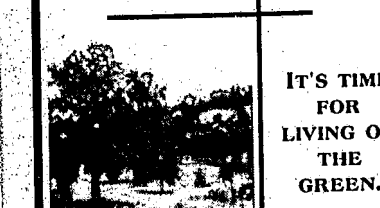
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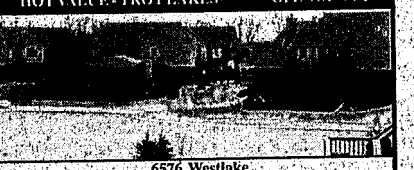
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 • Gorgeous views, A/C, new windows
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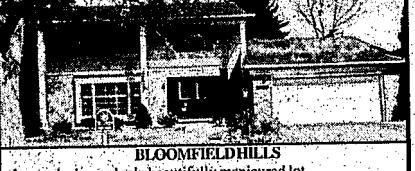
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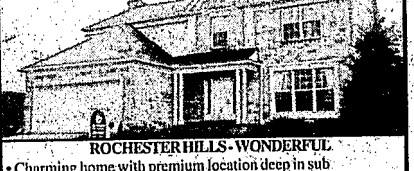
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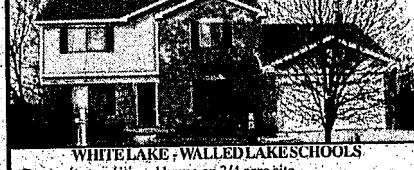
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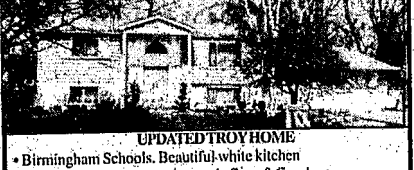
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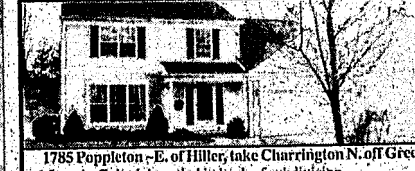
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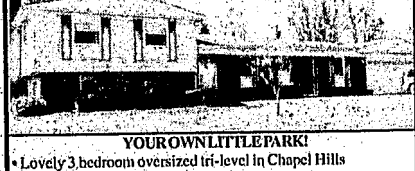
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 • breakfast room with view of woods. (PA208)
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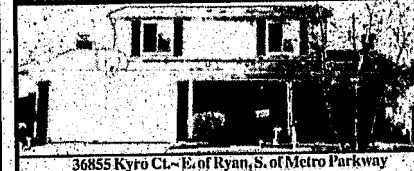
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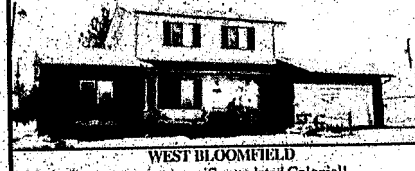
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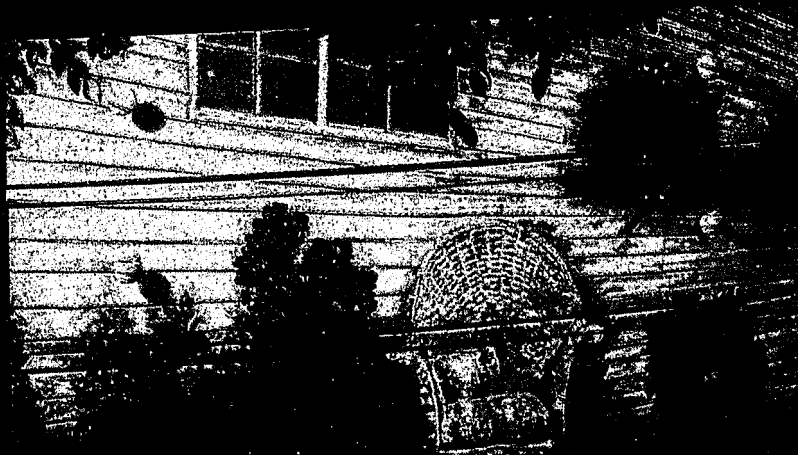


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celebrating family

Celebrate Earth Day with your family

Think about how long it has been since you and your family planted a tree.

The memory of planting a seedling during your scouting days may be more vivid than the tree you and your family have yet to plant.

Ask yourself how much you and your family know about recycling. Many people take the world we live in for granted, ignoring recycling efforts, waste management, the purity of the air, and other efforts that can help make the Earth a cleaner place to live for themselves and their children.



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

On this Earth Day, take the time to educate yourself and your family on the origin and purpose of a worldwide effort to help the environment.

Start by talking about why the first Earth Day was started.

It became official on April 22, 1970, thanks to a seven-year effort by former Sen. Gaylord Nelson (beginning during the Kennedy administration). Sen. Nelson wanted to dedicate a day to teaching everyone about the things that needed to change to clean up the environment. On the first Earth Day, people across the United States made conscious efforts to get involved in cleaning up our planet.

According to one Earth Day Web site (www.earthday.org), Earth Day is recognized as the symbol of environmental responsibility and stewardship throughout the world. The Web site supports

the Earth Day goal of a healthy, vibrant planet.

There are many opportunities for your family to get involved in Earth Day efforts.

Some, such as recycling aluminum cans, collecting plastic grocery bags, and creating Earth Day awareness materials for distribution, may already be taking place at your child's school. Schools may even hold Earth Day assemblies to demonstrate that there are things everyone can do to help take care of the world.

Volunteer to help the school in their efforts. Show your child how much you care, and how even a little effort in a local community can make a difference in the world. Every small effort can add up to a noticeable improvement in our environment.

In the story entitled "What Can I Do?, an Earth Day Story" by Kim Moon (www.kidsdomain.com), students at one school learn the earth's problems are not too big for them to do anything about if they work together. The students pass out green paper leaves and pens to the

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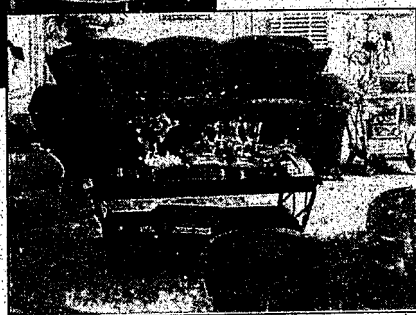


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Thumbs up

The perfect print: Update your barware with Elsa Peretti's thumbprint collection, available at Tiffany & Co. in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Select from a 6-ounce tumbler for \$20, and a 12-ounce tumbler, a 16-ounce tumbler or a brandy snifter for \$28. Call (248) 637-2800.



Casual collections

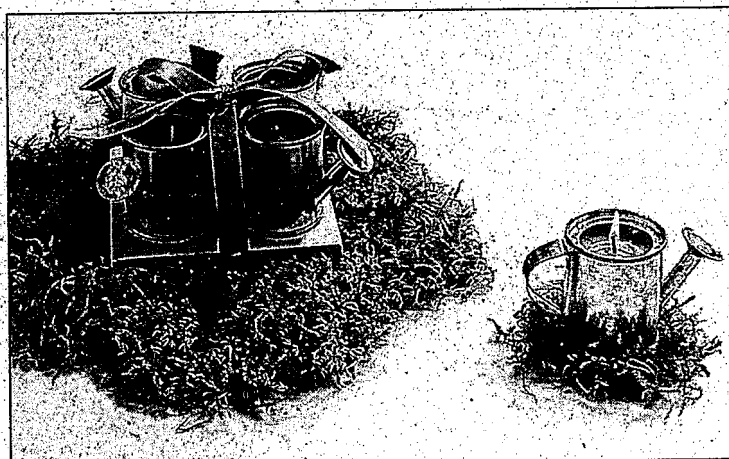
At ease: Art Van Furniture has introduced many new pieces this spring to help you create a cozy, comfortable home environment. Among the ways casual influence is reflected are deep seating sofas, loveseats and chairs, soft fabrications, solid colors with textured fabric for subtle design, pillows used as accents, oversized ottomans doubling as cocktail tables, and chaises. Art Van's collections include (bottom photo) a red sofa with exposed wooden legs, \$999; pale yellow chaise, \$799; deep seated pattern chair, \$599; and pattern ottoman, \$399; all by Alexvale. Also at Art Van, modular sectionals ("The Playpen") by Encore (top photo) featuring three basic pieces: corner chairs, \$249; armless chairs, \$249; and a square ottoman (not shown), \$149. Call (810) 939-0800 for location information.

Soft touch

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Glowing garden

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

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student assembly. Then they ask everyone to think of one thing they can do that could make a difference to the world. When everyone completes this task, they attached their leaves to the branches of a brown tree mural. Some suggestions are read aloud, including, "I will walk to work," "I will use both sides of my paper to save trees," "I will plant a tree every year," and "I will start recycling newspapers."

Today is the time to ask your family what they can do to contribute to Earth Day and the days that follow. Consider the following suggestions:

Paper bag it. The next time you take a walk through the neighborhood or metropark, take a paper bag with you. Whenever you see a piece of trash on the ground, pick it up and put it in your bag. Dispose of the trash when you return home.

Use clean "trash" to create art. Whatever your local recycling company doesn't collect on trash day can become a virtual art collection for creative minds. Dedicate a medium sized box for items you might typically discard, including egg cartons, fabric scraps, foam packaging materials, and store circulars. Color the objects with crayons, paint or markers, then have your child glue the objects together to construct his

own work of art.

Plant a tree. Planting a tree is a terrific way to help beautify the environment and your surroundings. We depend on trees because they are oxygen producers.

According to a Kids F.A.C.E. (Kids for a Clean Environment) Web site article entitled "Trees: A Tremendous Renewable Resource," "As you breathe in, your body uses oxygen. As you breathe out, it gives off carbon dioxide. Trees do just the opposite. They take in carbon dioxide and then release oxygen (which helps clean the air)."

Trees serve many purposes. They cool the earth by shading and through water evaporation. "They act like huge pumps to cycle water up from the soil back into the air. The 200,000 leaves on a healthy 100 foot tree can take 11,000 gallons of water from the soil and breathe it into the air in a single growing season (www.kidsface.org)." Trees are natural renewal resources people depend on for more than 5,000 items, including heating their homes, making furniture, and producing paper products.

If you aren't searching for a rather large tree for landscaping purposes, it is generally best to purchase seedlings at your local garden shop or through the National Arbor Day Foundation. Dedi-

cate your planting to Earth Day. Plant one tree for every child or family member. Your family will take great pride in watching your trees grow and knowing you all made a difference.

Learn about the earth on which you live. There are numerous readings and educational television programs to help teach your family how to preserve our planet.

Look for "Children of the Earth: Remember" (Schim Schimmel), a children's book about how animals and people work together to protect the environment. For children between the ages of 5 and 12, read "Keepers of the Earth" (Michael J. Caduto), a collection of North American Indian stories about living, learning and caring for the environment.

Check into additional periodicals on the subject of Earth Day at your local library. The efforts you start today can be carried on throughout a lifetime.

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 LHealy@aol.com.

Win help with designing, planting your garden

The Blooms of Bressingham garden giveaway, co-sponsored by English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, offers special help for your garden.

Blooms of Bressingham will donate products for English Gardens to plant in the winning garden. English Gardens will donate the labor to design and plant the garden. The winner must maintain the garden and allow English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric to publicize the planting and growing as they see fit.

Contestants must submit three color photos of the proposed garden area (at least 4 by 6 feet in size) and write a 150-word answer to the question, "Why my home needs a Blooms garden."

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Dip tube story goes national on ABC



JOE GAGNON

I have done a lot of television these past 10 years, and, like anything else, after so many times of doing it, it becomes quite easy. That was not the case just a few weeks ago when the crew from ABC's "Good Morning America" showed up here in Detroit to tape a segment on the subject of the hot water tanks. The morning began at the studios of 760 WJR at 7 where the lights, cameras, sound equipment and other equipment were checked and double checked.

They spent 40 minutes with the camera on full blast taping an interview with Paul W. Smith, of which about two minutes actually appeared on the national program. Next came an interview in a closed studio, which lasted for another two hours with the occasional dab of makeup applied to my very warm forehead. Thank goodness these people had to eat, which ended my part

in the story.

Before we proceed to Pam Finkel, the key person who was on GMA, let me inform you of how she was selected from over 2,000 names that the legal firm and I had together. The legal firm is taking care of the class action suit filed against the hot water tank manufacturers. Pam lives in a subdivision of around 90 homes, all built at the same time.

Her problems with plugged-up aerators and water valves on appliances were the exact results that occur from the defective dip tube in a hot water tank. Her sudden loss of hot water while taking a shower was the other key factor. Pam had already spent money to have an appliance service man come to her house and clean out the screen on the inlet water valve of her washing machine. She had also obliged to have Burton & Sons Plumbing replace her old tank with a new one so we could cut open the tank in her front yard.

The big concern from ABC was whether there would be a build-up of foreign matter in the bottom of her old tank. They wanted at least 12 backup customers that would allow us to

inspect their tanks in case Pam didn't have the needed visual effects. My guardian angel and I didn't even call anybody else, that's how sure I was. I must also point out that I had not been to Pam's house or met her in person until I arrived on that day with the ABC Television host, Janice Liberman.

In my first phone conversation with Pam, she was very reluctant to appear on national television as I'm sure anyone would be. I explained the need for informing everyone about the defective product and that I needed her help in doing this. Believe me, folks, when I tell you that Pam was the perfect person to do the TV story, and that was proven when many of you viewed the program. I owe her big time, and so does this country for her courage, which she was so well displayed.

Pam's tank, which was shown on national television, was a sterling example of what is happening to over 24 million homes in America.

It is a crying shame that we as consumers can buy a product by the millions and never know what defects it might have. It is not this writer alone

who has made this a national subject, because without this newspaper and the radio show, my voice would be like the snap of a branch during a storm. Following the ABC program, I proceeded to Lansing to visit the Attorney General's office for a press conference. Next week, I will tell you what that was like. 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.

at home calendar

The Home Depot offers free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. Contact your local store. April topics are "Installing Pergo Flooring," 7 p.m. Tuesday; "Building a Retaining Wall," 7 p.m. Thursdays; "Spring Lawn Care," 7 p.m. Fridays; "Planning and Building a Deck," 9 a.m. Saturday; "Using a Power Painter," 10 a.m. Saturday; "Installing Fencing," 10 a.m. Sunday; "Replacing Your Roofing," 11 a.m. Sunday.

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inviting ideas

Go to Junior's for cheesecake



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

This week I was sitting at a table during a wine and food pairing with the actor and cookbook author Vincent Schiavelli (he's from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Amadeus," "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Batman Returns" among other films and regarded as the consummate character actor). The two of us were bored to distraction, (I felt like I was back in high school) and started talking about all kinds of things, how wine and food pairing is so very subjective, where my son Jordan should go to college for film school, and most importantly, cheesecakes.

Vincent, who now lives on the west coast, grew up in Brooklyn and attended High School right on or near Flatbush Avenue. He began relating stories about his high school days, cutting school, dates with girls, and reminiscences of cheesecake from Junior's. I turned to Vincent and said "so have you seen the new cookbook out on Junior's?" I sure was glad I was up on one of his favorite haunts. Junior's is known for its cheesecakes (the New York magazine also rated it New York's Best!).

Cheesecake like wine and food pairing is subjective. Some cheesecake favorites are baked, some are all done by chilling ingredients, and some are loaded with flavors other than cream cheese. For me, "cheesecake" was always a sweet cheesy indulgence topped with fruit, and a bank of related recipes shared and modified. My earliest memories of cheesecake were not home connected, but, where else, in New York.

The book, "Welcome to Junior's! Remembering Brooklyn With Recipes and Memories from Its Favorite Restaurant" by Marvin Rosen, Walter Rosen, Beth Allen, (historical text by Judith Blahnik) is published by William Morrow and Co. Inc., 1999. (Hardcover, \$25). This diner, located in downtown Brooklyn on Flatbush Avenue, opened its doors on Election Day in 1950. Three Rosen generations later, they are not only known for their cheesecakes, but a menu filled with great home cooking and fabulous ice-cream sodas. The book includes seven recipes for cheesecake, from plain to Apple Crumb (with some chocolate and blueberry in the middle). We can be assured that the original recipes are still closely guarded

and remain in the hands of the Rosen family, but the recipes included in the book are close enough and incredibly delicious. Included in Welcome to Junior's is over 100 recipes, not all cheesecake, along with a decade-by-decade history of the last 50 years in Brooklyn and some wonderfully nostalgic photographs.

