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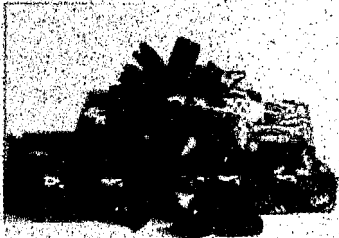
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CLARKSTON

On Aug. 23, 1864, Civil War soldier Edgar Clark wrote his last letter home from South Street Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

"My dear wife, you will see that I have changed my hospital. I hope for the better. We have just arrived at this place. We left Washington yesterday. How long I will stay in this place it is impossible to say. I stood my ride first rate. It did not hurt me a bit. I could ride clear home without hurting me and I calculate to try as soon as I can. My leg is doing well and if it continues, I will be able to travel first rate in a few days. You need not make any calculations on when I will be coming home for I do not know myself. I will come as soon as I am able. You must get along as well as you can. I cannot think of much more to write at this time. I thought I would write so you would not direct another letter to Harvard Hospital. I wish I could see you today. I would not be so lonesome. Give my love to all and save a share for yourself. No more from your husband, Edgar W. Clark."

Edgar Clark returned home to his wife, Catherine, and his two daughters, Carrie and Mina, in Lansing soon after this letter was written. What a homecoming that must have been. Though he was without one leg, Edgar lived a long and happy life after the war. Once back home, he and Catherine had two more children, both boys, named Milo and Amos. Edgar finally died on Jan. 10, 1902. Thanks to Edgar and many others like him, the United States of America is still united today.

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, a member of the board of directors of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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Downtown study identifies needs



The action plan developed by HyettPalma Inc. for revitalizing downtown Clarkston within 10 years includes replacing many offices with stores, eliminating truck traffic, improving signage and promoting the downtown area.

By SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Doyle Hyett painted a dreamscape of downtown Clarkston of the future.

Carefully designed and placed signs will lead visitors from I-75 or Dixie Highway to downtown Clarkston, which will be filled with specialty stores, unique craft shops and restaurants occupying first-floor building spaces.

Service businesses, such as real estate, will be behind the retail shops or on side streets. Trucks will no longer rattle the carefully kept-up historic buildings; eye-catching store signs will draw in shoppers and diners; parking will be more available for customers. Pedestrians will promenade along Main Street, day and night, viewing

frequently changing window designs.

A downtown like the one loosely described would be the final product of work done by the Clarkston City Council, local business people and the community, according to the revitalization plan by Hyett and partner Dolores Palma. Virginia-based HyettPalma Inc. was hired through the National League of Cities.

Hyett presented their ideas to about 60 people Tuesday at a public gathering. The results come from a study Hyett and Palma did for the Downtown Revitalization Process Committee.

"The purpose of this study is to take you forward in the future," Hyett said.

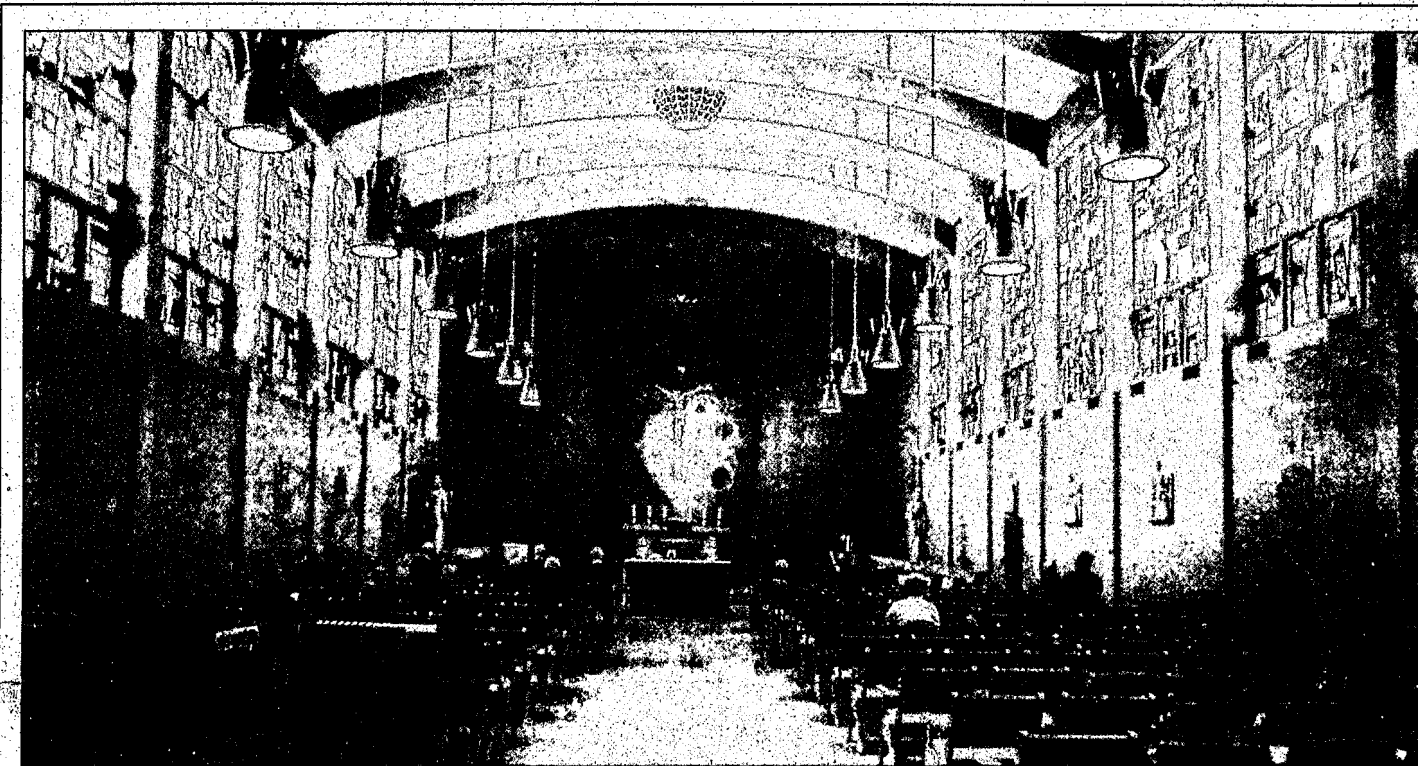
"It's the start of a process of implementation."

Action is the important word, he stressed, saying this is a good time to move forward, with plans for new sidewalks and streets through downtown Clarkston ongoing now.

"Downtown Clarkston already has an aura — a curb appeal," he said. It has name recognition, a healthy business district that shows pride of ownership and not one negative business indicator.

He said to view the plan as a refinement of an already wonderful downtown.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Daily Mass: Colombiere used to be a seminary and has several chapels, although most are smaller than this one. Mass is offered twice a day at the center and the public is welcome to attend.

Colombiere Center

Priests find friendship at retirement home

By SALLY SLAUGHTER
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The 65 men who live at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township have spent lifetimes teaching, counseling, commenting on issues of our time and most of all, praying.

The priests and brothers of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, have come home to the 420-acre campus because health concerns limit their activities.

"Unless you can't do something, you don't purely retire," said Father Thomas Powers, assistant superior at Colombiere.

But priests and brothers who for 40, 50 or 60 years put in 12-hour days teaching in high schools or universities and running parishes now need someone else to help them out in either big or small ways. They come to Colombiere because often their medical needs cannot be met by their busy professional colleagues in their own communities, Powers said.

Colombiere is tucked away among woods and hills off Big Lake Road

about one-quarter mile from Dixie Highway. The facility takes up 60 acres of the campus. Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course is being carved out of the remaining acreage, Colombiere Administrator Joe Manuszak said. The order also leases a part of its 260,000 square feet of building space to Insight Recovery, a Flint-based drug and alcohol treatment program and has a conference center.

Colombiere started out as a seminary in 1959. In the late 1960s it began the transition to a retreat and conference center. It became a retirement community in 1984.

"This is still a religious community," Powers added.

The men have spiritual and physical duties they still need to perform such as going to Mass, meditation, saying the Rosary and reading. Many of the priests counsel community members at Colombiere or go out in the community to work in local parishes or in other capacities.

But even those who cannot go out or have severe health problems that require nursing care have a job to do.

"We do consider prayer and suffer-

Please see COLOMBIERE, A2



In charge: Joe Manuszak is administrator of Colombiere Center.



Colleagues: Colombiere Center Assistant Superior Father Thomas Powers visits with Father Bob Humbert in his room at the retirement facility. Many at Colombiere worked together.

Shear possibilities: Tech school buys neighboring sheep farm

By SALLY SLAUGHTER
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As a way to prepare for possible expansion, Oakland Schools has purchased the 11-acre sheep farm next-door to the Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus.

"Our expectation is we will probably see some growth in that area," said Rick Simonson, Oakland Schools deputy superintendent.

The intermediate school district has no specific or immediate plans for the acreage on Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. Some ideas, however, have been thrown around. One is to use one of

the pole barns for the building trades classes. Simonson said the classes build about two homes a year that are sold, but it would be nice to have an indoor practice area. For example, students could put up walls and tear them down again and again.

They also could use the house for remodeling practice. The house also could be used as conference space.

Horticulture classes also might be able to use the land. Simonson said the horticulture students learn about how to run a green house and the business end of horticulture. All the native vegetation would provide an additional learning environment, he said. They could grow things.

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Bye, bye black (and white) sheep: After 26 years of raising sheep, Gloria and George Bellairs sold their Springfield Township farm to Oakland Schools.

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ing part of our apostolate (duties)," Powers said.

One floor of the center is skilled nursing care. On the other floors, the men's health is not so fragile. Elaine Hicks is health care manager and she oversees a 35-member staff. Nurses and nurses' aids are there around the clock. Hicks said because Colombiere is privately owned, they do not have state visits. The kitchen area of the center, however, is inspected by state health inspectors and recently received a high rating.

Each man has his own small room with a bathroom. They make it their own, Hicks said. "This is a home," she said. "This is their home."

When the end of life comes close, the men are brought home from the hospital and Hospice services are used, Hicks said.

Manuszak said the priests and brothers who have spent their lives serving others learn to accept help themselves. Family members are welcome. Colombiere has men from several Midwestern states so families are usually within an eight-hour drive. They often stay overnight.

Powers said the men have a real sense of community because they have a lot in common and most of them have worked with one another at some point.

Manuszak said they continue to pursue interests and do as

much as their health permits.

"Some of them are at the computer, the web. They do well," he said.

It is a highly intellectual group of guys. It isn't unusual to see books they've written on their shelves. They are experts on everything from theology to finance. Some have been college presidents or missionaries. Others have appeared on national television and worked at the Vatican. One man even was on the Federal Reserve Board.

Some taught at Colombiere when it was a seminary.

Powers was among the first graduates and said his time at Colombiere was among the most enjoyable of his life. It was named for French Saint Claude De La Colombiere, who was just canonized in the early 1990s. The Jesuit order was founded in 1534 by St. Ignatius Loyola. Colombiere lived in the 17th century. It is said he received direction from Saint Margaret Mary, who was interceding for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, encouraging Colombiere to spread the Jesuit mission.

The first two years of training for a priest is called the novitiate. That is when the men learn about the order, learn the way of life and how to pray. They also take classes in theology, Greek and Latin and have regular duties to perform.

The entire place was run by

the priests and seminarians, although today Manuszak has a staff of 100 people. About 60 seminarians were taught at one time and there were 20 priests as faculty members. It was part of the University of Detroit, but only men preparing for the priesthood went there.

The second two years the men had more regular college classes encompassing liberal arts.

But life was very regimented. Bells told the men when it was time to work, time to pray, time for Mass or time to eat.

"All of this in sacred silence," Powers said.

They could not speak to one another except in Latin — which is still the official language of the Roman Catholic Church, Powers said. For one-half hour twice a day, conversation in English was permitted.

Each student and priest had a

job. Some cooked, others taught and Powers was one of the maintenance people. He still remembers how to say "clean the expansion joints" in Latin.

Since one of the duties of the priests in those days was to say Mass daily, there were 20 Masses a day at Colombiere. For that reason, there are many chapels at the center. Each priest had a student assigned as a server so they began to learn their future role. The men also went to Mass as a group each day.

"You'd have seven or eight or nine Masses going on at the same time," Powers said.

Mass is still said twice a day — in the early morning and at 11:15 a.m. Men who can't get down to the chapel can watch on closed-circuit TV. The public is welcome to attend weekday or weekend Masses at Colombiere and many do, Manuszak said.

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Simonson emphasized that there are no plans for the property. With the way land is being purchased for development in the area, it made sense to buy the adjacent property. There is no other direction for the school to grow. He said the technical center and the former owners, George and Gloria Bellairs, have had a strong relationship.

Gloria Bellairs said they have been on the technical center's advisory board for many years and have had classes over to the farm.

Simonson said the Bellairs offered to sell about four years ago, but the price was more than Oakland Schools could pay. The couple, he said, has wanted to move closer to their children. The more recent offer was more affordable for Oakland Schools. The selling price was \$375,000. The deal was closed Nov. 10.

The Bellairs are preparing to move themselves and their sheep to a more rural location of the state. Gloria Bellairs said this area is no longer a farming community and is changing rapidly. She is happy they were able to sell to the Technical Center.

"It will be a wonderful thing," she said.

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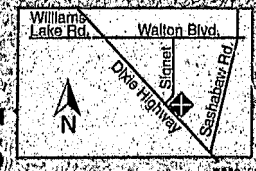
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NOTICE OF CORRECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On December 2, 1999, Notice was published that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 16, 1999 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to hear several appeals, including an appeal by Mary Cameron.

Under New Business, Item 2, the correct information is as follows:

2. Mary Cameron, P. O. Box 7907, Flint, MI 48507 to allow construction of a house with a rear yard setback of twenty-five (25) feet rather than thirty-five (35) feet. P.I. #07-10-102-011.

The balance of the Notice was correct as published on December 2, 1999.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Charter Township of Springfield

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 20, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

The purpose of the Hearing is to receive public comments on its proposal to amend the Springfield Township Master Plan by changing the Planned Land Use Category for approximately 1.08 acres of land in Planning Sub-Area 5 from Medium Density Residential to Office-Service.

The 1.08 acre area proposed to be changed in the Master Plan is located on the northwest corner of Davisburg Rd. and Dixie Hwy. P.I. 07-11-351-005, 07-11-351-006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Master Plan and documents relating to the proposed amendment may be examined at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk's office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
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The purpose of the Hearing is to receive public comments on a proposal to amend the Springfield Township Master Plan by changing the Planned Land Use Category for approximately 7.5 acres of land in Planning Sub-Area Four from Recreation-Conservation to Public/Semi Public and to make the planned use consistent with the proposed construction of a Township Civic Center.

The 7.5 acre area proposed to be changed in the Master Plan is located north of Davisburg Rd., south of the Canadian National rail tracks, west of Sandmar and east of Clemas.

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Singing for his students

Clarkston choir teacher turns the tables

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Michael Peterson spends weekdays listening to Clarkston High School students sing in his choir classes.

The tables will turn this week-end.

Peterson is inviting his students and the community to listen to him sing at 4 p.m. Sunday. He's presenting a free

'I am asking for donations at the door. The money will go to the choral music department for new sheet music.'

Michael Peterson

CHS choir teacher

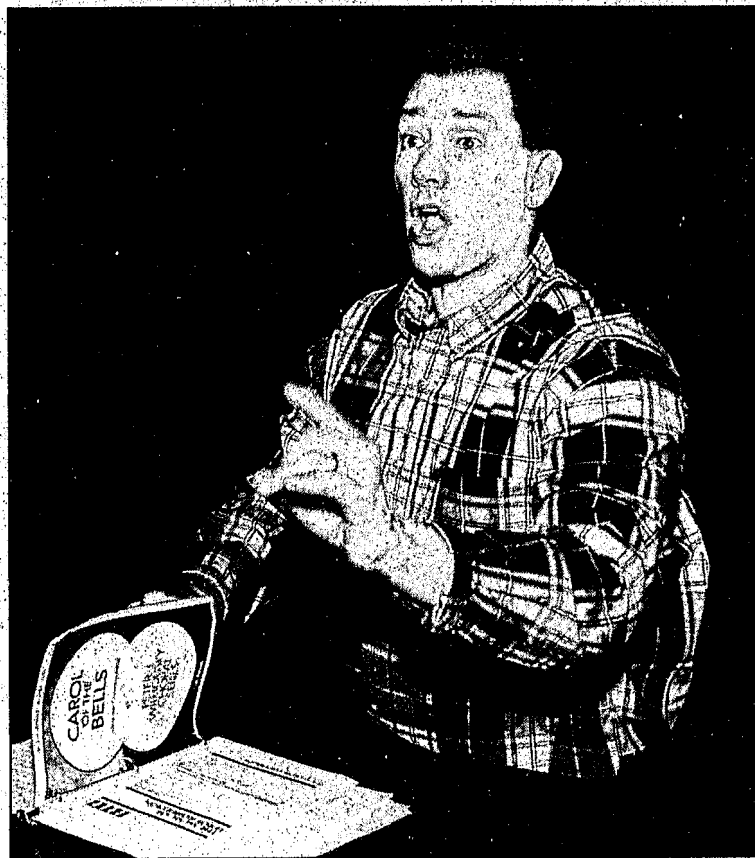
as an opportunity to hear some fine (vocal) literature."

Laura Reynolds will be the piano accompanist for Peterson's recital.

The hour-long performance is a duplicate of one he gave at Central Michigan University in November as part of a requirement for his master's degree of music in vocal performance. Peterson, a baritone, also is working on a thesis paper.

The program includes vocal pieces by composers Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Faure, Umberto Giordano, Gerald Finzi, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein and George Gershwin.

"I am asking for donations at the door," Peterson said about the recital. "The money will go to the choral music department for



new sheet music." He demonstrated the need by holding up an example of a torn and tattered sheet of music.

A CHS graduate, Peterson credits Cliff Chapman, instrumental music director at CHS, for his work in music.

"Mr. Chapman was my mentor for many years while I was in high school. He was my biggest influence for wanting to make a career of teaching music," he added.

Peterson played trumpet in the CHS marching band and was

a drum major, a role he continued for his college band.

He also credits former CHS choir director Grace Warren and former drama teacher Barb Gibson for his interest in singing and theater.

"I also did all the musicals while I was at CHS, including the role of Curly in 'Oklahoma,'" he added.

Peterson returned to CHS as a married man. He and his wife, Kate, have two children. Grace is 4 years old; Madeline is 1.

After completing his master's

degree, Peterson hopes to begin work on his doctorate in the fall. He's continuing his education, he explained, partly to improve his teaching skills.

"I started my master's degree because I wanted to better my voice so I could demonstrate it better in the classroom," he said.

Teaching is in Peterson's blood. His parents, Michael and Judy Peterson, live in Ortonville, where his father is the assistant principal at Brandon High School. They formerly lived in Clarkston.

Role reversal: Clarkston High School choir teacher Michael Paul Peterson will perform a free recital at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. Peterson's performance will be a repeat of one he gave at Central Michigan University as part of his requirements for a master's degree.

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Independence Police

Home invasion

On Dec. 5, someone tried to pry open a window of a residence in the 8000 block of Longview. Nothing appeared to be missing from the home, according to the police report.

Malicious destruction of property

On Dec. 4, someone smashed a mailbox valued at \$50, removed the mail and threw it in the yard of the residence in the 6347 block of Woodcrest Ridge.

Larceny from vehicle

On Dec. 3, someone gained entry into a vehicle parked in the 2500 block of Mann Road. The person removed 80 compact discs worth \$600 and a speaker worth \$200 from the vehicle.

Springfield Police

Home invasion

On Dec. 5, a resident at a home in the 13000 block of French Lane found pry marks on the door leading to the garage. The police report states the homeowner found nothing missing.

Clarkston Police

Breaking and entering

On Dec. 6., someone gained entrance through a window of a home on Holcomb Street. The person removed cash from a dresser drawer. There are no suspects at this time.

OUIL

On Dec. 4 at 2:30 a.m., police stopped a vehicle on Main near Miller streets for erratic driving. The driver was a 33-year-old Rochester Hills man. Police suspected the man to be intoxicated and asked him to submit to a breathalyzer test. The result was 0.12. The legal limit for driving is 0.10. The man was arrested and posted \$100 bond. He is scheduled to appear at an arraignment in 52-2 District Court on Dec. 14.

Receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000

On Dec. 4, an officer patrolling in the Surrey Lane area came upon an unoccupied vehicle. The officer ran a check on the vehicle plates and found it was stolen out of Washtenaw County. A 17-year-old Northville female was arrested after she returned to the vehicle. Her parents said she took it without their permission and have chosen to prosecute, according to the police report.

OUID

On Dec. 3, police stopped a vehicle for erratic driving in the area of White Lake and Deer Lake roads. The driver was a 27-year-old Waterford Township man. Police arrested the man for driving under the influence of drugs, according to the police report.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 12 calls from Dec. 3-5. These included six medical calls, three personal-injury calls, and one call each for mutual aid; a carbon monoxide investigation and wires down.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

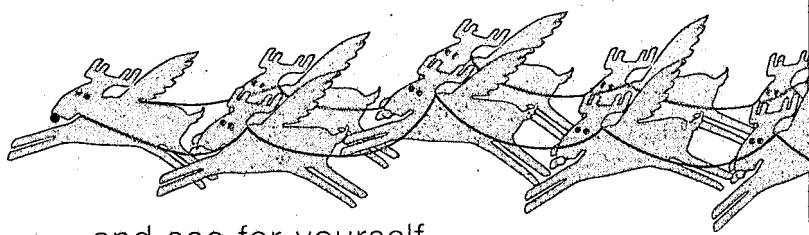
The following Walsh College students made the Dean's Honor Roll list for the Spring/Summer 1999 semester:

From Clarkston: **Marlene Aiken, Christine Arakelian, Julie Hunter, Gerald Pokriefka, Brian Rogos, Michael Warhuck, and Daniel Ziegler.** From Davisburg: **Patricia Gottschalk and Rita Hawes.**

The following Walsh College students made the President's Honor Roll list for the Spring/Summer 1999 semester.

From Clarkston: **Susan Beals, Stacey Jackson, Roger Laing, Eileen McGill, Diane Morrison, Matthew Parker, Constance Plummer and Mark Redman.** From Davisburg: **Connie Cole.**

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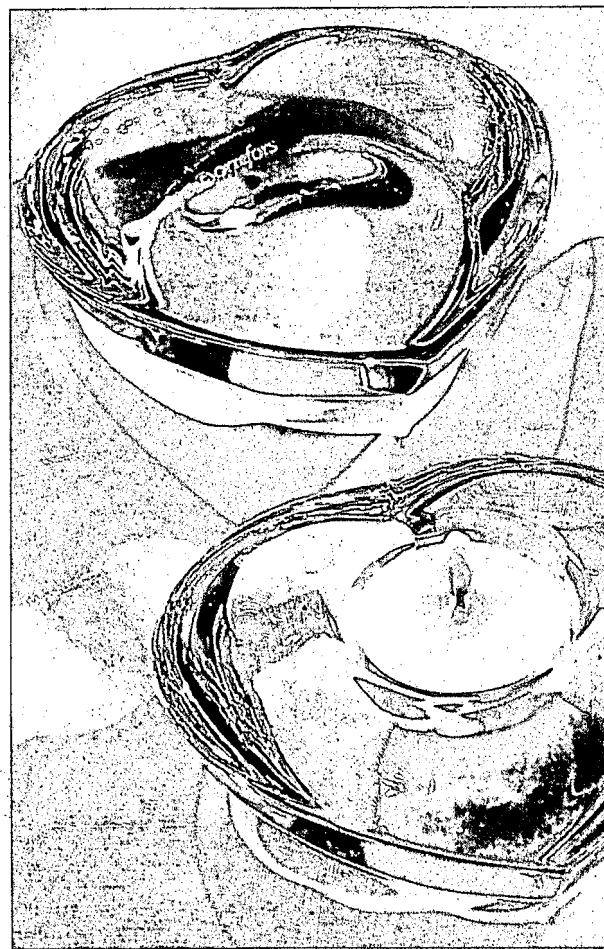
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town. But with the limited retail space, there's no room for mistakes.

Here are some of the points Hyett stressed.

- Service businesses, such as real estate companies, should vacate their main-floor front building space on Main Street to make room for more retail shops and restaurants. He recommended they move either to the backs of buildings, to upstairs locations or on side streets.

- Keep the commercial district from encroaching into the residential area.

- Overlook parking requirements for new businesses.

- Develop a strong way-find-

ing system (signs) to downtown and to every attraction.

- Find an alternate route for trucks so they avoid downtown.

- Consider turning Depot Street back into a two-way street.

- Reserve Main Street parking for customers only.

- Improve the Depot Street parking lot with better lighting and hand rails.

- Encourage existing businesses to expand. An example would be for Rudy's Market to open a wine store, based on its excellent wine collection.

- Store owners need to maintain the interiors and exteriors of all buildings to the highest

level possible.

- Market the downtown with group advertisements and a strong marketing campaign.

- Keep government, business and the community involved in this project.

"Take the challenge," Hyett said in closing. "It's a workable one."

Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo said the presentation made a "tremendous amount of sense." She was glad to hear Hyett say to avoid creeping commercialism.

"It all sounds so doable," she said.

"I think the plans are great," said businessman Robert Roth.

"I'm all for the preservation of downtown, and we do need more restaurants, more commercial establishments and better parking."

Downtown businessman Robert Olsen said the study came to the same conclusion he did about the piece of property he owns at the southeast corner of Main Street and Waldon. Hyett recommended either keeping it vacant or building single family, multiple housing or retirement housing on the property.

"I think it was a professional presentation," Olsen added. "Now we have to be sure and follow through."

David Harrison from Clarkston State Bank felt the presentation was "short on substance."

"I was disappointed questions weren't taken afterwards," he said. "We have to look at everything in more detail and look at the consequences. There are things we have to understand before we can move forward on anything."

"I heard a lot of things I expected to hear," said Clarkston Councilman Dan Colombo. "The work is all ahead of us. But I'm more excited about the attendance at the meeting and the people staying to talk about the ideas afterwards. The synergy is starting; the ideas are popping."

The results are now in the hands of the Downtown Revitalization Process Committee, which has been renamed the Downtown-Clarkston Partnership.

"We just got the study," said committee member Jack Shubitowski. "Now we have to take a close look at it."

Other committee members are Catallo, Colombo, Ron Davis, Harrison, Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas, Jennifer Radcliff, Kay Robertson, councilman Dave Savage, Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart and Shirley Wilson.

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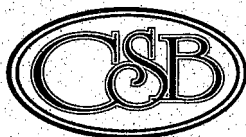
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Oakland court allows Metropark deer hunts to continue

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Deer culls at Huron-Clinton Metroparks went on as planned last weekend. Last Friday, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard denied a motion which would have stopped upcoming controlled deer hunts at Hudson Mills and Stony Creek, and a plan to use sharpshooters at Kensington.

"Everything is going to happen as planned, and as permitted by state law," said Steven Roach, lawyer for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Judge Howard ruled that the metroparks' plans were in compliance with state laws and that the overpopulation of deer threatened vegetation, other wildlife and drivers on nearby roads.

"Judge Howard's ruling was absolutely correct," Roach said.

Nearly 600 deer in the three parks will be trimmed bringing the population down to desired levels.

The lawsuit, which sought to delay the deer hunts until further studies were done, was filed

in Federal Court last Wednesday by the Milford-based Metroparks Deer Preservation Council and California-based Animal Protection Institute.

U.S. District Court Judge Avern Cohn referred the case to Oakland County Circuit Courts.

Judy Brock, President of the Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was disappointed by Judge Howard's ruling.

"But during the suit, we've won several small victories," Brock said.

Judge Howard has ordered the parks to submit reports detailing the number of deer killed. Since Stony Creek Park abuts homes, park officials will now be required to notify residents when hunting is taking place. Judge Howard also ordered that all meat from the deer culling will be donated to soup kitchens and shelters.

The court will also maintain jurisdiction with regard to the implementation of the ruling.

According to Roach, this

means that either party can come back to the court should there be further dispute. Brock is also pleased because a member of her council has been invited to sit on the Wildlife Advisory Committee for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

"So we've made some difference, and we'll continue to so," Brock said.

Her council still disputes metroparks' deer counts which show a need for a trim in population. She also said there are

more humane ways to trim populations, such as immuno contraception or sterilization.

But Dave Moilanen, spokesperson for the parks, said deer counts are about as accurate as possible.

"I invite them to rent a helicopter and count themselves," Moilanen said.

Hunting remains the most efficient way to trim the population, he said.

"We've explored the other options and they just aren't plau-

sible," Moilanen said. "Spotting, catching and sterilizing one deer can take 90 minutes. We don't have the time, money or people to attempt something for 400 deer."

Firearms hunts will take place at Stony Creek Dec. 10-12 and Dec. 17-19. A controlled archery hunt will take place Dec. 10-11 at Hudson Mills. At Kensington, park rangers are currently training to kill deer at night. The Kensington cull should take place sometime in January.

GOP fails to raise charter school cap

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Gov. John Engler and House Republicans failed in their attempts last week to raise the cap on the number of charter schools allowed to operate in Michigan, but they also promised to come back and try again.

Just a handful of votes shy for passage, proponents like sponsor Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston), Speaker of the House Chuck Perricone and Engler spent the week in intense negotiations trying to win over the last few reticent members of their own caucus.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, DeWeese said he was short only "a couple of votes" and he was adjusting his bill line by line to win them over.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, Republicans put the fifth rewrite of the bill to a test, but it fell a half dozen votes shy. The board was cleared before the vote was tallied or recorded, a practice which has become standard procedure in the House when leadership wants to keep a bill alive.

"Every time he (DeWeese) changes a word to get one vote, he loses another," House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills) explained.

