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It was this week in 1865 that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) opened its first permanent headquarters on Broad Street near Wall Street in New York City. This was good news for the members of the stock exchange because for much of the time since New York merchants and brokers organized to buy and sell stocks and bonds on a common commission basis in 1792, the group met outdoors under a buttonwood tree on the Wall Street.

In 1817 the brokers formalized their agreement and named their group the New York Stock & Exchange Board. They created a constitution that laid out appropriate business conduct and rented rooms on Wall Street. By 1868, membership on the NYSE was held as a valuable property. New members had to purchase an existing seat and there were (and still are) a total of 1,366 seats on the Exchange. This arrangement always left some investors literally out in the cold. Well into the 20th century, securities not listed on the NYSE were traded on the streets around Broad and Wall. Known as "The Curb," the American Stock Exchange traces its roots to the traders who organized as the New York Curb Agency in 1908. It wasn't until 1921 that the Curb moved indoors. For great photos of the Curb, and more information about the start of stock trading in America, visit the Library of Congress web site at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammen/today/today.html>.

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



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Cooley still keeping kids safe

Editor's note: First in a series of occasional stories about people who once held high-profile positions in the Clarkston community.

By SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Brent Cooley continues to have an impact on education.

The former principal of Clarkston High School retired from the school district at the end of last school year, but he didn't retire from work.

By July, he was working at Universal Data Inc. in Independence Township as director of

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designs and manufactures handheld data collection terminals and software, including barcode scanners and printers. It wants to branch into the school safety and security field.

"We manufacture handheld products and write customer programs for barcoding for warehouses, shipping and receiving, production and inventory," said John Phyle, part owner and sales manager of UDI. He works with his father, Chuck Phyle, UDI's founder.

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educational services — a job created just for him.

He works at helping school districts create safe and secure environments for students and staff.

His new employer, UDI,



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Here he is: Brent Cooley, former Clarkston High School principal, is now director of educational services at Universal Data Inc.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Free ride: Kazuki Furumoto enjoys a sled ride courtesy of Natsuki Unemoto. Both children are from Rochester.



Up you go: Scott Kurk of Oxford helps daughter Sammi Jo Kurk during a day of skiing at Pine Knob Ski Resort Dec. 29.



Ski time

Slopes draw crowds

Lots of people with extra time on their hands headed out to the ski slopes last week for some fresh air, exercise and fun.

Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township was busy and open extra hours to accommodate the increased numbers, Pine Knob office manager Mary Dawson said.

"It's great; everyone's having a lot of fun," Dawson said.

The resort opened Dec. 18, a little later than usual, she said.

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Having fun: William Bruce of Lake Orion snowboards.

Y2K turns out to be a yawner

■ Police and government officials from Independence, Springfield and Clarkston reported no Y2K problems Friday night as the calendar rolled over from 1999 to 2000.



By SALLY SLAUGHTER
AND SUSAN TAUBER
STAFF WRITERS

For all the problems it brought, Y2K might as well have stood for Yawn 2000.

Now retailers might want to prepare for returns of all the emergency gear they sold over the past month, according to one hardware store.

But Clarkston ACO assistant manager Brian Doetsch said they have seen few returns.

"The stuff we sell, like propane, people still use and they will hang onto it."

All over, technicians and staff people had to curtail New Year's Eve plans and report for work. Locally, things were quiet.

"No problems at all," said Linda Richardson, Independence Township's Department of Public Works assistant director. "Everything went really smooth."

The DPW had five people working at its headquarters while several other township employees held things together at township hall.

Richardson said they weren't bored during their strange shift.

"There's enough stuff to keep us busy," she said.

Springfield Township had no one on alert. The township has no DPW and doesn't have a municipal water or sewer system so that wasn't a worry, Clerk Nancy Strole said. The computers worked when employees turned them on Monday.

"Everything's business as usual," Strole said. "Like everywhere else, it's a big ho-hum."

There also weren't any surprises at the Clarkston Police Department, according to Chief Paul Ormiston. He said things were quiet in the city on all counts.

Everything went smoothly at the Springfield Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. "We didn't experience any type of glitches," said Sgt. Pat Miles.

The Independence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department was prepared for emergency situations, but according to Lt. Dale LaBair, none of them occurred.

"With great relief," he said. "We put on extra people just in case. The midnight shift came in early and we held the afternoon shift over. I had them out patrolling the streets ... there were so many officers out there."

LaBair said county emergency operations centers in Independence Township and Pontiac were open as were the state centers in Livonia and Lansing. People from different organizations were at each one, prepared to handle emergencies.

"We didn't know what might happen," he said. "Even though we'd been told probably nothing would take place, we still wanted to be prepared."

He said they had a list of seniors living alone who might need assistance in case the electricity and gas failed.

Clarkston Lighthouse Emergency Services was prepared for a Y2K emergency as well. Kathleen Carolin, manager for both the Clarkston and the Pontiac branches, said Lighthouse is

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OBITUARIES

Helene M. Lang

Helene M. Lang of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, died Jan. 3, 2000, at age 66.

Mrs. Lang was a member and trustee of Waterford Eagles. She was a bowling instructor at Airway Lanes for many years and formerly worked at Kmart, Waterford.

She is survived by a son, Corky (Vicky) of Holly; daughter, Denise (Mark) Moultrup of Clarkston; eight grandchildren, Rhonda (Tony) Hool, Jessica Lang (Scott Truschon), Charlie Lang, Erick Lang, Ian Lang, Patrick Lang, Jeff Moultrup and Mark Moultrup; and three great-grandchildren, Olivia, Victoria and Cecilia.

In addition, she is survived by two sisters, Nancy (Ray) Kriss of Washington, Mich., and Cindy (Bob) Pastrick of Clinton Township, and several nieces and nephews.

A Scripture service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lewis E. Wint & Sons Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home and 9-10 a.m. Friday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at the church. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East.

Any donations made to the family will be used towards a marker in her memory. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Sons TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Sharon R. Fugitt

Sharon R. Fugitt (Daugherty) of Clarkston died Dec. 29, 1999, at age 57.

While courageously battling cancer over recent months, Mrs. Fugitt continued to always put others first and lead by example. She will be missed by all.

Mrs. Fugitt was employed as a pharmacy tech for Rite-Aid Corp. after working 30 years at the former Perry Drug Corp. She was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Mrs. Fugitt is survived by her husband of 37 years, Thomas; two sons, Glenn of Clarkston and Kenny (Kelly) of Waterford; two daughters, Susan (John) Green of Waterford and Denise (fiancé Paul Rose) Fugitt of Florida; three grandchildren, Zachary and Nicholas Green and Dylan Fugitt; brother, Jim (Sylvia) Daugherty of Colorado; four sisters, Kathleen (Bernard) Barr of Ireland, Evelyn (John) Clark of Clarkston, Maureen Daugherty of Colorado and Debbie (Dennis) Wisser of Clarkston; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Arrangements were handled by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Foundation or to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Cancer and Treatment.

Antiques store features diverse collection

BY PAUL R. PACE
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The world of antiques is not for the amateur.

Fortunately for the rest of us, there's a business in Waterford Township that has a knowledgeable crew always on hand that knows the difference between a Majolica and a Pennsbury.

That's because there are antique dealers who work at the business, not hired staff.

The Great Midwestern Antique Emporium at 5233 Dixie Highway offers numerous selections in antiques from the whimsical to serious collectibles.

It's been doing so for the past 14 years.

Owner and operator Nancy "Nan" Dangel said the business is unique because it offers wares from nearly 50 quality dealers who sublease space at the store.

"I think it's essential that you have dealers on the floor," Dangel said while working at the business Tuesday. "That way we can answer a customer's question right away."

Different dealers specialize in different items, thus a diverse selection is offered in the 5,000-square-foot business.

Have a certain interest? It's likely offered at the emporium, from toys to gas station pumps to china, furniture and figurines from famous makers like Lladro and Hummel to name a few.

Dangel noted 65 percent of the dealers have been with the business five years or longer.

Dealer Mary Linseman said Dangel works hard for the merchants, and that's why she and her daughter Susan Gahan have set up shop there for nine years.

"I found this place, and I just liked it," she said. "The dealers all work together and we share knowledge. Every day you learn something new. Just when you think you know everything, you learn something."

The dealers don't just set up shop for themselves; they actually act as representatives for all the items offered for sale and assist customers with questions. Each dealer is required to work at least two days a month at the store.

Dangel, who owns the building, along with her husband Bob



STAFF PHOTOS BY GARY MALEBIA

Affordable antiques: Nancy "Nan" Dangel of Clarkston, owner of The Great Midwestern Antique Emporium in Waterford, says her shop offers lots of bargains.

Dangel, said she screens the items offered for sale and requires each be at least 30 years old.

While a final sales policy is posted, the store will accept returns if an item is questionable as to its authenticity, Dangel said, noting every effort is made to verify genuineness.

The dealers are from Waterford, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Grand Blanc and even as far as Florida, Dangel noted.

"We have dealers with lots of experience here," she said proudly.

The emporium is a co-op operation, but Dangel said it works no different than a retail store.

The Clarkston resident said repeat business is the key to its success.

"Every year has had better sales than the previous year," she said.

Her husband's specialty is advertising and marketing, but the two started in the antiques business 20 years ago when they began collecting rare furniture.

Despite the popularity of antiques in recent years, includ-

ing a new legion of shops in Royal Oak, Dangel said her shop is still one of the bargain areas in the country.

"We try to make (the sales) reasonable," she said.

Waterford residents Pat Macomber and her daughter Amanda Jones said they were in the store for the first time Tuesday, but so far they were quite impressed with what they had seen.

They marveled at a Doll-E-Bath on display, an antique bath tub for dolls.

"This is just like the one I used to have," Macomber said with a smile, telling her daughter how she used to play with it when she was a child.

"I'm impressed with how organized it is," Macomber said of

the store.

"It's all clean and not dusty like some antique stores are," Jones said.

Dangel said the store has also had great success with its specialty sales — one of which is going on this month — that offers certain items at a discount.

The store also offers a 30-day layaway, gift certificates, a gift registry service, an appraisal and repair service and a "wish list" is offered if a customer is looking for a specific item.

"We like to think of ourselves as a full-service dealer," Dangel said.

The Great Midwestern Antique Emporium is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Call (248) 623-7460.



Flashback: Amanda Jones looks on as her mother, Pat Macomber of Waterford, reacts emotionally to finding a pair of cat pictures she remembered from childhood.

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always thinking ahead of how to help people in times of disasters, such as tornadoes.

"Now that we've gotten through Y2K, we are thinking ahead into the spring," she said.

"We can use more volunteers for our emergency preparedness plan."

She said there's a variety of

jobs that need workers at times of emergencies. These include

contacting people by telephone and helping the Oakland County emergency management team.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Clarkston Lighthouse branch at (248) 673-4949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly established boards and commissions of the government of the Charter Township of Springfield have established meeting schedules and locations for calendar/fiscal year 2000 as follows:

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Springfield Township Board will hold its regular meeting on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 13	July 13
February 10	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold its regular meetings, if required, as follows:

Workshop meetings: 1st Wednesday
Business meetings: 3rd Monday

beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 5, 17	July 5, 17
February 2, 21	August 2, 21
March 4, 20	September 6, 18
April 5, 17	October 4, 16
May 3, 15	November 1, 20
June 7, 19	December 6, 18

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its regular meetings, if required, on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 20	July 20
February 17	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

This Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond Park, 495 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 11	July 11
February 8	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board will hold its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Library, 10900 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 18	July 18
February 15	August 15
March 21	September 17
April 18	October 19
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

Questions regarding the above published meeting schedules and locations may be directed to the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2000 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Springrove Estates Limited Partnership, 401 S. Woodward, Suite 400, Birmingham, MI 48009 to allow construction of a pool house with a side yard setback of eighteen (18) feet rather than (30) feet. P.I. #07-03-102-021.
2. Dwight Watros, 453 Creeks Edge, Lake Orion, MI 48362 to allow construction of a house with porch with a front yard setback of forty-four (44) feet rather than fifty (50) feet. P.I. #07-19-228-014.
3. B & RB Inc., 255 N. Telegraph, Suite 202, Waterford, MI 48328 to allow the use of two (2) 60'-x- foot wide access strips. The proposed access strips would be used to divide a 10+- acre parcel located on the southeast corner of Davisburg Road and Ormond Road behind the "Randell Crest" Subdivision into two (2) separate parcels and to allow (1) strip to provide access to two (2) parcels where the ordinance permits an access strip to be used by only one (1) parcel of at least five (5) acres in size. P.I. #07-18-477-005.

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

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Independent pharmacy's Rx for success: customer service

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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The Clarkston Pharmacy is a throwback to days past when people had to go to specialized stores to buy what they needed.

They'd go to the shoe store for shoes, the meat market for meat, the fruit market for fruits and vegetables and the pharmacist for medicine.

Providing medicine and medical supplies is the main portion of Clarkston Pharmacy's business at its rectangular brick building at 5838 S. Main St.

That suits John Kevorkian of Clarkston just fine.

"I'm very happy with these people," he said of the service he receives from the pharmacy's employees. "I like the way they operate. They answer all my questions, tell me about how my medicine will react with other medicines and they always have what I need. I've been a customer since the store opened in downtown (Clarkston)."

"These people" Kevorkian referred to are owners and registered pharmacists Vahram Fantazian of West Bloomfield and Ron Chrovian of Orchard Lake and their staff. They have four pharmacy technicians—Michelle Whitney, Ginny Christian, Colette Hostetler of Ortonville and Kathy McMinn of Holly. Gary Paul of Clarkston also works there.

Little did Fantazian know when he married Chrovian's sister that he and his brother-in-law would go into business together. But they opened their first pharmacy in 1967. At one time, both their mothers worked with them.

They moved their business to Clarkston in 1978 in a downtown building with a drive-through window.

"We were the first out here to have a drive-through window,"

■ 'Our customers know we take our time and talk to them about their medication; we answer their questions ... They don't feel rushed.'

Vahram Fantazian
Clarkston Pharmacy co-owner

said Fantazian. "We were also the first pharmacy to have a computer back then," Chrovian added.

When the brothers-in-law bought the former Pontiac Photo building and moved their business to its present location, they brought that drive-through window with them.

It's the main way most of their customers access the pharmacy.

"Most of our customers drive through," said Fantazian. "We fill about 5,000 prescriptions a month and most of it is from contact through the window. We can fill almost any prescription within a few minutes."

The drive-through window is especially beneficial for older customers, parents with children in a car and for people with physical disabilities, he pointed out.

After more than 20 years of dispensing medicine in the Clarkston community, the pharmacists are seeing their second generation of customers come through.

"I believe we have been successful because we give such one-on-one service. Our customers know we take our time and talk to them about their medication; we answer their questions. They feel secure coming to us. They don't feel rushed," Fantazian explained.

The business also provides medications for adult foster care homes in the area.

Inside has shelves stocked

with medical supplies. "We have some over-the-counter medications and medical supplies as well as ostomy supplies," Fantazian said. These are for people who have had an operation to create an artificial passage for bodily elimination.

The Clarkston Pharmacy also has the means to get supplies or medications for customers in a day, if it doesn't have something in stock.

And if a senior citizen needs medicine in a non-child proof bottle, all they have to do is sign a waiver to get a different type of bottle cap. The pharmacists can also fill prescriptions requiring the mixing of different ingredients. Fantazian called this compounding.

Fantazian became a pharmacist through the influence of his parents. "They were immigrants to America. They thought it would be a good profession for me," he explained.

Chrovian was majoring in chemistry in college and wanted to continue working in that field. The move into pharmacy was a natural, he said.

Both men are glad they moved their business to Clarkston in 1978 when it was still considered a rural area.

"We saw it was an up-and-coming area in the 1970s. That's why we decided to move our business here," Fantazian said. "The area has grown so much in the past 20 years, but it still has an old-fashioned feeling to it."

When asked if they feel threatened from the chain pharmacies moving into the area, they sort of shrugged their shoulders.

"We've never advertised because we haven't needed to," Fantazian said. "I believe our business is successful because people are appreciative of what we do here. They know either Ron or I are here for them all the time. They keep coming back to us."



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Independent operators:
Vahram Fantazian (left) and Ron Chrovian are the pharmacists and owners of the drive-through Clarkston Pharmacy.

Rite Aid abandons store plans; Walgreen site work in progress

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Rite-Aid has decided not to build a store at the corner of Clarkston and Sashabaw roads.

The Camp Hill, Penn.-based company had been working with Independence Township since 1996 to build a 11,067-square-foot, free standing building on 3.3 acres.

A site plan was approved in November 1997 and the township has construction documents dated December 1998.

But Rite-Aid spokesperson Jody Cook said the company six months ago reevaluated all the stores that were in the planning stages.

"We had admitted we were a little over aggressive (in opening new stores)," Cook said. "We're kind of marketing it (the property) for a buyer."

Rite Aid owns the land, which is zoned commercial. It does have residentially zoned property abutting it. The company

■ 'We had admitted we were a little over aggressive (in opening new stores). We're kind of marketing it (the property) for a buyer.'

Jody Cook
Rite-Aid spokesperson

would have had to run water and sewer to the site. Wetland and parking issues also had been addressed as part of the project.

Cook said the sign that still stands on the property saying Rite-Aid is coming will be taken down promptly.

Deerfield, Ill.-based Walgreen Drug Stores is going ahead with plans to open a 14,000-square-foot store at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road in early summer. Site work is being done now.

Company spokeswoman Yvette Venable said market research indicated a need for a new store in the area.

"What we look for is population density and whether people

have convenient access to pharmacy services," she said.

Several drug stores are already in the vicinity, including a CVS Pharmacy across Dixie Highway in the Farmer Jack plaza and a Rite-Aid Pharmacy a little farther south on Dixie at M-15.

The lease of the land was finalized in August. One feature of the store will be a two-lane, drive-through pharmacy, Venable said. The store will have 18,000 items. In addition to the pharmacy, Walgreens will have a one-hour photo lab, cosmetics, vitamins and other health-related items as well as convenience foods.



May I help you?
Michelle Whitney helps a customer with a prescription at Clarkston Pharmacy.

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

Larceny from vehicle-force

On Jan. 2, someone removed several items valued at more than \$500 from a 1989 Chevrolet convertible parked in the 5200 block of Timberidge Trail. The person entered the car by damaging the convertible top.

Larceny

On Jan. 1, a 17-year-old Clarkston man pumped \$23.79 in gas from the Clark Oil station on 4951 Sashabaw Road and left without paying for it. An employee at the station wrote down the man's vehicle license plate number. Police located the man, who said he didn't pay for the gas because he didn't have any money because he'd lost his job, according to the police report. He told police he was going to pay for the gasoline later. Police issued him an appearance ticket.

On Dec. 30, someone removed a snowboard the owner set aside while at Pine Knob Ski Resort, 7777 Sashabaw Road. Police faxed information to the Play It Again Sports store. According to the police report, an employee of the store told police he had just purchased what he thought was the used snowboard from someone before he received their fax with the information.

Underage consumption

On Dec. 30, a 19-year-old Independence Township man received appearance tickets for violating the host ordinance vio-

lation and for underage consumption of alcohol. The man had a party at his parents' home on Eddystone Circle. An officer investigated the party and saw several underage people drinking what appeared to be alcohol, according to the police report. The officer found the host and asked him to end the party, which he did. The officer issued citations for minors in possession to the host and two other guests at the house. He also saw three other underage individuals leaving the party in a car. He stopped them and found an empty beer keg, three 24-can cases of beer, open liquor bottles in the car and two half-full cans of beer in the front passenger floor board. The three were issued citations for minors in possession and for having open intoxicants in the car.

Burglary-force

On Dec. 29, someone entered the Alamo Club at 5661 Clintonville Road through a window and removed the wall safe containing \$922, a gumball machine, cash register drawer, keys and a computer monitor, keyboard and computer zip drive. The person also caused damage to three interior doors. Police later found the gumball machine and drawer on a road and the computer equipment on a frozen lake.

Springfield Township

No major reports.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

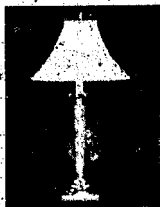
Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 19

calls from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. These included 13 medical calls, two investigations, two automatic alarms, one investigation and one vehicle fire.



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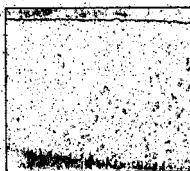


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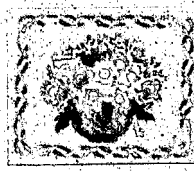
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF SECOND HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to consider the following proposed amendment to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Section 18.07, Site Plan Review Required in Specific Districts:

SECTION 18.07 - Site Plan Review Required in Specific Districts: Prior to the issuance of building permits or commencement of any construction, Site Plan Review and Approval is required in the situations and under the procedures contained in this section. The intent of this section is to provide for consultation and cooperation between the developer and the Township of Springfield so as to realize maximum utilization of land and minimum adverse effects upon the surrounding land uses. Through application of these provisions, compliance with the Master Plan of the Township will be assured, and the Township will develop in an orderly fashion consistent with its health, safety and welfare.

1. When Site Plan Review Required: Site Plan Review and Approval is required for certain existing uses and for all proposed uses within the Township except for one-family detached dwellings and agricultural uses in the one-family residential districts. Site Plan Review and Approval for existing principal or accessory structures or uses is required where an alteration, addition, expansion, change or conversion:

- Constitutes an increase or reduction to the existing structure or use of 1,000 or more square feet or 10 percent, whichever is less; or
- Would require a variance from the provisions of this Ordinance, regardless of its size.

2. Criteria of Site Plan Review. The Site Plan shall be reviewed and approved upon a finding that the following conditions are met:

- The proposed use will not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood.
- There is a proper relationship between major thoroughfares and proposed service drives, driveways and parking areas and provisions have been made for acceleration, deceleration and passing lanes or approaches so as to preserve the safety and convenience of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- The location of buildings, outside storage receptacles, parking areas, screen walls and utility areas is such that the adverse effects of such uses will be minimized for the occupants of that use and surrounding areas.
- It provides for proper development of road, easements and public utilities and protects the general health, safety, welfare and character of the Township.
- It meets the requirements and standards for grading and surface drainage and for the design and construction of storm sewers, storm water holding facilities, parking lots, driveways, water mains, sanitary sewers and for acceleration, deceleration and passing lanes or approaches as determined by the Township Engineers and set forth in the Township of Springfield Design and Construction Standards.
- Proper access to all portions of the site and all sides of any structure is provided. All structures or groups of structures shall be so arranged as to permit emergency vehicle access by some practical mean to all sides. All driveways and parking lot lanes necessary, to provide emergency access shall be a minimum of over 18 feet in width. Site features such as, but not limited to, trees and other plant materials, fences, retaining walls, berms, outdoor furniture, outdoor structure, and natural and artificial water bodies shall be arranged to permit adequate emergency vehicle access.
- Natural resources will be preserved to the maximum extent possible in the site design by developing in a manner which will not detrimentally affect or destroy natural features such as lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, steep slopes, groundwater and woodlands.
- The proposed development respects the natural topography to the maximum extent possible by minimizing the amount of cutting, filling and grading required.

- The proposed development will not cause soil erosion or sedimentation.
- Storm water management systems and facilities will preserve the natural drainage characteristics and enhance the aesthetics of the site to the maximum extent possible, and will not substantially reduce or increase the natural retention or storage capacity of any wetland, water body or water course, or cause alterations which could increase flooding or water pollution on or off site.
- Wastewater treatment systems, including on-site septic systems will be located to minimize any potential degradation of surface water or groundwater quality.
- Sites which include storage of hazardous materials or waste, fuels, salt, or chemicals will be designed to prevent spills and discharges of polluting materials to the surface of the ground, groundwater or nearby water bodies.
- The proposed use is in compliance with all Township Ordinances and any other applicable laws.
- The location of buildings, parking, drives, landscaping and other improvements on the site is appropriate and consistent with good design standards for the lot size, shape and general location.
- Landscaping, including grass, trees, shrubs and other vegetation is provided to maintain and improve the aesthetic quality of the site and area.

3. Information Required on Site Plan: Plans submitted for Concept Review shall contain the information required in Section 18.07.4a. Plans submitted for Final Site Plan Review shall contain all of the following data and any other information that will assist the township in determining compliance with the criteria of Site Plan Review.

Sheet size for both Concept and Final Site Plan submittal shall be 24"x36" with plan view drawn to a scale of 1" = 50' for property less than three acres or 1" = 100' for property of three or more acres in size. Other scales are acceptable as long as they are found on the U.S. Standard Engineers Scale. Where the size of a project requires more than one 24" x 36" sheet at a 1" = 100' scale or a larger scale (lower number) is needed for clarity or detail, more than one 24" x 36" sheet shall be used with match lines clearly shown. Plan sheet shall be clearly drawn so that all information is legible and not obscured by other plan information. Included on the site plan shall be all dimensions and the following:

- General Information
 - Proprietors', applicants' and owners' names, addresses and telephone numbers.
 - Date (month, day, year), including revisions.
 - Title block.
 - Scale.
 - North point.
 - Location map drawn at a scale of 1" = 2000' with north point indicated.
 - Architect, Engineer, Surveyor, Landscape Architect, or Planner's seal.
 - Existing lot lines, building lines, structures, parking areas, etc., on the parcel, and within 100 feet of the site.
 - Proposed lot lines, property lines and all structures, parking areas, etc., within the site, and within 100 feet of the site.
 - Centerline and existing and proposed right-of-way lines of any street.
 - Zoning classification of petitioner's parcel and all abutting parcels.
 - Gross acreage figure.
 - Proximity to major thoroughfares and section corners.

- Physical Features
 - Acceleration, deceleration and passing lanes and approaches.
 - Proposed locations of access drives, street intersections, driveway locations, sidewalks, bike paths, curbing and areas for public use.
 - Location of existing and proposed service facilities above and below ground, including:
 - Well Sites.
 - Septic systems and other wastewater treatment systems. The location of the septic tank and the drain field (soil absorption system) should be clearly distinguished.
 - Chemical and fuel storage tanks and containers.
 - Storage, loading, and disposal areas for chemicals, hazardous substances, salt and fuels.
 - Water mains, hydrants, pump houses, standpipes and building

services and sizes.