You can make Junior's cheesecakes at home, or you can buy Junior's Cheesecakes on the Web at www.electrikweb.com/otto/desserts.cfm. The cakes are all 3 pounds and cost \$27.95; check the site for specific costs, availability, delivery and shipping information.

JUNIOR'S FAMOUS NO. 1 PURE CREAM CHEESECAKE - THE BEST OF THE BEST!

1 recipe of sponge cake (see above),
baked and cooling.

For the Filling:

4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
(regular variety - no variations), at
room temperature

1 2/3 cup sugar

1/4 cup cornstarch

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

2 extra-large eggs

3/4 cup heavy whipping cream

Directions:

Place one 8-ounce package of the cream
cheese, 1/3 cup of the sugar, and the corn-
starch in a large bowl. Beat with an electric
mixer on low until creamy, about 3 minutes,
then beat in the remaining 3 packages of
cream cheese.

Increase the mixer speed to high and beat
in the remaining 1 1/3 cups of the sugar,
then beat in the vanilla. Blend in the eggs,
one at a time, beating the batter well after
adding each one. Blend in the heavy cream.
At this point, mix the filling only until com-
pletely blended (just like they do at Junior's).
be careful not to overmix the batter.

Gently spoon the cheese filling on top of
the baked sponge cake layer. Place the
springform pan in a large shallow pan con-
taining hot water that comes about 1-inch
up on the sides of the pan. Bake the cheese-
cake until the center barely jiggles when you
shake the pan, about 1 hour.

Cool the cake on a wire rack for 1 hour.
Then cover the cake with plastic wrap and
refrigerate until it's completely cold, at least
4 hours or overnight. Remove the sides of
the springform pan. Slide the cake off of the
bottom of the pan onto a serving plate. Or if
you wish, leave the cake on the removable
bottom of the pan and place it on a serving
plate. If any cake is left over, cover it with
plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator.

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 Marco Island, FL - 1-week stay at Condo
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 Orlando, FL - 3-night stay at the Hotel Royal Plaza
 Orlando/Kissimee, FL - 2-night stay at three different Masters Inn
 Pittsburgh, PA - 2-night stay at the Best Western Parkway Center Inn
 Rosemont, IL - 1-night stay in deluxe room at Hyatt Regency O'Hare
 Scottsdale, AZ - 2-night stay at Sun Burst Resort.
 St. Petersburg, FL - 2-night stay at the Alden Beach Resort





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Sturgeon Bay, WI - 2-night stay at Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club, includes roundtrip tickets for passenger/car ferry, donated by Door County Chamber of Commerce

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Detroit Public TV Auction
April 23 - 25 &
April 30 - May 2

The 1999 Auction was planned with you in mind. We kept the travel and leisure offerings, special days for wine bidding and local merchant days. Then, we made it more convenient than ever.

We scheduled this year's televised event over two week-ends (when you have the most time to shop). We've also upgraded our Auction web site with information to supplement this official Auction guide. And don't miss an opportunity to get your own express bid number. In its 31st year, the Auction remains an exciting way to support the programs you enjoy on Detroit Public TV. Look for the items in this guide to bid on beginning April 23.

Canadian Destinations

Chatham, ON - 2-night stay at Best West Wheels Inn
Halifax, NS - 2-night stay at Hotel Halifax
Hinton, AB - 2-night stay at Black Cat Guest Ranch
London, ON - 1-night stay at Idlewyd Inn
St. Mary, ON - 1-night stay at Westover Inn
Stratford, ON - 2-night stay at Blair House B&B
Toronto, ON - 2-night stay at Days Inn
Toronto, ON - 2-night stay at Quality Hotel Midtown
Windsor, ON - 1-night stay in deluxe room at Hilton Windsor Hotel
Windsor, ON - 1-night stay at Radisson Riverfront

Northern Michigan

Bellaire - 2-night stay at Grand Victorian B&B
Charlevoix - 2-night stay at Charlevoix Country Inn
Charlevoix - 6-night stay at Charlevoix Spa at Camp Sea Gull
Grayling - 1-night stay at Holiday Inn
Harbor Springs - 2-night stay at Birchwood Inn
Mayfield - 2-night stay at

Pineview Resort
Sleeping Bear Dunes - 5-night stay at year-round home
Traverse City - 2-night stay at the Bayshore Resort
Traverse City - 2-night stay at AmericInn of Traverse City
Traverse City - 2-night stay at Grand Traverse Motel

Mid-Michigan

Alma - 1-night stay at Saravilla B&B
Battle Creek - 1-night stay at Old Lamplighter B&B
Cadillac - 1-night stay at McGuire's Resort, includes golf or cross country ski rental equipment & trail fees
Gaylord - 1-night stay w/golf at Marsh Ridge Resort
Gladwin - 2-night stay at Eggleston Schoolhouse B&B
Marine City - 2-night stay at Heather House
Mt. Pleasant - 2-night stay at Comfort Inn
Mt. Pleasant - 2-night stay at Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Mackinac Island

The Grand Hotel - 3-night stay
Great Turtle Lodge - 2-night stay
Iroquois Hotel - 2-night stay
Metivier Inn - 1-night stay
The Upper Peninsula
Hancock - 2-night stay at Creekside Inn B&B

Local

Ann Arbor - 1-night stay at Weber's Inn
Auburn Hills - 2-night stay at Residence Inn by Marriott
Birmingham - 1-night stay at Holiday Inn Express
Birmingham - 1-night stay at The Townsend Hotel
Bloomfield Hills - 2-night stay at Courtyard by Marriott
Bloomfield Hills - 1-night stay

at Kingsley Hotel & Suites
Dearborn - 1-night stay at the Dearborn Inn
Dearborn - 2-night stay at Hyatt Regency
Dearborn - 1-night stay at The Ritz Carlton
Detroit - 1-night stay at St. Regis Hotel
Detroit - 1-night stay in Penthouse w/dinner at Antheneum Suites Hotel
Detroit - 1-night stay in deluxe room w/dinner at Antheneum Suites Hotel
Detroit - 1-night stay at Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center
Farmington Hills - 1-night stay at Comfort Inn
Howell - 1-night stay at Ramada Inn Conference & Convention Center
Irish Hills - 5-night camping stay for 5 people, includes water & electric
Livonia - 1-night stay at Marriott
Livonia - 1-night stay at Courtyard by Marriott
Pontiac - 2-night stay at Residence Inn
Pontiac - 2-night stay at Courtyard by Marriott
Southfield - 1-night stay at Hampton Inn
South Haven - 2-night stay at Carriage House at the Harbor
Troy - Presidential Suite Romance Package at Doubletree Guest Suites
Troy - 1-night stay at Holiday Inn
Troy - 1-night stay at Northfield Hilton
Troy - 1-night stay at Somerset Inn

Golf

Blackheath Golf Course in Rochester - golf for 2 w/cart
Golfing the Great Lakes / Concord Hills in Concord - golf for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes / Oak Ridge in New Haven - golf for 4
Golfing the Great Lakes / Sawmill Creek Country Club

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in Camlachie, Ontario - golf for 4
 Hawk Hollow in Bath - 18 holes for 4 w/cart
 The Majestic at Lake Walden in Hartland - 18 holes for 4 w/cart
 Oak Pointe Country Club - 18 holes for 4 w/cart & dinner
 Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Mt. Clemens - golf for 4
 Trevor Parkinson Golf School in Rochester - golf lessons

Leisure

Academic Adventures - personalized travel kits
 Bluegrass Festival tickets - donated by Robert White
 Body Techniques Fitness Center - 3-month membership
 CWT-Crown Travel - travel package
 Fly Fishing School for 4
 Franklin Fitness & Racquet Club - fitness & racquet membership
 Geauga Lake - tickets
 Greyhound Canada Transportation Corporation - 2 passes for 15-day trip in Canada
 Kearney Travel - \$500
 Northwest Airlines tickets
 Park Place Athletic Club - 3-month membership
 Rail Europe Group - 2 first class Eurail passes
 Rocky Mountaineer Railtours - 2-day/1-night rail tour for 2
 Rosie O'Donnell Show - tickets, donated by WJBX Fox 2
 Southern Michigan Bridge Association - tickets to bridge tournament
 Southwest Airlines - 2 roundtrip tickets anywhere
 Southwest flies
 Sports Club of West Bloomfield - 6-month membership

ANN ARBOR DAY
Friday, April 23 / 6:00 pm to Midnight

Gift Certificates

Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau - dinner at

the Gandy Dancer Restaurant, tickets for Branford Marsalis concert and Dale Fisher photography book
 Ann Arbor Summer Fest - tickets
 D.O.C. - shopping spree
 Footprints - shopping spree
 Herb David Guitar - guitar equipment
 Keith Hafner's Karate - karate lessons
 The M Den - shopping spree
 Mayor Ingrid Sheldon - recreation basket & gift certificates
 Michigan Theater - movie passes
 Voila - shopping spree

Food

Afternoon Delight
 Arbor Brewing - beer tasting tickets & dinner theatre passes
 Arabia - dinner for 2
 The Bella Ciao Restaurant - dinner for 4
 Cafe Felix - gift certificate & coffee basket
 Chop House - dinner for 2
 Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub
 Gratz - dinner for 2
 Palió - dinner for 4
 Real Seafood Co. - dinner for 4
 Zingerman's Bakehouse - bread for year

Merchandise

After Words - books & gift certificate
 Chris Triola Showroom - jacket
 College Shoe Repair - baseball hats & gym bag
 Dixboro General Store - hand stitched quilt
 Dream on Futon - futon accessory set
 Fantasy Attic - mask & boa
 Generations - doll house
 Grizzly Peak Brewing Co. - fleece pullover
 Hollander's - desk set
 Jewel Heart Tibetan Center - alarm clock
 Jules Furniture, Inc. - hand-made cat lamp

Michigan Book & Supply - Michigan gear family pack
 Mir's Oriental Rugs - Oriental rug
 Wilderness Outfitters, Inc.
 Wilkinson Luggage Shop - leather garment bag

Jewelry

Falling Waters Books - amethyst necklace
 Seyfried Jewelers - 14-karat gold bracelet
 Urban Jewelers - 14-karat gold earrings

MARVAC DAY
Sunday, April 25
Noon to 9:00 pm

Here are some of the items available at press time from the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds Day! Look for more on Sunday.

Check Page 4 for more items to bid on



Two Weekends to Browse and Buy!

MARVAC Travel

Beech Grove Family
Campground - camping in
Emmett, MI
Campers Cove Family
Campground - 1-week camp-
ing on the shores of Lake Erie
Monroe County KOA - 4-night
getaway in Petersburg, MI
North Park Campground - 1-
week camping in Harbor
Beach, MI
Our Ponderosa Family
Campground & Golf Resort -
1-week stay, full service
Sandy Pines Wilderness Trail -
weekend camping in
Hopkins, MI

Gift Certificates

Roseville RV Center

Merchandise

Barker Manufacturing
Company - 4-wheeler for
holding tanks
Genesee County Parks &
Recreation - camping package
Mike's Trailer Service in Hazel
Park - complete hitch pack-
age w/installation

PLYMOUTH DAY

Friday, April 30 / 6:00 pm to
Midnight

Here are some of the items
available at press time

Bell Ringer

Wild Wings Gallery - Thomas
Kincade print

Art

Creative Framing - painting
Penniman Gallery - oil painting

Gift Certificates

John Casablanca's, Inc. - mod-
eling course
John Casablanca's, Inc. - pre-
teen modeling course
Village Shoekeeper - shopping
spree
Village Music - music training

Food

Breadsmith - bread for a year
Café Bon Homme - dinner for 2
Uncle Frank's Chicago's &
Coney's - self serve coney
party



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Merchandise

Gabrial's - handmade brass
lamp
Gabrial's - framed print
Hands on Leather - leather
jacket
Michigan Made - kitchen
accessories

April 23-25 and April 30-May 2

sculpture
Penniman Gallery - rabbit
sculpture
Phillip Hawk Saddlery - 17th
century beer mug
RSVP Invitations - garden doll
Sideways - umbrella & tote

BIRMINGHAM DAY Saturday, May 1 Noon to Midnight

Special Board

Azar's Oriental Rugs - Oriental
rug
Hagopian World of Rugs -
Oriental Rug
Oakland Athletic Club - 1-year
membership

Art

Artspace II
Bloomfield Fine Arts - oil
paintings
Bloomfield Fine Arts - water-
color prints
Bloomfield Fine Arts - Oriental
print

Gift Certificates

A. Elites Alteration - profes-
sional alterations
Antonino Salon - day of beauty
Bardha Salon - haircut, style
and make-up

Beaton Colors Salon - cut,
color & style w/Roman
Beaton Colors Salon - cut,
color & style w/Emilo
Birmingham/Bloomfield Art
Association - art classes
Birmingham/Bloomfield
Symphony Orchestra - season
tickets

Birmingham Drugs - shopping
spree
Ceresnie and Offen Furs - fur
storage & cleaning

Diana Alexanian - permanent
eyeliner procedure

D.O.C. - shopping spree

Electrolysis Clinic of
Birmingham - electrolysis

Larry Barkhouse Clothier - 4
custom shirts

Moran's Flora - silk wreath cer-
tificate

Nino's Custom Shirts - custom
shirt

Residential Project
Management - construction
consultation

Seegerpeople - photographic
sculpture

Sherman Shoes - shopping spree

Silverman Designs - interior
design consultation

Steve Ann's Salon - haircuts

Food

Ackroyd's Scottish Bakehouse -
Scottish baked goods

Breadsmith - fresh bread
Great Harvest Bread Co. -
bread baking party
How About Lunch & Co.
Merchant of Vino - Italian dinner
basket
Something Chocolate - tortes

Jewelry

Astrein's Creative Jewelers -
jewelry
David Wachler & Sons - mother
and child pendant
Matt Till Jewelers - sterling silver
ring

Merchandise

Adventures in Toys - Madame
Alexander doll & book
Arkitektura - Frank Lloyd
Wright miniature chair
AT&T Wireless Services - cellu-
lar phone & service
Blossoms - Waterford ornaments
Blossoms - bronze lamp
Blossoms - vase
Crimson Rose Antiques
Festivities of Birmingham -
ceramic lion
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leather briefcase
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bottle
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Penniman Gallery - angel



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Gallery Nikko - baby bag gift set
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Gallery Shaanti - handmade lamp
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The Knitting Room - baby sweater & hat
La Belle Provence - serving bowl
Marcy's Groom-A-Pet - grooming materials
Mesa Arts - vase
M.T. Hunter - porcelain village
Napier's Kennel Shop - cat condo
Paul Cicchini Custom Clothier - neckties
The Sports Gallery, Inc. - Red Wings photo
The Yachtsman - jackets

DEARBORN DAY Sunday, May 2 Noon to 9:00 pm

Here are some of the items available at press time

Gift Certificates

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra - tickets
Fairlane Car Wash - auto reconditioning

Merchandise

Ford Motor Company - golf bag w/clubs
Ford Motor Company - wall clock
Ford Motor Company - umbrella & golf bag
Health Unlimited - gift basket

GENERAL MERCHANDISE SHOWCASE

Pangborn Design Ltd. - painting
Pioneer Furniture - 12-piece bedroom set

SPECIAL BOARD

House of Blinds - shopping spree
James Michael - blown glass art
Jules R. Schubot Jewelers - shopping spree
Pioneer Furniture - bedroom set
Tarnow Doors - garage door w/windows

BELL RINGER

Art Van Furniture - shopping spree
A Shady Business - Tiffany lamp
Emily's - wine dinner for 6
Fox Portrait Studios - wedding/anniversary package
Steven Bochco Productions - "NYPD Blue" script

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Alpha Psychological Services - resume service
American Therapeutic Massage - massages
Arthur Murray Studios - dance lessons
Artistic Gymnastics Academy - gymnastic lessons
Artspectrum - swing dance passes
Bambi's Flowers - flowers
Bride's Bridal Salon - headpiece
Capital Carpet, Inc. - carpet cleaning
Chaplin's Comedy Club - passes
Cheryl's at the Claymoor - massage
Christian Science Monitor - subscription
Classic Touch Auto Wash - car wash book
Colesce Couture - lingerie
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle - evening of comedy
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Shrine of the Black Madonna - bookstore shopping spree
Southern Great Lakes Symphony - tickets
Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest - ticket package
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Little Italy Ristorante - dinner
Morel's - dinner for 4
Number 6 Chophouse - dinner
for 4
Olga's Kitchen - meal certificates
Pike Street Restaurant - dinner
for 2
Rattlesnake Club - dinner for 4

Reen's 'N Things - dessert spree
Sweet Lorraine's Café - dinner
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Bayou - dinner for 4
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MARTY FIGLEY

When you buy a miniature rose, or any other plant for that matter, do you sometimes wonder where it was grown? We are fortunate to have the only nursery in Michigan that produces miniature roses within driving distance of our area.