On Thursday, Dec. 2 — which was considered to be the deadline if additional charter schools are to be opened next fall — Perricone announced that Republicans would put off another attempt. He said he was rejecting an offer by House Democrats to trade passage of the raised charter school cap in return for killing off a bill which would eliminate residency requirements for city workers.

"I don't make that kind of trade for anything . . . Residency is a completely separate issue," Perricone explained.

It may have been more than just moral outrage that caused Perricone to toss out the trade.

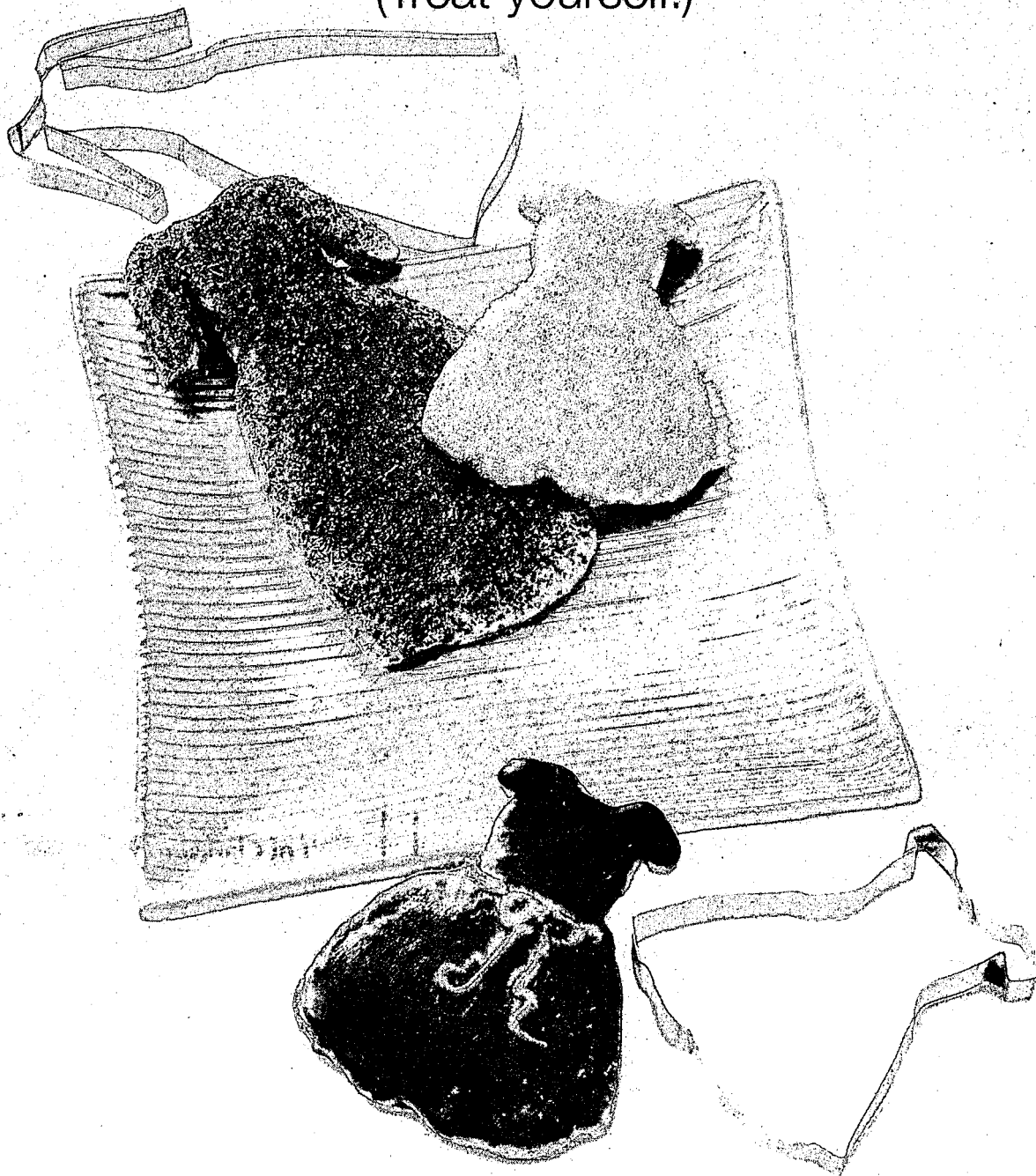
"There were eight Republicans who were ready to bolt if Chuck Perricone deals," Rep. Bob Gosselin (R-Troy) said. "They were ready to bolt because he was just talking to the Dems. He'd have lost more votes than he would have gained."

To open new charter schools next year, the bill would have to pass by Dec. 31 allowing the raised cap to go into effect in April. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn Dec. 9, and that means there will no longer be time for a required five-day lay-over between house and senate . . . unless lawmakers decide to ignore their own rules.

"They'll find a way," Gosselin said, stating confidently that the bill can still be passed before legislators take off for Christmas break.

House Bill 4706, initially introduced by Rep. LaMar Lemmons (D-Detroit) but now significantly rewritten, would raise the cap on charter schools set up through universities from 150 to 200 next year. After that, the cap would increase 25 per year.

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Golf course issue holds meeting hostage

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Tuesday's Independence Township board meeting was over before it began.

Board members could not approve the agenda because they disagreed about whether the Clarkston Creek Golf Course concept plan should be on it.

"If we can't get an agenda approved, then ladies and gentlemen I suggest we adjourn the meeting," said Supervisor Dale Stuart, who appeared aggravated after a half hour of discussion.

Treasurer Jim Wenger offered a motion to adopt the agenda with all items intact, but that failed.

The discussion began when trustee Neil Wallace asked that the golf course item be removed, along with three other uncontroversial items. The board was expected to decide whether to approve the concept proposed by developer Joe Locricchio.

Locricchio wants to build 120 townhomes on a 20-acre portion of the golf course. The two holes it would take would be moved to

the current driving range area. The township would buy the golf course and Locricchio would manage it, turning over fees generated to the township. The township would use that money to repay what it would have to borrow to buy the golf course.

Also a part of the plan is retail, office space and a restaurant. The township would give 14 acres on Sashabaw it owns to the developer as part of the package. Locricchio also hopes to buy additional acreage on Sashabaw Road for the project.

Wallace said he is against the proposal and does not have enough detailed information to approve anything, even in concept. That is why he wanted the matter taken off the agenda.

"It's not the quantity of the material; it's the quality," Wallace said.

He said getting the information only a week before the meeting left little time to analyze it.

He wanted a few specific items including appraisals of the township's Sashabaw Road property, the specific area where the townhomes will go and a current appraisal of the golf course. He

also thinks the township should hire its own consultant to decide the viability of the golf course and what needs to be done to it. Locricchio hired a consultant who gave a report to the board at a prior meeting.

"We don't rely on developers' consultants. We hire our own," he said.

Wallace also wondered exactly how the township would finance its purchase of the golf course. And, he thought it would be appropriate to get a market study done for the golf course.

"Things that are deeply entwined in this are missing," he said.

Stuart refuted what Wallace said. He doesn't think the township should spend money for that information if it doesn't even want to consider the basics of buying the golf course and allowing the other uses proposed by Locricchio.

"It's appropriate for us to approve the concept," Stuart said. "We are at a point where it is ridiculous to get more details without a concept approval."

Trustee Jeff McGee seconded Wallace's motion to take the golf

course off the agenda. He said he thought the entire discussion should take place in closed session. He thinks the township could compromise its negotiating position if the matter is discussed publicly.

Wallace, McGee and Clerk Joan McCrary voted to take the item off the agenda. Stuart, Wenger and Larry Rosso wanted to keep it on. The motion failed. Dan Travis is still ill and was absent from the meeting.

Then Wenger's motion to approve the agenda without any changes failed so Stuart called for adjournment.

"I have nothing to say," Stuart said after the meeting.

Other board members weren't sure when the golf course matter would come up again. Meanwhile, no other township business, including a discussion about the full-time elected officials' compensation, could be taken care of.

Locricchio had little reaction to the board's lack of action.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Independence Township Library.

OBITUARIES

Timothy E. Agar

Timothy E. Agar of Clarkston died Dec. 2, 1999, at age 58.

Mr. Agar is survived by his wife, Suzanne; four children, April (Mark) Szymanski of Clarkston; Timi Agar (Michael) Barwick of Virginia; Peggy Agar (Mark) Westlund of Saginaw and Brad of Clarkston.

Mr. Agar is also survived by his mother, Annette Fisher of Pontiac; four grandchildren, Cody, Brooke and Paige Barwick and Markie Szymanski; three sisters and three brothers, Judi Nichols, Robert Agar, Dianne Goff, Roseanne Davenport,

Dwane Hight, Gary Agar; a sister-in-law, Beverly Combs; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Agar was preceded in death by his father, Earl; stepfather, Robert Fisher; and sister, Melody Fisher Powers.

Service of remembrance was held at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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The parks system will process the trees into wood chips. In spring, the chips will be available free to the public on select Saturdays at Orion Oaks.

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'Gold collar jobs' await, Engler tells OCC students

BY MIKE MALOTT
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One quarter of students enrolled in community colleges already have undergraduate degrees from universities, Gov. John Engler noted Nov. 30, on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. His talk was part of the college's Distinguished Speakers Series.

Yet those students, he said, sign up for community college courses to get further job training. "I suspect, to pay off the loans they took out to get those four-year degrees."

The comment underscores Engler's belief that community colleges will continue to "play a pivotal role" in preparing students to enter Michigan's "dynamic economy."

I've been in public service a long time. I'm eager to try something else. I'm looking forward to that opportunity, so I'll be taking a non-governmental role when my term is over.

Gov. John Engler

Because much of the economic growth is in high tech areas, and because community colleges specialize in preparing students for work in fields such as engineering, technology, applied science and math, the colleges "have exactly what is required."

Community colleges train students for what he called "gold collar jobs," technically oriented occupations receiving high pay and benefits.

And because the economy is so good, OCC students "have the ability to be choosy" in deciding what jobs they will take.

"The role of community colleges is not well understood," he said, "even on campus." But the state does. Since taking office, he said, Michigan has increased appropriations to its 28 community colleges by 44 percent, at a time when inflation rose only 25 percent. He said that on a per pupil basis, the increases in funding work out to a 50 percent increase. Additionally, facilities at colleges have been improved as part of an effort to make sure they have the resources they will need in the future.

Virtually free tuition

More help is on the way. At present, state and federal tax credits return a significant portion of tuition costs to students, but Engler said increased credits "are coming" that will make enrollment at community colleges virtually free.

Engler also expressed strong support for M-Tech programs. OCC was one of the first to receive state assistance for its own M-Tech center, located on the Auburn Hills campus of the college. Ground was broken earlier this fall, with Engler's help, to start construction.

M-Tech centers work with businesses to design training specific to companies' needs, he explained.

"For example, one company may need 15 weeks of training. The next company in the door may need a 19-week training program. Through M-Techs, you don't have to wait for the turn of the semester," he said. The programs will be designed, with the company, specific to the firm's needs. Engler predicted such centers will also take courses off-campus, right to the companies' own buildings.

Engler noted that not all areas of Michigan currently have community colleges, Livingston County — just to the west of Oakland — for exam-

ple. Engler said it is his goal to provide community college coverage to all areas of the state.

Engler also said he believes the state should improve "credentialing," that is the granting of certificates for students who have received training in specific job skills. He also called for standardization of courses, through work quality programs such as ISO 9000, so that classes at various colleges can be compared. Certificates

and standardization would allow for "portability of skills," which he said will be increasingly important in the future "global marketplace."

"By this credentialing and benchmarking, we could add value to the degrees you receive," he said.

Engler's future

Questioned by the audience about his plans for the future,

Engler said that when his current and final term ends, he does not plan to run again for elective office. He also said he has no plans for stepping up to a national level office.

Engler will be term-limited out of office at the end of 2002. That would end a political career that started in 1970 when he was first elected to the House. Eventually, he was promoted by voters to the senate and finally to the governor's

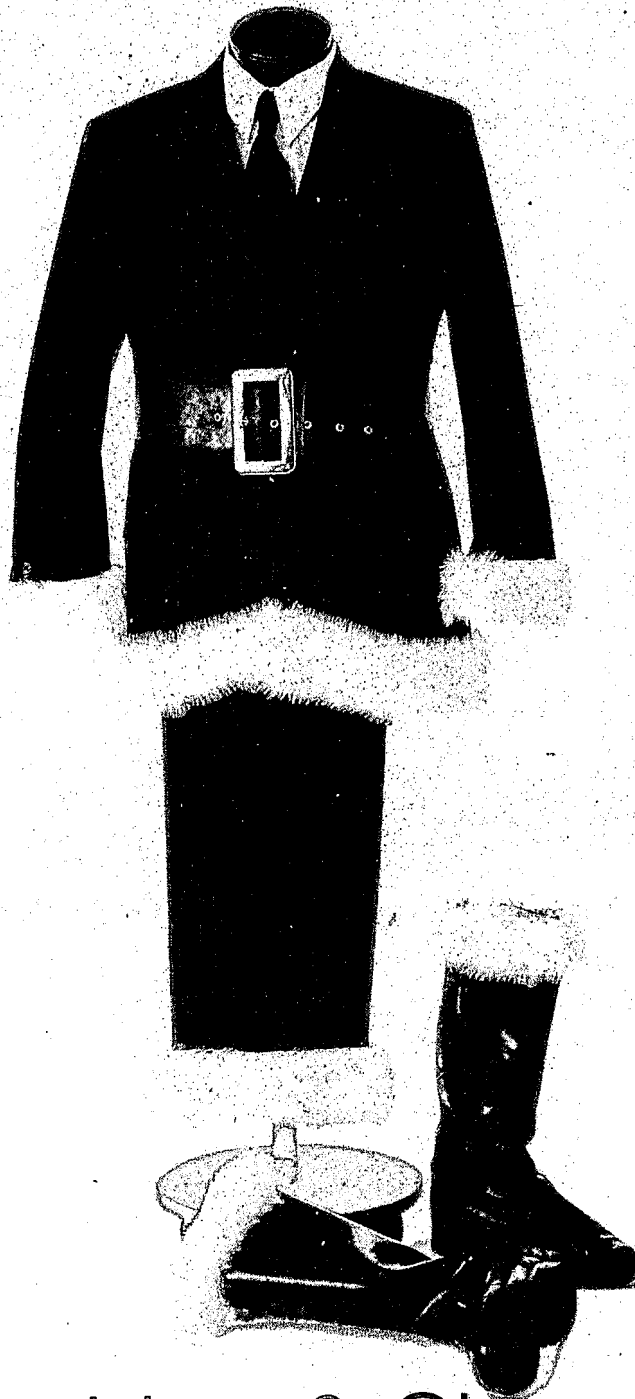
office in 1990.

Speculation has often placed Engler as a potential congressional candidate, or a presidential running mate or cabinet appointee. But Engler said he won't seek such positions.

"I've been in public service a long time," he said. "I'm eager to try something else. I'm looking forward to that opportunity, so I'll be taking a non-governmental role when my term is over."

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Bouchard happy being sheriff . . . for now

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When John F. Nichols was elected sheriff of Oakland County in 1984, he was 65 years old and winding down a distinguished career.

He had been police commissioner in Detroit, run unsuccessfully for mayor of the Motor City against Coleman A. Young and chief of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

He could have run for higher office, of course. But nobody expected him to.

Nichols' successor, however, is much different. People expect Michael J. Bouchard to seek higher office — even though he insists he is happy as the Oakland County sheriff.

Bouchard was 42 last January, when selected to succeed Nichols, who died Dec. 18, 1998.

Bouchard was a state senator at the time, and was regarded as a rising star on the Republican horizon.

Thus, when Bouchard became sheriff, observers — including some of his best friends — speculated it would be a stepping stone to higher office.

While some want Bouchard to consider higher office, others see ambition as political opportunism.

"I really can't say anything negative about Bouchard," said the former deputy, "he's a good sheriff, and nobody's going to

beat him in an election. But I think his long term goals aren't limited to Oakland County.

"He has another agenda," said the former deputy, who agreed to talk only on the condition his or her name not be used. "He spends a lot of time in Lansing."

Indeed, the buzz in Lansing has Bouchard being Michigan's next lieutenant governor.

That could happen, according to political wags, when the present lieutenant governor, Dick Posthumus, succeeds John Engler as governor next year — after Engler joins the cabinet of president-elect George W. Bush, possibly as vice president.

Such speculation is part of politics, of course, and akin to fantasy football leagues.

But in the case of Bouchard, rumors about his becoming the next lieutenant governor have a ring of plausibility.

"That would make sense," said Bill Ballenger, the editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "Posthumus is from outstate (Alto), and he might need a running mate from Oakland County — to balance the ticket and tap into the political and financial resources in Oakland."

Bouchard chuckled last week, when reminded of rumors putting him back in Lansing. But he did not go out of his way to quash such speculation. "Foremost, I'm interested in being sheriff of Oakland County," Bouchard said. "I don't know what the future holds."

On at least one occasion, however, Posthumus has visited Bouchard at his Oakland County office — fueling additional speculation of a Posthumus-Bouchard ticket.

One fact that would seem to benefit any political aspirations — if indeed Bouchard has any — is the addition to the sheriff's staff of a legislative assistant working out of an office in Lansing.

Nichols didn't have an office in Lansing. The late sheriff had a legislative liaison person — Capt. Michael McCabe. But McCabe kept track of the legislature and state affairs on a part-time basis.

Bouchard, however, thinks the job is important. "During my time in the legislature, I saw numerous issues dealing with criminal justice."

"Changes in drunk driving laws, or mandatory sentencing legislation all affect the Oakland sheriff as well as every police department in the area," he said.

Bouchard said he wants and needs reliable information about legislation. "I want to know what's going on," he said. "And law makers can benefit from input from people in law enforcement."

That information is important regardless of what his future might hold, Bouchard said.

"I'm happy being sheriff," he said. "But I can't predict what the future holds."



Legislative holdover: Sheriff Michael Bouchard shows off a dummy hand grenade, something he had in his state senator's office in Lansing. When emphasis is needed, Bouchard said he brandishes the grenade with the admonishment, "Don't make me use this."

Animal Crafters to host crafts sale

A group of Oakland County craftspeople are donating their time and their wares to controlling the pet population.

Animal Crafters, an organization with members throughout the state is a non-profit group that raises money to pay for pet neutering. Jean Marx, founder of the group, will host a sale of pet-related crafts at her W. Bloomfield home, 4095 W. Birch, on Saturday.

"This is really the most important thing you can do to ensure

the ethical treatment of animals. Cutting down the pet population is so important when you realize that there so many wonderful animals being destroyed every day," Marx said.

About 35 Oakland County craftspeople will show pet beds, catnip mice, food bowls and other hand-made goods at Marx's home.

Marx said she hopes to raise at least \$1,000 at the sale.

Animal Crafters sponsors veterinarians throughout the tri-

county area, paying for their spaying and neutering services.

The group also takes weekend trips to rural Michigan locales such as Grayling, where they help "fix" up to 55 animals during each trip, Marx said.

Marx, 70, has lived in the Bloomfield area for over 30 years and said her longtime love of animals sparked her desire to start Animal Crafters.

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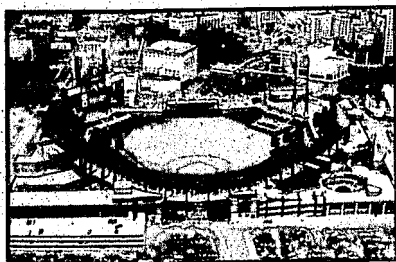
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Keeping up with growth Edison needs to light the way

This summer is just a memory — except for Detroit Edison, for which it remains a nightmare.

Power outages struck heavily throughout metro Detroit this past summer. Edison officials are still getting an earful over those summertime problems.

In fact, they're probably as tired of hearing about them as we are of writing about them. For most folks, one question remains: Why can't Edison get its act together?

But the problem involves more than just power outages and runs deeper than just Edison.

A plan promoted by the Michigan Public Service Commission requires the utility to increase its tree-trimming program and investigate areas that repeatedly experience power outages.

It's a moderate plan, and Edison officials have already agreed to abide by its recommendations.

Yet, we wonder whether it goes far enough.

Routine summertime power outages, it seems, were once the province of those living in that unlucky West Bloomfield/Farmington Hills/Livonia belt — where there was an ongoing battle over construction of a new substation.

Now, they've spread to points farther north and south. People from a variety of communities, including Rochester, Waterford and

■ For too long, our region has followed a troubling path — letting population spread without building an adequate infrastructure, while failing to maintain the infrastructure we do have.

Clarkston, spoke out during a Dec. 2 public hearing in the Rochester Community Schools auditorium.

Tree trimming alone won't solve the problem of aging power lines. Nor will it solve the problem of where to place additional substations, if they are needed.

It won't solve the deeper problem facing our area, either.

That problem is this: For too long, our region has followed a troubling path — letting population spread without building an adequate infrastructure, while failing to maintain the infrastructure we do have.

Our traffic woes, recently judged among the worst in the nation, are one symptom. Our long-running nightmare of crumbling roads, only recently reversed, was another.

This must end, and it's up to Edison to do its part to end it.

We need vision. We need leadership. We need power.

FIRST students should learn from the failure of Polar Lander

The apparent failure of NASA's Polar Lander on Mars has a down-to-earth lesson for some Oakland County students involved in FIRST (For the Inspiration and Reward of Science and Technology).

The Polar Lander, of course, is the \$165 million probe sent to the Red Planet as part of NASA's quest to learn more about its climate, geology and the possible presence of water. It landed Friday and was supposed to begin probing the planet's crust and transmitting information back to earth.

But the signals never came.

It must have been an anguishing weekend for NASA scientists as they tried to re-establish contact with the Lander. We can only imagine the angst they must have gone through as the world waited.

And what, pray tell, are the lessons for FIRST students?

FIRST is the program involving high schoolers who build robots under the watchful eye of engineers and technicians from local companies. There are dozens of high schools and companies participating in FIRST so youngsters learn by doing.

The Polar Lander was in fact a robot. Admittedly it was a highly advanced robot with an extremely complex task. But it was a robot, nonetheless. Thus Oakland FIRST students can see the connection between the Polar Lander and the robots they build in local laboratories.

The need for depth of knowledge in science and technology is obvious. So is the need for

■ Perhaps that is the most important lesson our FIRST students can learn — the importance of perseverance. Nobody said space exploration would be easy. Nobody said there would be no failures. There simply are no guarantees.

precision and the importance of team effort.

The task ahead for NASA scientists is to find out why the Polar Lander failed. The problem may have been mechanical failure or human error, but the cause of the failure must be determined.

NASA may or may not launch another Polar Lander to Mars. But regardless of what the future holds, the agency must determine why the probe failed. We trust NASA will determine the cause of the failure, correct it and try again.

Perhaps that is the most important lesson our FIRST students can learn — the importance of perseverance. Nobody said space exploration would be easy. Nobody said there would be no failures. There simply are no guarantees.

No doubt some of the FIRST teams have tasted failure as they built their robots. They have no guarantees either, despite their best efforts.

In both endeavors, perseverance is an important lesson.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What have you done to prepare for Y2K?



"Nothing really. Probably next week or so I'll get some water and stock up."

Marlene Roslar
Independence Township



"I've stocked food, batteries and made sure our gas grill is ready and our camper trailer is charged up."

Susan
VanderVoord
Springfield



"Well not really anything because I don't think too much is going to happen."

Janny Varnau
Springfield Township



"I haven't done anything, really. I guess it doesn't really bother me."

Lisa Folden
Waterford

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

LETTERS

Wary of golf course 'deal'

There is much I have to say about the proposed purchase of the Clarkston Creek golf course by Independence Township. However, for now, I am just presenting a case for an alternative because many folks have expressed to me their concerns about this venture.

In the three short years I have been on the Township Board, I have consistently supported open space preservation and less dense residential development. Often I have lost these votes to some of the very board members who now encourage this purchase. This should explain, in part, why I am skeptical.

The first thing everyone should be aware of is that this "deal" has been fashioned to avoid the possibility of a lawsuit and the threat that this property could be yet another subdivision. However, in my judgment we are putting the township finances at risk in entering into a deal that doesn't make sense without a thorough and realistic assessment of the most obvious alternative. We can and should vigorously defend our master plan and zoning.

Most folks may not realize that this property has for years been master plan designated and zoned "recreational." So for us to lose this open space, the property would have to be rezoned. For that rezoning to occur, we would have to agree to it or lose a lawsuit. In a lawsuit the property developer would have to convince the court that the Township was being unreasonable and they would have to demonstrate essentially that a golf course is no longer a viable use of this property. I do not believe there has been a sufficient showing to the Township that a golf course is not a viable use of this property...quite the contrary.

First, the potential purchaser of this property has indicated to the Township that it was being marketed as a "development property." This means the current owner was trying to sell it at the value it might have if it were rezoned to be another residential subdivision. More importantly, there has been nothing presented to the Township Board that the current owner has made an unsuccessful effort to sell it as a golf course.

Second, the current owner of the golf course has said that he is willing or unable to make the substantial investment necessary to improve the course. In other words, he has made a business decision not to put his hard-earned money at risk. This does not mean that a golf course business is not viable on the property.

Third, and perhaps more telling, the potential purchaser is proposing to establish a management company which would operate the golf course business, make the necessary investments to improve the course and pay the Township sufficient minimum rent to make our loan payment for the property acquisition. Obviously, they believe the golf course business will be viable for the next 15 years.

Given these facts and circumstances and a more detailed analysis, I believe the Township would be successful in defending its master plan and zoning. Although we have not always won, more often than not we have been successful in defending our master plan...otherwise there would be a 500-acre gravel mine along Sashabaw Road and a 22-story hotel on top of the Pine Knob hill. Moreover, this proposal will mean 121 residential units will be built...so open space will be lost.

There is a real danger that we are going to make the wrong decision because we are caught up in the momentum of this proposal without seriously examining the very real risks. I urge everyone who has expressed concern to me, or who may have concerns about this proposal, to express their views to the newspapers and to the Township Board.

Finally, even if the Board approves the project in concept, I will make every effort to be on the front line working to protect the Township and make the best of a bad deal.

Neil E. Wallace
Independence Township Trustee

Child abuse prevention

Assuring that Michigan children in need get their fair share of federal funds is a priority.

The federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act contains the requirements all states must meet in order to receive their child welfare monies. Without this funding, many states could not provide essential services to millions of children.

Each year, the CAPTA program is reauthorized. In 1996, the federal government required each state to establish citizen review panels to determine whether state and local agencies were effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities.

Michigan has already established the three required review panels, which are all in their initial stages. To officially and competently start working, these panels need to amend our current child protection law.

I have introduced legislation providing these needed amendments, which will be acted upon as soon as possible. The federal government has the right to sanction our state up to \$204 million for non-compliance if we don't enact these changes. We need the federal money to continue with our child abuse prevention programs.

Michigan's children are our state's most precious natural resource. And these programs and monies are an investment in our future.

Although the money comes from the federal government, the significance of those dollars is seen at the local level. The mutual involvement of families and communities is essential to the success of our state's efforts. Including parents in decision making and working with public and private organizations, schools, faith-based organizations and others will improve child safety.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at (517) 373-1798, 1-800-510-RUTH, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or e-mail me at rjohnson@house.state.mi.us.

Ruth Johnson
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Most teens use pagers, cell phones to keep in touch with their parents

For as long as I can remember, if you were a teenager and had a pager, people automatically concluded that you did drugs. I'm here to tell you that's not true. Parents are now buying pagers for their kids! Most teens I know have pagers or cell phones. My parents bought me a pager for my 16th birthday. Obviously, our parents didn't buy them for us so we could start drug habits!

Many grandparents say that pagers and cell phones are an unnecessary expense. They also say that these could only lead to bad things. They got through their lives without them; why do we need them? They need to look at it from a different perspective. If their kids had pagers back then, then they wouldn't have had all those sleepless nights, waiting for their child to come home. Today our parents don't have to worry. If our curfew is at midnight, then at 12:10 they can page us and find out where we are. I'm sure our grandparents would have loved to be able to get a hold of their child at the drop of a hat. They need to think of it like that. It's actually helping our parents to make sure that we are safe.

Pagers and cell phones help families, too, especially families that have both parents working, teenagers driving, young children, all sorts of situations. If both parents are working and the teenage driver needs to take the younger child to school, it allows the parents to keep track of their kids. Once again this makes it easier on the parents.

I interviewed some teenagers with pagers. I wanted to show some of the reasons that we have them. Tara Chastain, a junior at Clarkston High School, said, "Once last winter my mom paged me to tell me that my little brothers, Brandon (14) and Brett (10), were locked out of our house. She couldn't leave work so I went home to let them into the house so they didn't freeze! If she hadn't paged me, they would have waited a lot longer."

I talked to Tara's mom, Tami Miller. I asked her why she liked Tara having a pager, and what she thought of the whole pager thing. She said, "I can get a hold of her at any time, day or night. I think that if the parents who are worrying about the pagers and cell phones having to do with drugs raised their kids right, and talked to them, then they aren't going to be doing drugs."

I asked Kelly Williams, another CHS junior, if there was ever a time when something very important happened and her parents had to get in touch with her immediately. She said, "Yes, when my sister died. I was at a college orientation with a friend, and my parents paged me with 911. I called them back and they told me that my sister was in the hospital and that the doctor had said for everyone to get up there



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immediately. If my parents hadn't paged me, I wouldn't have seen my sister alive again." I know that Kelly's story is more extreme, but it's another example of how pagers and cell phones can assist us in real-life situations.

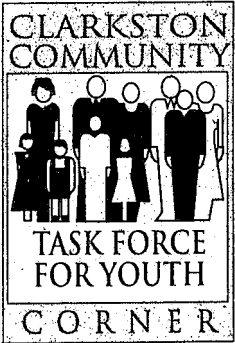
Another thing that is supposedly linked to drugs is cell phones. Adults think that this is a way of communicating with dealers or drug addicts. I don't understand that! Why can't things be as simple as they seem? I have a cell phone, and it's for emergency uses only, or if my parents happen to page me.