- Sanitary sewers and pumping stations.
 - Storm water control facilities and structures including storm sewers, swales, retention and detention basins, drainageways and other facilities, including calculations for sizes.
 - Location of all easements.
- All structures with dimensioned floor plans, setback and yard dimensions and typical elevation views.
 - Dimensional parking spaces and calculation, drives and method of surfacing.
 - Exterior lighting locations and illumination patterns.
 - Location and description of all existing and proposed landscaping, berms, fencing and walls.
 - Trash receptacle pad location and method of screening.
 - Transformer pad location and method of screening.
 - Dedicated road or service drive locations.
 - Entrance details including sign locations and size.
 - Designation of fire lanes.
 - Any other pertinent physical features.

c. Natural Features

- Soil characteristics of the parcel including soil boring logs and locations.
- On parcels of more than one acre, existing topography with a maximum contour interval of two feet. Topography on the site and beyond the site for a distance of 100 feet in all directions shall be indicated.
- Grading plan, showing finished contours at a maximum interval of two feet, correlated with existing contours so as to clearly indicate required cutting, filling and grading.
- Location of existing drainage courses and associated bodies of water, on and off site, and their elevations.
- Location of existing wetlands.
- Location of natural resource features, including woodlands and areas with slopes greater than 10 percent (one foot of vertical elevation for every 10 feet of horizontal distance).

d. Additional Requirements for Multiple Family, Cluster and PUD Developments

- Density calculations by type of unit by bedroom counts.
- Designation of units by type and number of units in each building.
- Carport locations and details where proposed.
- Specific amount and location of recreation spaces.
- Type of recreation facilities to be provided in recreation space.
- Details of Community Building and fencing of swimming pool if proposed.

e. Additional Requirements for Commercial, Office, and Industrial Developments

- Loading/unloading areas.
- Total and useable floor area.
- Number of employees in peak usage.

4. Site Plan Review Procedures: Site Plan Review shall be according to the following procedures. Whenever references are made to Clerk, Engineer and Planner it shall mean the Township Clerk or designated representative, Township Engineer and Township Planner. For purposes of these procedures, filing means delivery by the applicant to the Clerk. Application means an application for site plan approval on a form provided by the Clerk.

Site Plan review shall be conducted solely by the Planning Commission for all Land Uses, except as provided for herein. Land Uses Permitted Subject To Special Conditions (Special Land Uses) and projects containing new public or private road(s) which are not part of a subdivision being reviewed in accordance with the "Land Division Act" in accordance with Township policy shall have site plans reviewed and final action taken by the Township Board following review and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

a. Concept Plan Review - The purpose of Concept Plan Review is to provide the applicant and the township the opportunity to review a generalized site plan, discuss the overall idea of the development project and to consider the project's compliance with the criteria of Site Plan Review found in Section 18.07(2) and other applicable township ordinances, policies or standards. The township encourages all applicants to take advantage of Concept Review.

Concept Plan Review is required for all Principal Uses Permitted Subject To Special Conditions (Special Land Uses), all developments containing greater than 25,000 square feet of structure(s), developments larger than two (2) acres in size and all projects containing a new public or private road not part of a subdivision being reviewed in accordance with the "Land Division Act". Projects for which Concept Plan Review is not required or requested are subject to review pursuant to the requirements of Section 18.07.4.b, Final Site Plan Review. The following procedures shall apply to Concept Plan Review:

- An application supplied by the township shall be filed along with the applicable fee, plans and other documents with the Clerk. The number of plans and other documents to be submitted shall be specified on the application.
- Upon receipt of an application for Concept Plan Review, the Clerk shall transmit the application, Concept documents and plan to the Planning Commission, Township Planner and Township Engineer. Review of the Concept Plan shall be scheduled at a regular Planning Commission meeting in accordance with Township policy.
- Every Concept Plan submitted to the Planning Commission shall include the following information:
 - The general description, location, size and shape of the property involved.
 - The general shape, size and location of proposed buildings, parking areas and service drives, loading zones, location of existing and proposed streets serving the property, and natural features including, but not limited to, general topography, soils, wetlands, wooded areas, tree rows and water bodies.
 - The general location and type of all existing and proposed storm water and sewage treatment systems serving the property.
 - A written explanation or analysis of how the development and its concept will comply with the Criteria of Site Plan Review found in Section 18.07.2.
 - Any other information deemed necessary to properly illustrate the development concept.

- The Planning Commission shall review the Concept Plan and shall be entitled to make reasonable inquiries of and receive answers from the applicant. Following review, the Clerk shall provide the applicant with the official minutes of the meeting, which shall reflect the Planning Commission review comments.
- Where review by the Township Board is required by this Ordinance, the Board shall review the Concept Plan and shall be entitled to make reasonable inquiries of and receive answers from the applicant. Following review, the Clerk shall provide the applicant with the official minutes of the meeting, which shall reflect Township Board review comments.
- Concept plans not requiring Special Land Use shall become null and void unless a final site plan is submitted to the Township within six (6) months of Concept Review by the Planning Commission. Concept plans requiring Special Land Use shall conform to the Special Land Use provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

b. Final Site Plan Review shall be required for the purpose of presenting a detailed site plan to the Township for review. The following procedures shall be followed:

- Checklist Review. Upon filing with the Clerk of three copies of an Application, proposed Site Plan, other applicable information and applicable fees, a preliminary review to determine if all of the information required by Section 18.07.3 is applied shall be conducted as follows:
 - The Clerk shall forward two copies of the Application and proposed Site Plan to the person or persons designated by the Township to perform the preliminary review.
 - The person designated by the township shall notify the applicant in writing whether the proposed site plan contains all of the required information, or if not, the nature of information required to be submitted.
 - If a proposed site plan is incomplete, the applicant may be

asked to prepare a new site plan to address deficiencies and submit it for a second checklist review.

- Technical Review: The purpose of Technical Review is to secure written comments and recommendations on a proposed plan from the Planner, Engineer and other township consultants. Written comments and recommendations are also needed from Road Commission for Oakland County or Michigan Department of Transportation, Oakland County Health Department, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Department of Public Health or other county or state reviewing agencies with jurisdiction over some element of the proposal. The township shall review those comments and recommendations, along with the proposed plan, for conformance with the Criteria For Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2, other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards, policies or laws.

The applicant shall submit to the Clerk the number of copies of the site plan, application and other required information specified on the application after receiving the township's checklist review. The applicant shall also submit plans to any County, State or Federal agencies having jurisdiction and request that a copy of their review comments for compliance with agency rules, policies or laws be forwarded to the Clerk. A copy of the transmittal letter forwarding plans to the agencies shall be included with the Technical Review application information submitted to the Clerk.

(a) The clerk shall forward copies of the plans, documents and checklist review to the Planner and Engineer for review.

(b) The Planner and Engineer shall review the plans and other information submitted for compliance with applicable ordinances, policies, laws and standards and shall furnish written comments, opinions and recommendations to the Clerk, the applicant and the applicant's plan preparer.

(c) After the Clerk receives written responses from all county, state or federal agencies having jurisdiction, and from the Planner and Engineer, the plan may be submitted to the Planning Commission for review.

(d) Any plan revised in response to comments from the Engineer, Planner or agencies having jurisdiction shall not be placed on a Planning Commission agenda until written comments on the revision have been received by the Clerk.

- Planning Commission Review. Upon completion of Technical Review, the applicant shall submit to the Clerk the number of copies of the site plan, application and other documents as specified in the application and a list of changes that the applicant is willing to make as a result of reviews.

(a) The site plan will be scheduled for a regular Planning Commission Business Meeting following receipt of all written review comments required by Technical Review and the plans and other documents required above, in accordance with Township policy.

(b) The purpose of Planning Commission review is to take one of the following actions:

Approval. Upon finding that the application and site plan meet the criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and other applicable ordinances, policies or standards, the Planning Commission shall approve the final site plan or, if required, recommend approval by the Township Board.

Approval with Minor Revision. Upon finding that the application and site plan meet the criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and other applicable ordinances, policies or standards except for minor revisions which can be made and confirmed without further technical review by the Engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies, the Planning Commission may approve the final site plan or recommend approval by the Township Board, conditioned upon said revisions being made. The Clerk shall verify that such revisions have been made prior to any site changes, issuance of Building Permit or submission of the plan to the Township Board.

Tabling. Upon finding that the application and site do not, but could, meet the requirements upon the making of revisions, confirmation of which requires further technical review by the Engineer, Planner and/or reviewing agencies, the Planning Commission may table action until such time as the plan is revised and applicable technical review provisions of Section 18.07.4.b.2 have been completed.

Denial. Upon finding that the application and site plan do not meet one or more of the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and other applicable ordinances, policies or standards and that revisions necessary to meet said criteria are so extensive as to require the preparation of a new site plan, the Planning Commission shall deny approval or recommend denial by the Township Board.

Notice of Action or Recommendation. A copy of the Planning Commission minutes shall be forwarded by the Clerk to the applicant and shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirement of notice to the applicant.

- Township Board Review. If a final site plan is required to be submitted to the Township Board, the following procedures shall be followed:

(a) Planning Commission Denials. Where the Planning Commission has recommended denial of an application and site plan, the Clerk shall not place that application and site plan on a Township Board agenda for action unless the Applicant files a written request for Township Board consideration with the Clerk. Said request shall contain the applicant's reasons in support of a finding by the Township Board that the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 have been met, despite the Planning Commission finding to the contrary.

(b) Planning Commission Approvals. Where the Planning Commission has approved or conditionally approved an application and site plan, the Clerk shall schedule them for a Township Board meeting in accordance with Township policy.

(c) Township Board Action. Based upon the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and other applicable ordinances, policies or standards, and after considering the Planning Commission findings and applicant's position regarding satisfaction of those Criteria, the Township Board may approve, approve with conditions, refer back to the Planning Commission, table or deny the application and site plan, with any conditions of approval or reasons for denial to be furnished to the applicant in writing by the Clerk. A copy of the Township board minutes is sufficient for this purpose.

(d) Official Record. Upon approval or conditional approval of an application and site plan, the Clerk shall note on at least one copy of the application and plan, the date and any conditions of approval, which shall be the official Township permanent record.

(5) Building Permits and Conformity to Site Plan. After filing of the approved application and final site plan with the Building Department, satisfaction of any conditions of said approval and compliance with this and other Township Ordinances, a Building Permit may be issued. All development and construction shall be in complete conformity with the site plan as approved.

- Expiration of Approval. Final site plan approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of Township action within which time all necessary Building or Construction Permits shall be secured and construction substantially commenced. The Planning Commission or, in the case of applications and site plans requiring Township Board review, the Township Board may grant an extension of final site plan approval for up to one year. All requests for extensions shall be made in writing and include a statement of why the extension is necessary and confirmation of ability to complete construction in conformity with the final site plan as approved.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of the Zoning Ordinance and documents related to the proposed amendment may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P. O. Box 1058, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 625-4802 or 684-3111.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published January 6, 2000

Engler picks Oakland residents for state boards

Several Oakland County residents have recently been appointed to serve on state boards and commissions.

■ **L. Thornton Edwards** of Orchard Lake was reappointed to the Natural Resources Commission by Gov. John Engler.

Edwards is the owner and president of Tec Foods, Inc., which owns Taco Bell franchises; LTE, Inc., which runs gas and retail convenience stores; and Metro Eagle Distributing, one of the

largest Anheuser-Busch Eagle Snack operations in the country. He was reappointed to represent independents for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2003. The appointment requires senate approval.

■ **Jeffrey Hoffman** of Farmington Hills, **Louis Schimmel** of Waterford, **Michael VanOverbeke** of Ferndale, and **Douglas J. Williams** of Troy were among nine appointed by the governor to the Michigan Commission on Public Pension and Retiree Health

Benefits.

The commission is reviewing state laws that govern the funding, management and oversight of public pension and retirement systems.

All were appointed by the governor and represent the general public. Members will recommend changes in state law governing public pensions, and have one year to complete their work.

Hoffman is principal and senior pension actuary of Towers Perrin in

Detroit. Schimmel is executive director of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan. VanOverbeke is an attorney with VanOverbeke, Michaud and Timony, P.C. Williams is deputy Oakland County Executive.

In other appointments:

■ **Karen S. Kay** of Lansing was named to the state's Personnel Agency Board.

The board provides licenses and regulates employment agencies, employ-

ment agents, personnel placement consultants, and artists' managers. Kay's term will expire Sept. 30, 2003.

■ **Terry Guerin** of East Lansing and **Jeffrey L. Hartlund** of Dearborn were among six named to the Solid Waste Importation Task Force.

The task force is assigned to study solid waste importation issues and encourage passage of federal legislation to allow Michigan control of its solid waste importation.

County Dems sponsor info forum on education

The Oakland County Democratic Party will sponsor a forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Commissioners Auditorium (courthouse complex of the Oakland County Service Center), 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

Speakers will be State Rep. Hubert Price Jr., Kathleen Straus of the State Board of Education, and Wendy Wagenheim of the American Civil Liberties Union. They will address education issues from early child development to the current status of education in Michigan to the proposed voucher system and charter schools.

"This is a critical issue for next year's election," said Gary Kohut, a Troy resident who is chair of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

Kohut is critical of Republican proposals concerning vouchers and charter schools, which he said will "destroy" public education.

The Democratic forum, Kohut said, will present a "realistic view" of the educational priorities needed to meet the challenges of the coming century.

Children's Leukemia Foundation gets check

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) has received a \$10,000 donation for its special needs fund that helps defray expenses not traditionally covered by financial assistance programs.

The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation (SELF) donated \$10,000 to the special needs fund of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF). The fund provides patients and families with direct financial assistance to help cover necessary expenses that often fall through the cracks of traditional financial aid programs, such as temporary lodging, car repairs, basic child care and utility bills.

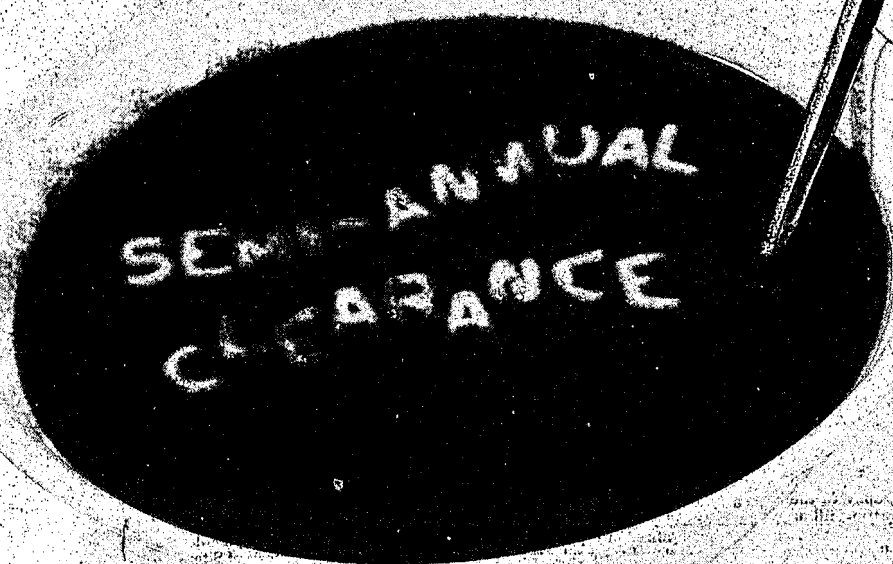
Francke who recently celebrated the one-year "anniversary" of his successful bone marrow transplant, knows first-hand how leukemia and related disorders can stress a family.

"Facing a diagnosis of leukemia is overwhelming to the patient and their family," Francke said. "The details of their daily lives can seem insurmountable in the face of the options cancer can leave you with."

"CLF is happy to be collaborating with the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation to help families struggling with the daily challenges of leukemia," said Glenn Trevisan, CLF Executive Director. "We hope this is the beginning of a long lasting relationship between our organizations."

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide organization that provides information, assistance, and support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and related blood disorders.

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"We thought if we can track bumpers through production lines, why can't we track students from classroom to classroom? We know there's a market out there," added Phyle.

This interest in branching out into the world of education led UDI to hire Cooley.

"We wanted Brent to work for us because of the school experience he could bring... from his years in education," said Phyle, one of Cooley's former Clarkston High students. "He understands the operations of the schools and the steps they go through to

bring in new technology.

"Anyone who knows him knows that he listens, that he's always fair with people," Phyle said. "With that type of personality, we knew Brent would be a good addition to our business."

Cooley was the principal at OHS for seven years, an administrator there another five years. He was also a principal at a high school in Kingsley, Mich.; an assistant principal in the Chipewa Hills School District and a teacher at Owosso High School. He grew up in Alma.

Cooley was still the principal

at OHS when UDI installed a security surveillance system in the school. Now, with his assistance, they're talking to the district about handheld data-collecting systems for its transportation department.

"My goal in this job is to touch as many school systems as possible, to help them enhance the safety and security of their young people and employees," Cooley said. "We recognize there's no single strategy or strand that would do this. There are multiple issues that need to be addressed. These start at the

bus stop when kids are picked up, and it doesn't end until they are dropped off at home.

"If I can help devise plans that make sense and that bring schools a safer environment, then I know I'm doing my job," he added. He provides insight, he said, of what worked for him in his former career.

"I speak to the educators as a colleague," he said.

Cooley has already worked with the Waterford School District in establishing an employee badge-wearing system that's now in effect. He's involved with

school districts as far north as Bay City, as far west as Grand Rapids and as far south as Bedford in Michigan.

UDI's other school-oriented systems include school lunch room software, attendance software, student management systems, ID cards, media (library) management, barcoding, proximity detection, security systems, asset inventory, video monitoring, access control and transportation management.

Cooley commended Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts and Matt

McCarthy, director of technology services, as being in the forefront of bringing appropriate applications of technology to the schools.

"I look back with a great deal of fondness for the relationships I had with the young people and the staff in the Clarkston schools," he said. "It's nice to be able to be immersed in another perspective involving education."

He certainly understands safety and security of students and teachers. Cooley was the CHS principal when the fatal shootings occurred at Columbine High School last spring.

He also went through the transition of moving students and staff from the former Clarkston High School building, now Clarkston Middle School, to the new building on Flemings Lake Road.

"We had to create a whole new culture at the new building," he said. "I told the student leaders they had this beautiful new building; now they had to create a beautiful new school."

He believes they did just that. "You'll see," he said. "I believe it will be a national exemplary school soon."

Cooley joined Clarkston schools when his youngest daughter, Courtney, was a kindergarten student. She graduated from CHS in June and attends Western Michigan University. Cooley and his wife, Phyllis, a social worker for Oakland County, also have an older daughter, Janae. A 1994 CHS graduate, she's finishing her master's degree at the London School of Economics.

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But fairly mild temperatures and natural snow combined to attract people to the hills.

"When they have snow in their backyards, it helps," she said. "They say 'Hey, look it's snowing, it's beautiful. Let's go skiing.'"

About 1,200 people were skiing or snowboarding at Pine Knob on Dec. 29, which is more than normal. Dawson said the number of people using the resort has remained steady over the years, but there is an increase in snowboarders, which she said is great.

"It has added a new dimension to the sport," she said.

Pine Knob has 15 runs and a snowboard park area that features jumps and bumps for the braver souls. Dawson said both snowboarders who want to do tricks as well as skiers who like moguls use the park.

Pine Knob is now back to normal hours, which includes two sessions. They are from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 3-10:30 p.m. daily.

— By Sally Slaughter

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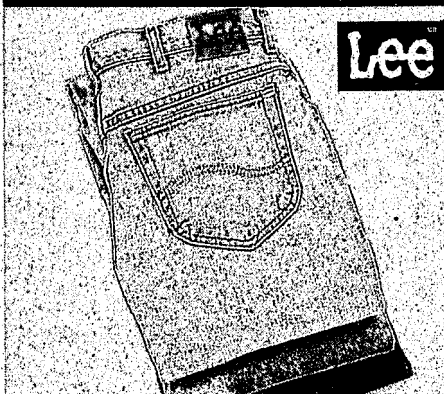
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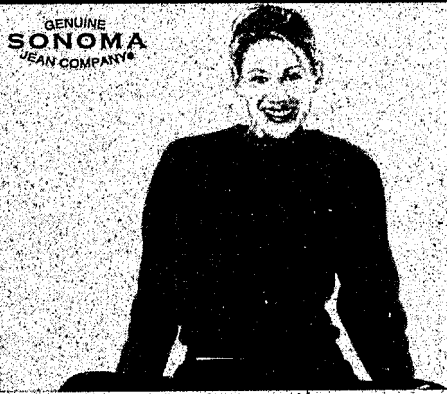
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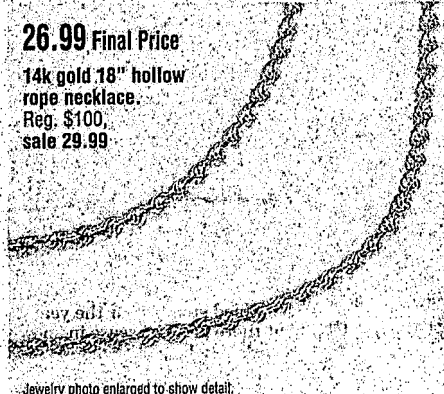


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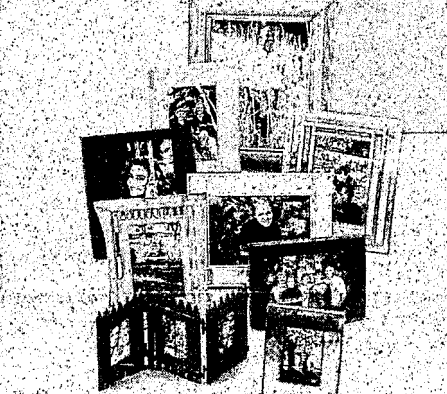
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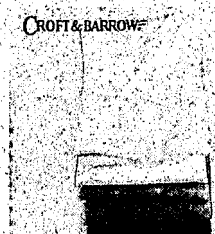
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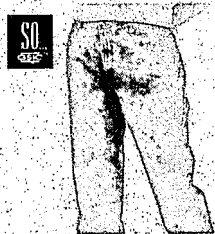
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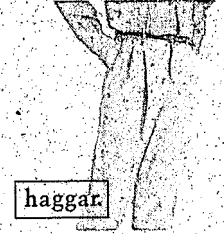
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Wishing out loud

Here are some issues that need state's attention now

Happy New year! Yes, it is a new year, and in keeping with the season, we wondered what our communities might put on a list of resolutions for the state government if they were to compile one. What would they call for from the Gov. John Engler and the Michigan House and Senate?

We think they might ask for:

■ A new road funding formula.

Public Act 51 — the state law that determines how state gas tax money as well as other transportation revenues are to be divided between the state government, counties and municipalities — is set to expire in the fall of 2000. Lawmakers put that sunset on the formula specifically to force a review and revision of the distribution. And, of course, a nine-member study committee has already been working on a rewrite.

But as things stand, the process appears heavily weighted in favor of the Michigan Department of Transportation. If the MDOT, as a road agency, benefits from the revision, it will come at the expense of county road commissions, cities and townships.

Controversy over the way Act 51 distributes the money has been one of the major obstacles to Michigan's road improvement and upkeep. Out of anger that the formula unfairly redistributes road funding to outstate communities and turns the vast majority over to the MDOT, suburban municipalities have blocked attempts at increased gas taxes. As a state we've been unable to get to the issue of whether road funding is adequate, whether taxes to support roads are set at appropriate levels, because it makes little sense for suburbs to support any increase. Even at an increased level, Act 51 would send the money elsewhere.

■ No one argues that MDOT should get a lion's share of the money, because it is responsible for maintaining some of the state's most heavily traveled roads, expressways included. But when county road commissions are chronically underfunded and municipalities repeated have to take over upkeep of their own county and state roads, it is clear the formula is lopsided.

One idea proposed in Lansing would clearly help — splitting the MDOT. A state road agency responsible for its own projects and maintenance programs should not be responsible for distributing the cash to municipalities and reviewing road funding requests. Obviously, when there is a conflict, MDOT will favor its own projects. Separate the "pass through" function of the MDOT from the road improvement and maintenance function. Then let the MDOT compete on an equal footing with counties and municipalities when it seeks additional road bucks. Then it would be clear that distribution of road funding would be based on the merits of the projects.

■ An improved attitude toward "donor" counties.

Let's face it, you can only kill the fatted calf so many times before it's, well, dead.

Each year however, the state of Michigan attempts to live primarily off the production of a very small area. Oakland County has long been Michigan's "donor county," sending off to Lansing \$1.35 in taxes for every dollar it gets back in benefits. For many years in fact, Oakland was Michigan's only donor county. Now Livingston County has joined the ranks of counties expected to foot the bill for rest of the state. The disparity for Livingston County is much less severe, getting back 99 cents for each dollar it contributes. But the direction is clear and the pattern is disturbing.

No one argues that Michigan's wealthiest areas should contribute to the upkeep of the rest of the state. But the drain on Oakland County particularly seems all out of propor-

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tion. It would be less bothersome if Oakland County didn't have such stark needs itself that have gone unaddressed. The congestion on Oakland County roads is just one example.

Oakland has many other infrastructure needs, such as improvements to sewage treatment and new interceptors.

If Oakland is such a hot bed of economic support for the state, isn't it interesting that the county's higher education institutions — Oakland University and Oakland Community College — don't rate higher on the state's spending list?

It has often been said that Oakland County has become the state's "economic engine." But expecting output from any engine without taking some time for maintenance — a little oil, new spark plugs — is just asking for breakdown.

■ A coherent policy on education.

Gov. Engler and the Michigan Republicans have been working on education over the past year. Unfortunately, many of the policies enacted run counter to the state Constitution. That document clearly gives the authority for K-12 education in Michigan to the State Board of Education, but Engler and the GOP have moved as much responsibility away from the board as they can.

Republicans have also pushed for new schools known as "charter schools," or "public school academies." Although the claim is that they are simply independent public schools, they've been allowed to operate just as private schools do, with little reporting of about their finances and little accountability.

If the Republicans intend to revamp Michigan's education system, a constitutional amendment is order, outlining what that new system should be. Then voters can make the determination.

Unless the GOP is willing to put such a question on the ballot, it should allow the State Board to do its job and demand that "public school academies" operate in the same manner as other public school districts, with open financial records, open meetings, parental input and requirements to meet special education needs.

■ A new urban sprawl policy.

State lawmakers have been working to devise ways to address the issue of urban sprawl, using incentives rather than mandates to gain cooperation from local units of government to participate in regional planning.

The idea, lawmakers say, is to coordinate the state budget to support development that is directed back toward central cities and preserves greenfields in the outlying areas.

It's a tall order. But if indeed the budget can be arranged to make it worthwhile for both inner city areas and fringe suburbs to work hand in hand to avoid further sprawl, it makes sense to do so. If the state can set up its policies to support Main Street redevelopment while avoiding further expansions of the urban ring, it should be done.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What changes do you expect in the new century?



"With technology changes, a lot more time to do things. More leisure time."

Pete Auger
Ortonville



"Health-wise, I think people should take better care of their health because there's changes in medicine."

Pam Berendt
Independence



"Oh, good lord."

Betty Cameron
Independence Township



"I don't think there will be many. Everything goes on as usual."

Peg Sokolnicki
Independence Township

This question was asked in front of the Kroger store on Dixie Highway.

LETTERS

Proposed hotel doesn't fit with existing atmosphere

What's the saying ... "here we go again." Despite overwhelming opposition from our community, Eagle Investment of Mid Michigan is once again trying to develop a Holiday Inn in the middle of our community. This proposed use of land along M-15 adjacent to a nice quiet neighborhood, wetlands and Little Walters Lake was very strongly opposed by not only dozens of residents to Cranberry Lake Estates, but also many other township residents from all corners of our community. Instead of taking the hint, this group of out-state developers, along with the Baylis Family, has chosen to once again try to get approval for this hotel. A repackaged mistake is still a mistake!