Michigan Miniature Roses, 45951 Hull Road in Belleville, is a wholesale/retail business that Judy and Doug Bell began 18 years ago.

They had been showing miniature roses since 1976 and found that many they wanted weren't readily available, so they started their business. And how it has grown! They now grow 200 varieties of these beauties and 100 miniature rose trees as well as 10 varieties of miniature climbers that grow 5 to 10 feet tall.

"Miniature roses are root grown and are the most hardy of roses," Judy said. "They need very little winter protection, too much suffocates them."

"The only thing miniature about the climbers are the leaves and flowers which repeat bloom quickly."

Although they hybridize and see many, many different cultivars (Judy developed the "Bloomfest" Rose), her favorite is the old "Peaches and Cream," a pink and white charmer.

It takes five years to develop a plant. Pollen is taken from the anthers of a plant chosen to be the father and dusted on the stigmas of the female (mother) plant. After the "take," the flowers form seed hips and when they ripen the seeds are shucked out, refrigerated 90 days and planted. Then the Bells and their staff wait to see what comes up!

These tiny little plants are only 3 to 4 inches high when they bloom and the plants that aren't desirable are carefully culled out. For instance, whites are discarded because they don't sell well, as are those with single petals. They do have one exceptional white rose, "Cachet," which is 18 to 24 inches tall and special to exhibitors.

Most propagation is done by cuttings in the summertime. The cuttings have four nodes, two are set below the soil line and two above. They are set in pots on trays that hold 18 pots each.

A mist system in the greenhouses runs two seconds every five minutes or more, if necessary. The system is all

automatic and runs in the morning or mid-afternoon so the foliage has a chance to dry before night. Michigan Miniature Roses grows 50,000 to 60,000 plants per year!

All the roses are pot grown. A Sierra slo-release tablet is stuck into the soil - one or two, according to pot size - when they are potted. A 20-20-20 balanced fertilizer is also used and when it's bloom time, a bloom booster with a ratio of 15-30-15.

The Bells' destination in the summer-time is Eastern Market, where they will greet you at Stall 315. The business is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, May and June. Group tours are welcome, by appointment, and generally take place in early evening, because the temperature in the houses can reach 130 degrees in the daytime.

Call Michigan Miniature Roses at (734) 699-6698 if you wish to visit.

Rose care

Miniature roses make a lovely display in the garden and if planted near a patio or deck, would add to the beauty and restfulness of that place.

Roses need rich soil, good drainage and five or six hours of sunlight a day, and a soil pH of 6.5. Acclimate the plant to the environment before planting; don't let the root ball dry out. Place in a hole larger than the root ball and set plant firmly 1/2-inch deeper than originally planted. Water well.

If necessary, prune roots of new bushes and aerial growth to compensate. Remove existing blooms, buds showing color and excessive aerial growth. Keep watered, but don't fertilize until new growth appears. Water early in the day so foliage can dry before night.

Apply rose fertilizer in the spring after new growth has leafed out, one tablespoon per bush, every three weeks until six weeks before expected frost. A spray of half-strength water-soluble fertilizer containing trace elements, every two weeks until just before frost, will be beneficial.

A light mulch will deter weeds and keep the bed neat. A light mulch in the fall (not too much) will provide winter protection for these hardy flowers.

Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' popular Spring Plant Sale is 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The Marketplace will offer garden-related products - this is a former component of the now-defunct Ann Arbor Flower Show.

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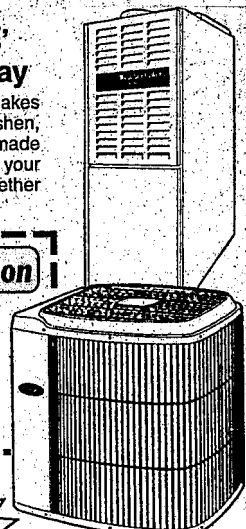
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cover story

Old World artistry adorns furniture



Artist at work: Tom Jahn, master furniture decorating artist for the Jasper Cabinet Co., will demonstrate his handpainting skills at Newton Furniture in Novi this weekend.

On the cover:

"Veranda" is one of the scenes that can be painted on furnishings by the Jasper Cabinet Co., available at Newton Furniture.

By MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

An Old World craft is at home — literally — in modern times with the hand-decorated furniture of Tom Jahn.

Craftspeople long ago made one-of-a-kind furnishings to order. Jahn, of the Jasper Cabinet Co. of Indiana, hand-paints decoration on company pieces that makes each item one-of-a-kind and meets custom orders.

The master furniture decorating artist will demonstrate his handpainting skills at Newton Furniture in Novi this weekend. The store is at 27772 Novi Road, on the 12 Oaks Mall service drive. Jahn will be there 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

"It's an Old World type of craft," said Ed Wolfe, Newton Furniture company president.

"It allows our clientele to get exactly what they're looking for," said Ann Gabler, who will be manager of Newton's Bloomfield Hills store when it opens in June. "It's something made especially for them, something special, something unique that they can hand down from generation to generation."

Jasper Cabinet furnishings are featured at Newton Furniture stores. This is the first time an artist from the furniture company will be at one of the Newton locations. (Other Newton retail stores are in Livonia and Sterling Heights; a clearance center is also in Livonia.)

Jahn hand decorates and rubs finishes on Jasper Cabinet curio cabinets, chests, entertainment centers, credenzas and secretaries. The pieces are made from cherry, mahogany, ash or oak.

At the weekend event, visitors will be able to watch the artist finish decorating pieces he has started.

"We're very excited to have someone of Jahn's caliber coming to our store," Wolfe said.

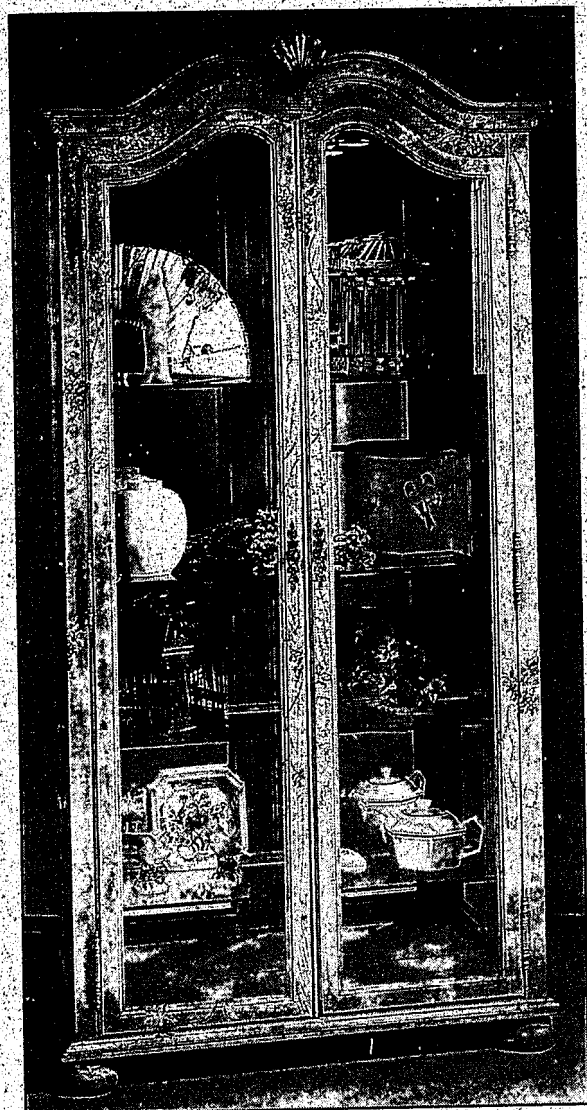
"Jahn's workmanship exemplifies the kind of quality we have always had as a standard at Newton. I think the customers will be surprised to learn that each Jasper piece is handpainted and not decorated with decals or stencils."

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cover story



Special surfaces: Small bunches of grapes arranged over a crackling background (at left), and a floral pattern (at right), are among the handpainted decorations offered by Jasper Cabinet. The colors can be changed to coordinate with other elements in the room.

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The pieces fit with any type of home, Wolfe said — traditional, contemporary or transitional.

If a customer likes sailing or is interested in airplanes, for example, illustrations of sailboats or planes can be painted on the furniture.

In addition to choosing the art work for the decor, a customer may select the colors to coordinate with those of upholstery, draperies or other elements in the room. Gabler said she knew of a customer who had the hues in the furniture decoration match those of a tapestry.

Various pieces that will be displayed this weekend show different types of decorations available.

A chest bears a country scene called "Veranda" on

its front, featuring potted flowers and a wicker chair. The illustration is painted over the knobs so the scene is uninterrupted.

A lowboy with fluted legs is adorned with an antique look — a floral pattern on the front and striping along the edge of the inside compartments.

Another chest has a faux marble top and galloping zebras on its front and sides. An Oriental hibiscus tree climbs up the front of a mahogany chest; the hardware also carries an Oriental theme.

Around a tall cabinet, small bunches of grapes are arranged over a crackling background.

Jahn began his artistry career at age 15 while a high school sophomore. He was interested in art and often helped paint sets for school plays.

A Jasper Cabinet representative, seeing Jahn's talent,

asked him if he would like to become an apprentice at the company and study under master artist Fly Green. Green had learned his trade from master artists at the Baker Furniture Co. of Grand Rapids. Jahn jumped at the chance. That was in 1970.

Jahn has traveled throughout the United States and Canada giving demonstrations and discussing his work. Each year he and other staff artists develop two new designs to go with the other decorations in the company's line.

Newton Furniture will give away handcrafted, personalized jewelry boxes at random drawings during Jahn's appearance at the store. Each will be hand-inscribed by Jahn. Also in honor of Jahn's visit, anyone ordering handpainted furniture will save 40 percent.

For more information, call Newton Furniture at (734) 525-4662.

focus on photography

Spring into photo action of season

Spring is here at last! Backs don't ache from shoveling and fingertips aren't frozen. Springtime livens our hearts, stimulates our senses and serves as an incentive to get the camera out of winter hibernation.

Many exciting and challenging picture-taking opportunities are available

in springtime. Now is the time to dust off the camera and get in gear for some rewarding experiences.

If your camera has been sitting around all winter, make sure the batteries are fresh and that you brush up on your knowledge of all controls.

Ready to begin? There's a lot of pic-

ture potential out there. Here are some ideas of what to shoot, where to go and how to do it.

Perhaps the best place to begin your springtime photography is with the abundance of flowers

and blossoms in the area. Some flowers have vivid and bold colors, some soft and pastel, but all invite your camera to record their springtime serenade.

For best results, move in tight, using close-up equipment such as close-up filters or a macro lens. You need to be steady when you shoot in close, so be sure to use a tripod and cable release. Carry a piece of dark poster board with you to place behind the flowers in order to eliminate distracting backgrounds.

For blossoming trees, shoot in early morning or late afternoon light to get maximum texture and detail in the

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MONTE NAGLER



At the pad: What better time to photograph water lilies than spring! Careful composition produced this picture.

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at home calendar

■ 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. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 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. A gala preview to benefit the Detroit Area Art Deco Society is scheduled 7-10 p.m.

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foliage. A polarizing filter will darken the blue sky, adding further impact to your shot.

An exciting springtime locale is your local zoo. While the zoo offers year-round picture possibilities, it is especially attractive in spring. Many animal species, such as deer, sheep and goats, have their offspring this time of year. The children's zoo is always alive with springtime activity not just of the animals but candid shots of the youngsters as they are absorbed in the antics of their animal friends.

Friday, April 23, at the center. The preview will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and entertainment; admission is \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door. Call (248) 582-DECO for information. 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. Sunday prior to the opening of the show.

■ The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, north off University and west of Main, presents a variety of

spring classes. They include "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.

■ 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.

■ A gardening discussion group will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Bor-

ders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Master gardener Peggy Malnati will present a talk on "Healthy Gardening Practices," drawing on information distributed by the master gardener program of Michigan State University. Call (248) 737-0110.

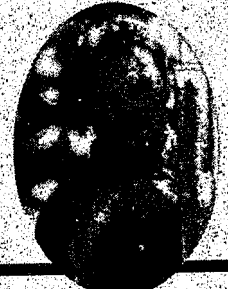
■ An informal gathering of knitters will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, to chat and work on their projects. Beginners are welcome. Call (248) 737-0110.

Many state parks surround the metropolitan area and they offer picture opportunities, too. From a meandering stream to an intimate waterfall to the path leading into the woods, parks offer tremendous photo possibilities. Just keep your photographer's vision in tune and "spring" into action with your camera.

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.



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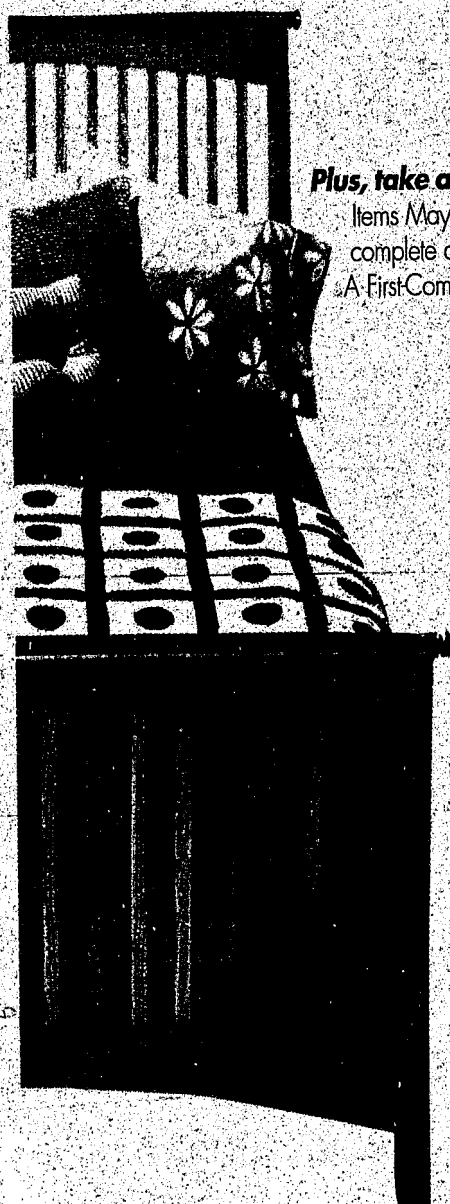
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SATURDAY



Singer Nancy Wilson performs 8 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$30 and \$35, available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, or call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Popular jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic turns classical for "Two Flutes and a Piano," a 3 p.m. concert also featuring flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasi, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road at Commerce Road. Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.



The John Hancock Championships on Ice 1999 Tour featuring Olympic and World Champion figure skaters comes to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Saturday, April 24. Performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 to \$55 call (248) 645-6666.



Rehearsing: PuppetArt members rehearse for their upcoming production of "Kolobok" at the Detroit Puppet Theater.

Professional puppeteer: Igor Gozman (below), artistic director of PuppetArt, Detroit Puppet Theater, holds one of the puppets used in the troupe's production of "The Story of Esther."

Theater showcases puppet art

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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It's lunchtime in downtown Detroit on Tuesday. The sun is shining, the sky is blue, it's warm enough to walk around without a jacket, but there's no one on the corner of East Grand Boulevard near Woodward Avenue.

A fence surrounds the pit that used to be J.L. Hudson's across the street. It's a desolate scene. Alva Dworkin of Southfield waves to me as I approach what appears to be a vacant building, welcoming me to the Detroit Puppet Theater.

The theater is a dream come true for Igor Gozman and his wife Irena Baronovskaya of Auburn Hills, Natasha Khousid of Oak Park and Lyudmila Mikheyenko of West Bloomfield. Immigrants from the former Soviet Union, they met about seven years ago and formed PuppetArt, a troupe of professional puppeteers.

Inside the renovated space, formerly three storefronts, Mikheyenko is working with Diane Spratt, who recently joined PuppetArt, and Baronovskaya on a scene from "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man."