My parents pay for the bill, and they check every number that I call. My parents gave me a cell phone so that if I'm out with friends and my plans change, I can call and let them know what's going on.

According to the Clarkston High School Code of Conduct, cell phones and pagers are a disruption and are not allowed in school. I was in class about a month ago and someone's pager went off. It did disrupt the class, but we were all doing our homework, and everyone laughed and went back to work. The teacher laughed and then pulled the kid out into the hall to talk to him about it. It wasn't a big deal. It gave us a little break, which we needed. Granted, it did cause a disruption, but it wasn't as nearly a big deal as they make it out to be.

I think that the administrators need to re-evaluate the rules. I understand that some teens use pagers and cell phones for the wrong reasons. I just don't think that adults should stereotype all teenagers who have them. We aren't all the same. Cell phones and pagers allow us to communicate more with our friends and parents, helping us to stay safe, while letting us have fun, without drugs and doing the bad things that everyone associates them with.

Jaime Green is a junior at Clarkston High School and the lifestyles editor of *Paw Prints*, the CHS student newspaper. Her column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.



Developmental assets can keep teens from reacting violently

Recently Dr. John Nicoletti, a law enforcement psychologist who interviewed traumatized Columbine High School students after the tragedy there last spring, spoke to our community about preventing school and workplace violence. He listed several forms of societal violence, comparing them to strains of "viruses" affecting our nation. His description of early warning signs gave helpful insights into how a community can take action in time to prevent such death and destruction in local schools.

Dr. Nicoletti pointed out various myths that exist about such incidents, like "He was such a nice person, but he just snapped." In reality, there are most often red flags signaling that an individual is in the incubation stages of this societal virus:

- brewing feelings of "getting back at people"
- suspicious behavior and the practicing of deadly skills
- verbal threats or ominous references to future dates of doom and
- preoccupation with death and violence.

Friends and family need to be alert to these clues and willing to intervene in time to get help for the troubled individual. He emphasized the importance of parents and school authorities enforcing behavioral boundaries for young people and taking symbolic actions seriously instead of dismissing them as "just a phase."

Looking deeper at what factors could make an individual more susceptible to this "virus" would seem to be a logical step in prevention. In the same way that poor nutrition could lower a child's resistance to physical illness, so a deficit in developmental assets — the internal strengths and external supports needed by all children to grow up happy, healthy, and productive — can place a child at risk for a myriad of societal ills, one of which is violence.

Jubilee, the newsletter of Prison Fellowship, founded by Watergate co-conspirator and former inmate, Charles Colson, revisited the topic of youth violence in its Fall 1999 issue. Responding to a disturbing headline in *Time* Magazine just after the Columbine tragedy, Jubilee staffer Becky Beane wrote an article entitled "God Doesn't Make Monsters."

"What may really scare us about young criminals is that they are a lot like the rest of us. A God-given need for intimacy, connectedness and purpose is filled in healthy individuals by family, friends, meaningful work and a relationship with a Power beyond ourselves. When these needs are not legitimately met, we are driven to look for other ways to meet them — or to smother the pain of the gaping void."

Obviously, this most basic sense of belonging and being loved would ideally come from home, where parents offer acceptance, behavioral boundaries, meaningful communication, support and parental monitoring of a child's attitudes, feelings and interests. Bill Oliver, founder of the Parent-to-Parent (drug prevention) and Safe Passage (violence prevention) video series, expresses it this way: "We live in a culture that glorifies violence. We have to face that, and teach our children how to avoid 'toxic people and toxic places' — how to avoid becoming victims. Then, through modeling, mentoring, monitoring and motivating our children to become their best selves, we help them avoid becoming perpetrators."

Dr. Nicoletti continued, "The parents of these two boys, who were building bombs in their homes, had been literally locked out of the boys' bedrooms for months. The kids were running the family. Now, after the tragedy, Dylan Kleibolt's parents are suing the County Sheriff's Department, claiming they should have been warned that their son's friend [Eric Harris] was a troubled boy with a police record. Now I ask you — is it the responsibility of the police to monitor your child's friends? Come on, people! Parenting is not a hobby!"

*refers to the 40 Developmental Asset framework, identified by Search Institute, Minneapolis MN 1-800-888-7828.

Our apologies for last month's incorrect Search Institute phone number. You may reach the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth at (248) 394-0252 or www.clarkstonyouth.org.

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Method of picking justices 'screwy'

Just about a year ago I wrote a column on the way special interest money, previously focused largely on races for governor and the legislature, was engulfing races for the Michigan Supreme Court.

I cited two successful Republicans who won seats on the court in last November's election after raising previously unheard of amounts of campaign cash. According to campaign finance reports, Maura Corrigan raised \$1,004,495, while Cliff Taylor raised \$943,863.

Michigan has a truly screwy way of picking Supreme Court Justices. Candidates are first nominated at the Democratic and Republican party conventions — partisan political activities to the core. Then candidates are listed on the "nonpartisan" section of the ballot — a bewildering transformation to be sure. And because virtually no voters know anything at all about the actual judicial qualifications of any of the contenders, candidates are obliged to raise lots of money to run TV ads to increase their name ID.

I suggested moving into judicial races was a logical next step for the bigwigs who run the political action committees. After all, if buying influence with the state legislature works, why not judges? And I warned that the probable result would be that public attitudes about the integrity and impartiality of Supreme Court decisions would become about as alienated and cynical as public opinion now holds votes in the legislature.

It didn't take long for my prediction to come true. Last May, Jim Ford, a trial lawyer from Kalamazoo, publicly questioned the Justices' motives when the Supreme Court ruled against his client in an insurance case. (The court is currently dominated by Republican nominees, 5-2.)

Ford obviously hit a nerve. A lawyer for the state Republican Party immediately charged him with conduct unbecoming a lawyer and had him hauled up before the Attorney Grievance Commission. The case against Ford was eventually dropped on free speech grounds, although he was warned not ever to do it again.

Then last week Justice Taylor (he of the \$943,863 campaign war chest) went after Ford again in an interview with the Kalamazoo Gazette. That the Justice with the closest ties to Gov. John Engler would get after a court critic in public suggests just how savage the political battle for control of the Court will be next year.

The Republican general argument is that the Michigan Democratic Party and its allies — the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor — are doing nothing more than trying to dis-



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credit a judicial system they no longer control. That may or may not be so.

But the argument now raging over the partisan bias of the Supreme Court is proof, to me at least, that the process of politicizing Michigan's highest judicial body is proceeding apace. While some may argue that interpretation of the law, like the writing of history, should be left to the winners, I'm old fashioned enough to believe that respect for the impartiality of the law is one of the fundamental underpinnings of a civil society.

What's the fundamental problem in all this? The screwy system by which our Supreme Court Justices are elected.

A far better idea would be to follow the lead of other states which have the governor appoint Justices, subject to a vote by the Senate and, possibly, confirmation in office by statewide election. Another wrinkle would be to designate a panel of "wise persons," who would review likely candidates for our state's highest court and forward a short list to the governor, who would then be obliged to nominate from the list.

Doing this requires amending the Michigan Constitution. Sorry; this is unlikely. Republicans, sensing partisan history is on their side, are already raising big money to fight next year's judicial campaigns. And Democratic power brokers, notably organized labor, are reluctant to give up their choke hold on the nomination process.

The rhetoric from both sides on this subject, of course, will be about the sanctity of the public ballot and how important it is in a democracy for "the people" to select their justices.

I wonder if a system that relies on unknowing voters to select unknowns to our highest court is really democracy or merely a convenient device for shadowy interests to maintain control over the levers of power.

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BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Maybee
Community: Orion Township
Details: Orion Township is restoring the road after installing water and sewer lines. Construction crews will flag traffic through, and lane closures are possible. Completion date unknown.

BROWN ROAD

From: Joslyn to Baldwin Road
Community: Orion Township and Auburn Hills
Details: Gravel road closed for paving. Detour is Baldwin, Lake Angelus and Joslyn roads. Completion by mid-December.

From: Joslyn to Giddings
Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Township
Details: As part of the reconstruction of the Brown/Joslyn intersection, Brown Road is closed so that the new approach to the intersection can be constructed. Detour is Harmon and Giddings roads. Completion date is June 2000.

NORTH HOLLY ROAD

From: Grange Hall Road to north of Lahring Road
Community: Holly Township
Details: Road being reconstructed. North Holly Road south of Lahring Road is closed until the end of December for culvert replacement. Detour is Grange Hall Road, Dixie Highway and Belford Road. Completion by the end of December.

JOSLYN ROAD

From: At Brown Road
Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Township
Details: In conjunction with the paving of Brown Road, the Joslyn/Brown intersection is being reconstructed and reconfigured. Throughout construction, one lane of Joslyn will be open in either direction, though Brown will be closed in both directions. Expect delays in the area. Completion date is June 2000.

MOST PRIMARY ROADS

Community: Groveland Township
Details: Consumer's Energy is installing gas lines throughout the township. Locations could change daily. Lanes may be closed or reduced to one-way traffic. This will be ongoing for several months.

WILLIAMS LAKE ROAD/MACEDAY LAKE ROAD

Community: Waterford Township
Details: RCOC is reconstructing this intersection, expect delays. Completion by mid-December.

SOUTH OF M-59

BIG BEAVER

From: At Rochester Road
Community: Troy
Details: The City of Troy is widening Rochester Road in this area. The work will effect the Big Beaver/Rochester intersection. Expect delays. Completion date unknown.

MARTINDALE ROAD

From: South of 11 Mile Road
Community: South Lyon/Lyon Township
Details: A developer is paving this section of road. The road is closed to through traffic. Completion date unknown.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

From: At Northwestern Highway
Community: West Bloomfield Township
Details: Developer of Gateway Shopping Center is adding a northbound center left-turn lane to Orchard Lake. Completion date unknown.

WOODWARD

From: At 14 Mile Road
Community: Royal Oak and Birmingham
Details: Storm water drains are being replaced along Woodward near 14 Mile Road. Work could cause delays on 14 Mile (east and west of Woodward) and on Woodward. Completion date unknown.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Childhood images can help us to see more clearly later

Do you have mental images that have stayed with you throughout your life? I imagine you do. I imagine that sometimes you can picture your grandmother cooking in her kitchen — what her aging form looked like bent over her old stove.

Or I imagine that you can still see your brother stuck up that tree, laughing. Or your father pumping a car jack and grunting. Or your mother burning her finger on her iron with a little yelp.

Maybe you even have a certain image of yourself.

I have an image that comes to me almost every year in the early winter. He comes to me when the days are gray and nasty cold, but when only a few snow flurries have found their way to earth. He helps give weight to my already heavy, rounded shoulders.

I have carried him for 37 years.

This image has a face and a misshapen form, but he is without a name. He has always been nameless.

I see my image as I saw him daily during the school year when I was in 7th grade and afraid, even, of my own thoughts. He is standing alone at the very last bus stop on our run. Dawn breaks over his head, the sun making him appear dark against a backdrop

Please see WALKER, B2

SOLD

Auctioneers' unique items go for ordinary prices



Auctioneers: Paul and Carolyn Sadows and their son, Ron Chamberlain, welcome customers to Sadows Auction Galleries.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

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Customers of Sadows Auction Galleries are glad people don't keep furniture, jewelry and Aunt Betty's antiques for ever.

If they did, there wouldn't be such a vast amount of interesting items on the floor of the downtown Clarkston gallery or in its auction brochure.

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Selling these choice pieces from estates and offering them to people who want to buy quality items at exceptional prices is what Sadows Auction Galleries' business is all about.

Paul Sadows started it almost 30 years ago. After raising a family in Clarkston and working long hours in other cities, he and his wife, Carolyn, moved the gallery to Clarkston in 1979.

It's appropriately located at Clarkston Mills Mall, 20 W. Washington St., in a building once owned by automobile tycoon Henry Ford. A couple of the antiques in the suite

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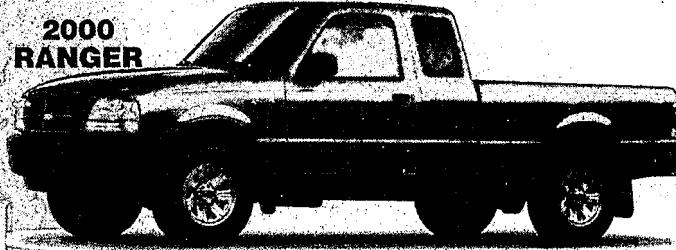
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Jennifer Lynn Ward and Christopher Henry Graff were married Aug. 28 at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Dick and Judy Ward of Rochester Hills. She is a graduate of Rochester High School and Michigan State University. She is district manager, Detroit Zone, Chrysler Corp.

The groom is the son of

Bonnie and Hank Graff of Grand Blanc. He is a graduate of Grand Blanc High School and Michigan State University, and is general manager for Graff Chevrolet.

A reception was held at Detroit Athletic Club. The newlyweds honeymooned in Italy and Switzerland, and made their home in Clarkston.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our December 9 insert, we advertised Vigilante 2nd Offense for Dreamcast as available. Due to a manufacturing delay, this title will not be available. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

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are even displayed on mechanical pieces once used to control the flow of the Mill Pond under the building's floor.

And the business has grown year after year, regardless of its location in a small, north Oakland County city.

"Business is better than ever," remarked Paul Sadows in his friendly, outgoing manner. "We sell to people who are looking to spend \$10 to a \$100,000 on an item, whether it's for themselves or for gifts."

He's the one who travels across the country, looking at estates and selecting items to offer for auction. Carolyn stays at the gallery doing most of the paperwork and Chamberlain works primarily with the jewelry. The Sadows have two other sons, Jeff and PJ Chamberlain.

"I started in this business by polishing furniture," quipped Ron, a Waterford Township resident and Clarkston High School graduate. "I've been helping out with the business all my life."

His daughter, Ashley Chamberlain, a student at Stevens T. Mason Middle School in Waterford, is following in his footsteps. She helps at all the auctions. So does Chamberlain's wife, Gwen.

Sadows Auction Galleries has an auction of about 300 items at least once a month. Sometimes they are at the gallery; sometimes they are on the site of an estate to be auctioned; sometimes they are at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

Wherever they are, Sadows said, they are fun. He even thinks in advance of some of the jokes he'll say while standing before the

Sadows Auction Galleries is hosting its last auction of the 1900s at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. For more information, contact the gallery at 625-7755. Items to be auctioned include paintings, mirrors, Persian rugs, lamps, crystal urns, jewelry and more. They are available for previewing an hour before the sale.

audience. He already knows he'll tease about items from the 1990s being almost like antiques at the first auction in 2000.

"We meet such interesting people in this business," Sadows said. "These are the people who stop and smell the roses. They buy the fine things in life to live with. They end up enjoying items that not only are beautiful to live with but also appreciate in value."

Sadows said customers won't find anything that's damaged for sale at his gallery or at the auctions.

"If something has been restored, we make that fact known," he stressed.

Customers are able to try pieces out in their homes or offices to see if they like them. If not, they can return them. They don't have to wait for an auction to purchase anything, either. The gallery has regular hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Friday

hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sadows Auction Galleries' strong policy of customer service is only one of the reasons Dr. Arthur Rendziperis and his wife, Danielle, of Bloomfield Hills have frequented Sadows auctions for more than 20 years.

"I feel the Sadowses are very honest and work so hard to please their customers," said Danielle. "They are very fair in their prices and their ethics are very high."

She likes that they'll deliver for free something that's large or cumbersome; that they'll take back something bought in the excitement of the moment and she likes the comfortable, jovial atmosphere of the auctions.

David and Sharon Ottman are other faithful customers. The Clarkston residents have even gotten their four adult children in the habit of shopping at Sadows auctions.

"They are so accommodating and so honest," said Sharon. "We've been going to their auctions for years."

The Sadowses and Chamberlain have wonderful stories to tell about the people whose estate pieces they've sold through auction and about those who come to browse at the store and at the auctions.

"We auctioned a pair of the red slippers Judy Garland wore for 'The Wizard of Oz,'" recalled Sadows.

Michigan Gov. John Engler recently visited the galleries.

Chamberlain said this summer they auctioned a pair of Elvis Presley's sunglasses. "They still had makeup and sweat stains on them," he said.

Walker from page B1

of sky and fields.

My image is waiting in the cold in a black coat, his mouseish hair groomed back with a cream, his horn-rimmed glasses cocked on his face, his breath visible in the air, his one good hand holding his school case. His is not a comfortable schoolbag like those children carry today. It is more of a briefcase, hard and heavy.

His face remains expressionless as he awaits the bus' arrival, watching as it rounds the bend of the street and pulls before him. The bus driver wordlessly opens the door to give him admittance.

Those of us who have found warmth on the bus grow quiet and we watch as he transfers —

he did this every single day — his briefcase from his good hand then presses it beneath his lifeless left arm and clawed hand, using shoulder muscles to force the case against his ribcage. He has deliberate, practiced shoulder strength. The kind that makes this otherwise useless appendage hold the case for a time, vice-like.

With his good hand thus freed, he grabs the bus' rail and makes his almost equally useless legs carry him up the bus steps. There are three steps. When he reaches the top platform, he uses his good hand again and takes his briefcase from beneath his claw and places it on the floor next to the bus driver.

Thus freed from his burden, he

uses his good hand to grasp a vertical rail next to the driver's seat and he braces himself for the moment when the bus will lurch forward. It lurches like it always does and the image struggles to remain standing for the several miles it will take for the bus to transport us to school.

My image stands tall. His claw is resting against his side like that of a wise, old bird who is not inclined to flight. My image never asks anyone, not even the bus driver, if he can please share a seat.

Because I am older now, and wiser, I can wonder what kind of an image this by-now-grown man carries with him in his mind. I can guess that he sees the faces of carefree yet thought-

less children, jabbing one another and making bad jokes as if there were nothing more to life.

If we let them, our images will teach us even as we carry them. My image knows that I, like bus-riding middle-schoolers from across the ages, was insecure and afraid all those years ago.

He felt my fear before he taught me that sitting next to a boy with a claw could be painless.

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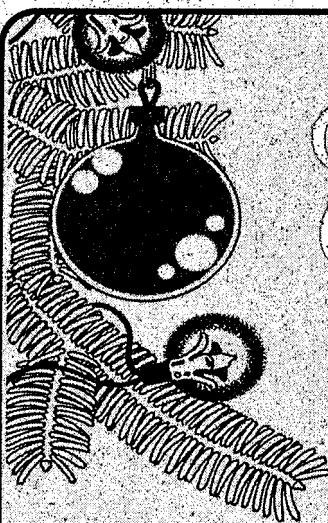
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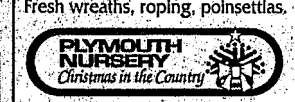
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9:30 a.m. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. For further information contact Nancy Schutt (248) 922-9460.

7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, North Oakland Counseling Associates, 6401 Citation Drive, Clarkston (248) 620-1019. This free 10-week educational group will focus on issues such as building self-esteem, developing communication and conflict management skills, learning about alcohol and other drugs and practical ways to develop a healthy, happy lifestyle. Enrollment is still open.

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7-9 p.m., Beaumont Royal Oak Administration Building. This group is sponsored by Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America and Michigan Chapter will begin meeting Jan. 5. All pediatric patients to college age plus siblings and parents are welcome. For more information call (248) 625-8621 or 737-0900.

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7 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road., Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8894 or Kim Tombrella at 620-2616.

7-8:30 p.m. Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybree roads. New Clarkston chapter welcomes new members. International club promotes communication and leadership skills. For more information and to RSVP contact Barry Gair (248) 877-6271 or Ann Blizzard (248) 393-1820 or visit club at www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7232.

10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8895 or Kim Tombrella at 620-2616.

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8-9: Erin St. Amour, Brian Steed; **10-11:** Chelsea Kouri, Steven Kast; **12-13,** Lauren

Mesi, Joe Robinson; 14-15, No Female, Grant St. Amour
16-17, No Female, Jeff Hoekstra; 18-19, No Female, Ben Lawrence; 20-29, Dee Dee Zaratzian, Robby Hukka; 30-39, Chris Robak, Gerry Perkins; 40-49, Judy Hoekstra, Frank Mesi; 50-59, No Female, Sam Antonazzo

The following Walsh College students made the Dean's Honor Roll list for the Spring/Summer 1999 semester:

From Clarkston: Marlene Aiken, Christine Arakelian, Julie Hunter, Gerald Pokriefka, Brian Rogos, Michael

Warchuck and Daniel Ziegler.
From Davisburg: **Patricia**
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BY KATHIE O'DONOHUE
SPECIAL WRITER

Even as a young boy when his friends looked for him, Chris Johnson could frequently be found in the kitchen under the culinary tutelage of his mother, doing the thing he liked best.

"All I ever wanted to do was cook," he says. Already working in his chosen field as a night chef at Steve and Rocky's in Novi, Johnson has nearly completed Oakland Community College's culinary arts program, garnering a college education as well as priceless knowledge and experience in food preparation.

Susan Baier, chairwoman of the Orchard Ridge campus' hospitality department at OCC, speaks of the culinary arts program with enthusiasm, describing the diversity of students within the program.

"The average age of our culinary students is in the upper

20s. We have students coming here out of high school, those in the work force who want to formalize their career, those who are doing career changes, people who are burned out or those who have reached retirement and they want to do what their love in life is."

OCC has been the starting point for notable local chefs including executive chef Mark Dixon of the Dearborn Country Club, executive chef Denise Curdy of Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor and executive chef Randy Smith of Orchard Lake Country Club.

Baier explains how the program works.

"Students learn to cook, bake and serve. Through lectures they get the knowledge then we supply them with hands-on experience in the kitchen. A third component is the restaurant where they practice the practical application for timing and service, in

other words performing how the industry would expect them to."

Three majors are offered, all leading to an associate degree in applied science including hotel or restaurant management and culinary arts. In addition, an apprenticeship program enables students working full time to attend school one day a week, providing an alternative way to lead to a culinary arts degree.

"We force-feed them with lecture and do lab with them," said Baier. "They learn about changing menus, creating products that they may not see in the restaurant with a static menu. They will build on a repeated skill such as sautéing, whereas the person just learning in a restaurant will be limited. It's a 3-year program, and they become certified culinarians as do our culinary students."

Students in the hotel or restaurant management curriculum are required to take one

semester of cooking to have some understanding of what goes into the process.

The first semester teaches fundamental skills, and in subsequent courses "we're building on skills. Then we'll be using more finesse, techniques, things that a chef would be building on."

The program can be completed in two and a half years as a full-time student.

A teacher for 25 years, Farmington Hills resident Valerie Boguslawski is now sitting on the other side of the desk in the OCC culinary arts program. Currently on a three-year leave, Boguslawski is indulging a lifetime interest in nutrition and health.

"I wanted to do some enrichment," she said. "I may do something with cooking when I retire, perhaps teach something food related. Or minimally, I can improve my own skills."

Boguslawski likes the idea built into the program that food management students are provided the opportunity to understand the kitchen while chefs learn to appreciate the "front of the house" — the serving aspect.

She relates how studies show that while food can be phenomenal in its presentation and taste, it's the service in an establishment that is the main determining factor in a customer's decision whether to return.

"I want to learn it all: knife skills, ways of presenting food, cutting vegetables artistically, mastering sauces and soup and having it all ready at one time," Boguslawski said.

Though she has found the use of abundant French terminology challenging at times, she readily admits she especially enjoys "the baking aspect, the breads and desserts."

Currently the program is undergoing growth and revision, Baier explains, as it attempts to appeal to the needs of those in the community. For example, a pastry certificate is to be added, and there are plans to develop an evening program and one night classes. New courses for those with basic skills such as international cuisine or ice carving are being considered.

"We envision professional development for those who want

to learn a new skill," Baier said. "And something for everyone. We want to identify themes that everyone would want ... cake decorating, holiday entertaining, appetizers and more."

Another OCC culinary student, Carrie Bielaniec, is in her first semester and currently works as a line cook at Steve and Rocky's in Novi.

"During high school, I went to a vocational school for two years," she said. "I had the choice to take a culinary arts class or something else. I took it and loved it."

Bielaniec's culinary skills won a couple of competitions in the past, and though she doesn't yet know what her future plans are, Bielaniec says she wants to keep growing.

"I like that the culinary arts program is more than book work. It's a slower pace than at work, so there's more time to pay attention, to learn. I always had an interest. I always helped my mom preparing for parties. "Bake shop is cool but it's hard," Bielaniec added. "I like hot foods better. I like to cook beautiful, good-tasting food. I like learning the science ... the flavors that go together well. I learned to file a fish and knife skills. OCC staff are great. It's a great field where you are constantly learning something new."

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The glittering sidewalk, valet parking and entrance lined in red ribbon clearly indicate that going to the movies at the Star Theatre in Southfield has become an event.

Not so long ago, patrons were content to plunk down \$1 to see a movie at the nearest theater they could find. Seating was cramped, the floors were sticky and the popcorn of questionable freshness.

But rising video rentals forced movie houses to rethink their marketing strategy. Elegance, which was the hallmark of Hollywood in the days of Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant, has made its way back into movie theaters.

Now, theater itself has become an integral part of the movie-going experience. And the Star in Southfield, with its 20 screens, sparkling lights, restaurants and themed lobbies, is a showcase example of how theaters are becoming as much a part of the show as the movie itself.

"We drove from Milford to see the James Bond movie," said Janice Oliveto. "We heard this was a great place to see a movie and my first impression is that it must be ... I

'This place is big, clean and comfortable, and my sons like it here because there is a lot to do.'

Tammetric Smith
—theater patron

can't believe how big it is. They must have spent a ton of money on this place."

Her teenage daughter, Michelle, was equally impressed. "It looks like an amusement park," she said, as she and her mother made their way to the concession stand. Although the Star offers shrimp, chicken fingers and elephant ears, Michelle, looking up at what the Star claims is the world's largest tub of popcorn, asked her mother for a super combo, which at \$5.95, entitles the customers to a huge bag of popcorn and as much soda pop as they can drink. With a shake of salt and a quick turn to the left, they entered the theater to experience Bond like they never had before.

Sight and sound

The screen in the main theater is 35-feet high by 65-feet wide and the

George Lucas approved THX sound system shook the walls as they picked out a seat. The Olivetos said they had never seen a theater with such big, comfy seats. They also said the theater's stadium seating design, which ensures every person has an unobstructed view, was a pleasant surprise.

The new Bond movie, *The World is Not Enough*, was opening the same weekend as *Toy Story 2* and the Star was packed. While families flocked to take in the latest adventures of Buzz Lightyear, Woody and Mr. Potato Head, natty couples walked hand in hand toward the complex's main theater, which holds 750 people, to see if Bond would once again romance every beautiful woman he met, foil a plot of world domination and narrowly escape death at every turn.

Some of the people said they came

to the Star, at 12 Mile near North-western Highway, because it was close to them. But others said they drove miles out of their way because the Star is truly a destination.

Outside the main theater another family was taking advantage of one of the Star's many side attractions.

"We usually come here twice a month," said Tammetric Smith. "This place is big, clean and comfortable, and my sons like it here because there is a lot to do. We're not just going to the movies, we're spending the day together ... it's a nice place to get away."

Ice cream parlor

Her sons, Brandon, 5, and Brian, 6, polished off ice cream sundaes they had made at the Star's ice cream parlor. I tried to ask them what movie they were here to see, but their answer came long before I had finished. "Toy Story," they said in perfect unison. "This is going to be fun," said Brandon. "We have been waiting for this ... the first Toy Story was funny and this one should be too."

"We always come here when there is a good movie coming out," said Brian.

Apparently many theater goers

agree with Brian. Ruth Daniels, the Star's spokesperson, said the Southfield location sells about 3 million tickets per year and a big premiere can bring in as many as 16,000 moviegoers in a day.

This was clearly one of those days.

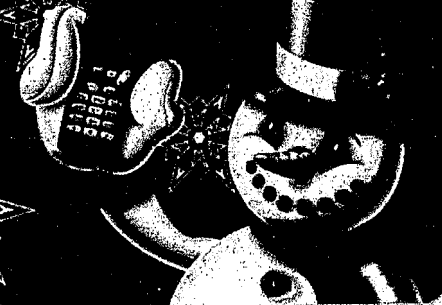
The theater has three lobbies and all of them were crowded. The first lobby is titled "Hollywood Boulevard" and people hang out there to catch a meal at a restaurant like Johnny Rockets before seeing a movie. The second, which is a mock up of a sound stage, has scenes and memorabilia from popular movies. It also houses the main concession stand. And the third lobby, "Old Detroit," pays tribute to the theater district of Detroit. Replicas of the facades of the State, Gem and Fox theaters adorn the walls.

A scaled-down version of Tiger Stadium is also present. For many young patrons of the Star, the lobby, which is filled with the latest arcade games, also offers a glimpse into the glory days of the city to the south.

When the Bond movie was over, Michelle, while waiting for the crowd to exit, said the 20-mile trip was worth it. "I can't believe my brother went to another theater to see Pokémon. He would feel pretty silly if he knew what this place was like."

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Proposed tax credit for students keys on community colleges

BY MIKE MALOTT
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"We have priced 44 percent or more of our residents out of higher education unless they are willing to incur huge debts,"

state Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith says.

Free, on the other hand, should be quite affordable for all students.

That's why Smith (D-Salem Township) is proposing to create a new tax credit for students

enrolled in two-year community college programs. Keying on the federal HOPE program, which allows students to deduct \$1,500 worth of tuition from their federal income taxes for their first two years of college, Smith's Higher Education Learning Pro-

motion (HELP) program would allow community college students to take the remainder of their tuition costs from Michigan income taxes.

Typically, tuition comes to \$1,900 at community colleges and \$4,000 in two-year commu-

nity college programs operated by four-year institutions, Smith said.

Only students who earn \$50,000 per year (\$100,000 if they file jointly) are not eligible for the HOPE and HELP credits. For students counted as dependents on their parents' returns, those income caps apply to the parents' income as well. Still, that covers 90 percent of current students, she explained.