Allow me to list some reasons for our continued effort to stop this development:

■ Township residents jammed every township meeting, planning commission meeting and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that dealt with this topic to voice opposition.

■ This type of hotel development, which would cater to out-of-town transients, is not the type of development that should be located within 50 feet of someone's back door. How would you like to live with the noise that this hotel would bring? Adjacent residents would never know a peaceful moment again.

■ Runoffs from this hotel would damage the fragile ecosystem of Little Walters Lake and the adjacent wetlands. Yes, there would be lots of run off from not only the hotel but also all the trucks coming in and out of the property. When are we going to take care of these precious areas?

■ Whether 82 or 80 rooms, this hotel would still tower over neighboring homes. (This two-story hotel, already perched on a hill above neighboring homes, would be two stories above the rooftops of its neighbors.)

■ Additional traffic on the neighborhood side of M-15 is totally unacceptable and very unsafe. Without as-yet-unplanned reconstruction of M-15, patrons of this hotel would have no way to turn south towards Clarkston or either entrance to I-75. I guess this means they'd be doing illegal U-turns on the M-15 state highway or cutting through Amy Drive onto Cranberry Lake Estates, and using private driveways to turn around.

■ Safety is a very big concern. Who will be watching over our children when there are 80 rooms full of out-of-town patrons of this hotel?

■ This hotel goes against the master plan for township development. Our township board and planning commission, not to mention the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Oakland County Circuit Court all voted against the developer in this matter during 1999. This opposition from the township residents, the elected officials and courts should carry some weight in determining what should be done with this development proposal. This

entire stretch of M-15 has been zoned to office use. Unless my understanding of American English is slipping, an 80-room hotel is not office use.

■ Mrs. Baylis has tried to find support in her claim that she is suffering financial hardship due to the opposition to this project. I venture to say that those of us who live in Independence, especially those who live right in the shadow of this proposed hotel, would suffer a much greater hardship if it were built. Our homes are all we have, whereas this property is just one of Mrs. Baylis' holdings. She can afford to build something more compatible with the township master plan more than we can afford to lose value in our single investment (our home).

As township residents concerned about the future of our wonderful community, we all must be vigilant when it comes to how Independence is developed. We must preserve the atmosphere that drew us here in the first place. Development is good, but it must be responsible and compatible with township planning and the expectations of the majority of its residents.

Michael Phillips
Independence Township

(Editor's note: The master plan allows a hotel at the proposed Holiday Inn site with a special use permit.)

Life's better without cable TV

Recently, there was an article discussing Time Warner's upcoming rate increase for cable television services. In it, Caren Collins wrote: "If you're not happy about that, what can you do? Unfortunately, very little."

I would like to point out that there definitely IS something you can do — you can drop cable! We did it over a year ago (after they had raised the rates yet again), and haven't been sorry at all. The net effect, in addition to saving money every month, is that we spend less time watching TV and more time doing other, more productive things, like doing home projects and reading.

So I urge all of you to consider this somewhat radical possibility: life without cable.

Sue Curtis
Farmington Hills

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POINTS OF VIEW

Teens should take time to be kids again before they become adults

When you hit your teenage years, you begin to strive for independence. You can't wait until you turn 16 and walk into the Secretary of State office to get your license. You are now on the road to freedom.

Next you can't wait until senior year. You're totally excited about your spring break in Cancun, with all your friends. Then there's the prom and the closing chapter to your teenage years, graduation. You tell yourself you're free now; you can party at college, play the dating field and have a blast in the process! Is it really freedom, though?

I honestly couldn't tell you because when you end a chapter, a new chapter begins. This new chapter is the beginning of the rest of your life. You decide what you are going to do, who you are going to be. That sounds like shackles and chains to me. Having all this responsibility tossed at you. Being faced with decisions that can make or break the person you'll become. You face those decisions in high school, but in the real world, those choices amplify.

One of my best friends and I went to see a movie the other day. When we were leaving, we couldn't decide what to do next. She looked at me and said the weirdest thing. She asked me, "Don't you wish that you could just ask one of your friends if they want to come over to your house and play video games? I wish it were that simple again." That night, after we left the movie theater, we went to her house. We sat on her bedroom floor, and we played video games for two hours. We wanted things to be simple again. We wanted to be kids without responsibility, without boyfriends, without problems. We were kids again, and we had so much fun without being caught up in the mess of being a teenager.

The next day one of my other friends came over. He was upset because his parents were getting a divorce, he wasn't getting along with his girlfriend, and he was fed up. My glimpse at childhood was over. I was thrown back into the trials of a teenager. We talked, tried to work things out, and we didn't have any fun. I don't want the rest of my life to be no fun. I want to



JAIME GREEN

live it to the fullest. I want to live everything the way I did when I was a kid. All I want is to enjoy it.

Being a teen shines a whole new light on you. You feel that you have to grow up so fast that your head starts to spin. You're working now, earning money for clothes, cars, concert tickets; it just feels as though everything is up to you. When you were a kid, you went to bed at 8:30 p.m., and now you're up until 2 a.m. writing a paper. When you were little you never had to worry about losing a friend because of a vicious rumor. You never had to worry about boyfriends or girlfriends; the opposite sex still had cooties.

Growing up isn't a bad thing. It's a great thing. As long as you're ready for it. As long as you're ready for responsibilities. You get to experience things on your own. You get to live your life. You are your own person.

All I'm trying to say is be a kid while you can. Go build a snowman this winter; make snow angels. Ask one of your friends if they want to come over and play video games. Go see a movie rated G, not R. Be a kid for as long as you can because it doesn't last forever. There isn't a never-never land, nobody's Peter Pan, and we all grow up.

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

Many helped to make Christmas brighter for 370 needy families



The end-of-the-year holidays bring out the best in people. Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, was able to provide food for turkey dinners for 214 households this year.

More than 900 people — from newborns to senior citizens — enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner thanks to the combined efforts of the North Oakland community. Three weeks after the Thanksgiving distribution, the volunteers once again sprang into action. Over a period of nine days and using three distribution sites, Lighthouse was able to provide Christmas food and gifts for more than 370 families (including 610 children and 137 senior citizens and disabled persons).

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of this community. Schools from Holly, Clarkston, Brandon, Waterford, Oxford and Lake Orion had both food and gift drives. Service organizations such as Rotary and Optimists provided shoes and coats. Banks, food stores and real estate offices had "giving trees" at their entrances, and both employees and customers participated.

Northern Oakland County churches too numerous to name in this space sponsored giving trees and food drives. Teen groups provided gifts for teens, and preschoolers decorated bags for seniors. One hundred families were "adopted" by clubs, churches and private individuals and received Christmas food and gifts. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, St. Daniel Catholic Church and Calvary Lutheran Church for providing rent-free space for our three distributions. Thank you to the Waterford Harley Owner Group (HOGS) for

collecting so many toys and bikes and working with Toys for Tots to benefit Lighthouse. Thank you to Coldwell Banker Schweitzer for "adopting" 91 seniors and disabled individuals through our Caregivers office. Thank you to each and every person who sent a check, clothing, a toy or other gift. Most of all thank you to the 100-plus people who gave of their time and energy to haul boxes, pack food, sort toys and make Christmas happen for people they don't even know. How fortunate we are to be a part of the North Oakland community.

Thank you also to the many prospective donors during the past six weeks who saved their used clothing and small household items until the new year. The Clothing Closet was closed since mid-November to make work space for the holiday projects. The closet will reopen the first week of January and you may bring gently used winter clothing to Lighthouse to replenish our stock. Donations of "kid-friendly" foods — peanut butter, jelly, chicken noodle soup, macaroni and cheese, juice and cookies — are always welcome. Volunteers are also welcome to join the team at Lighthouse. Service hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays; most volunteers donate two to three hours the same day of the week. Please call Mary Ann Emick at (248) 673-4949 and leave a message if she is not available.

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Needed: A Y2K kind of effort



MIKE MALOTT

Whew. That was close. Mankind barely escaped oblivion on New Year's Day, but we made it.

Now we find we have a whole new list of challenges to face.

Fortunately, they are more mundane. They do not include bowing down to Lucifer, nor do we have to sweep up heaps of fallen airplane parts. And no, we do not have to conduct an emergency mass distribution of abacuses.

Now we can deal with more rational prognostications — those that did not stand a chance of being heard above the din of the doomsayers — for the coming years.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has taken a moment to issue its view of where we are headed and the problems it believes we will likely confront in the next few decades. Perhaps before we decide where to spend the next spare trillion dollars out of the U.S. economy, we would be wise to listen.

According to SEMCOG, the biggest challenge we face in southeast Michigan is finding the people we need to keep our local economy running.

"Maintaining an adequate workforce will be a continuing challenge. Unemployment in the region is now the lowest in a generation, at 3.5 percent. Additionally, the region will lose 166,000 workers when baby boomers reach retirement age, between 2010 and 2025. Finding 166,000 replacement workers is the single biggest threat to the economy's continued vitality," SEMCOG stated in a report issued just before the new year.

Folks who lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s or even the Great Recession of the 1970s know this is a good problem to have. But the effects are real. Every time you go to a store or restaurant and get slow or poor service, you are seeing the impact. Businesses everywhere in this region are having a hard time filling positions. You see it in businesses closing early from time to time for lack of workers. Firms are beginning to find it hard to branch out and take advantage of new opportunities for lack of people to do the work.

To meet that need, the region is expected to add 570,000 new residents in the next 25

years. Again, those who remember the days when Michigan was losing population and experiencing "brain drain" will understand that this is a good problem to have.

But again the effects are real. We are already complaining about road congestion. Imagine what happens when you put more than a half million more people on those same roads. SEMCOG puts it this way, vehicle miles traveled per year in this region will increase from 42 billion to 48 billion by the year 2025. And many of Michigan's roads and bridges are already past their expected life spans.

Keeping all those people on the road will cost big bucks. SEMCOG puts the price at \$26 billion by 2020. And we only know where we will get about half of it.

All those new people have to have places to live too. SEMCOG figures some 390,000 new homes will have to be built in the region to give them all a place to lay their heads at the end of the day.

We are already complaining about urban sprawl. Suburbanites are beginning to think we have declared war on vacant fields and overall the region's population has experienced only a bit of growth in the past few years. In the past several decades in this region, we've burned up 50 percent more land with only a four percent gain in population.

SEMCOG's report had yet another prediction: "Increasingly mobile lifestyles that find people living, working and shopping in different communities means that citizen concerns will expand beyond their local unit of government and become more regional. Likewise, local governments are discovering that many issues they address must cross jurisdictional boundaries. Continuing to work together will be key to meeting these challenges. Understanding the benefits of joint public services will help governments save time and money and enable them to meet citizen demands."

Maybe if we put as much thought, energy and money into dealing with these challenges as we just did chasing "if-come" computer bugs and stockpiling survival supplies, they would seem a little less daunting.

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New OCC official steps in at Auburn Hills campus

BY PAT MURPHY
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Asked to describe his management style, the new president of the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College paused.

"I have an open door," said Norman L. Stephens Jr., who started his new job Tuesday. "I want to know about problems early, before they get to be big problems. So I intend to be visible and available."

Stephens was confirmed Dec. 13 by the OCC Board of Trustees after a nationwide search. He started this week as the winter semester was beginning. He succeeds Gordon May who had been interim president since Richard T. Thompson left the campus in 1998 to become OCC chancellor.

Stephens had been president of Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill., after stints as provost and vice president at Hillsborough Community College in Florida and dean and vice president for educational services at St. Petersburg Junior College, also in Florida.

"OCC has a national reputation," Stephens said, "and I'm looking forward to being part of it. I'm also looking forward to

being part of the community."

Big job

With five campuses and more than 25,000 students, OCC is the 10th largest community college in the nation and the largest in Michigan.

The Auburn Hills Campus is the largest within OCC, with a wide range of career programs, including computer aided design, machine tooling, environmental systems and robotics. It is also site of a \$5 million M-TEC facility funded by the State of Michigan for training workers in information technology fields.

Stephens spent much of his first days at OCC in meetings and getting to know his staff and colleagues. "My wife and I are very excited about coming here," he said.

They have a six-month lease on a house north of Clarkston, and they are looking for permanent residence closer to the campus. Much of their furniture and belongings arrived over the weekend, and his wife Laurie, an elementary school teacher, will join him soon.

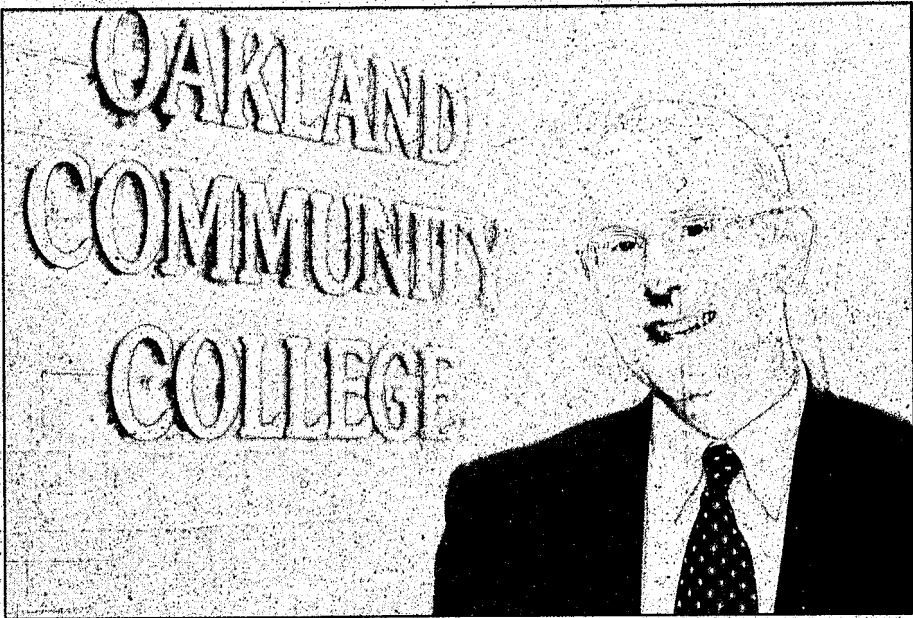
They have four children, including their youngest daughter Julie, who graduated from high school earlier this year. She

■ Stephens spent much of his first days at OCC in meetings and getting to know his staff and colleagues.

will likely enroll at OCC for the fall semester, according to her father.

Another daughter attended Land of Lincoln Community College before enrolling at the University of Florida where she is studying microbiology.

Stephens has a doctorate and master's degree in education from the University of Florida as well as a bachelor's in science from the same school.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

President confirmed: Norman L. Stephens Jr. started his new job Tuesday as president of the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College.

OCC extends winter term registration

Oakland Community College has added a half day of registration for new and returning students wishing to enroll for the Winter semester. In addition to Thursday, Jan. 6 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Friday, Jan. 7 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), registration was extended to Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 10.

Prospective students may apply, see an advisor to work out class schedules, and enroll during the final registration period. There is no charge to apply to OCC, but payment for classes is due the same day the student enrolls.

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SHAWN SPRY

Mother pens a timeless message to her children

Time capsule message

Stardate: Dec. 30, 1999 AD

To my dear children, Bailey and Jacob:

I write to you with only two days remaining until the end of the millennium, as we know it (unless you wanna be a smarty-pants and say it's not until next year.) Assuming we have reached "the end," what last words do I want to share as I sit here writing in your journal by candle light? (I'm practicing just in case we just lose power.)

First, I want to say thank you ... for being so resilient and forgiving; for letting me learn to be a mommy on you; for showing me the wonder of childhood; for curling up with Daddy and me in bed on cold winter mornings. Thank you for your smiles, laughter, hugs, kisses and tears.

People can be incredibly complex, but the simplicity of childhood puts humanity into clearer perspective. Adults can be a pretty tough bunch of folks to deal with, and so can kids. But children are so innocent and trusting. I suppose when you're so helpless, there's not much choice.

You have both taught me so much about faith and love. Being on the receiving end of your trust is awesome. It has caused me to want to make this world a better place for

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Young DJ hosts alcohol-free dances for teens



■ A 1999 Clarkston High School graduate who runs a disc jockey service is hosting alcohol- and drug-free dances for Clarkston-area teens.

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The temptation for teens to drink or engage in other risky behavior is amplified when there is nothing else to occupy their time.

Mike Moran, 19, of Clarkston knows it, and he thinks he can make a business out of entertaining teens in a supervised, safe and fun environment. The 1999 Clarkston High School graduate has already hosted two teen dance parties and is planning a third for Jan. 29, he said.

He started Vision Productions, a disc jockey service, in October. He worked all summer to save money for the equipment. He has started to book weddings and other parties, but his larger plan is to build a teen center where youth can congregate for fun, safe activities. He said his experience as Clarkston High School Student Council president has given him connections and insight. The school planned dances and they were well-received, he said.

"They (students) asked for more, and no one ever gave it to them," Moran said.

He plans to fill that void with a center designed just for young people.

"Hopefully one day I'll be able to have an organization, a place people can come to, a teen club," he said.

A well-supervised, drug- and alcohol-free environment that hosts dances on the weekends would be the focal point. Other activities during the week could



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Spinning dreams: Mike Moran, 19, of Clarkston has started a disc jockey business, but his bigger plans include a center for teens that would host dances and other safe and fun activities.

include sports and different tournaments like darts, cards or even video games.

"Something like that would do well in this area," he said.

Right now, he thinks a lot of kids are bored. Many of them drink because there's nothing else to do, he said.

"It's ridiculous," he added.

He hopes to have such a place open in about five years. He thinks he can

succeed because he knows his customers and is willing to take a chance. He said more established business people tend to shy away from the teen club concept.

"I just don't think they want to deal with teenagers," he said, adding teens can be a difficult group to please.

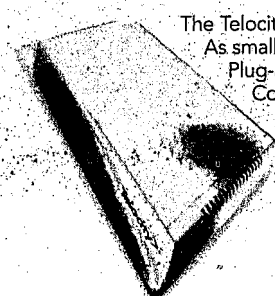
But he said there are a lot of good kids around who are not into sports and that curtails their recreational

choices. He added a center also would encourage students from different schools to interact and form new friendships.

His first two dances were held at the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park in Independence Township. The first was a bust, but he said he broke even on the second one with 55 people attending. Moran is part of a newly formed

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band that plays modern rock. At the parties, Moran mixes DJ music with sets from his band. He hopes to attract other young bands to the parties, too. The parties are supervised by his parents and parents of the two other people in his band.

College students he knows also help out. He said the security people at the park also are great

to work with. So far he hasn't had a problem. The young people seem to have a great time, he said.

Moran said he hopes to set up similar parties for middle school kids and also branch out sometime this month to other school districts like Brandon and Lake Orion. He said because of his student council experience, he

has contacts with other schools who will help get the word out.

Moran hopes his business idea takes off, but he does have a back-up plan. He attends Oakland Community College and is studying fine and liberal arts. He said he would like to be a motivational speaker.

Nature center hosts programs

Don't miss winter's beauty by hibernating indoors. Make tracks to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston for outdoor programs.

"Animalenium" is set for 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. Participants will learn about man's impact on animals since the beginning of the millennium by viewing live animals, mounts and slides. "Conservation practices really didn't start until the early 1900's so we need to reflect on where we've been and where we need to go regarding losses and reintroduction of species," naturalist Tim Nowicki said. There is no charge for the program. "Sunday Snowshoes" is set for Sundays, Jan 9 and 30.

Sessions run 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. each day. Strap on snowshoes and explore winter's wonders in the great outdoors, conditions permitting. "You can experience snowshoeing before buying equipment and get a lot of exercise with interpretive stops along the way," naturalist Kathy Thomas said. Cost is \$2 per person. Participants are asked to register the Friday prior to the event. If there is no snow, the event will be canceled. Pre-registration is required due to limited availability of snowshoes.

"Tracks, Tees & Wildlife Watch" is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan 15. Participants will spend time outdoors searching for animal tracks and then warm up inside the

nature center and make a "tracks" T-shirt. "Quite a few animals are active in winter so we will learn to identify signs of their presence," Kathleen Dougherty, head naturalist, said. Participants should bring a pre-washed light-colored T-shirt. Cost is \$1/person plus 1\$/T-shirt printed. A vehicle entry fee of \$5 for Oakland County residents (\$8 for non-residents) will apply. The Lewis E. Wint Nature Center is at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 near Clarkston; Exit 89. For more information or to register, call (248) 625-6473. Visit www.co.oakland.mi.us for park maps, discount coupons, and more.

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you. I want to put an imaginary force field around you while I, Supernom, eradicate hate, greed, hunger and pain.

Then I remember — I don't have a suit or a telephone booth — and the best way I can protect you is to prepare you for the realities of this contradictory world in which we live.

I must teach you to trust others but not strangers. I must teach you to obey authority yet question it. I must teach you to love liberally but carefully. These and many other principles make parenting a challenging course to maneuver.

Thank God we don't have to do it solo. Divine wisdom and intervention have saved many a parent for millennia. That's when role reversal comes in handy. Then I get to be the child in the shadow of providence, trusting

and trying hard to wait patiently for answers I need to help raise you.

What else can I say as we stand at the dawn of the unknown? In reality, this is what much of each future moment is — unknown. And so as we proceed, it's good to reflect on the sage contemplation of Nadine Stair, "If I had my life to live over, what would I do differently?"

Would I clean more, straighten more, and fret more over a messy house? Worry about how I look and knowing the latest trends? Watch more TV? Would I work more? Would I ever regret not having worked longer to have more of the things I want?

Would I dare to make more mistakes? Would I relax and be sillier? Would I take more chances? Would I climb more

mountains and swim more rivers? Would I eat more ice cream and less liver? (I've got that last one covered!) I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but fewer imaginary ones.

If we really do make it to Y2K, I resolve to be content with the food, clothes and shelter that we really need, wanting nothing more than to be. To be with you, tending the garden of life, watching you grow, seeing how the sunshine and rain makes the beautiful, hardy seeds shoot up. Learning how and teaching you to till the soil of a soul.

Love, Mom

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, JAN. 9

INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY DEDICATION CEREMONY

3 p.m., Independence Elementary, 6850 Hubbard Road, Clarkston. Clarkston's newest school will celebrate its official dedication ceremony. Narration of an historical slide presentation will be provided, and the new school song will be sung by the fifth grade class. Tours and refreshments will be available.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

7 p.m., Clarkston High School, large-group instruction room. Clarkston High School will host an information session on college financial aid for parents of seniors who will be attending college the fall of 2000. The program will focus on filling out the financial aid form (FAFSA) and financial aid programs. The speaker for the meeting will be Cliff Levitt from the Baker College's Financial Aid Office. For further information, please call 623-4040.

THURSDAY, FEB 3RD

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m., Independence Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Speaker: Bob and/or Deanna Olsen from Planned Financial Services of Clarkston. They are financial consultants and will answer questions on "What are secure investments" and "How

much insurance should I have" and many others. Facilitator: Christine Spencer M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in; no registration; free of charge. For men and women recently widowed. All ages, and all area residents welcome. Refreshments served. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on our mailing list, call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-5231.

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EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY MORNING

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

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

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

NORTH OAKLAND COUNSELING ASSOCIATES STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: A WOMAN'S

PREVENTION GROUP

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.

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

PEDS PLUS IBD SUPPORT GROUP

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.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m., Independence Township Library, Clarkston. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLDA 1-888-784-LYME.

NORTH OAKLAND CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m.-1 p.m., North Oakland Co-op Preschool, 5300 Maybee Road. Bring your children to see the school and meet the teacher. Spaces available for the fall in 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool classes. For information call Ellen at (248) 623-6250.

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WEUNITE (WISDOM OF ELDER, ENGERY OF YOUTH...CONNECTING GENERATIONS)

7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 12. (Change in meeting date due to holidays last month.) St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston. Start the new year with new hope, new friends and endless possibilities. Elder guest George Steel will share his experience and talk on self-esteem/self confidence. Contact person: Maria Rotondo Mark at 625-9154 or 623-9348.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

TOPS. (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

6:15-7 p.m. Weigh-in: Meeting to follow until 8 p.m. Free Methodist Church, Clarkston. \$20 registration yearly fee/\$4 dues per month. For further information contact Lucille Evans 673-9568 or Kay Vandermeer 625-9135.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON

7-8:30 p.m. Clarkston Christian

Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee 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 Blizard (248) 393-1820 or visit club at www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7232.

EVERY SATURDAY

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

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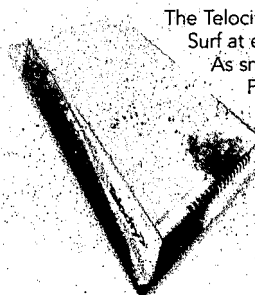
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Scholarship search should begin in the junior year of high school

Editor's note: Following is the first of four guest columns on preparing for college, written by Chris A. Lewis of Independence Township. Lewis, college and career center coordinator for Owosso Public Schools, is providing these columns as a public service. The next three will appear Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and Feb. 17.

"Show Me the Money!"

Though this is a phrase known mostly for its presence in the movie "Jerry Maguire," this is a consistent sentiment that arises from students as I meet with them daily. As students and parents move closer to the end of their high school career, finances for the future take the forefront, while other important considerations, at times,

Most scholarships are readily accessible to you through the media of the Internet, and there are many free search sites that will allow you to find scholarships that are right for the particular student.

ily a negative phenomena.

I say this because the nature of higher education today is conducive to working with students, helping them to finance their options. This is especially true with schools that have higher endowments, which many times surround the private institutions. Yes, these schools are also the ones with price tags of more than \$20,000 per year, but one must keep in mind that if a student has proven him/herself in high school, the financial rewards will usually be great. This is why I ask students if they are considering out-of-state options because there are many institutions out-of-state that would equally compare financially with an in-state college or university.



CHRIS A. LEWIS

Scholarships are the other way students tend to look as they try to pay for their college education. Searching for scholarships should start as early as possible, if not in a student's junior year, then definitely in the beginning of their senior year. I say this because there are many scholarships available to students, but many, if not most, take time to fill out and complete. Starting in the junior year allows a student to prepare for deadlines that may be early in the senior year, and lessens the time burden in the senior year.

Searching for scholarships is not difficult and either a student or a parent can find many if they can put in the time. Most scholarships are readily accessible to you through the media of the Internet, and there are many free search sites that will allow you to find scholarships that are right for the particular student. If you have access to the Internet you can find most of these scholarship sites on a site. I put together for the Owosso Public Schools at <http://www.owosso.org/career/>. If you do not have access to the Internet, talk to your guidance counselor today to find out how to access this information. Come visit the College and Career Center for access to these resources. For more information on this topic or if you have questions that you would like addressed, do not hesitate to e-mail me at lewis@owosso.k12.mi.us or send a note to the Clarkston Eccentric.

Chris Lewis, a 1994 Clarkston High School graduate, has a master's degree in college student personnel administration, and experience as an admissions counselor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

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NORTH OF M-59

BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Maybee
Community: Orion Township

Details: Orion Township restoring road after installing water and sewer lines. Construction crews will flag traffic through. 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 June 2000.