After a quick tour, Dworkin, who has been working with the group since 1995 and serves as its managing director, says "you know destruction is part of the creative process. Before you can create, you have to destroy. Think about it: An artist starts out with a blank sheet of paper, but until they ruin it, make a mark, it's just a blank piece of paper."

"I saw one of their puppets, and I was absolutely astounded," said Dworkin explaining how she met the puppeteers. "I knew they could be a big success."

A graduate of Cass Tech High School, Dworkin earned a master's degree in art education. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools and later nursery school. Before retiring she worked for the State of Michigan licensing nursery schools.

Dworkin is managing director of

PuppetArt — Detroit Puppet Theater

Where: 25 E. Grand River (between Woodward Ave. and Farmer St.), Detroit.
Performances: Noon and 2 p.m.
What: Premiere of "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," opens Saturday, April 24. Performances at noon and 2 p.m. "Kolobok" continues noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays through May 15.
Tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 children with the exception of the April 24 premiere. Tickets for this performance are \$6.50 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds from the April 24 performances benefit the Regional Puppetry Festival to be hosted by Detroit Puppeteers Guild. A puppet making workshop follows all performances. The cost is \$8 per person. Call (313) 961-7777 for information.

Detroit Puppeteers Guild "A Day of Puppetry"

When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24.
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Cost: Adult registration \$32.50 (includes 6 month membership in the Detroit Puppeteers Guild), Detroit Puppeteers Guild Members \$25, Teens (ages 13-18) \$20. Register at the door or call Nancy Henk, (810) 463-0480.
Highlight: There is a children's workshop performance package for children ages 7-12. Children will meet at 1 p.m. to make a puppet, then watch a 2 p.m. performance featuring magical surprises by the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe's presentation of "Rumpelstiltskin." There is a \$5 fee per child, registration limited to 25 children. Additional tickets for the 2 p.m. puppet show are \$3 each.



PuppetArt and handles publicity, contracts and grants. "I beat the bushes to get jobs," she said.

It's absolutely a labor of love. "These are incredibly talented people who needed someone to help them," she said. Detroit has a long history of puppetry, and we're not just talking about the ones who pull strings at city hall.

The Detroit Puppeteers Guild, an organization devoted to the art of puppetry, was founded in 1946 and is affiliated with the Puppeteers of America Inc.

Puppetry is an ancient art. Puppets were found in Egyptian tombs. Haydn composed operas for marionettes, and Bernard Shaw wrote plays for them. Native Americans used puppets for magic effects and in religious ceremonies.

Dworkin introduced the puppeteers to the Guild, and they said, "these are our people."

Guild adviser Nancy Henk and her "Puppets to Go" performed at the Detroit Puppet Theater, which opened last July, on April 10.

"It's like a little miracle in downtown Detroit," said Henk about the Detroit Puppet Theatre. "In the larger downtown theater district you have this wonderful little theater devoted to puppets. It's been a dream for the people involved, and I've been happily watching their dream come true."

Dream

It's a dream that took over seven years to come true.

"I was a drama director in Leningrad," said Mikheyenko. She wanted to meet other Russian immigrants who, like her, were involved in theater in Russia. "I put up flyers in apartment buildings and other places," she said. Mikheyenko believes it was fate that brought the four puppeteers together. "I fell in love with the puppets," she said. "A puppet can do more than a live actor."

From the beginning, the group's

Please see PUPPETRY, E2

Jekyll-Hyde role challenge met by versatile actor

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Twenty years ago actor Chuck Wagner was there at the beginning for the musical "Jekyll & Hyde."

Wagner was a student at the University of Southern California in 1979 when fellow students Frank Wildhorn and Steve Cuden devised a musical based on Robert Louis Stevenson's popular tale of good-hearted Dr. Jekyll who creates a serum that turns him into evil Mr. Hyde.

"I did the original demo tape that was used to get a record deal. Then Colm Wilkinson got to do the album," Wagner said.

The show went through various changes over time. In the mid 1980s, established lyricist Leslie Bricusse ("Oliver," "Stop the World I Want to Get Off") signed on to write lyrics and reshape the book.

In 1991 Wagner got his chance to perform the lead role on stage in the world premiere production at Houston's Alley Theatre. The show opened on Broadway in 1997 to mixed reviews. But it won a popular following of devoted fans who call themselves "Jekies."

Wagner is now on the first leg of a yearlong national tour, playing at the Fisher Theatre through May 9.

Composer Frank Wildhorn has gone on to have wild success on Broadway with an astounding three musicals currently playing on the Great White Way — "Jekyll & Hyde," "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and "Civil War."

"I think Frank has a gift, the ability to write songs that are beautiful and emotional," Wagner said of his fellow USC alum. "You don't just hear them but feel them. But they're also simple and accessible to people."

The score includes the hit songs "Someone Like You" and "This Is The Moment."

Wagner has carved out a varied career since graduating from USC. He's performed as

a regular on soap operas, appeared on "The Dukes of Hazzard," starred in a movie called "Automan" and performed in several successful stage productions including national tours of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and as Javert in "Les Miserables." He also

performed as Sir Lancelot opposite the original Lancelot Robert Goulet's King Arthur.

But the role of Jekyll and Hyde is a special challenge.

Please see JEKYLL-HYDE, E2

POPULAR MUSIC

Eminem is ready for controversy

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Marshall Mathers, otherwise known as Eminem, strolls into Harmonie Park Studios in Detroit, the picture of insecurity.

His hands are pushed deep into the pockets of his baggy jeans, his blonde-dyed head of hair is pointed down to the ground. Mathers can't seem to focus, glancing quickly around the small studio.

Mathers was there to perform for the now-defunct alternative radio station WXDG-FM and its "Edge Session," something of which he was unaware.

"I came here this morning and absolutely had no idea what I'm gonna do because nobody told me. But I can do what I want to do," he said.

"OK, listen. If I'm gonna do some freestyles and I'm gonna do a show, I'm gonna do a little performance there, everybody's got to stand up or this will be very boring."

The studio pumps an instrumental version of Eminem's hit "My Name Is" through the speakers. Encouraging the sound engineer to turn it up, Eminem

Returning home: Rapper Eminem, otherwise known as Marshall Mathers or Slim Shady, plays the State Theatre in May.

Please see EMINEM, E7

Esham hopes to follow peers

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Sitting back on a plush

couch in Overture Studios in Novi, rapper Esham Smith explained he's the real deal.

He described growing up on the mean streets of New York City and Detroit near Seven Mile and Hoover roads. Unlike Kid Rock and I.C.P., Smith said he doesn't call the suburbs home.

"When I talk about some (stuff) it's more realer than when another (person) talk about it. They just playin'," he said of rappers from the suburbs. "We can't get over the fact that we come from the ruins. Detroit is ruins. I don't care what anybody else say," said Smith, who calls himself "an extreme realist."

"They should blow that

Please see ESHAM, E7

Upcoming performances

■ Esham performs during the Detroit Music Awards, 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the State Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$25. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.statetheatre.com>

■ Esham will also headline Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac, on Friday, May 7. Call (248) 333-2362 for more information.

■ Eminem plays the State Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Tickets are \$20 general admission for the all-ages show.

■ Also, the film "The Last Weid," the "official Detroit hip-hop documentary," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 832-2355 for more information.

■ Kid Rock is scheduled to perform on "David Letterman" on Tuesday, April 27.



Mixing it up: Detroit rapper Esham works the boards at Overture Studios in Novi.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNON

Bonstelle romps with 'Once Upon A Mattress'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theater company, presents the rollicking musical "Once Upon A Mattress" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYIA
SPECIAL WRITER

The rollicking, tongue-in-cheek humor of "Once Upon A Mattress," the musical version of the fairy-tale "The Princess and the Pea" makes for a fun, light-hearted evening of theater. The Bonstelle company has lavished enthusiasm and creativity into their final show of the season.

Unlike its tame origin, "Once Upon A Mattress," this production tells the "real" side of the story, with double entendres and adult humor. In a kingdom ruled over by a shrewish, domineering queen and a mute, lascivious king, no one may wed until Prince Dauntless shares his marriage bed. However, Mama has made sure that a dozen princesses to date have all failed their royalty tests. Matters become more urgent when Lady

Larkin informs Sir Harry that his impending fatherhood makes it imperative that a bride be found soon.

Sir Harry's quest produces a most unusual potential bride—the endearing, unconventional, and meat-swimming Princess Winnifred, whose wildly offbeat personality excites Prince Dauntless, much to the queen's dismay.

The colorful and uninhibited role of Winnifred was made for junior Maribeth Monroe, whose exuberant personality has captured the Bonstelle stage this season. Whether belting out a song, kicking up her heels, delivering comic lines or sending the audience into gales of laughter with a well chosen facial expression, Monroe is the wonderful girl named Fred. Her senior year at the Bonstelle ought to be promising.

Suzan Michelle Gouine as Queen Aggravain epitomizes the character you love to hate, with her intrusively funny invasion. Her glares, stares and pompous indignation brought delightful laughter from the house.

Caleb Gilbert as the Minstrel and Mark Shock as the Jester delivered strong performances,

and formed a comedic trio with the mute King Sextimus, played by Stephen Blackwell.

Junior Patrick O'Reilly of Livonia makes his Bonstelle debut as the shy, mama's boy Prince Dauntless. He makes a nice puppy-dogish, naive counterpart to Princess Winnifred over-the-top extrovert.

The songs are spirited and funny, from "Opening For A Princess," to the Spanish Panic dance, the not-so-quiet "Quiet" to the enthusiastic finale.

There are smooth, easy on the ears love songs, as well: "In A Little While," "Normandy," and "Yesterday I Loved You" with Lady Larkin and Sir Harry.

Princess Winnifred gets the house laughing with "Shy," and "Happily Ever After."

The costumes were striking and coordinated, with a basic white color scheme accented with bright jewel-toned colors. The ladies' hats had amazing wing spans, creating a delightful touch of whimsy. The set was very versatile, with the crew, dressed as royal pages, swiftly choreographing the scene changes.

comedy and the rapport it builds with audiences.

"There's nothing like singing and acting. It takes you to the edge, you open your heart and feel the emotions. When that happens it's cathartic for the performer and the audience. It's a symbiotic relationship, very thrilling," Wagner said.

Wagner said "Jekyll and Hyde" is the most physically wearing role he's done.

He will be sharing his music with audiences with a new CD, "Broadway Bound" which will include songs from the shows he's done.

more, Fredric March and Spencer Tracy all did classic versions. Wagner said the musical draws on those old films for some elements of the story.

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Puppetry from page E1

dream was to have their own theater.

"Puppetry is attractive and additive" said Gozman, the theater's artistic director. No other art form covers so many bases—painting, sculpture, drama, music and ballet. "Every production is original. The music and everything."

The puppeteers design the puppets, create sets and even music for their productions. After performances guests can attend a workshop to make their own puppets to take home.

"Puppets are a great opportunity to form a child's imagination, which adults are losing," said Gozman. "Puppets are useful tools, they can educate children and teach them how to behave."

"Kolobok," opening Saturday, is a one of the first stories children learn in Russia. "Children learn how to behave," said Gozman. "They learn that they must do what their parents say. It's also

'Puppetry is attractive and additive.'

Igor Gozman
Detroit Puppet Theater CEO

quite musical."

Their goal is to host more guest puppeteers such as Henk, and build a larger audience that includes school groups who can visit the theater during the week. PuppetArt members also tour throughout the state presenting puppet shows at schools and other venues.

Another goal is to introduce children to other cultures through puppetry to introduce them to these cultural treasures. They're working on a Japanese story.

"We've created a theatrical atmosphere here," said Mikheyenko. "I think that's

important for children to experience. Puppetry is not just for children, it can be interesting for adults too."

The Detroit Puppeteers Guild is presenting "A Day of Puppetry," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The event, co-sponsored by the Livonia Civic Center Library, offers an opportunity to learn more about the art of puppetry.

There are a variety of workshops including Improvisational Marionette Theatre, Fun with Walk-Around Puppets, and How To's of Youth Puppet Theater.

A Children's Workshop/Performance Package for children ages 7 to 12 with Maureen Schiffman gives kids the opportunity to make their own puppet. Afterward, they will attend performances featuring magic by the Amazing Clark, and "Rumpelstiltskin," presented by Brad of TV's Hot Fudge Show.

UMS announces '99-'00 season

The University Musical Society has announced its 121st season, which includes 79 public performances of 60 events in eight different venues.

Highlights include the first regional appearance since 1965 of the Berlin Philharmonic with Claudio Abbado directing; Yo-Yo Ma, Anne-Sophie Mutter and Murray Perahia; a series devoted to the music of J.S. Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death; the UMS debut of jazz legend Oscar Peterson; a women in dance series; Neeme Jarvi appearing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and his other ensemble, the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra; Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in a Swing Dance Tour; the Chieftains a week before St. Patrick's Day; and a return of "The Harlem Nutcracker" to the Detroit Opera House.

A season brochure will be mailed out at the end of April. To be added to the mailing list, call UMS Box Office at (734) 764-2538.

The UMS series:

For October: Laurie Anderson's "Moby Dick," Sept. 30 to Oct. 2;

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 3; Ballet Folklorico de Mexico, Oct. 5-6; Paco Pena and Intillimani, Oct. 8; Lyons Opera Ballet, Oct. 16-17; The Berlin Philharmonic, Oct. 20; "Moon-drunk," Oct. 22; The King's Singers, Oct. 23; Sankai Juku, Oct. 27; Bill Frisell's New Quartet, Oct. 28; Orquesta Ibrahim Ferrer & Ruben Gonzalez y su Grupo, Oct. 30.

For November: Emerson String Quartet, Nov. 5; American String Quartet, Nov. 7; Les Arts Florissants, Nov. 10; Theatre of Voices, Nov. 12; Paco de Lucia and His Flamenco Quartet, Nov. 19; Kremerata Baltica Soloists, Nov. 21; "The Harlem Nutcracker," Nov. 26 to Dec. 5.

For December: Handel's "Messiah," Dec. 4-5; Boys Choir of Harlem, Dec. 9; Frederica von Stade, Dec. 10; Gabrieli Consort & Players, Dec. 14.

For January: The Romeros, Jan. 9; Bebe Miller Company, Jan. 15; Take 6, Jan. 17; Yo-Yo Ma, Jan. 20; American String Quartet, Jan. 23; Russian National Orchestra, Jan. 24; Barbara Hendricks, Jan. 29.

For February: Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet, Feb. 4-5; Gothen-

burg Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 5; Meredith Monk's "Magic Frequencies," Feb. 9; Drummers of West Africa, Feb. 10; Martha Clarke's "Vers Le Flamme," Feb. 11; Anne-Sophie Mutter, Feb. 12; Estonian Philharmonic, Feb. 13; Murray Perahia, Feb. 16; New York City Opera's "Barber of Seville," Feb. 17-19; Christian Tetzlaff, Feb. 20.

For March: The Chieftains, March 8; Ballet d'Afrique Noir, March 9-10; English Consort, March 11; Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Ustad Zakir Hussain, March 17; Oscar Peterson Quartet, March 18; American String Quartet, March 19; Thomas Quasthoff, March 20; Forgiveness, March 24; Mammás, March 25; Beaux Arts Trio, March 26; Moscow Virtuosi, March 31.

For April: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, April 1; The Watts Prophets, April 8; Trisha Brown Company, April 12; Susanne Mentzer, April 13; Australian Chamber Orchestra, April 14; Bach's St. Matthew Passion, April 16; Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Swing Dance Tour, April 22.

Tickets to the events are sold as part of series and individually.

Jekyll-Hyde from page E1

"Anytime you play the full dichotomy of mankind, to be as good as you can be and as bad as you can be, it's a challenge," he said.

"The interesting thing about this show is that both Jekyll and Hyde are delighted with their lives. Though his father's madness leads to his experiments, Jekyll is happy with his life and with his fiancée. And when Hyde is freed, he's delighted to be alive despite the evil things he does. There's a visceral joy to his excitement."

The role has been a favorite of many film actors. John Barry-

more, Fredric March and Spencer Tracy all did classic versions. Wagner said the musical draws on those old films for some elements of the story.

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BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" has long been one of the most popular works in the operatic repertoire for its heart-rending portrayal of love and trust brutally betrayed.

The Michigan Opera Theatre's current production is so lush, delicate, precise and believable that it would draw a rush of tears from the most hardened heart.