Smith's proposal, Senate Bill 575, failed to get enough support from her colleagues in the spring, but she said she believes several factors may improve its chances of passage.

For one, the state can afford it. The state presently has a budget surplus of \$200 million to \$350 million. The actual size of that surplus depends on whether several other pending bills pass.

She admits the cost, however, doesn't come cheap. Overall, the credit would cost the state \$56 million — as much as a quarter of the surplus.

Still, Smith argues it's an effective way to use the money.

"Let me run through the numbers on the HELP credit. Currently enrolled in two-year programs, full time and part time, there are 125,000 students in Michigan. It would cost \$56 million to help them with this program. Compare that to the 20,000 students who are eligible to receive Merit Scholarships at a cost \$50 million. I'll let you do the math. Which is more effective?"

Her comparison refers to the scholarship program available for the first time this year awarding college money to high school student who perform well on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Merit scholarships were proposed by Gov. John Engler and supported by the Republican caucus.

Another factor that may win more votes for Smith's plan is the fact that it has earned some bipartisan support. Sen. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph) has signed on as a primary co-sponsor. Gast has also introduced a companion bill, SB 576, that would create another tax credit for books, up to 10 percent of the total cost of tuition.

But Smith fears her plan could still fall victim to political maneuvering. She said Engler wants to attach verbiage to the bill repealing the existing "tuition tax credit."

The existing credit allows up to \$375 to be taken off taxes when a student's college has held tuition increases under the rate of inflation. As originally instituted, the credit was designed to pressure colleges to keep tuition rates down so students would be able to claim the credit.

But now, with the cost of living rising only 1.6 percent this year and expected to climb only 1.4 percent next year, it is anticipated that no universities in Michigan will be able to hold cost increases down to that level. If no students can claim it, Engler wants to repeal it, Smith said.

"Some Republicans see that it is the right thing to do," Smith said. "If you ask me, getting rid of a \$375 credit to get a credit that would be worth \$1,900 should be a no-brainer. But some are getting caught up in the emotionalism of it, falling in with the I-don't-want-to-repeal-a-tax-credit-we-created crowd."

Smith said she hopes to keep the tuition tax credit repeal separate from her HELP proposal, and may introduce legislation which would effectively repeal the credit — using legislative appropriations as the "trigger" rather than college tuition increases — as a compromise with the GOP.

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Oakland Sheriff's prisoner 'boot camp' to go coed soon

BY PAT MURPHY
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When the late John F. Nichols initiated the Oakland County Boot Camp in 1990, no women were allowed.

Not that the late sheriff was a male chauvinist. He ordered feasibility studies for making the boot camp coeducational, but resources were limited and the logistics considerable.

Criminologists insist boot camps for female offenders are significantly different, requiring vastly different approaches.

By next month, however, the Oakland Boot Camp expects to admit its first class of female trainees.

"Our drill instructors (DIs) are in training right now," said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. "We expect to go coeducational as we have six or eight offenders (the minimal amount needed for a class)."

Oakland's boot camp has been deemed highly successful by those closest to it, including many of the hundreds of trainees who have gone through the eight weeks of physical exercise, work details, class work and discipline.

"We've had some trainees come back years later and thank us for being so tough," Sgt.

Michael Johnson, a DI at the boot camp in Auburn Hills. "For some, it's the first taste of discipline they've experienced in their lives."

Bouchard said the boot camp is feasible, in part, because of the increasing number of young females getting in trouble with the law. Like their male counterparts, female offenders who meet the physical requirements will have the choice of eight weeks of boot camp or a much longer stint in the Oakland County jail.

"We'll try it," Bouchard said. Young women can probably benefit from rigid discipline the same as the men, he said.

Female trainees will have separate living quarters, according to the sheriff. But they will share some work details — as well as physical training — with the men.

Female trainees will constitute the first or primary presence of women at the boot camp. Until she transferred out earlier this year, Donna Johnson, a former Army sergeant and the mother of two small children, was a DI on the night shift.

More female DIs are on the way, however. A class of 12 prospective DIs scheduled to graduate from Oakland's training program recently included four women.

Focus HOPE asks volunteers to 'adopt' seniors for holiday

The holiday season is fast approaching and Focus: HOPE is calling for volunteers for its Share with a Senior and Family to Family programs.

When individuals, groups or organizations participate in Share with a Senior — which runs until February 2, 2000 — they "adopt" an older person who is usually homebound and living on a fixed income. They provide the makings for a holiday meal and a modest gift, and deliver the items to the senior.

Family to Family

The Family to Family program is similar. The makings for a holiday meal are provided to a family and a modest gift is given to each child. Families selected for this program are usually headed by one parent; or parents who are unemployed or underemployed. Families will be helped until December 23, 1999.

To become involved, or for more information, contact Focus: HOPE's Volunteer & Community Resources Department at (313) 494-5500. Focus: HOPE also accepts monetary donations for these programs. Food and gift items will be purchased, packaged, and delivered through volunteers.

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Bye Bye Beanies

Library auction has lots and collectors are gathering

BY SHARON DARGAY

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Alanda Slusser of Troy says there are three kinds of Beanie Baby collectors. "Some people sell them and they are real serious about it. And there are people who tear off the tags and let their kids play with them — those must be the happiest Beanie Babies of all."

The third kind is just like Slusser, a Friends of the Troy Public Library board member.

"I have quite a few. It's just for fun. I set them around the house. I have 'Beak' the bird sitting on my computer," she said. "And the flamingo. And the Dachshund."

Slusser hopes shoppers, regardless of their collector profile, will browse and bid on a special Beanie Baby grouping at the Troy Public Library this week.

The silent auction, "Bye Bye Beanies," will raise money for the library's young people's department. Lists of auction items are available now through auction day, Sunday, Dec. 12, from the library, located in the municipal center on Big Beaver just east of I-75.

Collectors may bid on the bean bag menagerie from 1:30-2:45 p.m. The Friends will announce winners at 3 p.m.

"We have 38 lots. They are done in one to five (animals) in each group," explained Margaret Standerwick, another Friends volunteer. "We've been collecting them for 2½ years. We sell them in our gift shop. When we started, we said, 'Why not have our own collection?'"

The group removed one Beanie Baby from each batch it bought for sale in its gift shop.

"It got to the point that we have no room in our showcase for them. We have 2½ boxes,"

Standerwick explained. "We're going to move our showcase and we thought now would be a good time to sell the collection."

The 183 Beanie Babies include Garcia, Manny, Bubbles, Digger, Spot, Snowball, the 1997 Teddy and 1998 Teddy and Chops.

"Garcia is the tie-dyed bear," Slusser said.

"It probably sells for about \$140. Chops is the black-faced lamb. That's probably \$100-\$110."

Slusser is collecting price lists and checking Beanie Baby Web sites for hints about monetary value.

Some of the highly collectible animals will go to the auction block alone. Others are grouped with newer Beanie Babies.

"We put a group of cats — Fuzz, France, Snip, Pounce — with Wallace the Scottish Bear," Standerwick explained.

She hopes the bear will draw collectors who might not bid on the cats alone.

Three PVC Princess Bears are likely to generate brisk bidding.

They look like later issues of the Princess Bear, but contain PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pieces inside. Ty, the company that produces Beanie Babies switched to a different bean bag material in the later issues.

"On the label. That's the only way you can tell the difference," Slusser explained.

Slusser suspects Beanie Baby demand remains strong.

"There has been talk that Ty will stop making Beanie Babies in January," Slusser said. "But I don't believe it."

The Troy Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday. Call (248) 524-3538.

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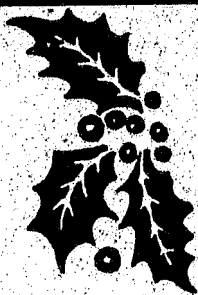


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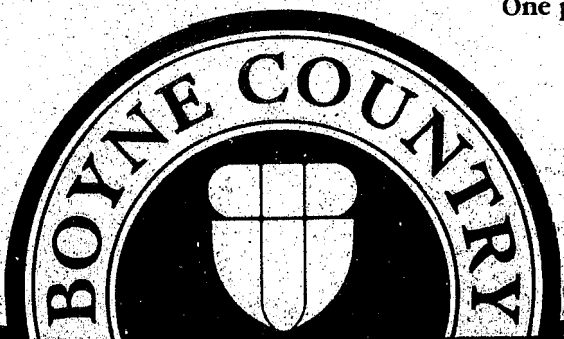
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Blicher stars in debut as Wolves top Oak Park in opener, 70-59

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Dan Fife knew that Mike Blicher would contribute in his sophomore season. Just how much, the veteran Clarkston boys basketball coach was uncertain.

Fife's answer came Tuesday in the Wolves' season opener against visiting Oak Park.

Blicher, who stands just 5-foot-6, came off the bench and scored eight points to go along with seven assists, five rebounds and three steals, as Clarkston won the Oakland Activities Association crossover match, 70-59, over the pesky and underrated Knights.

"I knew Blicher was capable," said Fife. "Last year, when (starting point guard) Ryan Kaul left a game, we were at a little bit of an loss — we struggled for a point guard. Now, Blicher gave us a capable back-up. He did a fine job tonight."

While Blicher did a solid job bringing the ball up court and distributing, the depth-laden Wolves had 11 of 12 healthy players reach the scoring column.

Senior guard Ryan Marino scored a game-high 23 points to go along with four rebounds for the Wolves.

Senior guard Rocky Lund added 10 points, seven rebounds and five steals, 6-5 senior center Adam Schapman contributed eight points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots, and 6-4 senior forward Andy North hauled down six boards to go along with three points for Clarkston, which shot 37 percent from the field on 25-for-67 shooting.

"Ryan (Marino) was himself out there," said Fife. "At times, we didn't get him the ball enough and at times too much. But he scored points, which is his job."

"But I think Adam Schapman and Andy North really did a good job going to the glass," he continued. "Oak Park was very athletic and quick, but those guys really scrapped hard on the boards."

Oak Park led briefly at 22-21 with 5:22 left in the second quarter, but the Wolves answered with an 11-2 run. After that, the Knights could never close the gap to anything less than six points.

"Oak Park was better than we thought they would be," said Fife. "I didn't really recognize any other kids from last year. But they are energetic and they have new coach that had them prepared. Every time we went on a run, they would come back. They

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Springfield cagers fall to Stateline in Eagle Cup finals

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Just two short weeks ago, Clarkston Springfield Christian ended Temperance Stateline Christian's amazing 50-game home winning streak. On Saturday, the Patriots remembered.

Behind the spark plug of 5-foot-6 freshman point guard Jon Dalton, Stateline raced out to a 46-31 lead through three quarters and then held on for a wild 57-55 triumph over the host Eagles in the finals of the third annual eight-team Springfield Christian Eagle Cup Shootout.

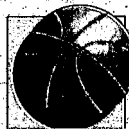
Dalton, whose older brother, Dave, graduated last year and helped the Patriots dominate Michigan opponents for four years, scored a game-high 23 points to go along with five assists, four rebounds and three steals.

"He's a very good ball-handler, but much more of a scorer than his brother," said Stateline coach Tom Hobbins. "He has a lot of poise for a freshman. He's not scared to take over."

Dalton was instrumental in helping the Patriots (4-1) extend their 27-24 halftime advantage to 15 points by the end of the three quarters, but the taller, more experienced Springfield line-up returned from

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Experienced Wolves look to contend



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For the first time in nearly a decade, Clarkston boys basketball coach Dan Fife didn't have a son in a Wolves uniform last winter. And unlike many Clarkston teams of past years, the Wolves didn't have much experience.

But even with those shortcomings, Clarkston still had a solid season last year — even with an uncharacteristic rebuilding tag weighing heavily on its shoulders. The Wolves finished 14-10, which included a Class A district title.

Clarkston, which also tied for fourth in the rugged seven-team Oakland Activities Association Division I at 4-6, advanced to the regional semifinals before being ousted by OAA I champion and state semifinalist Pontiac Northern, 64-54.

"Last year, I spent more time talking to these guys, trying to get them learn the system, than actually going through drills at practice," said the veteran Fife, whose squad was ranked in the Super 25 by the Detroit News. "This year, we return a ton of experience and some of the younger guys are picking things up a lot quicker than last year."

Although four of Fife's players are currently sidelined with injuries suffered during the Wolves' Division I state semifinals football run, there is so much depth that Fife doesn't expect to lose anything during a 5-game December stretch with only 12 of 16 prospects.

In all, 10 players, including four starters, return.

"For the first time, I don't see 3-4 kids on my bench that are just going to be bench-warmers," boasted Fife. "I expect just about everyone to contribute. There are even some guys that will go back and forth from the junior-varsity to varsity because I want to keep them in the program. By mid-season we could have as many as 15 guys on varsity at a time. In terms of depth, this might be our best."

Clarkston's starting line-up is very formidable,

especially the backcourt with 6-2 senior guard Ryan Marino, one of Oakland County's top perimeter threats, playing alongside 6-0 junior Ryan Kaul, a heady point guard who started last season and was also the Wolves' starting quarterback; and 6-2 senior swingman Rocky Lund, who came off the bench last season.

"Ryan had an outstanding season last year, leading our team in scoring," said Fife. "I expect that with the amount of experience he has and with the amount of talent returning, than he'll have another great year."

"As for Ryan Kaul, he'll be expected to be more of a leader this year," added Fife. "He started for us last year and the experience from football should help him out in basketball."

In the frontcourt, 6-4 senior forward Andy North and 6-5 senior center Adam Schapman both saw plenty of time last year, and will start this season. But behind that duo, there is plenty of other options loaded with potential.

The most notable is 7-1 senior center Pete Ritze, who has signed with Division I Cleveland State.

"Pete has finally decided to work hard and put his energy into basketball," said Fife. "He still has a problem with stamina, but has improved his all-around game. He'll back up Schapman in the post."

Senior swingman Ryan Briceland, 6-1, and 6-2 junior newcomer Cody Senkyr will also help out on the inside, as will 6-2 senior forward Chad Booker, who is out until January with an injury.

Like most Clarkston teams, there is not a shortage of quality guards off the bench. Leading that contingent is 5-6 sophomore Mike Blicher, who will back Kaul at the point. Blicher had eight points, seven assists five rebounds and three steals in Tuesday's 70-59 season-opening win over Oak Park.

"We brought him up to practice with the varsity a couple of times last year, and I expect him to be a contributor this season," said Fife. "When Ryan

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Drivin' the lane: Clarkston 6-foot-5 senior center Adam Schapman will be one of the Wolves' key players this winter, where Clarkston hopes to be a strong contender in OAA Division I competition.

Clarkston continues fast start on ice

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Good hockey teams beat the teams they are supposed to beat. So far, that qualifies Clarkston into that category.

Clarkston showed no effects from its one-week layoff by dominating Waterford Kettering 5-1 Saturday evening at Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Wolves (4-1-0) jumped out to a quick two-goal lead and put a blanket over the Kettering offense, allowing only 15 shots on goal — many of them which could be considered routine saves for goaltender Jordan Conley, who picked up his second victory of the season.

Once again Clarkston displayed its offensive balance, getting goals from four different players on three lines. Adam Postal scored twice, including one in the first period to get the Wolves rolling. Anthony Facione, Jason Stoeker and Jon Bemis also posted

one goal apiece. For the match, the Wolves recorded over 40 shots on goal.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier was pleased with his defense all night and praised defenseman Dan and Tom Newman and the rest of his blueline members for consistent effort.

"This match was more of a complete game for us," said Krygier. "We kept the pressure on them and our forwards did a good job focusing on backchecking and helping out."

Conley played well in net, and gives the Wolves two talented goalies along with first-stringer Steve Badger. Krygier has instructed his two goalies to either players from in front of the net and freeze the puck whenever possible to keep the pressure of Clarkston's young defensive corps.

"We'll take our chances with a face-off deep in our end rather than have the puck bouncing around," Krygier said.

Clarkston could have won by even a larger mar-

gin had it not been for the play of the Captains' goalie.

The Wolves now embark on a stretch of four games in six days beginning Wednesday in an Oakland Activities Association crossover game at Southfield. They will travel to Brighton for a non-league battle Friday night before turning around and hosting Royal Oak Unified Saturday at 2:20 p.m. at Lake-Land Ice Arena.

The Royal Oak match is a crucial early-season battle for OAA I supremacy.

"We split with them last year and they're definitely a team we need to play a complete hockey game against," he said. "They have good skaters and their players know how to hit."

Brighton entered this season ranked in Division I and generally is one of the top teams in Southeast Michigan. Like Royal Oak, Brighton is a physical team. The Wolves will try to dictate play and take

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PHOTO BY BOB KNOX

Above all: Senior Jon Vanaman and his Springfield Christian teammates are the pre-season favorites in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division.

Depth to help Springfield Christian squad shoot for FBAC, MACS titles

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With an inexperienced team last year, Clarkston Springfield Christian was able to sneak up on opposing teams last winter.

The Eagles finished a modest 13-8, including 8-2 in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division, where they placed second and one game behind Rochester Hills Christian before losing in the regional semifinals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I state tournament.

This year, however, Springfield Christian won't be sneaking up on anyone.

"I think the pressure is on us a little bit this season," said third-year Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins. "We do return most of our key players from last season and I think we have the talent to win our league. It's just a matter of getting everyone on the same page and improving as the season moves along."

Springfield returns four starters and seven players overall from last year and the depth chart on the varsity and junior-varsity looks strong.

Strength and height on the inside will be the Eagles' strength, and that's exactly what Hopkins hopes his squad can use to its advantage.

Greg Irish, a 6-foot-2 senior guard/forward, was the FBAC Red Division Most Valuable Player last season, but he's hardly Springfield's only weapon.

Matt Christie, a 5-8 senior, is a heady point guard and defensive stopper who will be responsible of getting the ball inside to 6-2 senior forward Adam Armstrong, athletic 6-

2 senior forward Jon Vanaman, and 6-4 sophomore center Knoa Knapper, who will either start in the paint or come off the bench as the sixth man.

The other starter is 6-0 senior guard Trevor Cole, who could emerge as an outside threat.

"For a small school, we do have a lot of size and that will be our strength," said Hopkins. "Last year, we were more of a combination inside-outside team. This year, we'll look to go inside more than we have in the past. But we still have guys that can shoot from the outside if we need to."

The starting line-up will also vary, depending on whom the Eagles face.

"It will depend on what type of size the other team has and who is playing well in practice," added Hopkins of his starting five. "We may go with three-guard look, where we'll start Trevor Cole with Irish and Christie. Or if the other team has a lot of size, we'll start Knoa Knapper at center and play with Irish and Christie (in the backcourt)."

The team's seventh returnee is 5-8 senior Matt Lonteen, another defensive stopper who spend time in the backup role.

The Eagles only graduated two players from last season — starting guard Tom Reece and reserve forward Tom Devine, but lost two players that transferred in senior forward Mike Degg, who is now at Holly, and junior guard Keith Blackwell, who only played in a couple varsity games last season and is now a reserve at Lake Orion.

Still, those losses won't hurt Springfield's chances, according to Hopkins, as several others are waiting in the wings.

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PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA
The finer points: Clarkston veteran boys basketball coach Dan Fife talks to his players at a recent practice.

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(Kaul) went out of a game last year, we were at a loss for a point guard. Now, I have someone that can back him up."

Three other players that should contribute early are 6-1 senior guard Ryan Thomas, 6-1 junior forward Matt Pearsall and 6-2 junior forward Brain Endreszl. Three other players that start the season on the injured reserve list include 5-11 senior guard Kevin Stalker, and two 5-11 juniors — Ramzy Dasqui and Blake Fields. Both will split time between varsity and JV after their return.

"I know we have the talent to compete," beamed Fife. "We have so many talented players, and our starting five is very sound. Now, our record may not reflect it because of the strength of our schedule — our league is very brutal and anyone can beat anyone. But if we

all play up to our ability and everyone fulfills their rolls, then we will be a lot better this year."

Athleticism may be one of Clarkston's biggest intangible.

"We have, I think, 11 guys that played football, and many of these guys play two or three sports. We have a lot of tremendous athletes," added Fife. "Our shots might not be falling on a consistent basis at first because we have so many fall athletes, but our athleticism is a big plus. That along will help us play tough defense and help us win some ball games."

The Wolves also had a strong summer and showed a lot of promise in some pre-season scrimmages.

"The potential with this team is there," added Fife. "Now, we have to go out and live up to our expectations."

Winless Oxford Christian cagers eighth at Eagle Cup

Don't be surprised if Oxford Christian has nightmares this week of Corey Lewber. Bad nightmares.

Lewber, a 6-foot-1 senior guard from Warren Antioch Baptist, scored a game-high 37 points, including 14 in the game-breaking fourth quarter, as Antioch pulled away late and rolled to a 77-57 triumph over Oxford Christian in the seventh-place game Saturday of the Springfield Christian Eagle Cup Shootout in Clarkston.

Lewber added 13 rebounds and two blocked shots for the Knights (2-2). Junior guard Mike Bryant added 21 points and six rebounds, sophomore forward

Aaron Lewber had eight points, 14 rebounds, four steals and two blocks, and 6-4, 260-pound senior center Rami Riashy contributed five points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Senior forward Chris Wentzel led Oxford Christian (0-5) with 23 points.

Junior guard Brian Hart added 12 points, junior forward Troy Husk scored 11 with seven rebounds, senior guard Nathan Best contributed five points, six rebounds and two steals, and junior guard Matt Wentzel had seven assists to go along with three points for the Warriors.

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Sophomore Ben Munce, a 6-1 forward and an all-state baseball pitcher, will see time in the front court, while promising 5-9 sophomore Josh Cole will back Christie at the point. As many as four other sophomores could be moved up from the junior-varsity on an as-needed basis.

"We only have nine on varsity right now, but that doesn't mean we're thin," said Hopkins. "We'll rotate our nine guys and if anyone down on the J-V improves enough to help us out

down the road, then we'll consider moving them up."

With six seniors total and plenty of varsity experience, Hopkins knows his team has the ability to challenge for a league title and advance to the Final 4 in the MACS tournament.

"We hope this is our year," he said. "We have a talented senior class and I hope they can lead us to a good season. We feel we have enough to compete."

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advantage of its speed up front against both teams.

One of Clarkston's main goals this season is to repeat as OAA champions and the first Royal Oak game will help to determine the early season favorite in the race. The two teams will meet again January 7 in Royal Oak.

Although he doesn't plan to save players for future games, Krygier may shorten line shifts this weekend to prepare for the increased minutes his players will be on the ice. Following the

busy weekend of play, Clarkston will battle Birmingham Unified in another OAA match Monday evening.

"Our team is in good shape but with so many games coming up, we'll have to adjust our forechecking and look to capitalize on any mistakes (our opponents) make," Krygier said. "We're playing well right now and as long as we jump on the pucks and stay aggressive, I like our chances against anyone."

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lunch at the start of the fourth.

Despite the fact that 6-2 senior forward Jon Vanaman fouled out early in the fourth, the Eagles (3-1) forced Stateline to turn the ball over on six of their first seven possessions of the fourth quarter, which started an 11-0 run.

After the Patriots scored five straight, which upped their advantage to 53-42 with 4:11 to play, Springfield answered with another 11-0 run — the Eagles shot just 4-for-9 from the charity stripe during that spurt, however — which knotted the score at 53-53.

Dalton responded with a runner-in-the-lane, but Springfield 6-4 sophomore center Kinoa Knapper (six points, seven rebounds, two blocked shots) hit a base-line jumper that knotted the score once again at 55-all, which set up a wild finish.

Following a time-out, Stateline senior guard Adam Minnich connected on a short range jumper for a two-point lead with just 21 seconds left.

Springfield 6-2 senior forward Adam Armstrong tried to tie it with three seconds left, but was fouled on a lay-up as the ball rolled off the rim. After missing both free throws, Springfield senior guard Matt Christie rebounded the missed free throw, but couldn't get a

last-second shot off as time expired.

"I'm glad that we were able to fight back after being down by so much, especially with one of our star players on the bench with five fouls," said Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins. "We came within a basket of winning this game. If Adam Armstrong's lay-up fell in with three seconds left, he would have been shooting the game-winner, not two free throws to tie the game up for overtime."

"The ball didn't bounce our way, but I would rather lose now and learn how to respond to a loss now, than late in the season when it matters much more."

Vanaman led Springfield with 15 points and five rebounds. Armstrong added 11 points and 12 rebounds, while senior guard Greg Irish supplied seven points, six rebounds and four assists.

Aaron Allen, a 6-2 senior forward, added 14 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals, while senior guard Mike Ringle scored 10 for Stateline.

"We lost a lot to graduation, especially losing Todd Weber and Dave Dalton, our leading scorers the past few years," said Hobbs. "But a lot of the other guys have stepped up their games and have taken charge. We're doing well."

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didn't give up. They'll be a good team."

Junior guard Jamel Hence led Oak Park with 20 points, eight rebounds, four steals, three blocks and three assists.

Junior forward Maurice Carter supplied 11 points, six rebounds and four steals, junior guard

Carter Moore added eight points and six assists, and 6-5 junior center Shawn Thomas contributed six points, three rebounds and three steals for the Knights, who held a slim 46-44 rebounding advantage but committed 22 turnovers and shot just 34 percent from the field (26-for-77).

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

275 POUNDS — 1. Tony Henry (Western) pinned Wael Jarbon (Lathrup), 4:30; 3. Mark Otny (Troy) dec. Tony Epperson (Avondale), 8-2; 5. Brian Johnson (St. Mary's) pinned Kevin Morgan (Southfield), 4:7.

103 POUNDS — 1. Nick Best (Troy) pinned McIlwroth Netto (Brother Rice), 2:47; 3. Louia Santoro (Avondale) technical fall Mike Menoch (Groves), 17-2; 5. Jason Ryan (St. Mary's) dec. Mike Silver (Andover).

112 POUNDS — 1. Ryan Beech (Western) technical fall over Eric Stratemeyer (Athens), 17-2; 3. Martin Matti (Andover) dec. Jason Rodnick (West Bloomfield); 5. Danny Mason (Troy) major dec. Brandon Kakos (Groves), 15-5.

119 POUNDS — 1. Andrew Dixon (Troy) pinned Matt Garcia (Athens), 4:20; 3. Brandon Schneider (Andover) dec. A.J. Lee (Western); 5. Peter Calloway (West Bloomfield) dec. Cameron Burskey (Lahser).

125 POUND — 1. Jimmy Mason (Troy) dec. Brian Sullivan (Brother Rice), 6-1; 3. Adam Shoger (West Bloomfield) major dec. Marvin Glass (Southfield), 12-3; 5. Justin Nazarov (Western) dec. Shintaro Taniguchi (Andover).

130 POUNDS — 1. Justin Garrison (Troy) pinned Justin Hakala (West Bloomfield), 3:03; 3. Adam Lesner (Western) dec. Robert Jarvis (Southfield); 5. Phillip O'Neil (Groves) dec. Chris Art (St. Mary's), 6-4.

135 POUNDS — 1. Jacob Patte-

naude (Western) injury default over (Sam Wilson (Groves); 3. Mike Storer (Lahser) dec. Colin Gross (Athens), 4-2; 5. Aaron Huffer (Troy) pinned Ricky Booker (Southfield), 4:0.

140 POUNDS — 1. Angelo Vettese (Avondale) dec. Ruben Baraiac (Troy), 5-3; 3. Brian Schweizer (Western) dec. Jason Harrison (Brother Rice), 3-2; 5. Jon Pearn (St. Mary's) dec. Aaron Bledsoe (Southfield).

145 POUNDS — 1. Ian Brodie (Groves) dec. Eric Steckling (Brother Rice), 7-0; 3. Geoff Zilan (Western) pinned Isaiah Smith (Southfield), 3:33; 5. Jon Gray (West Bloomfield) dec. Jim Locascio (St. Mary's), 8-3.

152 POUNDS — 1. Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice) pinned Dan Saint (Troy), 1:03; 3. Darryl Anderson (Southfield) dec. Brandon Gladstone (Groves), 9-5; 5. Josh Berden (Avondale) injury default over Derick Smith (Western).

160 POUNDS — 1. Josh Bagalay (Western) major dec. Jeremy Barrios (Brother Rice), 16-6; 3. Norman Lee (Lahser) dec. Simon Katrib (Troy), 11-9; 5. Dabney Dalton (Southfield) pinned Jeremy Coates (Avondale), 2:23.

171 POUNDS — 1. Matt Ulrey (St. Mary's) major dec. Adam Barr (Avondale), 9-0; 3. John Elliott (Troy) pinned Dan Danesivar (Country Day), 1:20; 5. Korhan Gurocak (West Bloomfield) pinned Anton Babushkin (Western), 2:56.

189 POUNDS — 1. Scott Ferstle (Troy) dec. Scott Sadoff (West Bloomfield), 4-3; 3. Pat Clark (Western) pinned Jason Kelly (Southfield), 4:47; 5. Matt Simpkins (Avondale) dec. Areil Medina (St. Mary's).

215 POUNDS — 1. Jamie Mitchell (Troy) disqualification over Vernon Burden (Southfield); 3. Mike Godlew (Groves) dec. Rick Tyzo (West Bloomfield); 5. Neil Rotherford (Western) dec. Eric Petway (Southfield).

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

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JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Bring a dish to pass and join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club for a casual holiday dinner and planning meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in Troy. Call (248) 879-6004 for directions and more information.