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 between Joslyn and Giddings 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 mid-January for culvert replacement. The road will then be re-opened for the winter, but will close again in the spring for the completion of the project. Detour is Grange Hall Road, Dixie Highway and Belford Road. Completion date is the middle of January.

MOST PRIMARY ROADS

Community: Groveland Township

Details: Consumer's Energy is installing gas lines through-

out the township. Locations could change daily. Lanes may be closed or reduced to one-way traffic. This will be ongoing for several months.

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.

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 affect 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: A developer is adding a northbound left-turn lane to provide access to a new shopping center. 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.

State removes civil rights of prisoners

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Prisoners in Michigan correctional facilities no longer enjoy the protection of the state's primary civil rights acts, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act.

According to Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) they never should have.

Gov. John Engler has signed into law two bills aimed at "clarifying" whether prisoners enjoy the protections of those civil rights acts by stating that they do not apply to persons incarcerated in state, county or federal correctional facilities.

Further, the new laws say that prisons can't be considered as "public services" when it comes to lawsuits over alleged rights violations.

Initially drafted by Bishop, the bills were "intended to clarify

the construction of the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act" and to express the original intent of the legislature. The changes are "curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent."

According to Bishop, it was never the intent of the legislature that the state's two civil rights bills should apply to prisoners.

But in recent decisions, the Michigan Court of Appeals has said the laws do apply. In Neal v. Department of Corrections, female prisoners were allowed to bring a class action suit alleging a pattern of sexual harassment by male guards. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination under Elliott-Larsen.

In Doe v. Department of Corrections, the court allowed prisoners to bring a class action suit on behalf of inmates denied placement in community residential programs because they were HIV positive, a form of disability.

At first the courts were reluctant to agree with prisoners. In the Neal case, the appeals court said: "The narrow issue before us is whether the MDOC correctional facilities are places of 'public service' in which discrimination against inmates, based on sex, is prohibited." Judges at first concluded that prisons were "not established to provide 'service to the public' in the same sense as hospitals, courts, or the Secretary of State's office do."

Eventually, Michigan courts reversed themselves based on federal rulings that prisons are public services.

Bishop's bills were intended to correct that problem.

Attorney General support

The law won the support of Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who said that prisoner rights are already protected in federal law, and making the change here would protect taxpayers from spending money on frivolous lawsuits.

But other Democrats opposed the change.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-South Lyon) said that making the change in law retroactive would make it unconstitutional.

"We eliminate a right of individuals that, I believe, the Legislature in 1976 fully intended. What we are essentially saying with this law is that people in prisons are not persons under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act," she argued.

"Do (prisoners) have other recourse? Oh, yes," Smith continued. "If you can find a number of attorneys... willing to take these lawsuits without compensation, pursue the hundreds of hours it takes to do the depositions, to do the extra labor that is involved in building cases where you have an entity, the Department of Corrections, that offers no help, no assistance, and limited access to the clients. I don't think we have real access to the courts. We don't have real access to jurisprudence."

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SEEKING

THAT SPECIAL YOU SWF, 38, seeks W/M, 32-39, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. #12304

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SBR, 49, 5'0", enjoys movies, long walks, cats, seeks fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible LTR. #12323

STILL SEARCHING

Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, dining in/out, Seeking someone, 25-34, similar interests for possible LTR. #1037

LIGHTNING STRIKES

Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking, Seeking financially/mentally secure SWM, 35-55, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. N/S, NO. #12324

TAKE THE RISK

DWF, 29, 3'3", HW proportionate, athletic, professional, multi-ethnic, 2 seeks motivated, S/DWM, N/S, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. #1211

ONE GOOD MAN

SBR, 55, 170lbs, seeks financially secure, active SM, 31-48, any race, for serious LTR. No head games. #1132

SLIM, WITTY REDHEAD

Fetiching SWF, 30, 5'10", seeks SWM, 25-40, HW proportionate, intelligent and fun. #1051

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Attractive SWF, 38, 5'8", thin, brown/brown, intelligent, independent, good sense of humor, loves outdoor activities, hiking, reading, gardening, concerts, museums, plays, festivals, Seeking attractive, tall, intelligent SWM, 35-40, similar interests. #1069

WARM & FRIENDLY

SWF, over 46, 5'11", slim, blonde/blue, seeks S/DWM, 42+, not obese, high-motivated, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. #1135

ANIMALISTIC

Pretty smart, pleasantly plump, bubbly SWF, 42, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fit, HW proportionate not necessary. #1053

NEWLY SINGLE

DWF, 38, 5'10", brownish-blond, blonde, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for companionship. #12296

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art, films, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking SWM with similar interests, for friendship. #1222

CLASSY

Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow skiing, traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs, Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. #2863

CALL ME

Sincere, easygoing, financially/mentally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music, romantic dinners, Seeking LTR with SWM, 32-41, who's attractive, active, fit and fun. #1126

EXCELLENT SKIER!!

Cute, outgoing, fit, fun DWF, 39, 5'7", N/S, slim, brunet, hazel, avid snow/water skier, enjoys horses, rollerblading, travel, golf, boating, more. N/S, but I love them. Seeking male, under 45, skiable. #12762

SEEKS BIG

MACHINE OPERATOR If you are 32-43, and can handle big loaders you can handle this blonde/blue, who knows how to push the right lever. Must be great with kids. #1129

NO MORE GAMES

Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 44, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 30-45, #12537

BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Fun-loving DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curly, size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. #1040

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 43, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring while gentleman, 60s. #12161

SENSITIVE & TOUGH

SWF, mid-50s, 5'8", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks "best friend" for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more. #12350

LET'S MAKE MUSIC

SWF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, N/S, enjoys singing, music, plays movies, outdoors. Seeking SWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves. #1298

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...

so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, 25-year-old SWF seeks SM, tall, short, rich, poor, for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. #12597

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Smart, sexy, attractive SWF, 45, petite, dark/hazel, seeks attractive, fun-loving, adventurous, sincere SWM, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR. #12163

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW

Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 35-65, with traditional manners, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. #1001

HAPPY IN WATER

DWF, 45, 5'5", blonde/green, N/S, NO, seeks S/DWM, 35-50, N/S, with sense of humor, who enjoys outdoor activities, indoor activities, loves life, and is searching for LTR. #1145

ATTENTION! HEALTHY MAN

Attractive, petite DWF, 54, 125lbs, DWM, 45, for friendship first, You're divorced for some time, enjoy the arts, biking, dancing, and more. You're energetic, intelligent, and fun. #1133

NOT A TEN

Nice SWF, 62, 5'4", blonde/green, medium build, retired, likes cards, traveling, singing, movies, theater, outdoors, camping. Seeking nice guy, 55-70, N/S, moderate drinker, who likes some of the same things. #1032

A RARE FIND

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DO U EXIST?

Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, looking for a kind, attractive, healthy, conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. #1032

SEXY REDHEAD

Easygoing, fun-loving DWF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, dark legs, no kids, blonde/blue, enjoys all music, loves movies, romantic dinners, fun, hugs, Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. #2863

CREATIVE DISTINCTIVE

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Petite SWF, 23, brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. #1293

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

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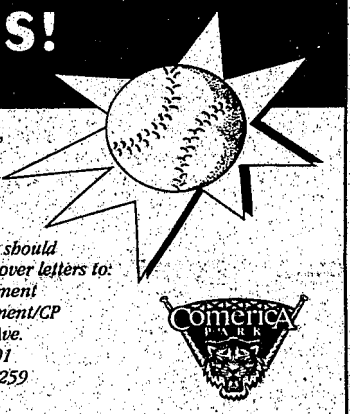
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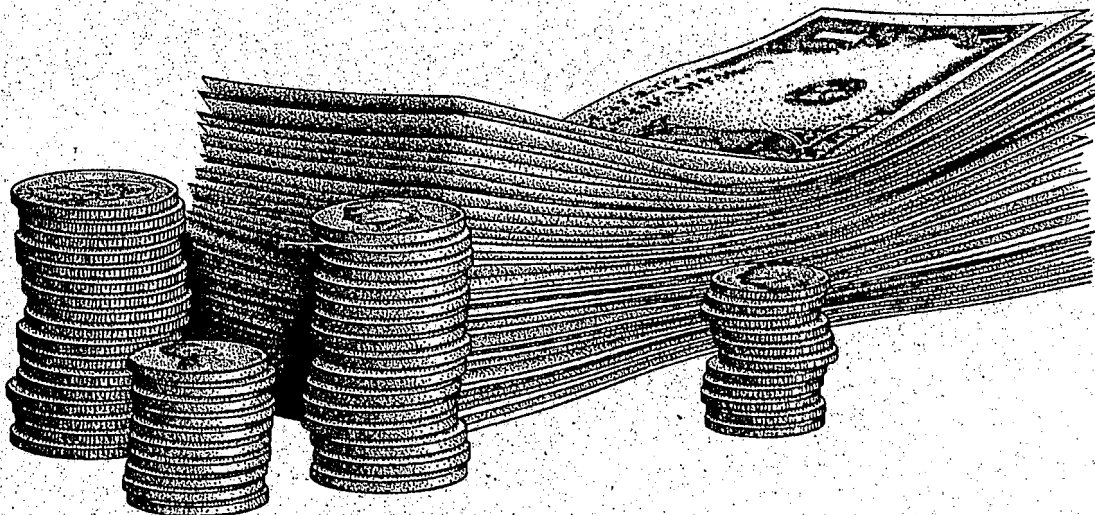
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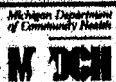
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Year in and year out, the Goodrich Meet of Champions attracts some of the finest and most successful prep wrestling programs in the state. And to have individuals or your entire team shine at the prestigious gathering is quite an accomplishment.

That's why Clarkston veteran coach Mike DeGain is smiling after his Wolves finished seventh out of 14 teams at the ninth-annual tournament held at Goodrich on Dec. 30.

Clarkston racked up 94 points on the strength of three individual champions and six total placers.

"I think we wrestled very well," said DeGain. "We had a couple of guys really rise up to win and a

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Mike DeGain
—Clarkston wrestling coach

handful of others that placed. We did well at a very tough meet."

Davison, the top-ranked team in the Division I polls, won the event with an impressive 208.5 points. Temperance-Bedford, the defending Division I state champions, finished second with 176 points, while Lapeer West (148.5), Williamston (130.5) and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (127) rounded out the top five in the team standings.

Defending team champion Rochester Adams was 13th (59.5) at the event, which featured mostly state-ranked teams.

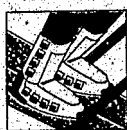
Clarkston senior Pat DeGain continued his unbeaten streak by winning the 215-pound division with a pin in 3:16 over Bryan Shilb of Auburn-Bay City Western.

Meanwhile, Clarkston freshman Clint DeGain was victorious at 152 with 7-2 finals decision over Davison's Tim Polidan, and senior heavyweight Jon Robinson edged Nicola Fear of Dundee 2-1 for the Wolves' third individual champion.

Clarkston also boasted medal winners in three other weight classes as Nate May was seventh at 125, Dave Welanko was fourth at 135, and Kevin Jenks was eighth in the 171 division.

The Wolves, who wrestled Troy Athens on Wednesday, will compete at the Redford Catholic Central Invitational on Saturday.

Hittin' the slopes



Year after year, Clarkston fields one of the top prep skiing programs in Southeastern Michigan. Many coaches throughout the area believe the Wolves will be one of the best not only on the slopes of Pine Knob, but in the

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Clarkston ski teams weren't returning so much experience and talent, they might have a hard time duplicating last year's success.

As it stands, the Wolves' boys and girls teams will field one of the most balanced teams in the state of Michigan — especially in the southern half

of the state — and are considered the early-season favorite to Southeastern Michigan Ski League Pine Knob Division and Oakland Activities Association Division I championships in 2000, particularly on the girls team.

Both squads began the regular season January 5 at Pine Knob against Rochester.

Last season was a banner year for

Clarkston's girls ski team. The Wolves captured OAA Division I, SEMSL meet and regional championships, finished the regular season with an undefeated dual record, and placed fourth overall at the Division I state meet. And the Wolves only lost two performers from that squad to graduation.

"We have tons of depth and really look as strong as ever," said Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren. "Most of the girls are strong in both events (the Giant Slalom and Slalom)."

Senior captains Megan Whipp and Katie Kennedy will lead the way for Clarkston. Both were among the top four skiers on last year's squad and are

expected to contend for numerous individual honors this winter.

As captains, Rosengren expects the two to serve as extensions of the coaching staff and is confident they will lead by example on the slopes for the approximate 20 girls expected to be on the varsity and junior-varsity teams.

Juniors Nicole Villiere and Kelli Morton have both skied on the varsity for two years and fellow juniors Becky Schermerhorn and Lauren Benner return as letterwinners for a second season. All four could be the top skiers for many teams in the area but provide

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Starting from the depths

With 27 athletes, Clarkston's is ready to start swimming program

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It didn't take Kenwyn Chock very long to see what type of hand she had been dealt when boys swimming & diving practices started at Clarkston just under two months ago.

"We're all new," said Chock. "We're starting from zero."

The reason the Wolves are so inexperienced is because the Wolves are a first-year program. However, Chock is up to the challenge of starting a program in the wake of one of the nation's hotbeds of prep swimming, where programs such as Birmingham-Brother Rice, Rochester Adams, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Groves, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Bloomfield Hills Andover have been producing top-notch talent for years — even decades.

"We're a very long way from where those types of teams are that, and sure, years down the road we hope to be there, too," admitted Chock. "But right now we're just trying to teach the sport to a good group of kids."

So far, Clarkston has 27 athletes training with team, which is down from 30 when practices started in mid-November as two individuals quit and another was lost due to a broken collarbone. But 27 swimmers is a good number to start with, according to Chock.

"We had around 50 with our girls team last fall, but 27 is around average for a boys team," she said. "For some reason, girls teams are usually bigger at most schools. But I'm not complaining. We have a nice group to start our boys team with and we have several girls that are starting to train year round."

This season the Wolves have only two seniors on a team that is dominated by freshmen and sophomores. However, Chock expected a youthful team.

"It's hard for a senior to start a

new sport," said Chock. "And maybe sometimes (it's hard) for a junior because then you only have one or two years to learn. We have a lot of younger kids that are eager to learn."

And learn they will. With virtually no prior swimming experience, the Wolves are simply starting from scratch.

"There really isn't anyone that has some age-group swimming experience. Their experience is all lake swimming for fun," added Chock.

"With no standouts in any of the 11 events, Chock has decided to teach every athlete each individual stroke, along with all of the pool side etiquette and rules."

"Most of them are still learning the rules of swimming and some of the terms," she added. "They're all learning everyday."

When Clarkston started its girls program last August, which was also coached by Chock, the Wolves made great improvements during the season, finishing third at the Oakland Activities Association Division III meet after many lopsided dual meet losses.

"I remember our girls team lost to (Auburn Hills) Avondale by close to a 100 points early in the season in a dual meet, then they came back and edged them for third at the league meet," recalled Chock. "I'm hoping the boys team can make similar strides."

Like Clarkston's girls program, the school's boys team will compete in the OAA Division III, along with Auburn Hills Avondale, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights Lamphere, Pontiac Unified and Southfield Unified.

Although wins and losses are not a factor right now for Chock, whose Wolves dropped their dual meet opener last month to Romeo, she would like to see them, perhaps, beat a couple teams at the league meet.



Diving in: Clarkston's Andrew Breen glides through the water in the at a recent practice as the Wolves enter their first season of competition. Below, Wolves coach Kenwyn Chock stresses some pool side rules to some of her swimmers, which will compete in the Oakland Activities Association Division III this season.

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Bob Knoska

"That was exciting for our girls team to finish third at the Division II meet," she said. "Now, I can't predict what this team will do this year, but we hope that we'll improve enough to maybe move up at the end of the year."

"But right now, we're just trying to get everybody to learn the strokes and rules and improve each day in practice," she added. "Everything else will eventually come, as long as they take this sport seriously and train hard all of the time."



Fire away: Clarkston senior forward Rocky Lund lets loose a short range jumper Tuesday in Clarkston's OAA crossover tilt against Troy Athens. Lund scored eight points as the 4-2 Wolves cruised to a convincing 74-45 victory over the Red Hawks.



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Clarkston rolls past Athens

Wolves regroup to avenge last season's loss to Red Hawks

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

The first 12 minutes of Tuesday's boys basketball game between Clarkston and Troy Athens mirrored a track meet, but in the end the Wolves were the ones able to catch their breath.

Depth played the biggest role in host Clarkston's 74-45 Oakland Activities Association crossover victory. The Wolves, using a 14-man rotation, went on a 23-0 run starting midway through the second quarter and into the third period and were never threatened again down the stretch by the Red Hawks.

Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino led what could only be described as a remarkably balanced scoring attack with 15 points. Twelve players in all scored for the Wolves (4-2).

Clarkston coach Dan Fife came into the contest looking to change the makeup of his team. He rotated 10 players into the lineup in the first quarter alone, when seven Wolves players scored.

Fife said two losses to state-ranked teams in December showed him that starters such as Marino, 6-foot-5 senior center Adam Schapman and senior forward Rocky Lund would be more effective with additional rest.

"Our subs have been playing well in practice and there isn't a big difference between our top two teams," said Fife. "It can be pre-

ty hard to juggle that many players in a lineup, but if the kids play hard for 94 feet, I think we can handle it."

The Red Hawks (2-3) jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, hitting its first three shots from the field. However, Clarkston showed early that it felt comfortable with a fast-break pace and quickly weathered the storm.

Senior guard Kevin Stalker hit the first of his four three-pointers to cut the Athens lead to 11-10 with three minutes remaining in the opening quarter. Stalker added another triple to put the Wolves up 18-14 two minutes later.

Athens senior forward Robert Ferns hit a short turnaround jumper and junior guard Dave Ball converted a lay-up to tie the score at 18-all. But the Red Hawks would not score again for over eight minutes, which led to Clarkston's game-breaking 23-0 run.

Clarkston senior forward Andy North converted a three-point play, Marino nailed a long jumper and then Marino followed that up with a steal and lay-up and ended the half with a conventional three-point play as Clarkston went into the half with a 31-18 lead.

Sophomore point guard Mike Blicher came off the bench and proved to be a spark for the Wolves, even though he finished the game with only three points. Blicher contributed three assists and three steals and controlled the flow of the contest.

Clarkston's depth proved the thorn in Athens' side. "We didn't expect the depth they displayed," said Athens coach Bill Gerbe. "We really didn't get tired as much as they stayed fresh. Their kids came at us in waves."

Neither team shot well from the perimeter in the first half, but only the Red Hawks remained cold in the third quarter. Stalker

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Reporting Scores

With the winter sports season already in full swing for all area prep teams, the Eccentric would like to remind all varsity coaches to please send in their results by one of the following methods:

• Schools in Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford may call (248) 693-4900 or fax to (248) 693-9716.

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Avery Baseball Camp

The Mark Avery All-Star Hitting Camp is on deck and is slated to start on Jan. 15 and 16.

Avery, the head coach at Oakland University, and current Grand Rapids Whitecaps manager Bruce Fields, a former Major Leaguer, and a knowledgeable

staff, will teach campers the proper way to drive the ball along with other hitting techniques.

Camp cost is \$210 a person and runs five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays through February.

For further information, contact Mark Avery at (310) 523-1953, or Andy Fairman at (248) 672-1819.

Ten Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-19 in each state.

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The Eccentric Sports Department will publish copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams for each of the fall prep sports when space

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Athletes for event work needed

Central Parking/National Garages at the Pontiac Silverdome is searching for groups of student-athletes, coaches and parents to work in the parking division as cashiers or parking lot attendants for upcoming events at the Silverdome, including Lions games, concerts, truck polls, etc.

All workers must be at least 16 years of age, and can work in groups of 5-50 people. Groups can combine their hours and can raise money for their respective athletic department, booster club, or individual scholastic program.

Many schools from around the Detroit Metropolitan area have been involved in this program for many years, and positions are limited.

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drilled two more triples after Lund started the half with a long-range jumper. But once Ferns finally powered inside for a short banker, Athens found themselves behind by 21 points.

Defensively, the Wolves clamped down on the Red Hawks from beyond the three-point line. Athens hit only two of nine triples in the first 16 minutes but Clarkston's array of perimeter defenders, including Blicher, Ryan Kaul, Marino and Stalker, completely put the clamps on Athens guards R.J. and Michael Cieslak in the second half.

"That's how they beat us (in Troy) last year," said Fife. "We wanted to limit their ability to penetrate and pitch the ball back outside. Our help defense was a major difference."

The Wolves instituted a full-court press early in the second half and were burned with deep passes a couple of times, but everything else seemed to go right for Clarkston, which doubled Athens in rebounds during the second half.

Stalker finished with 12 points for Clarkston while North added nine points and Lund eight points. Schapman tallied nine rebounds and two

blocks.

Senior forward R.J. Cieslak couldn't maintain his hot shooting after the first quarter, but still finished with 13 points. Ferns added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Gerbe was disappointed his team was unable to effectively run its halfcourt offense in the second half and was bothered by the fact the Red Hawks took too many quick shots. But he credited Clarkston's game plan, which kept Athens from finding its rhythm.

"We definitely can and should play better," he said. "The three-point shot is a big part of the game and they took that away. Clarkston has a lot of good athletes and they are very well coached."

Fife expects to continue utilizing his deep bench in the coming weeks, although he admits managing this type of rotation will be difficult.

"It was a good effort but we'll need more of those," concluded Fife, whose squad will visit Pontiac Central on Friday.

Athens returns home to face Southfield Friday.

Wildcats claw North Branch, 61-41

By DANIEL STICKRAD
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After receiving a lump of coal for Christmas, Oxford was able to start off the new year with a delicious taste of victory.

After three straight losses in December in games that went down to the closing moments, the Wildcats were able to post their first triumph of the season, rolling past host North Branch

61-51 Tuesday in a non-league affair.

"We finally got that first win. These guys really wanted it," said third-year Oxford coach Jesse Heck. "We came out fired up and we were able to maintain it. In the second half, I was able to give a lot of guys playing time."

Oxford opened up the game with a 13-2 run, and thanks to an 8-4 second-quarter advan-

tage, the Wildcats (1-3) held a commanding 19-point cushion by halftime at 31-12.

"This team had high expectations at the beginning of the season and after those three tough losses in December, it kind of rattled them a little bit," said Heck, whose team looked sharp in a scrimmage Sunday against Waterford Kettering. "This game and were hungry. They wanted the taste of victory really bad."

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the Wolves with tremendous depth.

A large group of talented freshmen will also compete with members of last year's junior-varsity squad which finished the season undefeated and captured the annual Don Thomas Invitational Tournament held for junior-varsity teams from around the SEMSL.

The Clarkston girls team will have to live with high expectations, knowing that the teams they face would consider a victory over the Wolves as a milestone win. Rosengren is confident his girls are prepared.

"Any time you're on top, you have to prevent from letting your guard down," he said. "We have high expectations and I really expect us to place as many girls at the top of these events as possible."

Clarkston has upgraded its schedule and will participate in the exclusive Traverse City Invitational January 24 at Sugarloaf in Cedar, Mich., just outside of Traverse City. The event pits the state's top teams in a one-day event.

The talent and experience is there for a possible state championship for the girls, and Rosengren isn't avoiding the subject.

"We went undefeated until the state finals last year and that's pretty hard to improve on," he said. "We'll certainly have to stay focused. But I think we'll contend."

The boys team will have to replace six departed performers, but will reload with athletes from the Wolves' junior-varsity squad that went undefeated last year, including a victory at the Don Thomas Cup.

In varsity SEMSL Pine Knob Division dual meets, Clarkston was 7-2 before winning the OAA Division I title, placing second at the Pine Knob Division meet, SEMSL meet, and at the Mt. Holly Regional, and eighth at the Class A state meet.

The top three teams from each region qualify for the state finals.

"At times last season it seemed as if the guys were competing with each other rather than against other teams and that caused us to lose a couple of matches," said Rosengren. "Fortunately our guys this year have a good attitude and I think we'll be able to reload rather than having to rebuild."

Senior Brent Schermerhorn, a standout offensive lineman on the Wolves' state semifinalist football team, returns to the slopes for his final season. Schermerhorn has surprisingly fast, quick feet for his size and will be shooting for some individual honors during the course of the season.

Juniors Michael Atkinson and Bobby Olson also return, and the duo should contribute as they both skied exceptionally well during the final weeks of the 1999 season.

A couple of freshmen will likely start for the Wolves and the competition will be heated for the remaining spots, according to Rosengren.

Those underclassmen will have to step up, however, as Clarkston will join Rochester Adams as the team to beat in the Pine Knob Division, where Rosengren also considers Lake Orion a darkhorse.


The most experienced returning skiers on Clarkston's boys team joined a handful of their female counterparts in attending a race camp over the holidays in Breckenridge, Colo., where a total of eight Wolves athletes attended the event in which they raced against high school skiers from around the nation.

"The reason our varsity team is so good is that our (junior-varsity) teams have been strong. We're fortunate to have a great feeder program," praised Rosengren.


The teams began practicing in mid-November and for the third consecutive season the weather has failed to cooperate in the first two months of the season. The teams have taken part in conditioning drills that include running, stair and wall exercises and activities designed to improve lateral movement, an important consideration in skiing. Rosengren has also held instructive educational classes on ski tactics and equipment maintenance.

As for Clarkston's general line-up, some final decisions to made about whom to place on the varsity and junior-varsity teams. Regardless, it should be a successful season for the Wolves, who are expected to be listed in the Division I Top 10 once the rankings come out next week.

"I think it's going to be a really good season for us. We have a number of freshmen and sophomores on both teams who will play major roles," said Rosengren. "We're looking forward to it."





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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 9-3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be

admitted free.

SPRING BOATING EXPO

The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

ACTIVITIES

CLUBS

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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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.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more details.

PREP SCOREBOARD

Wrestling

GOODRICH MEET OF CHAMPIONS (12-30 at Goodrich)
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INDIVIDUAL PLACERS
103 — 1. James Ronger (Lapeer West) d. Kersten LaBelle (Davison) 6-0; 3. Dennis Brighton (Bedford) d. Nick Higdon (Goodrich) 16-2; 5. Bill Trudell (Dundee) d. Brent Weisenberger (New Lothrop) 5-1; 7. Luke Roser (Adams) injury default Rusty Nyland (Traverse City West).

112 — 1. Nick Simmons (Williamston) p. Shaun Newton (Davison) 1:33; 3. Andy Coleman (Forest Hills Central) d. Richie Steffen (Columbia Central) 9-6; 5. Chad Ditty (Bedford) d. Teig McLellan (Bay City Western) 8-2; 7. Chris O'Hara (Catholic Central) p. Steve Lampar (Lapeer West) 0:58.

119 — 1. Andy Simmons (Williamston) p. Jason Fellows (Lapeer West) 1:27; 3. Ryan Wasielewski (Bedford) d. Omar Yousef (Adams) 12-6; 5. Sam Kuchar (New Lothrop) d. Dustin Duchar (Columbia Central) 4-0 (OT); 7. Mike Thomas (Forest Hills Central) d. Ben Reynolds (Traverse City West) 10-0.