"Butterfly" is the source for the hit musical "Miss Saigon" and tells a simple but gripping story. The year is 1904 and a callous but charming American naval lieutenant marries a beautiful, naive 15-year-old Japanese geisha Cio-Cio-San in a ceremony that he mocks. After he has



False love: Francesco Grollo as Lt. Pinkerton takes the hand of bride Cio-Cio-San, Sun Xiu Wei in the MOT's "Madame Butterfly."

abandoned her to return to the United States, she bears his son, knowing in her heart that her Lt. B.F. Pinkerton will return.

But when he does, it is with his American wife and plans to take his son, driving Butterfly to a last desperate act of ceremonial

suicide.

At the heart of this fine production on Saturday's opening night was Chinese soprano Sun Xiu Wei, who is not only a magnificent singer capable of soaring and beautifully controlled high notes but also an actress of fine subtlety capable of suggesting both joy and anxiety in a few facial and hand gestures. Her *Un Bel di Veremo* is incredibly moving.

Francesco Grollo drew a hearty round of boos as he took his bows, a tribute to his perfect Pinkerton, all swagger, arrogance and, ultimately, cowardice in facing his deceit. Grollo's huge tenor embraces the rich romantic charm that makes Pinkerton's deception so real. He also looks the part of a young naval lieutenant and acts with the easy "we rule the world" attitude that was just beginning to make "ugly Americans" a common phrase.

The love duet here is a complex well of conflicting emotions that are vividly conveyed by these two outstanding performers.

Victor Ledbetter brings

warmth, rectitude and a deep sense of maturity to the role of the American consul Sharples, using his voice to brilliant effect. Kathleen Segar handles the emotional role of Suzuki with admirable restraint and then finally succumbing with a voice that pierces.

"Madame Butterfly" is Puccini's most melodious, sweeping and emotional opera. The music is rich, inventive, playful as it incorporates Japanese folk music and American marches. The orchestra, under Steven Mercurio, is in top form, drawing all the many nuances and warmly

supporting the leads. The choral work is excellent.

Mario Corradi's direction is as delicate, suggestive and beautiful as a Japanese painting. The end of Act II is especially effective.

Zack Brown's simple set of Cio-Cio-San's house and the lighting of Kendall Smith add to the perfection of this production.

Sun Xiu Wei and Francesco Grollo sing the leads April 24 and May 1. On April 23, 25 and May 2, the roles of Cio-Cio-San and Pinkerton will be sung by Natalia Dercho and Carlo Ventre.



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'Rocky Horror' full of haunting surprises

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Rocky Horror Show" through Sunday, May 9. A special late-night performance will take place 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1. A costume contest will precede the show. Tickets \$24 to \$35, call (248) 377-3300. Student and group discounts available. MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

If there are any Rocky virgins still lurking around, Meadow Brook Theatre is spreading its luring fishnet to catch them with a terror treat — the stage version of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

This rock musical, which is still touring after 25 years, is full of fiendishly funky good fun on the normally respectable Meadow Brook Theatre stage.

For his swan song, artistic director Geoffrey Sherman has come up with a "fasten your seat

belts" horror spoof about the 1950s passion for RKO midnight "B" rated double features.

There are some wonderful surprises in this production of the "Rocky Horror Show."

Meadow Brook Theatre regular Paul Hopper dons spiffy red bell bottoms as he brings out an Elvis voice that he's been hiding in the Coke Cola cooler all this time. John Michael Manfredi, another familiar face, may be embarking on a new career playing Drag Queens. So inciting is he as transvestite Frank-N-Furter, the alien spy from the Transylvanian galaxy, Manfredi stimulates the audience into a rousing "Time Warp" dance.

If you don't know the dance, neither does the straight couple Janet Weiss and Brad Majors at first. Actors Janet Caine and Scott Crowover do know all of the right moves as these two Denton High School delinquents

on their way to see their high school science teacher, Mr. Scott, when a flat tire on a stormy night diverts to Dr. Frank-N-Furter's unfriendly castle.

Something should have told them all was not right when the hunchback Riff Raff (John Michael Norman) answers door, and doesn't show them to the phone. Pretty helpers Columbia and Magenta take the couple's clothes not just their wet coats.

As the narrator, David Regal's dark and powerful voice warns the audience of foul play, but Janet and Brad don't want to get the message and are beguiled by Frank and Frankenstein Place where lingerie is the raging fashion. Science fantasy has helped Dr. Frank create Rocky, played by gym enthusiast Jeff Applegate, as his perfect playmate. But Frank hasn't heard of cloning, and Rocky is more interested in Janet.

The Fishnettes Band lead by Tim Link on the keyboards including Mike Dungan, Tim Baum, and Dave Legacy, make the music a listenable experience.

The tunes are very humble though some might refrain from singing the lyrics.

Caine ("Touch A Touch Me"), Crowover ("Once in a While"), and Applegate

are especially good singers. Although he claims he is not a singer, Manfredi stops the show for applause with "Going Home."

Susan Taran-Kohler and Jodie Kuhn Ellison are strong as Frank's helpers Magenta and Columbia.

Taran-Kohler does a wonderful opener with the song "Science Fiction" and has fun bringing this thrillerless thriller to its final conclusion.

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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 THEATRE

"The Silent Cry—God is Watching You," 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

JET

"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps. Wednesday, April 28, to Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://cornet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL

"Fame—The Musical," Tuesday-Sunday, April 27-May 2, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$50. (313) 983-6611/(248) 645-6666

NEW STUDIO COMPANY

"Master Class," Wednesday-Sunday, April 28-May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 28-May 1, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 5-8, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16. New Studio Company is a new alliance between Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's Department of Music. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"Jitney," through May 9, 7:30 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

"RUGRATS—A LIVE ADVENTURE"

Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 9, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9. \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. (313) 983-6611

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

"Madame Butterfly" featuring Bolshoi Opera (Moscow) star Marina Mescheriakova and Chinese star Sun Xiu West, 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 24 and May 1, Sundays, April 25 and May 2, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

COLLEGE

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 Aday Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 845-9900 or <http://theatre.henryford.com/ufc/>

U-D MERCY THEATRE

"Bluxi Blues," through Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Dr., Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Once Upon a Mattress," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the theater, 3424 Woodward. \$8-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"American Enterprise," runs in rotating repertory to May 15; "The Playboy of the Western World," runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cess Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 25, at the Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 students/seniors. (734) 971-AACT or <http://www.aact.org>

AVON PLAYERS

"Children of Eden" opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. Performances 8 p.m. May 1-2, May 7-8, May 14-16, May 20-22. Tickets \$15. (248) 608-9077.



Champion skaters Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, five-time U.S. Dance Champions, are featured in the John Hancock Champions on Ice 1999 Tour stopping at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Saturday, April 24. The all-star line-up includes Michelle Kwan, Oksana Baiul, Surya Bonaly, Nicole Bobek, Brian Boitano, Victor Petrenko and Todd Eldredge. Performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 to \$55 call (248) 645-6666.

FIANDRE

"The Foreigner" by Larry Shue, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through April 25, at 1515 Broadway. (248) 645-6666/(313) 965-1515

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim, April 30-May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois. \$13, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"The Diving 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 Theater, 21728 Grand River east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

SHAKESPEARE

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

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"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

ZEITGEIST THEATRE

"Dutchman," and "The Owl Killer," through May 1, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the theater, 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192

YOUTH

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

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 4 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," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon St. (at Junction), Plymouth. \$5. (734) 418-4278

YOUTH THEATRE

"Home Sweet Home" with Max the

Moose and Marc Thomas making beautiful "Moosic" together, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS

With performances by Demolition Dollz, Telegraph, Willie Max, Miracles, Enemy Squad, Jeff Haas w/Marcus Belgrave, Today's Generation, The Suicide Machines, an all-star blues jam led by Mark Pisman of Mudpuppy, plus a sneak preview of "The MCs: A True Testimonial," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, State Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$15 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

DETROIT ZOO

Cynthia Moss renowned for her 30-year study of African elephants, talks about elephant families as well as her sometimes dangerous experiences on the African savanna, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 541-5717, ext. 1205

GRAYFOX VISITS

Sunday, April 25, tour the refitted U.S. Navy Torpedo Recovery Ship at the foot of Hart Plaza after attending an 11 a.m. service in Mariner's Church (next to the entrance of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel) honoring the Naval Sea Cadets Corps of Michigan and Ontario. (313) 259-2206

MCMA MUSIC AWARDS

Wayne County Music Awards hosted by Benny and the Jets with award-winners Over Easy, Steve King and the Dittles, Jeff Jennings, Cub Kodá and Elvis Shelton, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Lucille's, 43711 Michigan Ave., west of I-275, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or <http://www.fast.to/bennyjets.com>

MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television, features films and videos by students, grades K-12, Saturday, May 1, at the Detroit Film Theatre. Free. (248) 547-0847

"OCEANS OF PUPPETS"

Performances and workshops for puppet enthusiasts including parents and teens, featured performers are the Amazing Clark, and Brad Lowe of TV's Hot Fudge Show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (810) 280-0105/(810) 463-0480

SPRING CELEBRATION

Benny Cruz y la Buena Vida salsa band, comedian Barry Crimmins, and cartoonists Mike Konopacki and Gary Huck in a spring festival sponsored by the Detroit Sunday Journal, 3-8 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the IBEW Hall, 1358 Abbott Street near Trumbull, Detroit. Food, refreshments and a silent auction featuring original artworks also featured. Gary Graff, George Waldman

and other local authors will be on hand to autograph their recent books. \$10. (313) 964-5655

WAYNE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Recognition reception for winners of this year's awards: Marcus Belgrave, George N'Namp, Joanne Winkelman Hulce, Rosalind Meyers, and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit. \$25, includes buffet. (313) 943-3095

BENEFITS

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 Church, Opdyke Road, south of Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free, donations go to the Metro Detroit Ulster Project. (248) 644-5460

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The "Western Extravaganza" includes live and silent auctions of jerseys autographed by Fedorov, Yezerman and Shanahan, trips to Vegas, Walt 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

"STARRY NIGHT"

Preview gala for the Farmington Community Festival of the Arts with music by Matt Michaels Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, proceeds from an auction will help fund the festival, at the William Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington. \$15, \$25 a couple, (248) 478-3256. Festival opens to the public April 25 and runs to May 2 with live musical performances, art council display, student talent, demonstrations, and art work for sale. DICK WAGNER

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10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Augie's, 31660 John R, Madison Heights. \$15 donation, benefits multiple sclerosis research. 21 and older. (248) 588-3120

FAMILY EVENTS

WILL DANFORTH

A children's folk concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Nature hikes, scavenger hunt, seed planting and earth craft activities, and information on landscaping with native plants of southeast Michigan, selected plants available for sale, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, begins at the Farm Demonstration Building in Maybury State Park, Eight mile, west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state

park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

ANDRE KOLE

Illusionist performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. \$5, available at Christian Family Store in the Ford Road Sheldon Shopping Center. (734) 913-9595

PET FEST

A celebration of animals owned and loved by people across the U.S. features contests, activities, veterinary and grooming tips, advice on improving pet manners, free doggie bag, on-site dog and cat adoptions, and PAX-TV's PetStar Search for undiscovered animal talent, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Petsmart, 5650 Mercury Dr., Dearborn

DAVID SYME

Dubbed "The Human Jukebox," pianist Symes performs 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$8, \$5 non-members. (248) 661-7649/(248) 967-4030

CONCERT BANDS

NOVI CONCERT BAND

Featuring the Metro Horn Quartet playing "Concerto for Four Horns" by Heinrich Hubler, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Novi Community Center, 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road. (248) 932-9244

WARREN CONCERT BAND

With the Warren Community Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Warren Woods Fine Arts Auditorium, 12 Mile Road, west of Schoenherr, Warren. \$8. (810) 465-0497

CLASSICAL

ARBOR QUARTET

Perform compositions by Ida Gotkovsky, Alfred Desenclos, Russell Peck, Paul Nagle and others, 4 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

SARA CLEVELAND

The cellist performs Schubert, Beethoven, Elgar, and Brahms with pianist Heysook Kim, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With violinist Kurt Nikkanen and conductor Jerzy 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.detroit-symphony.com>

NHK SYMPHONY OF TOKYO

With Charles Dutoit, conductor, Sarah Chang, violin, and Kazuo Sawal, Koto, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$30, \$40 and \$50. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

PONTIAC-OKLAND SYMPHONY

8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. \$15, \$10. (248) 370-3013

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

"Show Boat," starring Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson and Ava Gardner, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, organ overture begins 30 minutes before performances with Tony O'Brien, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

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JIM PARAVANTES

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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) 862-8310

ILVA ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

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Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

FAME

Auditions for a walk-on role 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at WDIV TV 4 Studios, 550 W. Lafayette. Participants must arrive at WDIV by 2 p.m. Be prepared to sing the entire "Fame" theme. Participants must be at least 17, call (313) 223-2266 for details. Final auditions at Fairlane Town Center 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

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, 4-6 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

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE

Auditions for ages 8-18 for "Bye, Bye Birdie," 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, registration begins at 9 a.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances July 23-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1. (248) 541-4832. Workshop 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie St., Royal Oak. (248) 288-6055

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

"Jump 'n Time" concert of '30s and '40s swing music 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Clarendonville High School, Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 620-4807

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 125-voice chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, and Broadway and movies tunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOR

"Spring concert" featuring songs by Bach, Benjamin Britten and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Matthew

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PAUL VORNHAGEN
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150 (saxophone, piano/bass/drums)

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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

CEDAR WALTON TRIO
With Don Mayberry, bass and Bert Myrick, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or keh@c.net

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

BATTLEFIELD BAND
The world famous band from Glasgow, Scotland headlines an evening concert of Scottish music and dance, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Royal Oak Music Theater. \$15.50. (248) 645-6668

DISTACTIONS
9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

MOGUE DOYLE
9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/rock)

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, Hamtramck Funtrain at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-1115 (reggae)

JO NAB
9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Karl's Cabin, 8779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (reggae)

LATIN PLAYBOYS
Featuring David Hidalgo and Louis Perez of Los Lobos, and producers Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake, with Lisa Germano, 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)

TERRY MURPHY
9 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

JIM PERKINS DUO
9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/folk)

DETROIT TAMBUKITA ORCHESTRA
Annual spring concert 6 p.m. (doors open) 6:30 p.m. (concert begins) Saturday, April 24, Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, off Long Lake Road between Coolidge and Crooks. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12. Concert & Reception Dinner, 6-12. Reception tickets, \$15 adults, children, \$10. (810) 775-4899 or (810) 776-8498.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

PETER HIMMELMAN
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

PATTY LARKIN
With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

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>

BILL MILLER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DAVE PARA
Wh Cathy Barton, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Sunrise Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevoix, east of Alter Road, Grosse Pointe Park. (313) 822-6080

RED BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JACK ROUSH
The singer/songwriter performs songs from his upcoming album including "My

Dog" and "Future Day/Utopia," 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

HIIRD 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

POETRY

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN AUTHORS SERIES

Features Caribbean poet and novelist Merle Collins reading from her works, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Madame Cadillac Building's Alumnae Hall at Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Free. (313) 927-1448/(313) 927-1430

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

"POETRY IN MOTION"
Sista Otis with special guest Ja Meets Jesus, and Detroit scene poet Jim Perkinson, 8-10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE
7:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 7. (734) 425-2207

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection 1999" concert, an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road, Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
World premiere of choreography by Collin Conner and Laurie Eisenhower, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$22, \$18. (810) 286-2222

TANGO CLASSES
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.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk "Fabioman" Noland and David Scott, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 22 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24 (\$12); Ailyn Ball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Bobby Slayton, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, April 23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package); Diana Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and ladies only night, 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mark Cordes and Michael Jr. Thursday-Sunday, April 22-25, Stanley Ullman Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29, Craig Shoemaker and Stanley Ullman Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (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

JOHN VALBY "DR. DIRTY"
7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 general admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

SUZANNE WESTENHOFFER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from roller-coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "rverest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren).

Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger, IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
"Spring Fitting Out Party," featuring the opening of the exhibit "Folk Art of the Great Lakes," a visit by U.S.S. Grayfox, a 100-foot vessel sponsored by the F.C. Sherman Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from Port Huron, and tours of the ship from noon to 4 p.m., all from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the museum, 200 Strand Dr., on Belle Isle, Detroit. \$2; \$1 seniors and children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Spring Farm Days, Friday-Sunday, April 22-25 see what life was like on farms during the 18th and 19th centuries, activities range from sheep shearing, plowing, costumed presenters; the village is now celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including the opportunity to view Merino sheep giving birth to lambs, a young team of working steers in trail; also Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALCOHOLIC ZEBRAS
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Pain Station, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24; JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 813-1921

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

ARK ROYALE
With Climax Divine and Blake Chen, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (pop/rock)

JOCELYN B.
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

JOHNNIE BASSETT
With the Blues Insurgents, 9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 611 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown; With Joe Weaver, 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Music Menu. 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)

BIG BROTHER AND THE HOLDING COMPANY
Janis Joplin's former band, with special guests Al Hill and the Love Butlers, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., two blocks west of Main Street, between Liberty and Washington streets, Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or <http://www.bhbc.com> (Big Brother.html or euphoria@metrotimes.net) (rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.bigdave.com> (jump blues)

BLACK BEAUTY
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Jane's American Revolution, The Never Beams, and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUECAT
7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Impulse, 35980 Groesbeck, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older. (810) 792-8252; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 962-4247 (blues)

BLUE SUIT
9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE
8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)

BUMPIN' UGLIES
With The Unfriendly and The Daggers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (punk)

THE BURROS
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rocks rock)

GRETCHEN BUSAM ENSEMBLE
With Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (Indie rock)

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books

and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-7667 (rock)

BLAKE CHEN
With Tim Prosser, 8-9:30 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)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHIEF CHRIS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

COMPANY OF STRANGERS
9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock/Irish)

CONNIPTION
With Black Lodge and Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

CRAZY FLYING GIANTS
With Climax Divine and the Fringe, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

DRU HILL
With Faith Evans; Total and Case, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

ELIZA
8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 28, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (pop)

THE EX-HUSBANDS
6:30 p.m. Fridays April 23 and 30, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)

FACE
With Hemigod and Kingsnakes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/blues)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic blues)

FAT CATS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock/blues)

500 FEET OF PIPE
With Atomic Numbers and Fl. Oz., 9 p.m. Friday, April 23; Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://golddollar.com> (pop/rock)

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

GRAVITY WELL
With Poignant Plecostomus and Prime Numbers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

GRR
7 p.m. Friday, April 23, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, April 27-May 1, The Habitat Inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636 (blues)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (alternative rock)

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Park and Niacin Jay, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (funk/rock)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940 or <http://www.lb.com> (one-man-clapping/ll sa.htm) (acoustic rock)

IMPACT 7
8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

J-TRAIN
10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

J.D. AND THE BB'S
9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

JUVENILE
With Cash Money Millionaires, Hot Boys, B.G., Big Timers, Trick Daddy featuring Trina, Tre-6, and DH Sikes, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45, \$30 and \$15 general admission seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (R&B)

BILL KAHLER
8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April,

Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (singer/comedian)

MIKE KEHOE
5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 23, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock)

LAGWAGON
5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

STONE MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

LARRY MCCRAY
With Carl Weathersby, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$10, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

MISS BLISS
With The Arthur White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
10:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

OUT IN WORSHIP
With Drumhead, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or

'Goodbye Lover' is entertaining and engaging

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Goodbye Lover" is the cinematic equivalent of a stylish fun house, filled with shadows, distortion, echoes, knotted turns and expensively dressed beings vaguely reminiscent of human replicas in Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner." Be advised that, as you enter the fun house, you would be wise to take very little at face value.

The movie stars Patricia Arquette as Sandra Dunmore, an empty soul who is like a life-size performing doll acting out her life, intent on making the world her apple by acquiring money, money and more money. As the

story opens, she's selling toney real estate around town, but this gal is hungry when it comes to money, honey. She's like a shark in the midst of a feeding frenzy, and no way are mere real estate commissions going to do it for her. Soon, we'll see what she has in mind (sort of) as a step up.

Enter her razor-edged husband, Jake, played by the sweet-faced Dermot Mulroney, who absolutely nails his slippery role. Jake is as steeped in alcohol as a fruitcake, but he fully shares his wife's appetite for moving up in the world and, together, they make a particularly deadly duo, even as he plays with the brightly colored toys he designs, even as she sings in the church choir.

And even as she "acts out" her sexual fantasies, indulging in a sizzling affair with her husband's older brother, Ben, played coolly by Don Johnson looking as if he just stepped from the glossy pages of GQ, Ben is an executive at a prestigious public relations firm called Iconage, who likes to remind his staff that "People worry that it's a dangerous...world; we've got to convince them that it's safe." Whether he actually believes the world is safe, or believes that's an empty lie, or doesn't know what he believes is beside the point. Preserving image is his life and his livelihood.

One of the most refreshing performances in the film comes

from Ellen DeGeneres, who plays a middle-aged detective named Rita Pompano, practically deadpan. If Pompano ever believed that such things as absolute truths existed, that was a long time ago. "Either the world's right side up or upside-down, it depends on how you look at it," she observes to another character. From the point of view of the veteran detective, the world is not a pretty sight.

In supporting roles, Mary-Louise Parker as a chameleon-like assistant at Iconage (watch her change her image as the film progresses), and Ray McKinnon as a true-blue detective add to the labyrinthine action.

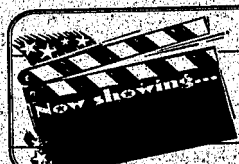
Director Roland Joffe underscores his serio-comic study of the influence of image, presenting his story against a highly detailed backdrop. Television is everywhere (including the examining room at the morgue).

Movies and photos figure prominently, as do tape recordings of saccharin show tunes and self-help advice. One of the most significant scenes in the film features a reflecting pool as its centerpiece. In numerous scenes, we view the action either through glass or as a slightly-disorienting mirror image, one or two steps removed from "reality."

Picture "Double Indemnity" and other 40's thrillers, especially some of those tangled love affair flicks with Joan Crawford. Add a touch of Hitchcock. Mix in a little Brian DePalma-Orson Welles influence. Stir it all together with a bit of "Death-trap," and the chilling, nightmare tang of Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner," and you have some idea of what "Goodbye Lover" is like. It seems influenced, as a matter of fact, by countless films, although this is not to say that it's tired or lack-

ing in surprise and suspense at all. Joffe's steeply angled shots, overripe colors and imaginative lighting stylishly enhance this '90s story about a world gone askew. (At the film's conclusion, the director takes special pains, by the way, to bring us in and make us a part of the images we have been watching.)

"Goodbye Lover" started out as a stage drama created by Ron Peer, and evolved into a screenplay written by Peer and Joel Cohen and Alec Sokolow. Though it has a few implausible spots, its tight, taut tone and fast pace should keep most movie-goers entertained and engaged throughout. It's commentary on the thin, blurry edges that appear to separate image from the real thing nowadays may even provide food for thought after these flickering bits of light have faded from the screen.



GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Altman's 'Cookie's Fortune' is leisurely, well-observed story

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As leisurely paced as a Southern Sunday afternoon and as precisely observed as a Faulkner story, Robert Altman's "Cookie's Fortune" is the latest triumph for America's most idiosyncratic director.

Altman gave us a rainy, claustrophobic Savannah in last year's overlooked but intriguing "Gingerbread Man," from a story by John Grisham. "Cookie's Fortune" is also a gothic mystery of sorts, but it's more a study of small town relationships, idle moments, conversations. It's eccentric in the best sense.

Jewell Mae "Cookie" Orcutt is a family matriarch in Holly Springs, Miss., living in a somewhat ramshackle old Victorian home with her black handyman Willis. They have warm relationship, kidding each other, keeping score on who one-ups the other. Then one day Cookie decides it's time to be reunited with her husband Buck. She covers her head with a pillow and shoots herself.

Willis is charged with murder, though the deputy sheriff, Lester, keeps telling everyone that he couldn't have done it because "I go fishin' with him."

Around this story screenwriter Anne Rapp and Altman populate the town with a fascinating cast of characters, played by a perfect group of actors.

The indefatigable Patricia Neal at 79 is still a luminous performer. She makes Cookie a woman of raw wit and good sense, with that touch of madness that descends upon us all with age.

When Cookie's suicide is discovered by her niece Camille, a simple gesture of resignation turns into a grave mistake. Glenn Close lets out all stops as Camille, one of those controlling, self-centered, crazed Southern



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women, who once reigned supreme as belle of the ball. Camille won't accept suicide in her family. "How could you do this to me?" she says. Watching Close recreate the crime that never happened is a lesson in fine acting. While trying to hide a suicide, Camille is also directing the church play, a version of Wilde's "Salome," improved by Camille.

There are so many fine performances here. Evil Camille's opposite is Charles S. Dutton as a quiet, intellectual man who offers help, sympathy and warmth to everyone. Dutton is a master at this sort of character and here he has a role that commands attention.

Julianne Moore is Camille's dim sister Cora, or so she seems. Moore plays Cora as a burnt-out case, a walking zombie of Southern clichés, a holder of deep secrets. Moore has proven that

she can play anything and here she catches us with quick smiles and darting glances. Watch closely.

Liv Tyler is Cora's wayward daughter Emma, at war with her Aunt Camille who stays with Willis in jail as a sign of solidarity with her old friend.

But jail is a loose place where the cell door is left open and Emma carries on with the young deputy played by Chris O'Donnell. Easy-going Lester is played by Ned Beatty with his usual warm befuddlement.

Add in Lyle Lovett as a voyeuristic catfish farmer, bluesman Rufus Thomas as saloon-keeper, Donal Moffat as a wise lawyer and Detroit's Courtney Vance as an exasperated investigator and you have a fine bouillabaisse.

This is a low-key, enjoyable, human comedy in the best sense. Altman shows again why he is a rare treasure in American film.

Friends: Liv Tyler and Charles Dutton as Emma and Willis share a trusting friendship in "Cookie's Fortune."

'Metroland' tells of growing up

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In 1963, Chris and Toni were Mods with an attitude, rebellious suburban boys with dreams of ooh-la-la in Paris and ditching their parents supposedly emotionally cramped lives at the end of the metro line.

"Metroland" is about the passage to adulthood, from snarling boyhood to accepting responsibility for yourself and others.

In a tradition of British films dating from the early 1950s, it offers a nicely detailed, intimate portrait of individuals in conflict with their own emotions set against the specifics of English social life.

By 1977, Chris is wearing ties and bell-bottomed suits and commuting on that same metro line to a job in the city. He's married to an attractive, level-headed wife and has a toddler daughter who seems to cry at the worst possible times. Toni is still out there in the big world, carrying on in an "open" relationship, jet setting about. He's returned to London to challenge Chris and agitate all his doubts and fan-

tasies. Philip Saville's film, screenplay by Adrian Hodges from a book by Julian Barnes, is told in three time periods - when the boys were 16, when Chris is 21 and playing at being an art photographer in Paris and in 1977.

Christian Bale gives an outstanding performance as the conflicted Chris. He's a wide-eyed, innocent, romantic in the always dangerous and beautiful Paris and a somewhat absent-minded 30-year-old father, yearning for what he had but not yet aware of all he has.

The Paris scenes are a love story within a love story. It's a story of a callow young man who takes up with a free-spirited, sexy, beautiful French girl, the great English fantasy. What he doesn't realize is that she is as innocent and as vulnerable as he is. Elsa Zylberstein is every young man's dream as Annick in her micro-mini skirts, her cigarettes, her peek-a-boo hairstyle, her sexual abandon. Ah! And this was the Paris of the student rebellion, the New Wave movies - the cafes at night, revolution in the air.

In a departure from her usual roles as a somewhat disturbed, and other-worldly women, Emily Watson plays the down-to-earth Marion, the British girl that Chris marries. It is this relationship that is the heart of the movie. For Marion carefully steals Chris from his French lover and his Paris idyll. She knows the real ways of the world, the ways of home, family, responsibility and a deeper love.

The story would be a bit more compelling if Toni and his lifestyle were more appealing in contrast. Lee Ross makes Toni a slick but rather nasty character who talks a big show but is obviously not happy. At least that's obvious to everyone but Chris. But the London club scene of the late '70s with loud, obnoxious punk bands, phony rich radical chic partygoers and trivialized sex is so unappealing it only offers a minute's worth of temptation to Chris.

There are interesting questions raised here about the trade-offs of dedication for passion, responsibility for freedom, family for free-love. This is a thoughtful if not always compelling film.

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nearly causes the speakers to pop.

Leading the group in a chorus of "Slim" and "Shady," Eminem's nickname, he freestyled through "My Name Is."

His impromptu lyrics honor Detroit. "I came back one time to make Detroit famous," ... "Detroit, make this frickin' party hype."

"I want to give everybody props for showing Slim Shady love," he said.

Detroiters are showing their rapers a lot of love. Romeo native Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, has hit platinum. Clown rappers I.C.P., who will release an album in May, have generated their fair share of controversy.

Eminem's "The Slim Shady LP" sold 500,000 copies within the first two weeks of its release. He performed live during MTV's "Spring Break" and returns to Detroit in May to play the State Theatre. Esham Smith, another Detroit rapper, is hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Kid Rock, Eminem and Smith are nominees at the Detroit Music Awards set for Friday, April 23, at the State Theatre.

"It's crazy, crazy," Eminem said of the hype that surrounds him. "It's like something you want to happen but you don't know if it's going to. You know what I mean? When it happens, it's like, whoa."

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up. All that's in there is ruins right now. I hate to say it like that but it is. Ruins. So you tell me how the music ain't gonna be as hard as the city."

"Mail Dominance" on Overcore/Gotham, a subsidiary of Overture Music in Novi, is Smith's latest collection of tales from the street. For "Mail Dominance," he looked to Overture Studios and producer Jade Scott Santos. The partnership worked well, according to Smith's manager Brian Major.

"To watch Esham work, he's truly a genius and I can't speak in enough superlatives to describe him. What was really beautiful was when he had an idea in his head of what a song should sound like, he'd articulate it to Scott, and Scott would translate that into the beat. Now you've got this slamming music loop that has been created in maybe two to three hours."

"Mail Dominance" explores several elements of hip-hop including slow grooves ("Slow Motion"), old school influences ("Outcha Atmosphere"), speed raps ("Reload"), ballads ("Au Revoir") and funk ("King of Hearts"). "Whoa" is innovative and relentlessly catchy with its 1950s pop melody. Smith explained that he likes to mix it up.

"I kind of get sick of the same old type of rapping going on, and just the rhythms that people are using. I'm kind of like multi-posi-

He attributes the success to "a couple reasons, probably. Just on the LP being timed right, and I feel right now kids are more into hip-hop now more than ever. I feel like I say a lot of things that a lot of people can relate to."

His Eminem/Slim Shady persona is a direct contrast to his awkwardness. Marshall Mathers' story has been well documented. The rapper, whose face stares out from the cover of the current Rolling Stone, spent his formative years in the Detroit area, the exact city is up for debate. Most claim that he grew up in a trailer park on the east side of Detroit. He has a toddler daughter with an on-again, off-again girlfriend.

He left Detroit for Los Angeles where he took second place in the rap Olympics. It was there he was introduced to his mentor, Dr. Dre of the gangsta rap group NWA and Aftermath Records.

"When I was coming up on the local scene, you know a lot of people wasn't trying to hear me. Thanks to the help of Dr. Dre, I'm thankful to come back and rep my city the right way," he said.

It was Dr. Dre who christened Eminem "Slim Shady."

"Slim Shady is like an alter ego, it's just like another name I gave my temper. It's like another way to describe my anger. It's like just a thing," Eminem said

after his performance.

Rappers like Smith claim Dr. Dre only got involved with Eminem because he is white. Preparing for that, Eminem responds on "Role Model" off "The Slim Shady LP."

"Some people only see that I'm white, ignore skill/ 'Cause I stand out like a green hat with an orange bell," he raps.

Eminem's first hit is the catchy "My Name Is," but the clean version of the song on the radio and on MTV doesn't let on to the theme of the rest of "The Slim Shady LP." Throughout "Slim Shady," Eminem raps graphically about sexually transmitted diseases, HIV-infected women, driving around with his daughter while her mother's body is stuffed in the trunk, stealing, and drug use.

The cover of "The Slim Shady LP" shows Eminem and his daughter staring out into the ocean while a person's legs hang out of a trunk. It's not exactly fodder for water-cooler conversation, and Eminem knows this. He's ready for whatever controversy may come forth.

"I'm expecting that, I'm already gettin' a little bit but you know whatever comes my way, I'm like, whatever. It doesn't matter to me. I'm ready for it," he said.

about Smith is that he's a devil worshiper. His side project is Natas, satan-spelled backward. Smith's management didn't respond to requests about the controversy.