WATERLOO WANDERING

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Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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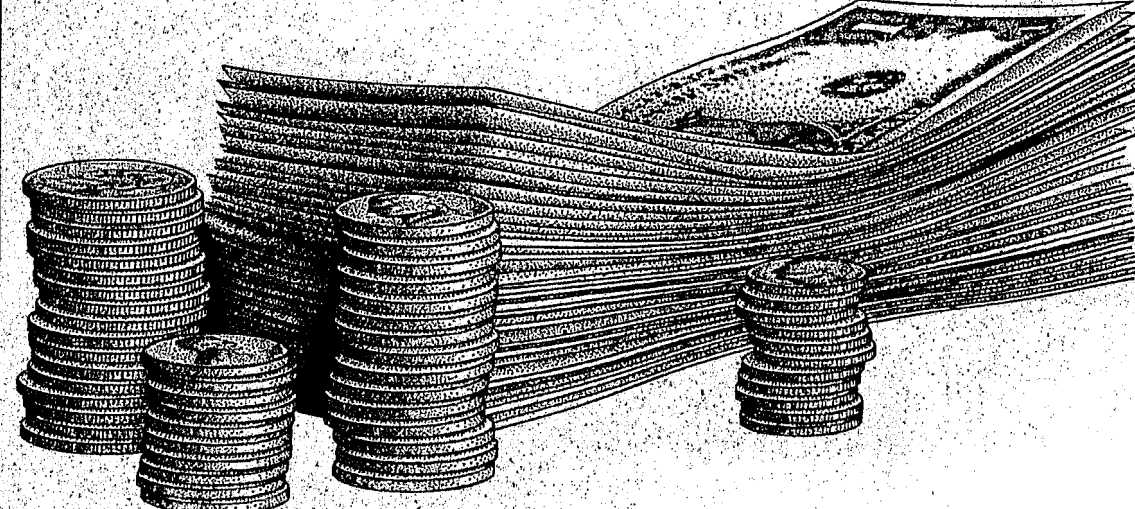
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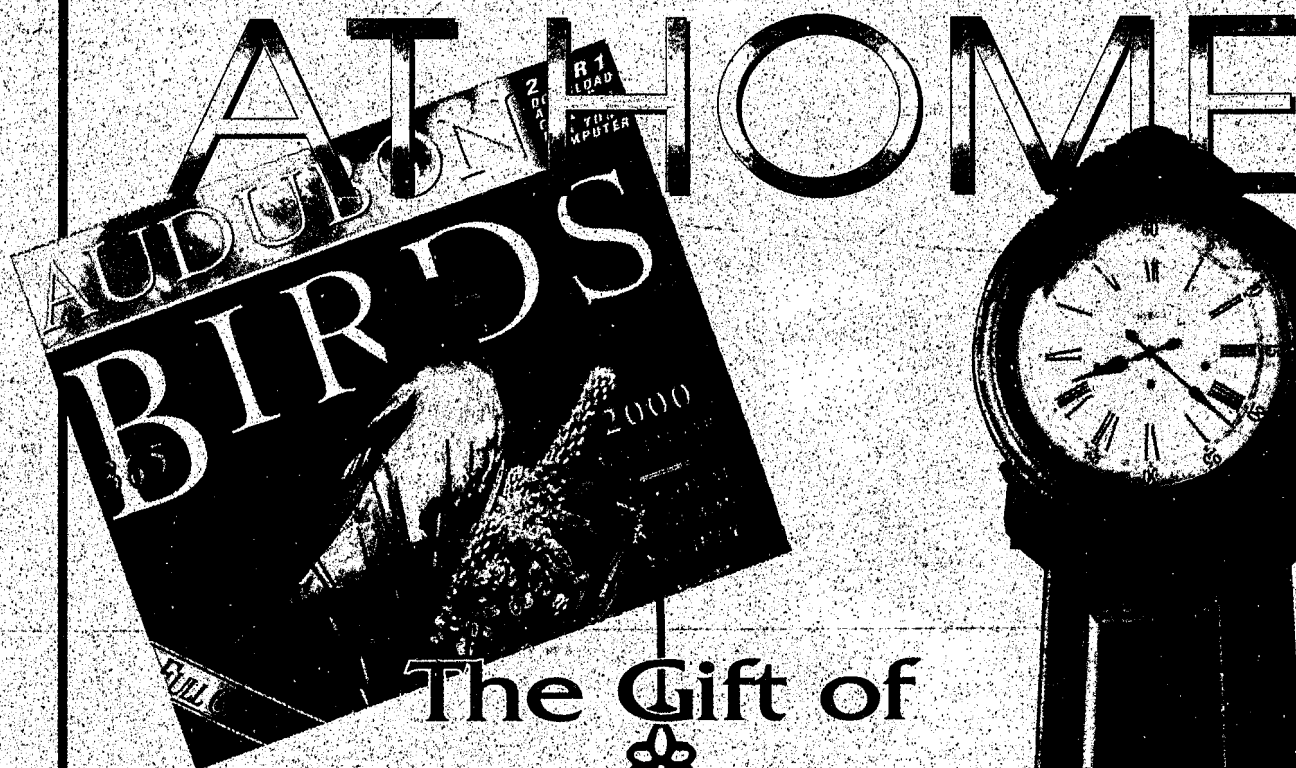
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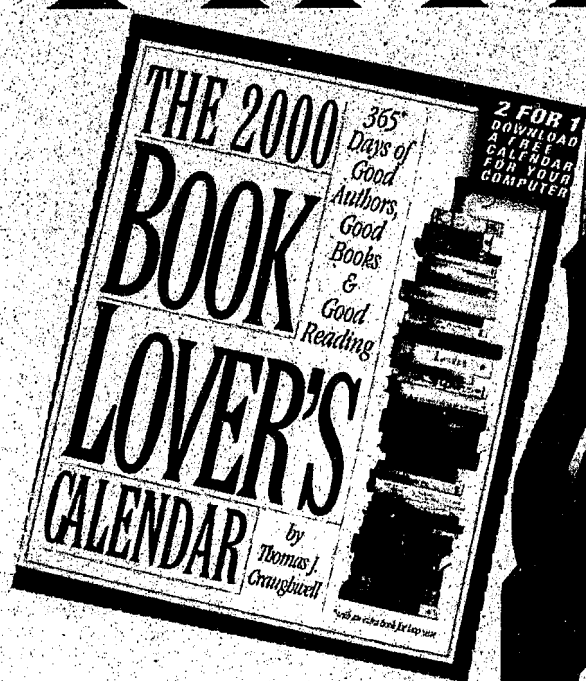
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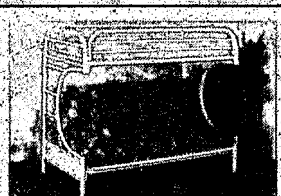
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appliance doctor

New book will go deeper than appliances



JOE GAGNON

On Mondays when I awake at 5:30 a.m., I pour a cup of coffee and sit at the kitchen table for a half hour wondering what I'm going to write about today.

It takes a while for the brain to get into an agitation mode and then up

comes an idea. Most of the subject titles are dumped because they have nothing to do with major appliances, so I just keep on clicking until I come up with something.

The same was true five years ago when I wrote my first book, "Appliance First Aid." It was very hard to stay focused and I wanted to switch over constantly to the world of service riffs that happen to so many homeowners.

The book I wrote became quite a success story across the state of Michigan, but it has run its course. It needed major updating because of new product designs, etc., and today it is no longer available in book stores.

I'm pleased to announce that an award-winning publisher called Sleeping Bear Press will be publishing a new appliance book next spring. This book, which still doesn't have a title, will go national and will help millions of Americans gain information that saves them money.

These past 3 1/2 years of writing this column have been a tremendous influence on my writing style. Without ever attending a class in journalism, I've received help along the way that makes the words come out coherently.

With all the talented people who work at this newspaper, I still feel I'm the guy who touches, meets and talks with more people on the street than anyone else. Not only has this paper taught me, so have you, the reader of this column.

The new book I'm writing will allow me to go deeper than just appliances. The many things I get involved with that deal with the needs of others are an awakening to the inner spirit of wanting to help. There is quite a lesson here for others to learn from.

I awoke this morning and thought about the appliance column you read

■ I want to grab you and shake you and scream at you that appliances can cause fires in a home. Why, oh why, aren't you more careful or concerned about the products in your home?

Last week and tears welled up in my eyes because of the tragic fire that destroyed a family in Detroit.

I want to grab you and shake you and scream at you that appliances can cause fires in a home. Why, oh why, aren't you more careful or concerned about the products in your home?

It's the holiday season and again like every year, little children, who have a whole life ahead of them, will perish. Why must this happen? Aren't we smart enough to use the correct amount and type of extension cord for the tree lights?

Can't we take a half hour and clean out the dryer vent line of the accumulation of lint? Can't we get the furnace cleaned and maintained like it should be?

In all these years of being in the appliance service industry, I have seen so much that is done wrong. Even with the power of the pen that this newspaper provides me, I still feel like a drop of water in the ocean.

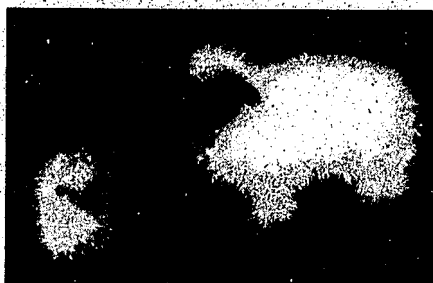
I was a young boy of 10 when a fire broke out at 1 a.m. in a house across the street from our home. It was 40 below zero outside and there were 12 children in that house, many of whom I played with every day. Every one of those children perished in that horrible fire, and I can still see me standing on the porch of our house listening to the screams of my little friends.

Do me a favor. Cut out this column and put it on the face of the refrigerator. Tell everyone it's a lesson in cognizance. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.



marketplace



Glisten here

Shimmer of an idea: Shimmery angels and sheep are among the variety of holiday items at The Silk Warehouse, 301 Walnut at Third in Rochester. They make beautiful ornaments or nice

gifts to have on hand. The angels come in four different sizes and poses; prices are \$12.50 to \$17.50. The small sheep is \$9.50 and the large sheep is \$20. Also, the store offers a wide range of wreaths, ribbons and candles; clients may have a custom-designed wreath or arrangement made. Design services are available. Call (248) 650-2450.



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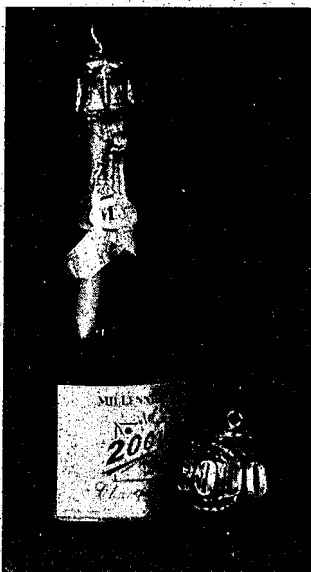
Jolly old sport: These University of Michigan and Michigan State Santas have been hot sellers at Gabriela's, 322 S. Main in Plymouth. Each limited edition (out for a year only), official licensed collectible makes a great gift for that special fan. The Santas are 8 inches tall, handpainted and come with a cherry wood base. Cost is \$42.95 each. Call (734) 455-8884.

Holiday cheer

Branching out: The Apple Wreath, 33621 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, offers many items to help you decorate for the season. For starters, you can "plant" this tree, \$31, which is shown with pieces from the Boyd Collection - Santa on skis, \$46; polar bear with



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penguins, \$30; and reading Santa bear, \$24. Also shown are round and champagne bottle-shaped ornaments commemorating the year 2000, \$15.25 and \$13 respectively. Call (248) 474-6090.



At the gallery

Gift ideas: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester, is having its annual holiday gift gallery now through Saturday, Dec. 18. The many items available include these whimsical ceramic tiles by artist Gretchen Kramp. A portion of the proceeds from gallery sales benefits PCCA programs. Call (248) 651-4110.

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Scarecrow family wins award



MARTY FIGLEY

Another Scarecrow Contest is over, and it's time to announce the grand prize winner.

Pat Ward and her daughter, Elizabeth, of Canton will receive a gift certificate of \$100 from The Greenery at Brainer's, 51701 Grand River, 1-1/2 miles west of Wixom Road in Lyon Township (phone (248) 449-9393). Pat and Elizabeth made a scarecrow family of three.

"My 13-year-old daughter and I had many fun hours this summer making them," Pat wrote. "We used clothing my children wore when they were small; the baby's clothing came from one of my daughter's dolls."

When I called Pat to give her the news, she said, "You're kidding. This is wonderful, you've made my day."

Two other entries merit a special mention. Mary Ann Flores, also of Canton, who won last year, sent photos of

two of her new pot-head scarecrows. Little Swinging Pothead gets a ride when the wind blows his swing, and Little Mexican Pothead greets guests from the front porch.

Mary Ann gives a list of everything needed to make their own scarecrow to anyone who asks and then she helps with the assembly.

"I want them to realize how much work it is," she said.

Doreen Walkuski of Livonia sent a poem along with a photo of her two-faced Little Boy Boo, who "always looks like he is looking at you."

"Little Boy Boo and his cat, Scat, live in my yard way out back..."

"Birds come around but are soon scared out of town..."

"Because they do their duty of protecting our grand bootie..."

An old Christmas tree was the base for one of the kinds of scarecrow I made. You may want to try this with your discarded tree.

Cut down the branches, leaving several inches of branch on the trunk so that many colored bottles may be stuck on them. Use the branches as mulch after the ground freezes. Decorate it in



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The winner: Pat and Elizabeth Ward's scarecrow family was on display for Halloween at Miller Elementary School in Canton, where Pat works.

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any way you wish. I wound an old necklace around the trunk and a friend made a wooden crow - which we painted black - to sit at the top.

Reactions from my friends varied from "What are you doing now?" to "Gee, I like it!"

I dug a deep hole and, as I set the tree into it, I tamped the soil and some small pebbles around the base to make it stand firmly.

I have stored the bottles for winter and will use them again next year. If I collect too many bottles, I may drive long nails into the trunk. This would be a good time to begin collecting bottles for a tree of your own.

There is a history about these bottle trees. Many years ago, it was believed that spirits floated around and that a genie could live in a vase or oil lamp. People thought that by hanging glass bottles outside doorways, the evening spirits could be trapped so they couldn't come indoors. Then when the morning sun shone on the bottles, the spirits would be destroyed.

These trees originated in Africa (where glass was invented), and the custom followed to the Caribbean, then to North America.

Another garden ornament that was first used to ward off evil spirits is the gazing globe. The thought was that a spirit would enter the globe and lose its

way trying to get out, due to the globe's reflection.

They were also used indoors as hanging "witches balls" or "wish balls." One was to ward off evil, the other symbol-

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Bottled up: A bottle tree was thought to trap spirits so they couldn't enter the home.

celebrating family

Personalize gifts for holiday festivities



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

It's very easy to forget someone on your gift-giving list during the holiday season when your hectic family schedule also has to accommodate decorating and too many social invitations.

When do you have time to shop for the right gifts for Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa? You could ask your children to come up with ideas, but they might be just as stressed out as you are with their exams before the break or part-time jobs that turn into full-time commitments during the holiday rush. Perhaps they're too young to suggest anything other than a talking Barney.

Time for your family to turn on its creative thinking cap to brainstorm this year's last-minute gift-giving ideas. Your list might include holiday-specific items, thoughtful touches or personalized themes.

Holiday-specific efforts

Instead of a trip to an overcrowded department store, grab your youngsters and head for simplicity to create the perfect last-minute Hanukkah presents.

Make "The Perfect Gift" book by asking your young child to tell you what he would give to the recipient if he could give him or her the perfect gifts for each of the eight days of Hanukkah.

Dedicate one page of your blank, handmade booklet to each gift item, write it down together, and ask your child to illustrate each gift suggestion on a different page. One page might read, "The perfect gift for you is the biggest hug in the whole wide world."

Decorated Christmas cookies are thoughtful gifts that your family can enjoy making and giving together. Children of all ages can enjoy the artistic expression decorating brings.

Take the holiday activity one step further by asking your family to come up with festive packaging for the cookies. Construct several packages to have on hand for the last-minute gift you forgot, or for the neighbors to whom you wish to spread Christmas cheer.

Thoughtful touches

Celebrate the giving season passing on thoughtful touches that require little or no money out of your holiday budget. During the seven-day Kwanzaa observance, help children think of ways they can help others in the coming year.

Be thankful for the meal you are gathering together to enjoy, whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa. Invite others who don't have family to be with to join you. Take pictures of your occasion, then make enough reprints after the holiday to send to family to cherish the memories.

Personalized themes

You may come to realize you are having trouble buying for some people on

your list because they seem to have everything. Forget another sweater or household gadget. Opt for a theme gift.

Does a favorite aunt love to cook? Fill a silver mixing bowl with gourmet foods, samples of your homemade family specialties, and heirloom quality linens you can buy at local antique stores. Stuff open areas of the bowl with basket filler (available at craft supply stores) and cover the gift in clear cellophane wrap secured with raffia.

Wondering what to buy for the movie fanatic? Have your family fill a large box with favorite videos he or she doesn't currently own, gourmet popcorn, a new pair of slippers, movie passes to his or her favorite theater, a certificate to dinner at his or her favorite restaurant for the entire family, and a pillow handmade by your family.

Start your recipient on a new collection, or add to an existing one. If your sister collects antique teacups, take your family to local antique shops in search of unusual designs. Attend a sports card show in search of the missing card to a relative's baseball card collection.

ping feel like a job. Stop and smell the greenery.

Give your family time to select the perfect gifts, whether handmade or purchased. This will give you time to enjoy the other pleasures of the season, including playing with your children, enjoying a party with your spouse, and decorating your home amidst a roaring fire in the fireplace.

Add your personal touches to make gift giving extra special. It will help you and yours remember the spirit of the holiday season for years to come.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a freelance writer who regularly contributes to parenting publications. She is also an active member of Detroit Women Writers and a contributing author to the organization's latest book, "Century of Voices." 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 for future family topics to LiHealy@aol.com

Don't make this year's holiday shop-

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■ A Kwanzaa celebration will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Art Van Furniture, 22555 Greenfield in Southfield. Call (248) 569-3770. The Storytellers, an enthusiastic duo that performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of children in attendance, will share stories about African-American heritage and the celebration of Kwanzaa. They will also demonstrate ethnic musical instruments.

■ A holiday doll show will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$5, \$2 for people age 4-12. The show will feature dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and collectible dolls and doll accessories of all kinds. For information, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

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ized best wishes for a long and prosperous life when given as a gift.

These globes, used in Victorian times to reflect the garden, have made an enormous comeback as garden art.

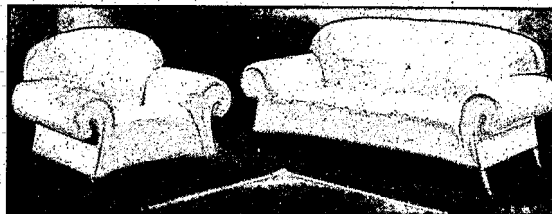
Do you enjoy these contests? If so, please send a postcard with ideas to me at The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or call my voice mail (the

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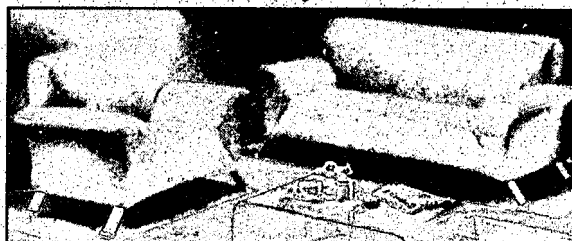
Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a voice mail message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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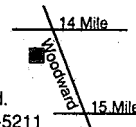


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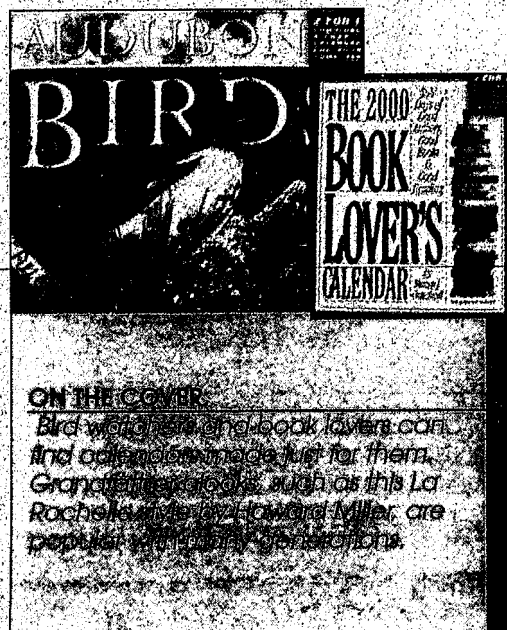
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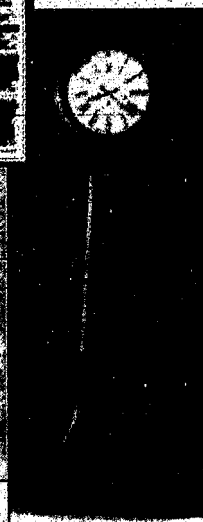


Up to date: Calendars are designed with hobbies and interests in mind. Staff photo by Jerry Zolynsky. Styles of grandfather clocks, such as those by Howard Miller, include the Coastal Point with platinum finish (below, right), the banjo-shaped Valencia (at right) and the elaborately decorated Cleveland (far right). Palm pilots or organizers (center), such as these from Franklin Covey, keep track of appointments electronically.



ON THE COVER

Bird watchers and book lovers can find calendars made just for them. Grandfather clocks, such as this La Rochelle by Howard Miller, are popular in many generations.



Timely fashion calendars so

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It's about time. Keeping track of the hour and day can be done with style. Clocks can do more than give the hour and minute.

Calendars can be more than signs of the time — they can be signs of a person's hobbies or interests.

As the holidays and a new year approach, here's a look at distinctive ways to tell time. There's no time like the present; and for a special gift, there can be no present like the time.

The cuckoo isn't the only creature featured in clocks. Timepieces are available that make bird or animal sounds on the hour.

Clocks can play music, such as snippets of familiar works by composers. Wall and mantel clocks in the Sounds of the Season collection by the Howard Miller Co.,

headquartered in Zeeland, Mich.,

play segments of Christmas carols.

The faces feature a wreath or a winter scene.

Grandfather clocks, with their tall cases and pendulums, are popular with every generation. Many of Howard Miller's grandfather clocks are designed to complement furniture collections.

Themes for calendars for 2000 include travel, teapots and tea, birds, flowers and games. You can make poetry with magnetic tiles and board with the Magnetic Poetry® Magnetic Calendar.

The Page-a-Day® Book Lover's Calendar by Workman Publishing offers capsule reviews. Workman has introduced a free, downloadable, digital version of its Page-a-Day calendars.

The pages of Uncle John's Bathroom Reader calendar — also by Workman — are filled with pop culture, quirky facts, trivia and quizzes and can be removed and stuck to the mirror, shower or tank.

Electronic organizers are a way to keep up to date with personal

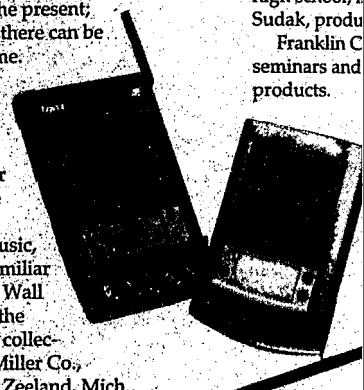
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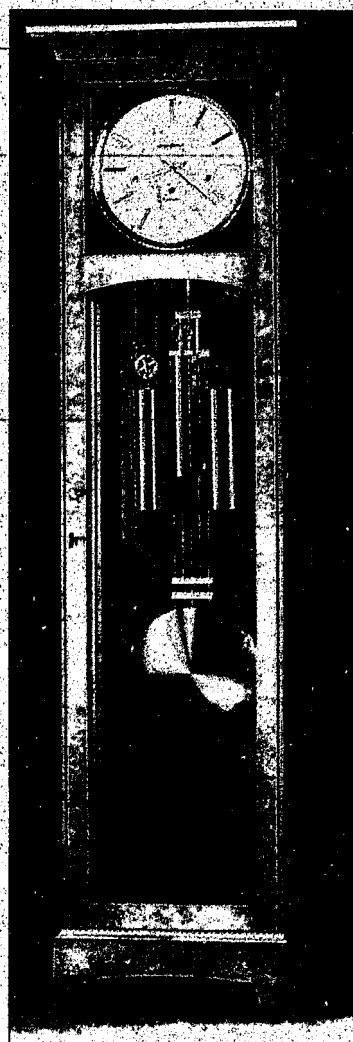
Covey at Laurel Park Place and Newburgh in Livonia, or organizers are big sellers. It enables you to exchange your computer. It fits in your 6,000 addresses, five years' worth, 1,500 to-do items and 200 pages. The Vx has four times the Palm V.

be (for) any age - college, middle school," said RaeAnn consultant.

Covey offers time management training concerning the Palm

Binders for the organizers come in a variety of materials, among them microfiber and flannel.

The Sharper Image at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, also carries the Palm organizers, along with such unusual timepieces as a talking calendar clock, which operates on two AA batteries. Some include a built-in 200-year built-in alarms to remind you of birthdays and dates and 15 music box can wake or soothe you.



Some tick-talk about grandfather clocks

Some facts and tips about grandfather clocks from the Howard Miller Co.

Scientist Christian Huygens built the first clock in 1656. Soon, English craftsmen added glass cases to protect the pendulum and weights. New clocks became very popular in the colonies.

A grandfather clock was once referred to as the long-case clock. It got the name "grandfather's clock" from a popular American song called "My Grandfather's Clock," composed by Henry Clay Work. One of its verses says, "My grandfather's clock stood on the shelf, so it stood 90 years on the shelf."

"Tock, dickory, dock" isn't just part of a silly song when clock gears were wooden and mice would run up the clock to eat the hands of time.

The phases of the moon indicated on clock faces helped sailors plan travel by daylight and farmers plan

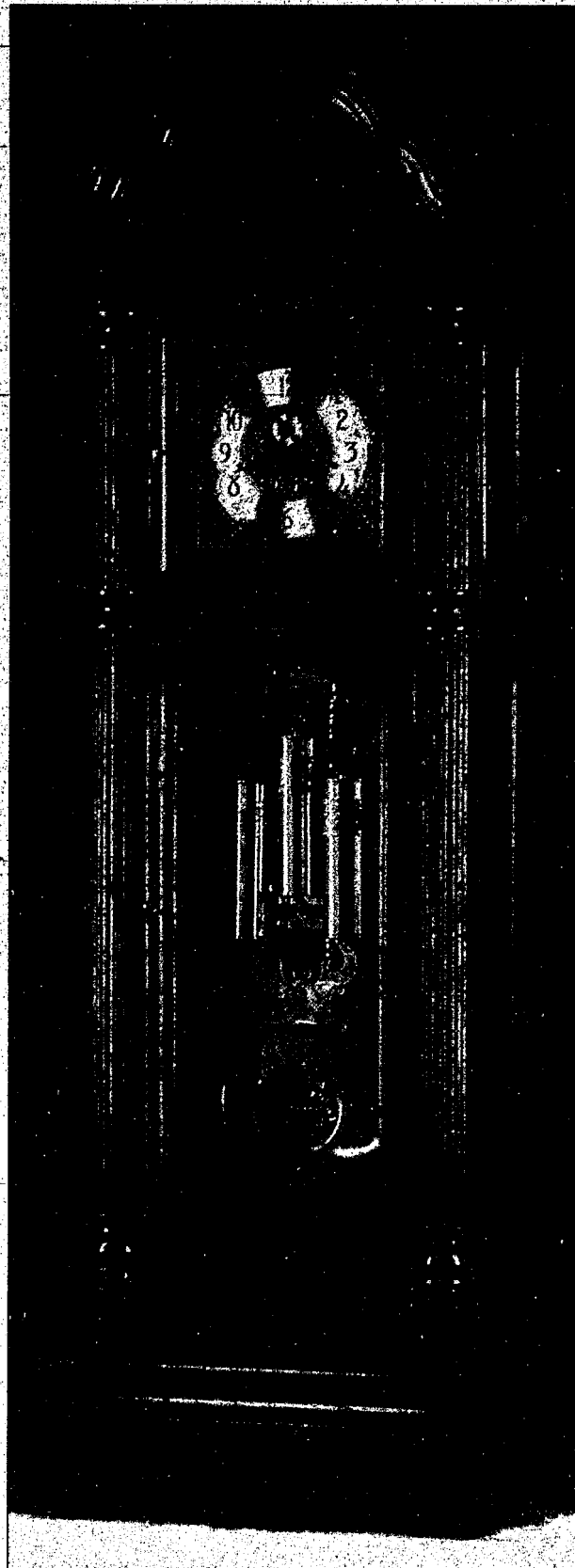
their labors. Once set, a moon dial will keep track of the moon revolution. It takes 29-1/2 days, a lunar month, for the moon to go around the Earth. The full moon occurs on the 15th day.

■ To wind a grandfather clock, pull on the chain or use the winding crank to lift the weights up. This should be done once a week. Your clock should make a steady "tick-tock" sound; if it doesn't, adjustment is needed. It should also be accurate to one minute per month.

■ To take care of a grandfather clock, oil it every two or three years and have it professionally cleaned every eight to 10 years.

■ In terms of decorating, a grandfather clock can easily become the focal point of a room, whatever the style.

■ A two-story foyer with a stairway is an ideal resting spot for a grandfather clock. The clock makes a statement when you walk through the door, and it adds warmth.



Store donates figures to The Community House

M.T. Hunter Country Store of Birmingham has donated more than 50 The Community House Cats Meow figures to The Community House.

M.T. Hunter commissioned the pieces more than a year ago to commemorate the longevity and public service provided by The Community House, which is at 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

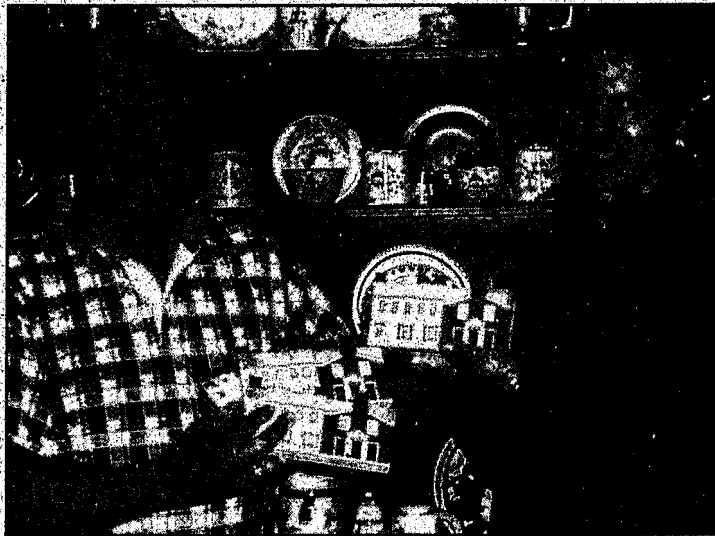
"We searched for a long while for just the right building to have done before deciding on The Community House," said Matt Twomey, co-owner of M.T. Hunter. "The Community House seemed like the perfect building."