125 — 1. Chase Metcalf (Davison) d. P.J. Mitchell (Williamston) 12-4; 3. Scott Miller (Dundee) d. Brad Grostefan (Bedford) 12-2; 5. Jesse Reader (Lapeer West) p. Rob Hanel (Traverse City West) 0:29; 7. Nate May (Clarkston) d. John Feldman (Goodrich) 14-5.

130 — 1. Nick Oertel (Goodrich) d. Casey Hüllberger (Williamston) 8-4; 3. Mike Holtz (Adams) d. Leigh Johnson (Forest Hills Central) 12-8; 5. Justin Kellogg (Traverse City West) d. Nate Rodriguez (Catholic Central) 9-6; 7. Jeremy Beal (Columbia Central) p. Dave Patterson (Bay City Western) 0:28.

135 — 1. Ryan Tripp (Goodrich) d. Rory Medina (Lapeer West) 6-4; 3. Justin Sinclair (Forest Hills Central) d. Dave Wefanko (Clarkston) 14-9; 5. Chad Johnston (Bedford) p. Jon Barkham (Adams) 1:45; 7. Kellen Klosowski (Bay City Western) p. Jack Mahar (Columbia Central) 3:47.

140 — Chad Roush (Davison) d. James Kish (Lapeer West) 8-5; 3. Tim Morkel (Bay City Western) p. Josiah Boyer (Bedford) 4:42; 5. Paul Zeits (Traverse City West) d. Chad Edwards (New Lothrop) 7-5; 7. Jake O'Rourke (Forest Hills Central) d. Jason Abshire (Catholic Central) 5-3.

145 — 1. Brandon Brissette (Bay City Western) won by injury default over Roger Homachi (Dundee); 3. Jimmy McFall (Davison) injury default over Casey Roberts (Bedford); 5. Nick Sierakowski (Lapeer West) d. Tim Zeits (Traverse City West) 2-1; 7. Bryan Lemire (Forest Hills Central) d. Steve Weber (Williamston) 7-0.

152 — 1. Clint DeGain (Clarkston) d. Tim Polidan (Davison) 7-2; 3. Justin

Zink (Bedford) p. Jay Trumble (Lapeer West) 3:28; 5. Andy Winter (Columbia Central) injury default over Dan Heethuis (Traverse City West); 7. Adam Grealish (Forest Hills Central) d. Doug Nassif (Bay City Western) 8-3.

160 — Mitch Hancock (Catholic Central) d. Brad Anderson (Forest Hills Central) 9-7; 3. Roger Kish (Lapeer West) d. Casey Streeter (Davison) 8-2; 5. Troy Lusky (Bedford) d. Jason Ford (Traverse City West) 10-8; 7. Jacob Salenbien (Dundee) d. Robert Beal (Columbia Central) 13-6.

171 — 1. Jon Phillips (Davison) d. Matt Stanovich (Forest Hills Central) 7-2; 3. Ryan Ditty (Bedford) d. Ryan Rogowski (Catholic Central) 9-2; 5. Matt Wynn (Dundee) d. Jacob Miller (Williamston) 8-6; 7. Scott Vanscoy (Traverse City West) d. Kevin Jenks (Clarkston) 7-4.

189 — 1. Adam Yaklin (New Lothrop) d. Brandon Jonecek (Dundee) 7-0; 3. Adam Wilmoth (Davison) d. Jim Schmidt (Bedford) 5-3; 5. P.J. Gordon (Forest Hills Central) d. Marshall Anderson (Traverse City West) 9-5; 7. Andy Conlin (Catholic Central) p. Ryan Fletcher (Goodrich) 0:59.

215 — 1. Pat DeGain (Clarkston) p. Bryan Shillb (Bay City Western) 3:16; 3. Aaron Pacholek (Columbia Central) p. Brain Juckette (Dundee) 1:54; 5. John Wheeler (Williamston) d. Judd Rohde (Forest Hills Central) 9-3; 7. Jon McCrandall (Davison) d. Dan Ziska (Adams) 10-4.

275 — 1. Jon Robinson (Clarkston) d. Nic LaPear (Dundee) 2-1; 3. Brandon Boone (Columbia Central) p. Mike McDonald (Bedford) 2:24; 5. Jarred Barnes (Dundee) p. Kelly Klogima

(Traverse City West) 1:38; 7. Aaron Parr (Catholic Central) p. Chris Dobias (Williamston) 1:10.

OXFORD INVITATIONAL (12-30 at Oxford)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Oxford, 192; 2. Traverse City, 154.5; 3. Imlay City, 147; 4. Mount Clemens, 142; 5. Lake Orion, 130; 6. Ferndale, 59; 7. Flint Kearsley, 55; 8. Livonia Clarenceville, 34.

INDIVIDUALS PLACERS

103 — 1. JP Morgan (Ferndale) d. Reveche Romelle (Traverse City) NA; 3. Cody Carpenter (Kearsley) d. Dan Guerrero (Imlay City) 11-3.

112 — 1. Charles Schimmel (Ferndale) d. Dan Pondra (Clarenceville) 7-6; 3. Bryan Shores (Mount Clemens) p. Justin Craft (Oxford) 2:39.

119 — 1. Larry Traylor (Mount Clemens) d. Mike Quigley (Lake Orion) 15-7; 3. Ryan Gall (Oxford) d. Ken Champadenberg (Traverse City) 10-9.

125 — 1. Ethan Smith (Traverse City) d. Keil Jorgensen (Imlay City) NA; 3. Kris Hughes (Mount Clemens) d. Jesse Smith (Lake Orion) 7-6.

130 — 1. Charlie Myer (Oxford) d. Derek Russ (Lake Orion) 7-3; 3. Thomas Cuthbert (Mount Clemens) d. Matt Swazey (Ferndale) 8-2.

135 — 1. Justin Hendges (Traverse City) p. Nick Stevens (Oxford) 1:17; 3. Derek Inman (Kearsley) p. Will Thomas (Lake Orion) 1:13.

140 — 1. Kip Siegler (Imlay City) d. Cameron Stiles (Oxford) 5-1; 3. Andy Kus (Lake Orion) d. Steve Bauer (Kearsley) 12-6.

145 — 1. Jason Eldridge (Oxford) p. Mike Dudek (Imlay City) 5:38; 3.

Nathan Hoard (Traverse City) d. Lonnie Foster (Mount Clemens) 12-6.

152 — 1. Joe Earkley (Mount Clemens) p. Scott Davidson (Oxford) 2:39; 3. Casey Bengry (Imlay City) d. Chad Pasinski (Traverse City) 8-5.

160 — 1. Adam Fabiano (Mount Clemens) p. Steve Walter (Lake Orion) 2:33; 3. Joel Vasquez (Oxford) d. Allen Woodworth (Imlay City) 7-2.

171 — 1. Kyle Ahrens (Imlay City) p. Jake Shagena (Oxford) 3:08; 3. Gil Blasdel (Kearsley) d. Bob Russ (Lake Orion) 6-4.

189 — 1. Willie Bryer (Oxford) p. Travis Simmons (Lake Orion) 1:44; 3. Matt Eckenrode (Traverse City) d. Joe Belleville (Imlay City) 5-2.

215 — 1. Brian Patrick (Lake Orion) p. Eric Hall (Imlay City) 5:47; 3. Nick Weigl (Traverse City) p. Toney Boyd (Mount Clemens) 1:31.

275 — 1. Eric Ghiaciu (Oxford) d. Peter Stewart (Traverse City) NA; 3. Craig Penzien (Imlay City) d. Josh Rose (Clarenceville) NA.

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RECORDS — Lake Orion 1-1; Lapeer 1-1.

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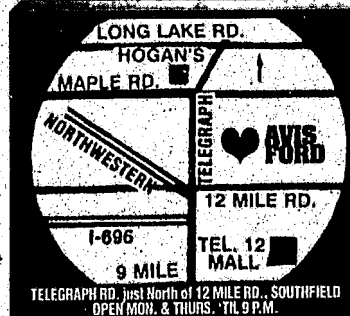
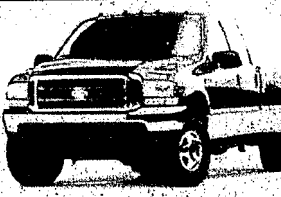
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JOE GAGNON

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service, but you
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tent has to do with
service of other cate-
gories as well.

The plumber,
electrician, cabinet
maker and most
others could fit into
the profile I'm about
to describe, which is that of someone
who knows how to turn off the satisfied
customer.

There isn't a day of the week that
goes by without a homeowner calling
me to tell me his or her story of dissatis-
faction. In essence, it seems all service
industries are in some pretty big trou-
bles.

Let's take the example of Tom, who
bought a refrigerator 18 months ago and
it has worked fine since day one.

He wakes up to find everything melt-
ing in the freezer section and immedi-
ately calls a service company to get it
fixed. He is told that it will be two days
before he can expect a service technician
to arrive in the area of 10 a.m. During
this waiting period Tom manages to
save most of the food by using his
neighbor's freezer for some and cooking
the rest.

He's late for work by four hours and
at this point rather irate with the manu-
facturer of the product.

On the expected morning of the
needed service call, Tom gets a phone
call from the service technician, who
tells him that he will be at his home
between 2 and 4 p.m. Tom tells the guy
that he was promised a service call at 10
a.m., he has meetings set up at his work
for the afternoon, and this will mess up
his whole day.

The service technician tells Tom that
the only thing he can do is come out the
next day at 10 a.m.; will that do? Poor
Tom, who has now lived without a
refrigerator for two days, and doesn't
want to tick off the technician, simply
wants to get it fixed as soon as possible.
So, he tells the guy to come out that
afternoon.

Tom calls the office to cancel the
afternoon meetings and as he waits for
the afternoon arrival of the service tech-
nician, he becomes somewhat irritated.
At 3:30 p.m. the front doorbell rings,
and guess who it is.

The service technician spends 45 min-
utes checking out the product and
informs Tom that there is a leak in the
sealed system and that repairs involve
running a new piece of copper tubing
across the outside back wall of the
refrigerator. Because of the late time of
day, it will have to be rescheduled for
the afternoon of the following day.

Tom tells the technician to go ahead
and set it up, and gets on the phone and
calls the manufacturer. He tells the cus-
tomer relations department that he
doesn't want to accept repairs that will
disfigure the refrigerator. They tell him
that this is the only way they can fix the
product.

The next call is back to the office to
cancel the next day's meetings, and the
next call is to the corporate headquar-
ters. Tom is shifted from one person to
another and eventually gets a satisfac-
tory response from the manufacturer.

"They are going to replace the refrig-
erator with a new one."

It took him a total five hours on the
phone to get the problem resolved.

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calls on appliances every day in this
country. The story I've just described is
true, and it isn't even an extreme one
compared to others I could tell you.

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tance of customer satisfaction, but that
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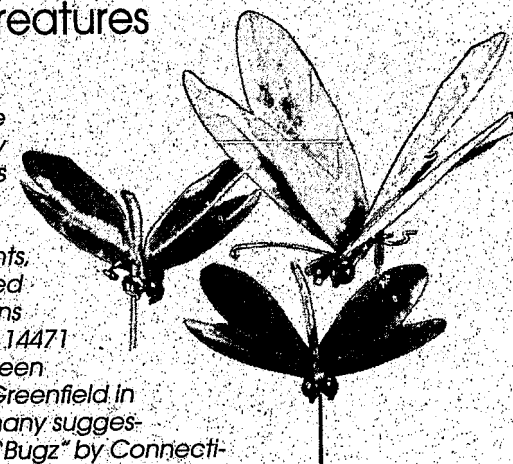
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inviting ideas

Adults only: Mix it up with margaritas



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Some of us haven't had enough time over the designated holiday week or so to take care of all the entertaining we need to do, or choose to do. There are family commitments, business responsibilities, reciprocations and just plain "get togethers" that are still hanging in the lurch.

"After holiday" entertaining needs to be festive, without being too holiday themed.

When I think seasonal, I think of fruity smells, crisp clean winter flavors, not-so-subtle sweet and savory treats — more of a burst of flavor, and an emphasis on the unexpected, a bit of surprise.

My choice just might be to make much ado about margaritas. Now here is an non-traditional flavor for the season, and my friend Park Kerr knows a lot about margaritas!

Kerr, founder of The El Paso Chile

Company (Southwest products offered in most grocery stores, nationwide) and author of "The Margarita Cookbook" (William Morrow & Co., 1999, \$12.95 hardcover edition) is a less-than-subtle kind of guy.

Park does everything with a flair — from his dramatic demeanor to his sometimes wild clothes (he wore a gold and black brocade smoking jacket to the black tie James Beard Awards, and looked great, I might add). This ninth-generation Texan's interest, or shall we say passion, involves all things flavorful and way-over-the-edge fun. The driving force for his margarita book included a distillery and a pick-up truck (he calls it his "midlife crisis" — the pick-up truck and the distillery, not the book!).

Park's neat little margarita book includes tequila-kissed drinkables, tequila-laced snacks, and a peppering of interesting tequila tidbits.

Park is also the author of "The El Paso Chile Company's Texas Border Cookbook: Burning Desires, Sizzlin' Suppers, Chiles, Tortillas and Beans." You can often find some of his old books on sale at the Borders outlet stores.

He produces and appears in "Let's Get Cooking," a weekly three-minute food news and cooking spot on KVIA-TV in El Paso (his show is also syndicated throughout the Southwest on ABC stations) and is now working on a new book, "Rum."

Try some margarita-flavored favorites — for adults only. Add some great color to the room, accessorize with festive colored plates, napkins and utensils (colorful Southwestern stripes, like a Navaho blanket, would be great!). Have a smattering of Southwestern-flavored tidbits or entrees, and some options of "The Margarita Cookbook," such as these.

MARGARITA MARINATED COCKTAIL OLIVES

These tasty nibbles were inspired by a jar of "martini olives," which came already marinated in vermouth. Why not try the same flavor-boosting system using the principal ingredients of a margarita? Naturally, some chiles also found their way into the blend. Set out a bowl of these with drinks and watch them disappear!

Makes 6 Servings
Ingredients:

- 1 cup (about 5 1/2 ounces) drained Kalamata olives, rinsed
- 1 cup (about 5 1/2 ounces) drained garlic or jalapeño-stuffed green olives
- 12 pickled serrano or jalapeño chiles
- 1/4 cup tequila
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons Triple Sec
- 1/4 cup minced cilantro
- 1 teaspoon minced orange zest (colored peel)

Directions:

In a non-reactive container, combine the black and green olives, serranos, tequila, lime juice and Triple Sec. Cover and refrigerate for at least 24 hours and up to one week, stirring occasionally.

To serve, return the olives to room temperature. Stir in the cilantro and orange zest, transfer the olives, chiles and marinade to a bowl, and serve immediately.

PASSION-PEACH MARGARITA

Alizé is a passion-fruit juice and Cognac liqueur that imparts a flavor of faraway places to this fresh peach margarita. When I'm really feeling festive, I garnish this with a single small, perfect orchid.

Makes 1 cocktail
Ingredients:

- 1 lime wedge
- Kosher salt on a small plate

■ Accessorize the room with festive colored plates, napkins and utensils and have a smattering of Southwestern-flavored entrees.

- 1 1/2 ounces tequila
- 3 tablespoons pureed ripe peach
- 1 ounce Alizé
- 1/2 teaspoon Cointreau
- 1 small orchid, as garnish (optional)

Directions:

Run the lime wedge around the rim of a stemmed cocktail glass. Dip the moistened rim in the salt. Set the glass aside.

In a cocktail shaker half-filled with ice cubes, combine the tequila, peach puree, Alizé and Cointreau. Shake well, then strain into the prepared glass. Garnish with the orchid if desired.

Cook's Note: If fresh peaches aren't available, you can use frozen peaches. You can also garnish with any edible flower or a sprig of a pretty, flowery herb.

RIO GRANDE LEMONADE

Less potent than a margarita and very refreshing, this tangy, tasty cooler is always on hand when I light the grill and hungry and thirsty guests gather in the back yard. Lime juice can replace some of the lemon juice, if you like, and sprigs of mint, picked fresh from the garden, make a fine garnish.

Makes 6 servings
Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups fresh lemon juice, strained
- 2 cups water
- About 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup tequila

Directions:

In a non-reactive container, such as a pitcher or jar, stir together the lemon juice, water, 1 1/4 cups of the sugar, and the tequila. Cover and refrigerate until very cold, preferably overnight.

Taste the lemonade and add more sugar to taste. Stir to completely dissolve.

Serve the lemonade over lots of ice in 1-pint canning jars or beer mugs.

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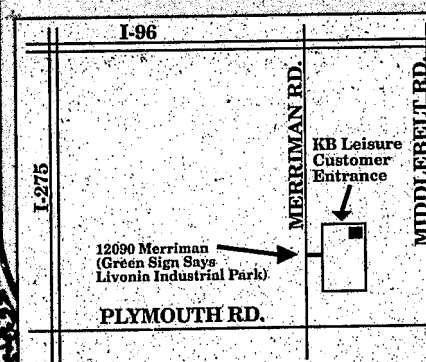
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Before and after: Assistance from Organize-It, a storage and organization store in Rochester Hills, transformed the jumbled closet areas below into these more orderly spaces.



Have fun as you get organized

All Jo-Ann etc. stores will present "New Beginnings: Let's Get Organized" 1-3 p.m. Sunday at all Jo-Ann etc. stores.

For anyone who wants to have a more organized home, the event is a chance to learn from experts. The event is a chance to learn from experts. The event is a chance to learn from experts.

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By MARY KLEMIC
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It's a new year, a new century, but many people find themselves with an old resolution: *I'm going to get organized.*

Well, out with the old and in with the new. What better time to get going on that resolution? There's an extra bit of motivation this month, as January includes National Clean Off Your Desk Day.

"It's very important to set aside a time to do it," said Dorothy Lehmkuhl, owner of Organizing Techniques of Bloomfield Township. "If you don't do that you're gonna do it 'sometime'."

"I think the biggest problem (of) people who don't get organized is that organizing has moved to the bottom rung of the ladder. Everything else is a lot more exciting and fun than sorting papers and getting rid of stuff."

Lehmkuhl and Dolores Cotter Lamping are co-authors of "Organizing for the Creative Person." The book, published in 1993, is still a best seller and is now one of five official study guides for people seeking certification as professional organizers.

It contains many suggestions for overcoming clutter, mastering your time and achieving your goals. For instance:

■ Set aside five minutes before each hour to clear off a cluttered desk or surface (you'll be surprised at how much you can get done in that time, and in two weeks you'll see a big improvement).

■ Keep things that you use together in "departments," such as a "gift-wrapping department" or a "hobby department."

Now's the time to move organizing from that bottom rung. Being organized is important, not just for your work or home, but for your well-being too.

"It's like you have a big huge highway building crew, big humungous machines, depending on team work, and you forget to oil the machinery. Everything breaks down," Lehmkuhl said.

Disorganization affects you elsewhere in your life, she said, as it shows up in such ways as stomach tension or your being unable to enjoy entertainment because you keep thinking you

should be cleaning.

"It helps bring serenity back in your life," Lehmkuhl said of organization. "Without it there's chaos."

Just as every person is different, everyone has different areas where he or she is disorganized, Lehmkuhl said.

"Many many many many people tell me 'I get along just fine at work but, oh boy, you should see my place when I get home,'" she said. "At work there is pressure to produce, at home there's not and so we revert to our natural selves at home."

You must set priorities.

"You can't do everything. You've got to sort out what's most important," Lehmkuhl said.

Getting and staying organized can be fun, as will be shown at an upcoming free event at all Jo-Ann etc. stores this weekend (the "etc" is pronounced "E-T-C," not "et cetera," and stands for "experience the creativity").

They are presenting "New Beginnings: Let's Get Organized" 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9.

The event will feature demonstrations of simple projects to make organized areas — spaces for crafts, office, children's play, and other activities — more attractive with simple, creative touches. The projects will show that you can reflect your own style in your organization. (See related story.)

"The key to getting organized and staying organized is to have a place for everything that creates clutter in your life," said Jo-Ann etc. spokesperson Cindy Casciato.

"We help guests bring the pride of individuality to the art of organization. Bringing these two elements together may provide motivation to stay organized throughout the year."

A person can't learn organization too early.

"I think it really starts with infants, the parents who help the child pick up and put things away without being anal about it," Lehmkuhl said. "Say, 'It's time for a nap, let's put our toys away.'"

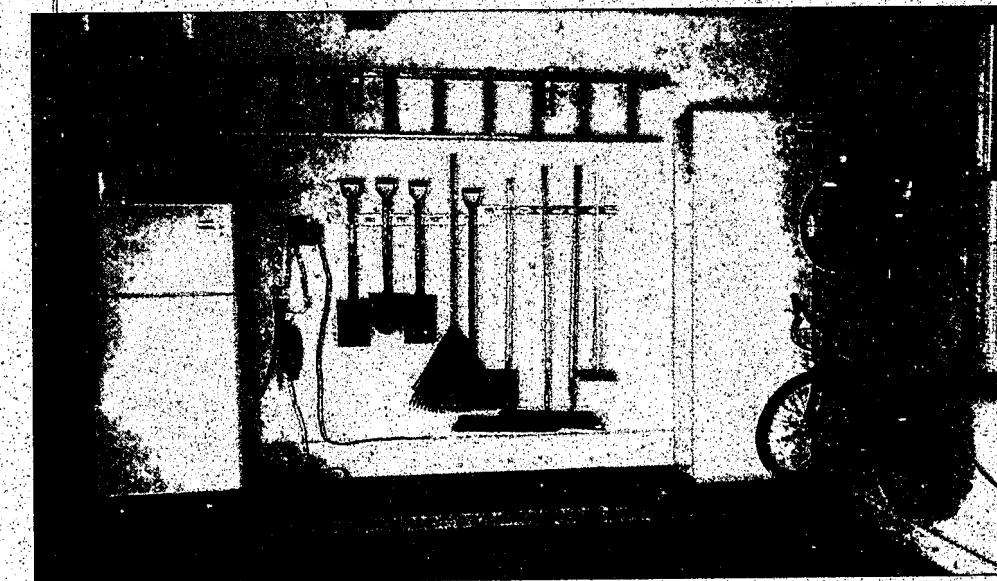
"It isn't just training the child, it's being a role model. You can't convince your child to do something you don't do yourself."



Personal projects: An event Sunday at Jo-Ann etc. stores in Westland, Novi and Roseville will show how to make these fabric-covered storage boxes and other projects that can help with getting and staying organized.



Special space: In other Organize-It jobs, toys went from cluttered (right) to orderly (above), and garage items became neatly arranged (below).



Recapture past through a legacy



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Life is full of changes. Sometimes you lose sight of what really matters in life because you're too busy trying to keep up with it.

Before you know it, your infant son is entering kindergarten. The grandfather who always told you colorful stories of life during the Depression can't recall his youthful years.

More time goes by. You celebrate the birth of another child. Only months later, your family mourns the loss of your grandfather to the great circle of life. Before the wonderful memories of Grandpa fade, you vow to pass his legacy on to your children.

The lifetime of values, self-esteem, confidence and love someone dear to you instilled in your family are treasures to cherish for a lifetime.

To honor these gifts and keep that spirit alive within your family, make a

point to adopt some of the rituals you have always adored. If your family has already tried some of them, incorporate your favorites into your daily or weekly routine.

Teach your children a skill your grandfather or another loved one taught you.

If he showed you how to fix things around the house, pass those skills on to your children. Start with simple projects they will understand. Work your way up to the more complex problems as your children grow in skill and age. If Grandpa used certain tools you now possess, you may wish to pass them on to your children when they are old enough to take care of and appreciate them.

Share other skills as well. Try to pass on the back massage tradition Grandpa instituted every time you saw him. Teach your children his golfing secrets. Don't deliberately let your youngsters win every game of cards as he did, but adopt his unselfish "I don't always have to win" attitude about life.

Designate one day a week to prepare a favorite family recipe handed down

through the generations.

Whether it's crispy pancakes for breakfast or chocolate layer cake for dessert at the dinner hour, introduce your children to long-standing family recipes that just might become an integral part of your mealtime repertoire.

Even if one person doesn't care for the taste, another family member may love it and be the one to carry the recipe into the next generation.

Pull out family heirlooms to show your children. Explain where they came from and why they are so special.

Your children might be thrilled at the sight of a relative's baseball autographed by one of the early stars of the game. Perhaps you have the china your grandparents received on their wedding day or the bookcase your grandfather made by hand.

By sharing these treasures and the stories behind them, you help your children learn to have a greater appreciation for their family heritage.

Resurrect the family tree you began years ago. Point out how names changed as people married. If at all possible, show your family pictures that

correspond to the names to help the youngsters visualize what life was like in a given year.

If you still have some digging to do, continue your research with your children. This activity will help them retain the information while learning about their ancestry.

Pass on the stories your grandfather told you. Although your version might not be quite the same, your children will appreciate learning more about their great-grandparents, relatives and family friends as they grow up. They might even discover that they possess similar likes and dislikes, habits and traits they didn't know they had.

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Extra touch leads to extraordinary photos



MONTE NAGLER

Want some ideas for different kinds of photographs - pictures that will grab the viewer's attention and make him or her say, "What is this and how did you do it?"

All it takes is to make the ordinary different. For example, everyone likes to photograph flowers. But let's make the ordinary different. A trip to your local glass shop is all it takes.

A piece of textured shower door glass placed between the flowers and your camera will produce stunning effects similar to an impressionistic painting. Textured glass is available in many styles (even colors) so the possibilities are endless. Use your imagination to shoot other subjects through textured glass.

Another way to make the ordinary different is to use a super wide angle lens, 20mm or less in 35mm systems. The distortion you'll get by moving in

close to your subjects will amaze you. Move in close to a friend or to your family pet. Try sighting straight up a tree. The resulting distortion will produce dramatic and unusual results.

We're all so accustomed to photographing people so that we can see their faces. How about shooting them from their backs or doing a photo theme of hands or feet? This would certainly make the ordinary different.

While we're talking about people pictures, consider placing someone in an unlikely setting. For example, shoot an elegantly dressed model in a junkyard or a friend in a tuxedo on a farm. These photographs will definitely get attention.

Try taking a common prop such as a red rose and place it somewhere in the composition of a series of pictures. This "common denominator" will tie a set of photos together and will earn you accolades from family and friends.

Bo Dimitroff, on a trip with me last summer in France, decided to make the ordinary different in his picture shown here of the famous Haut Koenigsbourg Castle near Strasbourg.



Bo regard: Bo Dimitroff turned what would have been an ordinary shot into a truly special one. Climbing up into the Haut Koenigsbourg Castle in eastern France rewarded Bo with this memorable shot.

Rather than the typical "tourist" shot from the front of the castle, Bo climbed up to where he got this unusual vantage point. This is one of his favorite pictures from a very memorable trip.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Get back to nature in special way



MARTY FIGLEY

Here's some "food for thought" for this new year.

The Nature Conservancy is an organization that has a compelling task: "The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and water they need to survive."