But it was the dark imagery that pushed sales of Smith's 15 solo albums and the six with Natas past the 100,000 mark—all without a major marketing push.

"Nobody was doing this type of music. We were using dark imagery to the point where some of our records couldn't get into the store because of the album cover itself," he said. "Now they got albums out with darker imagery that we ever tried to use on a rap album."

The plan is to bring Smith up from the underground with "Mail Dominance." Smith got a hint of mainstream success last year when a song of his, "Hot Booty" from his "KKKil the Foetus" album, appeared in and out of three scenes of the Warren Beatty film "Bulworth."

Despite this success, Smith hasn't inked a major label contract.

"A lot of the major labels feel threatened by Esham because they could look at his track record and see that he's already been successful. He doesn't need that external validation from a major label saying we're gonna make you a success. He already is one," Major said.

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Big Dave brings it home



CHRISTINA FUOCO

At Big Dave and the Ultrasonics' CD release party, celebrators packed the Blind Pig, danced cheered and sang along with the music. That's a typical show for the blues band.

"It was a smash. We work at it. We work at getting people into it and getting active and enjoying themselves," singer/harmonica player "Big Dave" Steele said.

Now Big Dave and the Ultrasonics are spreading the bluesy message throughout the United States and Canada during a tour that includes stops in New York, Quebec, Minnesota, Oregon, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Arizona, Utah and California. The band, which will be on the road until Aug. 8, returns home to play three shows this weekend.

They are touring in support of "Big Dave and the Ultrasonics," their debut for Burnside Records and their third overall. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics inked a deal with Portland, Ore.-based label after meeting with executives at a Portland festival.

"Burnside has a record store in Portland. They saw us and they wanted to sign us up on the spot," Steele explained.

"Big Dave and the Ultrasonics" was produced by Ron Levy, a well-respected member of the blues community. His credits include playing with Roomful of Blues, B.B. King and Albert King.

"It was really good for me personally. It was an excellent experience as far as working with a professional with a lot of experience, especially in blues. He does a lot of different kinds of music."

"He has a definite deep understanding of blues which is basically where I come from. He made a lot of good suggestions to me. He showed me a couple guitar licks which I started using. Also, he was very positive toward me, very encouraging and very positive about the way I sang. He just pumped me up a little bit and made me feel good about what we do. It was nice to hear."

Levy also encouraged the band to focus its arrangements.

Steele grew up in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and moved to Ann Arbor eight years ago to form Big Dave and the Ultrasonics with acquaintances.

"The four of us lived in a town in Pennsylvania where I went to school. We were just playing for fun and different people moved to different parts of the country. They persuaded me to move out here and start the band."

"I just enjoy the blues and that's one of the reasons I got persuaded to come here in the first place. There's a lot of good blues in the Detroit area — Johnny Bassett, Mr. B., George



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Returning to town: In the midst of a U.S. tour, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics return to the Detroit-area this week.

Bedard, Madcat Ruth. There's a lot of excellent musicians that I continue to look up to."

Big Dave and the Ultrasonics perform at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Fifth Avenue, 215 S. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. Call (248) 542-9922 for more information; 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. There is a cover charge for the 21 and older show. (734) 278-5340; and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older (734) 996-8555.

They return to play Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, at 10 p.m. Thursday, June 10, (734) 455-8450. For more information about Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, e-mail the band at bigdave2@earthlink.net or music@burnsiderecords.com.

Misc.

Jason Fisher of Royal Oak raised more than \$500 at his show Saturday at the Xhédos Cafe in Ferndale for the family of Nick Schamanski, who died Sunday, April 11, in Auburn Hills. Fisher, who had played in a band with Schamanski years back, has released one CD.



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BY ELEANOR HEALD
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With the speed that Italian restaurants opened in Metro-Detroit only a few years ago, Asian-influenced eateries are now sprouting up across the area.

The latest is Stir Crazy Cafe in District 6 at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, that opened last Friday, April 16.

Since 1995, founder and president Gary Leff has successfully operated three Stir Crazy Cafes in the Chicago area. This is his inaugural in the highly competitive, moderately-priced eatery scene of southeast Michigan.

Leff, a Northwestern University MBA grad, who worked as a management consultant for Fortune 500 companies, conceived the Stir Crazy idea during a trip to Asia in 1992. Attracted to the many healthy ingredients and clean, bold flavors of Asian cuisine, Leff redirected his career to that of entrepreneurial restaurateur.

He says he chose the Great Lakes Crossing location because Auburn Hills is an up-and-coming area with strong demographics, but presently underserved. Being near the 25-screen Star Theater complex is a great draw.

Location just inside the District 6 entrance is a big plus for diners who come to eat seriously-prepared food, but don't wish it complemented by entertainment and the amped-up atmosphere offered at other eateries in the heart of District 6.

Adding to its stellar reputation as the area's busiest restaurant designers, JPRA Architects of Farmington Hills and the Ron

Where: Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, District 6 (off I-75 use either Joslyn Road or Baldwin Road South exits).

Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.

Menu: Fresh, creative Pan-Asian with noodle and stir-fry dishes. Create-your-own or sit-down full service.

Cost: Lunch \$7-10. Dinner \$8-14. Kid's menu, seven items \$4-5, including free dessert.

Reservations: Call ahead seating.

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Rea team, have come up with another savvy plan offering plenty of visual stimulation, setting an Oriental mood. At a cost of \$1.5 million for the interior, soft maple wood stained a honey color, creates a glow sending your eyes upward to the lighting and the voluptuous silk fabric shades.

Stir Crazy's Crazy Buddha Bar with hammered iron wok torchieres, inspired by a wok and chopsticks motif, move your eyes to the large, gleaming exhibition kitchen with its four double wok stations. Wok cooks, under direction of Malaysian native and executive chef Wah Chew Boey, face diners creating their meal at the interactive food bar.

More eye candy on the walls—a bright "wok on the wild side" Oriental mural depicts among other activities, a colorful dragon opening chopsticks. Chinese characters printed in classical calligraphy send "crazy" messages to those able to translate them.

In one word, Stir Crazy Cafe is "cool." Add that it offers fresh, high-quality food at reasonable prices in a fun, yet sophisticated environment, and you have a happening place before or after shopping or a film at the new Star Theater.

Best food deals at Stir Crazy are on the limited lunch menu, offered Monday to Friday from opening until 4:30 p.m. Prices then are 25 percent less than dinner, yet only downsized portion-wise by 10 percent.

If as Midwesterners, we're anything like Chicagoans, top appetizer selections will be Crispy Sesame Calamari served with a wasabi cocktail sauce, Coconut Shrimp with a sweet and sour tamarind dipping sauce and classic, crispy, delicate Vegetable Spring Rolls with Thai sweet and sour sauce.

Chinese Chicken Salad is number one in this department and among noodle dishes, favorites are Pad Thai with Shrimp and Crazy Chow Fun with Shrimp, loaded with pea pods, bean sprouts, mushrooms and onions in a black bean sauce.

Wok-Tossed Entrees and Specialty Plate winners include Kung Pao Chicken, Ginger Beef, Sesame Chicken and Asian Cajun Tuna.

Some selections are marked with one (spicy) or two (very spicy) chilis. As a reference point from one who likes Asian dishes kicked up, Stir Crazy very spicy is moderate compared to



Fired-up: General manager Andy York (left to right), and Chef Wah Chew Boey work with other chefs to prepare orders at the newly opened Stir Crazy Cafe.

For those who like to move around, create-your-own stir-fry begins with all vegetables at \$5. Depending on choice, chicken, beef, shrimp, fresh fish or calamari can be added for \$2 to \$3.50. Fill your bowl from the market bar, choose from two styles of rice and two types of

noodles, then add a sauce from the selection of a dozen.

Among desserts, overwhelming first choice is Famous Banana Wontons; deep-fried with white chocolate, vanilla ice cream, and caramel sauce.

A large selection of beverages and specialty drinks, including seven bottled Asian beers, are

available. Wine drinkers rejoice. Any wine on the small but crafty list is \$5 per glass or \$18 per bottle. Each wine comes with a suggested menu item.

Looking to the future and late 2000, owner Gary Leff hopes to have more Stir Crazy Cafes, one in Birmingham and the other in Novi.

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@e.homecomm.net

We're collecting information about Mother's Day brunches and special dinners. Send, fax or e-mail information about Mother's Day as soon as possible to Keely Wygonik at the numbers listed above. Look for Mother's Day menu information in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers on Thursday, April 29 and May 6.

Chefs de Cuisine dinner 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, April 26 or April 27. Chef de Cuisine Marcus Haight is given carte blanche to dazzle diners with his own personal cuisine. The cost is \$90 per person, not including extra beverages, tax or gratuity. A wine bouquet will be available at an attractive price. The restaurant is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-

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Springtime in Paris. Chef/owner Rick Halberg offers a menu concentrating on spring foods, French wines and a romantic mood—the next best thing to being in

Paris mid-week at his restaurant in Northville, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. Call (248) 349-0505 for reservations and information.

Five-course wine dinner with owner and winemaker Justin Baldwin of Justin Winery in California's Paso Robles appellation. Taste these superb wines matched to each course by Executive Chef Derin Moore, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29. The cost is \$55 per person, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations.

Thursday, May 13, 7-9 p.m. Napa Valley Wine Tasting to benefit J.P. McCarthy

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Experience an evening of Middle Eastern Culture, 8 p.m. Friday, April 30 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, (between 10 and 11 Mile Roads). Chalean dinner provided by La Fendi Middle Eastern Restaurant. The menu will include traditional Middle Eastern cuisine.

The Rafid al Afrah Band will perform traditional Middle Eastern dance music following dinner. Reservations are required in advance. The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the Southfield City Hall weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Parks and Recreation Building 5-7 p.m.

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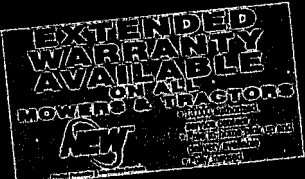
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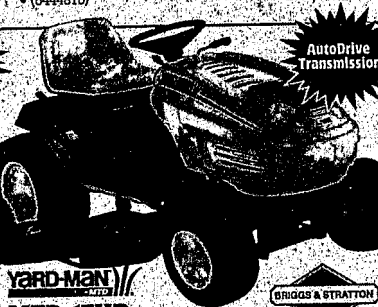


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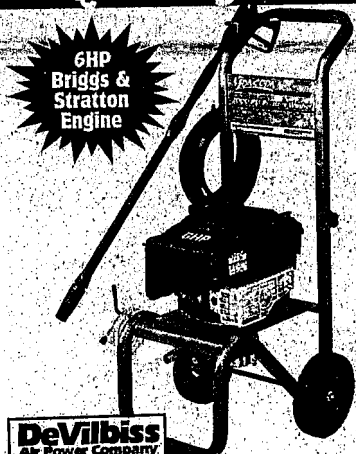
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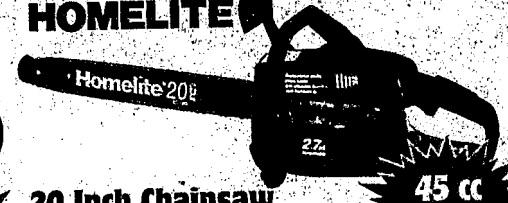


HOMELITE

16 Inch Chainsaw

\$139

- 38cc, 2.6 cubic inch
- 16 inch bar
- Anti-vibe handle
- #23AV16 (2469334)



HOMELITE

20 Inch Chainsaw

\$194

- Anti-vibe handle
- Inertia chain brake feature activates immediately upon kickback
- #27AB (2469292)

Quality Wheelbarrows & Carts



TRUE TEMPER

4 Cubic Foot Wheelbarrow

25⁸⁸

- Wheel guard provides ground clearance when dumping
- Easy assembly
- #SAUT (5443890)

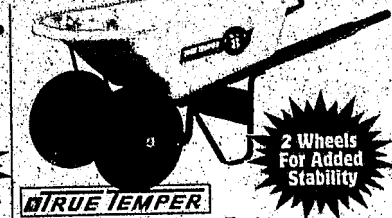


TRUE TEMPER

6 Cubic Foot Steel Wheelbarrow

69⁹⁹

- Designed for commercial and heavy duty homeowner use
- Front tray brace for added support
- #MGT220T (5444271)



TRUE TEMPER

**8 Cubic Foot Heavy Duty
Poly Wheelbarrow**

99⁹⁹

- 8 inch dual wheels with heavy duty bearings
- Steel cross braces for extra strength
- #BPBUT (4374989)



Rubbermaid

3 Foot Lawn Cart

24⁹⁹

- Wide wheels for easy handling over rough, uneven terrain
- Convenient tray with built-in tool holder slots
- #3707-907 (4346702)

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Quality Lawn & Garden Care

Scotts Turf Builder Plus 2 Weed Control Plus Fertilizer

9.99

- 5,000 sq. ft.
- Controls dandelions & over 50 other broadleaf weeds while providing a full Turf Builder feeding
- (4145371) 15,000 sq. ft. (4813986)27.99

Scotts Lawn Weed & Feed

7.99

- 5,000 sq. ft.
- Gets rid of dandelions & other broadleaf weeds while it keeps your lawn green for up to 2 months
- (4237806) 15,000 sq. ft. (4237814)21.99

Rebel Jr. Grass Seed

9.99

- 5 lbs.
- Heat & drought tolerant (4803177)

Scotts Turf Builder Lawn Fertilizer

7.99

- 5,000 sq. ft.
- Greens quickly without surge growth or danger of burning
- (4145306) 15,000 sq. ft. (4145322)19.99

Scotts Lawn Food

5.96

- 5,000 sq. ft.
- Contains Scotts Poly-S* slow release nitrogen for uniform growth & extended feeding
- Develops a stronger root system
- (4237400) 15,000 sq. ft. (4237798)15.99

Sunny Lawn Grass Seed

10.99

- 5 lbs.
- (1509835)

Dense Shade Grass Seed

10.99

- 5 lbs.
- Use in light to dense shade conditions
- (1601733)

Scotts Starter Fertilizer

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- 5,000 sq. ft.
- Helps strengthen and enhance the growth of freshly seeded lawns
- (4237849)

EarthWay Broadcast Spreader

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- Completely assembled in minutes
- No tools required
- Variable setting control
- (4300083)

Scotts Sun & Shade Grass Seed

19.99

- 10 lbs.
- Contains perennial ryegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, & fine fescue
- Germinates in about 7 days
- (4235735)

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17.99

- Combination of Scotts' family favorite grass seed, starter fertilizer & starter mulch
- For all purpose use on most lawns
- (4804266)

Save On Quality Herbicides & Pesticides

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ORTHO Weed-B-Gon® Weed Killer

4.97

- 24 oz. ready to use
- Kills dandelion, clover, chickweed, & other lawn weeds-roots & all
- (4036382)

ORTHO Home Defense™ Insect Killer

7.99

- 1 gallon
- Ready-to-use for indoor or outdoor use
- Kills roaches, ants, crickets, spiders, fleas, ticks, & more
- (4036085)

Professional Grade Lawn Edging

7.99

- 20 ft. • Conforms to any shape
- Large ridges keep edging firmly in ground
- #4055109 (4055109)

ORTHO Weed-B-Gon® Lawn Weed Killer

7.99

- 32oz. concentrate
- Controls broadleaf weeds anywhere in lawn
- Treats up to 9900 sq. ft.
- (4246849)

ENFORCER Home Pest Control

5.49

- 1 gallon • Ready to use
- Kills cockroaches, spiders, ants & more
- (4814935)

Professional Grade Lawn Edging

19.97

- 60 ft. • Conforms to any shape
- Stays firmly in ground
- (4156883)

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- 1 gallon
- One shot kills weeds & grasses, roots & all
- (4139937)

ENFORCER Next Day® Grass & Weed Killer

6.99

- 1 Gallon
- Ready to use
- Kills most grasses & weeds on contact
- (4244737)

Hammer-In Edging

9.99

- Classic style
- Black
- 20 ft
- (2480851)

Save On Top Quality Soils & Mulches

VitaHume TOP SOIL

1.19

- 40 lbs.
- Great for seeding, low spots & more
- (4091963)

Fine Pine Mulch

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- 2 cu. ft.
- Gives a finished look to any landscape project
- (4040228)

VitaHume PINE BARK MINI-NUGGETS

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- Gives a finished look to any landscape project
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COW MANURE

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- 40 lbs.
- Soil enricher with a multitude of uses
- (4091930)

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- Blend of quality organic ingredients
- Helps newly planted trees & shrubs get off to a good start
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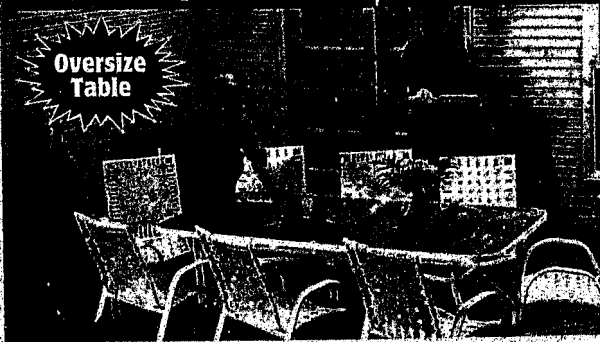
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SAVE \$50.00 On A 9-Piece Set!