"We sold many of the pieces we had in stock. Now that we no longer carry Cats Meow figures we thought the best thing to do would be to donate them to The Community House."

Shelley Roberts, executive director of The Community House, was on hand at M.T. Hunter to accept the pieces.

"We're thrilled to receive these pieces," she said. "We'll most likely give these out to staff and community members as awards of recognition for service."

The overall mission of The Community House is "Building Community through Fun, Learning and Growth," Roberts said.



Meow-velous donation: Matt Twomey, co-owner of M.T. Hunter, presents Shelley Roberts, executive director of The Community House, with one of the Cats Meow figures of The Community House donated by the store.

M.T. Hunter, 1000 S. Old Woodward, specializes in unusual country collectibles, period lighting and furniture.

country-colonial accessories and early American folk art.

at home calendar

■ Georgian Bloomfield, 2975 N. Adams in Bloomfield Hills, will sponsor its annual holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Crafters will display their wares. Admission is free. Call (248) 645-2900.

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, presenting property of numerous estates and private collections. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. Auction items include a diamond necklace, a set of early 20th century Tiger Stadium seats, bronzes by Marshall Fredericks and other artists, a mid-to-late 19th century Album Amicorum, porcelain and pottery, paintings by Charles Culver and other artists, reproduction and antique furniture, Orientalia, silver plate and sterling, glass and watches. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ Help create a special Christmas for needy children by donating a new, unwrapped toy (no toy guns or breakable toys) to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Donations may be made at all Art Van Furniture stores now through Thursday, Dec. 16. The toys will be delivered to local youngsters on Christmas Day.

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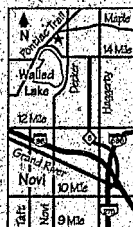
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MONTE NAGLER

I like to write annually on probably the best time of the year for recording treasured family memories with your camera: The holidays. So here goes with this year's advice and recommendations.

Christmas and children go hand in hand so let's begin with them. Remember to move in close to fill the frame and get down on their level. Concentrate on candid shots as the youngsters unwrap their presents under the tree and begin to play with their new toys. Your photos will appear natural because in all the excitement the children won't even know you're there.

But don't forget other family members. For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around informally rather than stiffly posed. Even try some candid shots as you did with the children. Try including yourself in the picture by using the self-timer and placing the camera on a tri-

pod or steady table.

As always, check your backgrounds for unwanted or distracting objects. And watch out for undesirable reflections from windows, mirrors or picture glass that may ruin a treasured shot. Most often, a slight adjustment in camera angle eliminates this problem.

Keep alert for other Christmas subjects that will add variety and interest to your holiday pictures. A colorfully filled stocking, a beautifully wrapped present or a sparkling tree ornament will all reward you with a fine yuletide shot.

Take advantage of today's fast films. Using 1000 or 1600 speed films, try lighting some scenes only with candlelight. Your dinner table or a family member lit only by candles will produce that unforgettable romantic shot. An exposure of f-2 at 1/30 second is all that's needed.

Need a last-minute stocking stuffer? How about one of the Fuji or Kodak disposable panorama cameras? They're inexpensive and produce surprisingly good results. A supply of film, a new camera bag or a beautiful photo-filled 2000 calendar will please any photogra-



Winter wonderland: This snowy scene was shot by Monte Nagler in Northern Michigan.

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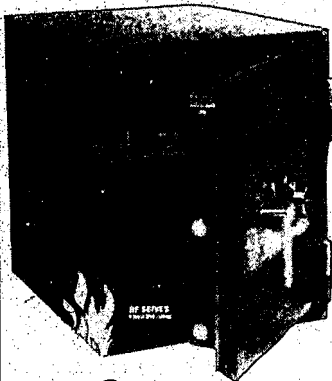
And at holiday time, we're usually

ankle deep in nature's blanket of winter show. So bundle up both you and your camera to capture some exciting winter scenes on film.

Happy holidays to all my readers and friends.

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Children enjoy making these recipes



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Over Thanksgiving weekend, my adorable 6-year-old grandson, Octavio (who lives in Chicago), and I made a batch of cookies, a double-layer chocolate cake and star-shaped cheese sandwiches for lunch. It sure brought back memories for me and, I hope, created some for him.

For those of you with young children, enjoy their youth, celebrate their inquisitive natures and encourage their "hands-on" participation. Make time for these precious moments; they are gone far too soon.

When working with children, especially in the kitchen, safety must be key. Make sure the work area is child level or have a sturdy (low) step stool on hand so the child can work comfortably. Set a moistened towel or washcloth (squeeze out excess water) under your cutting board to hold it in place.

Williams-Sonoma has come out with another in its series of Lifestyles books: "Holiday Cooking with Kids: Recipes for Kids Ages 9 to 13," published by Time-Life Books and available at local bookstores.

This informative new book touches on a variety of holidays throughout the year, divided seasonally and written for reading-age children to understand. It also includes their own list of tips for youngsters in the holiday kitchen, a glossary and a grouping of basic techniques.

Try these two winter recipes on for size:

CORN KERNEL SPOON BREAD

Yield: 6-8
Ingredients:
 Softened unsalted butter for greasing baking dish
 4 eggs
 1 cup milk
 2 cups water
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 1 cup white cornmeal
 1 cup frozen corn kernels, thawed
Equipment:
 Measuring cups and spoons
 2-quart round baking dish
 Medium mixing bowl
 Table fork
 Large saucepan
 Long-handled wooden spoon
 Hot pad
 Pot holders
Directions:

1. Adjust an oven rack to be in the center of your oven without another rack above it. Turn the oven on to 425 degrees F. Evenly butter the baking dish and set the dish aside.

2. Break the eggs into the medium bowl. Add the milk. With the table fork, beat the eggs and milk until they are well blended; set the mixture aside.

3. Put the water, butter and salt in the large saucepan. Set the pan on your stove, turn the heat on to high, and bring the mixture to a rapid boil. Stirring constantly with the long-handled wooden spoon, very slowly stir the cornmeal into the boiling water. Reduce the heat to medium. Stirring constantly, cook the mixture until it becomes thick, about 1 minute. Turn off the heat.

4. Put the hot pad on your counter. Using pot holders, set the pan on the hot pad. Add

the egg-milk mixture to the cornmeal mixture and stir with the spoon until the ingredients are well combined. Stir in the corn kernels.

5. Pour the mixture into the buttered baking dish. Put the baking dish in the preheated oven. Bake, uncovered, until the spoon bread is set, puffy and golden brown, about 40 minutes.

6. Turn off the oven. Place the hot pad on the dining table. Using pot holders, remove the baking dish from the oven and set it on the hot pad. Serve immediately.

BAKED ACORN SQUASH WITH MAPLE CREAM

Yield: 4 servings
Ingredients:
 2 small acorn squashes
 4 teaspoons unsalted butter
 Salt and ground pepper to taste
 4 tablespoons maple syrup
 4 tablespoons heavy cream
Equipment:
 Measuring spoons
 Cutting board
 Large, sharp knife
 Table spoon
 Baking dish
 Small saucepan
 Pastry brush
 Table fork
 Hot pad
 Pot holders
 Metal spatula
 Serving platter
Directions:

1. Adjust an oven rack to be in the center of your oven without another rack above it. Turn the oven on to 350 degrees F.

2. Put the squashes on the cutting board.

With the large, sharp knife, cut each squash in half lengthwise. (Squash is a little hard to cut. You should ask an adult for help.)

3. With the spoon, scoop out and throw away the seeds and stringy fibers from the center of each squash half. With the knife, cut a thin slice from the bottom (skin side) of each squash half, so that each half sits flat in the baking dish. (Don't cut too much. You don't want to make a hole in the squash bowl. You could ask an adult for help here, too.)

4. Put the squash halves, hollow sides up, in a baking dish that will hold them without crowding.

5. Put the butter in the small saucepan. Set the pan on your stove and turn the heat on to low. Heat only until the butter melts. Put 1 teaspoon of the melted butter in the center of each squash half. With the pastry brush, brush the butter over the cut surface of each squash half.

6. Sprinkle the squash with the salt and pepper. Put 1 tablespoon maple syrup into the center of each squash half. Using the spoon, very lightly stir together the syrup and cream. They don't have to be well blended.

7. Put the baking dish on the center rack in the preheated oven. Bake until the squash is fork tender, about 1 hour. To test, insert the fork into the thickest part of a squash half; it should slide in easily.

8. Put the hot pad on your counter. Using pot holders, carefully remove the dish from the oven and put it on the hot pad. With the spatula, transfer the squash to the serving platter. Serve immediately.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

at home calendar

■ The eighth annual Holly Walk, 12:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, will feature tours of seven houses in Rochester Hills and Oakland Township; and an exhibit of beautiful, historic quilts loaned by residents and musical entertainment at the Rochester Hills Museum, 1005 Van Hoosen. Also offered will be refreshments 1-5 p.m. in the auditorium and holiday shopping in the Friends Library Store at the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They are available at the Friends Library Store, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dillman & Upton Lumber & Ace Hardware, 607 Woodward in Rochester; Bordine Nursery Garden

Store, 1835 S. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills; Sharon's Hallmark at the Rochester Hills Plaza, on Walton near Livernois; Something Special Hallmark, in the Campus Corners Shopping Center, at the southeast corner of Walton and Livernois in Rochester Hills; American Business Concepts, in the L&L Shopping Center at 3038 Walton; and Rochester Design Center and Antique Mall, 210 W. University in Rochester. Tickets will be available Sunday at the museum and the library.

■ Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts are featured until Christmas at Galerie de Boicourt, on the second floor of the Merrillwood Collection at 251 E. Merrill in Birmingham. The items include jobs' hand-printed textiles,

Bengt Lindberg's wrought-iron works, and a great multi-ethnic variety of books on arts and crafts, interiors and related subjects. Call (248) 723-5680.

■ The Heritage Co. II Architectural Artifacts & Design and A Rose is a Rose, both at 116 E. Seventh in Royal Oak, will present an open house and sale of works by Tracey Toepp Farlow and Anna Corba 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Farlow and Corba have worked with designers such as Ron Rea and Victor Saroki to create fanciful restaurant and retail interiors. In their spare time, they lend their talents to smaller creations. The gift items featured Saturday will include icons, ornaments, dolls, wire votive holders and card trees, jour-

nals, gift tags and cards. Among the items offered at the shops are silver from famous Detroit hotels, vintage Detroit photography and European/Asian collectibles. Call (248) 547-0670 or (248) 582-1911.

■ Gallery: FunctionArt, 21 N. Saginaw in Pontiac, is hosting the first Industrial Design Society of America-Michigan Student Furniture/Functional Art Design Competition Exhibition now through Saturday, Dec. 18. Call (248) 333-0333. The items in the show range from tables to tableware, showcasing work of students from IDSA-sanctioned schools in Michigan, focusing primarily on work from the Center for Creative Studies-College of Art and Design in Detroit.

Follow plan to clean your house



DIANA KOENIG

Q: I am about to hire someone to clean my house. How do I train this person to clean my house efficiently and thoroughly?

A: Whether you are training yourself, one of your children or an outsider, start with a

cleaning plan.

First choose a day of the week that works best in your schedule to clean your home. After you have chosen a day, make a list of the things you want cleaned.

You will want a basic plan that includes things like dusting, vacuuming and scrubbing the floors. You will also want a custom plan that includes tasks special to your home.

You may want to concentrate on cleaning areas that bother you the most. Some people are bothered by dust, while others can tolerate a little dust accumulation but want their bathroom to sparkle like the morning sun.

Basic plan example:

■ Bathrooms - Clean toilet, vanity, shower/ tub, mirror; vacuum; scrub floor; wash linens; hang clean linens and empty the wastebasket.

■ Bedrooms - Strip beds, wash bedding, remake bed, dust furniture and knickknacks, vacuum floor and empty the wastebasket.

■ Kitchen - Wipe and disinfect counters, refrigerator, stove, range, dishwasher, microwave (inside and out); vacuum; scrub the floor (including inside pantry); dust chairs and empty the wastebasket.

■ Living room, dining room and hallway - Dust furniture and knickknacks, and vacuum floor.

■ Laundry room - Wipe off the washer, dryer, shelves and counter; vacuum and scrub floor.

If you have an office, sun room, library or other rooms, include them in your basic cleaning plan. In addition to your basic plan, you will need to have "extra" cleaning areas.

"Extras" example:

■ Wipe off baseboards.

■ Clean inside of vents.

■ Take cushions off couches and vacuum.

■ Clean all light fixtures.

■ Clean cabinets.

■ Clean behind and under washer and dryer.

■ Clean behind and under refrigerator.

■ Clean light switch plates and the surrounding wall to remove fingerprints.

■ Vacuum with a hose around baseboards.

■ Vacuum closet floors.

■ Dust window ledges.

■ Clean windows.

■ Dust blinds.

■ Sweep garage floor.

■ Sweep porch and front walk.

■ Move furniture in each room to vacuum.

■ Wipe walls in soiled areas.

■ Clean bedspreads.

■ Clean drapery and curtains.

Once you have compiled your list, make a five-week schedule.

Week One will be the first week of the month. It will contain your basic plan plus any additional areas you want cleaned that particular week. I assign these extra areas by dividing monthly tasks into four groups and doing one

group each week in addition to the basic plan.

Apply the same procedure for weeks Two, Three and Four.

Week Five will also start with the basic plan, but the extra items should only consist of areas that need to be cleaned quarterly. This may include something like cleaning the baseboards.

You may want some items such as washing the windows to be on a six-month or yearly cycle. In this case, you will need to either add a cleaning day once or twice a year or extend the time you clean within the five-week plan.

Put your five-week plan in a three-ring binder. Store your binder with your cleaning supplies or your vacuum cleaner. Your written five-week plan will help you accomplish your cleaning goals or give clear instructions about your expectations to anyone you have hired.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Have a successful five-week cleaning plan."

Diana Koenig is a writer, educator, speaker and consultant. Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester MO 63011.

at home calendar

■ Polish artist and designer Iwona Wiszniewska will autograph Polonaise glass ornaments and meet with collectors 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at English Gardens' Royal Oak store, on the west side of Coolidge south of Maple. The award-winning artist is educated in home decor, crafts, fashion accessories and interior design. She combines original concepts with design skills to create top-quality, distinctive Christmas decorations. Wiszniewska was trained at the Polonaise factory in

Poland. Her work for the collection includes "A Christmas Carol," "Behold, the Lamb of God" and the exclusive 1999 special event piece, "Just in Time Santa."

■ Offerings in the Children and Family Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, include workshops for ages 6-12 on Scout badges related to plants and ecology; workshops are set every month, January to May. Call (734) 998-7061.

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BY CORINNE ABATT
Special Writer

While the name of the new showroom on the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Telegraph in Southfield is All Star Desk Co., the operative words are office furniture.

Northville resident Michael Allmond, president, calls this 15,000-square foot display area, "Michigan's largest home office and business interiors showroom."

This is his company's third showroom. The others are at 37816 Ford, between I-275 and Newburgh in Westland and 17321 E. Eight Mile in East-pointe.

Allmond says he and his vice president, Brian Reynolds of Livonia, were pleasantly surprised by their reception in Southfield.

"We've only been open here since August and it's already outperforming our other stores . . .," he said.

"We have over 200 types of desks - for business and home offices and all kinds of files.

"Ours is better end office furniture. It is factory assembled, comes out of the box. Our focus is on the things you need to make your office productive - desks, chairs, files of all kinds, shelves, desk lamps, floor lamps, world globes. We

have a whole section of clocks and a large selection of armoires."

In stressing the variety of materials, styles and finishes available for each piece, Allmond said, "These are not just all new style computer desks, we're catering to a desk business long forgotten by many furniture stores."

For instance, he said there's a lot of interest in computer roll-tops - antique reproductions of that old favorite by Wood Revival with a price tag of up to \$4,000.

"With this corporation you can tailor your desk any way you like."

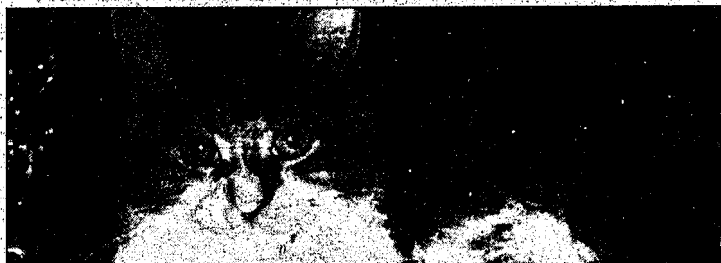
Another item on the comeback trail, especially with women, is the small secretary or writing desk for a nook or bedroom.

Not forgotten in the vast inventory are small elegant desk accessories.

Those eager to look before making a trip to the showrooms may check out the Web site, www.allstardesk.com.

Does your business offer a new or unusual product or service for the home? Did you come up with a solution for an interior design challenge? Share your home decor ideas with readers through Focal Point. Contact At Home Editor Mary Klemke by phone, (248) 901-2569; fax, (248) 644-1314; or writing her at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a Holiday Festival, "The Colors of Christmas" 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit featuring Peabo Bryson, Dionne Warwick, James Ingram and Deniece Williams. Tickets \$26-\$55; call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



Organist Tony O'Brien performs "The Magical Music of Christmas," with Maria Nazarenko, soprano, and Dwight Sheetz, baritone 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River in Detroit. Tickets \$8, available night of performance at the box office.

SUNDAY



Sean Grier is the Giant and Adam Brown is Jack in the Stagecrafters' Youth Theatre production of the musical "Jack and the Giant," 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$5 for ages 17 and under, \$7 for adults. All seats reserved; call (248) 541-6430.

TICKET



Hot Tix: Stephen R. Bunrock and Erin Dilly star in "Martin Guerre" playing at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Dec. 19. Tickets available at the box office, or call TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.



Pergola: This ceiling of lights brightens the way for visitors walking through a forest of colorful trees.

'Wild Lights'

Thrilling for young and old alike



Love is everywhere: (Above) Even the swans are paired up for "Wild Lights." (Below) This mother and baby penguin are two of the 70 animal sculptures on display at the Detroit Zoo.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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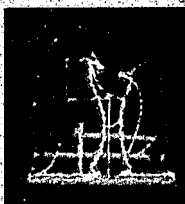
Maybe it's the more than 70 animal sculptures, many of them in pairs. Maybe it's because love heightens the senses. Whatever the reason, the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" is becoming a popular destination for couples in love.

Ron Rotole and Cheryl Loboeki recently took time out from planning their June wedding to walk arm in arm along the half mile trail leading through the forest of 400,000 lights. The dazzling display continues through Sunday, Jan. 2.

"There's lots of places you can sit down and enjoy the atmosphere," said Loboeki, who grew up in Farmington.

"It was nice," added Rotole, a Plymouth resident. "It's really bright."

But beware — a life-sized polar bear raising his



arms overhead could frighten some passersby. But he's the exception. The rest of the lions, elephants and kangaroos warm the heart with their playfulness. Paired up swans and mothers and their offspring, including the tiger and her cub that greet visitors to the display, speak of love and family.

Loboeki especially liked the monkeys swinging through the trees, the red leaping deer, fish jumping out of the water, and the sequentially lighting butterflies. She knows good art when she sees it. Loboeki, who graduated with a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan, is creative director for the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association in Bingham Farms.

"I like that they were animated because you

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Light Shows

■ **Wild Lights**, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; and 5:30-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Admission \$4, \$3 children ages 2-12, and \$3 Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 child members, (248) 541-5835.

■ **Wayne County LightFest**, through Thursday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday (closed Saturday, Dec. 25), along four-and-one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted, (734) 261-1990.

■ **Domino's Farms St. Nicholas Light Display**, through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday (\$5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday (\$7 per car), 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Proceeds benefit more than 60 Metro Detroit children charities. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers and Gleaners Food Bank, (734) 930-4430.

HOLIDAY SHOWS

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus will be making special appearances this weekend to celebrate the holidays with good little girls and boys, as well as the Henry Ford Community Full Circle Dance Company, Birmingham Village Players, and Junior Actors of Ridgedale.

Full Circle Dance Company

Everyone's favorite holiday story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be brought to life by the Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Tickets are \$5 at the door; call Diane Mancinelli (313) 845-6314 for more information.

Santa Claus will visit during the shows composed of eight dances. Featured pieces include the "Stocking Dance," set to Claude Bolling's "Fugace" and presented in black light, "Jazzy Santa," in which four elves worry about Santa falling off his

sleigh, and a toe-tapping "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" number.

The dances, music and costumes were designed with children and families in mind. Approximately 3,000 children and adults attend this show annually.

Mancinelli of Livonia, HFCC dance instructor, is directing the production which features Redford residents Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente.

Birmingham Village Players

Join the Village Players in celebrating "A Taffeta Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, (on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5, children ages 3-12. To make a reservation for the Dec. 10 or 12 performance, call (248) 644-2075. "A Taffeta Christmas" will also be presented during the First Night Celebration in Birmingham on Friday, Dec. 31 at the Village Players theater. New Year's Eve performances are 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Holiday event: Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company, (standing left to right) Ann Marie Pizzimenti, Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente (both of Redford), Anna McMaster and Lori Moran, (seated, left to right) Natalie Gorman, William Spicher as Santa and Janene Drugacz, bring the classic story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," to life, Dec. 10-11.

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"A Taffeta Christmas" is a story about an all-girl singing group trying to make it big," explained show producer Diane D'Agostino, who is president-elect of the Village Players. "It's a 1950s musical revue for the holidays."

There will be plenty of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," as the girls present their show, live from the Moose Hall in downtown Muncie, Indiana. It's being broadcast live by the Dumont TV Network.

Join the Birmingham Village Players in imagining the scene at this 1950s hometown home-down at the Moose Hall.

"I think this may be the Michigan premiere," said Dan Castle of Birmingham, who is directing the show (written by Rick Lewis) with Bill Haycock.

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a spin-off of "Forever Plaid," a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1950s. "There will be lots of singing," said Castle, "and it will be snowing on stage." In addition to singing, the girls pause for commercials, and

'A Taffeta Christmas' is a spin-off of 'Forever Plaid,' a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1950s.

share all kinds of helpful information with the audience including how to kiss a boy and beauty tips.

"The girls interact with the audience and there are a lot of Christmas songs," said Castle. "They do a commercial for one of their sponsors, Galaxy Beauty Products."

Both D'Agostino and Castle agreed "A Taffeta Christmas" is a show the whole family will enjoy.

"The kids won't be totally bored," said Castle. "Two of the women in the show, including my wife, are mothers of young children, and they won't let the kids get bored."

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Sunday performance. The cast includes Patty Ward as Kay, Carollee Cas-

tle as Cheryl, Peggy Ann Lee as Donna, and Laura Diane Dooley as Peggy.

Susan Borin is the choreographer, John Dickinson musical director. You'll find yourself humming along as the girls sing "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Silver Bells," and some tunes from the 1950s such as "Sugar in the Mornin'" and "Sincerely."

Ridgedale Players

The Junior Actors of Ridgedale Players are presenting "Pinocchio's Holiday Wish," adapted by and directed by Lynn Cummings of Troy, and Meals with Santa 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks Road and Liversoia) in Troy.

Tickets are \$7 per person and include a meal, the play, and a visit with and gift from Santa. Pictures with Santa are available for an additional \$2. Reservations are a must, call (248) 988-7049.

The cast includes Troy residents Andrew Kalinowski as the story-teller, Ashley Yount as Pinocchio, Brian Cummings as Gepetto, Karly Gilbey, Melissa Gilbey, Haley Niederquell and Rachel Cooper; James Gieger and Stephanie Barcewicz of West

Bloomfield; Nick Boni and Bri-tanny Moncrieff of Oxford, and Christopher Veal of Clarkston.

Avon Players

The Avon Players Youth Theatre will present "Wind of A Thousand Tales" by John Glore, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the playhouse, 1/4 mile east of Rochester Road on the corner of Tienken and Washington roads in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$7, call (248) 608-9077.

The musical show features three folk tales from faraway places — Mexico, Japan and Middle Europe.

Cast members include Ashley Rozanski of Troy, Julia Rudolf and Cheri Whitney and Kim Walkenhorst of Rochester Hills, and Katie Kingman of Rochester.

Folk tales: Youth Theatre members (left to right, kneeling) are Ashley Rozanski, Julia Rudolf, Dan Staniszwski, Cheri Whitney, Katie Kingman, and Kim Walkenhorst.



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could see them move," said Loboeki. "That's how they make animation."

The hit of the evening were the sleekly swimming otters in the Edward R. Mardigan River Otter building. Their acrobatic antics as they waddled the wrong way up a slide left young and old alike laughing. Halfway down the trail in the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians, a python, gecko, skinks and dragons were popular with the littlest visitors. Ice carving, storytelling, and the sounds of choirs and bands entertain visitors every evening at stops along the way.

The Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving Club creates its fleeting sculpture every

Thursday evening. The club is preparing for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Competition Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17. Santa is also on hand to hear children's wishes. Louie the Lightning Bug and Sparky the Fire Dog accompany him 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. All these activities led Loboeki to long for more.

"I wish the penguinarium or the bird house was open," said Loboeki.

Walking through a winter wonderland

A ceiling of white lights brightens the way for visitors walking through the forest of colorful trees. More than 80,000 people are expected to thrill to the expe-

rience of seeing a train, moose and giraffe on the 45-minute walk. Toward the end of the trail, the sound and sight of a flock of geese flying overhead made the evening complete.

Whether giddy from the lights or being in love, Loboeki's spirits were high. Although there was hot cocoa in the warming tent, she and Rotole weren't cold. They were too excited by the sights and sounds.

"It's not fair the animals can't get out to see the lights," said Loboeki.

Forever after

Shirley Myers' spirits were soaring as well. She and husband Ron took in the lights on their way to the wedding of

Kathleen O'Hara and James Conely in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. The couple were married in the butterfly/hummingbird garden. At any one time, there were three- to four-hundred rainbow-hued butterflies floating through the air in the 3,800-square-foot garden.

"The lights were so pretty that by the time you reached the butterfly garden, it put you in a festive mood for the evening," said Myers, a Livonia resident. "Everyone was commenting on the beauty of the site. We went from Christmas lights outside to a pretty meadow inside. It was exciting — the ceremony and seeing all the butterflies flying around the bride and groom."

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'Romeo and Juliet' is met with mixed sentiments

Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," directed by Lavinia Moyer, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$8-10. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle Theatre, Wayne State's undergraduate theatre company, presents

Shakespeare's tragic romance "Romeo and Juliet" for one more weekend. Lavinia Moyer, one of Detroit's most celebrated theater artists, returns to Detroit to direct the show.

The show opens in Verona, a city teeming with tension due to an ongoing feud between the Montagues and Capulets. The city's ruler angrily issues edicts to keep the peace, but both sides remain primed for battle. Into this conflict, Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet, meet and fall in love. Their secret marriage, the surrounding violence and killings, and the haste of passions and tempers conspire to break hearts and destroy lives until the feud between the families is resolved.

Lavinia Moyer has chosen to set the play in what appears to be colonial India in the 1920s. English dress is mixed with East Indian garb. However, there was no true delineation of the classes, as both the nobility and ser-



Star-crossed and kissing: Kavita Matani and Dean Cechvala share a passionate moment as the title characters in the Bonstelle Theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet." The show runs week-ends through Dec. 12. Call (313) 577-2960.

vants wore clothing from both cultures, which lent itself to confusion. When Shakespeare's plays are set in another time period, the political/historical reason is usually highlighted through the costumes and setting. However, Moyer offers few clues why the costumes and the sets reflected the colonial East Indian culture instead of the traditional Elizabethan setting for the play.

The opening scene in the crowded marketplace was laudable for its excellent swordplay and well-choreographed fights, but the old English dialogue was not enunciated clearly enough, and too much of the dialogue was lost. Many of the smaller scenes

overcame the difficulties of speech clarity, and the actors were able to clearly convey the words of the immortal bard.

Dean Cechvala, a graduate of Clintondale High School, played Romeo with a lithe, dreamy approach, and he danced as well as he handled a sword. He was well-matched with Kavita Matani's Juliet. Matani, a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, used youthful exuberance and impatient joy to establish her character. The two wove a seductive chemistry between them, developing a quiet and intense passion without being frantically physically. Their expressions and embraces established the anguish and emotion-

al intensity of the star-crossed pair of lovers.

Michael East created a Mercutio who is part Fonz, part James Dean: reckless and bold, wise but driven by his emotions. He cut a sharp figure in leather and shades; one expected him to have a motorcycle in the wings. His swordplay exuded a fierce, concentrated energy.

The male ensemble was ready to rumble with their angry swordplay and fast paced, angry exchanges. Their choreography from a high energy ballet of leaps, thrusts and parries. They were equally stunning in tuxedo evening wear at the Capulet's ball. An opening tango captured the intrigue of the masque ball, and heightened the sexual tension during Romeo and Juliet's first encounter.

The roles of Romeo and Juliet's parents were not as well executed or developed. The actors were oddly and inconsistently costumed in clashing colors, and Lord and Lady Montague were little more than chess pieces on the stage. Lord and Lady Capulet had more opportunity to display emotion in their scenes, but were restrained in almost all of them.