The following is from the November/December 1999 issue of its magazine:

"To date the Conservancy and its members have been responsible for the protection of more than 11 million acres in 50 states and Canada. It has helped like-minded partner organizations to preserve millions of acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Asia."

"Although some Conservancy-acquired areas are sold for management

to other conservation groups, both public and private, the Conservancy owns more than 1,600 preserves - the largest private system of nature sanctuaries in the world."

The Conservancy buys land to save it, but it also protects it by leases, conservation easements and management agreements.

"The Nature Conservancy has a long record of working with federal, state and local public agencies to protect ecologically important land and waters," said president and chief executive officer John Sawhill of the District of Columbia.

"Indeed, being a good partner with government land managers goes to the heart of our mission... Today, stewards from The Nature Conservancy collaborate with government officials to promote conservation on all types of public land holdings."

Michigan conservation

Just here in Michigan, our sand dunes are threatened with destruction because of the "need" for commercial development. Our spectacular lakes are

threatened with more and more marinas that will impact that precious resource and beauty.

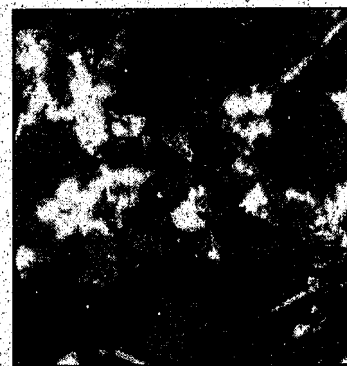
We need to conserve our land for future generations. Our native wildlife and natural communities are being destroyed and our native wildflowers, trees and shrubs are becoming extinct. Once our natural areas are destroyed there is no way of turning them back to their original condition.

You might say, "Well, this is all fine and good, but what can I do?"

When we want to live in a natural area, we must choose a developer who is sensitive to the impact this will make on the environment. Then, when we move to that new place, we must continue to protect the natural beauty, the flora and fauna of our space.

Seven of the Michigan Conservancy's most popular projects are open to the public and available for educational use. They are:

1. Erie Marsh - A magnet for migratory waterfowl at one of the last extensive Great Lakes marshes on Lake Erie.
2. Nan Weston Preserve at Sharon Hollow - Wildflowers amidst streams, swamp and beech-maple forest along the River Raisin. Uncommon forest-nesting birds.
3. Ross Coastal Plains Marsh - Rare marsh plants, forested inland dunes, and small lakes. Migratory songbird haven.
4. Little Trout Lake - Near-shore nesting habitat for waterfowl and neo-tropical migrant songbirds.
5. Point Betsie Dunes - Fragile, undisturbed open sand dunes and wildflowers. Shorebirds and migrating birds of prey.
6. Elizabeth Lake Woods - A suburban nature oasis. Old oak forest along the pure headwaters of the Clinton River. Home to rare freshwater mussels, spring wildflowers.
7. Two-Hearted River-McMahon



MARTY FIGLEY

Hello, yellow: The wild yellow violet is a Michigan gem.

Lake - The northern wild as it was: Patterned fen wetland and deep forest. Home to moose, pine marten, plus nesting warblers and sandhill cranes.

For access information and directions, call (517) 332-1741.

If you want to get involved with this non-political group you can call the above number to join the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. There are several levels of membership beginning at \$25. Write The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Chapter, 2840 E. Grand River, No. 5, East Lansing 48823.

National level

You can join the national organization with a tax-deductible contribution of \$50 or more. For a gift of \$75 or more, you will receive a boxed set of note-cards.

Send a check, payable to The Nature Conservancy (or use your charge card), to The Nature Conservancy, Membership Department B1, P.O. Box 17056, Baltimore, Md. 21298-9704.

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GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Avoid walking on frozen grass - it causes bare spots, damages the grass and encourages diseases.

■ Use branches from your Christmas tree to protect small plants from frost heave and broadleaf evergreens from sunscald.

■ Shake or sweep snow off branches of evergreens. Heavy snow can cause breakage. Let the icy covering melt naturally.

■ When the temperature is above 40 degrees, spray an antidesiccant on broadleaf evergreens, if you didn't get to it last fall.

■ This is Mail-order Gardening Month. Time to get your seed and plant orders in the mail. For a copy of the MGA's Garden Catalog Guide (garden tips and information about 135-plus garden catalogs and magazines), send \$2 to Mail-order Gardening Association, Dept. SC-11, P.O. Box 2129, Columbia, Md. 21045.

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

■ The Hardy Plant Society will present a class, "Make Your Own Suet Feeder," 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Bowers School Farm, on Square Lake Road between Adams and Squirrel roads. Registration fee \$5. The class is limited to 25. Children can attend with an adult. One feeder per registration. To sign up, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation at (248) 433-0885 and ask to register for class number 2079. For information, call Jim at (248) 879-3272.

■ Family four-packs of tickets to a Detroit Viper hockey game will be given away Saturday, Jan. 8, at all Art Van Furniture stores. The tickets are for the game against the Milwaukee Admirals Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

■ A discussion on "Genetic Engineering in Food Plants" will be presented by Peter Bray, an organic vegetable grower in Birmingham, to the Michigan Botanical Club meeting 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. The public may attend. Admission is free. "Are genetically altered plants safe to eat?" is a question that has caught the public's attention, especially after learning that American-grown genetically altered plants have been banned in some countries.

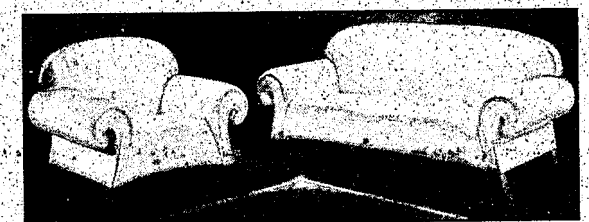
■ Popular local multimedia artist and

teacher Sandra Weed of Westland will present a slide lecture at a meeting of the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. The public may attend; guest fee \$5. Non-members may also take an afternoon workshop on various methods of transferring images to fabric. Workshop fee is \$40. Weed will speak on "Creating Images on Fabric," using tools that range from crayons to computers, and share examples of her art work. For more information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 363-5697.

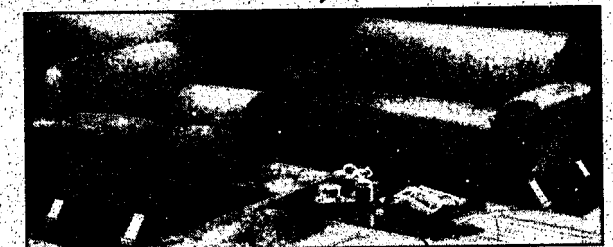
■ The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses, will speak on "Winter Hardy Roses for Michigan." A handout will accompany the presentation. Items will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. For information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a program on "Mesembs: Living Rocks of the Old World" 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. Call (248) 524-0227 for information.

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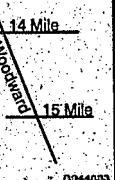


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Columbia Pictures' "The End of the Affair," Oscar winner Neil Jordan's story of love, betrayal and jealousy, opens today exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak. The film stars Julianne Moore and Ralph Fiennes.

SATURDAY



The Antifreeze Blues Festival, 8 p.m. at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale features Pinetop Perkins, (pictured), Robert Noll's Mission, Madcat and Kane, and The Hastings Street Grease Revue with Harmonica Shah. Tickets \$20, call (248) 544-3030.

SUNDAY



Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Prisoner of Second Avenue" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$16-\$21, call (248) 788-2900.

HOT TICKET



American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$56, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-5111.

Testing her 'metal'

LOCAL CARVER CONQUERS THE ICE AND THE MEN



Gold medal winner: Tajana Raukar took first place in the college individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in 1999.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular
What: The 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "Icy Toyland" which includes Pokémon and other cartoon characters, and celebrity charity carving competition. Warming center in the Flagstar Bank at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.
When: Open 24 hours a day, Wednesday, Jan. 12, through Monday, Jan. 17. For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice.
Where: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth.

Skating party
Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$5 at the door, reservations not necessary.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Tajana Raukar looks nothing like a typical ice carver. At 5-foot, 2-inches tall, she more than likely will be dwarfed by the rest of the competitors at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

But don't underestimate this Plymouth woman. Underneath all that heavy clothing beats the heart of a carver that can wield a chainsaw with the best of them. In the two years she's been carving ice, Raukar's taken gold nine times and recently placed third in the National Ice Carvers Association national competition in Pennsylvania.

"All those guys tell me it's unusual to compete against a woman carver because I'm so small and all those guys are so big," said Raukar. "It is physically exhausting. I have to think about that when I'm drawing. I have to make smaller pieces and fuse more because the ice is so heavy."

Raukar plans to enter not only the individual category but also the 20-hour team competition beginning 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in Kellogg Park. She and her husband Paul will work together during the grueling event in which carvers create large scale sculptures from 10 blocks of ice that weigh 300 pounds each.

Not just a competition

"It's not just to compete or winning the prize," said Raukar. "It's 'do you like your sculpture?' I like that the sculpture expresses certain feelings so they're not just blocks of ice but come alive. Ice sculpture is here and then it's gone but that's the beauty to catch that moment. If you miss it, you miss it."

Even though Raukar received

her culinary training in Croatia, it wasn't until after moving to America four years ago that she began carving. As a food artist for the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Raukar displayed a natural talent for carving vegetables. Her supervisor encouraged Raukar's sculpting abilities by giving her a set of Japanese carving tools.

At the Ritz-Carlton, Raukar uses the mediums of butter, chocolate, taro root, napa cabbage and other vegetables to create colorful displays for tables. A visit to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Festival two years ago triggered her interest in ice. To learn the basics, she took classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia with Chef Dan Hugelier. After carving hundreds of ice sculptures, from a 14-foot Eiffel Tower to horses and corporate logos for Jaguar and Audi, she opened a commercial carving business, Ice Dreams, in Plymouth.

"Practicing makes you do better," said Raukar.

This is the first time, Raukar

will compete with professionals at the Plymouth competition. Last year, she won two gold medals as part of the Schoolcraft College team. Students spend four hours carving while professionals must endure 20-hours of cold to complete their creations in the team event. Raukar and

Paul, who've been working side-by-side in the culinary industry for 10 years, will dress warmly in ski suits and several layers of clothing. In years past, wind chills have sent temperatures dipping to 20 degrees below zero. In that cold, exposed skin can freeze in a matter of minutes. Raukar isn't worried.

Carving will keep her warm.

"Carving is non-stop exercising," said Raukar. "You're doing many push-ups placing the ice and moving it into position. How you hold the chain saw is impor-

tant to get your cuts, so you have to dance around it."

Outdoor museum

Watching the carvers create their sculptures is part of the fun of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Sandra Watts, who organizes the festival with her husband Mike, said that "it's like an outdoor museum experience" because visitors can walk around and see all of the sculptures. More than 100 of them will be displayed in front of businesses and throughout the downtown area.

A skating party with the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, celebrity charity carving competition, a "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and an appearance by artist William Moss at Creative Framing & Gallery on Ann Arbor Trail adds to the festivities.

From 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, hammer dulcimer music by Betsy Beckerman, and free hot cider at the Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey provide a respite from the cold. There will also be a warming center in the Flagstar Bank at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Winter event

"It's America's No. 1 free family winter event which speaks

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THEATER

Edgy mystery opens Meadow Brook's 2000 season

What: "Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller
When: Through Sunday, Jan. 30
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills
Curtain: Performance times vary, this week, previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12.
Tickets: \$19-\$50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Talk about a Y2K bug that won't go away.

In "Dangerous Obsession," the psychological thriller at Meadow Brook Theatre, audiences will find a winding trail of clues leading to the answer of why a mere acquaintance is terrorizing a happily married couple living in Grosse Pointe Park.

Smooth sailing into the millennium horizon? Not exactly. This bug provides plenty of jitters.

The yuppie couple is unexpectedly tossed into a stormy sea of uncertainty when a man whom they met months earlier during their vacation shows up unannounced at their door.

The uninvited guest is partly a stalker who envies the couple, and partly in shock since his wife was

killed in a car accident. How are his obsessions with the Grosse Pointers and the circumstances of his wife's death related?

Well, therein lies the mystery. Written by novelist N.J. Crisp, "Dangerous Obsession" was initially performed in England in 1987. And the play was last performed at the American Hartland Theatre in Kansas City in 1999.

The three-character play is directed by Debra Wicks, interim artistic director, who directed last fall's "Tintypes," an American musical set in the 1890s. She also directed last season's award-winning, "Gift of Glory," a story about the relationship

Please see MYSTERY, E2



Thriller: Robert Morgan (left), John Biedenbach and Tracey Copeland in a scene from Meadow Brook Theatre's presentation of "Dangerous Obsession."

Carving from page E1

well of our sponsors and the community," said Mike Watts. "The children love it, grandparents love it. It's an educational experience for the students

involved. It happens every year, but it's totally new every year because they're always carving something new." The Wattses expect 700,000

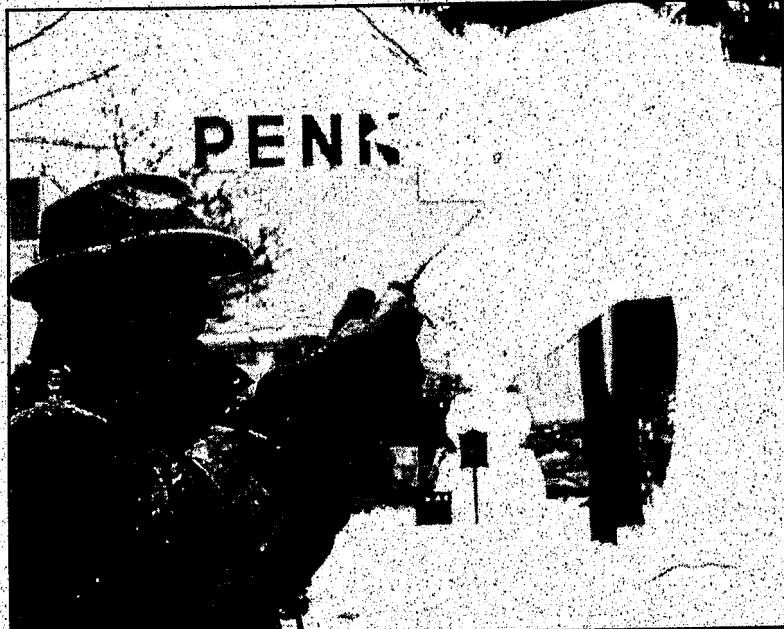
■ Ever since French chefs began creating bowls and sculptures to keep foods cold 200 years ago, ice carving has grown in popularity



Award winners: Ted Wakar, a Canton resident, and J.R. Lorentz of Garden City won second place in the 1999 Professional Team Competition.

visitors this year so they're hoping the weather cooperates. Last year's 23-inch snow storm clogged streets and Kellogg Park. The icy, white stuff had to be cleared from the areas surrounding the fountain before carvers could begin stacking their ice. Between the park, Central Parking Structure and The Gathering, where an "Icy Toyland" will be on exhibit, carvers will use 400,000 pounds of ice.

Prizes totalling \$10,000 will draw the best of professional carvers from the U.S. and Japan. Judges for the American Culinary Federation sanctioned event are Noble Masi, Bill Franklin, Chris Northmore (a former Farmington resident, now a chef at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.)



and Milos Cihelka, a Bloomfield Hills chef. Dean Carlson (ACF Chef of the Year) will lead the committee in awarding points based on artistic achievement and strength of design, craftsmanship, degree of difficulty, and originality.

"We consider ice carving an art form," said Mike Watts.

Ever since French chefs began creating bowls and sculptures to keep foods cold 200 years ago, ice carving has grown in popularity.

For the last two years it has been included in the Olympics as a spectator sport and looks like it might finally become part of the competition. A representa-

tive of the Winter Olympics Committee for 2002 in Salt Lake City will visit Plymouth during the festival to gather information.

"We're real excited about it and hope to tie the Plymouth event in as a qualifier," said Mike Watts.

College teams: Chef Dan Hugelier will lead Schoolcraft College ice carving students in competitions against teams from Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College, among others.

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between Edsel Ford and Diego Rivera.

The cast includes John Biedenbach, who last performed on the Meadow Brook stage in "Three Tall Women" and "A Christmas Carol," Tracey Copland and Robert Morgan.

Morgan last appeared on the Meadow Brook stage as one of the Costazuela brothers in "The Odd Couple (Female Version)." "Dangerous Obsession" will be followed by several familiar works, including Arthur Miller's classic, "All My Sons," Feb. 9-

March 5; "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a world premiere by Karim Alrawi, March 15-April 9; and Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," April 19-May 14.

—Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

We all resolve to ... as the new year begins

The best thing about hitting the year 2000 is that you have one thousand years to honor your new millennium resolutions. But why procrastinate? The producers of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series have come up with some artistic approaches for keeping some common resolutions.

WE WILL GET ORGANIZED. As his first assignment of the year 2000, we sent Madonna University music guru and classical music host Dave Wagner on the road for a celebration of theater organs. First he visited the Senate Theatre at Michigan Avenue and Livernois in Detroit. There he works his magic with a contemporary electronic organ that can deftly accommodate the compositions of everyone from Gershwin to Bach.

Then, Dave makes a trip to St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms to play an organ that has keys and pedals that function as they have for centuries. The segment, which airs at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9, will give you a good idea as to why the organ is such a timeless music maker.

■ We were reminded again at last year's Academy Awards ceremony that some of the best films are not major theatrical releases. By now, we've all had an opportunity to be deeply moved and charmed by "Life is Beautiful."

WE WILL MAKE NEW FRIENDS. Some of local radio's most innovative music programming in the 1990s came from Liz Copeland's overnight show on WDET-FM. Her fans (and those who aren't awake when her program is broadcast) will be happy to know that Liz has joined BACKSTAGE PASS as a segment host for in-studio performances by some bands that you may have heard about, but have never seen. The first is Outrageous Cherry, a Detroit band that is getting raves for its fourth album, "Out There in the Dark."

Led by songwriter/vocalist Matthew Smith, Outrageous Cherry has perfected a unique sound that modernizes some of the irresistible musical styles of the 1960s. Resist no longer. Welcome, Liz. . . from the show that never sleeps.

WE WILL TRY NEW THINGS. We were reminded again at last year's Academy Awards ceremony that some of the best films are not major theatrical releases.

By now, we've all had an opportunity to be deeply moved and charmed by "Life is Beautiful." The picture, expected to capture the Oscar for best foreign film this year, is Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother."

Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, presents some scenes from the film on the Jan. 9 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, and offers a preview of the DFT's winter season. "All About My Mother" opens the season with showings Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16.

WE WILL LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE. The bell tolls for the people who will continue to make the Detroit area a better place to live. An inspiring look at the Millennium Bell created by metal sculptors Chris Turner and Matt Blaze rounds out the Jan. 9 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

If you are resolved to participating in the arts, I guess we'll be seeing each other soon.

AT THE GALLERIES

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Candace Compton-Pappas and Stephen Coyle through Feb. 14, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

HABITAT GALLERIES
Works by various artists through Jan. 29, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Mixed media of Norma McQueen through Jan. 28, Watercolor portrait of Toni Stevens through Jan. 31, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby, Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

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Images of Lost Spirituality with Southfield artist Charlene Jeter through Jan. 28, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

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turing Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

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Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes, 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

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Warm up to the blues at annual Anti-Freeze Festival



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Last January, the weather managed to put the freeze on the Detroit Blues Society's annual fund-raiser, the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival. On the second and final day of the festival, 14 inches of snow caused a cancellation. So this year, the Magic Bag and DBS have turned up the heat.

What was once referred to as the Deep Freeze Blues Festival brings together the best of national and local blues entertainers. The Magic Bag's Jeremy Haberman, DBS chairman R.J. Spangler and Howling Diablos' Jeff Grant worked as co-artistic directors in organizing this year's event.

Singing the blues

"It's probably the single biggest fund-raising event for the Detroit Blues Society," said Spangler, who promised the shows will feature something for everyone. Headlining this year's festival are Roomful of Blues — a band that played jump-swing blues 20 years before the trend took hold — and Pinetop Perkins — a legendary blues pianist who helped establish Chess Records as "The Blues Label" in the 1960s.

Not convinced? Just ask local bluesman Al Hill, he'll tell you

the festival includes "some of the best blues bands in the area."

His own Ann Arbor-based band, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, is just one of the groups sure to stir up the Ferndale club with a mixture of blues, boogie and soul.

"I play a lot of New Orleans-style in that genre," added Hill. The Love Butlers have been together for six years. Hill, who cites Ray Charles among his musical influences, said the blues is simply what he does.

"It's what I've always done," Al Hill and the Love Butlers will make their first appearance at the festival. Spangler asked Hill to join. The two are bandmates with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents.

Johnnie Bassett, who will also take the stage at the Magic Bag, is a 64-year-old bluesman who moved from Florida to Detroit in his youth. By age 18 he was playing with John Lee Hooker and can be heard playing on some of the first Motown recordings. Along with his band, Bassett has performed for audiences in 40 states, nine provinces and 15 European countries. "I'm very proud of work my with Johnnie," said Spangler.

Yesterday and today

Bassett, along with Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams (another former Chess Recording artist) bring a bit of Detroit Blues history to the mix this year, while other performers like Robert

Noll's Blues Mission and Nikki James and The Flamethrowers represent a more contemporary style. And Hill, according to Spangler, is a heck of a blues singer and a great guy.

The Detroit Blues Society is a non-profit organization supporting blues music in the city and surrounding area. It was originally established as the Detroit Country and Classic Blues Society in March 1985. The society uses money raised at these events to fund a series of blues performances at Detroit's Scarab Club. The shows remain free to the public.

"It's the promotion of blues, keeping blues alive and keeping people aware of it," said Hill, who considers now to be a good time for blues in the Metro area. "I think there's a lot of variety in the Metro Detroit area. There's always been an element of the Detroit sound."

He describes that "Detroit sound" as having an intensity, being a bit over-the-top (in a good way) and having a heavy guitar-oriented sound. "I suppose you would say it's very guitar-oriented. People in this area, working class people, like to hear that grinding guitar."

Hill made a personal invitation: "Come on out for Antifreeze."

Spangler said: "It's a worthy cause. We need your support, blues lovers."

The Sixth Annual Anti-Freeze Blues Festival features Roomful



SUZIE DITTMAN

Jumpin' blues: Headlining the first night of the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival is Roomful of Blues, (left to right front) Chris Vachon and Steve Kostakes, (left to right rear) John Wolf, Bob Enos, Rich Lataille, Mac Odom, Mike Warner and Greg Silva.

of Blues, Johnnie Bassett with Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams, Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Nikki James and The Flamethrowers 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, followed by performances from Pinetop Perkins, Robert Noll's Mission, Madcat and Kane

and The Hastings Street Grease Revue with Harmonica Shah, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, all at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20 a night or \$35 for a 2-day pass. Call (248) 544-3039.

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Get surfing: Where to look for local and national music on the Web

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Haven't you heard? There's a revolution on the horizon.

The Internet is stepping into the big shoes once filled by record company executives, and it's making some people very nervous. Anyone now can mass market new music with a computer and a dream — all right, you have to have a few connections and a good dose of know-how.

Here are a few sites for music maker and music lovers to check out:

Detroitmusic.com

Detroit area artists are either listed on this site or don't know about it yet. More than 500 local bands and performers can be found at detroitmusic.com, but that's not all. Visit the musicboard to share thoughts on the current music scene in the metro area or get in touch with other musicians. Membership is free.

Musicians will find it useful to be listed and can submit MP3s of their work. There is a media list, which gives musicians a way to reach local journalists and let them know what's going on with

the music, when they are performing and how the public can get in on the scene. Look for all this and more at www.detroitmusic.com.

MP3.com

With 16 music and spoken-word categories, MP3 offers a peek into the newest music, local and live events and Web casts. The site gives recommendations and a personalized site my.mp3.com. It was the most highly publicized place for artists to showcase their music this year. Local bands like the Howling Diablos released entire albums on MP3 only.

East Lansing's power pop celebrities Fat Amy know the power of MP3. Their song "Purple" from the album "Ice Cream Headache" was chosen to be the Number 19 song on the 1999 Alternative Top 20. Check it out at www.mp3.com

Atom-Bomb.com

This is a newly established

site that caters to independent musicians, filmmakers and artists who seek greater exposure, without having to compromise their work. By downloading its submission form, the site makes it easy to get started.

Musicians can include songs, photographs, biographies, and even offer a live Web cast of a performance on the site, which will instantly increase exposure

and promotion worldwide. For more information, check the site at www.atom-bomb.com.

Other music sites that each appeared in 1999 include Riffage.com, Cosmic Music Network, Jimmy and Doug's Farm Club, Lycos' Listening Room program, RioPort and RollingStone.com. Plug in your head phones and get surfing.

Stay tuned...

Hey, listen up. Planet 96.3 has done it again. The local radio station raised \$51,000 in donations Dec. 23 to benefit the Rainbow Connection, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Members of the "Johnny in the Morning" show got together for the second year to raise money. And they thought of a clever way to do it. From 6 a.m. to midnight, the crew played requested songs — and

I do mean anything — in exchange for donations.

There was no format, no rhyme or reason to the radio madness, but it worked. Even Detroit's Kid Rock called in to donate money, and challenge fans to request music by local artists. For each donation of that kind, he vowed to match the pledge.