9 Piece Steel/Strap Seating Group

229⁹⁹

• Price includes one 42 x 80 table & eight steel-framed strap chairs
• Available in white, green or sand
• Comfortably seats eight

Table (1923978) \$7.99
Strap Chair (1923986) \$5.99



5 Piece Set
99⁹⁹

• 40" round table
• 4 chairs
Save 7.50
Swivel Rocker
\$55

SAVE \$20.00 On A 5-Piece Set!



5 Piece Steel Seating Group

229⁹⁹

• Price includes one 40 inch round glass-top table & four padded chairs
• Components available separately
• "Cresta" design
• Sorry no pad substitution

Table (1923978) \$49.99
Chair (1923986) \$45.00
Umbrella (1924000) (extra) \$59.99

Save 10.50
Swivel Rocker
62⁵⁰
(1923994)

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5 Piece Fierro Seating Group

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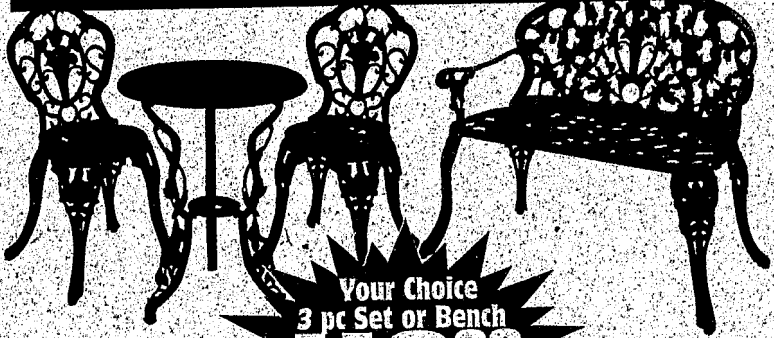
• Price includes one 39 x 60 steel/glass table & four cushioned chairs
• (No cushion substitutions)
• Umbrella extra
• Items available separately

Table (4293114) \$95.99
Cushioned chair (4293122) \$51.00
Umbrella (4293155) \$89.99
Glider (1923853) \$69.99

Save \$20
Chaise
119⁹⁹
(4293149)

Save \$20
Swivel Rocker
\$110
(4293130)

SAVE \$10.00



3 Piece Cast Bistro Seating Group

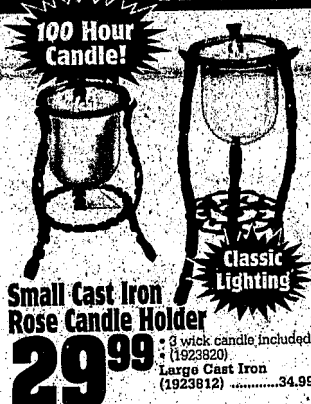
• Ready to assemble
• (1740323)

Your Choice
3 pc Set or Bench
119⁹⁹

Verde Green Cast Bench

• Verde green cast bench (4292398) \$19.99
Side table (1924026) \$24.99
Plant stand (1923002) \$24.99

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Small Cast Iron Rose Candle Holder
29⁹⁹

• 8 wick candle included
• (1923820)
Large Cast Iron (1923812) \$34.99



4-Sided Oak Picnic Table
179⁹⁹

• Top Measures 36in x 36in
• Wood is primed for outdoor use
• Built in umbrella holder (Umbrella available extra)
• (2415537)



Cast Iron Umbrella Base In Green or White
24⁹⁹

• Recommended for 9ft market umbrellas
• (4403093/4403085)



Rose Arch Park Bench
89⁹⁹

• Solid oak & cast iron construction
• (1922376)

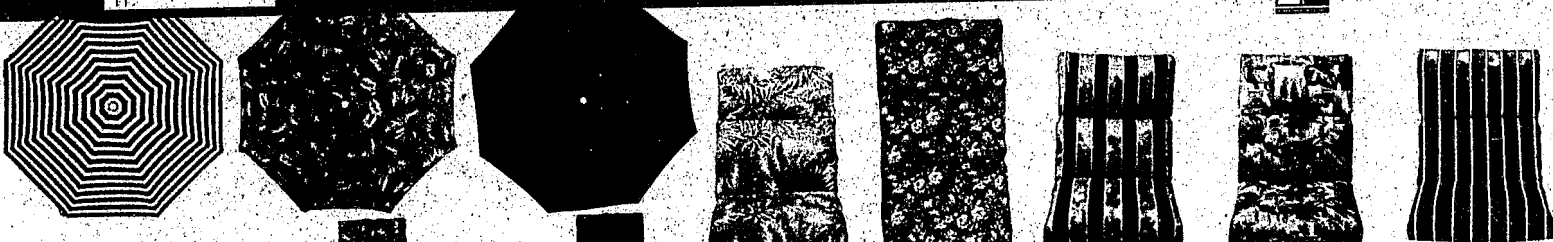


4 Ft Cast Iron/Wood Bench
69⁹⁹

• Solid Oak Construction
• (4270930)
Park chair (4220471) \$49.99
Side table (4220483) \$24.99
Coffee table (4292272) \$29.99
Kid's park bench (1924018) \$19.99

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Chaise Cushion \$35.99

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Chaise Cushion \$35.99

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Chair Cushion \$26.99
Chaise Cushion \$38.69

Megan Blue Spun Poly
Umbrella \$76.49
Chair Cushion \$26.99
Chaise Cushion \$38.69

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Chair Cushion \$26.99
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Char-Broil
24,000 BTU Glass-Windowed Gas Grill
99⁹⁹

• 235 square inches of cooking space
• (1713924)
Assembled Price \$124.99



Char-Broil
30,000 BTU Glass-Windowed Gas Grill
119⁹⁹

• 464 square inches total cooking area
• (1713874)
Assembled Price \$154.99
Small grill cover (4202503) \$7.99



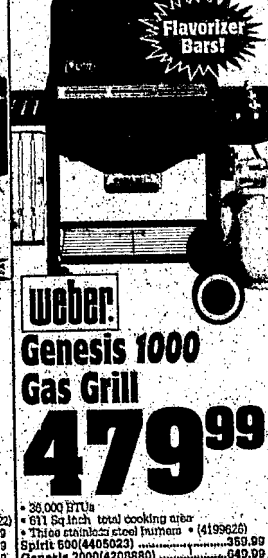
Char-Broil
40,000 BTU Widebody Grill
259⁹⁹

• High top provides maximum cooking space
• Wide wheel base for safety
• Deep condiment tray • (1922514)
Assembled Price \$284.99
Gray heavy duty lined cover (4204574) \$24.99



Char-Broil
Cooking Zone 99
399⁹⁹

• 418 square inches of cooking surface
• 32,000 BTU with 10,000 BTU side burner • (1922222)
Assembled Price \$420.99
Grill Cover (4408392) \$34.99
Electric Rotisserie (4209393) \$4.99



Weber
Genesis 1000 Gas Grill
479⁹⁹

• 38,000 BTUs
• 611 Sq inch total cooking area
• Three stainless steel burners • (4199629)
Spirit 600 (4405923) \$59.99
Genesis 3000 (4208880) \$49.99



Patio Classic™ Charcoal Grill
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• 410 Square inches of cooking area
• Hinged grate makes loading charcoal easy
• (1922523)
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Edger (2300283)69

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• Wide door opening
• Galvanized steel
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• Mid-wall bracing for added strength
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• 12-yr. limited warranty
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• Pre-hinged doors
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10 Ft. x 8 Ft. Saratoga Wood Shed
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SAVE \$10

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\$89

• Perfect for outdoor storage needs
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• 6 ft. x 4 ft.
• Interlocking panels
• (4083191)

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\$229

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• Great for tall storage needs
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SAVE \$30

Slide-Lid Storage Shed
\$298

• Ideal for garden equipment, bicycles and winter storage
• Lockable
• Easy walk-in access
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- ✓ Concrete
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• 4in x 4in x 8ft.
• Ideal for deck or fence post.
• (2001493)

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236

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• (2001857)

FREE Deck Design

• Supply us with your Deck Dimensions
• We'll computerize it & design it for you
• Plus, we can install it for you.

Ask About Home Delivery

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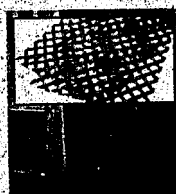
• 2in x 4in x 8ft.
• (2001239)

Treated To Last - High Quality Lumber

	8ft	10ft	12ft	16ft
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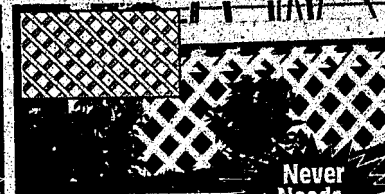
	8ft	10ft	12ft
4" x 4"	5.45	9.49	10.99
4" x 6"	11.65	-	19.95
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Pressure Treated Lattice

497

• 4ft x 8ft - 7/16in. • 2-5/8in. opening
• Stapled for strength & durability
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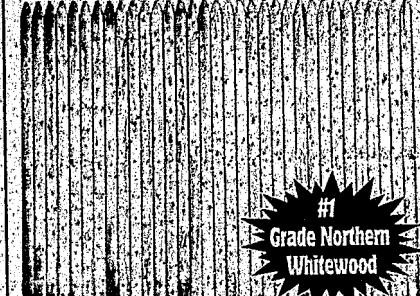


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42in x 8ft White French Gothic Space Fence Panel

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• Doubled nailed pickets
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• Make your own fence or use for replacement
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Garden Fence



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Chain Link Fence

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• 4ft x 50ft - 12.5 gauge
• Roll
• (2027365)
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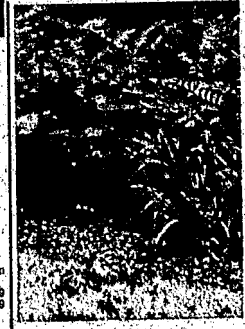
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• Keeps animals out of the garden
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• Best choice for rugged outdoor use
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(1713199) 48.00



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- (1118314, 22, 1118298, 306)

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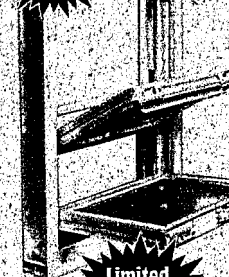
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- Bored for deadbolt and lockset
- Fully weatherstripped
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- Model #S30
- (1009752, 60)

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**Vinyl White Double
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**Builder's
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- Bored for lockset
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**Vinyl Double Hung
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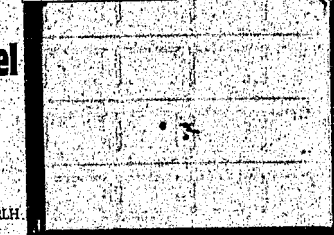
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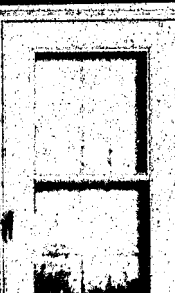
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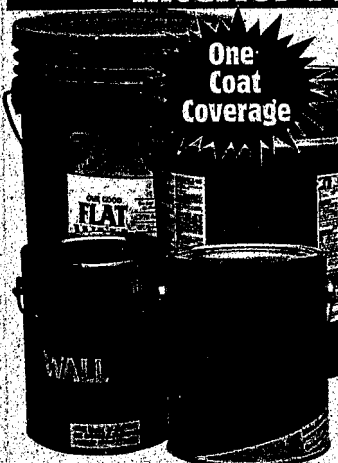
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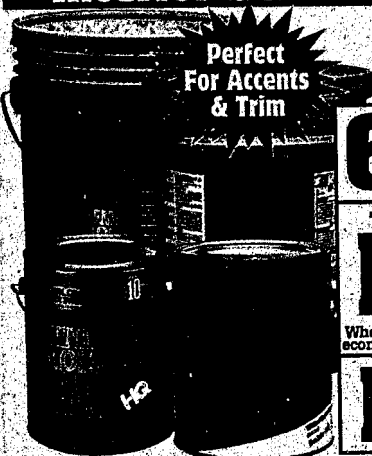
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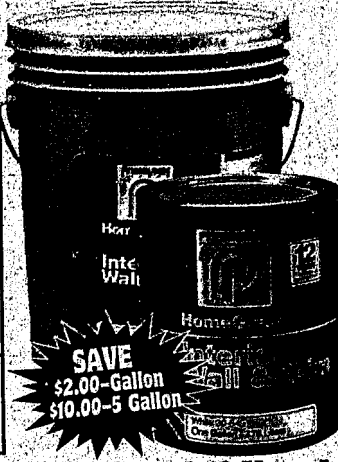
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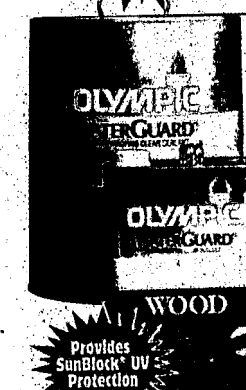


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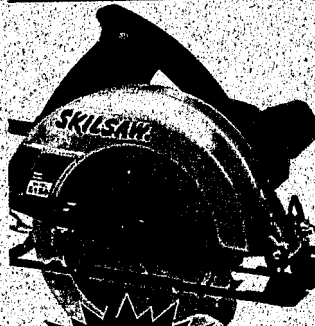
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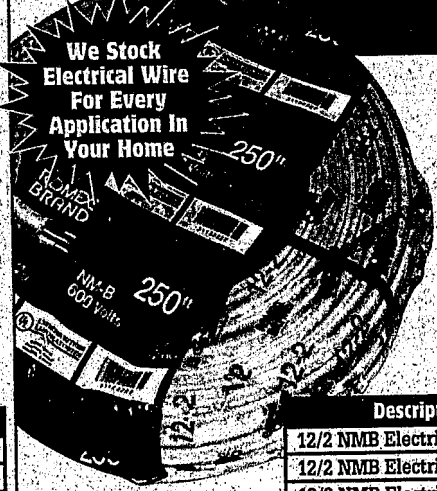


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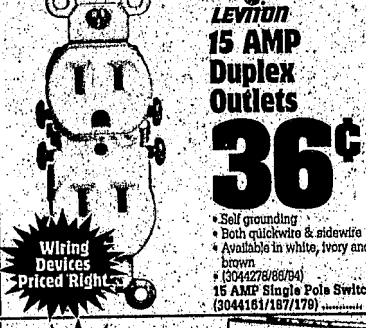
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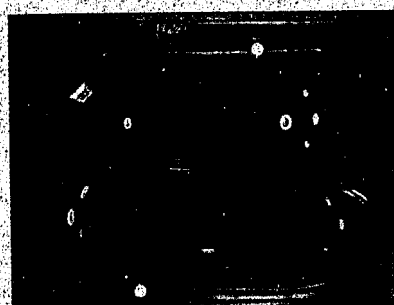
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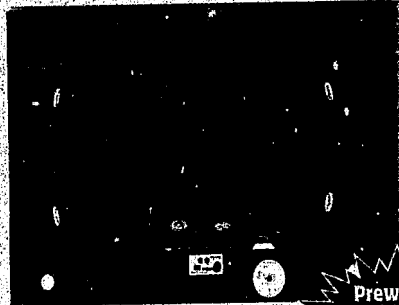


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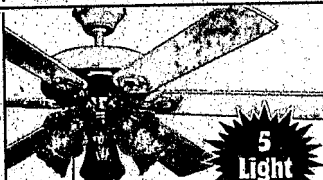
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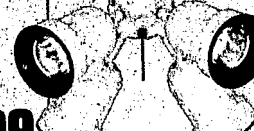
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