The costumes are a garish blend of colors, with reds and pinks fighting with olive greens. East Indian clothing was overlapped with English garb. The music is an odd mix of East Indian, techno pop and classical. Sometimes it's right on. Other times it's irritating. The selections also come from different

time periods. More continuity needs to be observed to blend a pleasing audio tapestry.

The multi-level set was cleverly designed, with staircases on either side of the set, and move-

able pieces that served as altars, tables and tombs. Even the wall was scalable, as demonstrated by the agility of the male cast.

'Martin Guerre' on fire at the Fisher Theatre

"Martin Guerre" continues through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$15 to \$60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Martin Guerre," the new musical from the creators of "Les Misérables" and "Miss Saigon," is artistically magnificent. Its pre-Broadway run at the Fisher Theatre is historically significant.

It's not a Fisher world premiere like "Hello Dolly" and "Fiddler on the Roof." It's not even an American premiere; the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis was the show's first stop in the states after a successful tour in England.

However, the Fisher's traditional proscenium stage, unlike the Guthrie's thrust stage, more closely resembles that of a Broadway theatre. Following the Guthrie run the show had to be totally re-blocked. Other changes will be made based on its three-week stay here. The Fisher is thus entitled to a share of trout bragging rights.

And brag they should, as "Martin Guerre" will surely take its place alongside "Les Miz" and "Saigon" as an amazing achievement in theatre. With a major-league cast, music and lyrics you will remember on the way home and long after, and a love story that has survived for almost a half-millennium, "Martin" is a mega-musical for the ages.

The show is based on the true story of Martin (Hugh Panaro), a 14-year-old boy in the 16th century French village of Artigat who does not consummate his marriage to Bertrande (Southfield native Erin Dilly). Accused by jealous rival Guillaume (Jose Llana) and the suspicious Catholic villagers of incurring the wrath of God on their crops, Martin flees to become a soldier in the Religious Wars.

Seven years later, when Martin is stabbed in battle, he asks best friend Arnaud (Stephen Buntrock), as a final wish, to tell Bertrande that he's sorry. Arriving in Artigat, Arnaud is mistaken for Martin. He's also hailed as a hero because life-giving rains arrive at the same time.

Three months after that, Arnaud and Bertrande have fallen in love and conceived a child. That would be just lovely if it was the end of Act 2. It's not. Martin didn't die on that battlefield. He comes back a man in all respects and wants what's his. What does the law have to say about it? When, if ever, did Bertrande know whom she was sleeping with? And to what lengths will Guillaume go to eliminate both men once and for all?

Producer Cameron Mackintosh, composers Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg and co-lyricist Stephen Clark sought not

to equal "Les Miz" and "Miss Saigon" as an epic production. "Martin" is a much more intimate story and is told on an appropriately smaller scale. There is no barricade, no helicopter. There is, however, a 12-ton set piece by John Napier that will not disappoint special effects fans. We'll just call it "The Wall" and leave the details for your enjoyment.

Panaro, Buntrock and our own Erin Dilly had better like New York; they'll be there for a long

■ 'Martin' is a much more intimate story

time following the show's scheduled April 2000 opening. They are exciting, attractive and extraordinary performers. Jose Llana earned his huge ovation as Guillaume, and Michael Arnold as village fool Benoit was a particular favorite in this most sensitive role.

There are at least three poten-

tial breakout songs in the score. "How Many Tears," Bertrande's solo, will be an audition standard for a generation, much like "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miz." "Live With Somebody You Love" and "Without You as a Friend" are the men's duets. You can expect to hear them all as pop recordings when word gets out.

It will likely be two years before "Martin Guerre" comes back on a road tour. See it now. You'll treasure the memory.

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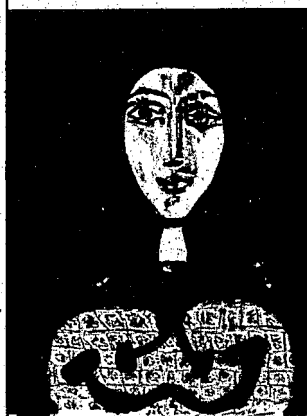
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6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, in the Lower Public Courtyard of First Baptist Church, Willets and Bates, Birmingham. Free, but donations encouraged. (248) 644-0550.

METRO DETROIT WOODWORKING SHOW

Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi. \$8, children under age 12 free. (800) 826-8257.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing, Friday, Dec. 31, Pine Knob Carriage House, Clarkston. \$125 per person. Call (248) 673-4932.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Starring the Rockettes Friday, through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515.

"WILD LIGHTS"

Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak. \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-members (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835.

FAMILY EVENTS

A TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

This musical production packs the house every year, with its combination of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Scrooge." Plan now for shows 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. (248) 348-9030. Translation for the hearing impaired scheduled for the 7 p.m. show on Dec. 11.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

Get ready to be greeted by bell-ringers and enjoy desserts at the 23rd annual Nardin Park celebration of Christmas. Choirs will perform carols, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$5 fee. (248) 476-8860.

POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE

Wigilia features performance by the Radomskie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Stitt Post No. 232, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. (734) 427-8640.

POLISH CHRISTMAS OPLATEK

Wigilia features PRCUA Wieliczka Dancers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster. \$12, \$10 ages 7-12, \$6 ages 6 and under. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986.

BENEFITS

"ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

An evening of dinner, a silent auction, dancing and live music by The Earth Angels, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$25, to benefit the annual Southfield Ice Company show. (248) 354-9357.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MADRIGAL DINNERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the college's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35. Proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417.

WALK THROUGH VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Carolers, hot cider and home-made cookies 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the Irish Lace Bed and Breakfast, 1073 Penniman, Plymouth. \$5, to benefit AANA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-7160.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale Thursday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Dearborn Ballet Theatre dances "The Nutcracker" with orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Presents their "Winter Splendor" concert featuring selections from Wagner to a Star Wars medley, noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$6 adults, \$3 seniors/students. (734) 591-7649/(734) 422-6439.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PSO, with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, presents "The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton. \$17 adults/seniors, \$10 students K-12, and \$5 Sugar Plum Teas that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Violinist Megan Reiter and pianist Michele Cooker perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Forum Recital Hall at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300.

ALTURO SHELTON

The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute." Voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays,

at the Ponchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194.

AUDITIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649.

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-16, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400.

STAGECRAFTERS AND STAGE

Auditions for "Forever Field," Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Feb. 25-27, March 2-5 and 10-12. (248) 541-4832.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD

The guild is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15135 Green Dale, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton. In addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought; winners will perform on the youth concert in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112.

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

LCC presents "Once Upon a December," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Free.

RISEING STAR SINGERS

6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Domino Farms, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Henry Ford Museum. (734) 354-9825.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Holiday concert featuring Mozart's "Requiem" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other seasonal favorites, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30500 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 345-8175/(734) 462-4435.

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TWO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 563-9800.

RICH K. TWO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-8350.

MATT MICHAELS TWO

With vocalist Judi Cochill 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, with saxophonist Larry Nozera 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756.

JANET TERAI TWO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Kramke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 28244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925.

PAUL VENTURA TWO

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150.

ED WELLS

The pianist performs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

WORLD MUSIC

"NIGHT IN MEXICO"

Featuring Hassan Hakmon with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Anderson Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$30, \$15. (313) 842-7010/(313) 664-2007/(248) 645-6666.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DICK SIEGEL

Saturday, Dec. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587.

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586.

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Holiday Dance Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps, Lake Orion. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 693-5436.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$13, \$10 seniors/students, \$8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103.

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN

Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181.

STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Steve McGrew through Saturday, Dec. 11, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Leo Dufour Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Laughs are at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com.

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The museum re-opened its doors Oct. 19, and the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children ages 12-18; free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org.

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IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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 an additional \$4. (313) 577-8400.

DETROIT ZOO

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring," continues through Jan. 2 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903.

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Visit the newest exhibition, "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051.

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE

"The Spirit of Christmas" continues through Dec. 31, enjoy guided historic tours of the estate festively decorated for the holidays. Special events include Tea, Tour and Treasure, Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, and Monday, Dec. 20; Holiday Luncheon Concerts Dec. 9-10; Santa's Workshop Fridays, Dec. 10 and 17; Candles and Carols Dinner Sunday, Dec. 12; and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590 or www.umd.umich.edu/fairlane.

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Rising Star Singers perform 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12; "The Magic of Flight" IMAX film continues through Friday, Dec. 31 on the hour 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday (\$7.50, \$6.50 seniors and children ages 5-12, \$6 members and children under age 4). (313) 271-1570, 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.

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$12, \$6 children ages 3-12. (248) 370-3140.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5.50 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940.

SPIRIT OF FORD

Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474.

POPULAR MUSIC

LORI AMEY

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. 21 and over. (248) 642-1135 (folk/pop/rock)

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University. Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMANCE ART SHOWCASE

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

BARENAKED LADIES

With Tal Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

THE BEACH BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$25, \$15 for general admission. (248) 645-6666

BEDFORD DRIVE

With Broca's Area and Segway, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 313 Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk)

BLANKS 77

With The Criminals, Dicky Boys and LES Siftiches, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$15 reserved. (248) 645-6666 (punk rock)

BLUE HAWAIIANS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BROTHERS GROOVE

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE

With Teenage Frances, 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

EDDY CAMPBELL

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

CHAIN REACTION

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Broken Lounge, Westland. (734) 455-8450

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DEATHGIRL.COM

With Sweaty Suede Lips, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT

DEEP SPACE 6

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

DISCIPLINE

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Ullis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 21 and older. (313) 875-8555

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With The Velvet Beak, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

EKOOSTIC HOOKAH

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$12 advance. (248) 544-8030

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

With Clovis Minor and Giant, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

WDRQ ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE

Starring Sugar Ray, Blessed Union of Souls, Enrique Iglesias, Lou Bega, Jessica Simpson, LFO, Shaggy, Amber, Lex, Mandy Moore. 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$39.31, \$29.31. Call (248) 645-6666

ESHAM AND NATAS

With Workhorse Movement, Friday, Dec. 17, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron at Mill Street, Pontiac. Tickets \$12. (248) 645-6666

FACE

With Nailing Betty and 500 Feet of Pipe, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-8030

FAN MAIL TOUR

With TLC, Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666

FREED

With I Hate Mars, Red Dye 9, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

FREESTYLERS SOUND SYSTEM

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6, 18 and over. (313) 961-MELT

FULLY LOADED

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

FUNKINTELLIGENCE

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann

THE GADGETS

With My Superhero, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

GHETTOBILLIES

With Colonel Sun perform for Owner Roy Goffett's Birthday. Bash, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

ED GOOCH QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

J. GEIL'S BAND

With The Romantics, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$19.99 includes parking cost. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock)

HOWLING DIABLOS

With The Still, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555; With Face, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20, 21 and over. (248) 544-3030

ICP BIG BALLER CHRISTMAS PARTY

With The Psychopathic Rydas, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.

ALAN JACKSON

With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666

JARS OF CLAY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666

FREDDY JOHNSTON

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

BETTY JOPLIN AND FRIENDS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

THE JUDDS

8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale Dec. 11 for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. (248) 645-6666

BB KING

With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

KING KONGA

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011 (world music)

KRESCENT 4

With Small Craft Sighting, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

JAN KRIST

With Jim and Randy Bizer and Alan Finkbeiner 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. \$12, \$10 for members. (734) 464-6302

DAVID LAABS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (acoustic holiday)

LIQUID SOUL

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Motor Detroit, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. 18 and older. Ticket price to be announced. (313) 369-0080

THE LOVEMASTERS

With Killswitch and Agent 009, 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 313 Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (glam)

EUGENE MANN

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (holiday jazz)

MAZINGA

With Sublimation and 12 Angry Steps, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

MARY MCGUIRE

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock)

MEATLOAF

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$58.50, \$49.50, (248) 645-6666

JOHN MELLENCAMP

"Rural Electrification Tour 1999" With Shannon Curfman, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45, \$35, (248) 645-6666

ROBERT NOLL MISSION

Friday, Dec. 10, Muldoons, 3982 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-2707; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Paul's Place, 325 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 334-0311

EDDIE MONEY

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$15 reserved, \$9.47 general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

MUZZLE

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

M-80S

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 544-3030

JO NAB

With A Coupla Fat Guys, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011

STEVE NARDELLA

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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Featuring Dave Koz, David Benoit, Brenda Russell, Peter White. 8 p

'Toy Story 2' offers a second great adventure for kids

By MALCOLM RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — They've done it again. The folks who brought you "Toy Story" now present "Toy Story 2," another clever, riotous tale of life in the toy lane.

There's no mistaking the sharp, detailed and stunning computer animation. Buster the pet dog has nearly four million hairs. And with the voices of Woody (done by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (by Tim Allen) and others returning from the 1995 original, it's easy to get back into the fun.

And there's lots of fun here.

Kids and adults will love the parodies of "Star Wars" scenes, and chuckle at the special ways these toys meet the challenge of adventure. As Mr. Potato Head prepares to leave on a rescue mission, for example, his wife thoughtfully packs him his "angry eyes" in case he goes into battle.

"Toy Story 2" introduces us to a toy's greatest fear: being discarded. The phrase "yard sale" strikes terror. Woody manages to rescue a broken toy penguin from the 25-cent box on the front lawn. But Woody is then snatched by the evil toy collector Al McWhiggen (voiced by Wayne Knight), who recognizes him as a

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valuable collectible.

Of course, the toy gang sets out to rescue Woody. But when they finally reach him, they get a surprise. Woody has been seduced by the promise of immortality: a chance to go on display in a Japanese toy museum. Rather than waiting to be

discarded someday by his beloved owner, Andy, Woody "will be adored by children for generations," a toy in McWhiggen's collection says.

It sounds pretty good to a cowboy who'd just been consigned to a dusty top shelf by Andy's mother. But Buzz argues the other side of the case. "Life's only worth living," he reminds Woody, "if you're loved by a kid."

Clearly, Woody faces a dilemma. You can guess which way he goes. This is a Disney movie.

But even after that, there are more escapes, rescues and battles. One imaginative fight scene occurs in that deeply mysterious

place where your luggage goes right after it leaves the airline counter.

This film presents so much action that at times, a grown-up might feel a need for a break. Yet, these scenes are so studded with clever twists — as when a perky Tour Guide Barbie seizes control of our heroes in a toy store — that they remain a delight.

From its beginning, "Toy Story 2" dares to compare itself to the excitement of "Star Wars." Of course, watching animated characters risk their digital lives is much different from watching

flesh and blood in danger. But when Woody and a cowgirl escape from an airliner as it speeds down a runway, it's as thrilling as anything moviegoers have seen in any galaxy.

You can only catch your breath and look forward to "Toy Story 3."

"Toy Story 2," a Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film, is directed by John Lasseter and produced by Helene Plotkin and Karen Robert Jackson. The screenplay by Andrew Stanton, Rita Hsiao, Doug Chamberlin and Chris Webb,



Don't toy with me: Buzz Lightyear and Woody watch an episode of "Woody's Roundup" TV show, after discovering Woody is a highly valued collectible in Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 2"

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Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 10

"THE LEGEND OF 1900"
Drama recounts the life of a piano player who is abandoned at birth on a Trans-Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of mythic proportions with jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. Stars Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince.

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Contemporary comedy that tells of a down-on-his-luck guy who takes a job fish-sitting for a prominent L.A. escort. When the escort leaves the country on business, he leaves his clientele ripe for poaching. Stars Rob Schneider.

"TRAIN OF LIFE"
Set in the Holocaust, a village dreamer comes up with a crazy idea to save his village from Nazi invasion. Stars Lionel Abelanski, Rufus.

"THE GREEN MILE"
Remarkable story of a guard in a Southern prison's death row in 1935 and one

of the inmates over which he has charge. Based on the 1996 serialized novel by Stephen King. Stars Tom Hanks.

"ANNA AND THE KING"
Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam. Based on historical information. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

"CIDER HOUSE RULES"
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22
"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"
Drama about an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to

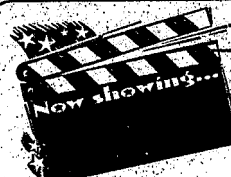
the ideals that drew him to his career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

"LIBERTY HEIGHTS"
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna.

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25
"MANSFIELD PARK"
Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.



Going the distance: Doug Hutchison, David Morse and Tom Hanks star in "The Green Mile," the story of a prison guard and his relationship with one death row inmate.



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STREET SCENES

Local artists collaborate on CD to fight teen suicide



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

There's one story that still gives singer-songwriter Jill Jack the chills. She recalls the day she met a young man in an Ann Arbor deli. He had overheard her conversation and asked if she were a musician. After talking, she handed him a CD.

A couple days later, the teen was involved in a severe car accident.

One year later, Jack received an e-mail from the boy's father explaining that her music was instrumental in his recovery. "He used the song 'Watch Over Me' (the title track of Jill Jack's first CD) for his recuperation," she said. "It got him out of bed and really motivated him. It got him through the depression."

That story made her cry. As someone who tries to "show the light at the end of the tunnel" through her music, Jill Jack and her bandmates were prime

candidates for a CD compilation aimed at helping troubled youth. So when Scott Campbell, musician and owner of Nebula Records, contacted the band to contribute a song for "Counter Clockwise" — a CD of music meant to elevate awareness of teenage suicide in the metro area — the answer was yes.

"Music is a universal thing," said Jack, a Ferndale resident. "I love the thought that my music can help."

Sales of the disc benefit Common Ground Sanctuary's counseling and outreach programs. Campbell was instrumental in the project, and contributed his own tune "Turn Your Mind Inside Out." The compilation itself doesn't deal with the issue of suicide. It instead offers a body of material donated by a truly talented collection of artists. From legends such as Iggy Pop, New Order, to local stars such as MC5 and Detroit Music Award's Best New Band of 1999 — Stungun, the disc offers something for everyone.

"I picked what I consider to be the top local people," said Camp-

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*Information provided by Common Ground Sanctuary

bell. A member of that elite group, Jack added that, "being selected is always a great honor."

Another honorable mention is Mike Rehfus, saxophonist for The Articles. Rehfus was approached for the project by a former classmate from his days at the Center for Creative Studies, Donna Hazen. Hazen contributed the artwork. "It sounded certainly like a worthwhile project," said Rehfus. "I've been aware of Common Ground (Sanctuary) since at least high school. They've helped some friends of mine at one point or another."

The Articles have appeared on numerous compilations, but Rehfus commended Campbell's

efforts on this one in particular. "Scott should be proud of putting this together. Anybody on the CD should be proud of it. Not to be cynical, but not much good comes out of the music industry. This is using (that) power for the forces of good."

That's where Common Ground Sanctuary comes in. Emily Norton, community education program coordinator at CGS, has been involved with the project since its start. She sees it as a way to reach out to the community, as well as to educate on the issue of suicide.

Common Ground Sanctuary is based in Oakland County, though its services are not limit-

ed to that area. "We get calls from all over the country," said Norton, a Southfield resident.

The money raised by CD sales is distributed to CGS programs including a victim-advocacy program, shelters like The Sanctuary, A Step Forward and Graduate Apartment Living, and street-outreach programs for homeless youth.

Variety: The Children's Charity, which is based in Southfield, contributed money. "I think it's something (youth) will relate to," said Jennie Cascio, executive director. "It's difficult to get the message to kids. Through the CD, they have all the information on the jacket; they're able to talk to kids in their own environment and atmosphere, so they know these services are available."

Norton noted the importance of music: "When someone is feeling really isolated, they can hear a song and think 'This person doesn't even know me, but he understands my life experience,'" she said.

For Howling Diablos' vocalist Tino, music is a way of speaking

to all people. "Music can change the world," he said. "It can make people stop and think about something. It's a powerful tool." The Royal Oak-based Diablos contributed "Nobody In Detroit" to the disc. He hopes "everyone buys one so CGS can get a big fat check."

Rehfus had his own take on the issue: "Music and misery are kindred spirits. For a lot of kids, music is the only form of escape that can have positive ends."

"CounterClockwise" can be bought for \$10 at any Harmony House, Desirable Disc or Repeat the Beat location. Several Borders, Books and Music locations and independent record stores also carry it. The CD may be bought online at www.scottcampbell.net. Look out for live benefits and CD release parties in the new year.

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Sounding off: Holiday CDs bring good cheer

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Joy: A Holiday Collection

Jewel
Atlantic Records

No voice is more angelic than that of Jewel. With a name befitting a sparkling ornament for a Christmas tree, who better than the popular songstress to breathe new life into old holiday favorites? As her star shines bright with two successful albums and a book of poetry behind her, Jewel has now ventured into the mass market that is holiday music.

With "Joy: A Holiday Collection," Jewel places her trademark, that bright, shiny tone, in tune with songs everyone knows.

The album starts off like the cork popping from a bottle of champagne, with the celebratory "Joy To The World," complete with choir. She slushes on to classics like "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with grace, gently easing the listener into the holiday spirit. Though "Ave Maria" may not be her strongest cover track, her version of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" puts a welcome and delightful be-bop spin on the children's tune.

But Jewel doesn't limit herself to Christmas themes, no sir. Her medley of "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Life Uncommon" and "From A Distance" brings an uplifting surprise to the collection, linking it to the theme — joy. Taking it one step further, she includes the Christmas version of her hit song, "Hands."

"Joy: A Holiday Collection" can be appreciated by Jewel fans and families alike. The liner notes include lyrics, though in most cases these are the songs we have been singing since childhood and simply know by heart.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

A Rosie Christmas

Rosie O'Donnell & Friends
Columbia Records

Even before "A Rosie Christmas" hit the stores, a \$1 million advance payment went to children's charities. And criticizing anything Rosie

■ 'As hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing.'

O'Donnell does to benefit children through her "For All the Kids Foundation" ranks right up there with the Grinch stealing all the gifts in Whoville.

But gosh, as hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing. Luckily, on "A Rosie Christmas," the ubiquitous talk show host has some of the top names in the pop music industry to accompany her including Billy Joel, Sir Elton John, Lauren Hill, Gloria Estefan and Celine Dion.

In her duets with Cher on "Christmas" and Rosemary Clooney on "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" O'Donnell becomes the musical equivalent of tofu — she takes on the vocal characteristics of those around her. On "Winter Wonderland," Donny Osmond and she get frisky with plenty of warm fuzzy doo-wops.

A soulful rendering of "O Holy Night" by Billy Porter is sans Rosie — a Christmas gift to us all since those high notes are best left to the professionals.

"A Rosie Christmas" is a chirpy-enough album, great for background music when trimming the tree but hardly destined to rank among the Christmas classics.

That's OK, Rosie, we love you anyway. And hey, you don't see Jerry Springer spreading around any Christmas joy, do you?

— BY ALICE RHEIN

Jingle Bell Swing

Various Artists
Sony Music

If your idea of the holidays involves sipping shaken martinis next to a blazing fire with your 50 closest friends as a jazzy quartet induces a dancing frenzy, look no further for a celebratory soundtrack this season.

Grab a copy of "Jingle Bell Swing."

Including all of the necessary hits for the holidays, the CD stirs jazz, big-band and swing into a mix fit for festive wrapping. Indulge in Tony Bennett's smooth rendition of "Winter Wonderland." This is the romance of the holiday season.

Removed from the crowded shopping malls and icy conditions to come, sit back and take in Miles Davis bopping to "Blue Xmas (To Whom It May Concern)." Or listen to Art Carney's version of "Twas The Night Before Christmas," a long unavailable reading circa 1954.

"Jingle Bell Swing" sets the tone for joyful holidays and a happy new year.

— BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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DINING

Lily's brings more than creative seafood to Royal Oak

By ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Classy yet unpretentious and relaxed. That's Lily's, a new entry into Royal Oak's ever-expanding restaurant scene. Its niche is seafood, but a whole lot more including an on-premise microbrewery and house-made rootbeer and cream soda.

Brothers Bob and Scott Morton are operating investor partners joined by brothers Bill and Tom and father Jack as investor partners. Native Michiganders, the Mortons operated restaurants in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for 20 years. Now, as residents of Royal Oak, Bob and Scott have had their eye on its restaurant potential for a couple of years.

Diners are greeted by a well-weathered, friendly-looking wooden butler purchased from a Royal Oak policeman. From a newspaper ad, a 1920s antique bar was pulled out of a garage in St. Clair Shores. Given a modern facelift, it is a perfect backdrop for the surrounding blond-stained oak high-top bar tables and upholstered family-size booths and tables for four, highlighted by hunter green walls and ceilings with gray-green accents.

Picking up the copper of the brewing tanks are copper leaves on well-spaced dividers with grape bunch motifs. Upper Peninsula artist Rich Bronstein created a recycled metal ceiling mobile of a whimsical interpretation of "trash fish," including grouper, shrimp, barracuda and a giant gold fish. An old, restored ad for malt syrup from the Prohibition era graces one wall, creating another interesting piece of eye candy.

Stop looking around and get to the essence of Lily's! The same menu is offered during lunch and dinner hours. The house specialty is lightly-spiced Creole Soup with chicken, crawfish,

Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery

Where: 410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459.

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and until 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Grilled, sautéed and steamed fresh seafood, along with sandwiches and a late night menu after 11 p.m. daily. **Cost:** Entrees and seafood platters \$14-\$23. Six-item kids menu \$3.25-\$4.

Reservations: Call after 5 p.m. to have your name placed on a preferred seating list for desired time that day.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full service bar, made-on-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas.

Lily's Uncorked

Executive Chef Howard Sanders knows his food and wines. He pairs:

- Champagne Piper Heidsieck Brut with Baked Brie appetizer
- 1997 Bonterra Viognier and Grilled Salmon Filet
- 1996 Fife Merlot and Twin Tournedos

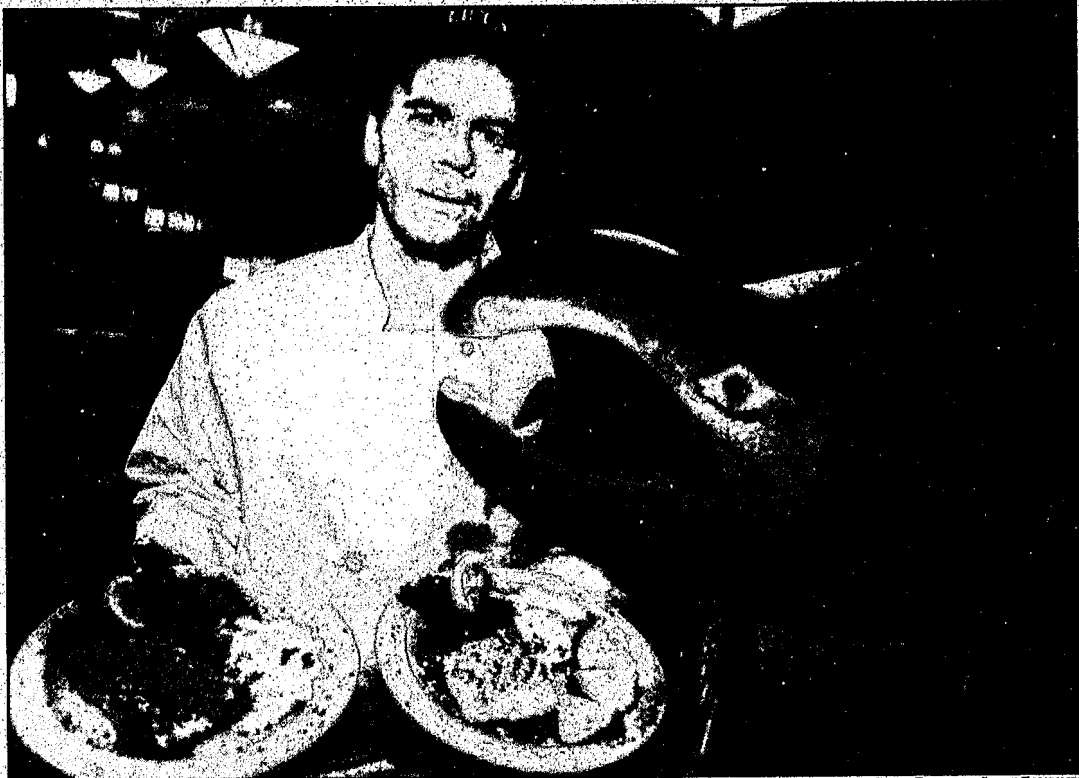
On tap at Lily's

Managing partner and professional brewer Bob Morton pairs his:

- Whitefish Bay Wheat Beer with Peppercorn Crusted Tuna
- Reggie's French River Red Ale and Lily's Creole Soup
- Strange Stout and Dark Chocolate Mousse Pie

Andouille sausage, chunky vegetables and tomatoes. The most popular salad is Fusion, dressed and garnished with Huntsman cheese, cayenne-candied pecans and sundried Michigan cherries.

Two sandwiches are unique. Baja Blackened Catfish Wrap and Carolina Pulled Pork.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Today's catch: Frank Stevelich presents two of the dishes you'll find on the menu at Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery in Royal Oak.

For starters, Prince Edward Island Steamed Mussels are untraditional, sprinkled with Huntsman cheese. Southwest Shrimp in Three Pepper Cream Sauce has succulent sautéed tiger shrimp in a Marsala cream with Anaheim, serrano and jalapeno pepper essence. Pork and Scallop Satay with Spicy Coconut Peanut Dipping Sauce is a tasty oriental infusion.

While Lily's is obviously not an Italian restaurant, Pan Fried Spinach and Snow Crab Ravioli is the number one entree. But if you go to Lily's, go for seafood such as Old Country Seafood Bowl, more approachable than a

classic French bouillabaisse or the seafood boatload Crustaceans Platter.

Behind all this succulent, savory food is Waterford resident, Executive Chef Howard Sanders who came to Lily's from his position as chef de cuisine at Tom's Oyster Bar on Royal Oak's Main Street. A transplanted Californian, he earned a culinary degree from the American Culinary Federation there.

Chef Howard has worked in restaurants since he was 14 and his 23 years experience is illustrated in the creative menu offerings.

Five desserts, including Royal

Root Beer Float awash in house-made rootbeer, round out the dining experience — almost. I like the terry cloth napkins; they do the job!