While some kids will get their wishes granted — thanks in part to our Kid — The Offspring still claims "The Kids

Aren't Alright." And their not too concerned about it. Thanks to that hit, and songs like "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)," and "Why Don't You Get a Job" the band has received the honor of being named Modern Rock Artists of the Year at the 1999 Billboard Music Awards. Their multi-platinum album "Americana" has become an international success. These kids sure sound like their doing all right.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back," through Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue" show dates Jan. 6-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY

No performances through Jan. 9, "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, and "Our Town" through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 near Beech Daly and Five Mile, Redford. Admission is free but donations will be accepted after the performance. (248) 478-8932

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE

"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS

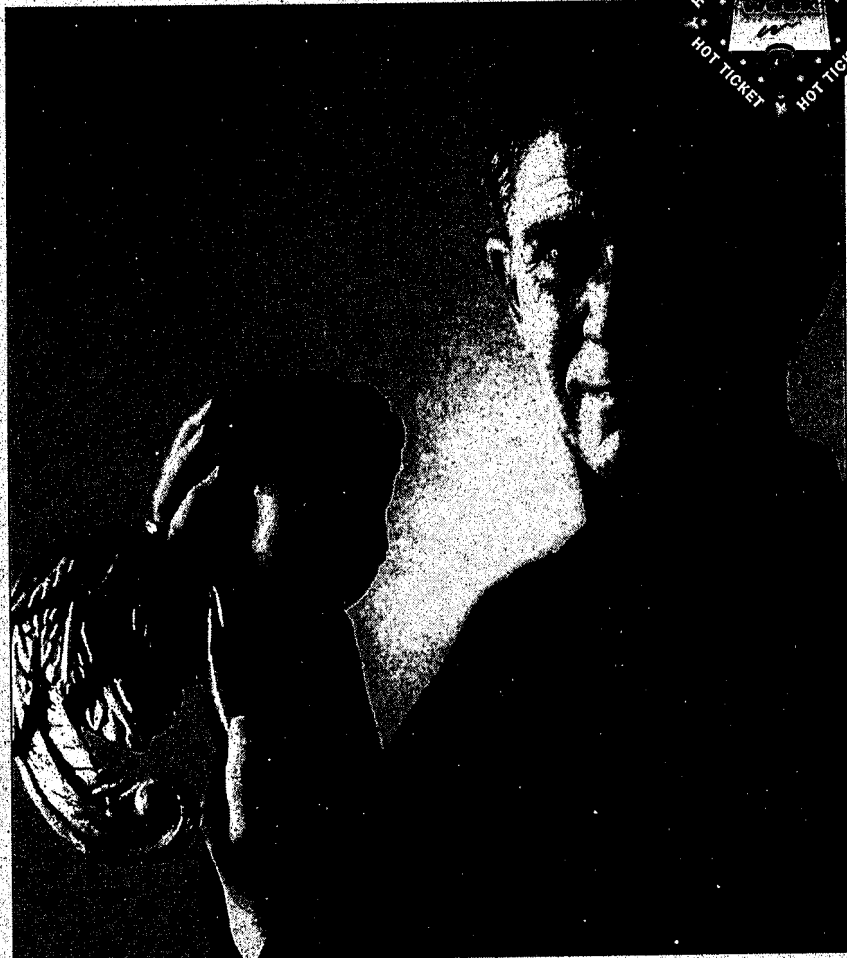
Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 6-16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430



Featured soloist: American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Neeme Järvi, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The "Ode to Joy 2000" concert also features the University Michigan Society Choral Union, soprano, Camellia Johnson; alto, Eleni Mutos; and tenor Frank Poretta III. Tickets \$19-\$66, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-5111. Visit the DSO online at www.detroitssymphony.com

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART

"Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 12, 22 and 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD

"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

KEN MEDEMA

The Christian recording artist is part of the Spirit Arising Celebration of Faith at the Dawn of a New Millennium, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 7-9, Medema performs 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 (\$5), at First Baptist Church, 300 Willis at Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Mini performance of "Sleeping Beauty," Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17, the 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "Icy Toyland" which includes Pokemon and other cartoon characters, and a celebrity charity carving competition, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oconline.com/plymouthice. Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. \$5 at the door.

BENEFITS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, \$50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

A salute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Free. (248) 335-7160

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Planist Anna Sorokhtel performs the music of Mozart, Debussy and Schumann 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, seating begins 20 minutes before concert, in Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, \$22, \$11 children under age 12, \$5 concert only (stairwell seating). Museum admission is included. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with the University Musical Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

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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 Ponchartrian Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsal. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts, in room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (313) 937-0975

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ BAND

Auditions Monday, Jan. 10, possible openings for drums, piano, guitar and other sections, in Room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 24-26 and 29-31, and April 1-2 and 6-9. (248) 541-4832

SWEET ADELINES

Guest night for women interested in singing, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. (734) 480-8843 or www.sweetadelines.org

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REDFORD

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, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 9-10, select one day, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. Participation fee due upon casting: \$100 members. Scholarships available for those in need. For performances April 30 to May 19 at the arts council and local schools. (734) 416-4278

JAZZ

AMIGO

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEORGE BENSON QUARTET

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or e-mail to kch@lc.net

TODD CURTIS

Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

DEUTSCH/FLOOD AND SIEGEL

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@lc.net

BILL GAFF

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Johnny Trudell, trumpet and flugelhorn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, with vocalist April Tini 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

CLIFF MONEAR TRIO

With Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, across from Oakland Mall, Madison Hts. \$4 cover. (248) 588-4450

JANET TENA TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at

Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

THE BROTHERS GROOVE

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS

The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

WORLD MUSIC

THE CASSIDYS

A Dublin group with champion step-dancer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Athens High School, John R and Wattle, Troy. \$15. (248) 435-5307/(810) 979-8406

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

BALLROOM DANCING

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater companies, spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

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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

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR TOUR

Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry, Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

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

John Di Crosta, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 6-9, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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

Offers 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

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Glancy Trains Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 (313) 499-3466; "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; "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 aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

First Friday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, features salsa music of Orquesta Fuego, tapestry weaving workshop, drawing in the galleries with Valerie Parks (adults), and Hector Perez (youth), observe artists creating traditional paintings using rice paste, at the museum, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Free with recommended museum donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

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 2 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 additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO

Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; 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

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE 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) 274-1620

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, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$50 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663

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POPULAR MUSIC

LORI AMEY

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All ages. (248) 652-0558

AMINO ACIDS

With Zombie Attack Cycle, Friday, Jan. 7, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

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

ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL

Featuring Roomful of Blues, Pinetop Perkins, Al Hill, and the Love Butlers, Robert Noll's Blues Mission, Madcat and Kane, and more, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 7-8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20 a night or \$35 for a 2-day pass. Benefits the Detroit Blues Society. (248) 544-3030

ASTRAL PROJECT

8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Blind of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

BECK

7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS.

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

BOY SETS FIRE

With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

BROTHERS GROOVE

9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE

With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT.

JIM CARROLL

Spoken word performance 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$10 at door, \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.blindpigmusic.com.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

ALEX CHILTON

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13.50 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

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Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

COMPANY OF STRANGERS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

COWBOY JUNKIES

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666.

THE CRO-MAGS

With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages, \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

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'Snow Falling on Cedars' a disappointment

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

The 1995 novel by David Guterson, "Snow Falling on Cedars," proved an immediate hit with readers and critics. It was an engaging story of young lovers — one white, the other Japanese-American — on a fishing and farming island in Puget Sound.

The love story was played against the backdrop of World War II, when the islanders of Japanese descent were sent to detention camps. Tensions between the two ethnic groups remained after the war, especially after a white fisherman was found dead at sea. A young Japanese farmer was accused of murder.

The film version of "Snow Falling on Cedars" held great promise. Australian Scott Hicks, who directed Geoffrey Rush to an Academy Award in "Shine," was chosen to direct his first American film. He shares the writing credit with Ron Bass, an Oscar winner for "Rainman." A distinguished cast was assembled, and stunning locations were found in the state of Washington and British Columbia.

The end result, however, is a disappointment.

The filmmakers apparently mistrusted the straightforward nature of Guterson's novel. The narrative flow has been chopped up, the time element leaping from one decade to another then back again, flashbacks appearing within flashbacks.

The photography lapses into moody sepias as though the Northwest was totally lacking in color. The portentous musical score resonates with pounding drums, swirling strings, smashing crescendos and a chorus reminiscent of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Hicks' direction calls for mood-setting close-ups of raindrops falling from leaves, the inner workings of a newspaper type machine, dead fish, etc.

The film begins in total darkness. Amid the creaking sounds of a boat at sea, a faintly visible scene emerges. It is a fishing boat in a dense fog. Something violent has happened.

Thereafter the plot is told in

shifting time frames. The most moving aspect of the story concerns the relationship of the two young lovers: Hatsue, daughter of a Japanese strawberry farmer, and Ishmael, the son of a local white newspaper editor. They must play and love in secret because of the pressures of society.

The most tragic sequence comes when the Japanese are sent to the Manzanar internment center in California after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The underlying tensions between the two elements of the island population become

intensified.

Hatsue's romance with Ishmael is discovered, and she must vow never to see or write him again. She marries another childhood friend, also an internee.

The murder trial, replete with flashbacks, provides the climax of "Snow Falling on Cedars." Ishmael (Ethan Hawke), badly wounded in the war and editor of the newspaper since his father's death, is still haunted by his love for Hatsue (Youki Kudoh). He struggles over whether he should help save the accused man, who is Hatsue's hus-

band.

The casting is flawless. Among the standouts: Max Von Sydow, the gentle defense attorney; James Cromwell, the resolutely fair judge; Rick Yune, the murder suspect; Ethan Hawke and Youki Kudoh, the thwarted lovers; Sam Shepard, the fair-minded newspaper editor.

"Snow Falling on Cedars" is a Universal Pictures release produced by Harry J. Uffland, Ron Bass, Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall. Running time: 128 minutes.



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Haunting: Ishmael Chambers (Ethan Hawke) and Hatsue Miyamoto (Youki Kudoh) embrace, years after their childhood love has been undone by societal pressures and familial customs in "Snow Falling on Cedars."

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They put Tim Allen and Janeane Garofalo in the same space and set it in outer space, does "Home Improvement" meet "Aliens"? Yes, in a way. It's called "Galaxy Quest," and it's a lot of wacky fun.

Allen leads not a family this time, but a troupe of unhappy actors well past their glory days. Nearly 20 years before, they'd starred on TV as the crew of a fictional spaceship. Now they are reduced to making appearances at conventions of loyal fans.

But it turns out that the crew caught the attention of some real aliens. They mistook the episodes for historical documents about a brave space crew — just the folks they need to help them deal with some evil monsters. So they carefully recreated the show's space-ship as a real one. And now they fetch Commander Taggart, not realizing he's just an actor named Jason Nesmith.

Nesmith (played by Allen) thinks it's another gig for a fan club, and his offhand performance saves the day. Only later does he realize it's the real thing. And when the friendly aliens need his help again, he gets the rest of his self-crew to go along.

Of course, they face more outlandish danger as the space monsters return. But the challenges make them grow as individuals and pull together as a group, just as one might expect with Tim the Toolman's family in "Home Improvement."

As Gwen DeMarco, who played the "babe" role on the old TV show, Weaver doesn't get to recreate her epic one-on-one combat with monsters from "Aliens." But she does a

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splendid job in this comedy role, blonde wig and all.

The movie also features an outstanding performance by Enrico Colantoni, from the TV show "Just Shoot Me." As the alien Mathesar, who takes on a human form to seek Nesmith's help, Colantoni does a great job of portraying a creature that hasn't quite mastered being a person.

The movie is rated PG, and kids should enjoy it if they're old enough to sympathize with actors playing characters, rather than just the characters themselves. Some might find the movie a little slow off the launch pad in the early scenes from the backstage world of bickering actors.

For grownups, and savvy kids, one of the best parts is the spoofing of action-movie clichés. One crew member is resigned to being killed because he sees himself as the bit player who gets bumped off early. But a fellow crew member holds out some hope: "Maybe you're the plucky comic relief."

The good news is that he survives. The better news, for us Earthbound folk, is that "Galaxy Quest" is a hoot.

"Galaxy Quest," from DreamWorks Pictures, was directed by Dean Parisot and produced by Mark Johnson and Charles Newirth.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 7

MAGNOLIA

Six lives are interwoven in this ensemble drama. Stars Tom Cruise, William H. Macy and Julianne Moore.

SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS

Based on David Guterson's best-selling novel, and directed by Scott Hicks ("Shine"), this is the haunting tale of love, truth, justice and the vagaries of the heart. Stars Ethan Hawke and James Cromwell.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

In this psychological thriller, a high-tech operative nicknamed "The Eye" tracks the life of a beautiful woman. After he follows her to the scene of a murder, his role becomes something of a guardian angel. Stars Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd.

HOLY SMOKE

A young woman is rescued from an Indian guru by her concerned family, only to turn her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

THE HURRICANE

The story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, middleweight boxing champion who is accused of a crime he didn't commit. After 20 years in jail, he is released.

TUMBLEWEEDS

Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 21

DOWN TO YOU

A romantic comedy set among college

students in New York City. Directed by Kris Isaacson. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Selma Blair and Henry Winkler.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 4

THE BIG TEASE

Kevin Allen directs a comedy film about the world of celebrity hairdressing. When a gay, Scottish hairdresser travels to Los Angeles for the Super bowl of hair styling competition, he finds that luck, charm, guts and a really good hairdryer are the keys to success. Stars Craig Ferguson, Frances Fisher and David Rasche.

SCREAM 3

The final chapter of the "Scream" trilogy brings back the original cast of characters from the films that changed the way viewers thought about modern horror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH

A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 18

DIAMONDS

A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and grandson to search



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Drama: Bartender Brad (Craig Kinsland), Donnie Smith (William H. Macy), and Thurston Howell (Henry Gibson) star in "Magnolia."

for 13 long-lost diamonds. Stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Dan Aykroyd.

Kung Fu meets hip hop on the seedy waterfront of Oakland California, when a shaky truce between Asian and African American crime gangs disintegrate. Stars Jet Li and Delroy Lindo.

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DINING

Giovanni's offers central-Italy spin on its dishes

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Abruzzi is the mountainous province in east-central Italy. Both the Italian Apennine mountains and Adriatic Sea are major food influences for the region.

These and the cuisine of San Marino create the culinary twist at Giovanni's, a landmark Detroit family restaurant since 1968.

Proprietor Frances (Fran) Cannarsa Truant and her son Randy cherish their family restaurant traditions begun by Fran's brothers Vince and Tony. They opened the location, 50 yards from the family's home, as Giovanni's Pizza Parlor (a name honoring their father) in a former Detroit Italian neighborhood. Their mother Rosa Cannarsa, who died in 1995 at age 87, remained active at Giovanni's until she was 83 years old.

In 1978, Fran teamed up with Paulina Tarducci, a chef from San Marino, Italy, and changed the name to Giovanni's Ristorante. It was Tarducci's creative cooking that brought metro-Detroit attention to Giovanni's. In December 1996, a fire destroyed the original Giovanni's, but not Fran's spirit. She rebuilt the restaurant with its private home dining ambiance and reopened in July 1997. "Detroit is my city," she said. "This is why I stayed here."

On most days Fran greets her loyal clientele at lunch and dinner and introduces newcomers to the fabulous flavors of Giovanni's dishes.

Tarducci's recipes are re-created at lunch by Chef Joe Bushnell, who has worked at Giovanni's since 1984. At dinner, Schoolcraft College culinary grad Tony Polito heads the kitchen. He has worked at Giovanni's since 1990.

Their pasta dishes are

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Giovanni's Uncorked

Proprietor Randy Truant knows his Italian wines. He recommends:
■ **Olindo's Special** (named after Randy's late father) with 1995 Ceretto Chardonnay "La Bernardina."
■ **Manzo Braccolia** with 1994 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva
■ **Veal Giovanni** with 1994 Poggio Scalette "Il Carbonalone" (100 percent sangiovese)

enhanced by 74-year-old Irma Morri, who each morning, makes all the fresh pasta for that day as she has for the past 20 years. Several waitstaff, including Tracie Alpert, Noleen Baker, and Shirley Magryta, have served diners for a collective 57 years. This has to be a record!

Randy Truant earned a mechanical engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University in 1992. He never worked using this education.

"I'm cut out for pasta not corporate America," he said. What Randy has brought to Giovanni's is a passion for Italian wine. His all-Italian list recently won a coveted "Wine Spectator" magazine Award of Excellence.

Among antipasti, several are favorites. Bistecca Calamari Frita, fried calamari strips with the best caper, tomato and red onions in buerre blanc sauce, this side of San Marino. Then there's the central Italy tradition Pizza Bianco, thin white pizza

with fresh sliced tomatoes, olive oil, oregano and four cheeses. Ravioli di Abruzzi are dual-colored raviolis filled with four cheeses and topped with lobster, red and yellow sundried tomatoes in a white wine cream sauce. It's a knockout.

While the Minestrone is excellent, for something different in an Italian soup, order Pasta Fazole.

Choices of pastas are angel hair, linguine, tagliatelle or fettuccine with four typical sauces. Where the pasta bar gets raised is the house specialty pasta dishes, all served with garlic bread, pepperonata and soup or salad.

Cappelletti Verde Pesto is meat and cheese filled round spinach ravioli topped with pesto sauce. Gnocchi di Patate Verde is home-made spinach potato dumplings topped with creamy Alfredo sauce.

My favorite is Manicotti Verde Pomodoro, thin sheets of spinach



Appetizing: Dinner Chef Tony Polito, (left to right), proprietor Randy Truant and Lunch Chef Joe Bushnell prepare Polenta Napoleon, a Giovanni's appetizer special.

pasta filled with ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheese, topped with pomodoro.

Simple, delicate, al dente pasta and the great flavors of cheese and tomato make this dish elegant.

Piatto della Casa are served with garlic bread, pepperonata, soup or salad and a side of linguine. Favorites are Manzo Braccolia, thinly sliced beef tenderloin rolled around prosciutto, garlic and parsley, braised in a tomato mushroom sauce; Veal alla Giovanni, medallions of veal sautéed with artichokes and white wine; and Pollo alla Francesca, boneless breast of

chicken sautéed in a mild lemon caper sauce.

My favorite over the years is Saltimbocca Romano, medallion of veal topped with a thin slice of imported prosciutto, sage and fontina cheese sautéed in a white wine sauce. This slightly salty dish, a specialty of Rome, is simply delicious.

If you leave room, dessert selections change daily. If available, order Tiramisu, made with Kahlua and brandy or the house-

made cannolis.

There are a lot of Italian restaurants in greater Detroit, but none matching culinary wizardry, atmosphere, service, cordiality, and heritage as well.

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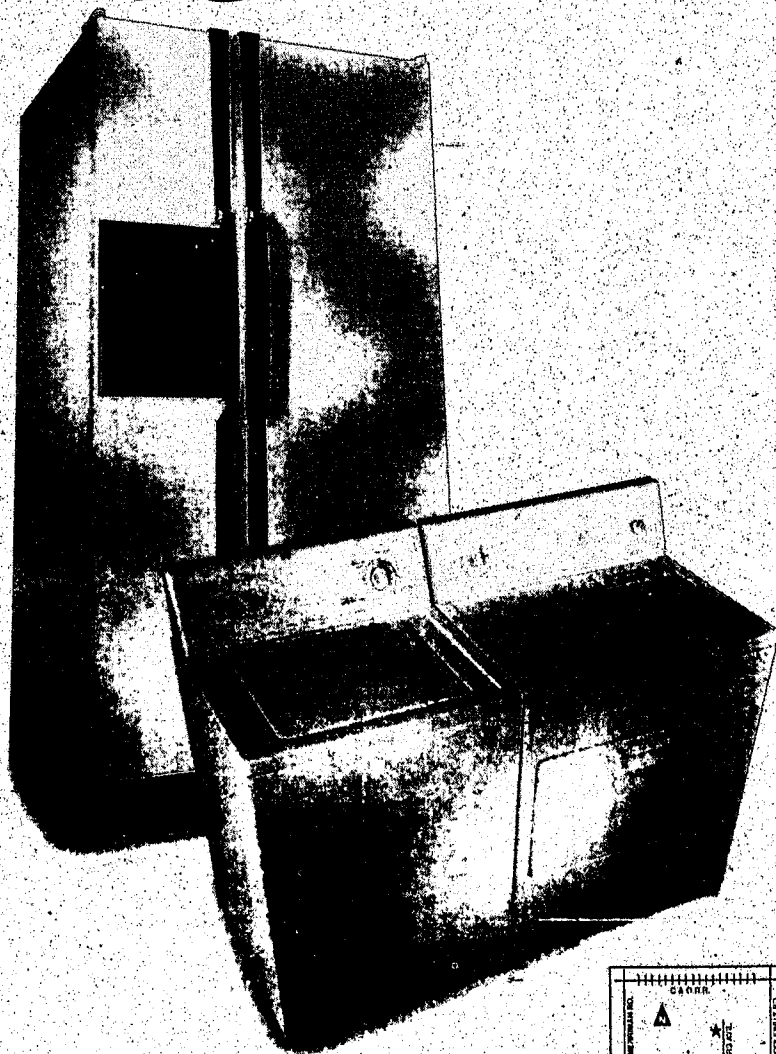
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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



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Is there a federal or state law prohibiting publishing delinquent co-owners names in a condo association newsletter?

I am not aware of any federal or state statute that would prohibit the publication of a co-owner's name in a newsletter, but that, of course, doesn't deal with the fundamental question of whether or not the publication of such name would be a violation of one's privacy and/or an improper purpose for which the name is being published.

Obviously, any adverse defamatory statements made about a co-owner could subject the publisher to civil redress.

It is generally a good idea to ensure that the homeowners association obtain permission of a co-owner before publishing the name in a newsletter but, of course, it depends upon the nature of the publication and why the co-owner's name is being published.

You are best advised to consult with legal counsel for the homeowners association before publishing, by way of example, a delinquent co-owner's name, particularly if you are trying to embarrass the co-owner into paying assessments, by way of example, which isn't a good idea.

Whenever you publish information, you are regulated by the laws of libel. If you embarrass someone, you may have problems.

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Beating the winter blahs

Realtors give tips on
coping with the January
business slump

A new year can bring new beginnings.

But it can be tough in real estate sales to get motivated, coming off the holidays, maybe working in dark, snowy, cold conditions in some of the slowest-activity months of the year.

But the show must go on. Here are some ideas from the pros, themselves, on how real estate sales people can pull themselves on stage when they'd just as soon call in the understudy.

"What I've always done in the past is take a class - a real estate course for a (professional) designation or a motivational course," said Mary Savoie-Huff. "I've done that for years."

She's an associate broker with Snyder Kinney Bennett and Keating in Birmingham, who's been helping folks sell and buy houses for 26 years.

"The other thing is talk to yourself, plant positive thoughts, and hang out with positive people," Savoie-Huff said.

"I have a partner, Nanine Savoie Flechsig, who happens to be my daughter. We tend to motivate each other. If one gets down a little bit, the other gives a pep talk. We have an agreement. We give each other positive thoughts. No negativity."

Savoie-Huff brings one more technique to the table. "One of the best ways to get the mind back on track in real estate is to go after for sale by owners. Try to get a listing. It gets the adrenaline going."

Keryn Young, a Realtor with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, keeps cranking out her monthly newsletter - "it goes to about 750, to everyone I talk to" - and working the telephones.

"It's all about building relationships with people," Young said. "After the holidays, I'll get on the phone with past clients, ask how they are, thank them for referrals and ask if they can give me a name and number of someone they know who's thinking about moving. Sometimes, I think we're afraid to ask."

"Do it as a team with people in your office," Young added. Make it fun like a phone game - who can get a lead tonight or who can get a live person rather than a recording.

"Make it fun," she said again. "Go to Starbucks Coffee and pass out your business card."

The start of the new year can also be a good time to "focus on goals" and establish a business plan for the next 12 months, Young said.

Sharon Balhorn, associate broker with Real Estate One in Commerce Township, is a big believer in using visual aids to illustrate what can result from hard work.

"Have pictures," she advises. "Three years ago, as a family, we decided to build a log home up north. That was accomplished. I had log home magazines around the office and renderings of the house, itself, on the wall."



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Written affirmation statements also can be a big motivator, Balhorn added.

"I keep an affirmation on my desk - 'I can achieve all I want and need to today,'" she said. "I think you have to keep track in writing where you're going, what you hope to accomplish."

Jackie Erlandson, an associate broker with Max Broock in West Bloomfield, says it's important to stay connected and avoid isolation.

"I love my people, love my customers," she said. "I get on the phone and see how they are, whether they had a nice holiday, if anything's new and if there's anything I can do for them."

"I take a lot of classes. That's very motivating," Erlandson added. "I'm on several committees for BBRSOAR (Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors). I'm active on the women's council. I do a lot of networking. It's very motivating. You talk to your friends. It keeps your interest up."

Felix Rudberg, a Realtor with Century 21 Chalet in Livonia, figures that the first part of the year is a good time to take personal inventory.

Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative, the six-year veteran said. "I feel better about myself doing that and getting myself in a better frame of mind for the spring rush."

Rudberg also echoed some of the strategies already elaborated such as taking classes, partnering with colleagues and contacting past customers for referrals.

And there's something to be said for some quiet time.

"Take a step back, say it's going to be a little slower and appreciate that as well," Rudberg said.

Values increase

Here's the one-year change in average house prices for selected states from the 3rd quarter of 1998 to the 3rd quarter of 1999.

State	% Increase
Massachusetts	11.7
Minnesota	10
Colorado	9.6
Michigan	8.1
California	7.0
Wisconsin	6.6
Texas	6.1
Arizona	5.5
Ohio	5.1
Illinois	4.6
Indiana	4.4
Florida	4.0

Source: Office of Federal Enterprise Oversight

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When getting ready to buy a house, you might have to put in some time, effort, and money to make your credit report more appealing to potential lenders.

If your credit report is on the shaky side, you might need to talk to someone like Lonnie Williams. Williams is

the director of the Consumer Credit Counseling center in Austin, Texas. There are similar counseling centers across the country. They are part of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, of Silver Springs, Md. - the umbrella organization for non-profit credit counseling services.

"A lot of people come to us because they want to buy a house," Williams says, "but they need to get their credit report in order first."

If you need to get your credit in order, go to someone like Williams, rather than to someone who guarantees they can perform a quick fix on your credit record - as long as you have cash to pay them.

If someone claims they can get you out of a jam for a few hundred dollars, don't believe them. You'll still be in trouble, perhaps more than you were before.

There is no such thing as a quick fix, Williams explains. You didn't get into credit trouble overnight, and it will take time to get out of it. If things can be fixed by writing a few letters to correct information or to explain a problem on your credit report, a Consumer Credit Counseling center will advise you how to do it. However, if the problem is that you're in over your head, you will need help getting out of it, and that takes time.

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Consumers Energy's electric and natural gas customers can review and pay their bills electronically through the utility's new Online Billing service. Following its successful pilot program,

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Auburn Hills

4386 Arcadia Dr. \$347,000
924 Chestnut Hill, #H \$55,000
375 Ganton Ct. \$109,000
2538 Genes Dr. \$113,000
3163 Pinecrest Way \$257,000
2871 Williamson Cir. \$130,000

Beverly Hills

22683 Highland Dr. \$336,000
15755 Kirkshire Ave. \$158,000
17965 Kirkshire Ave. \$253,000
32746 Old Post Rd. \$250,000
19515 Waltham Dr. \$324,000
31525 Westside Dr. \$365,000

Birmingham

600 Abbey St. \$529,000
5400 Berrillville Ave. \$163,000
765 Berrillville Ave. \$130,000
284 Denham Dr. \$323,000
1918 Oak St. \$200,000
1127 Dorley Rd Apt 6 \$140,000
1652 E Melton Dr. \$230,000
722 Greenfield Ct #150 \$139,000

Bloomfield Hills

1975 Greenfield Dr. \$136,000
1698 Henrietta St. \$295,000
1746 Henrietta St. \$155,000
1055 Knox St. \$200,000
789 Smith Ave. \$137,000
865 Tottenham Dr. \$410,000

Bloomfield Township

4411 Rochester Dr. \$625,000
4253 Covered Bridge Rd. \$382,000
3955 Kirkland Ct. \$930,000

Bloomfield Hills

6529 Cathedral Dr. \$247,000
1945 Eagle Pointe \$205,000
2081 Eagle Pointe \$210,000
840 Edgemont Run \$425,000
1120 Forest Ln. \$275,000
1181 Foxwood Ct. \$511,000

Bloomfield Hills

6020 Franklin Rd. \$245,000
7480 Greenwich Dr. \$382,000
6490 Hills Dr. \$255,000
1909 Hunters Ridge Dr. \$250,000
1695 Kensington Rd. \$810,000
1969 Klingensmith #15 \$105,000

Bloomfield Hills

1940 Klingensmith #46 \$115,000
566 Lahser Rd. \$250,000
2231 Lost Tree Way \$275,000
4245 Margate Ln. \$350,000
500 N Woodward #300 \$45,000
1806 S Hills Blvd. \$165,000

Bloomfield Hills

13106 Stonybrook Ln. \$80,000
1530 Tannhill Ln #20 \$160,000
2446 Wilford Rd. \$10,000
7027 Woodbank Dr. \$278,000

Clarkston

5669 Addison Dr. \$229,000
5714 Barnick Dr. \$253,000
761 Bristol St. \$295,000
481 Circle Pl. \$228,000
6175 Cranlane Dr. \$177,000
6895 Dixie Hwy. \$225,000

Commerce Township

1760 Independence Dr. \$135,000
166 Lakeshore Dr. \$238,000
969 Lakeshore Dr. \$287,000
4381 Pinedale Ave. \$120,000
5381 Sashabaw Rd. \$32,000
6459 Southampton Dr. \$178,000

Commerce Township

8885 Sunset Cove Dr. \$288,000
445 Austin Ln. \$65,000
735 Farr St. \$141,000
8396 Goldside Dr. \$323,000
1933 Heatherwood Dr. \$246,000
1890 Kinsey Ct. \$410,000

Commerce Township

3250 Mimosa St. \$587,000
2580 N Pontiac Trl. \$14,000
8790 Oakdale Ave. \$157,000
2154 Pauls Way. \$190,000
4375 Ravinewood \$470,000

Franklin

30400 Forest Dr. \$486,000
24924 River Dr. \$428,000
24620 S Cromwell Dr. \$286,000
31331 Sunset Dr. \$344,000
24605 Tudor Ln. \$213,000

Keego Harbor

1740 Beechcroft St. \$162,000
3142 Varjo Ct. \$122,000

Lake Orion

2679 Armstrong Dr. \$189,000
815 Bayfield St. \$76,000
3094 Beechtree Ct. \$89,000
113 Burnhill Ln. \$118,000
132 Burnhill Ln. \$118,000

Farmington Hills

2472 Gemini Dr. \$285,000
590 Hemingway Rd. \$148,000
825 Hillcrest Dr. \$272,000
2448 Holladay St. \$210,000
97 N Andrews St. \$117,000
1091 S Long Lake Blvd. \$25,000

Farmington Hills

43 Smith Ct. \$139,000
913 Taylor St. \$50,000
209 W Clarkson Rd. \$200,000
726 W Clarkson Rd. \$152,000
2808 Willow Ct. \$85,000

Lathrup Village

27445 Southfield Rd. \$195,000

Novi

31100 Arlington Cir. \$238,000
41801 Aspen St. \$177,000
41301 Belmont Dr. \$161,000
24430 Bethany Way. \$291,000
24547 Bethany Way. \$322,000

Novi

24687 Bethany Way. \$333,000
38064 Bristol Cir. \$75,000
45644 Bristol Cir. \$351,000
5741 Kirkridge Trl. \$186,000
30861 Centennial Dr. \$198,000
22263 Chelsea Ln. \$194,000

Novi

30927 Copper Ln. \$260,000
22293 Fairway Hills Dr. \$223,000
47565 Greenwich Dr. \$405,000
23910 Harvest Dr. \$261,000
28826 Hearshstone Dr. \$290,000

Novi

44097 Marston Ave. \$249,000
23363 Mystic First \$405,000
23609 N Rockledge \$95,000
24331 Roma Ridge Dr. \$294,000
47309 Scarlet Dr N. \$250,000

Novi

22932 Tallord St. \$99,000
23376 W Le Best \$173,000
47202 White Pines Dr. \$460,000
23526 Woodshire Ct. \$117,000

Oakland Township

38 Knorrwood Dr. \$590,000

Orchard Lake

5185 Deer Run Cir. \$1,100,000
3123 High Pointe Ridge \$135,000
2480 Litter Rd. \$138,000
4105 S Baldwin Rd. \$105,000

Oxford

614 Augusta Blvd. \$46,000
1169 Courtney Ct. \$103,000
873 Crestmoor Dr. \$232,000
3884 Harmony Hills Dr. \$529,000
730 Inverness Dr. \$46,000

Oxford

437 Pine Valley Dr. \$209,000
2449 Somerville Dr. \$50,000
427 Teelin Dr. \$207,000
1721 Wood Trl. \$118,000

Rochester

904 1st St. \$182,000
602 Appleton Ct. \$362,000
1637 Boulder Ct. \$298,000
1134 Churchill Cir. \$286,000
1140 Churchill Cir. \$223,000

Rochester

1157 Churchill Cir. \$249,000
1941 Clowdville Dr. \$310,000
1868 Dunham Dr. \$309,000
490 Elizabeth St. \$111,000
38064 Fawn Dr. \$92,000

Rochester

5747 Kirkridge Trl. \$705,000
721 Loggers Dr. \$411,000
1129 Maple Dr. \$156,000
1192 Miners Run. \$90,000
1204 Miners Run. \$90,000

Rochester

1019 Pointe Place. \$288,000
726 Renshaw St. \$145,000
913 Roselawn Dr. \$192,000
3190 Silverbrook Dr. \$203,000

Rochester Hills

2483 Ashford \$439,000
825 Augusta Dr. \$295,000
1075 Avon Cir W. \$193,000
672 Brookwood Ln E. \$332,000
3043 Burlington Ct. \$258,000

Rochester Hills

326 Clair Hill Dr. \$242,000
3690 Cone Ave. \$168,000
3833 Dearborn Ave. \$158,000
2929 Devonshire Dr. \$317,000
1647 Devonshire Dr. \$233,000

Rochester Hills

963 Downhill Ln. \$152,000
1920 Fairfield Dr. \$288,000
1715 Fox Run. \$485,000
2707 Fox Woods Ln. \$302,000
17251 Glen Meadow Ct. \$170,000

Rochester Hills

972 Gullview Ct. \$243,000
3001 Eastern Ave. \$152,000
911 Grace Ave. \$243,000
1902 Grayslake Dr. \$430,000
1379 Hathaway Rising \$46,000

Rochester Hills

3083 Honor. \$270,000
1948 Hutchins Dr. \$300,000
754 Kentucky Dr. \$210,000
6401 Little Creek Dr. \$500,000
538 Lockmore Ct. \$225,000

Rochester Hills

22392 W 12 Mile Rd. \$139,000
29685 Westbrook Pkwy. \$130,000

Southfield

1185 Pine Ridge Ct. \$155,000
2951 Portage Trl. \$375,000
240 Red Oak Ln. \$167,000
1665 Riverside Dr Apt 10 \$80,000
2094 Rockery Dr. \$472,000

Southfield

1401 Royal Crescent St. \$223,000
561 Sunlight. \$252,000
2296 Ulster Rd. \$392,000
147 W Tienken Rd. \$128,000
2138 Walton Blvd. \$152,000

Southfield

2401 Westwood Dr. \$284,000
2499 Wortham Dr. \$240,000

Troy

1135 Baker Ct. \$222,000
1205 Bradbury Dr. \$382,000
1757 Brentwood Dr. \$179,000
37815 Dequindre Rd. \$235,000
646 E Maple Rd. \$84,000

Troy

192 Fabius Dr. \$120,000
1827 Farmbrook Dr. \$183,000
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Troy

3783 Old Creek Rd. \$168,000
3487 Pagedale Dr. \$172,000
6808 Rochester Dr. \$107,000
1735 Rolling Woods Dr. \$555,000
6549 Vermonter Dr. \$181,000

Troy

1600 W Big Beaver Dr. \$10,000

West Bloomfield

6945 Apple Blossom Trl. \$100,000
5992 Applegrove Dr. \$340,000
7310 Balsam Ct. \$170,000
6638 Bellows Ct. \$142,000
6365 Branford Dr. \$490,000

West Bloomfield

7457 Brynmawr Ct. \$155,000
5402 Cambourne Pl. \$171,000
2162 Carpathian Dr. \$167,000
4054 E Hanover Ct. \$480,000
2680 Elizabeth Ln. \$429,000

West Bloomfield

5735 Euclid Dr. \$684,000
7371 Finnegan Dr. \$330,000
6342 Greer Dr. \$124,000
3150 Hartstock Woods \$299,000
7978 Little Farm Ln. \$205,000

West Bloomfield

2405 Lechaven Rd. \$160,000
7389 Maple Mill Ct. \$404,000
7360 Meadowridge. \$155,000
1605 Mercedes St. \$160,000
2300 Middlebelt Rd. \$120,000

West Bloomfield

3250 Montmartre Ct. \$375,000
6300 Pepper Hill St. \$133,000
6640 Ridgeland Cr 205 \$112,000
2069 Saint Joseph St. \$123,000
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West Bloomfield

1570 Tamson St. \$105,000
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5220 Winton Ct. \$329,000
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Topics include how to choose an agent, down payments, mortgages and common mistakes buyers make.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan hosts Raymond J. Vecchi of Northwest Airlines, who will speak on Metro Airport expansion noon Thurs-

day, Jan. 20, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 945-3875.

ASSOCIATION ABC'S

The Community Associations Institute Michigan Chapter presents a class, "ABC's for Condo & Homeowner Associations," 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Holiday Inn Livonia West.

Beginning course fee is \$45 for members, \$60 for nonmembers. Advanced course fee is \$60 for members, \$70 for nonmembers.

To register, call Carol Romero at (248) 539-2677.

REMODEL BASEMENT

Clarenceville Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour basement remodeling seminar 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 24-Feb. 7, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Topics include building codes, permits, estimating materials and tying into existing systems.

Cost is \$75, plus a textbook fee of \$8. To register, call (248) 473-8933.

BUILD OWN HOUSE

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 25-Feb. 3, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff Livonia.

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Cost is \$185, plus \$25 for two textbooks. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

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.

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For information, call (248) 862-1019.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a coaching and mentoring seminar 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at a site to be determined.

Topics include financing, real estate forms, developing goals/action plans, brownfields and where to go for help.

Presenter: Mark Maupin.

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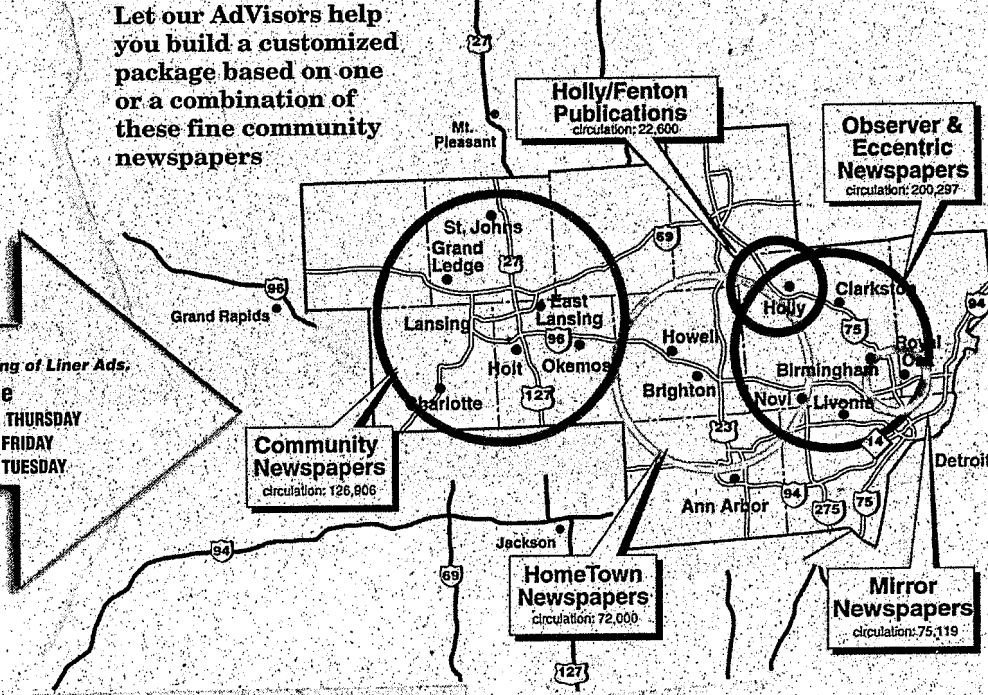
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NOV - OPEN SUN, 1-4PM Walled Lake Privileges. 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow in move-in condition, \$175,000. Colleen Hood, 248-970-3400 x202. Colwell Banker Schweitzer

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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC CLASSIFIEDS

303 Open Houses
 OPEN, SUNDAY 1-4 PM One, Brady Lane, Beverly Hills (E. Lahser/S. 13 Mile Rd.)
 This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2100 sq. ft. home situated on an acre lot offers plaster walls, coveit ceilings, hardwood floors, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, 1st floor master bedroom, updated master bath w/whirlpool tub & separate shower. Home also features updated kitchen, study & full unfinished basement. Immediate occupancy available. Great potential for expansion or condo alternative. \$299,000.
 Mary Ann McBroome CRS RE/MAX in the Village (248) 647-6600

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield
 Birmingham: 612 N. Glenhurst Great Quarter Lake home, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, professionally decorated, new landscaping. Don't let this opportunity go by! Serious buyers only. \$514,900 313-919-5815 for appointment.

Bloomfield: Stunning 4 bedroom colonial, 2.5 bath, 2-story family room, library, formal dining, island kitchen, custom brick patio, 3338 sq. ft. \$403,000 248-850-0482

DESIRABLE BIRMINGHAM neighborhood, 3 bedroom, newer master bath, newer kitchen, family room, library & generous room sizes. New roof, furnace, good lot. \$669,000.
 Call Julie Herman Hall & Hunter (248) 644-9500 ext. 207

308 Canton
 BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, gourmet island kitchen, spacious master suite w/glamour bath & more. Family room w/fireplace, lovely landscaped premium lot, basement, garage & much more! - \$384,900.
 GORGEOUS HOME - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial offers dream kitchen, elegant dining room, large family room w/fireplace, beautiful private yard w/gazebo & 2 tiered deck, basement, garage & many lovely extras. Must see! - \$264,900
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CASTELLI & LUCAS (734) 453-4300
 45500 FORD RD. - CANTON

CLASSIC STYLING Fabulous 4 bedroom colonial Features include spacious kitchen w/island, gorgeous master suite, family room w/fireplace & basement. Two car garage, nice landscaping & 2-tier brick patio. \$319,900
 (734) 464-7111

314 Farmington/Farmington Hills
 BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD Updated 1970's Colonial, neutral decor, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, fireplace and wet bar in family room, in-ground pool, finished basement, Florida room, 2700 sq. ft. of deluxe living space \$292,000. (248) 891-2842

317 Garden City
 GARDEN CITY - BY OWNER Move right into this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. Full finished basement w/wet bar, 2 car garage, central air, fenced yard & all appliances. All financing options available, including zero down. \$134,900. Owner is agent. 734-425-1308

320 Hartland
 HARTLAND HILLS Subj: 2000 sq. ft. brick 2 story 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, attached garage. Completely updated interior. New roof, furnace, central air. A must see \$209,000. (616) 632-5071

323 Howell
 COLONIAL 1700SQ.FT., 1 yr. old, many upgrades, must sell. \$199,900. (617) 548-9076

325 Livonia
 JUST LISTED DESIRABLE HEARTHSTONE SUB Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch. Some features include: king size kitchen, full basement, 2 car garage, some newer windows & furnace in 1999. \$154,900 ECH-608RE MAX BROOK REALTORS (248) 646-1400

329 Novi
 NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS. Lovely colonial, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, updated must see kitchen, windows and floors. Air, fireplace & more. \$275,000. Open Sun, 2-4 or by appointment. 22660 North Hills Ct., W. of Novi Rd., S. of 9 Mile. (248) 344-4982

331 Orion Twp./Lk. Orion/Oxford
 ORION TWP. - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2059 sq. ft., wooded lot, lake privileges, many extras \$189,900. 248-496-2404

334 Plymouth
 \$20,000 BELOW APPRAISAL 3 bedroom ranch with over 1600 sq. ft. offered for quick sale. Family room. All new kitchen cabinets, newer furnace. Large 100x125 ft. lot, 2 1/2 car attached garage. For sale at \$164,900. COLIN MEAD RE/MAX CLASSIC Office: (734) 459-1010 Pager: (616) 406-9027

335 Plymouth
 LAKEVIEW RANCH 4 bedrooms, new kitchen cabinets and appliances, 10 yrs new roof and heating. Screened porch, 2 car garage w/extension workshop. \$149,999. #F6825

336 Rochester/Auburn Hills
 ROYAL OAK/OAK PARK Huntington Woods 338...Salem/Salem Township 339...Southfield/Lathrup 340...South Lyon 341...Troy 342...Union Lake/White Lake 343...Waterford

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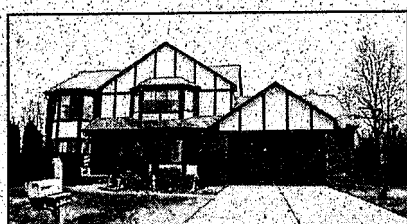
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SOUTHFIELD CONDO - Two bedroom, 2 bath Ranch condo with private court yard. Newer windows, furnace, garage door, kitchen floor. Two decks, master bedroom suite, great room with fireplace. Home warranty. \$209,900 (14CHA) 248-524-1600



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294 E. Brown, Birmingham
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TROY - Sharp 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on premium lot backing to trees. St. Moritz floor plan. Centralized kitchen. Family room with panoramic window, cathedral ceiling, fan. Master bedroom with whirlpool & separate shower. \$337,500 (03BRI) 248-524-1600



TROY - Great location in super sub! Spacious four bedroom, three bath Colonial with newer neutral carpeting and fresh paint. Custom kitchen. Ceramic in foyer and library. Finished basement. Troy schools. \$289,900 (84ORC) 248-524-1600



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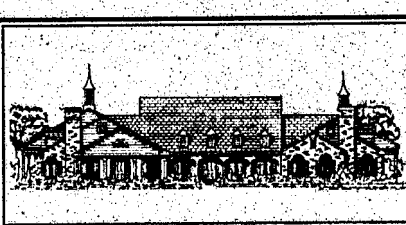
ROCHESTER HILLS - First floor master with vaulted ceiling, his & her walk-in closets. Adjoining kitchen, nook & morning room. Dining room, study, hard wood floors, walk-out basement, 3-car garage, cul-de-sac. \$569,900 (69PEA) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - On the Clinton River! Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, library with Judges' paneling, second master in-law suite, custom kitchen with Merillat cabinets & island, 3-car garage, cathedral ceilings, walk-out & wooded lot. \$514,900 (22QUA) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - Retreat! Great room Colonial with premium appointments. Finished basement. Over a half-acre lot with 4' lap pool 24'x44' (approx.). Beautiful decking plus basketball court, backs to treed commons. \$324,850 (51ROC) 248-652-8000



4820 Rochester Road, Troy
(248) 524-1600



LAKE ORION - New Colonial! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, situated on scenic wooded property backing to Paint Creek Trail. Second floor laundry, 2-story foyer, walk-out basement, 3 car garage, formal dining room. \$299,900 (93RID) 248-652-8000



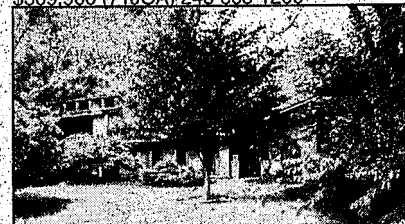
LAKE ORION - Contemporary 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 car heated garage, basement, large deck, circular drive, Oak kitchen cabinets. Also has a mother-in-law quarters with private entrance. One year home warranty. \$294,900 (65JOS) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS - Fabulous home out of "Better Homes & Gardens". Totally updated & meticulously maintained, large, private park-like lot. Huge master, newer roof, windows, sprinklers, air, alarm, etc. \$249,900 (62POW) 248-652-8000



ALL SPORTS OXBOW LAKE - The greatest view on the lake isn't all you'll get! Boat, fish, swim, play on your own approx. 93 foot, sandy-bottom lake front! Four bedroom, 2 bath with walk-out basement, 4-season front porch lets you enjoy the view all year long! \$309,900 (71JOA) 248-363-1200



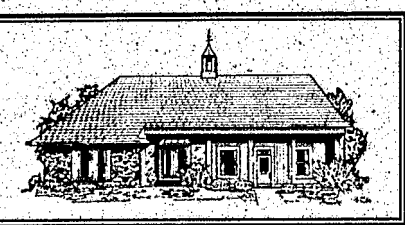
UNIQUE BEST DESCRIBES THIS HOME - Approximately 40 foot great room with waterfall & Jacuzzi, year-round solarium, 5 doorwalls, 2 fireplaces, bar with sunken living room, on approximately 1.6 acres. \$295,000 (64HIG) 248-363-1200



ENTERTAINER DELIGHT - Enjoy your friends in this Morgan lake front home, 3 full baths, 3 bedrooms in great shape. Walk-out family room to the water. Multi-tier decks makes relaxing so easy. Immediate occupancy. \$279,900 (16ANG) 248-363-1200



SPRAWLING 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL - Large family room with fireplace, formal living room and dining room, finished lower level. Great location. A lot of upgrades, first floor laundry. \$264,900 (08HAM) 248-363-1200



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(810) 939-2800

CENTURY 21 America's CENTURY



ROCHESTER - Magnificent setting. Fantastic view from spacious home with hard wood floors, 2-story family room with marble fireplace, white island kitchen, dual staircases, large master, 3 car garage & walk-out lower level. \$595,000 (01PON) 248-652-8000



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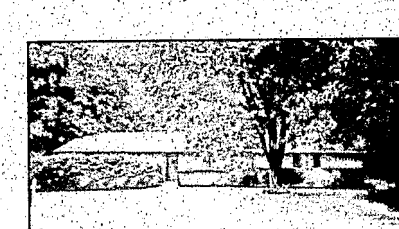
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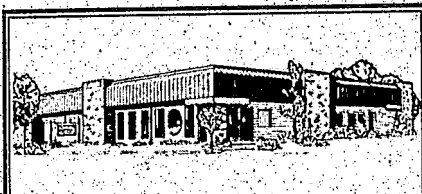
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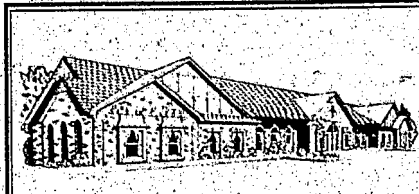
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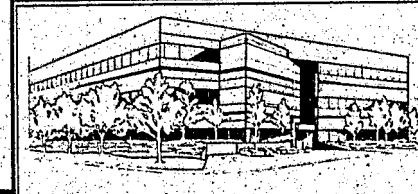
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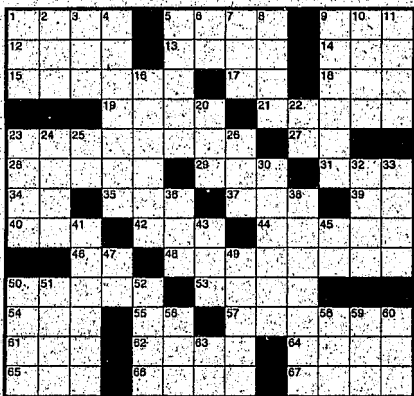
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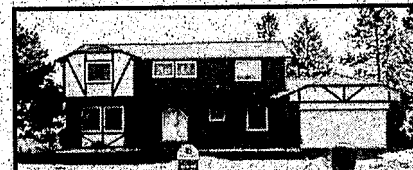
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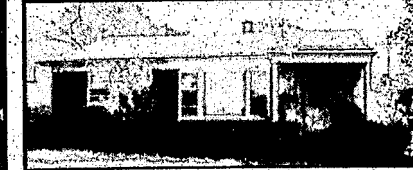
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 • Two car garage. (OR221)
 \$175,900 • 248 647-6400



WATERFORD
 • Great 3 bedroom Colonial on large lot - built in 1985
 • 1.5 baths, formal dining room, oak kitchen w/ appliances
 • Upstairs with newer carpet, master with walk-in closet
 • Full basement, attached 2 car garage, large deck. (AL348)
 \$159,900 • 248 851-4400



WEST BLOOMFIELD EREAST ENDING CONDO
 • Gorgeous 4-bedroom, 2-story brick with contemporary flair
 • Only 2 years new in desirable cul-de-sac setting
 • Dramatic entry w/ soaring ceiling, quality use of ceramic tiles
 • Whirlpool tub in master suite, 3 car attached garage. (MA458)
 \$554,900 • 248 851-4400



FARMINGTON HILLS
 • Spacious 4-bedroom Colonial nestled on treed site
 • Lovely heated sun room with two skylights
 • 3.5 baths, large family room w/ bay window & charming fireplace. Finished walkout lower level. (WH300)
 \$419,900 • 248 324-3800



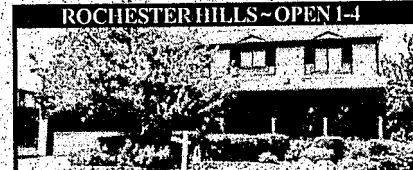
WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
 • Two story Cape Cod on east side of lake
 • Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
 • Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)
 \$365,000 • 248 624-3015



LAKE ORION LAKEFRONT
 • Enjoy the scenic sunset views from this lakefront home on main body of all sports Lake Orion
 • Four bedrooms, new wood floors & stone fireplace
 • Close to schools, recreation, & shopping. (NO357)
 \$285,000 • 248 625-5700



HIGHLAND
 • Home on Lake Charlick, views of the water from every window, 700 feet of waterfront!
 • Charming ranch on secluded peninsula
 • Surrounded by nature. (ST416)
 \$249,900 • 248 851-4400



ROCHESTER HILLS - OPEN 1-4
 • 2764 Winter Park - W. of Brewster, bet. Tienken & Walton
 • Very clean & updated classic Colonial! New kitchen cabinets, appliances & floor
 • All new carpeting, foyer w/ Wilson-art tiling
 • Enclosed sun room & deck face private yard. Property & house are an excellent value! (WI276)
 \$269,000 • Don Misch • 248 656-4403



OXFORD TOWNSHIP LAKEFRONT
 • Newer windows throughout, updated kitchen
 • 60 feet of frontage on all sports Clear Lake
 • Large master bedroom with deck overlooking lake
 • Three bedrooms, 2 full baths. (MA584)
 \$189,900 • 248 625-5700



ROCHESTER HILLS
 • Great 3 bedroom in-town brick ranch
 • Well maintained with newer windows
 • Finished lower level with family room
 • Two car garage, porch, patio. (A1229)
 \$169,500 • Jennifer Stallmann • 248 656-4405



FARMINGTON HILLS - OPEN SUN 1-4
 • 24205 FARMINGTON - N. OF 10 MILE
 • Dramatic marble foyer & sun-drenched living level
 • Soaring ceilings, striking views, designer appointments
 • Kitchen w/ breakfast area leads to deck. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
 • Private yard w/ arbor & patio backs to River Rouge. (PA242)
 \$269,900 • 248 647-6400

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