Brewer Paul Kropp was trained on premise by pro brewers Bob and Scott Morton with experience in brewing in this country, Japan and South America.

Two specialty December beers, Brown Ale and Golden Pilsner are complemented by Lily's Light Ale, Whitefish Bay Wheat (German style), Reggie's French River Red Ale (very hoppy and mildly bitter) and Strange Stout, brewed in a porter style. If you

like chocolate, see On tap at Lily's (in the box) for

Bob Morton's unusual food selection with Strange Stout.

A huge private family investment has netted a creative dining experience.

The Mortons are well-aware that if they don't deliver, there are lots of dining choices in Royal Oak.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

My neighbor had a stake survey and found a variance from the original markers that were put in the ground when our subdivision was developed in the '60s. I am told that a slight variance is common, but the new survey shows a 6-inch difference coming off of my 50-foot frontage. How is this legally handled? Should I be informed by someone of this variance? Does it matter?

I also have a problem with a Cyclone fence, which was about 20 feet on the property of my neighbor, who tore it up and put in a privacy fence.

It was my understanding before all of this happened that the Cyclone fence around the property was commonly owned by the adjoining neighbors and couldn't be unilaterally removed.

You have several issues that could affect the size of your property and the ownership of a certain portion of it.

Survey errors and/or markers should be adjusted and/or corrected to the extent necessary in order to ensure that there is no discrepancy in regard to the size and dimensions of your property.

These are factual issues that should be examined by a lawyer to assist you in evaluating what rights you have and what legal recourse you may wish to take to protect your interest in the property from a potential adverse possession claim, etc.

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STAFF ARTIST/ HELEN FURCEAN

Holidays are challenge to Realtors and their clients

Real estate activity doesn't come to a standstill during the holidays.

While the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day certainly isn't what most folks would consider a prime buying/selling period, the pipeline doesn't dry up.

Fewer houses are available and fewer buyers — mostly corporate transferees — are looking, said Edna MacDonald, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Livonia.

"You've got to do a lot more contacts," she said. "The challenge is trying to get there before others do."

"I know people are out there," MacDonald said. "I know not everyone is waiting for spring or summer. That helps me stay pumped up."

"You advertise more, call on former customers, ask all your friends," she said. "If I hear someone may be thinking of moving, I'll try to persuade them to sell now. There are fewer houses on the market."

"Homes usually look better during the holidays than any other time all decorated. They're very impressive," MacDonald added.

December and November are the two slowest months of the year in terms of listings — houses posted for sale — according to Realcomp II, a giant multi-listing service that tracks real estate activity in southeastern Michigan.

Last year, 3,371 houses/condominiums were listed for sale in December, 4,198 in November. The next lowest month was January, 5,232 listings. December and November also were the lowest listing months in 1997.

Fewer sales were recorded in February (1,673) and January (2,582) of last year, but December (2,782) and November (2,809) were right behind.

Don Timko, an associate broker with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, agrees that fewer people want to get involved in a real estate transaction

now.

But the ability of a Realtor to stay focused, not necessarily the time of year, ultimately determines the scope of his or her business, Timko said.

"It depends on how good a Realtor you are, how aggressive you are, how long you've been in the business, your data base of clients," he said. "There's always someone who has to move."

"Realtors have to be on their toes at this time of year," he said. "When you get calls, you need to return them right away. People are serious."

Sellers have less competition now and often are more willing to negotiate, Timko said. "People on both sides of the fence are motivated, ready to go."

The rules remain the same, the professionals say.

A clean house will sell quicker and for more money. Getting pre-approved for a mortgage will expedite the process. Realtors can smooth the way.

"I'm a real big advocate of getting someone experienced and believe that having all those initials after the name (professional designations like Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified Residential Specialist and Accredited Buyer Representative) means something," Timko said.

Tom Hemr closed on his house last year two days before Christmas.

"It just happened to be a good time for me. My roommate was thinking about selling his current house. I just started looking."

"I probably looked at about 10 houses and found one after a couple of times out. There didn't seem to be any shortage to look at," he said. "The seller was getting married. He and his wife were moving a couple of miles away."

There was one distinct up side to buying during the holidays — not having to scramble to send out Christmas cards, Hemr said. "I just did them with my change of address cards, letting everybody know."

Lisa Heck, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Rochester, sold a house to a young couple, their first, last year during the holidays.

"Their lease was coming due — that was in January," Heck said. "They needed to purchase something by then. They happened to find what they were looking for with a basement and garage in their price range. They had been in the market for a while ... about three months."

Heck is convinced that the couple didn't want to renew their lease and the added pressure of buying during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season actually helped them come to a decision.

JoAnn King, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Birmingham, has sold a house on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve during her 17-year career.

"The Christmas Day one was a rental and the seller really wanted to sell," she said. "I got the purchase offer on Christmas Eve. I called the seller on Christmas Day. He said, 'Come on over for dinner.' I said, 'I can't. I have a house full of people.' I took over the papers and he signed."

The New Year's Eve sale was a transferee, who made an offer one week after King had listed the property. Slack time at work and down time for schools make the holidays a good time or out-of-towners to shop houses, she said.

When people call during the holidays, you know they're serious, King said. But no sense in just waiting for the telephone to ring.

"This is the time I use to contact past customers, set a ground base for next year," she said. "That's my best source of business."

Good news

Expect to see a credit on your gas bill

Customers of Consumers will get a credit on their December natural gas bills. The Michigan Public Service Commission ordered Consumers Energy to refund \$11.7 million, plus interest, to its natural gas customers through a credit on customers' December natural gas bills.

The commission ordered Consumers Energy to refund those proceeds representing the gain realized on the transfer of its Marysville plant, facilities and related assets to its affiliate, CMS Marysville Gas Liquids Co. The commission concluded

that Consumers Energy's natural gas customers should benefit from the gain since ratepayers had paid for a majority of the Marysville costs through natural gas rates.

Consumers Energy filed an application on Feb. 23, 1998 requesting that the company treat the excess of the sales price over book value as a deferred gain, retaining the benefit of the deferred gain for CMS Energy Corp.

Residential customers using 120,000 cubic feet (Mcf) of natural

gas per year will see a one-time credit of \$4 on their December natural gas bills. Individual customer credits will vary, based on actual customer natural gas use.

Commercial and industrial sales customers will also see a one-time credit on their December natural gas bills based on actual natural gas use.

The refund will be combined with an earlier \$9.6 million refund ordered by the Commission on Sept. 28 for an over recovery of natural gas supply costs.

Categorizing

Here's how the trade publication U.S. Housing Markets described residential building activity in selected metro areas through September. Detroit was classified as softening.

BOOMING	RAPIDLY DECLINING
• Chicago	• Dallas - Ft. Worth
• Miami	• Houston
• Tampa Bay	• Washington, D.C.
• San Diego	• Orlando
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	• Boston

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

No-doc loans show the price of privacy

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No-documentation and low-documentation loans, known in the business as No-Doc and Low-Doc loans, simplify the mortgage process and keep your finances private. However, they do have a price.

These loans can cost you from a half a percent to a full percentage point more than

you would pay had you gone for a conventional loan. However, No-Doc and Low-Doc loans appeal to people who cannot provide detailed financial information or object to the invasion of privacy that applying for a mortgage entails. There is also a growing contingent that will opt for the speed and hassle-free nature of a No-Doc loan.

When you apply for a mortgage, lenders want to know everything about you — how much you make, how much you spend, how much you have in the bank, how much you borrow, how much you owe, and how much you own. In some cases they even want to see your tax returns, which let them delve even deeper into your finances.

Low-Doc and No-Doc loans require little or no documentation of income. What borrowers need instead of Documentation is the money to make a substantial down payment, excellent credit and the ability to impress the loan officer with whom they are dealing. With less documentation to base a loan on, lenders have to rely more upon instinct and experience when assessing the borrower.

There are four major factors involved in making a mortgage loan: 1) The actual value of the property; 2) The amount of down payment, or equity, the borrower has in the home; 3) The amount of the loan; and 4) The creditworthiness of the borrower.

The appraisal tells the lender how much the property is worth. For example, no one will loan \$100,000 on a property with an appraised value of \$90,000. The borrower tells the lender how big the down payment will be.

When the lender subtracts this from the buying price, the size of the loan and how much equity the borrower will have are determined.

These numbers also determine the LTV (loan to value), which is the amount of the loan compared to the value of the house.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. The survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www.MortgageSurvey.com. The survey report appears inside Thursday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hot line at (877) MTG-SHOP (684-7467). You can contact Mully at (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mtgsearch.com.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric's area residential real estate closings recorded the days of Aug. 3 - 6, 1999, 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. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	299 Kendry Ct. \$210,000	5139 Birkdale Dr. \$335,000	28987 Salem Rd. \$375,000	23677 Valley Starr. \$173,000	1919 Burning Bush Ct. \$173,000	29686 Farmbrook Villa \$140,000	218 Randall Dr. \$208,000	6294 Aspen Ridge Blvd. \$217,000	
	1433 Lochridge Rd. \$120,000	3524 Buell Ct. \$317,000	23026 Springbrook Dr. \$153,000	23473 Winthrop Ct. \$286,000	1583 Charter Oak Dr. \$120,000	24876 Glenfield Dr. \$147,000	2769 Renshaw Dr. \$170,000	6476 Bauerly Blvd. \$540,000	
	4706 Overton Cv. \$695,000	5485 Buell Dr. \$311,000	28269 Tuck Rd. \$137,000	22054 York Mills Cir. \$516,000	3818 Cherrywood Ln. \$510,000	22515 Ivahe Ln. \$210,000	4021 Wentworth Dr. \$260,000	6375 Buxton \$230,000	
	1727 Saint Johns Ct. \$460,000	8626 Buffalo Dr. \$175,000	29446 Valley Bnd. \$307,000	2755 Crooks Rd. \$205,000	2155 Crooks Rd. \$205,000	23484 Lahser Dr. \$68,000	5737 Whitfield Dr. \$132,000	6817 Carlyle King \$540,000	
	Bloomfield Hills	1318 Charrington Rd. \$405,000	2149 Coach Way Ct. \$418,000	2649 Pebble Beach Dr. \$105,000	Oakland Township	2031 Cumberland Rd. \$176,000	20459 Mada Ave. \$88,000	Waterford	7029 Carlyle King \$550,000
	370 Concord Pl #1. \$68,000	5345 Fairview Ln. \$259,000	3385 Walnut Ln. \$287,000	2588 Adams Rd. \$65,000	7175 Dartmouth Dr. \$221,000	20980 Mada Ave. \$100,000	1076 Bangor St. \$205,000	6008 Cherry Crest Dr. \$260,000	
	441 Dalbrook Ln. \$300,000	2958 Greenlawn Ave. \$274,000	35041 White Pine Trl. \$230,000	3015 Serenity Rd. \$344,000	9815 Dearborn Ave. \$65,000	19981 Northbrook Dr. \$149,000	6006 Barker Ave. \$169,000	6019 Cheryl Ct. \$283,000	
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1322 Lake Crescent Dr. \$235,000	407 Whippoorwill Way \$180,000			953 Great Oaks Blvd. \$348,000	5000 Town Ctr. \$198,000	2172 Crane St. \$140,000	3479 Fieldview Ave. \$142,000		
486 Newburne Pointe \$330,000	333 Winslow Cir. \$199,000			3161 Greenspring Ln. \$410,000	28045 Tyler St. \$116,000	1004 Dartmouth Ln. \$156,000	7108 Green Farm Rd. \$170,000		
1077 Oak Tree Ln. \$262,000				932 Hadley Rd. \$170,000	30461 Ventura St. \$184,000	2555 Driftwood Dr. \$39,000	7827 Greenway Ln. \$283,000		
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INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner/program, "Buying and Selling Lease Options," Friday, Dec. 10, at the Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park.

The dinner, at 7 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The program, at 8 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association will accept intention to nominate forms for its annual Pyramid Awards (outstanding performance of firms and individuals in the construction industry) through Dec. 10.

For information, call (734) 662-2570.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Young Mortgage Bankers Committee, affiliated with the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, hosts a holiday party 5:30 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 14, at San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members. For reservations, call Joanne at (248) 945-3875.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer real estate associates are participating with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in the Toys for Tots giving program this holiday season.

Call the company headquarters at (810) 268-1000 to find out the closest office to drop off a new unwrapped toy for a needy child.

CONTRACTORS SEMINAR

The American Subcontractors Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Embracing Change," 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

A series of one-hour classes will be available.

Cost is \$75 with registration by Dec. 15, \$95 after. For information, call Julia Smith at (248) 666-1234.

COMMISSION SEARCH

A South Lyon firm has established an Internet site for Michigan residents to get competitive bids from real estate agents to utilize their services.

Home seller post details and photos of their property online, specifying that they want proposals for listing services. Agents receive that information via e-mail, then submit confidential proposals and descriptions of services back to the homeowner.

The Web address is www.proper-tymover.com.

Commission rates are negotiable. The going rate here is 6 percent.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Consumers may obtain materials describing the importance of a reputable home inspection or receive a copy of the National Association of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

For information, call the NAHI hot line at (800) 448-3942.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, has launched a membership drive.

Individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100) are available. For information, call (313) 963-1274.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

Michigan National Bank offers a free pocket-sized consumer handbook, House Smarts: The Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity Loans. Phone (800) CALL-MNB for a copy.

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MOVERS & SHAKERS

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Barker

Gregg Barker has been promoted to the Investment Properties Group at CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield.

He will be responsible for investment property sales specializing in the national multi-housing group.

Prior to joining the firm, Barker was responsible for sales activity at Ford Motor for Lear Corp.

Catherine M. DeDecker, associate and Global Positioning Satellite manager with Spalding DeDecker Associates in Rochester Hills, has received her Professional Land Surveyor license from the

state of Michigan.

DeDecker, who has 15 years service with the firm, has a bachelor's degree in land surveying from Michigan Technological University and associate degrees in land surveying and architectural drafting from Macomb Community College.

Spalding DeDecker provides civil engineering and surveying consulting services

Fred Mawson becomes practice leader of the property tax services group at Colliers International, a commercial real estate brokerage in Bingham Farms.

He will handle marketing and administrative responsibilities for the firm, in addition to continued consulting work for commercial property tax clients.

Mawson has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint.

He's a member of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation, the Michigan Assessors Association and the Oakland and Wayne county associations of assessors.



Mawson

Plan repairs now to sell home

That new home isn't always going to be new. And someday, you're going to be ready to move.

Keep in mind that preparing to sell your house is not just a matter of planting a for-sale sign in the front yard. Making your home truly marketable means tackling that "to-do" list of repairs or renovations you may have procrastinated.

"Most homebuyers are looking for a 'turnkey' home, one that requires few

upgrades or repairs," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association.

"Homes that show well, on the inside and out, are likely to sell sooner and at a higher price. The sooner the seller takes care of renovations, the better the chances for a quick sale," he said.

Whether doing the work yourself, or hiring a contractor, the challenge is getting the work done without major hassles or delays.

Although it's tempting to do it yourself, think carefully before trying to tackle a major project. The money saved might not be worth the time, stress or aggravation.

If you're busy and under pressure to move, saddling yourself with another responsibility is just what you don't need. You should give serious consideration to hiring a remodeling contractor.

Unfortunately, hiring a home repair company is not going to painless, either. In our boom economy, more homeowners have money to pay for home improvements. As a result, demand for home remodeling has skyrocketed. So where does that leave the embattled seller, except between a rock and a hard place? It leaves you having to get creative. Here are some possible solutions.

First, consider handing your problems over to a full-service home marketing/improvement company. These companies help sellers get maximum curb appeal and charm on the inside. They match design expertise with home marketing savvy, plus they can refer skilled remodeling and repair contractors to handle the nuts and bolts.

Another alternative is to pay a little more. Bonuses and incentives can go a long way toward enticing a company to show up and complete the work on schedule.

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15 yr Fix	7.00	2.00	45 day	\$300	7.456 apr	15 yr Fix	7.75	0.00	30 day	\$350	7.906 apr					
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1 yr Arm	6.875	0.00	30 day	\$290	7.710 apr	1 yr Arm	5.00	1.00	30 day	\$0	7.483 apr					
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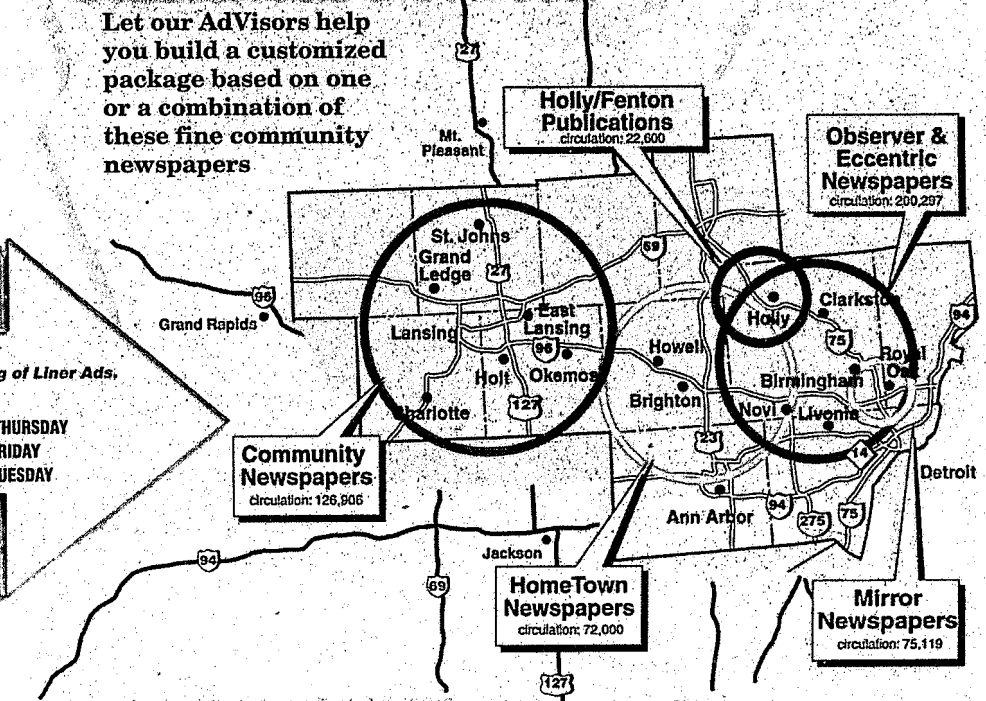
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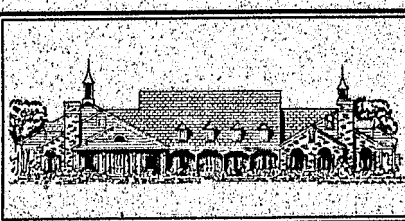
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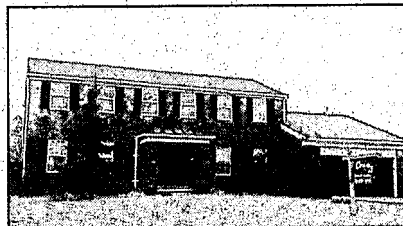
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TROY. Better than new, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, Emerald Lake ranch near the beach. Newer gourmet kitchen, full finished basement. Two-way fireplace. Hardwood floors in kitchen and family room. \$254,900 (05EME) 248-524-1600



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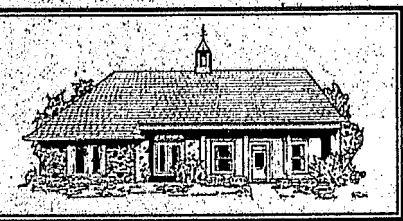
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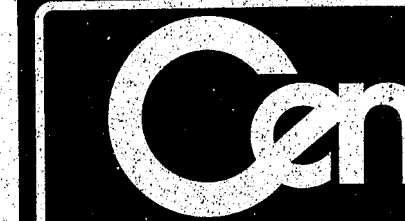
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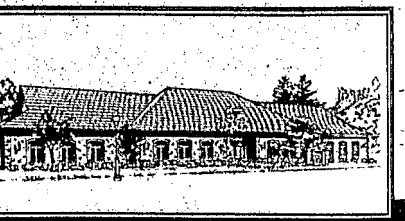
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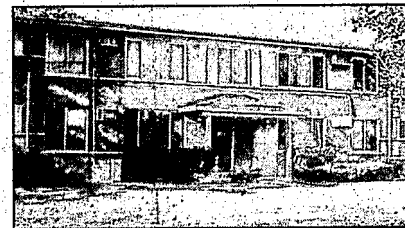
ALMOST NEW! Very desirable floor plan, 4 bedroom colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Large living room and family room, formal dining room + kitchen and breakfast nook. All appliances included. Professionally landscaped. \$329,900 (29FIE) (248) 626-8800



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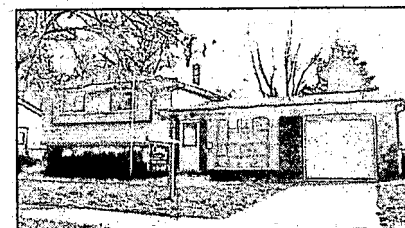
BIRMINGHAM. Sharp 2 bedroom condo with newer Millspride kitchen, bath and carpet. Master bedroom has 2 closets. Hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Pets allowed. \$143,900 (58GRA) (248) 642-8100



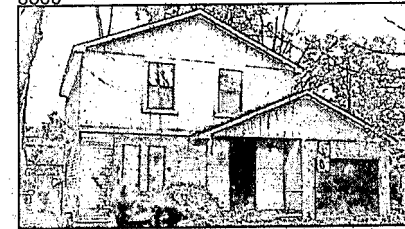
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BIRMINGHAM. Excellent investment! Two bedroom, 1 bath bungalow with large unfinished upstairs room. Newer carpet and paint, updated kitchen and all appliances included. Home warranty. \$104,900 (31FOU) (248) 642-8100



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TROY. Attractive 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in move-in condition. Spacious rooms, totally updated. Formal dining room, 2 car attached garage. Great sub with large park and trails. \$249,900 (33FRE) (248) 524-1600



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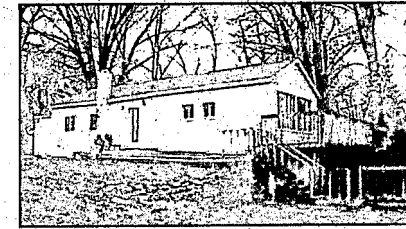
WALK TO BEACH! Sharp brick ranch with finished walk-out basement. Walking distance to lake. Large oak kitchen, air, living room with fireplace. Master with bath, fresh paint, newer carpet, cathedral ceilings. Easy access to I-75. \$199,899 (52HAR) (248) 652-8000



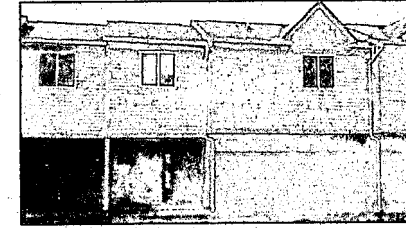
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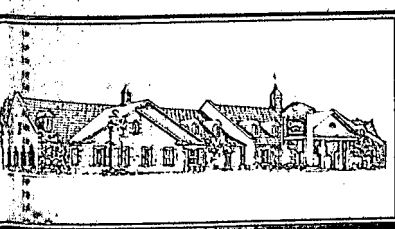
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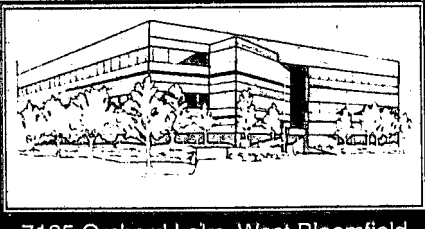
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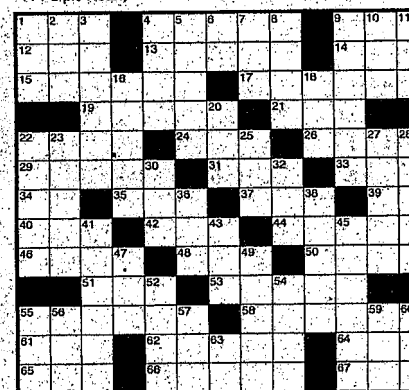
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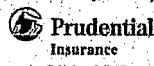
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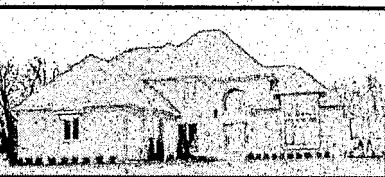
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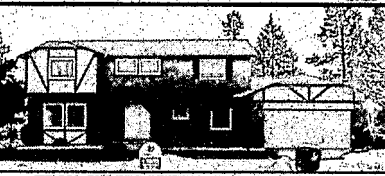
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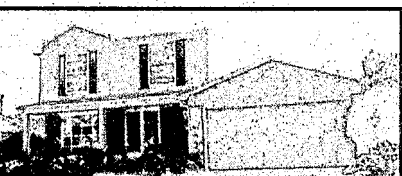
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• Surrounded by nature. (ST416)
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ROCHESTER HILLS
• Charming 4 bedroom, 2 story brick Colonial
• Huge family room with walk-in wet bar & fireplace
• Private backyard, access to pool & tennis courts
• Sharp home with exciting decor throughout. (HA875)
\$239,900 • 248 651-8850



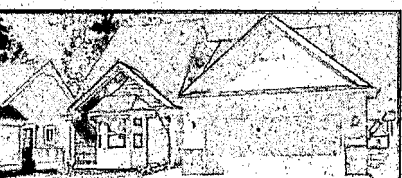
HUNTINGTON WOODS
• Distinctive Colonial on beautiful street
• Open floor plan, refinished hardwood floors, family room with natural fireplace & direct access to yard
• 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, attached garage. (TA101)
\$239,900 • 248 647-6400



COMMERCE - LAKE PRIVILEGES!
• Beautiful Colonial home on spectacular wooded lot
• 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large & bright island kitchen
• Spacious family room w/ stunning brick fireplace
• Skylights, recessed lighting, deck, & 2 car garage. (WO141)
\$236,000 • 248 624-3015



FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL IN TROY
• Backs to wooded areas in lovely neighborhood
• Updates include: custom oak kitchen cabinets & floor, most carpeting & windows, roof, shingles & more!
• First floor bedroom, neutral decor. Walk to elementary. (RA218)
\$220,000 • 248 641-1660



EXQUISITE GOLF COURSE & WATER VIEWS
• Four bedroom, almost new contemporary 1.5 story home
• Prestige Maple Kitchen, ceramic tile, dining room, great room, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry
• Central air, appliances, full basement, alarm. (OA131)
\$223,500 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



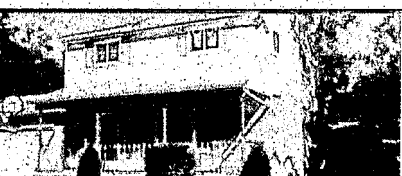
951 Croydon • N. off Avon bet. Old Perch & Liversols
• Beautiful earth tone ceramic entry welcomes you!
• Large updated kitchen & baths, four bedrooms with wood floors, lots of closets, private backyard
• Deep heated garage with workshop. (CR951)
\$219,900 • 248 651-8850



MILFORD - BRING YOUR HORSES - 2.31 ACRES
• Beautiful trees & landscaping, fenced yard with room for two horses
• New carpet & paint, deck, master bath with ceramic tile
• Fireplace in living room, glass French doors to living/dining area, full basement. (LO134)
\$219,900 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



TROY - OPEN SUN. 1-4
• 2765 Bollingbroke • Off Adams, bet. Big Beaver & Wattles
• Enjoy viewing this lovely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home with Birmingham Schools
• Beautiful use of full windows & vaulted ceilings plus 2-way fireplace, Newer carpet, paint, kitchen, bath, & more! (BO276)
\$209,000 • 248 647-6400



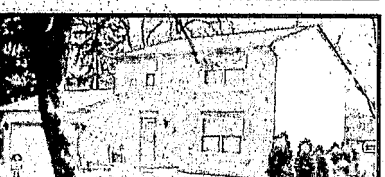
NORTH ROYAL OAK
• Great 4 bedroom, 2 story Colonial with many updates
• Large living room with fireplace and bay window
• Kitchen and formal dining room, large finished rec room
• Doorwall leads to beautiful landscape with deck & garden. (WI324)
\$194,500 • 248 647-6400



MACOMB TOWNSHIP - SHENANDOAH VILLAGE
• Beautiful custom brick Colonial - sellers must relocate
• Crown moldings, plush carpeting & ceramic/parquet floors, c/a, raised fireplace in great room
• Awesome lot (private yard), play house, & deck. (PU18)
\$189,900 • 248 641-1660



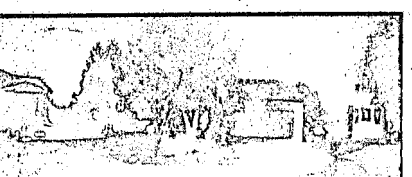
ROYAL OAK - BRICK RANCH
• Wonderful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in Vinsella area
• Refinished hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen
• Super finished basement adds additional 1,000 sq. ft.
• Two car garage. (OR221)
\$175,000 • 248 647-6400



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - GREAT LOCATION
• Beautiful 2 story Colonial near Bloomfield Schools
• Neutral decor throughout with open floor plan
• Full basement, formal dining room, & 1st floor bath
• Two car attached garage, porch, & central air. (AL25)
\$174,900 • 248 647-6400



CLOSE TO SCHOOLS & SHOPPING IN OXFORD
• Delightful 3 bedroom Oxford Woods Colonial
• New windows & central air, 1.5 baths, 2 decks
• Invisible fencing surrounding entire yard
• Nicely landscaped corner lot. (KE112)
\$168,500 • 248 625-5700



NEW 2 STORY CONDO IN PRIME LAKES AREA
• Lovely townhouse style with brick front
• Two bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement - garage
• Vaulted great room with gas fireplace
• Ceramic tiled foyer, kitchen, & nook. (CA520)
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